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Sabbaticals cause planning issues

Students discover registration troubles

By Emily Reid
Staff Reporter

Although it was the middle of winter, Suzanne Drake was already looking months ahead to the fall semester, planning the last few classes she needed for her major.

"I was working on something, and I said, 'I can't wait to take my ceramics class in the fall,'" Drake said. "Everyone just kind of looked at me and said, 'Didn't you know the professor's going on sabbatical?'"

Drake, a senior art major with a concentration in 3-D studio art, was unaware she would not be able to take the class in the fall because the professor would be going on sabbatical.

"It kind of blew me out of the water," Drake said.

Sabbatical is a period of leave taken from a professor's normal work routine for rest and research. It is awarded through the university, not individual departments, and professors who wish to take a sabbatical must meet the criteria outlined in their contracts. Professors can choose to take either one semester for sabbatical and receive full pay or take a year and receive half pay.

Jonelle Depetro, chair of the philosophy department, said professors requesting sabbatical leave must write proposals before their requests will be considered. They must also have projects or research that they will work on during their time away or indicate that they plan to focus on advancing and enhancing their teaching skills and professional knowledge.

"It is very beneficial," Depetro said. "People look forward to it."

Depetro said professors are often busy, and work year-round, not just when classes are in session.

"They don't stop working just because it's summer," Depetro said.

Sabbaticals allow professors to break out of their day-to-day routines and

gather new information, said Jim Painter, chair of family and consumer sciences.

"It's great for them to become students again," Painter said.

But many students do not consider the possibility that a professor they want or need for a class taking a sabbatical leave until after that possibility has become a reality, Drake said.

"It could put some people over an extra semester," Drake said. "If those are classes you need to graduate, you're going to be kind of up in the air."

Glenn Hild, chair of the art department, said the department sometimes works differently than other areas, and it does not replace professors when they

go on sabbatical leave. However, Hild added the department would work with students, such as seniors, who need a particular class to meet their graduation requirements, if the professor they need were gone on sabbatical.

"We might look to see if there was another course they could substitute," Hild said.

But Drake, who plans to take the class in the spring of 2011, feels she still needs more experience in the ceramics area that she and others may not be able to get.

"It's kind of frustrating," Drake said. "It takes a while to get back into the swing of it."

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DOUDNA FINE ARTS CENTER

Handel's Water Music performed by symphony chamber orchestra

Orchestra plays in Dvorak Concert Hall of Doudna Fine Arts Center

By James Roedl
Staff Reporter

In the darkened concert hall, music flowed off the violins like water.

The arrangement of instruments created the illusion of floating downstream on a spring day.

The Eastern Symphony Chamber Orchestra and Collegium Musicum presented "Water Music," "V'adamo, pupille," "Appalachian Spring Suite" and "Piano Concerto op. 54" in Doudna's Dvorak Concert Hall.

The theme of nature and water inspired two of the key pieces in the nearly two-hour-long concert.

During a river party, put on in England by King George I, a barge full of musicians played music specially made for the event by George Handel.

The music became popular over time and was used as the first piece of the concert.

Mike Boline, a senior geography major, said this is one of the better concerts he has seen.

"I enjoy the performances and want to support the music department," Boline said.

The strings outnumbered the wind instruments in this piece, but the wind instruments were very prominent.

Ashley McHugh, a senior studying voice, performed the vocals for "V'adamo, pupille," another one of Handel's works, although there are no singers in "Handel's Water Music."

McHugh, who preformed in a bright pink gown, followed the complexities of the music with French vocals as if her voice were an instrument, and was congratulated

repeatedly for her performance during the intermission.

"The orchestra did a fantastic job," McHugh said.

While McHugh would like to perform with orchestras, she plans on continuing her education to graduate school and hopes to obtain a master's in music performance.

McHugh is not new to singing or music; she has played percussion in the past and is working on improving her piano skills.

She also sings for church services, and has preformed at the Starlight Theater for four seasons and is participating in the upcoming Eastern musical "Fiddler on the Roof."

After the audience came back from the intermission they heard Appalachian Spring, which was Bryan Rolfsen's favorite piece.

The piece expresses the American spirit of exploration and celebrates a young engaged couple in a new Pennsylvania farmhouse.

While the story involves the couple's new relationship, the story was not told in words but through music.

The final piece was a piano concerto played by Natalia Negru.

Negru started playing piano at the age of seven and is working on her master's degree in piano performance at Eastern.

"The Piano sonata was sick," said Rolfsen, a senior biology major. "The concerts are the best thing about Eastern, and not enough people go."

Rolfsen who came to the performance to support a friend who plays viola said the orchestra put in a lot of work and long rehearsals, but the music always come out better.

He also said the conductor Richard Rossi has continued to pick out interesting projects.

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AUDREY SAWYER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Senior soprano Ashley McHugh performs "Ah! Je veux vivre" during the Eastern Symphony Chamber Orchestra & Collegium Musicum performance of Handel's Water Music Sunday afternoon in the Dvorak Concert Hall in the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

ENTERTAINMENT

Country music performance attracts large crowd

Jim Allen and the Country Classics rock the Grand Ballroom

By Nick Livers
Staff Reporter

Dozens of couples made their way to the dance floor as soon as Jim Allen and the Country Classics began their concert Saturday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. The concert, Allen's second at Eastern, had a full room of students and Charleston residents.

Only a few seats were left open by the concert's 7 p.m. start time.

The dancers two-stepped to the rhythm of the mellow country tunes for the entire night.

This was Allen's first performance with the County Classics. Lyle Clary, Buddy Osteen, Gene Prior and Gene Wooters provided Allen with the instrumentals that served as the backbone to the performance. The band, driven by shuffling drum beats and rolling bass lines, churned out three hours of country classics from the '50s, '60s and '70s.

The twang-like sounds of Clary's steel guitar resonated through the ballroom, giving the performance a genuine country feel.

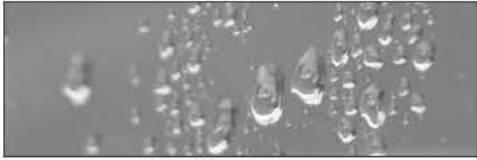
For several songs, Millie Lee and Kelsey Beard accompanied Allen on vocals, and on a few occasions, Lee and Beard took center stage and sang the lead vocals. John Grubisich, a sophomore nursing major, has been a fan of Allen since childhood.

"I spend most weekends nights in my dorm room, but when I heard Jim Allen would be performing only a few minutes away from Thomas Hall, I knew I couldn't miss the opportunity," Grubisich said. "The band's flawless performance made it hard to believe that it was their first concert together."

Viewers can watch the performance on WEIU TV at 7 p.m. March 13 and again at 10 p.m. March 15. Allen and the Country Classics will return to Eastern for another concert sometime in May.

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WEATHER TODAY



Scattered Showers

HIGH
36°

Rain showers continue today with a slight chance of wintry mix this afternoon as temperatures begin to drop. After this storm system moves out, a dome of high pressure will build in the Great Plains lowering our daytime highs into the upper 20s by Thursday. Warmer conditions are expected this weekend.

LOW
29°

WEATHER TOMORROW



Tuesday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 34°
Low: 20°



Wednesday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 31°
Low: 16°

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Drake concert confirmed by UB

The University Board has confirmed Aubrey "Drake" Graham as the performer for the spring concert, which will be held April 6. Eastern will be Drake's first stop as part of the fifth annual Campus Consciousness Tour. The concert will be held in Lantz Arena.

Student to speak on networking

Brandon Nelson, a current Eastern student, will present his marketing experiences with the Atlanta Braves and a recent internship with the St. Louis Rams.

Nelson's presentation is sponsored by The American Marketing Association at 6:30 p.m. today in Room 2041 of Lumpkin Hall. All majors are welcome to attend the presentation, and the suggested attire is casual.

Job Fair prep workshop today

Education majors are welcome to attend an interviewing and job fair prep workshop at 6 p.m. today in Room 2442 or Buzzard Hall.

The event is sponsored by the Mid-America Educators.

—Compiled by Associate News Editor
Sarah Jean Bresnahan

'Thrilling' performance



AUDREY SAWYER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Sophomore biology major Cassie Short performs Michael Jackson's "Thriller" with the Pink Panthers dance team during halftime of the men's basketball game against Northern Illinois Saturday night in Lantz Arena.

CORRECTION

There was an error in an article in Thursday's issue of *The Daily Eastern News* regarding the fan bus for the women's basketball tournament in Nashville, Tenn. on March 6 and 7. The fan bus is open to all interested students as space permits.

The DEN regrets the error.

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ENTERTAINMENT

'Island' rakes in cash

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Martin Scorsese and Leonardo DiCaprio's voyage to "Shutter Island" has landed them at No. 1 at the weekend box office.

Their creepy crime thriller set at a remote insane asylum opened with \$40.2 million, according to studio estimates Sunday. A Paramount Pictures release, "Shutter Island" is the fourth collaboration for Scorsese and DiCaprio and the best opening yet for both the director and star.

Scorsese's previous personal best was \$26.9 million with his 2006 Academy Awards champ "The Departed," which also starred DiCaprio. The biggest previous debut for DiCaprio was \$30.1 million for 2002's "Catch Me If You Can."

Along with "The Departed," DiCaprio and Scorsese also worked together on "Gangs of New York" and

"The Aviator," both of them earning best-picture nominations at the Oscars.

"The two of them have great chemistry, and you see it on screen," said Rob Moore, vice chairman at Paramount.

Roman Polanski's thriller "The Ghost Writer" got off to a big start in limited release, pulling in \$179,000 at four theaters in New York City and Los Angeles for a whopping average of \$44,750 a cinema.

That compares to a \$13,440 average in 2,991 theaters for "Shutter Island."

The film likely benefited from months of press coverage over Polanski's arrest in Switzerland last fall and his possible extradition to the United States, which he fled in 1978 after pleading guilty to unlawful sexual intercourse with a minor.

Where will **UB** this week?

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Panther Nation clarifying funds

Student senate voting on fan bus to Nashville for tournament

By Erica Whelan
Student Government Editor

The student senate will have a final vote on Wednesday to determine the fate of the fan bus approved last week by the Apportionment Board.

The board allocated \$1,870 to the student government budget Thursday, to provide a bus to transport students to the women's basketball tournament in Nashville, Tenn. taking place on March 6 and 7.

Last year's tournament bus was approved by the board members when they were approached by members of the former Blue Crew.

As such, a proposal for the student senate to co-sponsor the trip has been deemed emergency legislation.

In the effort to fulfill her campaign promise to improve school spirit on campus, Student Body President Michelle Murphy will appeal to senate members prior to the vote to support the trip.

Murphy is one of four directors of Panther Nation.

Since confusion has surfaced in the student senate regarding the status of Panther Nation and the rules regarding the allocation of funds, Murphy has taken the time to clarify its role and position in student government.

"Panther Nation is not an RSO," Murphy said. "The student groups

"The (student body) Constitution doesn't need to allow Panther Nation to operate, and student government doesn't operate it."

Student Body President
Michelle Murphy

have always been out of student government, at least at their origination. I wanted it set up to be part of student government because it's a group that does student activities, so I felt it would be appropriate to give it possible access to student activity fee funds."

Murphy said although Panther Nation is a leg of student government, it is not operated through student government or included in the budget.

It was created after the 2009-2010 budget was approved, inhibiting the appropriation of funds.

"The (student body) Constitution doesn't need to allow Panther Nation to operate, and student government doesn't operate it," Murphy said. "It's operated by a board of directors; it was just created as a part of student government."

The group, which currently con-

Shaking it like a Polaroid picture for SACIS



DAVE PARKS | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

T.M. Linda Scholz, a communication studies faculty member, teaches a group of people the zumba fitness dance exercise. Many people came to the "Shake It for SACIS" event on Friday at the University Ballroom in the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union. Along with zumba, various other dances were taught at the event including, belly dancing, line-dancing, swing, waltz and hip-hop. Admission was \$5 and proceeds went to the Sexual Assault Counseling and Information Service.

How much money has Panther Nation spent?

\$10,196.85 Total money spent by Panther Nation

Spending breakdown:

Scanner: \$1,725
Shirts: \$2,400
Pizza for tailgate: \$695
Game day flyers and posters: \$122.40

Chips for tailgate: \$98.70
Commemorative glasses: \$1,199.73
Rally Towels: \$1,831.80
Backpacks: \$1,252.55
Barcode cards for scanning: \$871.67

sists of 444 members, is supported by co-sponsorships with different groups, contributions from Eastern Athletics and from the \$20 membership dues that are paid upon joining, Murphy said.

Murphy said the data regarding how many members have attended

games has not yet been processed.

She has begun seeking donations of prizes for drawings and contests conducted for the organization.

Murphy said she encourages student senate members to approve the trip at Wednesday's meeting.

"It helps students and it's a fun

activity," Murphy said at Thursday's AB meeting. "I hope student government recognizes that. It's important to look at this with an open mind, because to not approve it would be a big mistake for student government."

Murphy said she finds it interesting that people still question the foundation of Panther Nation in an accusatory manner.

"The group did nothing abnormal during its formation and it says a lot about a campus when they're more concerned with why we have school spirit and less concerned with being a part of it," Murphy said.

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VIEWS



Jose Gonzalez

Megan Fox: Bad actress, role model

The year 2009 can be considered in the eyes of many as the "Year of the Fox."

Superstar actress Megan Fox burst onto the scene in 2009 and quickly became one of the hottest females in the entire world, as well as being drooled over and downloaded by obsessed males from every age group.

Fox's popularity rose when she was profiled in a six-page interview in the June 2009 issue of *Esquire* magazine as well as a profile piece in *Rolling Stone*.

But in all reality, Fox wasn't and isn't a big deal.

"I've got this wild, crazy reputation," Fox said in the *Rolling Stone* article. "There's a difference between being very sexual and being promiscuous. I'm not promiscuous. I'm extraordinarily sexual within a monogamous relationship. Nothing's off-limits."

So really, what's the major deal with Megan Fox then?

I mean, she's just another actress who wants nothing more than fame, fortune and good looks, yet she gets drooled over by many males across the planet.

Would we, as a culture, give this same attention to Jamie Lee Curtis or Julia Roberts? Most likely not.

Personally, I think she's a cancer for most women and girls out there looking for role models to look up to because looks can't help you in life.

Of course, you also need the skills and the brains to back looks up.

Being an actress isn't rocket science, but it also isn't like checking your e-mail on a daily basis.

No one held a gun to her head and said she had to be a sexual being; she made that choice herself to be sexual for millions of men across the planet.

"I don't want to have to go on talk shows and pull out every single S.A.T. word I've ever learned to prove, like, 'Take me seriously, I am intelligent, I can speak.' But I do. And part of it is my own fault," Fox said in the same *Rolling Stone* article.

All I ask is that people out there take women more seriously and to not judge them based on stereotypes or preconceived notions that women can't be sexy and smart at the same time because they can.

So, what brings women like this so much popularity and attention?

I think it's the thrill of the chase. Women in Hollywood play hard to get. They want men who drool over them on a daily basis to prove to them that they are successful. Though, this type of chase after someone like Megan Fox is usually a distorted fantasy.

Most have no knowledge of these women and have no idea how much sacrifice — if any — she makes to be successful.

It is doubtful many men want someone like Fox because she is an amazing actress — which she is not.

She is attractive and presents simply another "notch on the belt."

Will we ever have an answer to the question of the "Fox Propaganda" explaining her fame based almost solely on her looks and minimal talent?

Perhaps it is a mystery that almost solves itself.

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DAILY EDITORIAL
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Potential increase to weapons restrictions: Safer, a little silly

It would seem the Charleston City Council has no problem leaving our community wide open to attack from pirate ships and 13th Century bandits.

An ordinance that would increase restrictions on the use of weapons within city limits has been put on file for public inspection until the next meeting.

As reported in the Feb. 17 edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, the proposed ordinance would restrict the use of "certain types of toy guns, bows and cannons within city limits." The logic is that some people may use such weapons in their backyards for target practice.

"The problem with that is there is a possibility of the projectile going off of one's property; that's our concern," Mayor John Inyart said in the article.

The ordinance was discussed at last week's city council meeting, where it met with some resistance in the form of comments from Charleston resident Robert Patterson.

"Patterson asked the council when the restrictions would stop, stating that baseball bats, golf clubs and pocket knives, if used improperly, can also be used as weapons," the article stated.

Now, we will be the first to stand behind any measure that would make our community a safer one. However, some of the language surrounding this proposed ordinance leaves us scratching our heads.

It makes sense to outlaw the use of firearms within city limits. Also, the restriction of using certain types of toy guns, such as B.B. guns, seems to be a no-brainer.

But, on second glance, it isn't so simple.

Of course, an air rifle or B.B. gun in the hands of an untrained or unsupervised child could be dangerous in a crowded residential neighborhood.

"Will parents soon have to fear little Johnny being locked up should he break Mrs. Johnson's window with his baseball?"

However, how many people growing up in a rural town such as Charleston don't recall with fondness shooting soda cans with their Daisy or Red Rider air rifle? Are we to assume parents are going to take their kids outside of town to shoot their tiny guns?

We stand behind the restriction on the use of bows within city limits, as any hunting bow, especially compound bows can be extremely dangerous. If one owns a bow with the intent to use it for hunting, then one can assume the same person can simply head out of town a couple hours early when going hunting to get their target practice in.

However, we simply put our foot down when it comes to restricting the use of cannons.

How are we to stay vigilant and ready to defend against attack from pirates? And what happens if the Black Knight comes around and our moats fail? Then we are left defenseless.

We would also agree with the statement made by Patterson as someone could misuse a golf club or other athletic equipment with similar outcome.

Will parents soon have to fear little Johnny being locked up should he break Mrs. Johnson's window with his baseball?

The point is, certain aspects of this proposed ordinance make a lot of sense. However, other parts are just plain silly. We would hope city council would change some of the language in the ordinance before voting on it.

Also, if we have residents in town firing off cannons with blatant disregard, we have larger problems than simply *where* they choose to get their target practice.

FROM THE EASEL

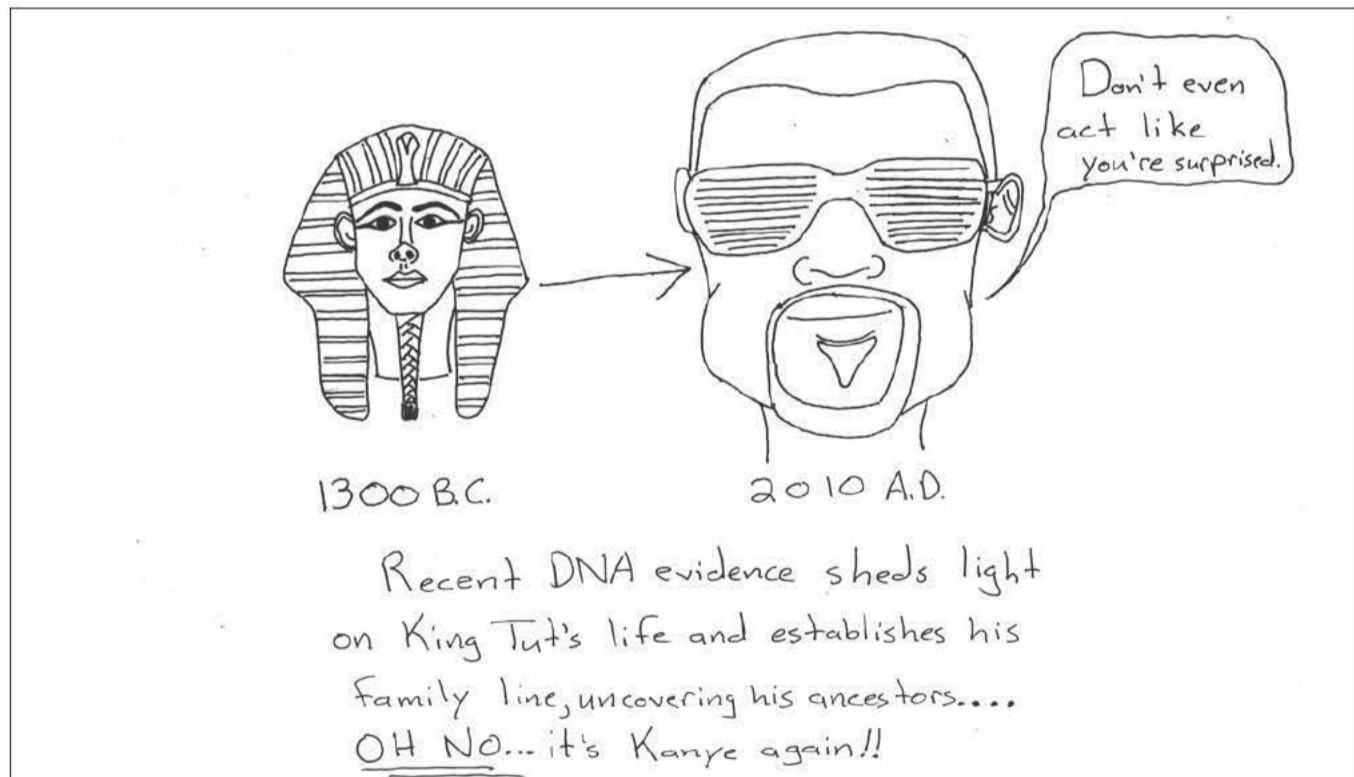


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FROM AROUND THE STATE

Zero tolerance: The doodling criminals

By the *Daily Vidette* Editorial Board
Illinois State University

For young kids, miniscule problems such as a new crush, the school bully and math homework should be the only things on their minds.

At schools in cities like New York, Los Angeles and Chicago, though, that's not the case. Along with pre-pubescent problems, kids attending some schools are forced to worry about much bigger tribulations — like handcuffs.

Junior high and high school principals have turned to the police to handle problematic kids more and more with their zero tolerance poli-

cies.

With these policies, kids have been arrested for doodling on desks, putting stickers down hallways and having a food fight.

Schools, especially in large cities, are on watch for student vandalism, which they say could possibly be tied to gangs.

But then there are extreme cases, which are not few and far between. These include a 12-year-old girl writing, "I love my friends Abby and Faith. Lex was here 2/1/10," a 13-year-old girl who wrote, "Okay" on a desk in 2007 and a group of 25 kids throwing food in the lunchroom.

With bad behavior comes punishment, but these students were put in handcuffs in front of their peers because they were bored in class and doodled on a desk. The awful part is this isn't uncommon.

A California-based civil rights group, The Strategy Center, tracks zero tolerance policies.

The center found the Los Angeles Police Department and school security officers issued at least 12,000 tickets to tardy or truant students in 2008. These tickets not only taint a student's record, but leave them with hefty fines.

To read more, visit www.DailyVidette.com.

Country twang in the Grand Ballroom



DANNY DAMIANI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Jim Allen accompanies special guest singer Kelsey Beard on the acoustic guitar Saturday night during the Jim Allen Show in the Martin Luther King Jr. Union's Grand Ballroom.

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Depetro said while she had never encountered a situation in which a sabbatical caused difficulties for students, planning and preparation by both students and faculty should avert any problems.

"Professors aren't gone on sabbatical for very long," Depetro said. "Hopefully, the student would have planned accordingly. Good planning and the department knowing someone is going on sabbatical should prevent problems."

Painter, who has had two professors take sabbatical leave in his six years as department chair, also said it has not been an issue.

"I don't remember it ever causing a problem," Painter said.

Jennifer Reed, an adviser at the Academic Advising Center, said while none of her student advisees had difficulties scheduling classes in the past because of professors leaving for sabbatical, any issues that arose after a professor left were always resolved.

"If a professor is no longer available for whatever reason, the procedure is to refer the student to the department chairperson," Reed said. "The chairperson then assists the student in resolving the issue in question."

Drake, who will graduate in the spring of 2011, hopes that students and departments can communicate to find solutions to any problems.

"Plan ahead," Drake said. "If it does come up and it will interfere with your graduation, see if there's something else you can take."

Drake has not yet decided how she will schedule her classes next fall and said she understands the situation, but still feels a little frustrated.

"I understand that teachers need it—it helps them relax and learn, but it puts a crimp in the schedule when those are classes you need, especially when there's only one professor to teach it," Drake said. "It puts everybody in a bind."

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 - 6 Family group
 - 10 Employs
 - 14 Tia ___ (coffee liqueur)
 - 15 Opposite of taped
 - 16 Having everything arranged just so
 - 17 Official with a stopwatch
 - 19 Goat cheese
 - 20 Bragging sort
 - 22 Uncle's partner
 - 25 Going ___ (bickering)
 - 26 Alternatives to woods
 - 27 Sags
 - 29 Pinup's leg
 - 30 Broadcast
 - 31 Resuming the previous speed, in music
 - 35 See 5-Down
 - 39 What 17-, 20-, 56- and 60-Across are?
 - 42 Writer/illustrator Silverstein
 - 43 Stroke gently
 - 44 Owns
 - 45 Firms: Abbr.
 - 47 Subject of a will
 - 49 Stable bedding

- 52 "The Thin Man" pooch
- 55 Wild goat
- 56 One good at forming connections with others
- 59 "And so ..."
- 60 Miser, e.g.
- 64 Sir Christopher the architect
- 65 ___ Minor (constellation)
- 66 Bedtime story?
- 67 Fill
- 68 "Leave in," to a proofer
- 69 Crystal ball users

DOWN

- 1 Quantity: Abbr.
- 2 ___ chi ch'uan
- 3 Where the humerus and ulna are
- 4 Doesn't level with
- 5 With 35-Across, view from Cleveland
- 6 Split
- 7 Florentine painter Fra Filippo ___
- 8 Prevent, as disaster
- 9 Detective ___ Wolfe
- 10 Not yet in a recognizable shape
- 11 Take care of

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FIFTH, from page 8

The Panthers had four players finish in double figures with Laser leading the way with 19 points. Marion added 13 points.

McKinney and sophomore forward Zavier Sanders chipped in with 11 points.

Marion and McKinney had key second-half runs by driving the lane against Northern Illinois' 1-3-1 zone.

The Panthers limited NIU junior guard Xavier Silas to four points in the second half. He finished with 19 points.

The Huskies struggled from beyond the arc, shooting 8-of-35. The Panthers won the rebounding bat-

tle 42-30 but finished with 17 turnovers.

Silas and Anderson shot a combined 4-of-18 from beyond the arc.

"We knew we had to get out to their shooters," Marion said. "We had to stop their penetration."

Eastern returns to action on Thursday when it will play Austin Peay at 7 p.m. in Lantz Arena.

The Panthers are 2-3 in the ESPN BracketBusters event. The Ohio Valley Conference went 3-8 this season including a win by the Panthers.

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MCNAMEE, from page 8

week of December.

The challenge ahead will be adjusting to two teams that you haven't seen since you played your first two conference games.

Both Austin Peay and Tennessee State are better teams than they were at the beginning of the season, which offers up another challenge.

The Panthers think they have a lot to prove against Austin Peay because they were the team that gave the Panthers their first loss in the OVC — they won 13 consecutive OVC games following that.

Austin Peay is the third place team in the OVC, while Tennessee State is the eighth place team.

So, Austin Peay is an opponent Eastern won't overlook. And TSU is a team that Eastern better not overlook.

Eastern has the luxury of playing these final two games at home, then not having to go anywhere for the first round of the OVC Tournament.

However, it cannot lose focus like it did against Tennessee Martin.

You want to carry momentum into the tournament and, right now, the Panthers don't have a lot.

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WIN, from page 8

the NCAA Tournament or Women's National Invitation Tournament (WNIT).

"It's exciting but we didn't set out to share it," Sallee said. "All that it really does at this point is guarantee us a No. 1 seed in the OVC Tournament and guarantees us a spot in the WNIT."

Eastern still has to win the OVC Tournament to clinch a spot in the NCAA Tournament in late March. For now, it is focused on Thursday's game against Austin Peay, which is scheduled to start at 5:30 p.m. in Lantz Arena.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL | EASTERN 73, NORTHERN ILLINOIS 70

Panthers chow down on Huskies

Team wins fifth game in a row

By Kevin Murphy
Staff Reporter

Northern Illinois had plenty of chances to defeat the Eastern men's basketball team Saturday night in Lantz Arena, but couldn't.

Late in the game, Eastern senior center Ousmane Cisse missed a dunk. The Panthers turned the ball over against the NIU press in the final three minutes and Eastern junior guard Tyler Laser and senior guard T.J. Marion almost gave the Huskies a chance to win the game.

But the Panthers managed to hang on for a 73-70 victory in an ESPN BracketBusters event and assured itself of a winning season for the first time since the 2000-2001 season.

Marion and Laser knocked over NIU's Darion Anderson with 3.4 seconds left in the game as he was taking a three-pointer, giving him the opportunity to shoot three free throws.

Laser was called for the foul but Marion said he thought he hit Anderson's hand.

Luckily for the Panthers, Anderson, who is a 74 percent free throw shooter, missed his first two shots and Eastern junior guard Curry McKinney would seal the game with two free throws after hitting the game-winning free throws on the previous trip.

The Panthers have won five games in a row as the Hus-



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Eastern sophomore forward Xavier Sanders goes up for the shot during the game against Northern Illinois University Saturday night at Lantz Arena. Sanders scored 11 points against the Huskies.

kies continue their slide with 10 straight losses.

"We got a little bit rattled,

but I don't think we ever broke," Eastern head coach Mike Miller said. "It was a little bit choppy.

We had to make a lot of plays."

McKinney and Marion combined to score 16 points in the second half as Eastern led 69-62 with 3 minutes, 55 seconds left in the game.

During this stretch, the Panthers missed easy chip shots and the Huskies (8-18) capitalized until pulling even with 49 seconds left in the game at 69-69.

"We found a way to win," McKinney said. "It worked out."

The time in which NIU evened the score, Cisse missed his dunk, but he would redeem himself by blocking the inbound pass on NIU's final possession.

"I deflected the ball," Cisse said. "I didn't know what else was going on."

Cisse and the Panthers (16-11) didn't have an answer for Northern Illinois junior center Sean Kowal who led all scorers with 20 points, with 15 coming in the second half.

"We almost pulled this one out tonight; we put ourselves in a position to win the ball game late with some ball pressure and good offensive execution," NIU head coach Ricardo Patton said. "Obviously we came up short, and that's disappointing. We didn't shoot the ball particularly well from the perimeter, but we threw the ball inside to Kowal, and he was big for us. He's really coming into his own, and I'm excited to see him continue to improve down the stretch of the season."

Eastern red-shirt freshman forward James Hollowell did not play because of a family emergency.

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Alex McNamee

Loss was bound to happen

Nobody is invincible.

Not even a team that hasn't lost since the calendars have changed.

This was proven Thursday when Eastern, a team that looked like a 2010 powerhouse, lost to Tennessee Martin, a team with fewer than 10 wins this season.

But the Panthers had to lose at some point. Thursday's game might not have been the one most people would have bet on, but that's how it turned out.

Eastern lost 71-64 to the Skyhawks in a game where the Skyhawks shot the ball like no other team the Panthers have seen this year.

When a team shoots nearly 60 percent from the field, it is going to be hard to beat.

It is also tough to play from behind for as long as the Panthers did.

They played from behind for well over half of the second half.

It helped Tennessee Martin that Eastern couldn't defend if their life depended on it, too.

In practice days before the game, the Panthers worked on getting through the Skyhawks' back screens. That didn't translate.

Eastern got caught behind the brick wall that was setting screens for wide open three-point shooters. And the Skyhawks couldn't miss if you were stepping on their toes.

So, Eastern lost. Its 13-game win streak — over.

It's OK, though. A lot of people say a team needs to lose to bring its collective mind back down to earth, so that they can make a run for the title.

Well, Eastern will certainly have its chance to go for an Ohio Valley Conference Tournament Title.

They'll be the No. 1 seed through the entire tournament and they will host a first round game against one of the bottom teams in the OVC.

Interestingly, there is a chance that Tennessee Martin could be that team.

Imagine that.

The Panthers could have a chance to get the team that ended their winning streak on their home floor for, maybe, a little payback.

That could potentially be one of the most exciting games of the year simply because of the two teams' recent history.

However, Eastern won't overlook the final two games of this regular season, even though they are in Lantz Arena.

The Panthers will play Thursday against Austin Peay, a team that they have already lost to once this year.

They'll get Tennessee State Saturday, a team the Panthers dominated, 70-57, in the first

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | EASTERN 76, MURRAY STATE 71

Women back on winning track after win

By Alex McNamee
Assistant Sports Editor

Eastern women's basketball head coach Brady Sallee left Murray, Ky., with a win for the first time during his tenure as Eastern beat Murray State 76-71 Saturday.

The Panthers were led by the performance of senior forward Maggie Kloak, who posted two career-highs with 15 rebounds and five blocks, while she also added a game-high 20 points.

"I don't know that (Kloak) has ever played harder," Sallee said. "She was ready to go and ready to touch. When she didn't get them she went up and got them off of the glass. When she was on the bench she was so vocal and the whole game she was completely ready to go."

Coming off of a loss Thursday against Tennessee Martin, Kloak said the team got together and decided to

"I thought they kind of shot the ball into our hands in the second half by taking the shots we wanted them to take."

Brady Sallee, women's basketball head coach

start playing their game again.

"We were ready and focused on getting a win tonight," Kloak said. "For me, I was really ready to get out there and play."

Eastern trailed 49-46 at halftime and looked to improve its defensive performance in the second half.

"At halftime we talked a lot about our defense because we had some breakdowns in the first half," Kloak said.

The second half scoring total was only 30-22 in favor of Eastern, as it

rode a 16-9 scoring run in the last 10 minutes of the game, which clinched the win.

Senior guard Ashley Thomas played a big role in the second half as she scored 11 of her 13 points in the final 20 minutes.

Sallee said the team's second half performance was far better than their first half because he thought his team might have had a Tennessee Martin hangover from losing Thursday.

"Our second half defense was much better and we rebounded the

ball well," Sallee said. "Any time you out rebound someone 53-32 you have a good chance to beat them. I thought we defended the heck out of them in that second half."

Eastern held the Racers to 25 percent shooting in the second half, including 33 percent from the three-point line, compared to 52 percent from the field and 71 percent from three in the first half.

"I thought they kind of shot the ball into our hands in the second half by taking the shots we wanted them to take," Sallee said.

With the win, the Panthers clinch at least a share of their first ever Ohio Valley Conference Title, but the team isn't thinking too much into that.

"We have a big game on Thursday and that is nothing to do with winning our conference," Kloak said.

Winning the conference title guarantees Eastern a spot in either

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EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

Men's tennis
Wednesday at Ball State
2 p.m. - Muncie, Ind.

Women's basketball
Thursday vs. Austin Peay
5:30 p.m. - Lantz Arena

Men's basketball
Saturday vs. Austin Peay
7:30 p.m. - Lantz Arena

Baseball
Friday at Belmont
3 p.m. - Nashville, Tenn.

Women's tennis
Friday at Illinois State
7 p.m. - Evergreen Raquet Club

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NATIONAL SPORTS

Men's college basketball
West Virginia at Connecticut
6 p.m. on ESPN

Women's college basketball
LSU at Tennessee
6 p.m. on ESPN2

Winter Olympics
7 p.m. on NBC

Men's college basketball
Oklahoma at Kansas
8 p.m. on ESPN

Women's college basketball
Baylor at Texas A & M
8 p.m. on ESPN2