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FACULTY SENATE

Digital archives presented to Faculty Senate

By Rachel Rodgers
Administration Editor

After being operational for two months, "The Keep," which digitally archives research and other informational materials, became the fifth largest institutional repository in Illinois.

Todd Bruns, the institutional repository librarian at Booth Library, said "The Keep" launched as a soft rollout, meaning they have gradually added content to it.

Bruns presented the Faculty Senate with a tour of "The Keep" at its meeting on Tuesday, and he said they began creating it about a year ago.

"We began pulling together administrative output, faculty research and creative activity, and student honors for the past year," Bruns said.

"The Keep" consists of many categories including academic colleges, departments, offices, faculty research, stu-

dent theses and publications, conferences, events and journals.

Each category contains three automatic subcategories, which are events and exhibits, faculty research and creative activity, and student honors theses.

Faculty can add more subcategories depending on how they want to organize their information, Bruns said.

"Some faculty members who do research in particular areas can create subject-matter categories and bundle their articles," Bruns said. "It is a good way to communicate to the world that this is the research you do in the areas you do them in."

Faculty members create their web pages through the program Selected Works, where they can include word, audio and video files.

Different departments contain different subcategories such as the Theatre Arts Department, which lists productions ranging from the 1940s to the present.

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Nuts about love



SHEA LAZANSKY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Mary DiPiero, a sophomore English major, stands outside of the Doudna Fine Arts Center in a squirrel costume offering free hugs to passersby on Tuesday. DiPiero was one of many students offering free hugs as a way to celebrate the spirit of Valentine's Day.

CAMPUS

Foreign love traditions spread around Eastern

By Samantha McDaniel
Activities Editor

Spritzes of perfume, satin pillows, different styles of chocolates and roses filled the Bridge Lounge of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union in celebration of Valentine's Day Tuesday.

At the University Board's "Love: a Universal Language" event, foreign traditions were spread out through the Union to share awareness of the rituals of other countries.

Julie Jimenez, a junior psychology major and member of the cultural arts committee for the UB, said students knowing how other cultures celebrate holidays can open their eyes.

"It's a way to be informed on how other cultures celebrate their Valentine's Day," Jimenez said. "They are experiencing a new way to celebrate their loved ones."

Jimenez said the customs they featured in their interactive activities were from Australia, South Africa, Taiwan and Japan.

"We have these satin cushions that in Australia; it is a custom that they spray them with their perfume or cologne and give it to a loved one," Jimenez said.

There was also an activity from South Africa, where students made their loved one's name out of beads. The name is then pinned to their sleeve.

Kelly Partenheimer, a space administrator in the Business and



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Brendan Hughes, a communication studies graduate student, makes a Valentine's Day card during a University Board Cultural Arts activity in the Bridge Lounge of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Tuesday. Hughes said he will be sending the card to his mother.

Scheduling Office, said she liked the name pins.

"It's cute because it is like they are always with you," Partenheimer said.

Jimenez said chocolates mean different things in the Japanese culture.

"We have different types of chocolates, and in Japan on Feb. 14, the girls give the guy chocolate," Jimenez said. "There are different types of chocolate for your boss, a friend or loved one."

In Japan, men do not give gifts to the women on Valentine's Day, but instead wait until March 14, Jimenez said.

Kerri Brachear, a senior family and consumer sciences major, said she did not know the tradition of

giving chocolates came from Japan. "I think it is good to (know) because it broadens your knowledge," Brachear said. "I didn't know where all our traditions originated from."

Posters have been placed all around the Union that present information about traditions from different countries.

Partenheimer said she liked the posters.

"I've read all of the different (signs) and I think it is really neat what others do in other countries," Partenheimer said.

Karla Centeno, the cultural arts coordinator for the UB, said she likes the idea behind the gift giving.

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CITY

Chamber of Commerce to present workshop

By Amanda Wilkinson
Staff Reporter

The Charleston Area Chamber of Commerce is having a cost saving workshop to give local businesses information about tax credit programs and unemployment insurance claims hearings of employers in the Charleston area.

The "Meeting the Needs of Business" is a free workshop sponsored by the CACC and the Southeastern Illinois SCORE chapter.

The workshop will take place Feb. 23 from 8 a.m. to noon.

Speakers from the Illinois Department of Employment Security will be present to detail how employers can prepare for an unemployment insurance claims hearing.

The unemployment hearing process goes through a negotiation and then a resolution called arbitration.

Participating employers at the workshop will also review different case scenarios of unemployment hearings to better understand the process and laws.

Cindy White, the executive director of the CACC, said the more employers know, the more prepared they will be.

White said understanding the process will help the employer be more business savvy.

The IDES will offer recruitment services, bonding insurance programs and an understanding of tax credits to employers at the workshop.

"If the businesses understand (the tax credits), then they can save mon-

ey," White said.

Employers may receive tax credits if they hire ex-felon, veteran or welfare recipients, according to the IDES website.

They can receive up to \$2,400 for workers hired for a short-term period or up to \$9,000 for over a two-year period.

If businesses save money, then the employers may be able to hire more employees, White said.

White said she thinks a reduced unemployment rate in the Charleston area could be a possibility.

According to the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Coles County's unemployment rate was 9.6 percent in 2010.

The neighboring Cumberland County had a 10.4 percent and Douglas County had 9.3 percent unemployment rate in 2010.

White said The Charleston Area Chamber of Commerce had the same workshop two years ago and had 18 businesses attend—a number she said she hopes to match or surpass.

The "Meeting the Needs of Business" workshop will be in the Basement Meeting Room of the Charleston City Hall, 520 Jackson Ave.

To register, businesses must call the CACC office at 345-7041 by Feb. 21.

Registration will be at 8 a.m. and the workshop will begin at 8:30 a.m.

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CAMPUS

Student Senate to vote on budget freeze

By Amy Wywialowski
Staff Reporter

The Student Senate will vote on freezing 6 percent of the student government budget along with the University Board and Student Recreation Center budgets.

The Apportionment Board approved the freeze at its Feb. 2 meeting.

The Student Senate meeting will take place at 6 p.m. instead of 7 p.m. so the Student Senate members will be able to attend the "Blue Out" event.

Ceci Brinker, the director of the Student Life Office, oversees the Student Senate and the University Board.

"Each of these groups has dealt with the freezes differently," Brinker said. "It has really impacted the number of programs UB is doing, but they have raised the quality of the programs."

Brinker said Monday's "UB Loved" program was a low-cost program, but still catered to entertaining the students.

During the program, the members of the University Board gave out free carnations in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

"The programs that have really been affected is UB's Up All Night series," Brinker said. "They could only afford one this semester and it was not at the scale that students are used to seeing."

The UB made its largest cuts to scholarships—scholarships that are given to the UB employ-

ees. The Student Senate is dealing with the cuts in a different way by focusing more on operational costs by cutting phone lines and advertising, and being more cost efficient concerning printing and copying, Brinker said.

"They realize that these facts are out of their control and are trying to focus on things that are in their control," Brinker said. "They are doing what they can to give students 'more bang for their buck.'"

Also, on agenda is the continued discussion of the Charleston Police Department Facebook page.

The group will continue to discuss whether the CPD should be putting mug shots on its page, but will not have a resolution until the Feb. 22 meeting.

Student Senate Speaker Zach Samples said they formed a first draft of the resolution against the Facebook page, but he wants to consult Dan Nadler, the vice president for student affairs, regarding how to approach the subject.

"We see it as a critical issue that affects the public image of both the students and university as some of the people featured on the site are Eastern students," Samples said.

The meeting will take place at 6 p.m. in the Arcola-Tuscola Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

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HOOP FOR FREEDOM

3-on-3 tournament to send veterans to New Mexico

By Brendan McMullen
Staff Reporter

The Black Knights of the Embarras will be hosting a 3-on-3 "Hoop for Freedom" basketball tournament at the Eastern Recreation Center on Feb. 18.

The "Hoop for Freedom" tournament raise will fund a trip for students veterans to the 23rd Annual Bataan Memorial Death March in New Mexico.

The Black Knights plan to send eight veterans to participate in the march, which takes place in March.

The basketball tournament, which will consist of teams from campus and the community, will also include a three-point shootout and free throw competition, as well as a live DJ. Registration is open to anyone who wants to participate.

Teams can sign in at 9 a.m. for \$10 per person, and \$5 extra per shooting event.

Games will begin at 12:30 p.m.

Joshua Reeter, vice president of the Black Knights, said the memorial march, a 26.2-mile journey through the terrain of the White Sands Missile Range, honors those who were prisoners of war in the Bataan Death March of World War II.

During the march, American and Filipino prisoners of war were forced to march for days in the heat of the Philippines by Japanese soldiers.

Thousands died. The casualties increased when U.S. forces sank enemy ships

transporting the POWs. Reeter said the historic event has direct ties to the organization and Eastern, to whom they want to pay homage.

LTC. William D. Miner is a survivor of the Bataan Death March.

Minor is a former Eastern professor.

Another survivor was the father of Eastern alumni and Black Knight Dave Peontek.

Reeter said joining the Black Knights helped him adjust from life as a soldier to life as a student.

Reeter spent four years in the U.S. Marine Corps, including seven months in Iraq.

The Black Knights became a social outlet for him to be around like-minded individuals who have had some of the same experiences.

"Hoop for Freedom" is not only a way for the Black Knights to give back, but also a way for the community to give back.

Members of the community are welcome to participate, or simply enjoy the games and live entertainment.

Tommy Hamilton, said the organization is celebrating its 60th anniversary.

Hamilton is the secretary of the Black Knights.

"The march is geared towards helping veterans, dependents of veterans and anyone who enjoy spending time with veterans," Hamilton said.

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CITY

Court reschedules hearing in child porn case

By Doug T. Graham
Online Editor

Because of what his attorney called "serious health problems," a university employee charged with child pornography was unable to appear before a judge in the Coles County Courthouse on Tuesday.

This is the second hearing in a

row that Eric Knuth, an Information Technology Services employee, has missed due to illness.

Knuth, charged with displaying an image of child pornography on a laptop in December 2008, was too ill to attend a status hearing back on Jan. 30.

The date for the next hearing has been set for April 2 at 9 a.m.

The April hearing will be the 12th hearing since Knuth's case was first called before a Coles County judge on Nov. 22, 2010, more than 16 months ago.

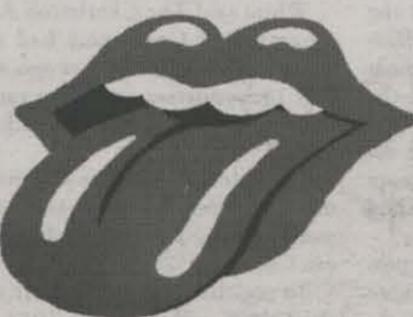
The case record at the circuit clerk's office states that Knuth "displayed on an Apple MacBook Air an image of two girls (Knuth) knew or reasonably should have known

to be under the age of 18...depicting the unclothed genitals and partially developed breasts of the girls."

In the state of Illinois, child pornography is considered a Class 1 felony.

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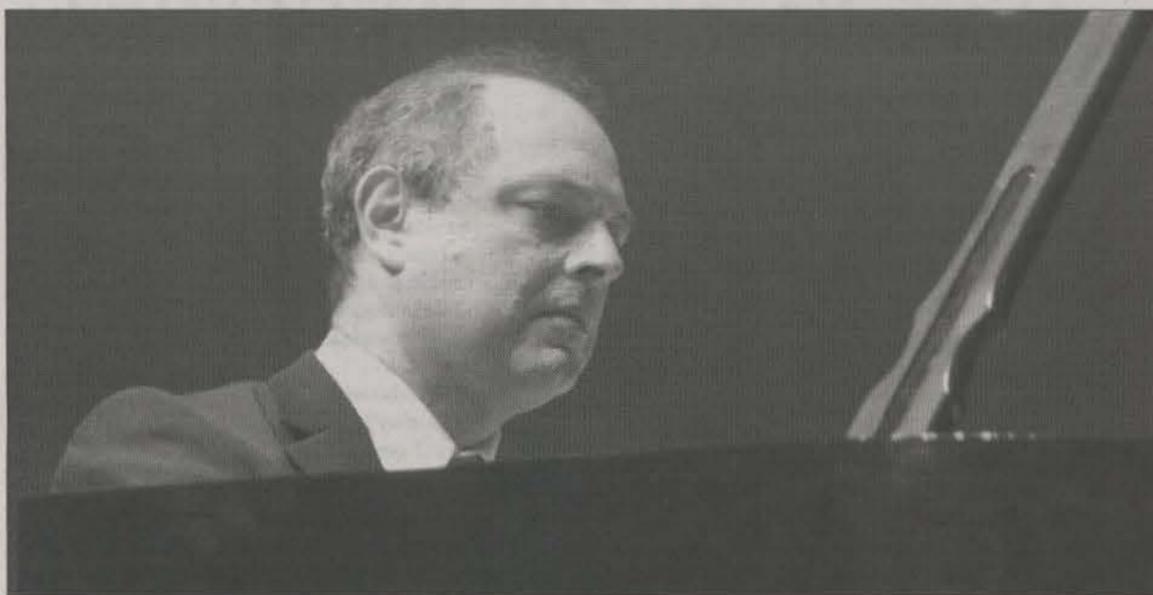
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CONCERT



MARCUS SMITH | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

André Loss, visiting musician, plays the piano Tuesday at the Doudna Fine Arts Center Recital Hall. Loss is a professor of piano and piano literature at Federal University in Porto Alegre, Brazil.

Pianist plays to audience of 30

By Bob Shaughnessy
Staff Reporter

André Loss' fingers fluttered over the keys as audience members sat in a dimly lit room, multiple spotlights illuminating the pianist and the stage.

Loss performed "The Twelve Transcendental Etudes" by Franz Liszt on Tuesday in the Recital Hall of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

As a foreign exchange student from Brazil, Loss received a scholarship to work with William Warfield to present master classes of students, according to Loss' website.

Loss said he chose this performance because it was a big challenge and he wanted to learn from Liszt.

"The Twelve Transcendental Etudes" is a series of twelve compositions played by a solo piano player.

They were devised in 1851 and are considered one of the most difficult series of music to play.

Loss said these pieces were difficult to learn.

"It is stressful and I've been working on this for nine years," Loss said. "When I was 11 years old, I told my mom I would play this whole set."

This is the fourth time Loss has played the set for audience members.

Loss will have a repeat performance again in South Carolina on Feb. 16-17, according to his website.

Loss, who attended Eastern from 1990-91 for his master's, also added two encores by Frédéric Chopin at the end of the show.

Loss said the one-hour, 20-minute performance was one of the longer shows he has performed.

Loss returned to Eastern first in

2010, when he planned a different piano solo.

Brittnee Snodgrass, a freshman pre-business management major, said she was impressed with how well Loss played.

Snodgrass is just beginning piano lessons.

Paul Johnston, a jazz studies professor at Eastern, said he could not imagine how tired Loss had to be from playing for that long.

Loss also made a guest appearance at a graduate student class where he listened to students play the piano and gave them feedback on their playing on Monday, Johnston said.

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SPRING BREAK

Students, employees look at past spring break adventures

By Robyn Dexter
Campus Editor

With spring break less than a month away, Eastern students are buzzing with talk of trips with friends and going home while reflecting on past spring breaks.

Eastern's spring break is from March 12 to 16.

Bridget Flores, a freshman elementary education major, said she traveled with her family last year for spring break before she came to college.

"I went to Disney World in Florida with my family and spent a lot of time tanning on the beach," she said.

Katelyn Pfaff, a junior English major, said in the past she has gone home to spend time with family and friends.

"This year is the first year I'll be going somewhere for spring break," she said.

Pfaff said she plans to drive to Myrtle Beach in South Carolina with three friends for this year's break.

Elizabeth Dupuis said in the past she has gone to the Wisconsin Dells and stayed with a friend's family in their timeshare.

"We spent most of our time at the water parks and it was a lot of fun," she said.

Dupuis is a junior family and consumer sciences major.

Tom Bossier, a senior management information systems major, said he went to Boston last year for spring break.

"I went to a video game convention called the Penny Arcade Expo," Bossier said.

The expo is a semi-annual gamer

convention that has taken place in Seattle and Boston since its creation in 2004.

Though his trip was costly, Bossier said it could have been worse.

"It was expensive and I spent about \$500, but compared to what some people spend on spring break, it wasn't too bad."

However, not all of the Eastern community gets to go on trips for spring break.

Mark Hudson, the director of University Housing and Dining Services, said that while students are on break, he has to work.

"I spend spring break catching up on work and accomplishing things I can't usually get done," Hudson said.

Andrea Bryant, a sophomore marketing major, said she uses her spring break to work at Kohl's department store in Bartlett.

Claire Hoffman, a junior communication studies major, said she spends her spring breaks at home as well.

"I usually just work at a horseback riding barn back home most of the days," she said. "I also catch up with old friends that still live there, or visit my friends that go to different colleges."

Though Hoffman said she has never been on a trip over spring break, she still is grateful for the time away from school.

"My spring breaks aren't ever really that eventful, but I still enjoy them," she said.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Register now, primary vote affects future

We urge our readers, particularly students, to make sure they are able to exercise their constitutional right to vote by registering for the upcoming primaries by the Feb. 22 deadline.

It might be easy to forget that there are races decided in the March 20 primary other than the Republican presidential nominee. Candidates for local offices all over the state will be chosen and you should want to have a say in the electoral process.

Instead of complaining after decisions are made, students should take some time out of their supposedly busy schedules to make sure their votes influence future decisions.

Take the time to understand what is going on in our community. This may mean spending more time reading and less time watching the latest episode of some vapid show like "Jersey Shore."

It's easy for Eastern students to imagine they live in a bubble—that the Eastern community can decide its own fate on each and every matter—but Eastern is directly affected by the decisions of elected officials in Charleston, Coles County and the state of Illinois.

We are part of the Charleston community, and we forget that at our peril.

We drive the same streets (with the same speed limits) and eat at the same restaurants (that haven't been shut down).

Eastern is a central part of Charleston's economy, culture and identity, but our voice in the discussion of the future of this community is only as loud as we choose to make it.

Every time we complain about the roads in Charleston or are unhappy about one thing or another, we should only blame ourselves.

Local elections are one place where voters actually see the direct consequences and rewards for exercising their democratic right at the ballot.

The Coles County clerk said only a little more than 400 students are registered in the Eastern-dominated precinct.

Are we serious? Can we not do better than that?

We have the right and responsibility to vote and are valid members of the Charleston community.

So take the first step and register to vote.

Then, take the time to learn about the candidates.

Know which candidates have the students in mind and make an educated decision based on your research and investigation.

Make the candidates fight for us and earn our votes.

In the days leading up to the primaries, we will examine each candidate's platform and ask them what they can do for this community.

We want to help our readers make educated decisions.

Register to vote by Feb. 22 at the court house or online.

Don't let others make decisions for you. You have the power to control our future.

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COLUMN

I do not regret a single tattoo on my 'temple'

Two weeks ago, a first-time university-publication columnist came under attack for sharing some very strong views about women with tattoos. Lisa Khoury wrote a column for *The Spectrum*, the independent publication for the University of Buffalo, titled, "Why put a bumper sticker on a Ferrari?" Khoury's resounding message in the column was that when women get tattoos, they make themselves appear trashy and without class.

The column spread like viral wildfire. Almost 23,000 people clicked on the column — some sending the writer very hateful and threatening messages in response. But I'm not here to attack the writer — she was just giving a counter-argument for getting tattoos for her publication. Instead, here's my argument.

I think women with tattoos are absolutely fantastic.

Last semester, I wrote about the repercussions of getting awful, tramp-stamping, bargain-basement tattoos. And I still stand by all the arguments that I made. However, for those women who decide to take the plunge to get a meaningful tattoo, I applaud them.

Just because a woman has tattoos does not mean she has any less class or beauty than a woman without. Let a woman's actions speak for her character — not the ink on her skin.

"An elegant woman does not vandalize the



Shelley Holmgren

temple she has been blessed with as her body," Khoury wrote.

The only way a woman could "vandalize" her body with a tattoo is if she branded herself with the face of Dog the Bounty Hunter (and I say that with the deepest, most profound love for the mullet-maned man).

Tattoos aren't just for bikers the size of the Incredible Hulk or for Mike Tyson. They are for anyone who wants to share a part of themselves with the world.

Even Charlize Theron has tattoos. The girl probably sleeps in Dior bedsheets, is an Oscar winner and is a Goodwill Ambassador for the United Nations. That's pretty damn classy.

Like I advised in my previous column on the topic, don't get tattoos for the sake of having them. When I get tattoos, I do so to mark significant moments, passions or people in my life.

"(Has a tattoo) caused you to learn some-

thing new about yourself? Has it challenged you? Has it led you to self-growth?" Khoury writes. "Nothing comes out of getting a tattoo. You get a tattoo, and that's it. You do something productive, though, and you see results. That's a genuine, satisfying change in life. Not ink."

I learn something new about myself with every tattoo I get. I've gotten two tattoos with my sister in the past and the ritual has made our bond even closer. And they do make me feel beautiful.

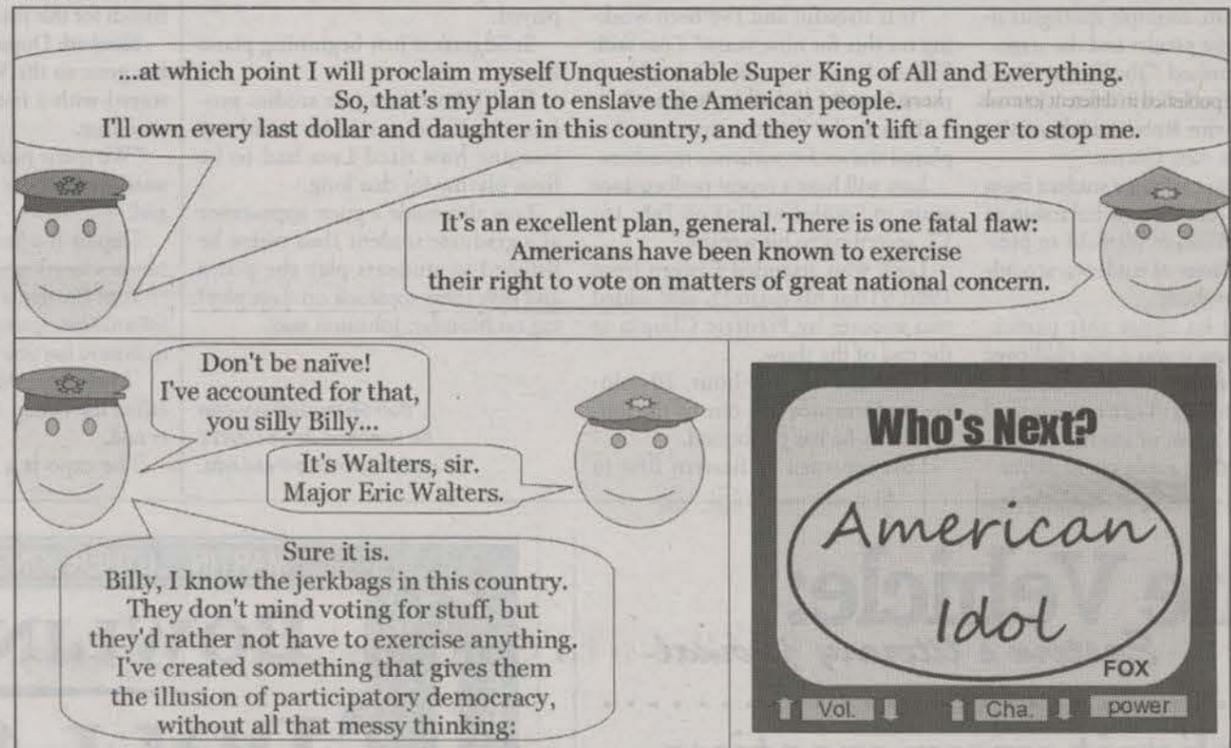
I've also met a lot of amazing people just because they have asked me about one of my tattoos. I get to tell the person the story about the tattoo and let them know a little bit about me in the process.

Eventually, (once I am no longer buried by a "Hoarders"-sized pile of student debt) I will have sleeves of tattoos on my arms. Hell, I'll probably even get a tattoo of my cat on me. Why? Because I love the Galactus-sized creature more than anything.

Some may say that's silly and I'll regret it in the future. I say, I'll be damn proud to have them all. Every brand will tell a story and every tattoo will give a piece of myself to someone else.

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FROM THE EASEL



DAVE BALSON | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

COLUMN

Yes, I caught the plague, but at least I'm not pregnant

For a week, I sat destitute, suffering in silence, while my throat grew from a dusty tickle to a glandular swell. It hurt to swallow, to cough. Each sneeze felt like a tiger was plucking my vocal cords. By the middle of the week my voice had transformed into a plugged up, raspy crone and it was dreadful.

Horrible.

This is the time to humbly, regretfully, and against my better judgment, admit that I was wrong in my previous column, "I'm sick; you're sick; we're all sick, so get over it," but only partially. I can say in all honesty that my initial ailment was just that simple; however, that was before it She-Hulked into a destroyer of worlds.

I still didn't want to go to Health Services. I'll admit that it was my own prejudices that kept me from pulling open those weighted doors. The rumors I heard about Health Services surpassed any NRHH "You Know You Are EIU When..." T-shirt. I had heard whispers across campus about the things that occurred in the depths of the Human Services Building. Pregnancies.

Women, and maybe some guys who stayed quiet, would go into the building with a mild cold or upset tummy and be told that they



Nike Ogunbodede

were with child, knocked up, expecting or just 'a fertilized egg has attached itself to the lining of your fallopian tube.' Or so I was told.

By Thursday, with bags under my eyes and a congested head—not to mention a sudden earache—I wasn't looking so good. Barely able to make it to my kitchen, I finally caved when my housemate Clare told me that she knew someone who had died after contracting a particularly strong strain of strep throat, which Google helped diagnose me with.

I did not know Google's rate of false-positive diagnoses. So I made an appointment with Health Services: 3:15 p.m.—be there or die.

I was weighed, which reminded me I need to stop using those McDonald's coupons, and then it happened. The nurse asked me when I

had last surfed the crimson tide, then if I was on birth control (she obviously doesn't know my mother). I laughed, which she did not find amusing, then she left with a quick "The doctor will be in momentarily."

I'll skip the details, but I have an ear infection, strep throat, and was promptly prescribed a bottle full of horse pills, because whenever I can barely swallow my own saliva I want to swallow a big pill.

Fast forward to a journalism conference in St. Louis last weekend. I'm innocently chucking it up with friends, and then I'm upchucking globs of coagulated blood and phlegm. YUM!

The whole point of this column is that everyone will get sick, but not every sickness can be cured with a glass of orange juice. People get sick, but sometimes we need a \$20 bottle of horse pills and an impromptu Thursday checkup.

So go to Health Services. I did and I was never told I was pregnant.

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CITY Four students to design website for local business

By Kelly Johnson
Staff Reporter

Students enrolled in the Digital Media Technologies course are required to make a website for a local business or registered student organization on campus—they picked the Home Again Consignment Shop.

The project is geared to help students gain experience and help local businesses.

Michael Rosinia is one of four Eastern students working on the project.

"Our professor mentioned he had a company that needed a website and gave us their card," Rosinia said. "It seemed like the perfect opportunity."

Rosinia is a senior communication studies major and said his group is looking forward to helping this new business.

Steve Runyon owns the Home Again Consignment Shop and said the goal of the shop is to provide used furniture and home décor at a reasonable price and quality.

Runyon said he is excited to work creatively with the students.

"We thought that this was an incredible opportunity for a new small business to partner with creative and eager students," Rosinia said.

Mika Lawson, a Charleston community member, said he is glad the local business will have an online presence.

"Having a website is good to let people know the shop is here," Lawson said. "If I can buy an item on sale, I will."

Runyon said he is also excited about the integration with Home Again's Facebook page.

"The website will provide a link to our Facebook page that will offer a photo gallery of our featured inventory," Runyon said.

Runyon said he thinks it is a smart idea for a small business in Charleston to have a website.

"This is a great opportunity to build positive relationships between the university and the Charleston business

community," Runyon said.

Rosinia agreed.

"Creating a website for a business in the area helps Eastern by showing we're students who want to help people," Rosinia said.

Students enrolled in the Digital Media Technologies course are given a great chance to develop professionalism and help out the community simultaneously, Rosinia said.

"This puts Eastern in a positive light and gives us, as students, real-life experience," Rosinia said.

Rosinia is one example of many students who are helping Charleston businesses.

"The cost would have been prohibitive for a new business to contract with an individual or an agency for this support," Runyon said. "We are excited and appreciative of this opportunity."

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After two months, 3,872 papers have been archived and 3,868 downloads were made.

Bruns said they also work with publishers to check the copyright status of research that has been published in different journals.

Unlike many web bases that record published information, "The Keep" is an open-access platform, meaning the content is free to view.

"The goal of 'The Keep' is to gather a history of information materials from

those at Eastern and make it available around the world," Bruns said.

Bruns presented information from a citation-rate study done comparing open-access archives to journals that keep content locked from free public views for six months.

"The difference within the first 10 months was that open-access articles were being cited twice as much, and after 10 months, they were being cited three times as much," Bruns said.

"The Keep" is also based on a stabilized platform so the URLs will not change.

"Most typical websites go through redesigns and the URLs would change, but the URLs in 'The Keep' remain the same," Bruns said.

"The Keep" revolves around the theme of Old Main to give viewers a flavor of Eastern, Bruns said.

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LOVE, from page 1

"I think it is cool because here they focus on the guy giving the girl presents and (the Japanese) don't," Centeno said.

Carnations were also given out on Monday and Tuesday for people to give to their loved ones.

In Taiwan, the number of roses that a man gives a woman means a specific thing, Jimenez said.

In Taiwan one rose means "an only love," 11 roses means "a favorite," 99 roses means "forever," and 108 roses means "marry me," Jimenez said.

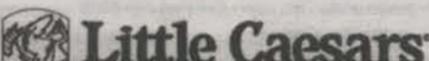
Mario McCart, a junior English major and a member of the cultural arts committee, said students can get ideas from other cultures.

"It brings uniqueness and with uniqueness different ideas for gifts," McCart said. "We do candy and flowers, but some of these gifts are very personal."

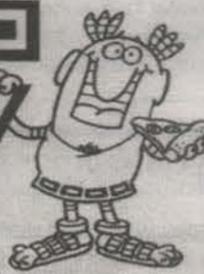
Victoria Michels, a senior marketing major, said she thinks it is important to know what countries celebrate Valentine's Day.

"Valentine's Day is not universally celebrated, but a day of love usually is," Michels said. "After studying abroad, (I learned) it is important to know the customs because in one place it could be flattering, but in others it is insulting."

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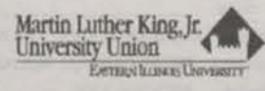
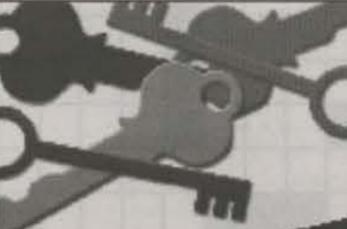
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Schuette said Eastern sophomore Hannah Mennenga, first year transfer from Heartland Community College, would likely take the mound against Georgia State.

On Sunday, the Panthers have their second doubleheader in as many days. At 10 a.m., they take on the Chattanooga Mucs. The Mucs have started the 2012 season with a 3-2 record.

Last season, Chattanooga went

44-14 with a conference record of 20-3, which was good enough to win the Southern Conference title. They advanced all the way to the Tuscaloosa Regional before losing in the championship game.

The Panthers will then play another team that has yet to be decided later in the day.

Eastern does not have a home game until March 21, but this does not bother Schuette too much.

"The way I see it, we're getting to go in the warmer temperatures," Schuette said. "We're getting ready to see what we have and prepare ourselves for the conference."

The expectations are high and the season is long, but this weekend should be a good barometer of what to expect from the Panther softball team this season.

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Around the OVC

Junior Soufiane Bouchikhi was named OVC Male Track Athlete of the Week, following his performance at the

University of Washington Flotrack Husky Classic. Bouchikhi ran a time of 13:46.06 in the 5,000-meter run and 7:53.99 in the 3,000-meter run,

breaking OVC records in each event. Bouchikhi is the No. 13 nationally ranked runner in the 5,000-meter run, and the No. 18 nationally ranked runner in the 3,000-meter run.

Eastern red-shirt senior runner Zye Boyce was also nominated for the honor.

Freshman Tonia Pratt of Murray State was named OVC Female Field

Athlete of the Week after taking second in the weight throw at the Hoosier Hills Invite and ninth in the shot put. Her weight throw of 55-feet, 7-inches, ranks on the OVC Best list.

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The Cougars can attribute a lot of their success from beyond the three-point line to freshman guard Kris Davis. The 6-foot-2-inch newcomer is shooting an outstanding 60 percent from the three-point line this year. He is averaging 12 points per game and makes over two three's a game on average.

Edwardsville is 7-15 overall this season; however, when Davis makes three or more three-point shots, the Cougars are a much improved 3-3.

He has made five three-point shots in games twice this season and the Cougars are 2-0 in those game.

Despite the incredible shooting of Davis, the team is led by Mark Yelovich who is averaging 14.3 points and six rebounds per game. Although the 6-foot-6-inch veteran is the teams best scorer this season, he is averaging a career low in points scored. Yelovich has shown range for a big man, making 32 percent of his three-point shots this

season.

The only other Cougar averaging in double-digits scoring is junior forward Jerome Jones. Jones is a transfer from Missouri State University and is averaging 13.2 points and six rebounds per game.

Tip-off is scheduled for 7 p.m. tonight in Lantz Arena.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Panthers secure 1 of top 2 seeds

Staff Report

The Eastern women's basketball team clinched one of the top two seeds in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament with its win Monday over Tennessee Tech.

The Panthers are 1/2-game ahead of Tennessee-Martin for first place in the conference because they've played one more conference game.

The Panthers have split the season series with Tennessee-Martin, losing in overtime in Martin, Tenn., Saturday. The Panthers are 12-1 in the OVC, while Tennessee-Martin is 11-1.

The Panthers have three games remaining before heading to Nashville, Tenn., for the OVC Tournament on Feb. 29. They'll play Southern Illinois-Edwardsville at 4 p.m. on Saturday in Lantz Arena. Then, they'll hit the road for the final two games of the regular season against Morehead State and Eastern Kentucky.

Tennessee-Martin has four games left, three of which are on the road. The Skyhawks play Thursday on the road against Murray State and follow that by playing Southeast Missouri Saturday.

The Skyhawks will play Austin Peay at home next Thursday and end the season on the road against Jacksonville State.

The top eight teams make it to the OVC Tournament as of today, those teams would include: Eastern, Tennessee-Martin, Tennessee Tech, Eastern Kentucky, Murray State, Morehead State, Tennessee State, and Austin Peay.

On the outside looking in would be Southeast Missouri and Jacksonville State; however, Southeast Missouri, Austin Peay and Tennessee State are within a game of each other.

Southeast Missouri and Austin Peay are scheduled to play each other the last game of the season, which will be the only matchup between those three teams the rest of the way.

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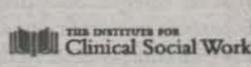
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SOFTBALL

Panthers hope to start season with bang

By Erik Jensen
Staff Reporter

The 2012 Eastern softball team will travel to Atlanta this weekend to kick off its season, where it will compete in the Georgia State tournament.

Eastern head coach Kim Schuette is very excited about the prospects of the tournament, but knows it will be quite challenging.

"It will be a tough tournament as both Georgia State and UT-Chattanooga won their conferences and went to the NCAA tournament with historic seasons," Schuette said. "And IUPUI played this weekend and has done some good things as of late."

On Saturday, the Panthers begin tournament play against the IUPUI Jaguars at 2:30 p.m. So far this season, the Jaguars are 3-1. IUPUI finished last season with an overall record of 15-32 and a 9-14 record in the Summit League.

Schuette said sophomore ace Stephanie Maday would likely get the start on the mound against IUPUI.

The Panthers play their second game of the day at 4:45 p.m. against the tournament host Georgia State, who, like the Jaguars, have begun the 2012 season with a record of 3-1.

Georgia State returns for a potentially monster year after going 36-25 last season. They finished with a 15-5 record in the Colonial Athletic Association last season, which was good enough for a second place league finish.

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TRACK & FIELD

Gingerich, Hogan earn OVC honors

Team falls out of regional top ten

By Dominic Renzetti
Sports Editor

Two members of the Eastern track and field team earned Ohio Valley Conference honors for their performances at the Grand Valley State Big Meet in Allendale, Mich., this past weekend.

Red-shirt senior Megan Gingerich was named OVC Female Track Athlete of the week following a 2:09.53 performance in the women's 800-meter run. The time broke Gingerich's own school record, and she finished in second place in the event.

Gingerich also ran the second leg of the women's 4x400-meter relay team, which set a new school record of 3:46.27. Seniors Bridget Sanchez, Emily Quinones and junior Erika Ramos also rounded out the team.

Junior Bryce Hogan also took home OVC honors, being named OVC Male Field Athlete of the Week. Hogan jumped 22-feet, 9-inches, finishing in first place in the men's long jump event. Hogan currently ranks as the No. 10 long jumper in indoor Eastern history, recording his best jump at the Notre Dame Mayo Invite on Feb. 3.

Team drops in regional rankings

The Eastern men's team dropped to the No. 12 spot in the USTFCCA Midwest Regional rankings. Nebraska remains No. 1 overall, followed by Minnesota, Oklahoma, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas State, Iowa State, Missouri, Oklahoma State and Kansas, rounding out the top ten.

The Panthers will compete at home this weekend, hosting the Friday Night Special in Lantz Fieldhouse this weekend.

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ATHLETICS

Cowboys quarterback hosts Gala

Romo reflects on time spent at Eastern

By Dominic Renzetti
Sports Editor

Eastern alumnus and current Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo headlined the fourth installment of the Athletic Director's Gala Tuesday in Effingham.

Romo, who was competing alongside Tiger Woods in the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am golf tournament just days before, found himself not in the Sunshine state of Florida, but in a cold, gloomy Effingham.

"This morning, I think we took a look at the weather while we were packing, and it was the first question from the wife, 'What's the weather going to be like?' and I was like, 'I'm sure it's not going to be that bad,'" Romo said.

Romo, who married his wife Candice Crawford in May of 2011, said his wife had never been to Charleston. "She's from Dallas, originally, so she always likes to see snow whenever she can," he said.

Romo said he had no hard feelings about spending his first Valentine's Day with his wife in the not-so-romantic Effingham.

"I tried celebrating last night. I think I got away with it," he said.

Romo said he enjoyed his return to Eastern because it allowed him to reminisce and show his wife the place where he spent part of his life.

"She's never been to Eastern before, so we took a stroll through memory lane and Charleston," he said. "I kind of just pointed out a few things over the years, where I lived and the football place, and went and



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Tony Romo, Eastern alumnus and current Dallas Cowboys quarterback, answers questions Tuesday at a press conference prior to acting as master of ceremonies at the 2012 Athletic Director's Gala at the Thelma Keller Convention Center in Effingham.

said hi to the staff."

With his busy schedule, Romo doesn't get to return to Charleston too often, but enjoys the time he does get.

"It's kind of neat just to be up there and see the places that you've been, and it's kind of neat to reflect a little bit," he said.

Romo said he also likes being able to give back to the university and support a good cause with the gala, where proceeds go toward scholarships for Eastern student athletes.

"We're here for a good cause, trying to raise money for the university," he said. "It's a very rewarding thing to be back."

Romo said he has taken a lot of what he learned at Eastern with him to the professional level, especially

things he learned from former head coach Bob Spoo, who is also being honored at the gala, and newly named director of football operations, Roy Wittke. Wittke served as offensive coordinator while Romo played for the Panthers.

"I worked directly with Roy Wittke, Coach Spoo was kind of the overseer," he said. "A couple of things I took was their detail and organizational skills. It was really second to none, even to this day. I think that allowed them to have the success they had."

Romo said he attributes a lot of what he learned at Eastern to Spoo and Wittke.

"I learned a lot while I was here. I learned a lot about what it took to get better, what it took to be a stu-

dent athlete and how to go about the process of that," he said. "I owe a lot of that to Coach Spoo and Coach Wittke."

With Spoo retired, and Wittke out of the coaches booth and into the front office, Romo said he sees the future of the program going in the right direction with new head coach Dino Babers.

"I think (the program is) going to be in good hands. (Babers is) coming from a great system, they do a lot of good things," he said. "It'll be fun to watch for the fans, and I think he'll be able to communicate very well with his players."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Panthers hope to continue 2-win streak

Edwardsville has OVC best shooter

By Rob Mortell
Staff Reporter

Desperately needing a win, Eastern's men's basketball team will battle against in-state and Ohio Valley Conference rival Southern Illinois-Edwardsville.

The Panthers have prepared for their final home OVC game of the season by winning two straight games against Tennessee Tech and the University of Tennessee at Martin.

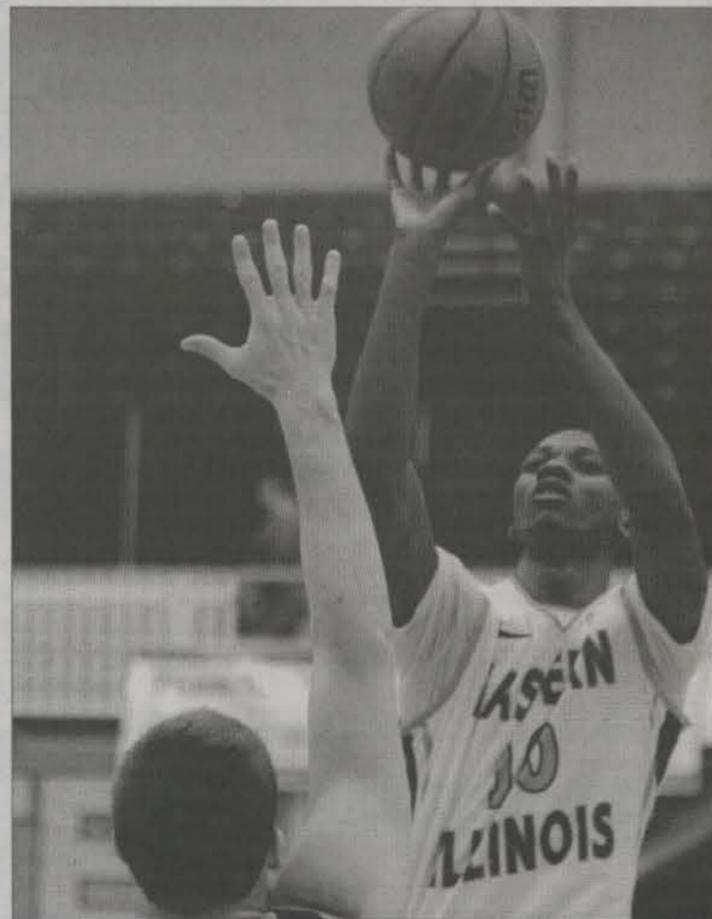
These two teams have already squared off once this season with Eastern winning easily, 73-59 in Edwardsville. Since that game, the Panthers have a record of 4-8, while the Cougars have a record of 3-7.

In their new rivalry, Edwardsville has only beaten the Panthers once, while the Panthers have won three games.

Right now, Eastern has a record of 4-9 in OVC play and the Cougars are 5-8; however, since this is the Cougars first full season in the OVC they do not qualify for tournament play this season. The Panthers find themselves in ninth place with Edwardsville out of the equation. The top eight teams make the tournament, and Eastern is currently two full games behind the eighth place team in the standings.

Edwardsville is one of the best three-point shooting teams in the conference and that is their main focus on offense. Shooting nearly 40 percent as a team, the Cougars only trail Murray State in the OVC in terms of three-point shooting percentage.

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Sophomore forward Alfondo McKinnie goes for a shot during a game against Morehead State Feb. 4 in Lantz Arena. The Panthers will play Southern Illinois-Edwardsville at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Lantz Arena.