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STUDENT GOVERNMENT



KIMBERLY FOSTER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Grace Kenny, a sophomore public relations major, goes to board the Panther Bus Thursday at the stop outside the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Student senate’s shuttle bus committee is developing a plan for a new shuttle route that would have multiple stops in Mattoon, including Cross County Mall and the Amtrak station.

Bus to Mattoon en route

By Sara Hall
Staff Reporter

Student government is discussing the creation of a bus system to Mattoon.

J.R. Patton, a junior political science major, said the bus would stop at major attractions in Mattoon.

Patton is the chair of the Stu-

dent Senate’s shuttle-bus committee.

“It would ideally stop at the AMC Movie Theatre, the strip mall, the mall, and the Amtrak station,” he said.

Patton said there would be a 35-minute route from the first stop, expected to be at the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, to the last at the Mattoon Amtrak

station. He said the buses would run on a similar schedule to the Panther Shuttle.

Patton said student government came up with the idea after past students had expressed interest.

“One of the big reasons we’re looking into this is because there is no way for students to get to Mattoon to the places they want to visit,” he said. “This is some-

thing we heard complaints about, so we’re looking into it.”

Because the idea is still in its beginning stages, Patton said he is unsure how much the route would cost, but student government is looking into prices.

“We don’t have any exact figures yet, but we’re still working on it,” Patton said.

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EDUCATION

Reduced tuition attracts international students

By Rachel Rodgers
Campus Editor

The number of international students attending Eastern increased after the Undergraduate International Excellence Award was put into effect at the start of the fall 2010 semester.

The award comes in the form of a tuition reduction, reducing about \$12,000, for undergraduate international students who earn a minimum 3.5 cumulative grade point average.

Marilyn Holmes, coordinator of the international students and scholars office, said instead of paying the normal international undergraduate rate of \$30,292 the award would allow the students to

pay the in-state rate of \$18,100.

“We have been wanting to make international education more affordable for students so the initiative of our new reduced tuition for undergraduate students has helped increase our admissions,” Holmes said. “We worked hard for it for many years and President Perry gave us the go ahead to do it.”

Kevin Vicker, the interim director of the international students and scholars office, said the tuition reduction was the number one factor in admission increases, but there were other contributing factors as well.

“The number two factor is that we make sure the communication is there with our students by fol-

lowing up with them and making sure they have everything they need to get here,” Vicker said.

He also said there are about 50 different countries where international students come from.

He said most of the international students at Eastern are from India, Nigeria, China and Nepal, in that order.

Holmes said international student applications have tripled over the past few years.

“Students like that have relatively small classes, usually no more than 20 students per classroom, so they get individualized one-on-one attention,” Holmes said.

According to Vicker’s research, incoming international students at-

tending Eastern increased from 44 in the fall 2009 semester to 81 in the fall 2010 semester.

Vicker said he thinks undergraduate international students are attracted by the tuition rate as well as with the academic programs Eastern has to offer.

“Even our amount of international graduate students has increased,” Vicker said. “Even though they are not eligible for the tuition reduction, I think they like the personalized attention we can offer them.”

The international students and scholars office has hosted events such as “Tastes of the World” and “Sounds of the World.”

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STATE

University
Scholarship
elimination
possibility

By Elizabeth Edwards
City Editor

Gov. Pat Quinn’s call to eliminate legislative scholarships could affect Eastern.

During Quinn’s budget speech early this month, he called for lawmakers to eliminate the legislative scholarship program because he said the scholarships place a financial burden on state universities.

“College scholarships paid for by Illinois taxpayers should only go to those that have true financial need for them,” Quinn said. Some lawmakers in Springfield, including Dale Righter, senator of the 55th district, have moved forward with the legislation entitled senate bill 1317.

Senate bill 1317 would not allow high school students to be nominated for the Illinois General Assembly scholarship.

The Illinois General Assembly legislative scholarship allows members of the General Assembly to select two high school students from their district to receive a scholarship to a state university.

Jeffrey Ashley, head of the political science department, said the scholarship is an unpaid mandate for state universities.

“No money is attached to the scholarship, so state universities are expected to make up the difference,” Ashley said.

Ashley said both Democratic and Republican senators have expressed interest in eliminating these scholarships.

He said in the past, individuals have accused legislators of abusing the scholarships by rewarding their patrons the scholarship.

Jerry Donna, Eastern director of financial aid, said 46 students have received a waiver from the General Assembly.

The Senate Bill 1317 will not affect the 46 students who have already been awarded the scholarship.

Eastern has spent \$315,318 this year on paying the scholarship, Donna said.

He said any type of financial aid for students is good.

“From my perspective, a reduction in financial aid makes it more difficult for students to achieve their educational goals,” Donna said.

He said the governor has been inconsistent with his communication with state universities.

In Gov. Pat Quinn’s budget speech; he addressed higher education by saying “We also need to revamp our higher education system to increase access for all students.”

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ACTIVITIES

See the stars,
at observatory
open house


The physics department will host an open house at its observatory at 8 p.m. today.

If the sky is clear, attendees will look through the 16-inch Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope. However, if the sky is cloudy the observatory will still be open for tours.

The observatory is located southwest of the Campus Pond.


EIU weather

TODAY



Mostly cloudy
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SATURDAY



Cloudy
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what's on tap

FRIDAY

3 p.m. Franklin on race
This lecture presented by Klevor Abo, an instructor of African-American studies, will review Benjamin Franklin's thoughts on racial composition in the U.S. This lecture will take place in the Room 4440 Booth Library Conference Room.

8 p.m. Observatory open house
The Eastern Observatory will be open for a viewing of the winter constellations. The observatory is located southwest of the Campus Pond.

SATURDAY

7:30 p.m. Wind Symphony concert
The Wind Symphony will perform significant literature drawn from major masterworks of the modern Wind Band. The concert will take place in the Dvorak Concert Hall in the Doudna Fine Arts Center. Tickets cost \$5 for adults and \$3 for all others.

10 a.m. Catholic Charities work
Volunteer with Catholic Charities by sorting clothing in Mattoon. Transportation will be provided if needed. Go to www.eiu.edu/volunteer to register.

SUNDAY

3 p.m. Resume Critique Blitz
Be prepared for the Mid-America Educator's Job Fair. Bring a completed resume for a quick 15-minute critique at Career Services in the Human Services Building.

If you want to add to the tap, please e-mail dennewsdesk@gmail.com or call 581-7942.

Practice makes perfect



SETH SCHROEDER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS
Julie Zielinsk, a sophomore theater major, rehearses with Ryan McCain, also a sophomore theater major for the upcoming performance "Tartuffe" Thursday evening in the Black Box of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

ONLINE



Vlog: On the Cheap

Assistant Online Editor Christopher O'Driscoll is joined by self-proclaimed "ad matching expert" Vicki Paisley in this week's On the Cheap Vlog. Learn how to save money on your weekly groceries and only shop at one store. Watch the vlog at DENnews.com.

BLOTTER

Multiple cannabis complaints reported in university housing

• A cannabis complaint was reported at Lawson Hall at 12:26 a.m. on Tuesday This incident was referred to the Office of Student Standards according to the University Police Department.

• At 8:15 a.m. on Tuesday, it was reported that a possible theft occurred on Jan. 5, at McAfee Gym. This incident is under investigation according to the UPD.

• At 12:51 p.m. on Tuesday, a burglary from a motor vehicle was reported at Greek Court. This incident is under investigation according to the UPD.

• At 12:40 p.m. on Tuesday, it was reported that a domestic battery had occurred on Feb. 17 at an off-campus location on Sixth St. This incident was referred to the Office of Student Standards according to the UPD.

• A cannabis complaint was reported at University Court at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday. This incident was referred to the Office of Student Standards according to the UPD.

CORRECTION

In Thursday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News* Jodi Cluskey was misidentified in the article titled "Dates with Students to be auctioned off."
The DEN regrets the error.

EIU History Lesson

February 25

2005

Walls and signs throughout Charleston were defaced with possible gang symbols according to the Charleston Police Department. The graffiti was found on street signs, buildings and at the amphitheater.

1997

The number of people arrested for driving under the influence in Charleston was on the rise. Charleston Police Offices arrested 180 people in 1996, an increase of 14 percent from 1995 when police arrested 156 people.

1986

Two members of Eastern's campus had relatives in the 1980 Olympics. Patrick Docter in the zoology department had two nieces on the women's speed skating team. Niel Henriksen, a junior, had a brother on the men's speed skating team.

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FUNDRAISING

Alumni association seeks new building

By **Samantha McDaniel**
 Staff Reporter

Due to inadequate space and out-dated resources, the EIU Alumni Association is proposing a new building to house their offices.

The proposed building would be built on the Linder and Brainard properties.

Steve Rich, executive director of the Alumni Association, said, "(Linder and Brainard) were originally constructed as single-family residences and not intended to serve as office space."

A design firm from Chicago was hired to help with the design of the new building, which is estimated to cost just under \$3 million.

Since the Alumni Association is a private, not-for-profit program, the state will not provide money for the construction of the center. The money will come from membership revenue and donations.

"We are not actively seeking contributions for a new facility but if potential donors were to express interest, we would be happy to discuss the project with them," Rich said.

The need for adequate office and storage space, lack of parking and out-dated electrical systems have led to the need for the new center, ac-

"We would love to build a new facility with adequate office, storage and reception space."

Steve Rich, executive director of the Alumni Association

cording to the January edition of the Old Main Line, EIU's alumni association magazine.

When Linder was bought, the Alumni Association's staff consisted of two people, Rich said. Now that number has grown to nine full-time staff members.

There are also interns and student workers who share the space, he said.

Storage space is also cut down due to leaks in the basement over several years, resulting in water damage to both houses.

"If the opportunity presents itself, we would love to build a new facility with adequate office, storage

and reception space," Rich said.

The space is not adequate for the conduction of the Alumni Association functions, he added.

The Alumni Association, which serves over 100,000 members, encourages alumni to help provide financial support to the university and help achieve the long-term mission.

The association is responsible for alumni activities, information systems management, annual fund, commencement and trademark licensing, according to the alumni magazine.

Several Illinois universities have recently built new alumni centers to serve the institution and the universities' alumni.

Rich and the rest of the association realize the only way construction will occur is with alumni donations.

"The facility will only become a reality through the generous support of our alumni and friends, and the board intends to permanently name the building after the lead donor(s) of the project," the magazine stated.

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COMMUNITY

Local men volunteer in kitchens for kids

By **Desiree Morris**
 Staff Reporter

The Will County Children's Advocacy Center will sponsor 37 men to cook for child victims of domestic abuse Saturday.

State attorneys, doctors, lawyers, fire chiefs and an Eastern professor will participate in the event that will be titled "Men Who Cook."

The male participants are from Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar and Shelby counties.

The chefs will be judged in four categories: appetizers, entrees, side dishes and desserts.

A winner for each category and a grand-prize winner will be chosen based on points.

The audience will decide the winner who will get to take home a trophy and "bragging rights," Pam Riddle, director of the Will County Children's Advocacy Center, said.

This event features male chefs because it is a unique and positive statement, and because there are a lot of men in the community who would never hurt a child, Riddle said.

Last year the event raised \$5,000.

Robert Wochner, a physician at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health System, will be participating in the event with another version of the cinnamon rolls that won him the competition last year.

The Will County Children's Advocacy Center was established in 1995 to help children and teens that have been sexually or physically abused.

Riddle said 225 families are given free services each year, but without events like this one, they would have trouble offering services.

"We have a couple grants, but we have lost funding each year since 2005," Riddle said.

The Center has several other charity events throughout the year, including an annual walk and car show.

The events are designed to raise \$20,000 so they can continue to offer all their services.

"We offer our services for free and we cannot keep the center open without donations from the community," Riddle said.

Brianna Svec, a senior communication studies major, advertised the event.

She said she felt strongly about getting involved with the program because the Center helps children.

The event will take place Saturday from 6-10 p.m. at the Worthington Inn at 920 West Lincoln Ave in Charleston.

The Center is requesting a \$20 donation per person.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Emanuel
good match
for Chicago

On Tuesday, Rahm Emanuel was elected mayor of Chicago. Emanuel's rigorous approach and hard-earned influence won him 55 percent of the vote in a five-person election, avoiding a runoff election.

We know a lot of students who are not from Chicago do not much care what happens there but, like it or not, it is the hub of the Midwest in terms of size, economy, and (admit it) culture. Emanuel has spent his life in politics. He was a senior adviser to President Clinton from 1993-98. In 2003 he was elected to the House of Representatives, where he represented the 5th District in Chicago. In 2009 he joined President Obama in the White House, serving as his chief of staff.

The man who earned the nickname "Rahmbo" (even his mother calls him that), the bad boy of the White House, will soon be running the third-largest city in the country. Emanuel earned his nickname for his propensity to get things done and the profanity-laced wrath he would lay upon those who did not fulfill his expectations.

He majored in speech at Sarah Lawrence College, but his speaking style is best known for its heavy reliance on four-letter words. When he was in high school, he cut his right middle finger on a meat slicer at Arby's and, because he went swimming in Lake Michigan before going to the hospital, his infected finger had to be amputated—Obama would later say that this tragedy "rendered him practically mute."

Emanuel's reputation as a tough, blunt politician is well deserved. We think it makes him perfectly suited for the mayor's office. Chicago politics are notorious for their hardball, take-no-prisoners style. For all the things Daley did for the city, he seemed to lose his passion in recent years. Chicago needs a man like Emanuel who will fight for the people. Despite temper, he showed composure when he was temporarily kicked off the mayoral ballot. His opponents claimed that he was not legally eligible to run for office because he had not lived in Chicago for a full year before the election.

Emanuel was born and raised in Chicago and the Cook County Circuit Court cleared his eligibility claiming that residency for purposes of being a candidate are different than residency for purposes of being a voter. His opponents wanted him kicked off the ballot for serving his country. That is like telling a returning soldier that he cannot vote when returning from overseas. When Emanuel takes office in mid-May he will be the first Jewish mayor of Chicago. And when Emanuel says, "Israel is my middle name," he is telling the truth. Names do not get much better than "Rahm Israel Emanuel."

Emanuel won the votes of many Chicagoans because he is honest and focused on what he wants to get done. He will begin his work by trying to fix the city debt of \$20 billion. The city has been waiting for an outspoken, committed mayor for years and if Emanuel can fix the enormous financial holes left by Daley, he may run the city for as long as he wants.

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COLUMN

Obama should repeal Defense of Marriage Act

Getting a politician to take a firm stance on any social issue is like pulling teeth, but when it comes to gay marriage, it's like trying to lift Old Main off its foundation.

U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder announced Thursday President Barack Obama considered the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) unconstitutional and that the justice department would no longer provide defense for cases based on the law.

Previously, Obama has only supported same-sex civil unions, but in December noted that his opinion on the issue was "evolving."

Obama's statement on DOMA and his signature on the repeal of Don't Ask Don't Tell are late coming. Democrats are supposed to be the progressive party, the party that stands up for the little man. Why are Dick Cheney, Cindy and Meghan McCain and Laura and Barbara Bush the ones stepping up in public to show their support for gay marriage?

Over the last 18 months, all of these very Republican, very public figures have either made statements or have appeared in public service announcements or ads supporting gay rights. These are the people associated with George W. Bush's plan for a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage.



Sarah Bigler

If Obama truly believes in equal civil rights, as he claims to, he must go further than he has. Making a firm statement on his support for gay rights would be better, and getting the process started of repealing DOMA would be best.

To gay rights advocates these possible courses of action seem small. But there's only so much a president can do. There will never be a federal law sanctioning gay marriage in this country, it's seen as a state's issue on both sides of the aisle.

On Thursday, Hawaii became the seventh state (including Illinois) to acknowledge gay rights when Governor Neil Abercrombie signed civil unions into law. Other states, such as New York, recognize gay marriage performed in other states, but won't legalize the ceremonies in their own.

"There is no way to argue in support of civil unions without saying that homosexual love is somehow less valid than heterosexual love...calling gay marriage by any other name is just segregation."

COLUMN

True justice would see Clarence Thomas fired

Across the country, governments are trying to balance budgets by firing state and federal employees. I hereby nominate Justice Clarence Thomas.

The Supreme Court, as the highest court, is the only judicial board not bound by a set of ethics, as are judges of the lower courts. All federally appointed judges are elected for a lifetime of service, and impeaching one is extremely rare, totaling only eight in history and none from the Supreme Court.

Government watchdog organization Common Cause has had its eye on Thomas and his personal idea of judicial ethics for some time now, and is hardly wont for information.

They recently discovered that, for a period of at least five years, Justice Thomas failed to claim (as he is legally bound to do) his wife Virginia "Ginni" Thomas' six-figure income on his financial disclosure forms. Such a drastic failure could hardly be argued as an oversight.

Ginni, aside from her penchant for drunk-dialing, is another ethical can of worms entirely, in that her political activism conflicts with her husband's impartiality.

Ginni Thomas has worked extensively as a conservative activist with the Heritage Foundation, and founded the relatively new Liberty Central; until very recently serving as CEO.

Both are conservative organizations that support the Tea Party and oppose health care reform, leading legal ethics experts (as well as 74 Democratic Congressmen in a letter to Justice Thomas) to suggest that Ginni's involvement with such organizations are grounds enough that Justice



Mia Tapella

Thomas should have recused himself from talks about the bill's constitutionality.

Also recently revealed by Common Cause: in 2008 Thomas took an expense-paid four-day trip in beautiful Palm Springs to give a talk to a group of wealthy conservatives at a political retreat.

According to the *New York Times*, he was paid an undisclosed amount for his "accommodations," despite a court spokeswoman's claim that he made only a "brief drop-by." What is truly interesting; the retreat was organized by the Koch brothers.

The Koch brothers own Koch Industries, valued by *Forbes* as the second largest private corporation in the country.

They own oil refineries in several states, thousands of miles of pipeline and seemingly endless other holdings including the real moneymaker: Dixie Cups.

Their combined wealth is exceeded only by the likes of Bill Gates and Warren Buffett, and they make no qualms about using their excessive wealth to fund conservative organizations and political campaigns (including but not limited to the Tea Party), likely to advance their own interests of lower personal and corporate taxes and more lax environmental restrictions.

It is likely that the Koch brothers wrote the checks for Thomas' Palm Springs vaca-

tion, which could easily be interpreted as a gift. None of this posturing is enough. There is no way to argue in support of civil unions without saying that homosexual love is somehow less valid than heterosexual love. Even for us straight people, civil rights means equality, and calling gay marriage by any other name is just segregation.

The decision has political implications for the president, who has to run for reelection in 2012. Republican John Boehner, Speaker of the House, and former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee both released statements that they were disappointed with the decision.

Gay rights advocates suggested the decision wouldn't make many waves, as Americans are getting used to the idea of gay marriage and the focus in the next election will be economic problems, not social ones.

If that's true, then America can expect more wavering on the issue. Obama's focus should be on the economy and the soon-to-be skyrocketing gas prices right now. But the Democratic Party shouldn't forget their base's focus on social issues and civil rights.

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The controversy really heats up with the recent Supreme Court decision Citizens United v. Federal Trade Commission, which (reversing the decision of lower courts) held that the government could not regulate corporate political spending, a decision dissenters fear will flood the political stage with corporate money, further corrupting the democratic process.

Considering his relationship with the Koch brothers and their high-profile political spending, Justice Thomas should have recused himself from the case. He did not. Even more interesting, the vote was 5-4, meaning that had Justice Thomas acted appropriately, the vote would have been a tie, and the decision of the lower courts upheld.

Unfortunately for the democratic process, if a justice refuses to recuse himself the opposing side is simply out of luck, being that Supreme Court justices are not legally bound to any set of ethical standards. If that's not enough, he also hasn't said anything, at all, during a Supreme Court argument for five whole years.

So Thomas is basically useless as a judiciary, and his extra-judicial behavior is appalling and totally unacceptable for a Supreme Court Justice.

He appears to have no respect for the position to which he was appointed, or any system of personal ethics, much less judicial ethics. My question for Congress is; how does this guy still have a job?

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CAMPUS



SETH SCHROEDER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS
Jody Stone, the assistant director of housing, congratulates the Residence Hall Association Thursday on the success of last weekend's Illinois Residence Hall Association Conference hosted at Eastern.

RHA begins preparations to elect six new executives

By Seth Schroeder
Activities Editor

The Residence Hall Association began preparations for elections Thursday during its meeting at Weller Hall. RHA elects six executive positions to help run meetings and organize group functions. The positions are president, vice president, national communications coordinator/Illinois communications coordinator, secretary, treasurer and programming and diversity coordinator.

During the meeting, each person currently in the position gave an overview of the responsibilities and requirements of their job to inform any interested RHA members.

Nominations for the elections begin March 10 and the actual election will be March 24.

Michael Frisby, a senior psychology major and secretary for RHA, said his position, like many of the executive positions, requires punctuality, responsibility and organizational skills.

"(The nominations) are usually a really long meeting," Frisby said. "Anyone interested gives a bid or speech, we then question them and go over their pros and cons while they are away. Then we pick people for each position."

Jake Nees, a junior sociology ma-

jor and president of RHA, said the elections give those who take over a chance to take RHA to the next level.

"(The elections) will go pretty well," Nees said. "We have a lot of young students here interested in bettering Eastern."

Roberto Luna, a junior finance major and chair of the student government business affairs committee, spoke at the meeting as well. He said the open forum will be 7 p.m. Wednesday instead of the regular student government meeting.

"It's good to know where the money is going," Nees said. "I'm glad they came to us to try and get us involved."

Sam Gusich, a senior sociology major, and head of RHA's programming board, also spoke about Kids and Friends Weekend on March 4 to 5. The program has a Dr. Suess theme and will include events such as movie screenings. Gusich also handed out posters to each of the hall's representatives to inform students about the program.

Nees said the program is very popular and attracts a lot of children to Eastern.

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AUCTION

Date auction earns \$512 for charity

Eastern student pays \$100 for date

By Seth Schroeder
Activities Editor

Jon Kirgis, a sophomore art major, paid \$100 for a date with Amanda Wood, a senior English major.

Kirgis and his friend Rick Benson, a sophomore art major, dressed up in suits, hats, glasses, fake beards and spoke in fake British accents for the date auction Thursday in the Pemberton Grand Hall.

They competed against each other for various dates throughout the auction, but Kirgis ended up spending the most on Wood.

"I wanted to bid \$100," Kirgis said. "I knew the money was for charity. I ended up spending around \$140 on four different people."

Wood said she entered the auction because she is a resident assistant of Pemberton Hall.

"We didn't have to do it, but I thought it would be really good for

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Jon Kirgis, a sophomore art major

my girls to see a good influence," Wood said.

Wood also said she and Kirgis are very good friends.

"He better take me bowling or something," Wood said. "Although he probably spent all his money to buy me."

For the event, residence hall representatives set up a runway covered with balloons. They set up a projection with information on each date as the participants walked back and forth on the runway. Each date had a time limit of 60 seconds for bidding.

The auction earned a total of \$512 with more than 30 people participating in the auction. All proceeds went to the Mattoon Public Action to Deliver Shelter.

Marielle Sarkan, the vice president of Pemberton's hall council and a freshman history major, said she considered the event a success since last year the auction only earned \$300.

"I'm very proud of the outcome. This is my first event as V.P. and P.A.D.S. is in desperate need of funding," Sarkan said.

A date with Sarkan was also auctioned off.

"Normally I'm a very shy person but this let me step outside my comfort zone," Sarkan said. "I knew that even if I only went for \$1 it would go to P.A.D.S."

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Yet, Donna has heard the Monetary Award Program (MAP) grants for students could receive a 5 percent reduction for students in the 2011-2012 school year, Donna said.

"The administration at Eastern has communicated with our representatives in Springfield, letting them know that reductions to financial aid will have a negative impact on the students who attend Eastern," Donna said.

The General Assembly is still divided on eliminating the legislative scholarships and reducing financial aid.

"We will need to wait to see what finally shakes out in the legislative process," Donna said.

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"We're going to find out what the costs are and see if students are willing to pay a couple extra dollars a semester to have the service provided."

Patton said although the bus route will not be in use immediately, it is still being developed as a possibility for future semesters. He said student government would study the idea for a few semesters before making a decision.

"Right now, it's kind of a long shot because (students) are very much against fee increases, (but) I think if there's kind of a movement there, then it's something they might take more seriously," he said. "But as of right now, it's just an idea that we're getting research on."

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Holmes said the international students are surrounded by a friendly atmosphere at Eastern and there is a lot to do and see.

"They have the best of both worlds," Holmes said. "They have a safe environment here, but also close by, they can go to bigger cities if they want."

"It is very beneficial for the students to come to Eastern and make relationships and they also have the opportunity for leadership skills by being involved on campus," Vicker said. "In addition to that, we also benefit from them by becoming more engaged with what is going on in the world."

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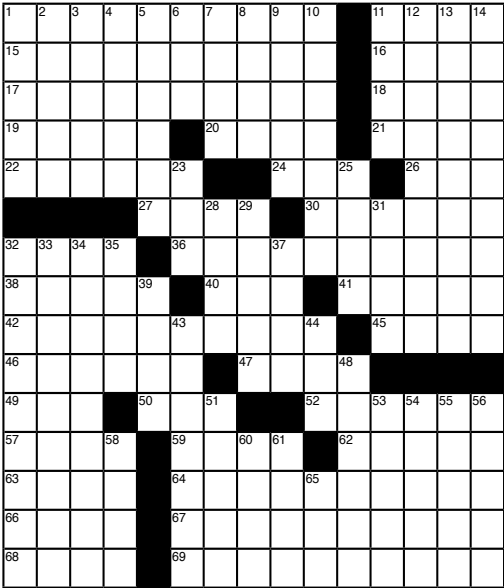


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TRACK & FIELD

Track favorite to win OVC

Boey and Viken named Athletes of the Year

By Dominic Renzetti
Assistant Sports Editor

The Eastern men's and women's track and field teams will look to defend their coveted Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Championships. The Panther men and women's teams have taken home the title the last two years. Eight of the OVC's 11 total teams will be competing in the two-day event at Lantz Field-house. Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, Tennessee-Martin and Morehead State will not be competing in the meet. In addition, Austin Peay, Jacksonville State, Murray State and Tennessee Tech will only be fielding women's teams in the event. The Panthers will enter the meet as the favorites. Having won the ti-

tle the past two years and having home field advantage, the Panthers also have the most athletes, men and women combined, ranked No. 1 in their respective events than any other team in the OVC. Eastern leads the count with a total of 12, with Eastern Kentucky having the second most at seven. On the men's side, the Panthers own perhaps two of the most valuable athletes in the entire conference. Red-shirt junior Zye Boey and red-shirt freshman Mick Viken were named OVC Male Track Athlete of the Year and OVC Male Field Athlete of the Year. Boey has already qualified for the NCAA Indoor Championships in March, while Viken has already tied the university's pole vault record in his first year as a Panther.

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TENNIS

Onward to Milwaukee, Normal

By Grant Truccano
Staff Reporter

The men's tennis team will face the Marquette University Golden Eagles and the University of Wisconsin at Green Bay Phoenix Sunday. "Last year we did all right against the University of Wisconsin at Green Bay, but think we can win if we keep our mind to our mental approach and game plan," said sophomore Warren Race. Race said Marquette is a good team as well, but still believes the Panthers can beat them. The last time the Panthers faced the Golden Eagles they lost 1-6. Only one person on the current roster won a match last year against Marquette. Michael Sperry lost his first set 6-7, but won his next two sets 6-3 and 10-7. Sperry and junior Jamie Firth were the only doubles team to win a match last year against the University of

Wisconsin at Green Bay. The match against Marquette starts at 10 a.m. Sunday, while the match against the University of Wisconsin Green Bay start at 3 p.m. The women's tennis team is looking to rebound and win this match, after having a two-match losing streak.

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Eastern started off slow, going into halftime losing 23-33; however, the team was able to grab the lead briefly in the second half when junior guard Jeremy Granger knocked down a jump-shot to give the Panthers a 36-35 lead. Red-shirt sophomore James Hollowell preformed well, scoring 13 points, grabbing four rebounds. He also posted two steals and record-

ed his 70th career block, which puts him two blocks away from becoming the fourth best shot-blocker in Eastern history. Granger led the Panthers with 15 points before fouling out with four minutes left. Miller said he was proud of the resilience the team showed as they started slow, but were able to come back and compete.

Austin Peay went on an 8-0 run to open up an 11 point lead with 7:52 remaining. The Panthers would never come closer than six points the rest of the game. The Panthers will round out their season on the road against Tennessee State at 7 p.m. Saturday.

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"This is the first rodeo in this tournament format," Sallee said. "It's easy to talk about all of the byes, but some team that plays all four games might win this tournament." The No. 4 and No. 3 seeds get

one round bye in the new tournament format, while the top two seeds get byes for the first two rounds. "Regardless of when we play, I want to be playing at our best," Sallee said.

The Panthers still have one game before the tournament. They will play Tennessee State at 5:30 p.m. Saturday in Nashville, Tenn. Alex McNamee can be reached at 581-7944 or admcmnamee@eiu.edu.

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Shanahan finally broke through as a NFL head coach in 1988 with the Los Angeles Raiders, but he only lasted one year and four games. He did not know if he was ever going to get another shot, but after a few years as an assistant on the Denver Broncos and the San Fran-

cisco 49ers, Denver gave him another chance as a head coach. He cemented his legacy in Denver from 1995-2008, winning two Super Bowls along the way. "I got an opportunity with Denver and good things happened," Shanah-

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ALUMNI

Bad luck provides opportunity

Mike Shanahan guest at Gala

By Rob Mortell
Sports Editor

Eastern's 1974 football season had not even started when, at the time red-shirt junior quarterback, Mike Shanahan took a hit that nearly killed him.

The young East Leyden high-school graduate was ecstatic to be wearing an Eastern Illinois football jersey. Coming from a large family, he would not have been able to even play at Eastern if he was not offered a full-ride scholarship, so he was determined to make the most of his opportunity.

It was late in the fourth quarter of a spring game when Shanahan was hit hard, knocking the wind out of him instantly. He thought he had just taken a hard hit and would be fine in a little while, but he was greatly mistaken.

Shanahan returned home, where he would spend the next few hours getting sick. Luckily, his roommate and future NFL coach, Mike Heimerdinger called an ambulance and had him taken to the hospital. At the hospital, he discovered he split one of his kidneys in two, and if he had stayed at home much longer he would have died.

Due to the severity of the injury and insurance reasons, Shanahan's playing career was over, devastating the hopeful quarterback. However, Shanahan now views this near death

"You go through some tough times, but perseverance prevails. Tough times don't last, tough people do."

Mike Shanahan,
Washington Redskins' head coach and Eastern alumnus

experience as an opportunity that vaulted him into a coaching career.

"I was pretty lucky," Shanahan said. "I didn't know at the time that this was a blessing in disguise. At that time, I thought I was a good football player and I didn't know I was never going to play in the NFL, so I started coaching a little bit earlier."

The former Eastern quarterback and current NFL head coach returned to Eastern as the speaker at the Third Annual Athletic Director's Gala at the Hilton Garden Inn in Effingham. He was happy to make a return, as it brought back many memories.

"It feels good, I haven't been back in awhile," Shanahan said.

Shanahan said he enjoyed his time at Eastern because of its size and closeness to his home near Chicago. He said one of his favorite

memories of Eastern was when he was an assistant coach on the football team in 1978 and the Panthers won the Division II National Championship. The Panthers had not had a winning season in 17 years prior to being crowned national champions.

"That was one of those magical years that you remember for a long time," Shanahan said.

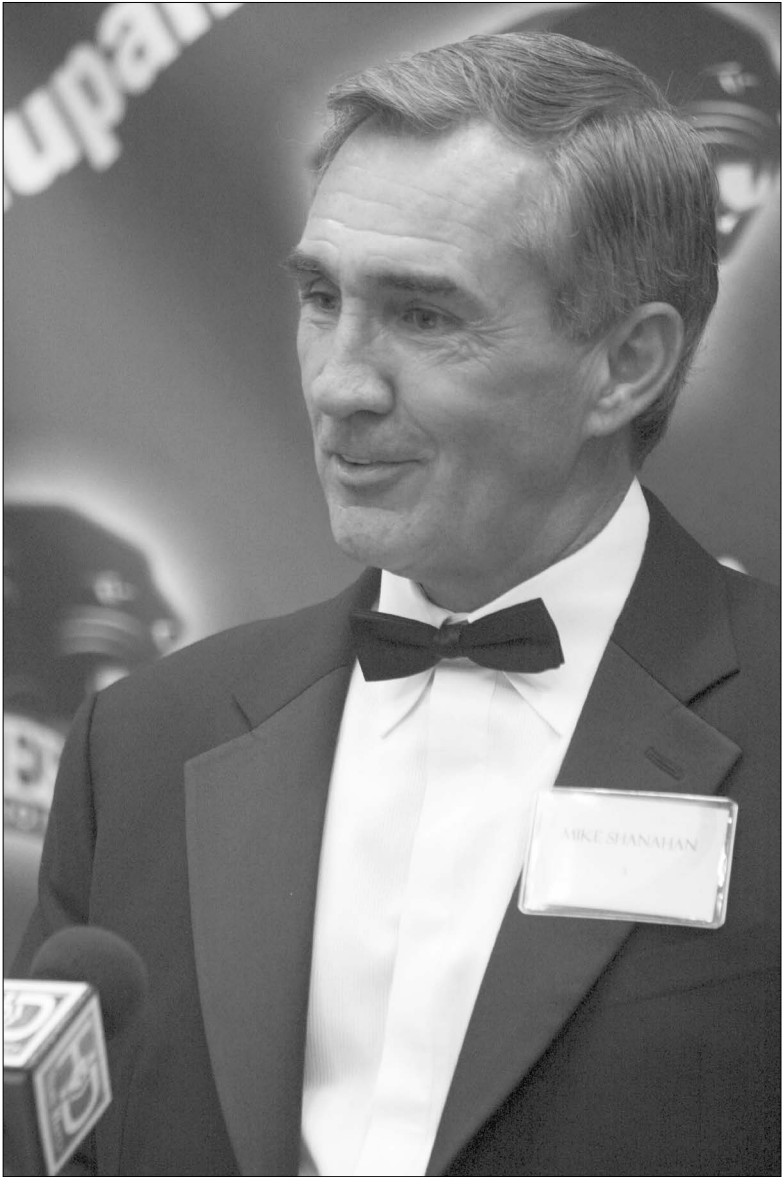
Shanahan is one of Eastern's most successful graduates and has become the headline name in a large group of football coaches who have made their way into the NFL. This group includes Sean Payton, head coach New Orleans Saints; Brad Childress, former Minnesota Vikings head coach; and Mike Heimerdinger, assistant coach Tennessee Titans.

Sports have been a part of Shanahan for his entire life. His high school coach was a tremendous influence and spurred Shanahan's interest in coaching. However, after his college experience, he began to dream about coaching collegially.

"I went to graduate school and I had an opportunity to go to Oklahoma as a graduate assistant, and I said 'If you want to learn football, why not learn from the best?'" Shanahan said.

In 1975, he went to the University of Oklahoma as the Sooners were coming off a national championship. Shanahan said this gave him a great opportunity to get started in a coaching career. He soon began to get offers from colleges across the country to be a head coach, but he never dreamed of becoming a NFL coach.

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Washington Redskins' head coach and Eastern alumnus Mike Shanahan answers questions during the Athletic Director's Gala Thursday evening at the Thelma Keller Convention Center in Effingham.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Women clinch first round bye

Panthers hold off Austin Peay

By Alex McNamee
Staff Reporter

The date, time and round are set.

The Eastern women's basketball team clinched a first round bye, and at least the No. 4 seed, after beating Austin Peay, 71-66, Thursday.

With the first round bye, the Panthers are set to play March 3, in Nashville, Tenn. against the winner of the first round game between the No. 5 and No. 8 seeds.

This would not be the situation without having beaten Austin Peay.

Eastern head coach Brady Sallee said he knew his team was excited to play this game against one of its rivals.

"I could tell in shoot around today they were ready," Sallee said.

The Panthers eagerness to play the

game contributed to the way it started the game, Sallee said.

Eastern took the first four minutes of the game to step out to a 12-2 lead against Austin Peay. Sophomore forward Sydney Mitchell led the Panthers run, scoring six of her 10 points in the first four minutes.

After leading 36-29 at half-time, the Panthers came out with the same energy to begin the second half, scoring the seven points right away to build the lead. "It was huge," Sallee said.

Austin Peay tried to catch Eastern numerous times, but the Panthers never trailed in the game.

Despite leading the entire game, Sallee said the Panthers expected Austin Peay to try to make a run to get back into the game.

"They weren't going to go away," Sallee said.

Sallee said his players showed a lot of road toughness in holding off Austin Peay.

"You have to keep your nose to

the grindstone," Sallee said.

Sophomore guard Kelsey Wyss ended the game with 16 points, including converting on 4-of-7 from three-point land.

"Three of Kelsey's threes were big shots for us to squelch some runs," Sallee said.

The Panthers also got big performances out of sophomore forward Mariah King and junior forward Chantelle Pressley.

Sallee said King, who was 7-of-10 from the field, played a really good game against the big post-players Austin Peay has.

He said Pressley made a lot of hustle plays, as she finished the game with eight points and seven assists.

"From top to bottom I thought our kids played good," Sallee said. "It had to be that way to win this one."

The Panthers now know they will play first in Nashville, but Sallee said he is not sure how a first round bye will impact the Panthers' chances.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Tournament hopes dashed

Panthers lose ninth OVC game

By Rob Mortell
Sports Editor

Eastern's men's basketball tournament hopes were ended Thursday night when it lost to Austin Peay 65-56.

Eastern had made the Ohio Valley Conference tournament the last two seasons, but will miss it this year. Even if the Panthers had won their game, they would have been eliminated from tournament contention as the University of Tennessee-Martin beat Eastern Kentucky 78-70.

The Panthers have now lost nine consecutive OVC games, and their struggles in Clarksville, Tenn. continue, as they still have not won a game there since Jan. 27, 1997.

Eastern head coach Mike Miller

said the team gave a good effort and showed maturity, but they were unable to get the win.

"I'm not going to fault our effort," Miller said.

The Panthers struggled offensively, shooting 34.9 percent from the field, while Austin Peay shot 37.7 percent from the field.

Miller said the team played well defensively, holding one of the best scorers in the OVC, TyShawn Edmondson, to 13 points on 3-15 shooting, but the team was unable to capitalize on their offensive chances.

"We needed more offense," Miller said.

Miller said the team was getting good shots, but they were unable to make the most of their opportunities.

"I thought that we had more shots around the basket than we had in a month," Miller said.

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EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

Baseball Friday vs. Central Arkansas 3 p.m. - Conway, Ark.	W&M Basketball Saturday at Tennessee State 5:30 p.m. - Nashville, Tenn.	Women's Tennis Saturday at Illinois State 11 a.m. - Normal, Ill.	Men's Tennis Sunday at Marquette University 10 a.m. - Milwaukee, Wisc.	M&W Track Saturday - OVC Indoor Championships 4 p.m. - Lantz Fieldhouse	For more please see eiupanthers.com
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NBA Atlanta at Golden State 10:30 p.m. on SportSouth	NHL Pittsburgh at Carolina 7 p.m. on FOX PITT	NBA New York at Cleveland 7:30 p.m. on MSG	NHL Chicago at Nashville 7 p.m. on CSN	NASCAR Subway Fresh Fit 500 3 p.m. on FOX
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BickhamStock 3D:



PHOTOS COURTESY OF ANDY VAN SLYKE, HOWARD, IRON TIGERS, LITTLE BOY JR., AND TOMMY GUN GEISHA

Bands come together to celebrate

By Samantha Wilmes & Erin Riedl

Assistant Verge Editor & Verge Reporter

The average birthday party college students experience is thrown at a friend's house or more typically a bar crawl.

Tom Bickham plans his birthday in a unique way.

Bickham, a senior communications major, has arranged BickhamStock 3D for Saturday, following his 23rd birthday, Wednesday.

The event is called BickhamStock 3D because this is his third year having bands perform for his birthday.

BickhamStock 3D will be at Friends & Co. with the following bands: Little Boy Jr., Andy Van Slyke, Tommy Gun Geisha, Cheer Up Mooncat, The Weather Underground, Iron Tigers, My Cousin Rodney, Hearsay, Frank Maloneyyy and Howard.

For the past two years, Bickham has thrown his birthday party in his basement with bands he is good friends with.

"I am really lucky to know all the bands playing," Bickham said. "Dan Lazzarotto, of Little Boy Jr., I've been friends with him my whole life."

This year Bickham de-

cided to take the party to Friends & Co. after the parties in the last two years resulted in damage to his house.

"Last year was a good year for music and this year is no different," Bickham said.

The event begins at 3 p.m. and goes until 1 a.m. and costs \$5.

"I'm not trying to make any money off of it. The money is going toward the party to continue," Bickham said.

Opening the event will be Frank Maloneyyy and then Little Boy Jr., will be wrapping up the night.

Along with the change in venue for this year of cele-

brating another year of Bickham, there will also be a Rock, Paper, Scissors tournament.

The tournament begins at 3 p.m. and is welcome to anyone who makes it on time. It will take place between sets to keep the entertainment going for those who attend.

Although Bickham started his planning for the event in December, he is upset to see that Unofficial Saint Patrick's Day at Eastern is happening on the same day.

"I've gone to EIU Unofficial for the past four years," Bickham said. "I'm upset that I can't go for the first time."

It seems it will be a bittersweet time for Bickham, but he is happy to know that there will be many friends heading to Charleston for the 'Unofficial' weekend, along with some of his friends and family from the Chicago area.

"I'm more excited for the bands to play, rather than celebrating my birthday," Bickham said.

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New Spider-Man comic gives off spy vibe

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By Jose Gonzalez
Senior Verge Reporter

The absence of Spider-Man leaves readers dragging with the release of The Amazing Spider-Man #654.1: Flashpoint, despite Venom’s apperance into the story.

The latest comic was written by Dan Slott, with art by Humberto Ramos and went on sale Feb.16.

The current issue of Amazing Spider-Man left me puzzled for two main reasons.

First, the story revolves around Venom, who has now taken over Flash Thompson. I never expected Flash to even be considered a candidate for the “Venom” symbiote, and why they would choose him, I wouldn’t know.

Second, the absence of Peter Parker/Spider-Man also left me hanging and wanting more. This isn’t called “The Amazing Venom,” it’s “The Amazing Spider-Man.”



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I also didn’t understand the story itself. It reminded me of a James Bond story line, but why place superheroes in the James Bond-like role?

Also, how does Flash instantly regain use of his legs when he becomes Venom? This puzzled me while I read the comic.

Slott also made Venom look like Deadpool with the issued guns and government issued

garb, along with instances of “Mission: Impossible”-like storytelling.

The one part of the comic I did like was Flash being Venom. He was a government agent who lost his legs and used the symbiote to regain strength.

Yes, they do put Peter in the beginning of the comic, but the only reference is when J. Jonah Jameson’s wife, Marla dies. This leads Flash to go look for Peter and Mary Jane. Why not have the writers send Spider-Man to help Venom take on “Ultimatum” to save a kidnapped diplomat named Yusef Kassim?

The only positive of the comic book was the art. It had stunning visuals of Venom and Flash Thompson appearing scruffy and vengeful.

All in all, this issue felt more like a spy story and I found it to be a bit of a boring read.

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Calendar of Events

Friday:

On-campus event:
What: "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1"
Where: Buzzard Hall Auditorium
When: 7 p.m.
Details: Students who dress up as a character from the movie "Harry Potter" will receive an extra raffle ticket on arrival, increasing the chances to win a prize.
Cost: Free

On-campus event:
What: The Art of Wind Band
Where: The Doudna Fine Arts Center Dvorak Concert Hall
When: 7:30 p.m.
Details: The Eastern Symphony Orchestra will be performing. For more information see **page 4B**
Cost: \$5 for adults and \$3 for everyone else.

Off-campus event:
What: Open Circle Jam
When: 7 p.m.
Where: Jackson Avenue Coffee
Cost: Free

Saturday:

Off-campus event:
What: Unofficial St. Patrick's Day Celebration
Where: Panther Paw
When: 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Details: Stitch Givers (an Irish band), will be performing. Panther Paw will also have specials on Guinness, Killians, Smithwicks and green beer will also be sold.
Cost: Free

Off-campus event:
What: BickhamStock 3D
Where: Friends & Co.
When: 3 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Details: Ten bands will be performing at this event. See **page 1B** and **3B** for additional information.

Off-campus event:
What: Concert
Where: Jackson Avenue Coffee
When: 8 p.m.
Details: Deharp, a one man blues band will be performing.
Cost: Free

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ANDY VAN SLYKE

Ryan Lane, lead singer of Andy Van Slyke, became good friends with Bickham which helped get the band's name out in the public eye. Lane described the band as having an indie-rock sound. The band has played other popular music events such as Woodchuck and Squarefest, which they will be performing at again this semester. Andy Van Slyke played at Bickham's birthday party last year, when it took place at his house. Now Lane said with the change in venue, "the event has become more established with word of mouth."

HEARSAY

Hearsay is a more recent band on campus. It is composed of four members, who are all Eastern students.

Che Frederick, a graduate student and drummer for Hearsay, described the band as having a blues-rock and pop-rock sound, "I would say it is a combination of Maroon 5 meets Blues Travelers," Frederick said.

Hearsay began playing together at the beginning of this school year. Frederick said after performing at Battle of the Bands they won first place, which landed them recording time in Pogo Studios. Along with BickhamStock 3D, the band will also be performing at Squarefest and Woodchuck.

HOWARD

Howard has been together since 2008 and got its start

LISTEN IN...

To learn more about the event and the bands performing, tune in to WEIU's Hit Mix 88.9 at 4:30 p.m. today. Tom Bickham will be hosting Dan Lazaratto on the show to play some music.

in Charleston. Bryan Rolfsen, the band's lead guitarist and vocalist, described their sound as funky-rock. Rolfsen said they have recently been playing and practicing less because the band is not all located in one place, for example the bassist is in Carbondale and the drummer is in Chicago.

"Even though we have not practiced as much, we have played shows with less practice and have sounded better," Rolfsen said.

Howard has released an EP titled, "The Howard EP", which has five songs. They are in the process of releasing another EP titled, "Grown-ass Man," which also has five songs. Howard will be playing songs off of "Grown-ass Man" at the event.

FRANK MALONEYYY

Frank Maloneyyy brings some diversity compared to the other bands. This is displayed with his songs and playing country music on the acoustic guitar. Maloneyyy will perform songs he has recently written, songs that can be found on his MySpace music page and a few cover songs. Maloneyyy started writing songs when he was 12 and started playing the drums when he was 15. He used to be in a band called Roses and Sake. "The band started spending time apart, then last summer I started writing country songs and decided I wanted to stick with that," Maloneyyy said.

LITTLE BOY JR.

Another band performing at BickhamStock 3D is Little Boy Jr. The band has been together for two years and released a seven song EP last year.

"We have been influenced by Motown, soul music and The Beatles," said Joe Courtney, a guitarist and vocalist for the band. Three of the band members graduated from Eastern and one member graduated from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana.

TOMMY GUN GEISHA

Tommy Gun Geisha began playing two and a half years ago in Charleston. Michael Jackson and Tom Waits are major influences for the band. Kevin Casey, the band's lead singer and guitarist, described the band's sound as hard pop/rock. "We are hoping to put an EP out in a couple of weeks and to release an album late this summer," Casey said.



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CHEER UP MOON CAT

Also performing at BickhamStock 3D is Cheer Up Moon Cat. The band has been together for almost a year and all the band members came from the South Side of Chicago. Steve Schuch, the band's lead singer, has described the band's sound as alternative and rock and roll. Their second album is set to release in March.

"We are very fortunate and blessed to know Tom (Bickham)," Schuch said.

THE WEATHER UNDERGROUND

The Weather Underground is a band made up of five members: a guitarist, a bassist, a drummer, a percussionist (mainly tambourine) and a lead singer. They are an indie/garage-rock/pop band originating from the suburbs of Chicago.

"We have been together for

two and a half years and have played Squarefest and shows in Charleston and Chicago," said Mike Kmiec, the lead guitarist and vocalist.

The Weather Underground has six songs on MySpace and may have recorded music to hand out at Squarefest.

IRON TIGERS

Iron Tigers will also be performing at BickhamStock 3D. They describe their sound as being old folk/country.

"The band itself started in '07, but I am the only original member left," said Luke DeYoung, the main vocalist and guitarist.

DeYoung said the band was never too serious about playing, but decided to start back up in the fall.

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EIU Wind Symphony to perform six musical pieces

By Kacie Berry
Verge Reporter

Audience members will embark on a musical journey when they attend the Art of Wind Band Concert Saturday. John Mackey's Harvest Concerto for Trombone will be featured at the concert. This is the second performance of the piece since it was written, according to music graduate student Chris Mroczek.

The EIU Wind Symphony, comprised of about 50 undergraduate and graduate students in the music department, will perform six pieces of new and traditional music, one of which is the trombone concerto.

Barry Houser, the interim director of bands, said the purpose of the concert is to highlight traditional repertoire, as well as test the limits of the musical ability of the wind band.

The concerto will feature Jemmie Robertson, a trombone professor at Eastern. Robert-

son said he was excited to be performing the piece, although he was hesitant to take the part.

"The work starts very ominously and grows to a rather raucous conclusion at the end of the first movement, the second movement features a beautiful introspective melody based on a Gregorian chant fragment, the last movement is an-out bacchanalian celebration," Robertson said. "It's a good time and full of very infectious rhythms."

Robertson said he not only enjoyed the Mackey piece, but he also enjoys anything by Richard Wagner, so he is excited to see the Wind Symphony's performance of Elsa's Procession to the Cathedral.

The piece is from Act II of the opera and is sung when Elsa is accompanied to her bridal chamber by the wedding party after her marriage to Lohengrin.

Mroczek, a clarinet player, said he was looking forward to the Trombone Concerto as well.

"I would say that trombone

concerto is by far the biggest highlight of the show," Mroczek said.

Houser said he could not pick a favorite piece because he liked them all, but he was looking forward to Robertson playing with the ensemble on the trombone concerto.

Mroczek will not only be playing clarinet; he will also be conducting The Gum-Suckers March by George Percy Grainger. Mroczek said he is excited to conduct the piece because he wants to become a better conductor and rehearsal technician.

In addition to the Trombone Concerto, Elsa's Procession to the Cathedral and The Gum-Suckers March, the symphony will also play "Festive Overture" by Dmitri Shostakovich, "Angels in the Architecture" by Frank Ticheli and "Hands Across the Sea" by John Philip Sousa.

"It's a very loaded program," Mroczek said. "There's a lot of really great music, and it's gonna



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The EIU Wind Symphony performs a piece conducted by interim director of bands Barry Houser at the "Call to Duty: Veteran's Day Tribute" concert on Nov. 11, 2010.

be a really good concert. It's been a big challenge for the group and everybody and there are just a lot of meat and potatoes."

The Art of Wind Band concert will start at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Dvorak Concert Hall

in the Doudna Fine Arts Center. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for anyone else.

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Students pay tribute to inspirational Motown musicians

By Zinika Livingston
Verge Reporter

Sammy Davis Jr., The Temptations, Marvin Gaye and The Supremes will be imitated from their wardrobe to their mannerisms in the University Board's second Motown event, "Motown the Review."

"Motown the Review," originally called "A Trip Down Motown," will give students a taste of the music from the Motown label and music from the late '50s and '60s, Otis Seawood said.

Seawood, the University

Board special events coordinator, created the event last year to educate students about black history in the music industry.

"Motown music had and still has an impact throughout the world," Seawood said.

Last year, students performed on stage by lip-syncing and dancing to their Motown song of choice.

"It was a great show last year," Seawood said. "But we could actually do even better."

This year the event will have VIP seating, Motown trivia games, refreshments, a Motown

picture museum and live performances.

Khelan Todd, a junior communication studies major, will perform "Let's Get It On," by Marvin Gaye.

As a singer and songwriter, Todd said practicing the piece has not been too intense, because he plans on putting a unique spin on his performance.

Todd said he picked a Marvin Gaye song because Gaye played a significant part in Motown history.

"Motown is more than mu-

sic," Todd said. "It sent messages to people at that time that you could be where you want to be in life."

Hal Blue, the host for the event, will portray Berry Gordy.

"I'm honored to portray Berry Gordy," Blue said. "He was such a trendsetter and gave people opportunities."

Berry Gordy, a songwriter and producer, who founded the Motown label in 1960s. Gordy and the label contributed to the success of Marvin Gaye, The Supremes, The Temptations and the most well-known of all,

the King of Pop Michael Jackson and The Jackson Five.

Blue said he has done his research on Gordy and wants his portrayal of him to be perfect.

"Motown the Review" is at 7 p.m. Monday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Admission is free.

"Motown paved the way to what we listen to today," Blue said.

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