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Vanessa Payne, a junior psychology major, (middle) stands between Timery Jackson, a junior elementary education major, (front) and Shaun Johnson, a sophomore English major, (back) during the introduction of the contestants Friday at the 40th anniversary of Miss Black EIU in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Jackson takes the crown

Timery Jackson crowned 40th Miss Black EIU

By Erin Riedl
Staff Reporter

Timery Jackson describes herself as timid so she was shocked when she won the 40th Miss Black EIU scholarship pageant.

"Words can't even explain how I feel right now," Jackson said.

This year, the pageant was titled "40 Silhouettes of Beauty."

The pageant took place Saturday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University

Union and was put on by the Black Student Union and coordinated by Yolanda Williams, winner of Miss Black EIU in 1995.

There were seven judges and two hosts.

Brittany "Bri" Willis and William "Will" Barrett were the hosts for the evening.

Seven contestants competed for the title of "Miss Black EIU 2011".

There were four categories the contestants were judged on.

The first category was titled "Royal Knowledge" and was a creative expression category.

"A Princess's Heritage" was the second category where contestants showed off african garments.

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Timery Jackson, a junior elementary education major and winner of Miss Black EIU, praise dances during the talent section of the 40th annual Miss Black EIU "40 Silhouettes of Beauty" Saturday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

BUDGET UPDATE

Tuition main topic at meeting

By Amy Wywialowski
Staff Reporter

With Illinois' continuing budget woes, the university continues to use tuition money to pay its bills and continues to work with the Illinois Comptroller's offices to get the state funds as soon as possible.

Every year, the state of Illinois appropriates funds for each of its public universities. This year Eastern was appropriated \$43 million, but has only received about \$9.5 million of that number to date. This does not include the Monetary Award Program grant money, with the state is struggling to pay for this as well.

Treasurer Paul McCann said along with struggling to pay the appropriated funds, the state has also not reimbursed the university for this academic year's MAP grants.

"We've already put it on the students bills, but we haven't charged the state for the spring 2011 MAP grants yet, because of paperwork," McCann said. "Once we do the state will owe us roughly an additional \$10 million."

McCann said by the end of the month the university will have spent nearly all of the \$43 million appropriated.

"We have some ability to carry the state or 'float alone,' but we will need money from the state to make it to the end of the year," McCann said.

With this money running low, McCann said his office keeps in close contact with the Comptrollers Office, keeping them informed of the current situation. He said they are very willing to work with the university and often come through in a "just in time manner."

The state has currently paid \$9.5 million, however McCann said the payments often come in small amounts.

"They have paid our submissions through about mid-September, the largest amount we received at one time was \$3 million," McCann said.

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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



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Abby Petrosky, a junior elementary education major, plays the role of Lucille Ball in the Living History Public Performance Sunday afternoon in the auditorium in Coleman Hall.

Audience goes back in time

By Rachel Rodgers
Campus Editor

The Eastern community was given a taste of the Living History performances that 11 participating students will provide throughout the month of March.

Sunday was the first public performance presented by the Living History participants this year and it served as a dress rehearsal for their performances to elementary school students.

Mildred Pearson, an assistant professor of early childhood, elementary and middle level education, said it has been more than two years since the Living History program has had as many as 11 women participating.

"The young ladies performed their characters with passion and compassion for who they were and I think they wanted to articulate first person

with their character in the moment," Pearson said.

Pearson and Melanie Mills, a professor of communications studies, are directing the Living History program and are co-chairs of the Living History Committee.

Mills said the participants will go to Carl Sandburg Elementary School, Jefferson Elementary School and possibly Ashmore Elementary School.

Pearson said the Women's Studies Program has sponsored the Living History program for about 20 years.

Jeannie Ludlow, coordinator of the Women's Studies Program, said Living History is their biggest outreach program for the Women's Studies Program every year.

"It's the thing that we do that takes us off-campus and into the community," Ludlow said. "It educates children and their teachers

about the importance of women's history and it demonstrates to teachers that we are here as a resource and are available to work with them."

Mills said the purpose of the Living History program is twofold.

"It is a wonderful bridge between the university and the community to get Eastern students out into the community, and the students provide a wonderful service to the children," Mills said. "Also, it gives children the chance to hear about female historical figures that they might not be aware of."

The students chose their own historical figure to portray and wrote a 10-minute monologue to present.

Mills said the presentations were abbreviated for the performers' first public performance.

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EIU weather

TODAY

TUESDAY



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what's on tap

MONDAY

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.

6 p.m. Movie showing
Sigma Delta Pi, the Spanish honorary society, will show the movie "La Mission" in Room 1120 Coleman Hall.

TUESDAY

4:30 p.m. Jimmy Buffett dinner
Enjoy the music of Jimmy Buffett at Taylor Dining Center while eating a Cheeseburger in Paradise-themed meal. Sip on some mocktails from the tiki bar and enjoy key lime pie for dessert.

2 p.m. Graphics workshop
Learn how to use graphics in Microsoft Word 2007 in room 4450 the Booth Library E-classroom.

WEDNESDAY

4:30 p.m. March Madness meal
Enjoy nachos, hotdogs, bratwursts and more at the March Madness themed-dinner at Stevenson Grill Etc.

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

ONLINE



Sound slide: Art

The 2011 Undergraduate All Student Show Reception was Sunday in the Tarble Arts Center. Hear a review of the reception in the soundslide: 2011 Undergraduate All Student Show at DENNews.com.



Blog: Video games

Online Editor Julia Carlucci shares some of her newly discovered time-wasting games with you in the latest blog "The best defense is a good... tower?" Read about her experiences with the games at DENNews.com.

Men who cook

Head to DENNews.com for an article on local men in the community who rolled up their sleeves this weekend to bake and cook for a good cause.

Seeing stars



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Elizabeth Honn, 4, shows her father Jarrick Honn, from Charleston, a photo on the wall of the observatory Friday night after her sister Abygale Honn finishes looking at the photos during an observatory open house. The open houses take place on the last Friday of every month.

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EIU History Lesson

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2003

Dale A. Cini, a Coles County Circuit Court Judge, formally sentenced Anthony B. Mertz to death Thursday and also sentenced Mertz to 60 years in prison for home invasion, in connection with the murder of Eastern student Shannon McNamara.

1990

The Faculty Senate voted unanimously on Tuesday to consider sending a nasty letter to the Board of Governors. Senate members said the Board of Governors did not act in the university's best interest.

1983

Eastern received \$798,000 to purchase a Waterloo Interactive Data Job Entry Terminal computer system. The WIDJET system performed an editing function for students in computer technology course.

CAMPUS

Harry Potter enchants fans

By Ashley Holstrom
 Staff Reporter

Spoiler alert: most Harry Potter fans only dress up for the midnight premieres of the movies. After that, the best costume is to simply wear a red and gold scarf.

Meghan Garby, a freshman special education and elementary education major, brought her own wand to the University Board's showing of the most recent movie, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1," Friday and Saturday in the Buzzard Hall auditorium. Garby's handmade wand was made of oak and unicorn hair, or, in non-magical terms, a rod with pipe cleaners wrapped around it.

Aside from attire, everything else was generally the same as a midnight showing, from the gasp as the Warner Bros. logo appears and the music eerily plays, to the giggles at character's jokes, to the fear of what the Death Eaters are up to, and to the tears as a loved character dies.

Before the movie, guests listened to the humorous tunes of the wizard rock group, Harry and the Potters, tested their Potter trivia with "Harry Potter Scene It?" and had their pictures taken in front of a brick wall with the Hogwarts crest on it.

Ash Elkins, a sophomore journalism major and the UB's movie coordinator, said she tries to make the raffle baskets related to the movie.

For Harry Potter, this meant wine glasses filled with Hot Tamales: "Goblets of Fire."

Other items in the baskets were Harry Potter glasses, small "Weasleys' Wizard Wheezes" magic kits and "colored wands," or glow sticks, each with a different spell.

To add to the Potter excitement, the EIU Quidditch Team, nicknamed the "Flying Panthers," "flew" in on their brooms before the

movie started, prepared to share information and recruit more members to the team before its first intercollegiate match at Illinois State University this spring, said Brandon Heller, the EIU Quidditch team coordinator.

The team was supposed to have a match against University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana, but "U of I couldn't get off the ground," said Liz Surbeck, Harry Potter Club president.

"It's the sort of game you can't take too seriously—you have a broom between your legs," Surbeck said. "And yes, you do get bruises between your legs if you run too fast."

For many audience members, this was not their first time seeing the movie.

Erin Adam, a sophomore kinesiology and sports studies major, said she read the book two times, but only saw the movie once.

"It's too expensive to see twice (in theaters)," she said.

Andrew Lilek, a sophomore art major, and Michelle Bird, a freshman accounting major, had both seen the movie three times.

Molly McNamara, a sophomore elementary education major, said Friday was her first viewing of the latest Harry Potter movie.

"Normally I see every one with my family, but I didn't have any time to over winter break," she said.

Emotions run high when it comes to Harry Potter movies, especially as the end of the global phenomenon is in sight.

Morgan Gardner, a freshman biology major, admitted to crying during the movie, despite seeing it multiple times.

The final movie in the series, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2," hits theaters July 15.

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Kaitlyn Gabric, a freshman special education major, twirls a broomstick Saturday before a showing of "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1" in Buzzard Hall. Gabric is part of Eastern's Harry Potter Club and is a member of the EIU Quidditch team.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Nashville fan bus available

By Nike Ogunbodede
 Student Government Editor

The student government is providing a fan bus for Eastern students willing to pay \$35 to watch the women's basketball team play in Nashville, Tenn. The fee will pay for the bus ride, game tickets, a hotel room, a game day T-shirt and a free meal.

Students attending the Ohio Valley Conference will be in Nashville from March 3 to 5. Because of the conference schedule, students will miss two days of school.

The three-day trip will start with participating students being picked up outside of Lantz Arena at 5 a.m. to make it to the game by noon.

The fan bus sign-up will be on a first-come-first-serve basis for a maximum of 50 students.

Participants will be staying in the Days Inn Music City Drive with four people per room.

Students can sign up today in the Student Activity Center of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

New parking resolution would not fix real problem

There are two things Eastern students complain about more than anything: being poor and parking. The campus currently offers parking near every building on campus, but there is no rhyme or reason to the way the parking is divided.

Some lots, like the one across from McKinney Hall, have a sign that says "Student" in blue on one side, and on the other side "Staff" in red. This is just the beginning of the problem. Not only is it confusing for students as to what is "Staff" parking and off-limits, but the student parking may be off-limits to some as well. The student lots are currently divided into "underclassman" and "upperclassman" parking, but there are also some student lots that are open to all class standings.

The Student Senate is on a mission to fix the parking problems at Eastern, but their resolution is a little on the weak side. The resolution, which was presented Wednesday and has not yet been voted on, would get rid of the "upperclassman" and "underclassman" lots and turn those lots into general "student" parking. This eases some of the confusion for students, but avoids the real issue at hand: there is not enough parking on campus.

Before writing this resolution, the Student Senate surveyed all of the parking lots on campus and found that a lot of the staff lots were not being used. One lot in particular, the 9th street lot, which contains 15 staff parking spots, was recorded to have at most three cars parked there during the day. Zach Samples, a student senate member, noted that the staff lot across from 9th street also is barely used and has never been recorded as full. The senate believes that some of these under-used lots should be changed over from staff to student parking, but for some reason, this belief is not reflected in the actual parking resolution that was presented.

So while the resolution addresses some confusion, it mostly ignores the fact that the parking structure at Eastern needs a major revamp. While students complain about there not being enough parking, many staff parking lots are barely used, and if a student parks there, they get a hefty ticket. Ideas have been thrown around in the past about the university building a parking garage, but locals are not in favor a parking structure, claiming it would be an eyesore and take away from the small-town feel of the area. We think the resolution as it stands only scrapes the surface of the parking issue at Eastern.

Simply changing signs does not fix the fact that there is just not enough parking for students. We think the resolution should be rewritten before it is brought up again for a vote, this time addressing the real issue. Staff lots that are not being used should be opened up for students to use. Many students would also love to see a more reliable form of public transportation on campus.

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COLUMN

Vaccines save lives, skeptics spread lies

On Saturday, the Center for Disease Control said a 27-year-old woman from Santa Fe, N.M., later confirmed to have measles spent hours in four major U.S. airports (Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Denver and Santa Fe) last week, according to *The Associated Press*.

In case you aren't up on your major communicable diseases, measles is one of the most easily spread diseases. Not only is it airborne, but it can linger in the air and simply waft from one person to the next. It is also one of the most deadly diseases for adults and the most deadly of all childhood illnesses. There can hardly be a worse place for measles to linger than major U.S. airports.

Though hundreds of thousands of people around the globe die from measles every year, infections are extremely rare in the U.S.—about 60 to 100 cases per year. But it wasn't always that way. Even as recently as the mid-1950s, 700,000 to 800,000 people in the U.S. got measles. By the mid-1960s, that number dropped to well below 100,000 and has since been virtually eliminated from the country. What happened during that decade to change measles from a perennial misery to a rarity?

In 1961, the first measles vaccine was successfully introduced to the public. That vaccine probably did more to save lives than almost any drug ever invented. According to the World Health Organization, measles is the leading cause of vaccine preventable deaths among children. There is no treatment for measles, but a well-vaccinated population can go far in preventing it in the first place.

Millions of lives were saved by the measles vaccines in this country alone. But there is a movement of anti-vaccination activists who would like to see us vaccinate less, if at all.

Last week I covered a lecture at Eastern given by Robert D. Johnston, associate professor of history at UIC. I took interest in the anti-vaccine movement a few years ago after reading "Denialism: How Irrational Thinking Hin-



Dave Balson

ders Scientific Progress, Harms the Planet, and Threatens Our Lives" by Michael Specter, who writes for the *New Yorker*. So I figured I would check out the lecture and write a quick story about it.

Johnston gave a version of the history of the anti-vaccine movement, and it seemed like a thoroughly researched, if a bit skewed, history. But there have been a series of recent events that have undermined the anti-vaccine movement's main argument, namely that there is a link between vaccines and autism.

This whole idea started when, in 1998, the British medical journal *The Lancet* published a paper by Andrew Wakefield that claimed a link between the MMR vaccine (measles, mumps and rubella) and autism spectrum disorders. Neither the evidence put forward in the paper, nor the results of any future studies have supported Wakefield's conclusion. It turned out Wakefield had received money from people filing law suits against vaccine manufacturers when he wrote the paper. The *Lancet* has fully retracted the paper and the controversy has stained its reputation.

But that didn't matter to the anti-vaccine crowd. Wakefield's paper went viral and the Internet has no immunities against distortions and conspiracy theories. Thousands of studies have been done to find any possible link between childhood vaccinations and autism.

None have shown any concrete link. The problem is autism spectrum disorders are not well understood among doctors. They don't re-

ally know what causes it or how to prevent its onset. The reasons vaccines seem to work so well as a scapegoat is that symptoms of autism start to show up in the first three years of life, around the same time children are supposed to be vaccinated. Post hoc ergo proctor hoc.

Of course, there is no evidence that children who do not get vaccinated are less likely to develop autism. However, there is plenty of evidence that those children are more likely to catch measles, mumps and rubella. One of the problems with parents choosing not to vaccinate their children is, besides putting their own child's life at risk, the unvaccinated child acts as a carrier to spread these diseases throughout the larger population.

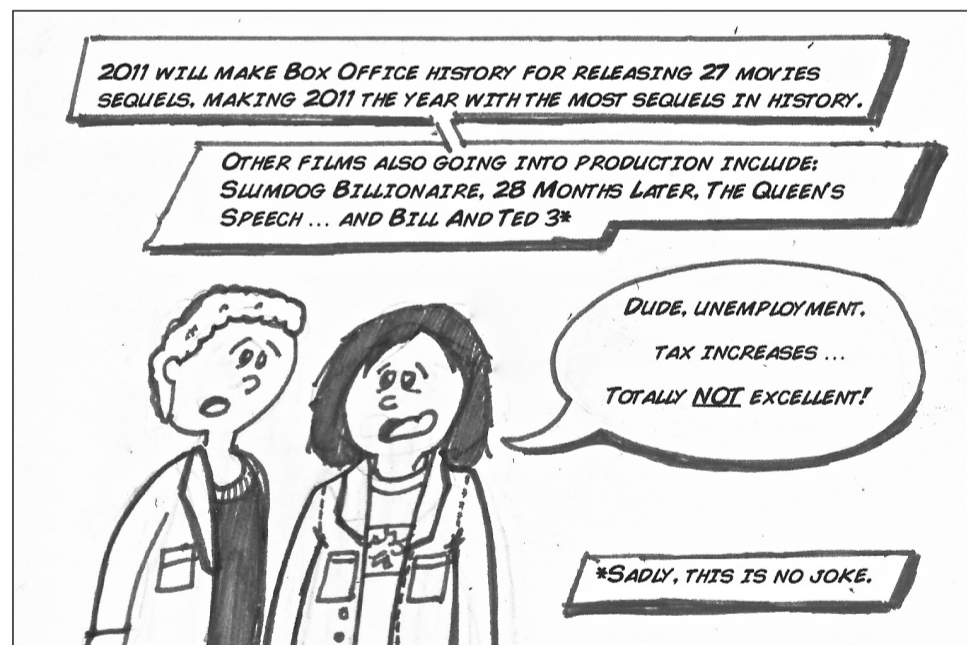
The only way for a population to keep epidemics at bay is to keep immunization rates very high—above 95 percent is ideal. Once those rates start to drop even a few percentage points, infections start spreading quite quickly.

The anti-vaccination movement made big advances in Wales, England, in the early 2000s, and in 2007, they reported their largest rise in measles cases since they began keeping record. In Indiana, a 2005 measles outbreak was attributed by the *New England Journal of Medicine* as being caused by parents who refused to vaccinate their children.

Conspiracy theories about evil drug companies trying to poison our children to rake in profits are all over the Internet. And they are dramatic and comforting to those who want answers about their autistic children. But they have very real, very deadly consequences. If we see measles spread across the country, don't be surprised to find it linked back to a child whose parents decided not to vaccinate them. Hopefully none of them were lingering in those major airports this week.

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FROM THE EASEL



SHELLEY HOLMGREN THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

AROUND THE STATE

College relationships not worth the effort

By **Tara Kulash**
 The Daily Egyptian
 Southern Illinois University

Everyday I'm surrounded by students complaining about their significant others — "He said this, she did that," "I'm totally going to hit the '@\$#% you' button if he tries to call again." Although it's sometimes entertaining, I usually just find it ridiculous. I laugh. I get annoyed. But in reality, I was just as bad. Before I bash college relationships, I guess I should let you know that I was in one myself.

Yes, I was in love with him. Yes, he broke my heart. Yes, I'm bitter as hell. You can assume that I'm just writing this out of anger, but I actually learned something from it that I think

could be useful to others: It's not worth it.

College is the time to be selfish. It's when you're planning your future, doing homework and getting a job. And when you're not doing those things, you can go out with your friends rather than sit at home with your boyfriend because that's what he wants to do.

You shouldn't have to answer to anyone. Why else would you want to move away from your parents for four years? Just so you could find someone else to give you permission to go out? No thanks.

I've realized that I don't want to spend my time trying to make someone else happy. I just want to focus on my own satisfaction.

So much effort and energy is put into a relationship, but for what? So you can break up af-

ter college and realize that you missed out on so many opportunities — like the cute girl in your math class that your girlfriend hates? Or the internship you had to turn down because your boyfriend couldn't stand to be apart from you for a semester? Ten years down the road, which will have benefited you: an internship or an ex-boyfriend? Probably the internship, unless your ex is a movie director, and it just so happens that he doesn't hate your guts.

Another point: You will hate your ex, believe it or not, like it or not. As much as you both make those doofy facial expressions and stare into each other's starry eyes promising to always stay friends, it's not going to happen.

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Ginny DiBianco

BLOTTER Man charged with misuse of credit card

• William Collins, 20, of 3624 Western Ave., Park Forest, was arrested at 3:37 p.m. on Thursday, at the University Police Department. He was charged with misuse of a credit card and released to the custody of the Coles County Sheriff's Office at 4:22 p.m. pending court appearance to determine bond.

• At 10:11 p.m. on Wednesday, a cannabis complaint was reported at Lincoln Hall. This incident was referred to the Office of Student Standards.

• At 10:45 p.m. on Wednesday, a cannabis complaint was reported at Carman Hall. This incident was referred to the State's Attorney and the Office of Student Standards.

• At 1:07 p.m. on Thursday, a private property accident occurred near Ninth Street Hall. No citations were issued.

• A Domestic Battery was reported at 8:17 p.m. on Thursday, at Taylor hall. This incident was referred to the State's Attorney and the Office of Student Standards.

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The students performed in chronological order.

The time period covered a span of about 300 years with characters ranging from Sacagawea to Louise Brown.

Ashley Byrd, a senior elementary education major with a concentration in social sciences, performed as Hattie McDaniel, who was the first African American woman to win an Oscar. Byrd said she chose her character because they shared a connection by both being a member of the Sigma Gamma Rho.

"To me, she is a person that doesn't get the credit that she deserves and people just do not hear her name as much as I think they should," Byrd said.

Ludlow said she was excited by how many people were participating in Living History this year and the breadth of representation of the characters.

"I really like that we have Native Americans, African Americans and then we have actresses and professional people," Ludlow said.

Pearson said they would meet with the performers weekly, every Wednesday, for three hours since January.

"We started advertising to recruit students in January to participate and the first thing that we articulated to them was the importance of time," Pearson said. "We told them

"To me, she is a person that doesn't get the credit that she deserves and people just do not hear her name as much as I think they should."

Ashley Byrd, a senior elementary education major

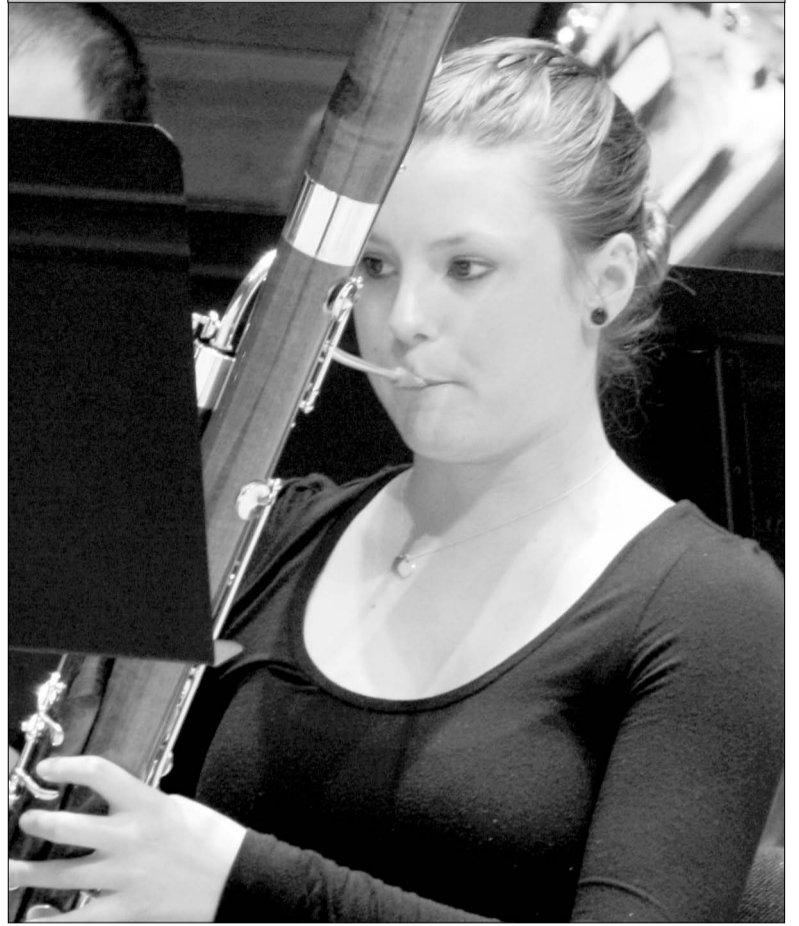
that they would have to give up not only their talent but their time."

For the Living History program, the performers were provided with trade cards to give to elementary school students that contain a picture of each portrayed historical figure with a brief description of the character on the back of the card.

Mills said the trade cards were provided by the EIU Nursing Program.

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Earning a standing ovation



KIMBERLY FOSTER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Anna Stipe, a sophomore music education major, plays bassoon Saturday during "The Art of the Wind Band," a concert by Eastern's wind symphony in the Dvorak Concert Hall of the Doudna Fine Arts Center. A full length story about the Wind Symphony is available at DENnews.com.

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In order to try and save money during these difficult times, McCann said the university has cut the supply budget by 25 percent and is currently in a partial hiring freeze that does not include student workers. He said extra care is taken in determining the necessity of hiring on the non-student level.

"We have given students preference in hiring and financial aid, we know how important that money is to them, there has been no attempt to decrease the student payroll," McCann said.

In the past few years, the situation has never been this dire, McCann said. He added that the state has never gotten this far behind. Many would guess that the new income tax increase may help with these issues, but McCann said it is too soon to tell.

"The theory is that it should help cash flow, they predict they will receive about \$6 billion (the state is currently more than 13 billion dollar in debt) but then the assembly will vote on how to use that money," McCann said.

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The third category was a talent category titled, "Expressions of a Princess".

"Elegance of a Princess" was the fourth category in which contestants wore evening gowns and answered an impromptu question.

Timery Jackson, a junior elementary education major, was crowned Miss Black EIU 2011.

Jackson said she enjoyed every part of the pageant and was surprised when she won.

She said the process leading up to the night of the pageant was emotional for her.

"Even if I hadn't won, participating in the pageant was a big step for me, both emotionally and socially, I'm a very timid person," Jackson said.

Along with winning the title, Jackson also won in the "African" garment category wearing her garment titled "The Beautiful Butterfly."

During the showing of her garment, Jackson talked about how her "African" heritage and faith has helped her in life.

Lytia Roseman, a junior accounting major, was the first runner up and winner of the evening gown and impromptu question category.

Roseman was asked, "Who is your role model and why?"

She answered with, "My Auntie, she went to the army at age 18 and got to explore the world, one day I want to do the same."

Shaun Johnson, a sophomore English major and contestant, said she believed Jackson deserved to win.

"I believe any one of us deserved it, we all had very powerful messages and I'm glad they were heard," Johnson said.

Johnson said she thought the pageant went amazing.

"I really enjoyed the talent category, it was emotional and showed off everyone's skills," Johnson said.

She said the hardest part of preparation was nailing a routine or monologue the way she wanted it.

Courtney Thomas, a sophomore health studies major and a contestant, said preparing for the pageant was hard work.

"Even though it was a lot of hard work, I'm glad I did it," Thomas said.

Thomas said she enjoyed being with the other contestants.

"We all sort of became a family," Thomas said.

She said even though she had fun, participating in a pageant was a one-time thing.

"Even though it was a lot of hard work, I'm glad I did it."

Courtney Thomas, a sophomore health studies major

Vanessa Payne, a junior psychology major and a contestant, said she will not participate in another pageant.

"I had fun but it was very time-consuming," Payne said.

Payne said her favorite part of the evening was the creative expression category.

"During practices and rehearsals I really enjoyed working on the this category, it was nice to see all the contestants so passionate about their work," Payne said.

Payne was the winner in the talent category and was second runner up for the title.

Her talent was acting in a skit titled, "True Love Defeats All."

This skit dealt with the subject of same-sex marriage.

Destiny Lee, a junior health administration major and a contestant, said her favorite part of the night was the creative expression category.

"We all had different ones and each

delivered a different message," Lee said.

Lee said the hardest part of preparation was staying dedicated.

She was the third runner up and the winner of the creative expression category.

Lee won this category with a skit titled, "The Tour of Evolution."

This skit told about the evolution of a black woman.

Before the night of the pageant, contestants chose who won certain pageant titles. These awards were given out during the pageant.

"Miss Ebony" was awarded to Lee.

Thomas won the "Miss Congeniality" award.

Kimberly Vincent, a sophomore political science major, took home the "Miss Togetherness" award.

Payne won the "Miss Scholarship" and "Miss Enterprise" awards.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Panthers end season on sour note

McKinney leads team in final game

By Rob Mortell
Sports Editor

The Eastern men's basketball team's season ended Saturday with a loss to Ohio Valley Conference rival Tennessee State 66-62.

The Panthers got off to a good start, shooting 52 percent in the first half, which led to a 35-32 lead at half time. The second half was another story, as Eastern shot 31 percent from the field.

The score was tied at 58 with 3:55 remaining in the game when Tennessee State scored five consecutive points to grab a 63-58 lead with 42 seconds left.

Eastern head coach Mike Miller said the three minute stretch was one of the main reason the Panthers lost.

"We had three possessions where we were trying to doing something specific and made a mistake," Miller said.

Senior guard Curry McKinney led the team in scoring with 19 points in his last game in an Eastern uniform. He also added two rebounds, four assists and one steal.

One key to the game was the free throw discrepancy between the two teams. Eastern went 6-of-11 from the foul line, while Tennessee State almost quadrupled the Panthers output making 23-of-31 shots.

Miller said it is hard to win games

when the other team shoots that many more free throws. He told the team to not worry about the calls the referees were making.

"Let's worry about what we can control," Miller said.

Tennessee State forward Robert Covington gave the Panthers a lot of trouble, scoring 22 points and grabbing 11 rebounds.

Despite the loss, Miller said he was happy with the effort the team showed.

"These guys were resilient," Miller said. "We played with a lot of energy."

With the loss, the Panthers end the season at 9-20 overall and 4-14 in the OVC and will miss the conference tournament for the first time in the last two seasons. Tennessee State improved to 14-15 overall and 10-8 in conference they will enter the tournament as the No. 5 seed.

The four OVC wins the Panthers tallied this season were the least amount since 2004 when they finished 6-21 overall and 4-12 in conference.

Miller said the team is obviously disappointed with how the season turned out, but he feels that the team has potential to be good next year if they meet their recruiting needs.

"We were disappointed with our year," Miller said. "We became very one dimensional."

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James Hollowell, red-shirt sophomore forward, looks for a way around a Murray State player Feb. 7 in Lantz Arena. Hollowell scored 14 points in the Panthers 62-66 loss to Tennessee State Saturday.

TENNIS

Tennis loses three games

By Grant Truccano
Staff Reporter

Only two women's tennis players went into the tiebreaker this weekend, sophomore Merritt Whitley and junior Shannon Brooks. Ultimately both of those two lost their match.

Whitley lost her first set 4-6, won her second set 6-0, and lost her third set 10-5.

"I wasn't executing my game plan well for my match against Illinois State University," Whitley said.

Brooks won her first set 7-5, lost her second set 3-6, and lost her third set 10-7.

The Eastern Illinois Panthers lost to the Illinois State Redbirds 7-0.

"It's never fun to lose 6-0," Whitley said. "They have some really talented players."

Freshman Janelle Prisner lost her sets 6-4, 6-2. Freshman Jennifer Kim lost her sets 6-0, 7-5. Junior Annie Egan lost her sets 6-0, 6-2. Sophomore Kristen Laird 6-2, 6-0.

The team of senior Cara Huck and Whitley, they lost their match 8-2.

Junior Amanda Dibbs and Prisner lost their match 8-3.

Brooks and Laird lost their match 8-6.

"I think we could have done better but the match just didn't come our way," Whitley said.

The Panthers now have lost three straight matches this season.

"We are always looking forward to be doing better throughout the season," Whitley said. "Illinois State University has some really talented players."

Currently, in the season the Panthers are now 2-3 overall, 1-3 away, and 1-0 on neutral courts.

The only two wins came from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville and Northern Illinois University.

"I think we will do more match play to feel confident to play our game and play doubles to come up with another game plan," Whitley said.

Last time the Panthers faced the Redbirds, the Redbirds beat the Panthers 0-7.

"It is important to us to keep focusing on winning," Whitley said.

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Central Arkansas loaded the bases in the fifth, but Josh Wilson was able to come in and put out the fire, keeping the Bears scoreless through the precarious inning started by a pair of Slaznik walks.

The score would remain 3-2 until the top of the 9th, when the Panthers recorded a pair of quick outs before Schweigert and Strang each reached base to bring up Borenstein with two outs and the tying run in scoring position at second base. Borenstein grounded out to second base to end the game.

"It was either bad defense, mental errors, lack of clutch hitting, or walks

that led to the three losses. At times we looked like we never played the game," Schmitz said after Sunday's loss. "It is going to take a great week of practice to get going in the right direction."

The loss drops Eastern to 0-6 on the season, as they have been swept in each of their first two weekend series.

The Panthers will return to action next weekend as they travel to Evansville, Ind. to compete in the Evansville Spring Tourney next Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

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Sallee said this week in practice is going present a mental challenge for the team as it prepares for tournament play.

"You're getting ready to go into games where with every single possession both teams will give maximum effort," Sallee said.

The team needs to be ready to give all of the effort, Sallee said.

"You have to understand that your level of play has to be that and every single possession is of the utmost importance," Sallee said. "The team that does that is going to win the whole thing."

As the No. 4 seed the Panthers will

"Every single possession is of the utmost importance."

Brady Sallee, head coach

play the winner of the first round game between Austin Peay and Murray State.

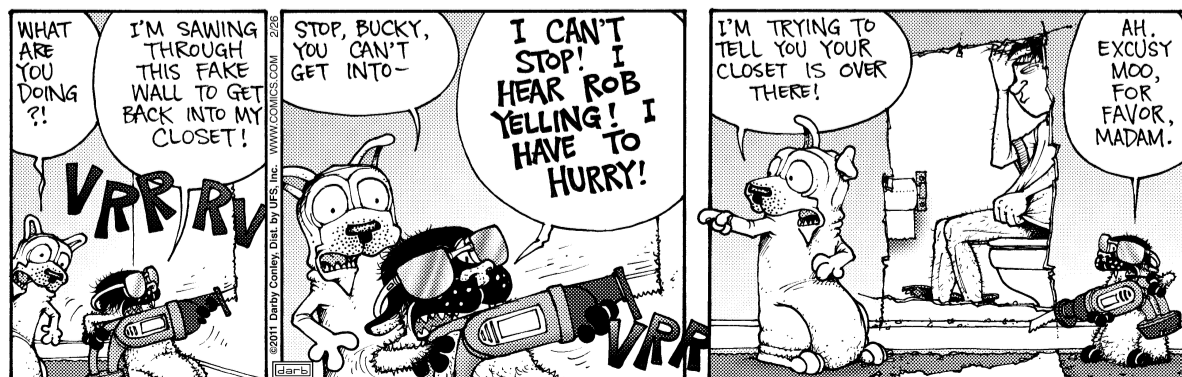
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TRACK



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Queenie Adeboyejo, a junior jumper, jumps in the women's long jump Friday during the EIU Friday Night Special in the Lantz Fieldhouse.

Track wins third straight OVC

By **Dominic Renzetti**
Assistant Sports Editor

The Eastern men and women's track team took home its third straight Ohio Valley Conference Championship this weekend.

The Panthers entered the OVC Indoor Championships as the definite favorites, having won the past two years, as well as having a home field advantage. The Panthers also had more first place OVC athletes than any other school, as well as more ranked NCAA athletes than any other OVC school.

After the first day of competition, the Panthers qualified a total of 54 athletes for Saturday's championship events.

Red-shirt junior Zye Boey, who has already qualified for next month's NCAA Indoor Championships, took home two medals, placing first in both the men's 60-meter dash and the men's 200-meter dash. Boey ran a time of 6.68 seconds in the 60-meter, while teammates Jacob Mitchell and Tyler Carter followed to take second and third place.

"It feels great. It was something I expected to do," Boey said. "I really wanted to set the stadium record, but I was still satisfied. I thought it was still impressive."

Boey was also named OVC Male Track Athlete of the Year, an honor that

teammate Darren Patterson took last season while Boey was sidelined with his knee injury. Patterson took second place in the 200-meter dash behind Boey.

Also taking first place for the Panther men was red-shirt sophomore Lamarr Pottinger. Pottinger took first place in the 60-meter hurdles event to give him his second OVC medal for his career in the event.

"It feels real good, especially because my teammates went two and three. It feels good to repeat, but I'm happy we went one-two-three, because last year we went one-two-four," Pottinger said.

The Panthers swept the medal stand in the men's 60-meter dash, with Tyler Carter and Dominique Hall following Pottinger.

Pottinger said a key motivational factor for him was performing at Lantz Fieldhouse in front of friends and family.

"It feels great running in front of friends and people I know. My mom and stepdad drove four hours to be here today, so it feels great," Pottinger said.

The Panthers also made a clean sweep of the pole vault event, winning on both the men's and women's sides. The Panthers went one-two-three on the men's side, with red-shirt freshman Mick Viken leading the way with a 17-foot, 1.50-inch mark. The mark broke

both the Eastern school record, as well as the OVC record.

"It feels good obviously, I just wish I could have jumped that high earlier in the year, but it feels good to PR at conference and at home," Viken said.

Following Viken in second and third place were teammates Scott Mammoser and Joe Noonan.

In the women's pole vault, sophomore Abigail Schmitz continued the Panthers' reign of dominance; talking first place in the event. Schmitz vaulted 11-feet, 11.75-inches to bring home the gold.

"It was really nice to be successful. It's a much happier environment when everyone (the pole vault team) does well," Schmitz said.

In other women's competition, red-shirt junior Megan Gingerich took first place in the 800-meter dash with a time of 2:12.19, followed by teammate Erika Ramos in second. Junior Queenie Adeboyejo took first place in the women's triple jump with a distance of 38 feet, 6 inches, rounding out the women's first place finishes.

The Panthers will compete in the NCAA Last Chance Meet Friday.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Nashville on horizon

Team ready after nine-game winning streak

By **Alex McNamee**
Staff Reporter

The Panthers' women's basketball team trailed at halftime of its regular season finale, but nearly doubled its first half total in points, to win, 69-54.

Tennessee State led Eastern 25-24 at halftime in what was a difficult half for the each team, as neither team shot higher than 33 percent from the field.

The Panthers were 9-of-27 in the first half, including going 0-of-3 from the three-point line.

"Can't say I didn't expect it," Eastern head coach Brady Sallee said.

Sallee said Tennessee State usually plays teams in similar ways, where the team does not have a good field goal percentage.

In the first half, the Panthers spent too much time waiting for fouls to be called, which never occurred, Sallee said.

In the second half, the Panthers scored 45 points to outscore the Tigers 45-29 to end the game.

"I told (the team) we had to keep running throughout the whole game," Sallee said. "It wasn't going to come early. We had to wear them down."

Eastern picked up the pace in

the second half, attempting 10 more shots than the first half.

The Panthers' shooting percentage also improved with the transition effort. Eastern shot 54 percent in the second half.

The Panthers separated themselves from the Tigers with a 15-3 run down the stretch in the second half.

"Transition was a big part of it," Sallee said.

Also a big part of it was sophomore forward Mariah King, who scored six points during the Panthers' run.

King led the team in the game, scoring 18 points and grabbing five rebounds in 28 minutes of play.

Junior forward Hillary Held was another star of the game, as she came off the bench and scored 13 points in 11 minutes.

"She got great position and made quick moves," Sallee said. "She didn't hold onto the ball too long."

Held was 5-of-5 from the field. Her 13 points was a career-high.

With the win, the Panthers ended the regular season on a nine-game winning streak and with a record of 18-11 (13-5 in the Ohio Valley Conference).

The Panthers will be the No. 4 seed in this weekend's OVC tournament. Their first game will be at noon on Thursday.

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BASEBALL

Panthers swept by Arkansas Bears

By **Brad Kupiec**
Staff Reporter

Eastern's baseball team went to Central Arkansas this weekend and lost all three games to the Bears, ending with final scores of 5-1, 5-4, and 3-2.

The Panther weekend started Friday in Arkansas, as they lost 5-1 to the host, the Bears of Central Arkansas. Freshman catcher Jacob Reese provided a bright spot for the Panthers, as he went 2-for-3 at the plate with Eastern's only run scored.

Senior outfielder Shawn Ferguson picked up the only other Panther hit Friday, as he went 2-for-4. The Bears out-hit the Panthers 8-5.

Mike Hoekstra, a redshirt-junior and Ohio Valley Conference pitcher of the year, took the loss on Friday, falling to 0-2 on the young season as he allowed seven hits and five runs, three earned, over 4.2 innings of work. Hoekstra also walked three Bears while striking out four.

Senior Brent McNeil and junior Darin Worman combined to hold the Bears to just one hit after relieving Hoekstra, as McNeil allowed a lone hit over 2.1 innings of work while striking out one. Worman finished the game by posting a perfect inning of work.

Head coach Jim Schmitz said the Panther defense cost them again on Friday, and when the team is not scoring in bunches, they cannot afford to give away runs on defense.

Saturday's game saw the Panthers come closer on the scoreboard but still fall, this time by a score of 5-4 to the Bears.



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Junior shortstop Cam Strang throws the ball to first base April 5, 2010 during the weekend series against Austin Peay at Coaches Stadium.

The Panthers were led offensively Saturday by a pair of redshirt-juniors, as first baseman TJ McManus and outfielder Ben Thoma both went 2-for-5 with one run scored and one RBI, each.

Junior Zach Borenstein also had a fine day at the plate for Eastern, as he went 3-for-5 Saturday.

UCA scored the winning run in the bottom of the eighth inning on an RBI single up the middle off of Eastern junior Adam Clark, who took the loss pitching in relief of freshman starter Luke Bushur, who made his first start as a Panther Saturday.

Bushur got a no-decision as the starter, surrendering four runs, all earned, on five hits over five innings, walking

one Bear while striking out four.

Schmitz said he was pleased with Bushur's first performance as a starter.

"Luke Bushur was outstanding. Today, he really shut them down," Schmitz said. "We jumped out (to an early lead) but couldn't tack on and that cost us in the end."

Central Arkansas opened Sunday's scoring in the bottom of inning number one, as the Bears pushed one run across in their first chance at bat against starter Christian Slazinik, as he finished with three runs allowed, all earned, on five hits and five walks over four-plus innings of work while striking out two.

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