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Rachel Griffin, a professor from Southern Illinois-Carbondale, spoke Monday at Eastern about the results of the school's inclusion and excellence status.

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DYNAMIC DUO

Shepard Little and Anthony Goodman both earned Ohio Valley Conference Weekly Awards after a 28-3 win against Tennessee State.

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Initial forecast previews upcoming winter season

Seasonal outlook predicts 33 percent chance of dry weather

By Jarad Jarmon
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While last year’s winter was abnormally cold and snowy, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration sent out a report stating most of Illinois will be expected to have a drier winter this year.

There is a less than 33 percent chance regions in the Midwest, including Charleston, will experience a dry winter with below average precipitation, according to a report on the NOAA website.

The report also stated temperatures in Illinois, along with other areas in the Midwest, cannot be predicted because there is a lack of climatic signals to warrant one.

The local area could have an equal chance for above, near or below average temperatures.

Cameron Craig, an Eastern geography professor, said right now, the Charleston area is at a climatological normal meaning, on average, this region is seeing normal temperatures and precipitation.

He added during the summer months, this winter was expected to be just as cold as last year, if not worse.

Craig said the polar vortex, which essentially occurs when the Jetstream is weak enough for cold air to simmer down south, came back down during the summer months providing cooler days relatively.

Lately, the Jetstream has been strong causing warm weather in the Charleston area, especially this week.

For the past couple of days, Charleston has seen above average weather this late in the fall season.

The report added it is only a season outlook prediction and several variables affect the severity of the winter.

“This seasonal outlook does not project where and when snowstorms may hit or provide total seasonal snowfall accumulations,” the report stated. “Snow forecasts are dependent upon the strength and track of winter storms, which are generally not predictable more than a week in advance.”

Craig agreed. More accurate predictions of the winter months will be available in late November.

Data in late November will better forecast the following winter.

Last winter, Charleston saw some of the most severe weather with record-breaking lows and large amounts of snowfall.

This even led to Eastern’s first school cancelation in years.

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TOP: Leiloni Stars perform a routine without any artificial hair during the 2014 Diva Drag Show: Dressed To Kill on Monday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. **LEFT:** Calexus Carrington-Steele does a sing-and-dance routine to the song “Problem” by Ariana Grande and Iggy Azalea. **RIGHT:** Stars, Kelasia Karmikal and Carrington-Steele, perform to the song “Bang, Bang” by Jessie J, Ariana Grande and Nicki Minaj.

Diva drag show: ‘I will always love you’

By Roberto Hodge
Multicultural editor | @BertoHodge

Shedding off the velvet robe, she turned around on stage, revealing a translucent cut-stripped skirt and high-kicked her way onto the stage toward the audience. The queen became so lost in her routine that she did a cartwheel, which turned into the splits as the opening act for the diva drag show Monday evening in the Grand Ball Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Ceduxion Carrington, the sassy and flamboyant emcee for the event jump-kicked to begin the night with a running start off of the stage, and into the crowd, and ending with a slide. Many of the audience members cheered and clapped as Ceduxion stirred the crowd with her antics.

As the opening act for the night, she talked back to the audience members many times and even playfully joking with them. She saw an older couple in the audience and thanked them for making gay babies.

“Thank you for making gay babies because we can’t do that s--t,” Ceduxion said, laughing.

Often giving small tidbits of advice, she said coming out of the closet for anyone is about stepping into a new world and it’s essentially nobody’s business how people live their lives.

Dropping down to stage-level, spreading her legs, she placed her hands on her knees and gently twerked, causing the crowd to go wild in cheers and screams.

Kelasia Karmikal danced, taking the dollar bills of audience members.

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Tax policy for education evaluated

Director of COTBA explores Illinois school funding

By Bob Galuski
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The public education system in America suffers from not being broken, but rather falls victim to being under resourced — as test scores prove.

The lack of resources solution stems from the tax policy currently in place —all of which was the focus of Ralph Maritire’s presentation Monday.

Maritire, the executive director of the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability, entered the Buzzard Auditorium, and showed the tax policy in Illinois currently helps contribute to the downfall of the education system.

The tax policy, which links property tax to education, is proven through looking at test scores and poverty levels.

Maritire said in areas of poverty levels at 0 to 10 percent, children scored the highest on math — making it to No. 1 in the world.

When students in the 10.1 percent to 24.9 percent poverty range took the test, they scored fourth highest in math.

However, Maritire said the problem occurs when looking at people in the 25 percent poverty range, which is when students “fall off the map.”

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Frisbee in the fall



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Macy Brown, a freshman kinesiology and sports studies major, and Danielle Stelsel, a freshman special education major, throw a Frisbee along with four others Monday in the South Quad despite the heavy winds. They are practicing for future ultimate games. They are a part of the intramural team, the EIU Peacocks. Brown said they like to practice on windy days to make sure they are trained under any conditions.

Halloween-themed night to feature open mic acts

By Samantha Middendorf

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The University Board will provide students with a pre-holiday event made to get Eastern in the Halloween spirit Wednesday.

"Nightmare on 7th Street," will begin at 7 p.m. at 7th St. Underground. Admission is free.

Tylen Elliot, UB Mainstage coordinator, said the open mic night will include live performances.

"People are able to sign up the night of the event, but we are also looking for advance sign-ups," Elliott said. "We have quite a few pre-sign ups. We have a piano player and a couple poets so far, so it's going to be a good show."

The event will also include candy, a costume contest and a haunted

photo booth that will hopefully get students in the mood for Halloween.

"We will be giving away gift cards and Halloween movies," Elliott said.

"Nightmare on 7th Street" has provided UB and the Mainstage and Special Events coordinators with a new experience that did not happen in past years.

"This is the first time that we've done a Halloween event through UB Mainstage," Elliott said.

Elliott said he found inspiration for this year's Mainstage events through previous coordinators.

"In past years, I know that past coordinators have wanted to do an event like this, so I thought I might as well bring it along," he said.

Mainstage hopes to bring students' talents to a new light through their various new events

this semester.

"It's really about showcasing students' talent. I feel like the University Board, especially Mainstage, being a performing arts committee, should serve as an outlet for performers on campus."

Other events will showcase student talents include the upcoming Mainstage event titled "Vegas," a unique lip-synching competition.

Auditions for "Vegas" will be from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. Nov. 4th in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

"Vegas" will take place at 7 p.m. Nov. 12th in the Grand Ballroom of the Union.

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Senate to host deans dinner

By Debby Hernandez

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Student Senate members will review plans for Dinner with the Deans and Lunch with a Senator during their meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Arcola/Tuscola Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Senate members will host Dinner with the Deans from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday in the 1895 Room of the Union.

Reginald Thedford, the Student Body President, said the dinner will give students the opportunity to meet their department deans and address their concerns.

"We want to make them more accessible and let students know they are there to listen," Thedford said.

He said it will also be a good way for students to know what a dean does and how their purpose serves students by meeting with them one-on-one.

Student Senate members will also review plans for Lunch with a Senator.

Thedford said the purpose of the lunch is for students to meet the senators and interact with them to address campus related topics and issues.

Lunch with a Senator will be from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Nov. 12.

SAVE THE DATE

Dinner with the Deans
5-7 p.m. | Tuesday
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Scholar sheds light on Eastern's inclusivity status

By Roberto Hodge
Multicultural Editor | @BertoHodge

Returning to campus, a Southern Illinois-Carbondale professor revealed to the campus that on her last visit she found the university to not be the greatest in terms of inclusion and excellence—but it has the potential to be.

The campus community — about 70 people in total — came to hear Rachel Griffin, an associate communication studies professor, unveil the results of a listening group dealing with diversity and inclusion.

Griffin, who does studies on critical race theory, has spoken nationally on topics such as racism, sexism, heterosexism and other issues affecting those representing marginalized groups of people or those in privileged groups.

Griffin said inclusivity is a framework that seeks to bring about comprehensible educational reform through diversity.

"We must look to the bottom of social hierarchy to get a grip on what we do not do well," Griffin said.

Diversity issues are not the sole responsibility of any one office, and one individual; Griffin added diversity is an everybody issue.

"Because everybody is impacted by power, privilege and oppression," Griffin said.

Griffin, who visited the campus earlier in the month, sat and listened to students' concerns about being marginalized in some way on campus; she said coming away from Eastern taught her two things about the campus's inclusivity climate.

Those on Eastern's campus who represent marginalized groups of people such as African Americans, LGBTQA, Asians and Latinos are hurting deeply, she said.

"Isolation, alienation, indifference, ignorance, invisibility and silence — that is what I learned about your campus in one day," Griffin said.

People who come from a place of privilege and marginalization care; they care deeply about people who are hurting; however, caring is simply not enough, Griffin added.

"You can care all day long about people of color, but what are you actually doing?" Griffin said, "They can be sen-



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Rachel Griffin, an associate communication studies professor from Southern Illinois-Carbondale, spoke Monday at Eastern about the results of the school's inclusion and excellence status. Griffin had visited Eastern earlier in October to sit down with students to listen to their concerns.

timental, but it doesn't mean it can do a damn thing."

In terms of privilege, Griffin is speaking from a place of not knowing or understanding that those who come from the majority may have no clue of the natural privilege they hold. Essentially, a person's privileged protects them from realizing they are even privileged at all.

"Please, contemplate your white privilege," Griffin added.

Just to make a point, Griffin paused in her speech and rhetorically asked who the buildings on Eastern's campus were named after and whose pictures were hung up on the walls of said buildings.

Griffin said if the campus knows and understand there is a problem with inclusion, but doesn't actively seek out ways of remedying the situation, it's not helping.

"We have work to do; the 'isms' remain regardless," she said.

Touching on new forms of marginalized thinking, Griffin raised the con-

controversy of the terms "color blind" and "post-racial." She said those who say they don't see color don't see the person they

are speaking too.

The theory of color blindness doesn't work because all of who a person is matters. Those who profess that the United States is post-racial are mistaken.

"I don't want to be post-racial, I want

which can't be any more far from the truth, Griffin said.

"OK, have you asked us? If you ask, (students) will likely tell you who they are and what they need," Griffin said.

She said faculty members have said

nority students are fine.

Griffin said Eastern is different and the demographics are changing and students cannot and should not be treated the same.





"You cannot treat your students the same or similarly; your school is changing," Griffin said.

In order for Eastern to really make excellence inclusive, the institution should change the definition of diversity. There needs to be a new set of language to help with the new definition; terms such as intersectionality and micro-aggressions.

Griffin said Eastern could become a better institution in terms of inclusion and diversity if they work on those key areas: action and a new definition of the term diversity.

"It is impossible for Eastern Illinois University to offer an excellent educational experience if that educational experience is not inclusive of diverse histories — It is simply impossible in today's world," Griffin said.

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


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Writing Center Workshop - APA Style | 3:30 PM
Join us Coleman Hall 3110 for a workshop on APA style; all are welcome to attend

Book Power: 1960s Multicultural Children's Literature | 4 PM
Part of Booth Library's fall program and exhibit series; all events are free and open to the public

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Katie Smith

Social injustice is everyone’s problem

Rachel Griffin’s visit Monday addressed issues long debated at Eastern. Our university in particular has struggled with truly embracing the diversity so publicly advertised. Phrases like “celebrating diversity,” and “inclusivity” are generously thrown about in conversation, however, there seems to be a lack of motivation at an administrative level to really enforce these beliefs. A community that truly invites and values its entire people does not declare a public cry for help against a sexual abuser “trashy.” It does not use vague remarks like “inner-city” to refer to its African American population. What our community does well, however, is consistently unite against the oppression its individuals feel, though their complaints are generally brushed off and left unresolved. We give our people a platform to speak, but those with the power to create actual change are unwilling to respond.

Griffin noted that Eastern’s campus has done well at attracting a diverse student body by definition, but that real inclusivity requires much more. At a university with groups like the Women’s Empowerment League, Black Student Union, and EIU Pride, it is discerning to hear students continue to express a deep pain from both the blatant and less overt forms of oppression they experience on a daily basis.

While Griffin emphasized the importance of having a vocabulary with which to talk about these issues, it may be equally as important to be able to look beyond the terminology that has become a barrier to really having these open conversations. There are women afraid to call themselves feminists for fear of the backlash brave, outspoken individuals have received, and the blight of racial inequality is often belittled and placed into a proverbial deck of cards that are regarded as no more than a cheap cry for sympathy.

In regard to social justice, every effort to advance the progress of marginalized peoples can be matched by a group of opposing perpetrators too uncomfortable with their own prejudices to agree there is a problem at all.

As a university, Eastern has the resources to make progress, and as a city, Charleston at least has the want.

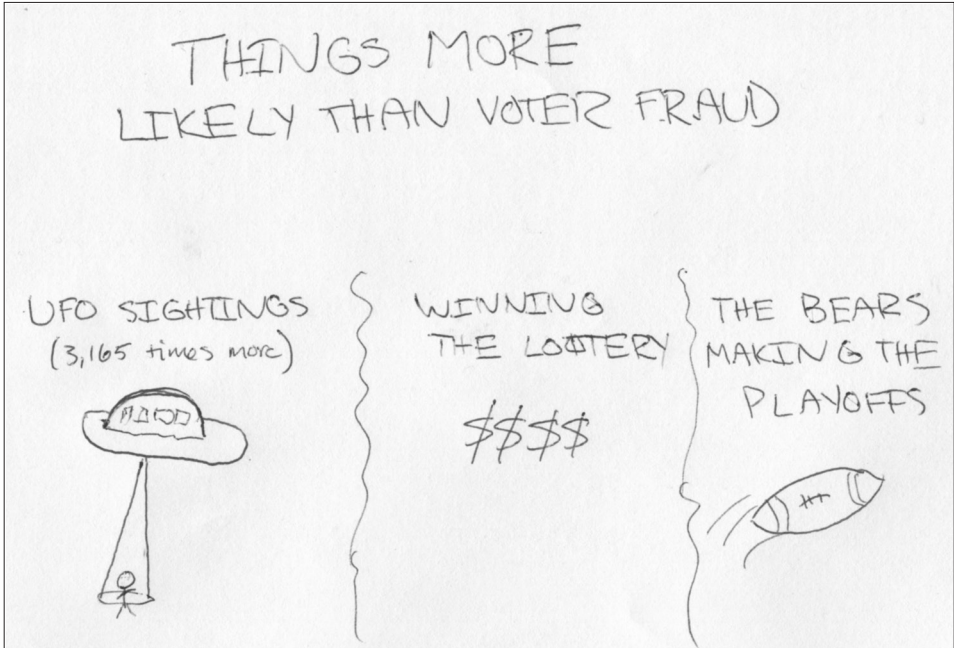
Griffin beautifully quoted poet Audre Lorde to make a point that we are told from a young age but continuously disregard: “We can sit in our corners mute forever while our sisters and ourselves are wasted, while our children are distorted and destroyed, while our earth is poisoned, we can sit in our safe corners as mute as bottles, and still we will be no less afraid.”

Every day on this campus, a student’s, or a staff of faculty member’s life, education, or sense of worth is threatened based on superficial prejudices that have been deeply engrained in our basic functions.

Everyone is at fault. It is not until we are able to examine ourselves in critical manner as individuals and as a society, and acknowledge our personal and collective faults on this matter, that we can truly begin to have a real discussion.

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This is definitely a problem worth fighting...?



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STAFF EDITORIAL

Vote ‘yes’ to protect minority Illinois voters

How embarrassing it is that, in the year 2014, minorities in this country are still forced to protect their basic Constitutional rights via the ballot box.

And yet, next week’s elections will nonetheless decide the future of minority voting rights in Illinois through an amendment to the state Constitution.

The proposed amendment would effectively establish that the right to vote can not be denied based on “race, color, ethnicity, status as a member of a language minority, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation or income.”

Additionally, it would make illegal overt discrimination in changes to election law, should those changes have a “disparate impact” on voting access to protected groups.

The amendment would protect the voting rights of, say, African Americans, should the Illinois General Assembly institute laws that might marginalize their ability to vote—a sad but nonetheless plausible scenario, given the national push for voter ID requirements within what are largely Republican-controlled state legislatures, and thanks in part to a relatively confounding recent Supreme Court decision allowing strict ID laws in Texas.

The reason for these laws is pretty transparent: young minority voters, who are significantly more likely to vote Democrat, are also significantly more likely to lack access to IDs.

In Texas alone, the Justice Department estimated in 2012 the total number of registered voters who might lack proper

IDs could top 750,000, with Hispanic voters potentially 120 percent more likely to lack sufficient forms than their non-Hispanic voting counterpart.

Considering the projected growth of the nonwhite proportion of the national electorate (roughly 2 percent every year between 2014 and 2020), and considering that, by the Department of Justice’s own findings, voter fraud accounts for roughly 0.0002 percent of all ballots cast, it’s pretty easy to see voter ID laws for what they are: an overt and obvious attempt to suppress and marginalize minority voters for the sake of political gain.

Of course, amending the Illinois Constitution to include these protections wouldn’t necessarily make voter ID laws within the state impossible—something it appears most Illinois Republicans realize, as the resolution to include the amendment passed the Senate 52-0 and the House 109-5.

But it would nonetheless force a more strict and subjective burden of proof on those actively trying to suppress minority voters.

Adopting this amendment, then, should hardly even constitute a debate. While it may not prevent voter ID laws in their entirety, it still makes implementing racially discriminatory voting requirements more difficult, and is therefore worth a “yes” vote.

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

People with disabilities can be great friends too

For the past few years, my sister, who is a special education major, has been trying to convince me to attend Best Buddies events.

My response has always been that I’m too busy, and that the experience she is gaining wouldn’t really pertain to what I’m going to school for.

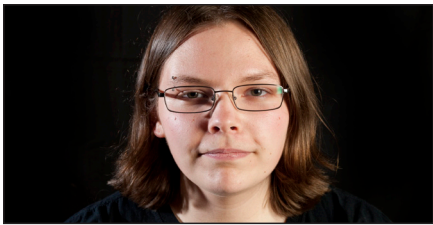
Not only was she trying to expand the group, but she also noted that she would receive extra credit for every non-major she brought in.

I’m starting to realize why her professors would have given that incentive.

The News reported Monday on the Best Buddies Halloween party that occurred over the weekend in which Eastern students played games and dressed in costumes to spend time with people with disabilities from the community.

Students in attendance told *The News* about the friendships they made and how their buddies are just like everyone else—they have unique tastes and even their own cliques among the group.

I participated in Best Buddies in grade school and in high school, but when I got to college, I quickly disconnected myself from



Stephanie Markham

the cause.

When I was in eighth grade, I would sit with the special needs students at lunch every day and walk with them to class, even if it meant I was late.

But I wasn’t socializing with them to try to make them feel included. They were my peers, and honestly, the two girls in my grade who had special needs were a lot cooler to hang out with than the rest of the class. Throughout my education, I always saw students with disabilities receiving the extra help and attention they needed from teachers and aides.

However, I never really thought about the fact that those students would some day be finished with school; they would be adults

and require the same specialized care for their entire lives, whether that is from their parents or from a group home.

At the same rate, their desire to connect with people doesn’t disappear because they are no longer in a school setting.

Even if you are not a special education major, consider squeezing something like Best Buddies, the Special Olympics or the Polar Plunge into your schedule.

Maybe it isn’t specifically relevant to your degree, but you can make meaningful connections with people that would not only mean the world to them, but benefit you as well.

The other day, I received a Facebook friend request from my old buddy, and judging by her posts about boyfriend drama, going to Blackhawks games and studying psychology at St. Xavier University, I can see she is still the same person she always was.

I feel honored that she still considers me a friend.

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Maritire presents GERM, which is used in American education systems, and why it should be changed along with the tax policy

He said while instead of focusing on using the money to fund education, America, like other countries had become “infected by the GERM.” GERM, or Global Education Reform Movement, gives a list criterion for students to meet—mostly higher standardized testing.

“It doesn’t actually fund schools to actually educate children to the point where they could meet this standard,” Maritire said. “Who thought this would work?”

Just by having a standard out there for students to meet will not drive the students to be motivated to meet it, Maritire said.

Maritire added the GERM also enhances accountability metrics and implements punitive consequence matrices.

“Accountability, much like standardized tests, does not drive or enhance student achievement,” he said. “Do you want your system to be accountable? Yes. But you do want your system to be informational and improve practicum.”

The GERM also implements enhancing competition between and among schools and educators, another point Maritire opposed.

Maritire said education should not be a competition and that when given the Programme for International Student Assessment test in 2009, “every nation watched math scores drop.”

Maritire offered solutions on how to approach the tax policy dilemma currently spiraling through Illinois.

Everything stemmed from the idea that more taxation was needed, but needed to be redirected properly — mostly at public education.

Retirement income should be taxed, Maritire said. But at different levels of income, so the retirees are still above



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Ralph Maritire speaks to a group of Eastern and Charleston community members about fixing the tax policy for public education institutions. The tax policy in Illinois currently takes property tax for funding for schools, which results in having higher poverty areas with lower-standard schools.

the cost of living line at all times.

A projected \$1.2 billion increase in revenue would be a result of taxing Illinois retirees on their retirement income.

He also suggested raising the personal income tax to 6 percent, and enhances existing and add new refundable credits for fair tax.

The fair tax, which he credited to

Adam Smith, would see the wealthier taxed more, rather than the middle and lower levels.

Taxes should also be levied against intangible services, such as haircuts. Whereas the current taxes in Illinois only apply to tangible goods, such as clothes and food, the tax on intangible services would help increase revenue throughout Illinois.

“You don’t see buses of people from Indiana and Wisconsin coming over the border for haircuts, do you?” Maritire said. “Those are both states that tax intangible services.”

Maritire also pointed out the wage gap between white people and minorities were getting worse, not better.

He said the wage gap between white people and Hispanic people, since

1984, have grown by 46 percent.

“Some of that is discrimination and other problems, but some of it is actually neutral labor market forces in play,” he said.

He said a few factors contributed to this girth of a gap. Including in the factors came ideas such as education and English being a second language — all contributed to the widening gap.

And when it came to the gap between white people and black people, Maritire said the gap was at a 92 percent.

“As far as neutral labor forces markets go, I’ve got nothing,” Maritire said. “There’s two things happening here: discrimination, which clearly impacts labor markets, and how we fund schools.”

He said in terms of discrimination, it doesn’t matter how one looks at the data—they will find discrimination, even leading up through the Great Recession of 2008 and into 2014.

However, when it comes to funding schools, Illinois is the most reliant state in the country on property taxes to fund education, Maritire said.

Maritire said 93 percent of black children lived in low-income areas throughout Illinois, which contributed to the fact that the schools they attend were poorly funded.

Maritire said with the issues facing school institutions right now, it would be beneficial for present and future educators to get behind altering the tax policy in order to secure the state of the school system.

“We can solve our problems by fixing tax policy in the right way,” he said.

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Queens light up the stage with high-energy and dancing as part of the annual drag show hosted by EIU PRIDE Monday

Dipping up and down, she danced in a rhinestone-studded hot pink one-piece with a tassel for a shoulder sweep.

Much of the dancing the queens did were all high-energy filled with jumping, kicking and lip-synching. Often, the divas would drop down to stage-level on their knees, moving their hips seductively, but one queen took a more soulful approach.

“It’s all about what you do on the stage to entertain,” Ceduxion said.

Stepping onto the stage in an elegant lavender mermaid gown, one wrist decorated with a diamond brace-

let, as she stood tall against the microphone lip-synching to “I Will Always Love You,” by Whitney Houston.

Chanel Carrington, the “drag mother” of Ceduxion Carrington, was Houston for the hour.

Throughout the solo, she soulfully lip-synched to the song as crowd members walked to the stage waving dollar bills; but Chanel knew better than to stop her performance — she was an old pro at this. The crowd instead laid the dollar bills down by her heels and the bottom of the microphone.

Suddenly during the ballad, Chanel

paused, reflecting — contemplating on her upcoming moment, the spotlight was on her as she took a small breath before hitting the high note of the song.

The crowd went ecstatic, standing and cheering. Chanel also channeled Tina Turner later that evening.

The queens were always full of high energy will all of their performances. One male seemed to be their favorite, as he received at least four lap-dances with two of them being consecutive.

Joe Winkoer, a freshman sociology major, said this was his first time attending a drag show.

“They’re on point; the talent here is monumental, I’m really glad I came,” he said.

Emerging from backstage in a gold dress with rhinestones was Amaya St. James, strutting her way onto the stage to Beyoncé’s “Countdown.” Her bodice, covered in gold glitz and glam matched her heels while she whipped her Beyoncé wig back and forth while lip-synching.

She danced with much exuberance, the crowd vibing and waving their hands to the medley happily. The crowd even sang the song with her as she walked up and down the runway

and into the crowd interacting with them.

Amaya too enjoyed Winkoer’s company as she waltzed over to him and sat in his lap getting a small dance.

She was the ending performance to the first part of the drag show, her final segment was one of the highlights for the first part of the show. Both because of the Beyoncé medley and also because of how interactive Amaya was with the crowd; her finale gave way to standing ovations and cheering.

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Panthers end 2014 season

By **Dominic Renzetti**
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With its final two matches of the season this past weekend, the Eastern women's soccer team ended its season with a record of 2-15-2 and 1-8-1 in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Though it may not have been the result the team hoped for, red-shirt junior Chris Reed said the team's progress from this season doesn't show by its record.

"I know that it looks bad on paper, but I think how we compete with teams and who we have this year compared to last year, I think we've worked together better as a team this year than last year," she said.

Reed, in her second season at Eastern since transferring from Cincinnati, finished with five goals and one assist. Four of those goals came in consecutive matches. Reed had one goal in OVC play against Tennessee-Martin.

"I think it shows that it doesn't always look good, but I think we did better than we did last year," she said.

Departing seniors

Last weekend marked the last matches of seniors Madison Carter, Allie Lakie, Meagan Radloff, Lauren Rusk, Ellen Campbell and Lauren Hoppensteadt.



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Senior Meagan Radloff and red-shirt sophomore Lindsey Marino doubleteam senior Sam Dunn during a match against Tennessee-Martin on Oct. 19 at the Eastern practice field. The Panthers lost to the Skyhawks 2-1 in extra time.

Carter, from Lawrenceburg, Ky., saw a career-high four goals in her senior season. In her sophomore and junior seasons, Carter had two goals. She started 36 total matches in her career.

Lakie, from Homer Glen, made 20 total starts in her four seasons for the Panthers. Lakie had one goal in her junior season.

Radloff, from West Chicago, finished her career with 13 goals, while making 67 starts in

four seasons. Radloff was a 2011 OVC All-Newcomer selection and was named to the 2013 All-OVC First team. Radloff had a career-high seven goals in her junior season and finished this year with five, tied for the most on the team with Reed.

Rusk, from Downers Grove, started six matches in her senior season. She appeared in 38 games in three seasons for the Panthers.

Campbell, from Naperville,

played three seasons for the Panthers in 2010, 2013 and 2014. She made two starts this season and recorded one shot on goal.

Hoppensteadt finished her career with 48 starts in 72 matches. She had two goals and four assists in five seasons for the Panthers.

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Former teammates face off on Saturday

Heuston reunites with Tennessee-Martin's Bergren

By Blake Nash
Staff Reporter | @Banash5

This Saturday, former club volleyball teammates Allie Hueston and Madison Bergren will meet each other on the opposite side of the net, when Eastern battles Tennessee-Martin in an Ohio Valley Conference match.

Both were members of the Munciana Samurai Volleyball Club for the



ALLIE HUESTON

last four years and sometimes competed against each other during high school regular season action, despite both their schools being in different classes and conferences.

Hueston's Alexandria-Monroe Tigers were in Class 2A, while Bergren's Delta Eagles were 3A in Indiana.

MADISON BERGREN

"She was definitely a big asset for their team, and she was hard to read as well as a good setter," Hueston said.

"They had a very good team, and we struggled at times against them."

Last season, Delta finished as runners-up in the Hoosier Heritage Conference and finished the year with a 30-5 overall record, and a sectional championship. Bergren represented the Eagles on the all-conference team and also garnered second team all-state honors, as well as all-county honors, her senior year.

Hueston also earned all-conference

and county honors for the Tigers, during all four years of her high school career. She was also a two-time First Team All-State honoree, following her junior and senior seasons in 2013 and 2014.

The two met each other their freshman year, when they joined the Munciana club, and were close off the court, but Hueston said that has changed since they're both a long way apart now.

"We were close in club play, but not as much now, since we're both a long way apart," Hueston said. "I don't know if we'll have time to meet on Saturday. I wouldn't mind seeing her, but it'll depend on whether we win or lose."

New Player of the Week

Murray State's Scottie Ingram was unsuccessful in her quest for a third straight OVC offensive player of the week award. Tennessee Tech's Cody Dodd upended Ingram's reign, earning the player of the week award, following a week in which she averaged 4.43 kills per set, as well as a total of nine service aces and blocks, apiece.

Against Eastern Kentucky on Friday, Dodd recorded her ninth double-double of the season with a team high 16 kills and 15 digs. She added three blocks and two service aces during the four-set loss.

She once again led her team with 15 kills in Saturday's shutout of winless Morehead State. She posted a career-high seven service aces, eight digs and six blocks for the Golden Eagles, giving her a team-high 25 points that day.

Ingram had won the player of the week award three of the last four weeks, but was unsuccessful this week, despite recording 13 kills and seven digs in a shutout of Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, and eight kills and six digs, in a four-set win of Eastern last weekend.

Morehead State finally wins

The nightmare of a winless season ended for the Morehead State Eagles Friday night. The Eagles defeated



Junior setter Marah Bradbury and freshman middle hitter Allie Hueston attempt a block against Murray State on Oct. 10 in Lantz Arena. The Panthers lost to the Racers 3-1.

Jacksonville State, who is 7-3 in OVC play, in five sets for their first victory of the season.

The win ended a 22-match losing streak that dated back to last year's NCAA tournament loss to the University of Illinois.

Junior attacker Hannah Sigala recorded a career-best 22 kills, and hit .312 on 43 attempts against the Gamecocks. Libero Hope Rillema led all players with 24 digs in the win, while senior Colby Cameron dished out a career-high 64 assists.

The Eagles have now won nine of their last 10 games against Jacksonville State.

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Eastern ends losing streak against Purdue

By Bob Reynolds
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Sophomore Breanna Young scored seven tries in the Eastern rugby team's 63-5 rout of Purdue on Saturday in West Lafayette, Ind.

Young scored four consecutive tries in the first half and three in the second half,



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giving the Panthers a much needed win and ending their two-match losing streak.

With her seven tries, Young currently ranks second in Eastern rugby history for most tries in a game.

Eastern coach Frank Graziano said he was impressed with Young's performance.

"We have been trying to get her the ball the entire season and either the passer didn't pass it properly or Brianna's timing to enter the line or run the play was wrong," he said. "Because she is able to do it correctly, it produces the correct results. That means more to them than it does to me because they are the ones that have to

execute it on game day."

The Panthers improved to 2-4 this season, winning their first road game.

The Panthers have been struggling on defense as of late, surrendering a combined 115 points in the last two games to Quinnipiac and Life.

On Saturday, the Panthers allowed their lowest amount of points to an opponent all season and when Purdue did score that was the only time Graziano said he was disappointed with the way they played defense.

"The defense was definitely better," he said. "While it was better, it wasn't totally clean. We need to get to a point where we are superior and we were superior to Purdue and we need to demonstrate that for the entire 80 minutes of the game. We were doing really well and everyone decides to take two minutes off and they walk right down the field."

The Panthers did get other scores from multiple players on the roster, which has not happened much all season.

Deairrele Ivy scored three tries in the win, while Hannah Vieth scored a try as well for the Panthers.

Graziano said it was nice to get the win, considering the Panthers have dropped two in a row leading up to the

trip to West Lafayette.

"More importantly a lot of the aspects that we have been working on during practices over the course of the last month finally had an opportunity to show up," Graziano said. "Carissa Burge and Hannah Vieth had their best games of the year."

Including the try, Vieth had two assists and converted on three kick conversions. Burge finished the game with four assists.

With possibly having three games left, the win for the Panthers proved to be a confidence builder for the remainder of the season Graziano said.

"It just proves to the girls that what we are doing in practice actually works if you do it correctly in the game," he said. "Until that actually happens, it is just a practice play. So, it is probably more for their benefit than it is for my benefit. Plus it gives me something to build on."

The Panthers are scheduled to play at Northern Illinois on Saturday, but the game is tentative and the game time has not been announced.

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Sophomore wing and scrum-half Breanna Young is tackled in a game on Saturday at Lakeside Field. The Panthers beat the Tennessee Volunteers 31-17.



Little, Goodman nab weekly honors

By Aldo Soto
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Shepard Little only needed one half to record his 10th career 100-yard rushing game, as he led the Eastern football team with 130 yards and a touchdown, earning him Ohio Valley Conference Offensive Player of the Week.

The red-shirt junior did not play in the first half, but carried the ball 12 times in the final two quarters, including a 50-yard touchdown run, with 4:04 left in the fourth quarter that put Eastern ahead 28-3



SHEPARD LITTLE

over Tennessee State.

Little has now rushed for at least 100 yards three times this season.

Eastern coach Kim Dameron did not disclose why Little was absent in the first half, but said the running back certainly provided to boost to the Panthers' offense.

"He came back and I tell you this, he is a warrior," Dameron said. "He runs hard, he's got great eyes and has great vision. He gets his pads down and I couldn't be more proud of him and the way he came out and competed in the second half."

At halftime, Eastern led Tennessee State 7-0, but prior to Jalen Whitlow's 28-yard touchdown pass to Adam Drake, the Panthers' offense sputtered against the Tigers' No. 3 ranked defense.

The Tigers were able to force six punts in the first half, including three outs following the Drake touchdown.

Little led the Panthers' rushing attack that amassed 294 yards against Tennessee State. In the second half, when Little played, Eastern rushed for a total of 233 yards, outscoring the Tigers 21-3, securing the win and a 3-1 OVC record.



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Red-shirt junior running back Shepard Little runs in for a 50-yard touchdown securing the Panthers' 28-3 Homecoming win over Tennessee State Saturday at O'Brien Field. The Panthers' improved to 3-1 in the OVC as Little led Eastern with 130 rushing yard against the Tigers.

"To be honest, offensively Little was the difference in the game," Dameron said.



ANTHONY GOODMAN

Eastern's second win in a row was also sparked by defensive back Anthony Goodman, who had a 46-yard interception return for a touchdown in the third quarter that expanded the Panthers lead to 14-3.

Goodman filled in for DJ Bland, who went down earlier in the game.

"I had to take all the reps and I was a little winded, but I stayed strong mentally and just kept telling myself to think about the basics and that got me through the game,"

Goodman said.

The junior from Lansing, Mich., read the Tigers' screen pass and immediately knew what to expect. He then picked off Ronald Butler and returned his third career touchdown, with 2:35 left in the third quarter.

"I'm thinking, get to the end zone, get to the end zone," he said. "That's every defensive back's dream. Catch the ball and run it into the end zone."

Goodman was named OVC Defensive Player of the Week, as he added four tackles and a pass break up.

Tennessee State's offense scored its lowest point total of the season, while the Panthers forced three turnovers.

"I felt like we came into this game really prepared and we held them to three points, so that felt pretty good to do that and get the win on Homecoming," Goodman said.

Eastern is currently third in the

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OVC standings, behind Eastern Kentucky, which is 4-1 and Jacksonville State, which is 4-0. The Panthers have already lost to the Colonels, but with a road matchup left against Jacksonville State, Eastern can win at least a share of the conference title if it wins out.

The Panthers are back on the road to play Tennessee Tech at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Cookeville Tenn.

The Golden Eagles are coming off a 49-3 loss at Jacksonville State that dropped them to 2-3 in the OVC.

That road loss to the Gamecocks came a week after Tennessee Tech upset Eastern Kentucky 39-31 at home.

"They're an improved football team, both offensively and defensively," Dameron said. "For them to come back against Eastern Kentucky I know how good Eastern Kentucky is, Tennessee Tech can be an explosive football team."

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Postseason hopes remain alive for Panthers

By Mark Shanahan
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The Eastern men's soccer team is coming off of an important win on Sunday, when they shutout conference opponent IPFW 2-0 at Lakeside Field.

With the victory over IPFW, Eastern kept its hopes of going to the conference tournament alive. Eastern has three games left on their schedule against Northern Kentucky, Southern Illinois-Edwardsville and will finish its season against conference foe Oral Roberts.

Oral Roberts is the only remaining conference game and it is on the road. Oral Roberts will be a must win game, but the Panthers will still have to hope for multiple other teams to lose in the Summit League for them

to still have a chance to advance to postseason play.

IUPUI, Oral Roberts and Fort Wayne will all need to lose their remaining conference games for Eastern to end fourth in the Summit League.

Only the top four teams advance into the conference tournament. These teams have all played each other already this season, so Eastern will have to look to teams like Omaha, Western Illinois and Denver to help them it out.

Western is the top team in conference right now followed by Denver, Omaha, IPFW, Oral Roberts, IUPUI and Eastern. Western, Denver, Omaha and IPFW would be in the conference tournament in Denver if the season were to end today.

IUPUI's Uriel Macias is the leading goal scorer in the Summit League, with seven goals and is tied for first in points with 14. Charlie Bales from Western also has 14 points. The assist leader is Omaha's Mark Moulton, who has seven assists and 13 points.

Yves Dietrich from Western and Josh Christensen from Omaha are the league's top goaltenders to this point. Dietrich leads in saves and saves percentage and Christensen leads in goals against and goals against average.

Senior captain Jake Brillhart and



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Freshman goalkeeper Mike Novotny catches the ball during a match against Western Illinois on Oct. 18 at the Eastern practice field. The Panthers lost to the Leathernecks 1-0.

Dominic Recca are the Eastern's leading scorers with four goals each. They each scored goals in the 2-0 win over Fort Wayne. Brillhart has three assists and 11 points this year and Recca has two assists and 10 points.

Freshman goalkeeper Mike Novotny earned his first career shutout for Eastern on Sunday. His record on the

year is 2-8 and he has a 1.45 goals against average. He has given up 17 goals this year, while making 43 saves giving him a .717 save percentage.

Eastern has struggled on the road this year with a 0-7 record. The Panthers still have two remaining away games including the game against Oral Roberts. Eastern has not won an

away game since 2012.

Eastern will be back in action, starting at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Highland Heights, Ky., against Northern Kentucky.

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