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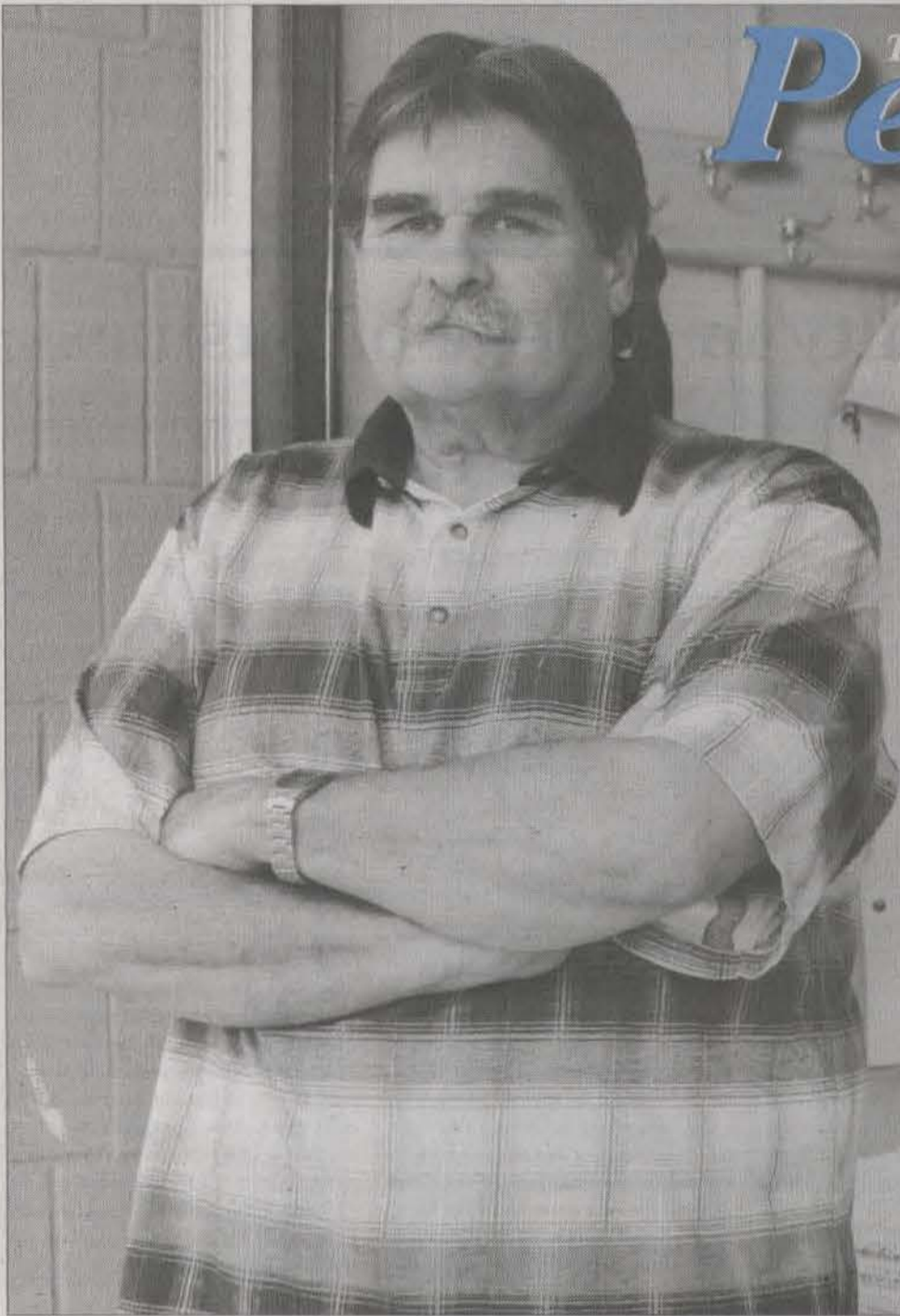


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Zye Boey named *The Daily Eastern News'* Male Athlete of the Year

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## The Daily Eastern News' Person of the Year

Gary Reed, Facilities Planning and Management, a strong foundation for campus

By Kayleigh Zyskowski  
News Editor

From the sewers to the lights, from the oldest buildings to the newest in renewable energy, Facilities Planning and Management has a key role in every member of Eastern's lives.

Gary Reed, the director of the department, said the job description of his team is best summed up from the time students get up to the time they go to bed, and everything in between his crew has something to do with their lives.

"So we get a hold and get a piece of most every operating issues and maintenance on campus," Reed said. "We are the facilities management team and every other aspect of the trades to keep the roofs from leaking, the bricks from falling out of the buildings and the grass mowed."

The responsibilities of this department also include the sewers, the electricity, the cooling and heating, maintenance of the kitchen equipment in the dining centers just to name a few tasks.

Beyond the routine maintenance of campus, this year Facilities Planning and Management was faced with two power outages and cleaning up after the ice storms in February.

"We are in charge of the things that are just assumed as entitlements such as flipping your electrical switch, and having your lights come on

but when there is forced electrical outages—that just ruins our day," Reed said

He said when things on campus do not run smoothly the office receives a call.

"A good day is when we come in here and the phone doesn't ring, that's a good day, but there aren't many days when the phone isn't ringing and we aren't asked to go out and respond to something," Reed said. "If you go into a classroom or into a residence hall and you're very hot in the summer we get the call, if you are cold in the winter, we get the call. What if your shower was cold, what if the water is not flowing—we're going to get a call."

Facilities Management and Planning is also responsible for managing all of the contracts that come through for design and construction on campus

"If you take a look at it, running a residential campus like Eastern is like running a little city," Reed said. "The task and the responsibility to make sure those services are reliable, that's our task."

### The faces in trenches

"It's not just me telling the story," Reed said. "I'm the director, but I have all these folks that are down here and taking care of the individual pieces of the puzzle for us."

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Gary Reed, director of Facilities Planning and Management, has been chosen as *The Daily Eastern News* Person of the Year, along with the workers in the department. Facilities Planning and Management was responsible for taking care of campus issues throughout the year including flooding, power outages and damage caused by the February ice storms.

### CITY

## Students make donations to reunite families

By Desiree Morris  
Staff Reporter

A sociology class raised \$715 for the Coles County Court Appointed Special Advocate after their professor found that CASA was recently denied a grant.

Roger Cunningham, a sociology professor, said he wanted his students to donate to CASA because it benefits society as a whole.

CASA is an organization that gives voices to abused and neglected children in court. The money donated to CASA was then passed on to the Family Treatment Court, a program that helps parents struggling with substance abuse to recover and reunite with their children, Cunningham said.

After learning about this opportunity, Kylie Reif, a sophomore psychology major and member of the class, encouraged more than 30 of her sorority sisters of Sigma Sigma Sigma to donate. The sorority raised \$187.

"It would be helping benefit the kids and it would be an overall benefit for

all of the families," said Allison Fenger, a junior marketing major.

Cunningham said he was impressed by the response from all his students who donated.

Susan Bulla, the executive of Coles County CASA, said Family Treatment Court (FTC) is a program that CASA works closely with and Judge Jim Glenn founded FTC in July of 2010. Seven families are currently participating in FTC.

Bulla said people in FTC tend to be more successful because they are monitored by weekly court and random urine screenings to make sure the person has been clean.

Each test costs \$10 and the money raised from the class will purchase 71 tests. The program cannot continue if they do not have the money, Bulla said.

She said some children do not have stable parents or grandparents to care for them, the way her grandson does. By being involved in CASA she is able to help those children.

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### STUDENT GOVERNMENT

## Senate discusses Panther pride

By Nike Ogunbodede  
Student Government Editor

In a turn of events Wednesday the student government discussed the possibility of purchasing a live panther to become Eastern's official live mascot.

Student Senate members Blake Pierce and John Griffin introduced "Panther Initiative" stating Eastern would be following in the footsteps of "many top tier universities across the country" by investing in a live mascot.

"Most people that have these things are done through alumni contributions," Pierce said.

Pierce, a senior finance major, said he would be willing to donate money to a panther fund in a few years.

Student Senate member Aseret Gonzalez said the writers should look into renting the mascot instead of purchasing the animal as well as the containment facilities.

"It's not a circus clown," Pierce said.  
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John Griffin, center, a senior communication studies major, explains his resolution to raise school spirit by obtaining a live panther Wednesday during the final Student Senate meeting in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Many audience and senate members, including junior finance major Roberto Luna, left, and co-author Blake Pierce, laughed during the proposition despite the authors' assertion that their proposition was "dead serious."

# EIU weather

TODAY

FRIDAY



Chance of rain  
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Low: 41°

Clear  
High: 67°  
Low: 54°

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# what's on tap

FRIDAY

**6 p.m. Cultural arts**  
The University Board is hosting the Spring Extravanga, which will have hip-hop stars performing music in the South Quad.

**8 p.m. Observatory open house**  
The public is invited to view Saturn through a 16-inch Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope. The observatory is just west of Campus Pond.

SATURDAY

**9 a.m. Basket weaving**  
This basic basket weaving course will focus on technique. The workshop will take place in the Tarble Arts center and will cost \$24 for community members and \$20 for Tarble members. To register call 581-5114

If you want to add to the tap, please e-mail [dennewsdesk@gmail.com](mailto:dennewsdesk@gmail.com) or call 581-7942.

ONLINE

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• A game night at the Thomas Hall Dining Center Wednesday night. Free items were given away, but very few students showed up.

• The Department of Psychology hosted an open house to honor long-time officer managers Pam Gutowski 27 years of service.



## SALARY SERIES

# Highest paid faculty in college of business

By Chacour Koop Staff Reporter

*Editor's note: This is part of a series of seven articles examining faculty and staff salaries at Eastern.*



It's not a secret to most. Many of Eastern's highest paid faculty work in the business school, where faculty say the market dictates salaries. The business faculty's average salary is \$104,000, about \$21,000 higher than the average EIU Eastern faculty member's salary.

As part of *The Daily Eastern News* series on salaries at Eastern, this story reports on the highest paid faculty that are not department heads. University salaries are public record and were received in a database from the administration. The salaries of business faculty were higher on average than other faculty.

Cheryl Noll, the chairwoman of the business department, said the business faculty has been the highest paid since she came to Eastern. Noll said if Eastern had a school of engineering or medicine the public would find their salaries to be higher as well.

"We don't only compete with other universities," Noll said. "We compete with the private sector."

Noll said the market drives salaries at Eastern. The business faculty at Eastern earn about \$10,000 less per year than the national average. Hank Davis, the assistant chairman of accountancy, said he and many of

the new faculty were hired for less than the median salary in their respective fields. Business professors could earn much more in the professional field, Davis said.

"Our top students are going out at \$65,000 a year to start," Davis said. "My peers in the industry, as a partners in a large firm, are making a million dollars a year and they were my students."

In 2010, Davis earned \$140,530 on his 10-month contract, making his monthly salary the second highest among faculty at Eastern. Davis has been the assistant chairman of accountancy for two years. He also oversees accountancy's accreditation. Noll said Davis is also a terrific recruiter.

"I'm constantly calling people and encouraging people to come here and plant the seed to come here," Davis said.

Michael Boorum, the assistant chairman of marketing, came to Eastern as chairman of the business school in 2001. He found recruiting to be a difficult job. There are far fewer business faculty than business openings, a shortage that helps drive salaries higher. The biggest shortage of doctorates is in accountancy and finance, Boorum said. Two years ago, there were about two faculty for every marketing job nationwide, on average.

"The way we sell Eastern is it's a safe community, it's great for families," Boorum said. "That is the biggest hook that we've got."

When Boorum stepped down as chairman of the business school, he retained his monthly salary, making

## Top 10 highest paid faculty in 2010

*These numbers represent salaries for a nine-month faculty contract.*

1. Michael Boorum \$14,508 (130,580) Assistant Chair of Marketing & Professor
2. Hank Davis \$14,053 (10 mo. 140,530) Director of Accountancy & Professor
3. Yoshie Lord \$13,889 (125,001) Assistant Professor School of Business
4. Zhe (Richard) Wang \$13,889 (125,001) Assistant Professor School of Business
5. Dean Elmuti \$13,730

(123,570) Professor School of Business

6. Jay Shinde \$13,134 (118,206) Assistant Professor School of Business
7. Richard Whitaker \$13,043 (117,390) Assistant Chair of Finance & Professor
8. Charles Wooton \$12,601 (113,409) Professor School of Business
9. Chuck Chahyadi \$12,274 (110,466) Assistant Professor School of Business
10. Patrick Lach \$12,100 (108,900) Assistant Professor School of Business

him the highest paid faculty member per month. Boorum is now paid for nine months instead of 12. In 2010 when he earned \$130,580.

Boorum said he feels as though he has a target on his back as a higher paid faculty member. When Boorum taught at a community college, he noticed others earned two or three times more than he did at the larger four-year schools for teaching the same courses. That inspired Boorum to head to graduate school. Noll said salary amounts have always been an issue at universities. Who gets the highest salary is not a big deal for Larry Ankenbrand.

"I really don't look at salary," Ankenbrand said. "I like the students, I like the other faculty, I like the administration. This is home."

Ankenbrand has been working at Eastern since 1977 in the kinesiology

department where his office is an old janitor's closet. In his first year at Eastern, Ankenbrand had to install sewers in the summer to make ends meet. Ankenbrand knows that faculty in the business school earn more, but he is OK with that.

"You can't talk about another profession unless you've walked in their shoes or you've been there," Ankenbrand said.

Davis does not think he is more valuable than other faculty at Eastern who earn less. He was sure to credit the quality of professors in fields other than business.

"I don't think I'm over paid, I think they're under paid," Davis said. "I think many of my colleagues are superstars."

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2008

Provost Blair Lord recommended to President Bill Perry that a proposal increasing the foreign language requirement be returned to the Council on Academic Affairs for further consideration. The proposal would have required students to complete three semester hours of a single foreign language with an average grade of C or better.

1993

The Student Senate was preparing to vote on a resolution that supported the proposed elimination of the Board of Governors.

1988

There were still no suspect in connection with Tuesday's bank robbery at the Oakland Banking Facility, however there was a suspect car according to Cole County Detective Ray Benzel.

**SELF-DEFENSE CLASS**



SHEA LAZANSKY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Lieutenant Phil Lang of Eastern Illinois University's Police Department discusses ways for women to protect themselves from an attacker during a self-defense class at the student Recreational Center.

## Students learn self-defense

By Rachel Rodgers  
 Campus Editor

Eastern students battled the rain so they could have the opportunity to punch, kick and fight their way out of physical holds at the self-defense program Wednesday.

The program provided students with a crash course in self-defense education and application.

Alyssa Reynolds, a junior sociology major, said she learned methods with how to get out of physical holds that she did not expect she could escape like the single and double-wrist holds.

"I felt in charge and powerful," Reynolds said. "I was really surprised with myself with everything I was able to do like all of the hits and kicks."

Lt. Harold Harris and Lt. Phil Lang taught the students different self-defense techniques that they demonstrated.

One technique was the "hammer's fist" where the person being attacked would strike the attacker's nose or forearm with a rapid downward motion.

Harris said one of the most common self-defense techniques used is the "knee lift." This is where an attacker tries to choke a person and the person being attacked has a lot of open space to knee the attacker.

"We wanted to stay pretty basic with different techniques anyone can do, and we chose some that would be more automatic for them so they wouldn't have to think too much before they executed it," Harris said.

The first example Lang demonstrated was the "presidential handshake."

Lang said one of the first things the President learns to do is to keep his thumb pressed flatly down on his hand when shaking someone's hand, making it impossible for someone to break his hand.

Harris said 90 percent of self-defense is mental and includes awareness, risk reduction, recognition and avoidance.

Some of the methods Harris spoke about include closing the shades or drapes, walking in well-lighted areas, locking doors and windows and using the buddy system.

The self-defense program was part of Sexual Assault and Rape Awareness Week and was hosted by The Agency and the Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center.

Terri Johnson, a journalism professor and adviser of The Agency, said it was an important program for students, because they do not usually think about the possible danger often because they feel secure and let their guards down.

Lang said he and Harris have been teaching Rape Aggression Defense courses for around six years.

"This is really meant to empower people and give them the confidence to protect themselves," Lang said. "We give them the opportunity to practice, and become more comfortable and prepared in case they find themselves in a dangerous situation."

Harris said students can participate in a three-day RAD course next semester by registering on the University Police Department website.

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**ACTIVISTS PRESENTATION**

## Ladies' feats presented

By Shelley Holmgren  
 Administration Editor

Some women accomplish great things in their lifetimes – become a supporter of the Equal Rights Amendment, push mental health research, create a rehabilitation center for substance abuse and even become the Secretary of State.

This is what Sharon Alter, a professor emeritus of history and political science at William Rainey Harper College in Palatine, plans to examine. As a part of the Academy of Lifetime Learning workshop, Alter will present the "First Ladies as Activists" at 2 p.m. today in the Tarble Arts Center.

This presentation, co-sponsored by the Illinois Humanities Council, compares and contrasts the roles, trials and tribulations and accomplishments of Betty Ford, Rosalynn Carter, Nancy Reagan, Barbara Bush and Hilary Rodham Clinton as first ladies.

Alter has a Master of Arts in History, has taught history and political sci-

ence for more than 30 years and is active in promoting the history of women and women in politics in the United States.

Janna Overstreet, the project coordinator, said she and the rest of the Academy wanted to bring in Alter to hopefully provide a different perspective on the first ladies and their legacy after the end of their husband's term.

"I think it will be interesting to see a side of the first ladies we were not aware of before," Overstreet said.

The Academy is a learning community, sponsored by the School of Continuing Education, and currently has 1,100 members. It is open to everyone in the area who is age 50 and over and who has a curiosity and desire to learn, Overstreet said.

"Our goal is to have an opportunity to learn in a relaxed atmosphere," Overstreet said.

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**STRATEGIC PLANNING**

## Committee wants student input

By Shelley Holmgren & Amy Wywialowski  
 Administration Editor & Staff Reporter

Eastern's Strategic Planning Steering Committee is reaching out to the people who sometimes do not have a voice in university affairs – the students.

As the semester comes to a close, the committee members are making one final push for student involvement.

In an effort to receive more input for the gathering stage, the committee emailed surveys to students on April 21.

In mid-March, the Strategic Planning Steering Committee began its second phase in the five-phase process.

Ken Baker, the director of campus recreation, serves as co-chair for the committee and is eager to have student feedback for this effort.

"Students have been great because they are very candid and don't sugar coat it," Baker said. "They don't necessarily get too caught up in agendas and

are very honest. The students have been great to work with."

The survey sent to students asks a variety of questions from what would make Eastern first choice for students, faculty and staff.

According to an email sent to all students from committee co-chair William Weber, the vice president for business affairs, to all students, the "strategic planning process that will help us create a sustainable academic and financial future for the university."

Baker agreed. "If you want to know what a student is thinking, ask them," he said.

So far, Baker has received input from the Student Senate, the Black Student Union and the School of Continuing Education.

He said the committee wants to reach out to non-Registered Student Organization members because those students may not have been asked before.

This goes along with the goal of

the second phase, known as The Data Gathering and Engagement Phase, which ends May 10.

The data generated during this phase will inform the steering committee and help it identify the five to 10 strategic priorities that will be addressed in the plan.

The next phase of the process will begin in early June as the steering committee begins to sort through its data and form the goals.

Baker is excited for the next phase because the committee will be able to see what direction the data will take them.

"I don't believe I've ever been involved in a process that works from the plan up," Baker said. "We didn't go into this with any prognosis or predetermined outcome. This is really generated as we go and it ensures it is driven by participants."

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**STAFF EDITORIAL**

## Gary Reed: DEN Person of the Year

The time has come. Every year the staff of *The Daily Eastern News* comes up with a list of individuals who, over the course of the past year, have contributed to the university in a significant way.

We are proud to announce that the 2010-2011 *Daily Eastern News* Person of the Year is Gary Reed.

Reed is the director of Facilities Planning and Management, and he and his staff keep this university running on a daily basis.

Repairs, building service workers, recycling, engineering and construction projects are just some of the jobs handled by Reed and the Facilities Planning and Management office.

Reed described his work best in an article published in this issue:

"We are the facilities management team and every other aspect of the trades to keep the roofs from leaking, the bricks from falling out of the buildings and the grass mowed," Reed said.

While Reed and his staff have always been a crucial part of campus operations, this year they had to deal with conditions that are out of the ordinary.

Last semester a pipe burst in Coleman Hall and flooded parts of the lower level, displacing students and professors. When winter hit, it brought the ice storm that shut down the campus for two days. About a month ago, a power outage left Eastern in the dark for hours.

On these days, when the campus community is at its most vulnerable, Reed and his workers step up and keep us going.

When the campus was covered in ice and snow in February, on the days when anyone would rather be indoors, Reed and his staff were putting down sand, clearing ice from the walkways and removing any hazardous tree limbs.

They kept us safe and made sure the campus was ready when staff and students returned.

During the blackout last month several students were trapped in elevators, as we reported in a March 23 article titled, "Power returned to north side of campus after outage."

It was the electricians from Facilities Planning and Management who got the students out of the elevators safely. These acts, and any of the other thousands of small acts they perform on a daily basis, have not gone unnoticed.

Through all the unexpected campus crises that came up this year, Reed and his entire staff keep us going and kept us informed.

So we thank them for all their work this past year and every year that allows Eastern to keep working.

During our discussions about who should be our Person of the Year, several other names came up. Both Jerry Donna from the financial aid office and Carla Evans from the EI&U donation campaign were runner-ups. Donna was nominated for his involvement in funding the Monetary Award Program when money from the state did not come through. Evans was nominated for her work with the EI&U capital campaign to raise money for the university.

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**COLUMN**

## Concealed firearms means loaded guns

Look around you. If you are reading this on Eastern's campus you can probably see lots of people. They could be big people, little people, students and adults, each with their own stories and life experiences. They have very little in common with each other apart from their humanity and their proximity to each other.

Unless you are reading the newspaper in the Charleston Police station, one thing these people have in common is they aren't packing heat.

That could change if the Illinois General Assembly passes House Bill 148, which would allow county sheriffs to issue permits allowing citizens to, in the bill's words, "carry concealed firearms."

Under the bill, citizens would only qualify for the permit if they were 21 or older and had completed a training course consisting of live-fire exercises and classroom instruction.

Chapin Rose, our local representative to the Illinois General Assembly, has sponsored the bill along with other politicians.

Opinions on whether this bill benefits Charleston residents or Eastern students are as different as the people standing around you.



**Doug T. Graham**

What most interests is how drastically those opinions change, depending on how the subject of concealed firearms is described.

Two weeks ago, former political reporter David Yepsen came to my Journalism Ethics class in the afternoon before giving a lecture at the Tarble Arts Center on the current national and state-wide political landscape in the evening.

Yepsen, who is now the director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, pointed out an interesting fact about the opinion of Illinois residents on the issue of conceal and carry.

He said when the question is posed to them as "Do you support the right to carry concealed firearms?" that the population is split on whether they support it or not.

When the question is posed as "Do you support allowing people to carry around loaded weapons?" the result is overwhelmingly negative.

It is staggering to me that changing a few choice words in the question elicits a dramatically different response. After all, the question is essentially the same: people who would carry concealed weapons would likely have them loaded.

I imagine the proponents of the bill know that by avoiding the words "loaded weapons" they are winning the support of people who would be scared off by the concept. Their efficient use of words conceals the fact that their bill will increase the number of loaded weapons in society.

It is a clever deception that may fool voters who oppose making it easier for people to carry loaded weapons into approving a "concealed firearms" bill.

If you don't want people to carry around loaded weapons, let your representatives know so the bill doesn't confuse voters next fall at the ballot box.

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**FROM THE EASEL**



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**COLUMN**

## Healthy ways to cope with stressful exams

Finals. What other word could evoke so much anger, frustration and stress just by being heard?

I have five in-class finals and one take-home final. That is enough to make me want to have a nervous breakdown. However, I do not think grabbing my legs and rocking back and forth in the corner of a Buzzard Hall classroom would get me anywhere but a psych ward.

No, instead I have decided to find ways to de-stress myself, and because I don't want to see anyone else unable to mentally function, I will share some of the de-stressing exercises I have learned and heard about.

Now, I know this may be hard for some of you party-harders, but alcohol is not something that should be leaned on to cope with finals-induced stress.

The substance actually inhibits a person's ability to think clearly and solve problems, according to ABC News. It also doesn't allow any room for being able to deal with the thing that is causing the stress. So try to stay away from the booze, at least for a few days.



**Melissa Sturtevant**

In my Intro to Social Work class on Tuesday, we learned some deep-breathing exercises. These exercises called for breathing by inflating the lungs and contracting/expanding stomach muscles. These breathing exercises could help reduce stress around finals time because more relaxed breathing allows the body to calm down and get more oxygen, which makes for better focus.

Also (even though I know everyone would love to spend every minute of their last week at Eastern studying), it is important to leave time for yourself and do something fun!

Take a break from studying and watch a movie, play a game with someone or read a book for fun. Doing this allows the cause of

stress to be forgotten for a short time and allows the mind to take a rest.

At Georgetown University, massage sessions are available to students to help reduce stress, but at Eastern, there is no appointment needed. Massage chairs are available in the Bridge Lounge of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union as well as the 24-hour study lounge. And if all the massage chairs are occupied, find a friend with strong fingers who can give a good back rub.

I plan on doing most, if not all, of these things to help alleviate some of the stress brought on by (gulp) finals.

It is important to remain as stress-free as possible because stress does not allow for clear thinking, healthy sleep habits or a fun-filled last week at Eastern.

So breathe, remember it's only a handful of tests, and be sure to make some time to de-stress. It will be worth it.

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MULTI-CULTURAL CONCERT

# Singers to perform song in foreign languages

By Zachary White  
Staff Reporter

The singers for Friday's Multi-Cultural Concert will perform using various foreign language from Hebrew to Korean throughout the night.

Eastern's Concert Choir, University Mixed Chorus and Percussion Ensemble will all be performing together for the only time this year.

The concert is Friday at 7:30 p.m., but there will be a pre-concert by the percussion ensemble in the lobby at 7:10 p.m.

Janet McCumber, the director of the University Mixed Chorus, said the men in both the choirs are going to do a set of pieces with the Percussion Ensemble. The women of both choirs will be performing with a piano four-hands accompaniment, or with the accompaniment of a piano with two players.

During the performance both choirs will perform a set independently of

each other with three sets of performances by the Percussion Ensemble mixed in.

"One aspect of singing multicultural music is the languages, and the singers for this concert have to perform in Latin, Serbian, Hebrew, Korean, Spanish and African dialects," McCumber said. "While multicultural music is often considered to just be fun, it can also be very challenging because of the language issue."

As part of the set during the performance, the University Mixed Chorus will be singing a black gospel song and a slave spiritual, both of which will feature soloists for portions of the performance.

Jamie Ryan, the director of the Percussion Ensemble, said they have been practicing for most of the semester on their portion of the show and the practices have been far from ordinary for the students.

Ryan said most of the pieces were

unordinary because there was no written music that the students could go off for reference. Instead the students have been learning by watching others perform or by simply replicating what they hear.

"It's an entirely new mode of learning for some students," Ryan said. "It's taken them a while to get used to learning without music in front of them."

Ryan said all of the music performed by the Percussion Ensemble independently will be from Cuba, and that the final combination piece will be an old African spiritual.

Admission is \$5 for the general public and \$3 for seniors, Eastern employees and students. Advance tickets may be purchased in person at the Doudna Fine Arts Center Box Office, by telephone at 581-3110, or online at [www.eiu.edu/doudna](http://www.eiu.edu/doudna).

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CAMPUS

# Student pleads guilty to bookstore theft

By Marcus Smith  
Staff Reporter

Raven Smith pled guilty to one count of retail theft Wednesday in exchange for the State's Attorney dropping the second charge of retail theft.

Smith, an Eastern student, was arrested by the University Police Department Jan. 24 on two charges of retail theft at the University Union Bookstore.

Smith had previously pled not guilty, and requested a jury trial at her Feb. 16 hearing, where Public Defender Terese Matthews represented her.

As part of her plea agreement she will serve one year of probation, pay a \$200 fine and court costs and \$25.80 restitution to Eastern. Her bond was applied to her financial responsibilities.

Deputy Kent Martin, of the UPD, and Mitch Coe, the manager of the University Union Bookstore declined to comment on the case and it was only through a Freedom of Information Act request that the name of the suspect charged in these thefts was learned.

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## DONATE, from page 1

"I do this for all the nanas whose grandbabies are abused and neglected," Bulla said.

CASA made its debut in Charleston in 1994 when Barbara Brown, who served as a juror in a case, was unhappy with how the children were pushed to the side and no one spoke up for them, Bulla said.

CASA volunteers are assigned a child who they visit at least twice a month, monitor or request services such as a speech therapists, or observe the parents and child when they visit, among other things. Information is also taken from the child's teachers or neighbors. All of the information then is compiled into a report that is filed twice a year for the judge or attorneys to read, Bulla said.

"CASA just report on the situation, they're an extra set of eyes for the judge," Bulla said.

Cunningham, a former police officer of 27 years, said he believes CASA/FTC is a better alternative than putting people who are addicted to substances in jail because it helps the person overcome their addiction.

It is not meant for abusers to avoid punishment. Instead abusers are given another route to regain control over their lives, Charleston Chief of Police, Bryan Baker, said.

**"I do this for all the nanas whose grandbabies are abused and neglected."**

Susan Bulla, executive of Coles County CASA

Whether you become a volunteer or you donate a couple dollars Kristen Bertrand, the CASA advocate coordinator, said when you support CASA you are giving a child a chance to find a safe home to grow up in.

Cunningham said he believes by supporting organizations like this it makes society stronger because people are able to receive effective help. By helping people to conquer their addiction, it gives them and their children a better chance to live a happy and healthy life, he said.

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## SENATE, from page 1

The panther shuttle bus committee has been working hard on researching a live mascot all semester, Griffin said.

"We are aware that this is a long shot," Pierce said. "You have to start somewhere."

The resolution co-writers said the purchasing of the panther would need to be incorporated into the university's Strategic Planning.

The Student Senate voted to send the resolution back to its writers.

"How can you put a monetary value on (school spirit)," Griffin said.

Student Body President Michelle Murphy, a senior communication studies major, gave her second and last 'State of the University Address' and said Eastern will continue to grow as a university.

"History has shown that universities that don't include the input of students have drastically limited their ability to educate, function and grow- this is true of Eastern as well," Murphy said.

Eastern is not just a university, it is a family, Murphy said.

"The current and future success of

our university cannot be solely contributed to our institutional leaders but our student leaders as well," Murphy said.

The senate also approved the resolution supporting the Tobacco Coalition's "Free Air Initiative" to limit smokers on campus to 60 already existing smoking allowed areas.

Student Senate Speaker Jarrod Scherle said he would vote in favor of the resolution because of the positives he received from it.

"This is not a step on a way to a smoke-free campus- I hope that is not seeded in this is some how," Scherle said. "I have a lot of friends that do smoke, but I think for the sake of the university I will be voting yes on this."

Scherle also delivered the 'State of the Senate Address.'

Student Senate member John Poshepny said while he was not a smoker himself approving the resolution could set a dangerous precedent on campus.

"I've noticed when you start giving up something it starts moving onto other things," Poshepny said.

The resolution passed with a vote of

18-6-0.

The senate also approved resolutions thanking Murphy and the election commission committee from their work throughout the year.

The senate also approved a resolution allowing Ed Hotwagner, the student body president-elect, to spend \$5,900 to start purchasing things for next fall's First Night.

Fourteen student government members said their goodbyes Wednesday before Murphy swore in 13 senate members for the upcoming school year.

"I, initially, wore all black for the last meeting, but now it's for the carcass of the panther," Pierce said.

Student Senate member Zach Samples, a freshman history major, who was elected to fill the Student Senate Speaker held by Scherle, said he was glad to be given the opportunity.

"It feels absolutely wonderful- I'm ready to take charge and plan for the future," Samples said.

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## Campus clips

The Department of Special Education is hosting the Special Olympics on Friday, April 29th, 2011 from 7:30 a.m.-2:30p.m. at O'Brien Stadium. "Rain or Sunshine." Everyone must report to the Volunteer Table upon arrival.

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University admissions to teacher education meeting. Students must formally apply for university admission to teacher education. This is done by attending a meeting. Students who have not previously applied must attend. Registration is not required. Meeting will be held the 27th 6-6:30pm 1501 Buzzard Hall Auditorium.

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Special Olympics. If you did not attend the voluntary meeting for special olympics, pick up your assignment form in room 1212 Buzzard Hall on April 27th or 28th between 8 am and 4:30 pm

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## HISTORY, from page 8

Boey was awarded the Merit Award at the Scholar Athlete awards banquet for holding a GPA of 3.00 to 3.49.

With the long, hard hours of work Boey has put in, he said he feels that he has earned the titled of Athlete of the Year.

"I'm excited to be Athlete of the Year. I think I've earned it," he said.

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## WEATHER, from page 8

"Because it was my last round in college, I hoped I'd put in a good round," Cherizola said.

The only other Panther in the top 20 among individuals was junior David Lawrence, who finished 19th.

Junior Gino Parrodi finished in a tie for 28th place. Last year, Parrodi finished in ninth place after being tied for third after the first round.

Wednesday it was announced on eiupanthers.com that the men's team had signed two freshmen to next year's team.

James Jansen and Michael Koesler, both from Saint Anthony High School in Effingham will play for the men in the fall.

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For an extended version of this story on golf, go to **DENnews.com**

## RAIN, from page 8

Schmitz added that the Panthers have been lucky all year to have a good drainage system under their field, but even the best drains can only handle so much water.

"We've been lucky all year," Schmitz said. "Our field drains really well, but golly, I mean we're

talking six or seven days with rain."

The Panthers will now look to their game with Benedictine.

"You want to play people," Schmitz said. "Obviously the next two weekends we've got to make some hay, whether that's (winning) five out of six or whatever."

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## DEN Male Athlete of the Year with Zye Boey, red-shirt junior sprinter

# History books begin with letter Z

### Boey breaks records on way to memorable season

By Dominic Renzetti  
Assistant Sports Editor

This year red-shirt junior Zye Boey competed in his first full season since a knee injury sidelined him last season.

Boey returned better than ever to have arguably one of the best indoor and outdoor seasons in Eastern history. It is that type of performance that makes Zye Boey *The Daily Eastern News* Male Athlete of the Year.

In the indoor season, Boey started strong and finished strong. He opened the season at the EIU Early Bird, the Panthers' debut indoor meet of the season, and swept the 60-meter dash and 200-meter dash.

He closed out his return to the indoor season with a seventh place finish at the NCAA Indoor Championships in College Station, Texas at Texas A&M University.

Boey broke the all-time Eastern indoor 200-meter dash record at the Notre Dame Mevo Invite with a time of 20.89 seconds, breaking the former record, also set by Boey, by 0.02 seconds.

When it was time to move to the outdoors, Boey picked up right where he left off from his indoor season and began breaking records.

Boey topped off the EIU Big Blue Classic with a record-breaking 10.15 second time in the 100-meter dash.

Boey gives a lot of credit to his coaches and athletic trainers who helped him throughout his rehabilitation process after suffering the injury. He said a big part of returning to the track was believing.

"Really, the main key is believing in the coaches and athletic trainers," Boey said.

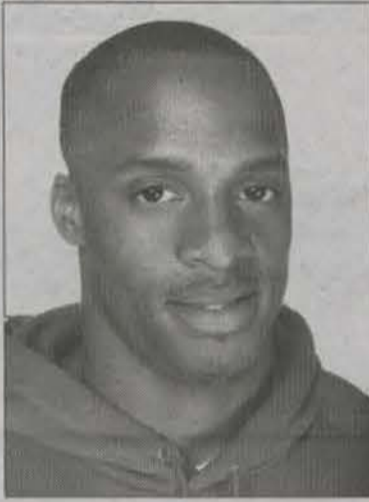
He said he put faith in everything they said to him and that helped him rebound this season.

Boey also said he was not at all nervous about returning for a full season, and that he was determined to make the jump back into competition.

"It really wasn't too much of a surprise," Boey said, "I just really, like I said, wanted to enhance the program."

And enhance the program he has. At the NCAA Indoor Championship, as the Panthers' lone representative, Boey said he wanted to put Eastern on the map. The Panthers are among the best in the Midwest Region, and the highest ranking Ohio Valley Conference team in the regional and national rankings.

Being one of the most success-

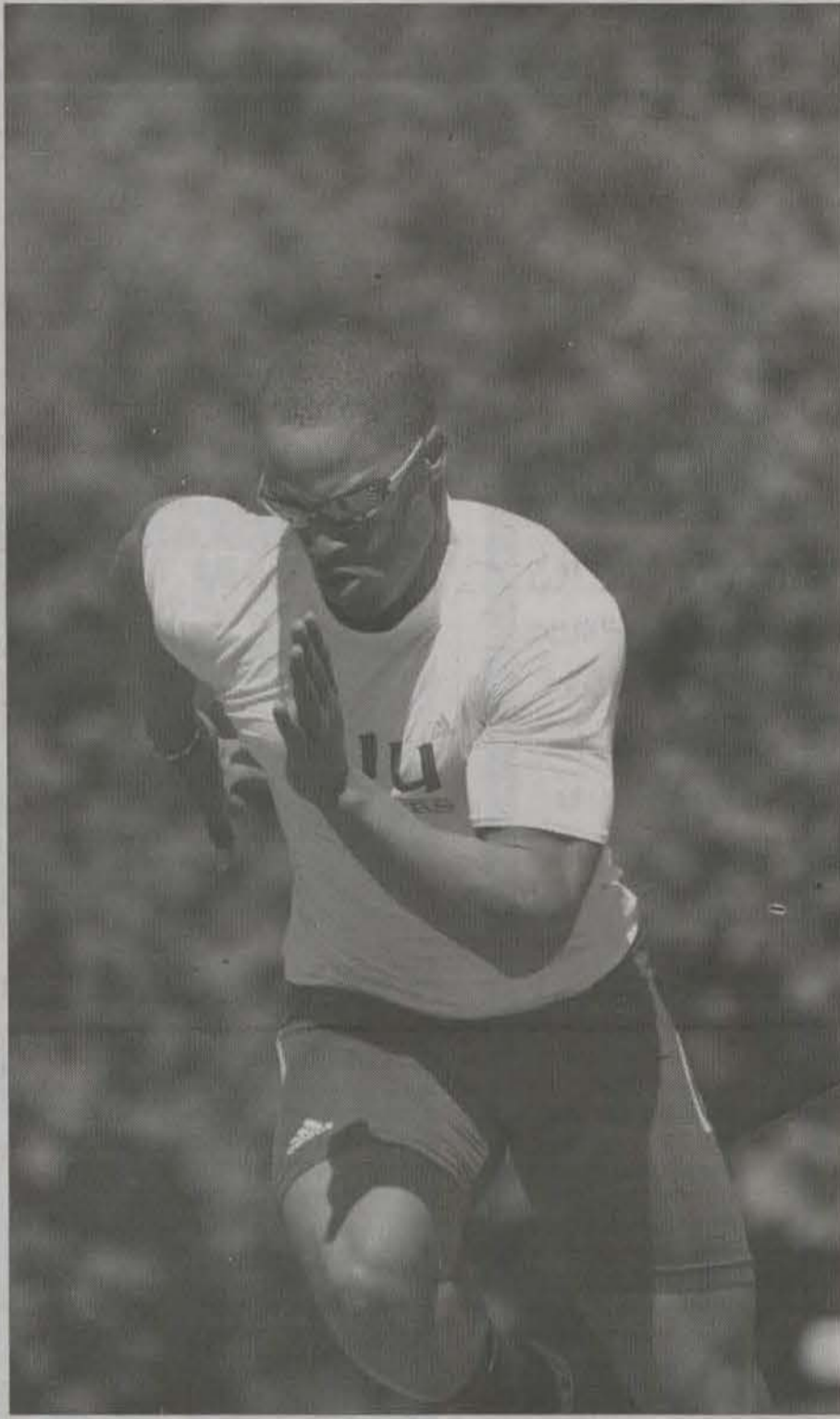


ful athletes to walk the campus of Eastern, Boey has started to become somewhat of a face of Eastern athletics, winning *The DEN's* weekly "Top Cat" award for the week's best athletic performance numerous times throughout the year.

"I wouldn't say I'm the face of Eastern, but it's an honor to be in the same category as all of those other athletes," Boey said.

Boey said he just tries to do a good job, have fun and achieve success in the classroom and on the track.

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DANNY DAMIANI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Zye Boey, a red-shirt junior sprinter, set two Eastern track records and one O'Brien Field record in 2011. Boey has the Eastern indoor record for the 200-meter dash with a time of 20.89, the Eastern outdoor record for the 200-meter dash with a time of 20.67, and an O'Brien Field record for the 100-meter dash with a time of 10.15.

### BASEBALL | PREVIEW

## Rain causes game to change

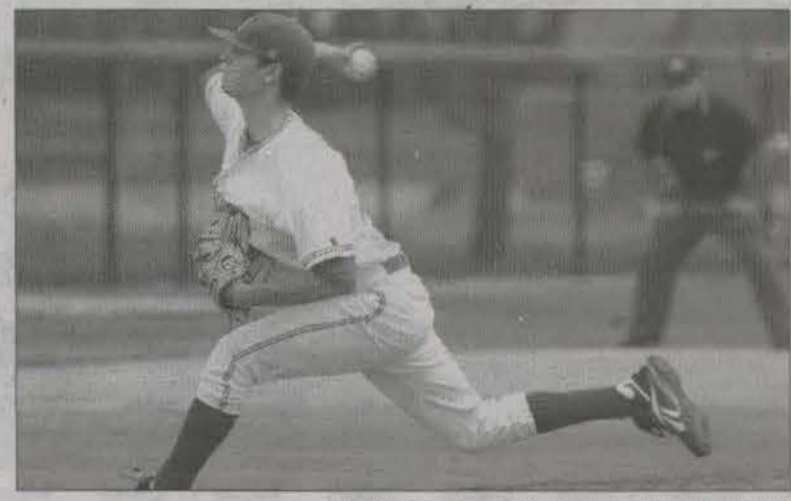
By Brad Kupiec  
Staff Reporter

Wednesday's scheduled baseball game between Eastern and Benedictine University has been moved to this afternoon, with the game set to start at 3 p.m. in Coaches' Stadium.

Panther head coach Jim Schmitz said the game was moved because of weather conditions Wednesday and the fact that the team did not get a chance to put a tarp over the field this week before the rains.

"It was kind of a hard decision (to move the game)," Schmitz said. "You saw rain coming in, we played Saturday, it was nice Saturday night and Sunday, you don't want to tarp your field with the sun."

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DANNY DAMIANI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Mike Hoekstra, a red-shirt junior pitcher, prepares to release the ball during the first game of a double header against Murray State at Coaches Stadium Saturday. Eastern lost the first game 1-4 and won the second game 5-3.

### MEN'S GOLF | OVC CHAMPIONSHIPS

## Weather spoils last round

By Doug T. Graham  
Staff Reporter

Rain, snow, sleet and hail have delayed rounds in nearly every tournament the men's golf team has played in this spring, but never before has 2011's bad weather canceled a round of golf like it did Wednesday.

It could not have come at a worse time for the Panthers, who were eighth of nine teams at the end of the second round in the Ohio Valley Conference Championship at the Greystone Golf Club in Dickson, Tenn.

Senior Francisco Cherizola said he was disappointed because the rain canceled the third-round and he said he felt the Panthers could have moved up a few places in the rankings.

Cherizola said the players were informed of the cancellation during their 6

a.m. breakfast before they were set to tee off by head coach Mike Moncel.

The Panthers' eighth place finish in the tournament was better than last year's last place result that saw them 15 strokes behind the eighth place team. The team ended this year's championship just two strokes behind the seventh place Tennessee State University team. Eastern ended round one tied for seventh with Tennessee Tech University but fell behind them by adding two strokes to their second round total while TTU shed three strokes.

Cherizola led all Panthers with a one-over-par 145 finish, which was good for 13th place. He was in the top 10 after round one, but added three strokes in round two. He said at the beginning of play on Tuesday he had the feeling that it might be his last because of the awful forecast for Wednesday.

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### EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

**Baseball**  
Thursday vs. Benedictine  
3 p.m. - Coaches Stadium

**Softball**  
Saturday vs. Jacksonville State  
1 p.m. - Williams Field

**Baseball**  
Saturday vs. UT Martin  
1 p.m. - Martin, Tenn.

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## Students' passion for fashion



SUBMITTED PHOTO | FRESH!

Glamorized Ladies and Men Modeling, a new campus organization, allows members to express their passion for fashion.

### New student organization celebrates glamour, fashion and modeling

Angelica Moore | Staff Reporter

A new campus organization will be showing off their glamour, fashion, and modeling skills for years to come.

Jeremy Nowell, sophomore journalism major, started Glamorized Ladies and Men Modeling. He is also the president of the organization.

Nowell started this organization because he wanted to diversify the amount of places in which people could go to be apart of a fashion organization.

"Glam is an organization that accepts all races, sizes, shapes, and ethnicity, and is a non judgmental place for people to come to that love fashion," said Nowell.

The purpose of Glam is to promote fashion.

"We love fashion, whether it comes in designing or throwing fashion shows, or even just helping other organizations out," said Nowell.

Nowell spoke about his opinion of what makes a model.

"True modeling not only involves runway, but print and acting as well, including commercials, a model is someone who can venture off in other aspects other than just one."

Nowell said he inspired himself to model.

"I've always been inspired by myself, I've taken tons of pictures all my life, my Facebook page had over one thousands pictures at one point and I have always studied runway walking and fashion," he said.

The requirements to be a Glam model are to love fashion and have dedication.

"We like to build confidence, so you don't have to be the most confident person in the world to walk the runway, I believe there is a model in each and every one of us", said Nowell.

In addition, Nowell said he wants the organization to be well-rounded and have an awareness for each individuals style.

"I want Glam to be something relatable to every audience member," said Nowell.

Monique Hampton fashion coordinator of Glam and freshmen corporate communications major said she decided to be apart of Glam because of her love of fashion.

"I love fashion, every since I was little I was inspired by fashion, and modeling. I watched beauty pageants and I liked the

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SUBMITTED PHOTO | FRESH!

Justin Thomas, a special education major, Monique Hampton, a corporate communications major, Jermey Nowell, a journalism major, and Christopher Pearson, a pre-engineering major are the members of Glamorized Ladies, and Men Modeling.

## Minority faculty represent the underrepresented

Marcus Smith | Staff Reporter

When speaking of minority leadership at the university level, amelioration is the most important concept, Gus Albear said.

Gus Albear, associate professor in the secondary education and foundations department, is a Cuban-American and martial arts instructor at Ekkin-Kyo-Kan-Dojo, a registered RSO, that meets three nights a week in the Dance Studio at Lantz Arena.

He has had many business-related management and training positions at companies like Caterpillar and FedEx/Kinko's, along with teaching at all levels of educa-

tion.

Albears has a PhD in curriculum instruction and media technology with a focus in teaching and learning from Indiana State University.

"The entire idea of amelioration should be considered because it is the equalizing agent that puts us all on the same playing field regardless of race, gender, or sexual inclination, Albear said. "And the ameliorative impact of higher education allows then a balanced playing field for all races, all sects and genders."

Albear said that minority students see a

kinship in faculty and administrative members that are minorities that they do not see in other members of the faculty and administration that are not.

"Now I think that that is sad and it is really wrong because we should be able to see this relationship regardless of race, gender or, sex associated with higher education," he said. "What students do is they say hey I am a Latino or I am an African-American and look here is an African-American teacher here is an African-American administrator or here is a Latino teacher a Latino administrator and they see a connectivity

to that based on the historical condition of their situation as a minority."

Albears said he does not think that a person being a minority makes them better for this position, but does make them more responsible to their minority group and the rest of the community.

"Because not only is the minority student looking for that leadership from within the faculty and administration, but at the same time the membership in that leadership group demands you do not under any circumstances make a point of your minor-

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**STAFF EDITORIAL**

## Fresh! says goodbye to the year

We are only about a week away from the end of the school year, which means this will officially be the last issue of Fresh! until the upcoming Fall semester.

This year, Fresh!, formerly known as Minority Today, transformed.

Not only, has the staff of Fresh!, doubled in size, it has also increased the number of issues printed this year.

Because, of the staff's dedication and determination the medium has also covered a variety of topics, increased readership, and also received wide range of positive feedback and responses for our work.

The publication decided to take on numerous responsibilities in becoming a more independent entity.

Instead, of being printed online along with the other publications that appear on the Daily Eastern News website, Fresh! published each issue

online on wordpress.

On the website, we were able keep the site updated and consistent.

Next year the publication plans to revamp the site and also add a number of features to the site.

Throughout the year, the publication also had some plans that were successful and did go as it was planned including: making deadlines, expanding staff and student support and improving design.

Fresh!, attempted to develop healthy relationships with many of the multicultural registered student organizations, and was able to establish connections with most, and new ones.

By doing so, Fresh!, was able to keep connections with organizations and find out necessary information to keep the public, campus and students informed.

For the 2011-2012 academic year,

the publication will be under new supervision of a new editor-in-chief. However, at this time Fresh!, cannot announce just yet who that will be.

But, the new editor-in-chief will continue the pursuit of achieving goals that Fresh!, has envisioned, as well as, attain objectives that we were unable to achieve over the past academic year.

Fresh!, would also like to make bigger commitments, of trying to print more often, instead of having a publication only once every two weeks.

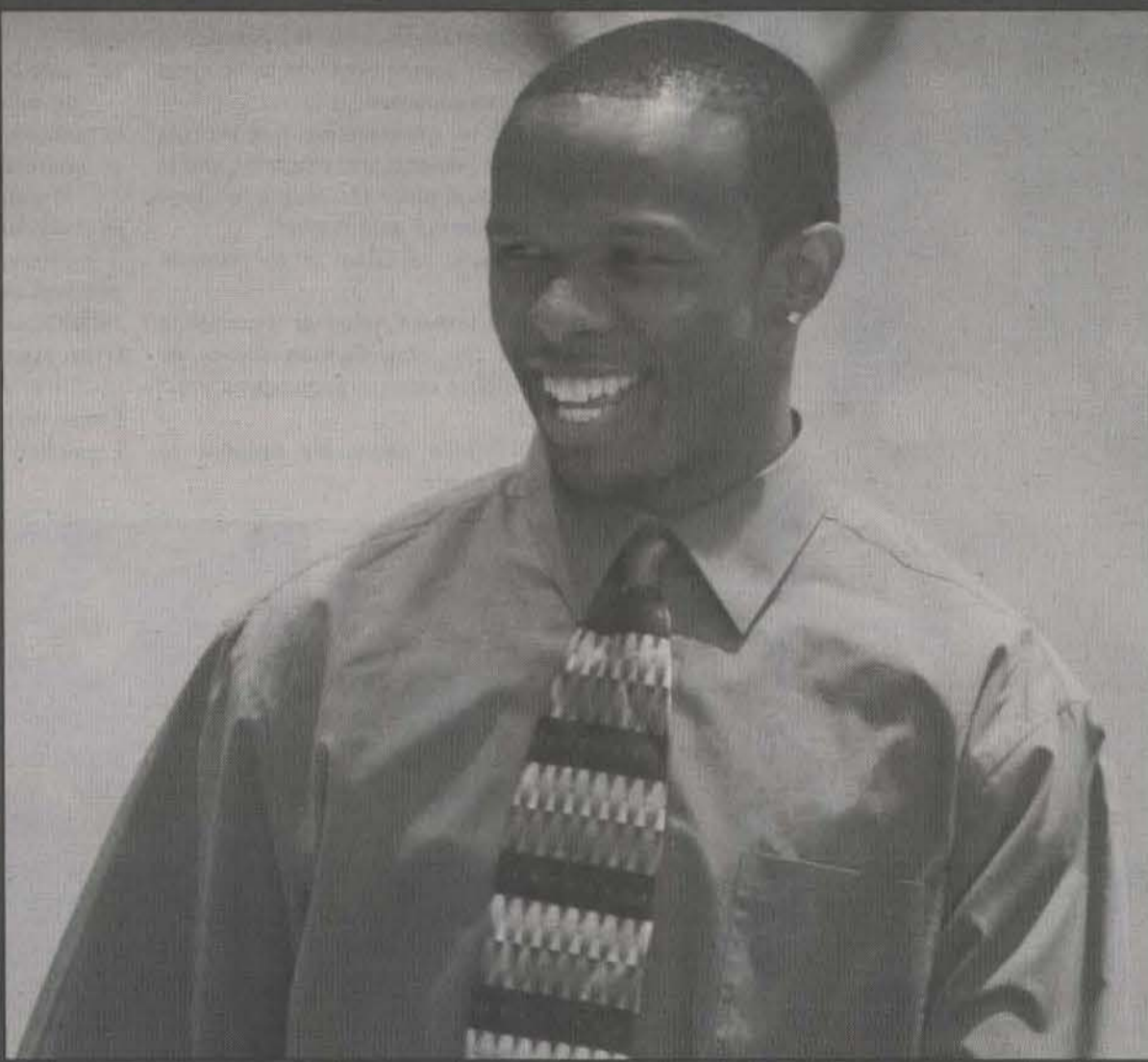
The new editor will also be involved with more issues and topics that are happening in the community, while maintaining and staying focused with the needs of the campus and students.

Fresh!, has so much in store for the upcoming year, and would like to thank and also, ask the readers to continue being involved with this student media.

## Minority Affairs academic awards banquet

KIM FOSTER | FRESH!

Students are honored by faculty members for various achievements April 21 during the Minority Affairs academic recognition and awards dinner in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.



## Glam, Page 1

makeup, the hair, and the clothes," said Hampton.

Hampton said she brings her individual taste of fashion, personality, leadership, management, and promotion skills to the organization.

Christopher Pearson, vice president of Glam and sophomore pre-engineering major said he became apart of Glam because he wanted to learn more about the fashion scene.

"I would rather learn from something so I can have a perspective on everything," said Pearson.

Pearson said models need to be confident and have good self-esteem.

"Be positive about what you do and don't let anyone tell you that you can't do something," he said.

Justin Thomas, treasurer of Glam, said he has always been interested in men's fashion since he was younger.

"As a child I have always been interested in men's fashion, the whole definition of a man is dressing properly and carrying yourself as a positive role model to others, mainly to children and the younger crowd," said Thomas.

Founder, Nowell said he wants to spread awareness about GLAM on campus to prepare for the future.

"The organization has many surprises in store for the upcoming school year," he said.

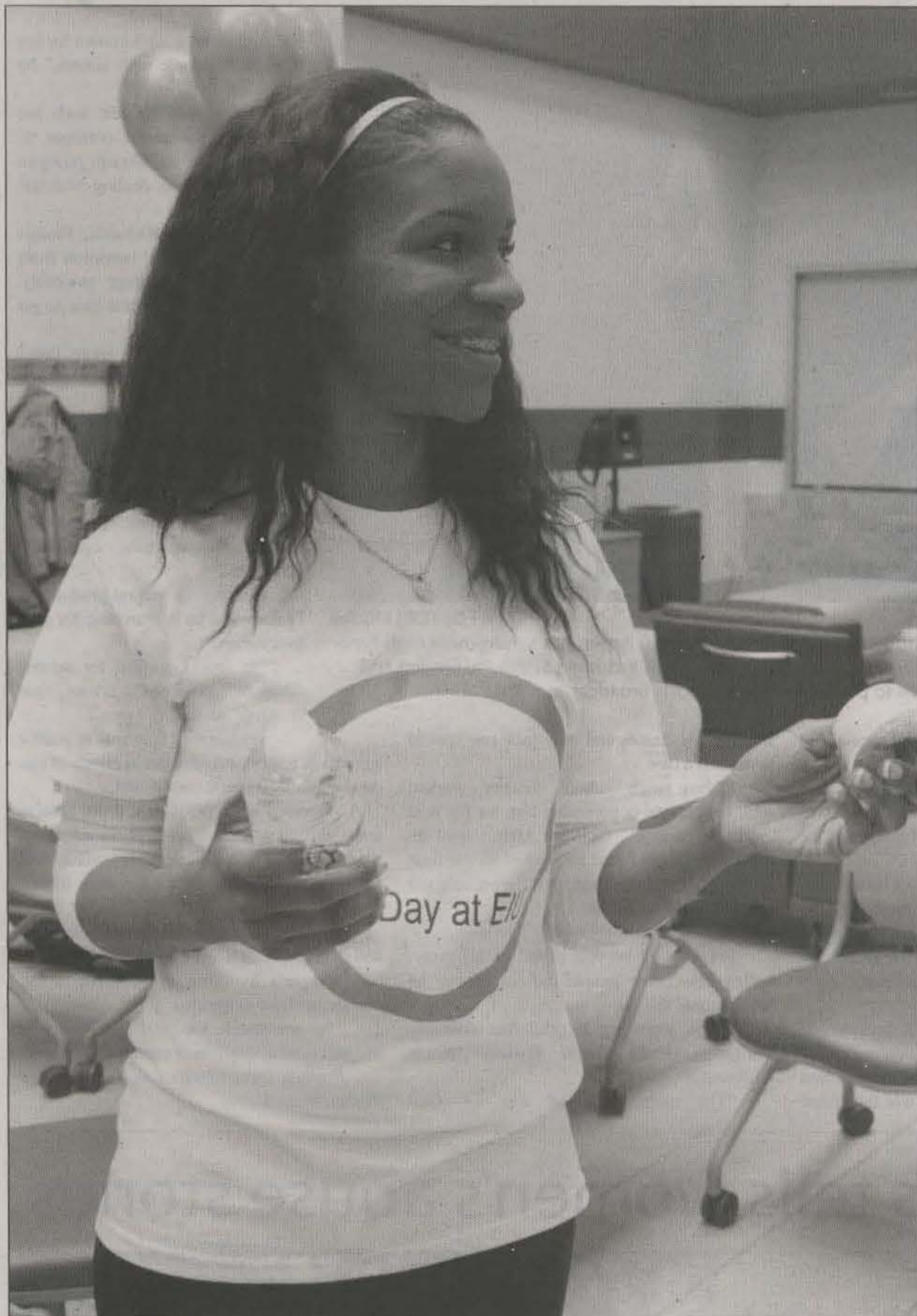
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# Public relations students campaign for diabetes



AUDREY SAWYER | FRESH!

Senior journalism major Crystal Alston hands out bottled water and dried fruit for Diabetes Alert Day April 19 in the Student Recreation Center.

## Eastern's first Diabetes Alert Day held at REC

Nick Blankenship | Staff Reporter

Diabetes prevents the body from making enough insulin in the pancreas to turn food into energy is a disease that affects 25.8 million children and adults in the United States.

Diabetes is the fifth leading cause of death in the U.S. and about one out of three people will have diabetes by the year 2050 said Crystal Alston.

Often diabetes goes undiagnosed because many of its symptoms seem harmless to most.

The American Diabetes Association lists symptoms of Type 1 Diabetes being frequent urination, unusual thirst, extreme hunger, unusual weight loss, extreme irritability and fatigue.

Type 2 Diabetes symptoms are any from Type 1, consistent infections, blurred vision, slow healing cuts and bruises, tingling or numbness in the hands and, or feet and recurring skin, gum or bladder infections. It is noted that people with Type 2 Diabetes have no symptoms.

In most cases before Type 2 Diabetes is developed patients have Prediabetes in which blood glucose levels are higher than normal but not quite diabetes yet. 79 million people in the U.S. have Prediabetes.

Alston a senior journalism major said she, four students and Associate Professor Terri Johnson came up with the idea of raising awareness about diabetes and decided to start a campaign.

The case studies: public relations students chose to create an event and focus it around the subject of diabetes.

On April 2011, Diabetes Alert Day was hosted in the REC at Eastern, for the first time.

During the event screenings,

healthy snacks and water was given to students that participated. About one hundred people came to Diabetes Alert Day. Of the attendees, 63 got their fingers swabbed with alcohol, pricked and then screened their blood sample. If sugar levels were any lower than 70, or higher than 140 they were suggested to go see a physician.

The Health Education Resource Center, Student Volunteer Services and the Coles County Health Department were able to help with the campaign as well.

Jessica Leggin a senior journalism major said both of her mother's parents and her father's mother have diabetes.

Leggin said she did not realize why her grandparents could not eat the same foods as her, until she got older and understood the disease.

After becoming aware, Leggin said she started to pay attention to her health in efforts of not contracting the disease.

"Trying to prevent getting the disease does not mean you cannot have sweets," Leggin said. "It's about controlling your sugar intake not stopping it and that if you really want to be live longer you'll make the sacrifice."

Minimizing your sugar intake, but not totally exiting it out of your diet since the body needs sugar in order to function properly can prevent the disease. Maintaining a healthy weight and having moderate workouts for at least a half an hour for three to five days a week, according to the American Diabetes Association.

Assistant Director of Health Education and Promotion at HERC, Ryan Messinger said the best way to keep a healthy immune system is by maintaining a balanced diet.

"Eat more fruits, vegetables and try not to digest to many refined sugars," he said.

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"THE AMELIORATIVE IMPACT OF HIGHER EDUCATION ALLOWS THEN A BALANCED PLAYING FIELD FOR ALL RACES, ALL SECTS AND GENDERS."

-GUS ALBEAR, ASSOC. PROF., SECONDARY EDUCATION & FOUNDATIONS

ity status as the central positioning for the authority associated with what you are doing," Albears said. "To do so is to completely destroy the ameliorative concept what one should do what one should be measured at is by what they can produce for everyone not just for a select small group."

He said the difference of leadership in the business world is that the sole concern is on the bottom line.

"In a sense, within the business environment if everyone has taken hold of ownership of the product or the service you see less focus on racial issues," Albears said "Because everybody is saying it doesn't matter if he is an African-American, or a Chinese, or whatever engineer it is what the engineer is producing

that is allowing us to put our name on it, so everyone comes to the table with a clear mind of the concept everyone is working on the design and development of a product for remuneration to a corporation whose revenues will increase based on how well the product is marketed, bought and sold into the public."

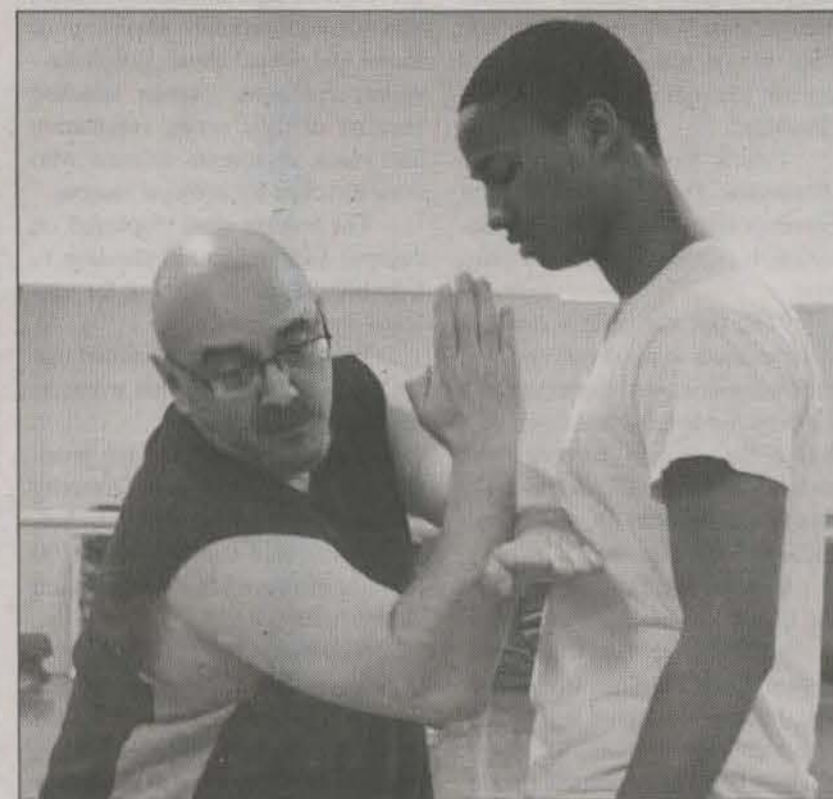
He also said that in the business environment if you have deficient parts or raw materials they can be sent back, but people cannot be viewed in the same light.

"We don't have the same static perception of a product within higher education a human being is not a static product that will over time lose its value and be replaced by a new module" he said. "What we are is what we have become based on what we can learn.(or) educate ourselves to within the community of leaning known as higher education."

He said ultimately that is the fundamental difference between the business world and the academic world.

"We don't make the product the product makes itself," Albears said.

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Gustavo Albear, an assistant professor of secondary education and foundations, demonstrates karate with Vehyon Cartman, a freshman sociology major, in the Student Recreation Center.

# Austism speaks: A student's success story

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Starting the day, Darrius Frazier appears to be a "normal," college student. Frazier attends classes during the week as well as maintaining his responsibilities at work and extracurricular activities.

However, Frazier, a post-baccalaurate, is one of three percent of people who is living with autism and/or asperger's syndrome that is able to be totally independent.

"Because of my mother's drive to function at the same rate as my peers, I am able to live a normal life," he said.

Autism is a disorder of neural development that is characterized by impaired social interaction and communication.

Autism affects information processing in the brain by altering how nerve cells. Autism is still not well understood, and the cause for this disorder has yet to be discovered.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, approximately two to six children out of every 1,000 will have. Also, males are four times more likely to have autism than females. The number of people diagnosed with autism has increased since the 1980s, partly due to changes in diagnostic practice.

Frazier diagnosed at two, discovered he had a different form of autism known as Asperger's Syndrome. Asperger's by definition is an autism spectrum disorder that is characterized by significant difficulties in social interaction, along with restricted and repetitive patterns of behavior and interests. Asperger's differs from other autism spectrum disorders by its relative preservation of linguistic and cognitive development.

Frazier said his parents noticed that he was



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Darrius Frazier, a post-baccalaurate studying physical education, has Asperger's Syndrome, a high-functioning form of autism. Frazier takes part in various campus activities including Sigma Phi Epsilon and the homecoming committee, and plans to pursue a career in sports broadcasting.

nonverbal, and took him to several specialized child pediatricians.

"One doctor told my mother, I shouldn't receive any type of education and that I will never be able to function or learn properly," he said.

Frazier said his mother did not believe that and would not allow anyone to medicate him. Instead, she ensured he would learn at the same rate as his peers and continued to be socialized.

"I was mainstreamed, to continue to keep me integrated," he said.

Frazier's childhood school days would consist of special education that enhanced his communications skills, physical therapy and more. By high school, Frazier, was integrated

into regular classes and only took one special education a day.

During high school, Frazier worked with his parents in preparing him for his next "right of passage." College. After school on weekends, Frazier said he studied all the time for the ACT and searched for different colleges compatible to his needs.

"I scored a 21 on the ACT," he said.

Frazier said he was proud of his score, seeing how many people did not believe he would come this far.

While searching for different colleges, Frazier said he found Eastern Illinois University.

"The main attraction was Dr. Gail

Richards, who is well-known for her work with people with autism," he said.

Frazier said he felt with her credentials she could continue to help him with socializing, problem solving as well as dealing with life skills.

Because of Richards, Frazier said he was able to transition from high school to college smoothly, although it did take some time to get use to college life.

"It was a lot more faster pace, and a different stage of my life," he said.

Frazier said it did not take him long to get in the swing of things. He started to become involved with several different groups and activities on campus including: Sigma Phi Epsilon, homecoming committee and more.

Nearing his second graduation, Frazier said he is searching for jobs everywhere.

"In fact, I applied for several different positions across the country," he said.

Frazier said he wants to pursue a career as a sports broadcaster in efforts of one day becoming a sports commentator.

"Working with WEIU TV, I am able to learn different aspects and positions about working for a television station, which will help me have experience for the work force," he said.

While reflecting on all his achievements and degrees, Frazier wants people with autism or Asperger's Syndrome to be given a fair chance, without judgment.

"We are people too, and should not be judged on what they can or cannot do," he said.

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# Clothesline of t-shirts tells women's abuse stories

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The Gender and Diversity Coalition recognizes survivors and victims of sexual assault for Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

A survivor is a woman who has survived intimate personal violence such as rape, battering, incest, and child sexual abuse. A victim is a woman who has died at the hand of her abuser.

This is the first time that the Clothesline Project, sponsored by Eastern's Gender and Diversity Coalition, is offered on Eastern's campus.

"The purpose of this event is to get women to speak out and find their voice and see themselves as a survivor and not a victim anymore," says Ashley Wiberg, secretary and co-founder for the Gender and Diversity Coalition and a senior secondary education major.

Colored t-shirts were given in the Union to students who wanted to participate in the Clothesline Project. The Clothesline Project is a visual display of t-shirts for women to tell their abuse stories or stories that they know about abuse. Two tables were set up as well as booths to protect the privacy of students. The shirts were stacked inside the booths and placed in a box when students were done designing their shirts.

Each colored t-shirt represents a different type of abuse. White represents people who have died because of violence, yellow or beige represents women who were battered or assaulted, red, pink and orange represents women who are survivors of rape and sexual assault, blue/green represents survivors of incest and sexual abuse, purple/lavender represents women attacked because of their sexual orientation and black represents women who were attacked for political reasons.

The t-shirts were displayed on campus, hanging on a clothesline, to help bring awareness about the violence against women.

Wiberg says, "I am excited that we are able to bring this event to Eastern's campus."

Tara Crawford, the vice president of the Gender and Diversity Coalition and a senior psychology major, said there are over 100 t-shirts displayed that are hung on clotheslines.

"We try to promote equal rights of women and both genders, and we are hoping that this will spread equality," says Crawford, "I hope that people are shocked at the stories that people have told and notice that this represents inequality."

Wiberg says "one out of seven women in college will be assaulted by the end of their college careers."



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Jersey Milano, a freshman elementary education major, examines the shirts for the Clothesline Project April 20 on the North Quad. The Clothesline Project was put on by the Gender Coalition.

She says, "This project does not really tell us accurate number, but the fact that there are 100 shirts displayed, tells 100 different stories."

Wiberg hopes this is a shock to all students and that they recognize what other women have gone through.

The Gender Diversity Coalition started two years ago, trying to promote all equality, while the National Clothesline Project became a national movement. It began in Massachusetts in 1990 as a public display of colored t-shirts hung on a clothesline to represent an individual's experience.

Crawford and Wiberg hope that people still come out and make more t-shirts which are available in the quad or available to take home and bring them back to the event.

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