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# Nontraditional students honored



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Marla Lynn Yourell, a senior elementary education major, stops by the snack table that was put together by the School of Continuing Education for National Nontraditional Student Week in Klehm Hall Monday evening.

By Kayleigh Zyskowski  
Activities Editor

Monday night "light snacks" were handed out to nontraditional students in the entryway of Klehm Hall in celebration of National Nontraditional Student Week.

Kim Redfern, adviser within the general studies degree, said a nontraditional student is anyone who does not fit the mold of an 18- or 19-year-old student coming to college without financial responsibilities.

"For most of our students, (school) is kind of a second or third priority even though they would like it to be their first priority," Redfern said.

Many of the nontraditional students have full-time jobs, do not live on campus and take online classes instead of coming to campus, she said.

"We wanted to honor these students because they are in a very different setting than what they are used to, and we wanted to make the campus sees them too," Red-

fern said.

Monday morning was the Sunrise Breakfast and throughout the rest of the week other events will be hosted by the Organization for Adult Student, Informal and Supportive.

OASIS will hold another light snack night today from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Physical Science Building.

The group will also host a pizza party for nontraditional students at noon Wednesday on the third floor of the Martin Luther King Jr. Uni-

versity Union in the adult/computer lounge.

Thursday will conclude the week's events with a reception.

"We are handing out awards for our essay contest and to a faculty member and to a department on campus nominated by the students for who they thought served nontraditional students the best," Redfern said.

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### LOCAL

# Preparations for primaries have begun

By Stephen Di Benedetto  
City Editor

The incumbent Coles County sheriff will be able to forgo the Feb. 2 primary election and focus his attention on the November general election.

The sheriff's position is the only Coles County office up for election next year that garnered more than one candidate.

Neither incumbent Sheriff Darrell Cox nor former Mattoon police officer Ed Johnson, a Democrat, will face an opponent in the Feb. 2 primary election. Monday was the last day state and county candidates could file for election.

"I want people to vote for me because I'm the best candidate for the job," Cox said. "I want to run a positive campaign."

Cox said his campaign against Johnson would be on merit, not deceptive tactics. He said his re-election committee has not discussed the general election, but Cox said he intends to run a similar campaign that allowed him to win a primary that featured two other Republican candidates.

Cox said whoever becomes sheriff will have to deal with fiscal challenges. He said improving the crime stoppers program and upgrading the standard operating manual are two of his goals, if re-elected.

He said he is optimistic about his chances for re-election, adding he still will proceed with caution.

Johnson could not be reached for comment.  
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### CITY

# New contract could save city money

By Stephen Di Benedetto  
City Editor

The City Council will discuss the possibility of more energy savings at its regular meeting today.

The council approved an energy contract on Oct. 20 for 2010-2011 that will save the city an estimated \$120,000. City Manager Scott Smith said the city is looking to enter into another contract with Ameren Energy Marketing Co. from November 2009 to October 2010 that would generate \$24,000 in savings on four locations.

The locations include City Hall and the wastewater treatment

plant. Smith said the city currently has a contract with AmerenCIPS that lasts from October 2008 to October 2010.

"There are two contracts that will run simultaneously," Smith said.

He said the contract with Ameren Marketing allows for a fixed rate, unlike the contract with AmerenCIPS.

The council will also announce the acquisition of a Community Development Assistance Grant that will go toward water main replacement.

The project will replace 59,000 linear feet of water mains that are 100 to 125 years old, Smith said. The \$350,000 grant will help cover

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Scott Smith, city manager

project costs, which is expected to be around \$700,000, he said.

The water mains are located on 20th Street, one block east of Casey's. Smith said plan design is underway, with construction not starting this year.

The council will also decide an amendment to the official deposi-

ries ordinance that would allow the city to invest its reserves with the Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund.

Smith said the amendment allows him and the Charleston comptroller another option to invest reserves.

The council will grant a variety  
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### CAMPUS

# Conference held on integrative learning

By Sarah Ruhoff  
Administration Editor

Integrative learning is nothing new to Eastern. Students have long been encouraged to combine classroom and real-world experiences.

Fifteen Eastern employees, including faculty and Blair Lord, vice president for academic affairs, attended an integrative learning conference sponsored by the American Association of Colleges and Universities in Atlanta Oct. 22 through 24.

Lord said the group includes faculty members from each college.

Those who attended the conference will meet Friday to discuss the different sessions they attended and ways to implement their new ideas at the university.

Bonnie Irwin, dean of the Honors College, was one of those to attend the conference.

"One of the most valuable things is going to be having us all get back together to discuss what  
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