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December is a busy time in the philanthropy office with folks making year-end gifts. We wanted to pass along the following information so that your year-end giving can be done easily with you in mind. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Office Hours:
EIU Foundation and EIU Philanthropy office hours (Neal Center): Closed: Dec. 24 at Noon and closed Dec. 25 & 26, Jan. 1 & 2. The office will be open Dec. 29-30, 8 am - 4:30 pm and Dec. 31, 8 am – 4 pm.

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McCann to take over for Cooley

Paul McCann, director of business services/treasurer, was named interim vice president for business affairs Tuesday. McCann will start in that capacity after Jeff Cooley, vice president for business affairs, retires on Dec. 31. Cooley announced his retirement in June. "It's certainly going to be a challenge," McCann said.

He said he would work with the state on the budgeting process for the next fiscal year. The state will let Eastern know what to expect in the next fiscal year in May or June. McCann said Eastern would like to know either January or February.

When it comes to his daily routine in the Office of Business Affairs, he does not know what will change throughout the day. He said he would get to know more of the groups on campus such as Faculty Senate, Student Senate and the Council on University Planning and Budget. "There are a lot of important issues on our table," McCann said. He said the proposed Renewable Energy Center is one major issue that will be worked on in hope of finding a solution.

President Bill Perry said he picked McCann after asking different groups on campus to describe what types of characteristics were needed in an interim vice president for business affairs. He then considered the three- to four-month period an interim would serve, which includes the legislative session. He said he selected McCann for those reasons. "We are going to be dealing with some uncertainty," Perry said.

With Eastern being asked to hold 2.5 percent of its state funding in reserve, Perry said it is important to have everyone ready for the next budget process. Perry added the plan is to have a permanent vice president for business affairs start by April 1. A search committee is in the process of a national search for a permanent successor for Cooley. McCann said he applied for the permanent position.

McCann has served as director of business services/treasurer since June 2006. McCann has served as a partner with the accounting firm of Doehring Winders and Co., LLP; as chief financial officer with Behnke and Co., Inc., a Decatur insurance firm; and Murphey, Jenne and Jones, now known as Peat Marwick. He received his bachelor's degree in business/accounting from Augustana College in Rock Island.

Story by Matt Hopf at denews.com.

EIU BREAKS GROUND; TEXTBOOK RENTAL SERVICE TO GET NEW HOME

A few small piles of overturned dirt are the only visible sign of Eastern's plans to move forward with a new home for its Textbook Rental Service. But officials know that those small mounds will soon be replaced by a 19,200-square-foot facility equipped to house the approximately 220,000 textbook volumes supporting the university's academic programs. In fact, the new building is expected to be completed by the end of the Fall 2009 semester.

"Over the past century, our students have saved literally tens of thousands of dollars -- if not more -- by having the opportunity to rent, rather than buy, the textbooks required of them for their classes," said Roger Kratochvil, chair of Eastern's Board of Trustees, as he prepared for the building's recent groundbreaking. It gives me great pleasure to be here today as we take the next step toward providing this very important service with a permanent building of its own."
Eastern’s own light show

Lights set up for the holidays illuminate the outline of Old Main as the sun set on Tuesday.

Students volunteer time to rebuild homes over break

Students participated in the Christian Appalachian Project over Thanksgiving break as well. The Newman Catholic Center and EIU’s Habitat for Humanity organized the project, which took a group of volunteers to the Appalachian Mountains in Kentucky and worked with poverty stricken families to rebuild their homes.

Matthew Schumake, a senior English major and Habitat for Humanity member, went on the trip. "We worked with CAP on two homes while we were there, rebuilding roofs, installing windows, other repairs to prepare for winter," Schumake said. He said the experience was amazing and would recommend it to any student. "It's just as good for the people who volunteer as it is for the people you are doing it for," Schumake said.

The students with the Newman Catholic Center were riled during Thanksgiving break and along with members of the School of Americas Watch, protested the U.S. Army School of Americas at Fort Benning in Georgia. The military program specializes in training and educating Latin Americans about military and warfare. The program is intended to foster relations between the United States and Latin American countries, and prepare young Latin Americans for military leadership.

Doris Nording, student volunteer coordinator at the Newman Catholic Center, attended the protest with two other Eastern students. "We are standing up for non-violent solutions," Nording said. Critics of the program said the students are trained in torture techniques that are then used in villages and towns within Latin America, leaving families and citizens unsafe.

The School of Americas Watch, an advocacy group, participates in rallies and protests alongside many other schools and religious organizations.

Steven Joebgen, a sophomore marketing major, was one of the students who accompanied Nording on the trip. "This was the first year I went," Joebgen said. "There was an estimated 20,000 people this year, which they said was pretty standard." The Eastern students participated with different faith communities, such as Sisters of Mercy, with college groups like Loyola University Chicago and many others. "We work with Café Campesino, selling fair trade coffee at the event, with all proceeds going to SOA Watch," Joebgen said. Fair trade products give farmers proper wages for their products, instead of undercharging them.

The event also allowed war veterans and Christian peacemakers to give public speeches. A memorial service for those who have been killed by those trained in the program was also held at the protest. The crowd chanted and sang the names of each life taken from eight-month-old children to mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters, Nording said.

For the full story by Joe Wojtysiak go to denews.com.
Touched by an Angel

Tim Fix dreamed of becoming a teacher and a coach. But in May of 1996, just before he was to graduate from EIU, the 23-year-old Plainfield man and his friend, Joe Bee, drowned. In the years that followed, his foster parents, Laura Fahrner and Robert Smith, have kept Fix's memory alive by helping fuel other students' dreams. A decade ago they established the Tim Fix Memorial Scholarship Fund, which awards $500 for each of four years to deserving college-bound students graduating from high schools in School Districts 200 and 204. More than $100,000 has been raised for the fund, much of it by Smith, an attorney, who donates the money he makes from speaking engagements and as a hearing officer for the Plainfield School District to the program.

Fahrner's sister, artist Sue Shanahan, is also a major contributor. For the past nine years, Shanahan, of Mokena, has created Christmas cards in honor of Fix and Bee. Sales have raised more than $10,000 for the fund.

The annual Christmas card she creates for the scholarship fund holds a special place in Shanahan's heart. The cover of this year's card, "Take Joy," is an illustration of a red-headed angel standing on a cloud, dropping stars she has gathered in her skirt. Inside is a verse written by Fra Giovani in the year 1513:

"I salute you! There is nothing I can give you which you have not; but there is much that, while I cannot give, you can take.
No heaven can come to us unless our hearts find rest in it today.
Take Heaven.
No peace lies in the future which is not hidden in this present instant.
Take Peace.
The gloom of the world is but a shadow; behind it yet, within our reach, is joy.
Take Joy.
And so, at this Christmas time, I greet you with the prayer that for you,
now and forever, the day breaks, and the shadows flee away."

The verse is one of Shanahan's favorites. "It's very healing," she said. "It's just a nice way of remembering my nephew. It means a lot to my sister and her husband to honor his memory each year and to help the kids the fund has helped."

Fix, known as TJ, came to the Fahrner-Smith family in 1983 at the age of 11. His foster parents immediately bonded with him. He graduated from Plainfield High School in 1991 and attended college on a wrestling scholarship. "He was a really good kid," said Fahrner, a social worker at Lincoln Elementary School in Plainfield. "We watched him blossom. We saw all that effort. When you have a child die suddenly like that, it's really hard. A lot of time with sudden death you think, why does this happen? Why him? My husband and I feel like when you go through a loss like that, you have to try to make sense of that." The scholarship fund has helped make some sense of the tragedy. About 20 students each year benefit from the program and many have gone on to become teachers as Fix had once planned to do.

About 1,500 of Shanahan's Christmas cards have been printed for sale this holiday season. Like previous years, Fahrner has sent a few boxes to Joe Bee's family to let them know their son, who died trying to save Tim, has not been forgotten.

Tim will always be part their family, Fahrner said. She and her husband and two daughters remember him as a son and a brother. Shanahan remembers him as her sweet, hardworking nephew. Members of the community remember him as someone who continues to touch the lives of others through the scholarship program that bears his name. "It's not all sad," Fahrner said. "... The holiday cards are a nice way to remember Tim at Christmas. I think that's what Tim would like. He wouldn't want us to hide from life but to move on. ... Life is to move forward. You have your challenges. You just try to use them and turn them into something good."

Story by Kathy Millen from The Plainfield Sun
President's salary lower than some

President Perry's salary is at a lower standing than other universities in Illinois. The Chronicle of Higher Education released a report that included the salaries of presidents at seven, four-year Illinois public institutions. Eastern was excluded from the report, as was Western Illinois University, Governor's State University, Northeastern University and Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

Perry's salary received a 3 percent increase, which is the standard increase percentage that all Academic Professionals and Civil Service received this year, according to Eastern's Budget Office. Webb said Perry would not accept any other increase in salary even though the board has offered a higher salary. "It's his belief that the president, in a time of limited resources, ought not be treated any differently...than the academic staff," Webb said. "All university presidents don't follow that practice."

In an article from the Nov. 21 issue of The Chronicle of Education, it was reported that the price of public university presidents continues to rise. According to the Chronicle's latest survey of executive compensation, median pay and benefits rose 7.6 percent in 2007-08, to $427,400 for 184 public research universities.

Webb said Perry's salary did not rise as much, which would be why his rank has changed and would be lower than other universities.

For the full story by Emily Zulz go to dennews.com.

Foreign language requirement hours remain the same

The Council on Academic Affairs opted to rescind the original foreign language requirement Thursday. While some CAA members thought the requirement would not strengthen Eastern's curriculum, CAA member Debra Reid thought it was Eastern's time to take a leadership role among regional universities with the original requirement. "There were pros not reported in the ad-hoc committee's recommendation," Reid said. In a 9-3 decision, CAA rescinded the proposal that would have increased the foreign language requirement for all students from two semesters to three.

For the full story by Stephen Di Benedetto go to dennews.com.

Students study behavior of Black Friday Shoppers

With the craziness that comes with the day after Thanksgiving, the family and consumer sciences department has created a study. Researchers include Professors Linda Simpson, Kathleen O'Rourke, Lisa Taylor, Deborah Reifsteck and doctoral students Katie Shaw and Jill Bowers. The study was conducted on Black Friday in November 2006 and 2007 and is designed to research the behaviors of consumers during Black Friday. The research collected helped continue study on this year's Black Friday.

Graduate and undergraduate students comprised the 23 observers during the study. Overall, they recorded 217 observations in 2006 and 2007. According to a press release, this study provides a unique contribution to retailers to show observations of shopping behavior on Black Friday. It also states most conclusions have been drawn from the media, with cameras capturing the chaos when the stores open.

Simpson said this allows the research team to work on a research project in an interdisciplinary manner since they all come from three different parts of the department - family services, consumer studies and merchandising. "It also allows us as professors to work with students and gives application to everyday life, which is something they might not get in the classroom," Simpson said.

For the full story by Brittni Garcia go to dennews.com.
EIU Board approves contract; honors Jaenikes’

The Eastern Illinois University Board of Trustees Friday voted in favor of a new three-year contract that stipulates 3 percent annual pay raises for all 175 members of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees union working at the university. Vice President for Business Affairs Jeff Cooley said the tentative agreement was reached with the AFSCME Local 981 Service Unit on Nov. 5. The contract is effective for the three-year period that began Sept. 15. The 3 percent raises are expected to cost the university $171,915 this year; $177,072 next year; and $182,384 in 2010, Cooley said.

Also on Friday, the Board of Trustees approved the naming of the percussion lab in the newly renovated Doudna Fine Arts Center after one of EIU’s most significant philanthropic influences. The name, “Vaughn and Ruth Jaenike Percussion Lab,” was requested by an anonymous donor in honor of the Jaenikes, who “have given tirelessly of their time and energies” to EIU, said Vice President for External Relations Jill Nilsen.

Vaughn Jaenike was dean of the College of Fine Arts from 1974 to 1993, and continued after his retirement to assist with the Office of Philanthropy. The Jaenikes’ relationship with the Tarble family has resulted in contributions of more than $12 million, Nilsen said.

Story by Nathaniel West at Times Courier

EVENTS CALENDAR

Go to http://www.eiu.edu/~alumni/events.html for details on all of the events.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT - Ongoing Exhibits

Fantastic Covers shines a spotlight on illustrations from the covers of vintage science fiction pulp paperbacks and magazines. This rotating exhibition of cover art from the golden age of the 1950s through the early 1970s is on display in the Marvin Foyer. Ellen K. Corrigan is the exhibit curator.

"An Eastern Student Makes Good -- Joan Allen, Star of Stage and Screen". This exhibit celebrates the career of actress Joan Allen, a theatre student at Eastern in the 1970s, who took Steppenwolf by storm. She later became an Emmy Award-winning performer on Broadway and an accomplished film actress, with three Academy Award nominations. Allen is the featured subject this year Embarrass Valley Film Festival. The exhibit is on display in the North Lobby through Dec. 31. Bob Hillman, Carl Lorber and David Bell are the exhibit curators.

Through January 18 - Brainard Gallery, Recent Acquisitions. Mid-20th century Illinois paintings, works on paper, and Illinois folk arts

December 14 - February 22 - 17th Biennial Drawing/Watercolor: Illinois. A competitive exhibition open to Illinois artists; juried by Alan Leder, Director of the Evanston Art Center; an Illinois Currents series event funded in part by the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.
People in the news

Julie Lockett, instructional technology specialist, Antoine Thomas, training/development specialist, and Dr. Michael Hoadley, assistant vice president for academic affairs for technology, recently attended E-Learn 2008 -- World Conference on E-Learning in Corporate, Government, Healthcare and Higher Education. The group from CATS gave two presentations -- “Promoting Best Practices in Online Learning: The Online Course Development Institute” and “Effective Ways to Promote Learning in the Online Environment: Lessons Learned.”

Julie Chadd, assistant professor for the School of Technology, recently attended the Illinois Business Education Association’s fall conference. She presented "Soft Skills: Something Else to Teach?" At the conclusion of the conference, she become second vice president of the state organization.

Marko Grünhagen, associate professor of marketing, just returned from the second China Franchise International Summit, which was held at the Franchise Management School on the Zhuhai campus of Beijing Normal University in China. Grünhagen has been a Visiting Professor at the university since 2006, and has been invited repeatedly to share research insights to guide China's franchise industry development efforts. He also had an opportunity to give a presentation on the state of the franchise industry in China at Hong Kong Baptist University.

Scott A.G.M. Crawford, kinesiology and sports studies, wrote an Issues column for the November/December 2008 issue of the Journal of Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. The topic was "Should physical educators address political questions in the sports arena, such as the recent controversy over the Olympics?"

Dean Bonnie Irwin and Margaret Messer recently participated in sessions at the National Collegiate Honors Council National Conference in San Antonio, Texas. Irwin serves on the board of directors of NCHC and presented a session on “New Faces of Competition (Uses of Facebook, YouTube and iTunes”). Messer served on panels titled “Student Employees and the Honors Workplace Culture” and “Honors Housing: For Freshmen or for All?"

Eric S. Davidson, Health Service associate director, delivered a presentation titled 'Using Social Cognitive Theory to Develop a Comprehensive Sleep Program' and facilitated a Peer Education Adviser's Roundtable Session on "Using Logic Models to Develop and Assess Peer Education Programming" at the National BACCHUS Peer Education General Assembly held in Columbus, Ohio, on Nov. 13-15.

Vincent Gutowski Named EIU'S Distinguished Service Award Recipient

One mention of the name "Vincent Gutkowski" and words of praise start flowing from Godson Obia's mouth. "A stellar academic and a great person," Obia said of his friend and colleague. "Vince is such a giving person -- both to his students and to his department." Kind words such as these and the truth behind them are what led to Gutowski being named the 2008 recipient of Eastern Illinois University's Luis Clay Mendez Distinguished Service Award, presented by the university's Faculty Senate. The award, given annually since 2004, honors the memory of Clay, an EIU Spanish professor who died in 2003. Recipients must exemplify Clay's dedication via service to the university, their profession and the community-at-large (local, national and/or international). Gutowski, a professor of geography at Eastern since 1983, will formally receive his award during the 2 p.m. commencement ceremony Saturday, Dec. 20, at Lantz Arena. See here for the full story.

ACADEMY OF LIFETIME LEARNING MEMBERSHIPS

Looking for the perfect gift for someone 50 years of age and over? Give them a membership to EIU's Academy of Lifetime Learning. The Academy of Lifetime Learning is a learning community sponsored by the School of Continuing Education at EIU. The academy is open to anyone in the area who is age 50 and over and who has a curiosity and a desire to learn. A one-year membership is $35 and includes exclusive monthly luncheon lectures, social events, reduced registration fees for workshops and tours, and much more. For information or to purchase a membership, contact the School of Continuing Education at 581-5114 or e-mail all@eiu.edu.
Women's Cross Country Wins OVC Award

On Thursday the Ohio Valley Conference announced that Eastern Kentucky University’s men’s and Eastern Illinois University’s women’s cross country teams are the recipients of the 2008-09 Team Sportsmanship Awards in their respective sports.

Voted on by the student-athletes and coaches of the respective sports, the team awards are bestowed upon the Conference squads deemed to have best exhibited the standards of sportsmanship and ethical behavior as outlined by the OVC and NCAA.

Included in the areas for evaluation are the conduct of student-athletes, coaches, staff and administrators and fans.

“The OVC places high value on sportsmanship and ethical conduct,” said OVC Commissioner Dr. Jon A. Steinbrecher. “Our awards recognize excellence and are special because it is recognition that comes from one’s peers.”

"I am extremely proud of our women and how they carry themselves on and off the field. It is an honor and tribute to them that their fellow OVC competitors look at them in such a favorable light,” head coach Geoff Masanet said.

For the full story go to eiupanthers.com.

Morrell 1 of 6 OVC Scholar-Athlete Award Winners

Brian Morrell of Eastern Illinois baseball has been chosen as one of three male athletes in all conference-sponsored sports to receive the prestigious Ohio Valley Conference Scholar-Athlete Award.

Morrell, a right-handed pitcher, is the first EIU baseball player to be honored. He was an ESPN the Magazine Second Team Academic All-America honoree in the spring thanks to his cumulative 4.0 GPA. The Quincy native is a biological sciences major.

The award is the highest individual honor that can be earned by OVC student-athletes. It is given annually to three male and three female student-athletes of junior or senior status for their accomplishments in the classroom and athletic arena, as well as their leadership qualities.

The six winners were selected from a group of 19 finalists by a vote of OVC Faculty Athletics Representatives. Honorees must have performed athletically with distinction, earned at least a 3.25 grade point average and conducted themselves in a manner which has brought credit to the student-athlete, his or her institution, intercollegiate athletics and the OVC. The award is based on academic and athletic criteria/accomplishments achieved during the 2007-08 school year.
**Cisse Leads Panthers to OVC Opening Win**

Ousmane Cisse picked up his second double-double in the last three games to lead Eastern Illinois to a 71-61 win over Tennessee State in the Ohio Valley Conference opener for both schools. Cisse finished with a career-high 22 points and 10 rebounds. EIU improved to 2-4 on the year, 1-0 in the OVC.

Cisse nearly collected his double-double in the first half scoring 8 points and pulling in 8 rebounds. Tyler Laser led the Panthers with 10 first half points as they opened with a 37-26 halftime lead. Laser would finish with 15. Laser pushed the EIU lead to 13 points at 49-36 with 11:56 left in the game before Tennessee State made it interesting. The Tigers used a 6-0 run at the 8 minute mark to close the margin to 56-53 as Jerrell Houston and Gerald Robinson made back-to-back lay-ups. Jeremiah Crutcher pulled TSU to within three points with 3:55 left on a pair of free throws but that was as close as the Tigers would get.

T.J. Marion answered the call for EIU making three baskets late in the shot clock as he finished with 12 points. Dewayne Wright Jr. and Laser each knocked down free throws in the final 30 seconds to ice the contest. Robinson led TSU with 14 points while Crutcher and Stephen Evans each added 13. It was the first OVC opening win for EIU since 2003-04.

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The Panthers’ lead never dipped below 20 in the second half. In fact, 13 unanswered points put EIU up by as many as 39 with 5:43 remaining.

Ben Turner, Asst. SID
EIU Makes a Splash at House of Champions

Both the Eastern Illinois men and women finished in the top half at the two-day House of Champions Invitational in Indianapolis. The Panther women captured third place while the EIU men earned a fourth place standing. Ball State won both team titles, followed by Wisconsin-Green Bay in second. Indianapolis finished just ahead of the EIU men for third.

EIU outscored two Summit League rivals, Western Illinois and meet host IUPUI. "Finishing ahead of WIU and IUPUI was a great way for the squads to end the first half of the season," said first year head coach Matt Bos. "We had a great team effort this weekend," said Bos. "Compared to last year, we placed more than twice as many people and doubled our point total. Relays were big as we swam faster than we have in a while. Across the board everybody notched best season times, which is a good sign considering it is only December." Last season, both the men and women finished next to last and/or in last place at the annual meet.

"It was a good meet and the facilities are as good as it gets, you couldn’t ask for a better pool. Plus there was a good mix of teams and very competitive. The meet was same as our conference format, except we completed three days of swimming in under 24 hours and we only got stronger and stronger as the meet went on."

Bennett Resigns as EIU Volleyball Coach

Eastern Illinois University head volleyball coach Lori Bennett has announced her resignation. Barbara Burke, EIU Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, made the announcement on Saturday (Dec. 6) afternoon.

"We thank Coach Bennett for her service and dedication to Eastern Illinois over the past four years," said Burke. "We wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors."

"I would like to thank Eastern Illinois University for the opportunity to serve as the volleyball head coach," said Bennett. "I felt it was time to spend more time with my family and pursue other career opportunities."

Bennett leaves EIU with a 41-69 overall record, including a 16-9 mark in 2005 when the Panthers hosted the season-ending six-team Ohio Valley Conference Tournament. Three Panthers also earned All-OVC honors during her tenure. A national search for Bennett's replacement will begin immediately.

Panthers Outlast a Scrappy APSU Team, 81-70

Rachel Galligan led three Panthers in double-figures with 20 points, scoring her team’s first 10 points of the second half, as Eastern Illinois women's basketball outlasted Austin Peay, 81-70, in Ohio Valley Conference action Saturday afternoon at Lantz Arena.

Eastern (6-3, 2-0 OVC) led 42-28 at the intermission and by as many as 19 early in the second half, but the Lady Govs (3-5, 1-1 OVC) rallied to make it a six-point game with 2:15 remaining. However, EIU never trailed en route to its 11th straight victory at Lantz.

For the full story go to eiupanthers.com.

Austin Peay Holds On Against EIU

Eastern Illinois pushed defending Ohio Valley Conference champion Austin Peay to the edge but Drake Reed's 37-point night helped carry the Governors (5-2, 2-0 OVC) to an 81-73 over the Panthers (2-5, 1-1 OVC) at Lantz Arena on Saturday night.

For the full story go to eiupanthers.com.
**Upcoming Sports Events**

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**Recent Results & Records**

**Previous week’s results**

**Women’s Basketball (6-3, 2-0 OVC)**
- W 83-45 vs. Tennessee State
- W 81-70 vs. Austin Peay

**Men’s Basketball (2-5, 1-1 OVC)**
- W 71-61 vs. Tennessee State
- L 73-81 vs. Austin Peay

**Swimming**
- Women placed 3rd at House of Champions Meet
- Men placed 4th at House of Champions Meet

**Last week’s results**

**Women’s Basketball (8-3, 2-0 OVC)**
- W 76-58 vs. SIU Edwardsville
- W 90-63 vs. IPFW

**Men’s Basketball (3-6, 1-1 OVC)**
- L 76-80 at Evansville
- W 63-56 vs. Western Illinois

**Men’s Indoor Track**
- Defeated Western Illinois & Butler, lost to Indiana State at EIU Early Bird
- Event winners – DeMarcus Brooks (60m), Zye Boey (200m), David Holm (Mile), Sean Wiggan (600m) and Tyler Carter (Long Jump)

**Women’s Indoor Track**
- Defeated Western Illinois & Butler, lost to Indiana State at EIU Early Bird
- Event winners – Chandra Golden (60m hurdles), Shawana Smith (200m), Nicole Walcott (High Jump), Kandace Arnold (Shot Put)