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LOCAL | ACCIDENT

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Student, one other die of head injuries

By SARAH JEAN BRESNAHAN Editor in Chief

Cameron Chana, a business administration major, along with Justin Sleezer of Yorkville, died of head injuries caused by a bus mishap on I-57 on Saturday.

Chana and Sleezer were standing on the second level of a doubledecker bus when it passed under the overpass at Route 16 in Mattoon. Both reportedly stood up on the eastbound bus just prior to passing under the overpass at 7:24 p.m.

The charter bus was returning the

group to Charleston on Saturday evening after boating on the lake, police reported. Sleezer was pronounced dead at

2:10 a.m. at the Carle Foundation

Hospital's surgical intensive care unit in Urbana on Sunday.

Chana was pronounced dead at 3:24 a.m. at the Carle Foundation Hospital.

The incident is under investigation by the Mattoon police department and the Champaign county coroner.

More information will be reported as it is released.

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LOCAL | BUSINESS Marty's to add beer garden

By KAYLEIGH ZYSKOWSKI Online Editor

The summer weather and clear skies have many bar-goers itching to use the beer garden at the Panther Paw.

But, with the city council's approval, they will have competition from Marty's soon.

The city zoning board denied Marty's proposal 3-2, and sent the request to the city council without their recommendation.

Two members of the board were absent, but city council approved the beer garden.

Mayor John Inyardt said one of the main concerns had to do with the amount of space present for parking.

"The bar has never had a lot of space for parking anyways, most of the traffic is foot traffic," Inyardt said.

Additional changes are also going to be made by Marty's, Inyardt said.

Improvements will be done to the outside appearance of Marty's.

Mayor Inyardt said they want to make Marty's blend in better with the new neighboring building, Campus View Suites.

J.J. Murphy, a manager from the Panther Paw, said the Panther Paw has had a beer garden for about 10 months, and they have had positive feedback from the community.

"There are many people that want to take advantage of it, and we are the only place around here right now that offers that," Mur-

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"If I were your age and not in class I would be out there everyday," Becky Teaters said. Teaters, a district sales consultant for Performance Food Group, chose to sit indoors at the Panther Paw rather than the patio solely for work purposes.

phy said. "We have a lot of people during the day that like to eat their lunch out there, and at night many people want to get away from the crowded bar and head outside." Marty's beer garden will allow customers to enjoy some fresh air, as does the one located at the Panther Paw.

The new addition will also permit the customers to have a cigarette without having to show identification when re-entering.

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STATE | PRECAUTIONS Emergency sirens a part of everyday life in Illinois

By KAITLYN PETERS Staff Reporter

On the first Tuesday of the each month, Charleston residents hear sirens sounding around 10 a.m.

According to the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, emergency sirens are to be regularly tested.

'Tuesday is the day designated by the state to ensure the sirens operate properly," said Tom Watson, the coordinator of the Coles County Emergency Management Agency.

There are two kinds of sirens. A single tone siren alarms citizens of natural disasters like tornado warnings, severe thunderstorms or earthquakes. A wavering siren alarms residents of an attack on the United States.

The Coles County EMA was established in the late 1950s and was originally used to alert residents of tornados, thunderstorms and nuclear attacks, said Watson.

There are currently sirens stationed in Mat-

"Tuesday is the day designated by the state to ensure the sirens operate properly."

— Tom Watson, coordinator of the Coles County Emergency **Management Agency Board member**

toon, Lakeland College, Charleston, Eastern's campus, Lerna, Ashmore and Oakland.

Ronnie Amyx, the deputy coordinator of Coles County EMA, said that these sirens are intended for outdoor use.

However, there are also indoor emergency notification receivers that the EMA has placed in nursing homes, hospitals and one on Eastern's campus.

Amyx said all residents should have a NOAA weather radio in their homes, which

can be purchased at Best Buy or Radio Shack.

They can pick up weather warnings produced by the National Weather Service or the Coles County EMA.

People indoors should also watch and listen to their televisions and radios for warnings posted by the National Weather Service.

The Coles County EMA has about 26 trained volunteer weather spotters, said Amvx.

The National Weather Service offers train-

ing to all citizens, and classes are usually offered in the spring.

These weather spotters are sent all over the county when the National Weather Service station in Lincoln instigates a tornado, thunderstorm or flood warning.

If heavy winds, massive hail, or funnel clouds are spotted, the siren is set off by the EMA.

Many of the volunteers are also people who work at the fire and police departments.

"The mayor of Charleston is one and so is the mayor of Lerna," said Amyx.

The EMA offers classes that educate the public and city officials in emergency management, hazardous materials and responding to emergencies and give speeches to different organizations.

To find out more information or schedule a speaker call 348-0581.

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Music in the park



JON GITCHOFF | DAILY EASTERN NEWS Stephan Jenkins of Third Eye Blind leads his band through a 90 minute set at Ribfest in Soldier's Memorial Park in St. Louis.



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The band also performed tracks off their new album, "Ursa Major," which is set to be released later this year. It is their first album in six years.



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GENERAL MOTORS FILES FOR BANKRUPTCY PROTECTION

The Associated Press

NEW YORK— General Motors filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection Monday as part of the Obama administration's plan to shrink the automaker to a sustainable size and give a majority ownership stake to the federal government.

GM's bankruptcy filing is the fourth-largest in U.S. history and the largest for an industrial company. The company said it has \$172.81 billion in debt and \$82.29 billion in assets.

"The General Motors board of directors authorized the filing of a Chapter 11 case with regret that this path proved necessary despite the best efforts of so many," GM Chairman Kent Kresa said in a written statement. "Today marks a new beginning for General Motors. ... The board is confident that this New GM can operate successfully in the intensely competitive U.S. market and around the world."

As it reorganizes, the fallen icon of American industry will rely on \$30 billion of additional financial assistance from the Treasury Department and \$9.5 billion from Canada. That's on top of about \$20 billion in taxpayer money GM already has received in the form of low-interest loans.

The Detroit automaker said warranty coverage, service and customer support will continue uninterrupted, plants will continue to make cars and trucks and essential suppliers and GM's 235,000 employees worldwide will continue to be

paid. GMAC Financial Services said in a statement that it will continue to provide automotive financing to GM and Chrysler dealers and customers, and the federal Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp. said workers' pension plans remain safe.

GM will follow a similar course taken by smaller rival Chrysler LLC, which filed for Chapter 11 protection April 30. A judge on Sunday gave Chrysler approval to sell most of its assets to Italy's Fiat, moving the U.S. automaker closer to a quick exit from court protection, possibly this week.

The plan is for the federal government to take a 60 percent ownership stake in the new GM. The Canadian government would take 12.5 percent, with the United Auto Workers getting a 17.5 percent share and unsecured bondholders receiving 10 percent. Existing GM shareholders are expected to be wiped out.

GM shares fell as low as 27 cents in Monday morning trading, their lowest price in the company's 100year history, but rebounded to rise 10 cents from Friday's close to 85 cents in afternoon trading. On June 8, Cisco Systems Inc. will replace GM in the Dow Jones industrial average, which excludes companies that have filed for bankruptcy.

The government's partial stake in GM comes on top of a far smaller ownership of Chrysler, as well as significant federal equity in banks, the AIG insurance giant and two mortgage industry titans — all victims of an economic crisis unrivaled since the Great Depression.

GM said it expects the bank-

ruptcy court process to last 60 to 90 days. If successful, GM will emerge as a leaner company with a smaller work force, fewer plants and a trimmed dealership network.

We're confident that we will move fast," Henderson said. "Not with a sense of urgency. We're talking about pure unadulterated speed."

GM said Monday that it will permanently close nine more plants and idle three others.

The Pontiac, Mich., and Wilmington, Del., assembly plants will close this year, while plants in Spring Hill, Tenn., and Orion, Mich., will shut down production but remain on standby. One of the idled plants, or GM's Janesville, Wis., plant that closed in April, will be retooled to build a small car that GM had originally planned to build in China.

Seven powertrain and parts stamping plants will be closed starting in June 2010, while an additional stamping plant will be idled but remain in a standby capacity.

GM will move forward with four core brands - Chevrolet, Cadillac, Buick and GMC - and cut four others. The company plans to cut 21,000 employees, about 34 percent of its work force, and reduce its 6,100 dealers by 2,600. GM said it was finalizing a deal to sell Hummer, and plans for Saturn are expected to be announced within weeks.

The third of the one-time Big Three, Ford Motor Co., has also been stung hard by plunging sales of cars and trucks, but it avoided bankruptcy by mortgaging all of its assets in 2006 to borrow roughly \$25 billion, giving it a financial cushion

GM and Chrysler lacked.

Ford issued a statement Monday saying it "remains absolutely committed to continuing to make progress on our transformation plan without accessing emergency taxpayer assistance from the U.S. government."

When GM failed to do so by a March 31 deadline, Obama forced out CEO Rick Wagoner and replaced him with Henderson.

Wagoner served at the helm since 2000 and was the face of GM when he first flew on a company jet to ask Congress for aid. After a firestorm of negative publicity, Wagoner rode in a hybrid Chevrolet Malibu from Detroit to Washington for a second set of withering questions before lawmakers.

But that amounted to only a sideshow as the automaker's financial position worsened. Its revenues plunged almost 50 percent in the quarter ended March 30 and it racked up another \$6 billion in loss-

GM faced a government-imposed June 1 deadline to restructure, slash costs and modify contracts with its union and dealers. But meeting most of those demands, plus a late agreement by many bondholders to swap the \$27 billion in debt they are owed for shares in a new GM, were not enough to prevent the court filing.

GM will offer buyouts and early retirement packages to all of its 62,000 hourly workers to shrink employment. The company also has about 29,000 white-collar employees, according to court documents.

BLOTTER

Roger Sommer, 54, 9360 N1000 East Rd., Chenoa, IL was arrested at 2:46 a.m. at University and Lincoln Ave. on Saturday. He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, possession of cannabis that was less than 2.5 grams and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released pending a \$1,000 bond.

A theft in O'Brien Stadium was reported on Saturday. This incident is under investigation.

Christina Brockamp, 21, 125 E St. Apt. 12, Charleston, was arrested at 4:12 a.m. at sixth and Lincoln Ave. on Sunday. She was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and had a blood-alcohol concentration that was greater than .08. She was released at 4:44 a.m. pending a \$1,000 bond.

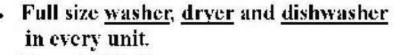
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DPINION



SAM SOTTOSANTO Undecided? Be a Nurse

Last Tuesday I felt like a red, juicy, seedy, round tomato. Red like a tomato because I had a high fever. Juicy like a tomato because I felt like I was going be sick. Seedy like a tomato because my throat was sore and my tonsils were swollen. Round like a tomato because I was immobile.

Every time I stood up my head started to throb even worse than it was already.

I was sick.

I thought it was the flu, because after the first 24 hours I started to feel better. I even went into work.

But the next day, I woke up with all the same tomatolike symptoms again.

I started to panic.

Oh no. Did I have the swine flu? Is that why this sickness was acting all wacky?

Before I could get super worried, I began to regain my strength again. I thought, "This has to be the end of it."

But when I woke up the next day... you see the pattern. On Friday, my boyfriend took me to the doctor's office. It wasn't the flu. It wasn't strep throat, like my mom had told me it was.

It was a throat infection.

A throat infection? What exactly does that mean anyway? I was having other symptoms besides in my throat, like the vomiting, the headaches and the fever.

They gave me some amoxicillin to take three times a day. Isn't amoxicillin only for people with strep throat? But after the visit and after my first three rounds of the





STAFF EDITORIAL

The pros and cons of getting some fresh air

Summer is here and many people are rushing outside for some much needed fresh, crisp air. This longing for the outdoors ultimately doesn't change while customers are at a drinking establishment, and soon Marty's will be joining the Panther Paw as the next bar to build a beer garden.

We have been hearing the rumors for some time about the various changes happening to the taverns in the surrounding areas.

Whether it is one bar closing or a renamed bar opening, it seems as though taverns are some of the few businesses remodeling in the current status of the economy.

One major flaw that we see with the addition of the garden is the noise that it is sure to bring to the area.

Although much of this area contains homes that are occupied by college students, some are owned by other Charleston residents. These residents may often be overlooked or their opinions are outweighed, but the added noise will surely aggravate some citizens, if not all.

Some may feel that this addition to Marty's is only giving young patrons another excuse to drink or even cause trouble, but truthfully it is just business.

In order to be a competitive business, especially a bar in Charleston, an owner must come up with new

IS THERE HOPE FOR GM

With General Motors following

Chrysler into bankruptcy, finding new

ways to appeal to younger buyers, who

foreign brands in recent years, could be

Though many foreign brands have

the edge when offering price, style and

performance - top concerns among

up on American auto makers.

young buyers - Gen Y hasn't yet given

"I would buy a car that suited my

needs and was well made - Japanese or

American," said Bennett Spickelmier,

have been increasingly attracted to

key to GM's continued existence.

"Some may feel that this addition to Marty's is only giving young patrons another excuse to drink or even cause trouble, but truthfully it is just business."

patrons to smoke cigarettes, get fresh air or retreat to a place potentially less crowded.

A beer garden also seems logical specifically for Marty's.

Often, Marty's can be seen with an entrance line sprawling from the front doors to the street. Sometimes the line even bends and stretches down the sidewalk. This becomes a more than mild dilemma for patrons that were stepping outside for a wanted break.

The beer garden will hopefully eliminate at least part of this line.

Although some may feel like this outside addition will only create problems, we feel as though the city council was justified in overriding the zoning board's decision on Marty's permit.

Everyone needs a little fresh air in the summer.

EDITORIAL POLICY

The editorial is the majority opinion of The DEN editorial

humongous pill, I can't deny it—I started to feel better. I feel better now, and it's been four days.

That's when I started thinking back to an interview I had a while ago with a recently graduated high school senior who is going to go into nursing. All you need is two years of school, possibly at Lake Land, where she was going, and you could be a certified nurse.

I remember thinking, "You know, nursing is a pretty good field to get into right now. Especially with the way the economy is."

They are in such high demand, that as soon as you start off as a nurse, you begin to receive bonuses right away.

The baby boomer population is getting older, and when you get older you tend to have more health problems. So, nurses will always be needed in the future.

Of course there are the downfalls because the doctors always bring in the nurses to do the dirty work, like cleaning up after a patient-ew-or doing the tests. But it seems the benefits tremendously outweigh the disadvantages.

Number one, you are helping someone. Number two, if you or your family ever has anything happen to them, you'll know what to do. And number three, the big pay checks and the guarantee of finding a job.

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deals, perks or additions to keep attracting customers.

It seemed as though it was only a matter of time that Marty's would attempt to put in an outside area for

board. Reach the opinions editor at: DENopinions@gmail. com.

OTHER VIEWS IN THE NEWS

a 22-year-old graduate of Anderson College in Anderson, Ind.

Data from the Power Information Network show that those between the ages of 15 and 30 opt to purchase foreign vehicles more than domestic ones. Of the top 10 vehicles preferred by young adults in 2006, DaimlerChrysler's Jeep and General Motors' Pontiac were the only two domestic brands.

This trend toward foreign cars has been rising. More Gen Y consumers are considering BMW, Nissan and Honda than the baby boomers before them, according to AutoPacific data. These

younger drivers generally want compact cars and are more open to using alternative energies - an effort largely lead by foreign cars - than older drivers.

Younger buyers are generally more open to new technologies and 61 percent would prefer something other than a pure gasoline-powered engine, according to AutoPacific, but they may not be able to afford it or some could choose luxury over greener technology.

Rachael Dickson, Georgia Perry, Michelle Starr U-Wire

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While Mitch Saret of Charleston's "Karate U.S.A." looks on, Mike Monahan, left, and Gideon Bardsley, right begin a basic karate move during the 7:30 p.m. adult class. "Karate U.S.A." is located at 7th St. on the square.



SAM SOTTOSANTO | DAILY EASTERN NEWS Gideon Bardsley of Charleston puts up his fists during warm-ups.





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SAM SOTTOSANTO | DAILY EASTERN NEWS Gideon Bardsley, right, makes a karate move on Mike Monahan, left, just as Mitch Saret has instructed them. As seen in a mirror reflection, Gideon Bardsley, left, and Mike Monahan, right are instructed to do warm-ups.



SAM SOTTOSANTO | DAILY EASTERN NEWS In order to practice karate, Mike Monahan, left, and Gideon Bardsley have to warmup first.



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TRACK I NCAA MID EAST REGIONAL

Boey advances to NCAA Nationals

BY JEFF JURINEK Sports Editor

Freshmen sprinter Zye Boey finished in fifth place with a 10.25 in the 100-meter dash on Saturday at the NCAA Mid East Regional in Louisville, Ky., earning him a spot in the NCAA Outdoor National Championships June 10-13 in Fayetteville, Ark.

Boey becomes the first athlete in 17 years to represent Eastern at the National Championships in a running event, the last being hurdler Dan Steele in 1992. The last Eastern athlete to qualify in any event was Ron White in the javelin in 2002.

Possibly joining Boey in Fayetteville is the women's 4-by-100 meter relay team, consisting of Violet Nwordu, Chandra Golden, Tarra Grant and Shawana Smith. The relay finished fifth with a time of 45.55, tying the school record. The four points the squad earned for Eastern's team score in the meet were the first points ever scored in an NCAA Outdoor Regional by the women's track program.

In the 4x100, only the top three finishing teams advance automatically to the National Championships. However, the Eastern 4x100 team has been added to a list of potential alternates for the national finals, which gives the Panthers a slight chance of competing in Fayetteville.

The relay team's four points placed Eastern 33rd overall in the women's team competition. The men's team scored five points total, all courtesy of Boey, giving them a 27th place finish.

In addition to his fifth place finish in the 100-meter, Boey finished eighth in the 200-meter dash, the event he competed in earlier this season at the NCAA Indoor National Championships.

Other Eastern competitors included both the men's and women's 4-by-400 meter relay teams. The women finished 16th with a time of 3:45.19, while the men finished 15th in 3:09.99, the second-fastest time in school history.

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Study tables

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"When you're in swim season, it helps you get focused and stuff like that," O'Hagan said. "It gives you time to actually sit down and do the work. But at the same time, because it's required if I do my studying in here at home I could go to bed and go to sleep. But I still have to go to study tables and do the four hours or whatever I was required to."

He said that the tables are important for freshman to help keep them on track so they do not fall behind in college work.

Falling behind can lead to Tozer talking to the students having problem, getting a tutor assigned to them, or even becoming academically ineligible.

Jason Hall's roll at the Academic Center differs from the other academic advisors in the athletic department. His primary concern is on the athlete's eligibility for competition.

"While I am always concerned and interested in how our studentathletes are doing in class, advising is not part of my day-to-day workload," said Hall, the assistant athletic director of Compliance and Acabeing the lowest at 941. Also, 15 of the Eastern teams are above the Division I average in the APR.

In the Ohio Valley Conference, Eastern graduated the second highest average of student-athletes in a four-year average with 80 percent. The only school higher then Eastern was Tennessee State with 85 percent.

In Illinois, Eastern's graduation rate was better than Illinois State, Southern Illinois, and Western Illinois. Northern Illinois leads the state with a 93 percent graduation rate.

O'Hagan, who no longer attends study tables, used to just do homework or use a computer to print papers out that he needed when he was there.

"If I needed help on something, I could either go to one of them or to Cindy or LaVeasey (Carter)," O'Hagan said. "If not, there are plenty of other athletes there and I could ask them for help."

With the program going for almost 20 years now, Tozer still enjoys working with the students. She still meets with at risk students and freshmen on a weekly basis to see how classes are going to see if any problems are developing, and talks to coaches about student grades.

» Boey

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After a full year his freshman year, Boey intends to keep working and keep improving.

"I want to keep going and I really want to work on the small things, all of the big things are down, but the small things can always be worked with." Boey said.

He also has team goals in mind for improving the program as a whole.

"It would be nice to bring in

more athletes, so we can bring a lot a people to nationals and not just one," Boey said.

At Nationals, Boey said he is expecting high competition but still is looking to do his best.

"I want to come in and run a great race, and hopefully get the All-American Honor if I can win," Boey said. "Getting the All-American Honor is the only thing left to do."

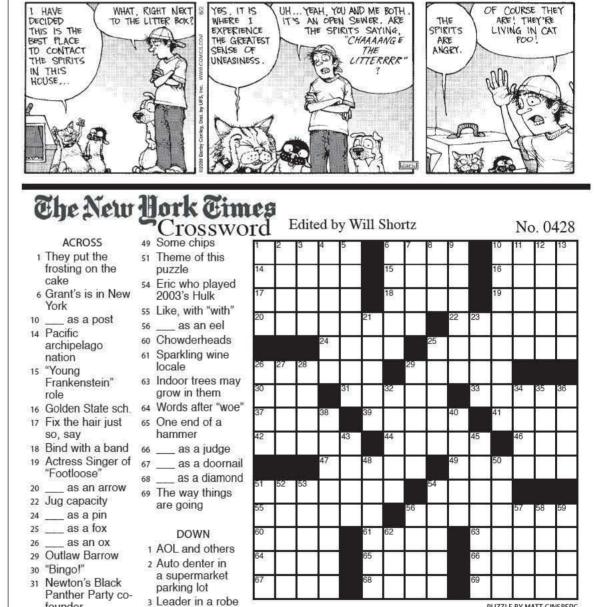
Though Boey has had plenty of personal achievements, he still wants the team to succeed first.

"I'm proud of myself, my coach is proud, my teammates are proud, but really I'm a team guy, its cool to get awards, but I'm most proud we got the OVC Championship as a team," Boey said.

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The results of these hours of study tables can be seen in the team GPAs. All women's teams had above a 3.0, with the lowest GPA in the fall of 2008 for the women being a 3.06 by women's rugby.

Men's golf led the fall GPA with a 3.46, while football and basketball were at the bottom of the list with a 2.61 and 2.47, respectively.

"We had almost 60 percent of our athletes earn a 3.0 in the fall," Tozer said. "Every women's team was above a 3.0 this last calendar year, spring '08 and fall '08. We just honored 155 of our student athletes at our Academic Student Athlete Banquet last week."

Another place that these results can be seen is in the NCAA's Academic Progress Rate. The APR requires that schools have above a 925 on their scale, which is equal to about a 60 percent graduation rate.

All sports were above this mark in the 2006-2007 school year, with both football and women's tennis

She does all this because, ultimately, they want to make sure all athletes are able to graduate from Eastern.

"They're clearly here to get their degree, as evident with their grades and graduation rate, she said. "We have one of the highest (graduation rates) in the conference and in the state of Illinois. It's a good place for them in a facility that is very well utilized."

So, while Tozer sits in her office and looks out into the study area, she is able to see the hundreds of student-athletes that come through every day. She can see them taking quizzes, working on papers and, most importantly, continue to work towards a sought-after college diploma.

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Study tables keep Panthers "above the curve"

BY ADAM LARCK Staff Reporter

The hardest challenge for student-athletes is not a big game, it is graduating college.

According to the NCAA web site, 78 percent of student-athletes who could graduate nationwide actually graduated in 2008, a one percent increase from 2007.

Eastern remains above the curve, graduating 81 percent in 2007 and 90 percent in 2008.

It is these statistics that Cindy Tozer, the director of academic services at Athletic Academic Services, wants to improve at Eastern. To do this, she continues to maintain student-athlete study tables, which started in the early 1990s.

Many teams have their own requirements for study tables, such as extended hours or higher GPAs. According to Tozer, all freshmen and transfer students, along with any athletes with a GPA lower than 2.5 are required to attend study tables.

"Every student-athlete that comes in, freshman and transfer, has between four and six hours a week," she said. "It depends on the sports. They can come in during the day or the evening to earn those hours. It's closely monitored."

Students who are required to attend study tables have to go at least four hours a week. But, Tozer said some coaches set higher standards for the athletes. For example, Softball and both men's and women's soccer requires members to attend if they have below a 3.0 GPA.

The athletes can come in between 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and then again from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Monday through Thursday. The hours can also be achieved by using a passport card to mark time spent with professors, graduate assistants and departmental tutoring. The athletes do not have to come to the study tables as a team. We did that one year, actually last year, and we decided to do away with that because they're already on a very strict time management schedule and we felt we needed to be a little flexible with them," Tozer said. Freshman swimmer Matt O'Hagan said study tables can be good for athletes, but that they can be a double-edged sword.

MEN'S TRACK | ZYE BOEY For freshmen standout, it's all about team

BY KAYLEIGH ZYSKOWSKI **Online Editor**

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Freshman Zye Boey was the lone qualifier for the NCAA National State Track Meet after this weekend's regional meet, but he still feels the team accomplishments mean more than his lone achievements.

Boey advanced within the last spot in the 100 M race, while the 4X200 M relay team, which Boey also participated in, ended their season by not being able to qualify.

"Going into the meet, I wanted to P.R. and place to qualify for nationals, and while I didn't get my personal best I still was able to complete half of what I wanted to," Boey said. "It was unfortunate that the 4X200 (M

relay) wasn't able to advance also."

After running the 100M sprint at 10.25 seconds, Boey will now start preparing for the NCAA National Track Championship. This will take place in Fayetteville, Arkansas, at the University of Arkansas on June 10-13.

"Now I will just keep training," Boey said. "I have a week and half to get ready and I'm just going to keep doing what I've been doing, keeping my body loose and work on my flexibility. I'm really going to work hard at my starts and work on exploding out of blocks, too."

No matter what happens in Fayetteville, the red shirt freshman from MacArthur High School in Decatur has had nothing less than an impres-

sive first year as a member of the Eastern Track Team.

At the Cardinal Twilight track meet in Louisville, Boey ran the 100 M sprint in 10.20 seconds. This time put him into school record books, tied in second place for the Eastern's all time record in this event. He is currently tied with Sandy Osei-Agyeman, who turned in his second place time of 10.20 seconds in 1972.

Boey was also named the OVC Male Track Athlete of the year of 2009.

He always played sports and was a tri-sport athlete throughout high school, but track is where he wanted to put his priority.

He said he played football and basketball as well as track in high school, and while he loves football he came to Eastern for track and that's all he wanted to do.

"A couple of my buddies came to Eastern then me and Coach Acres touched base and I came to Eastern to run, it's a great team, with a great environment and it's close to home," Boev said.

Coming into his first season, he never expected to be such a standout.

"Before the season my only goals were just to better my times, and be just an average athlete," Boey said. "I never expected as a freshman to make Nationals, I went father than my goals."

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IHSA TRACK | BOY'S STATE FINALS

Road to glory ends at Eastern



Godfrey Kawewe of Carbondale celebrates placing first in the class 2A 800 meter run final of the IHSA boys track and field state finals at O'Brien Stadium on Saturday.



BY JEFF JURINEK Sports Editor

the track by winning the class 3A Cahokia finished with 47 and third title, their first state championship place Lanphier (Springfield) fin-

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Lincoln-Way East competitors Seamus Hughes, left, and lan Ziarko, right, complete a handoff during the class 3A 4x100 meter relay final.

Hundreds of athletes from across the state took over the track at O'Brien Stadium May 28-30 for the IHSA Boy's Track and Field State Finals.

This year's track state finals were the first to feature three classes of competition, rather than the usual A and AA classes. As a result, an extra day of competition was added to the schedule; the class 1A meet was held in it's entirety on Thursday, while the class 2A and 3A meets were held in the traditional two day format with prelims on Friday and finals in both classes on Saturday.

The York Dukes, historically dominant on the cross-country course, returned to prominence on

in track since 2000. The Dukes finished second in last year's AA state final. York edged out second place Neuqua Valley 56-36, while Belleville West finished third with 34 points.

The sole individual champion for the Dukes was Steve Sulkin, who won the 3200-meter run in 9:03.91. Sulkin's victory in the two mile follows a second-place finish at the 2008 Cross Country State Finals. Jordan Herbert also scored for the Dukes in the event, taking second with a time of 9:04.83. Neaqua Valley's Danny Pawola was third, finishing in 9:09.7.

Hillcrest took the team title in class 2A, winning in a landslide over second-place Cahokia. The Hawks tallied 93 team points, while ished third with 44.

Hillcrest received first-place finishes from a pair of relay teams, the 4-by-100 meter and 4-by-400 meter, as well as hurdler Maurice Lyke, who took the win in the 110meter high hurdles with a time of 14.37.

The class 1A meet was won by Oregon with 55 points. Winnebago placed second with 37, and Olympia (Stanford) finished third with 33.5 overall points.

Oregon was paced by sprinter Jordan Thomas, who walked away with victories in both the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes, with times of 11.01 and 21.90, respectively.

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