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Panther Pals make move in a breeze

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FIRST NIGHT

Welcome back to EIU

Students celebrate the coming year

By Nike Ogunbodede
Student Government

The Eastern tradition of First Night was continued Sunday when more than 400 students chose to spend their last night of summer gathered in the South Quad.

The Panther Marching Band, Pink Panthers, cheerleaders, and various other organizations attended and showed their school spirit.

"We want to introduce people to the opportunities that Eastern Illinois can offer like Panther Nation and student government," said Tommy Nierman, junior business management major.

Student Body President Michelle Murphy along with Billy the Panther co-hosted the event succeeding in keeping the enthusiasm up from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Dondre Keeler, vice president of Resident Hall Associations, was chosen to speak on behalf of RHA.

"I introduced all of the school boards," said Keeler. When asked if he had attended First Night his freshman year he said no.

"But I wish I had," Keeler said.

Something that always seems to attract Eastern students to an event is the allure of free T-shirts. They wait hours in line for about 100 shirts per hour.

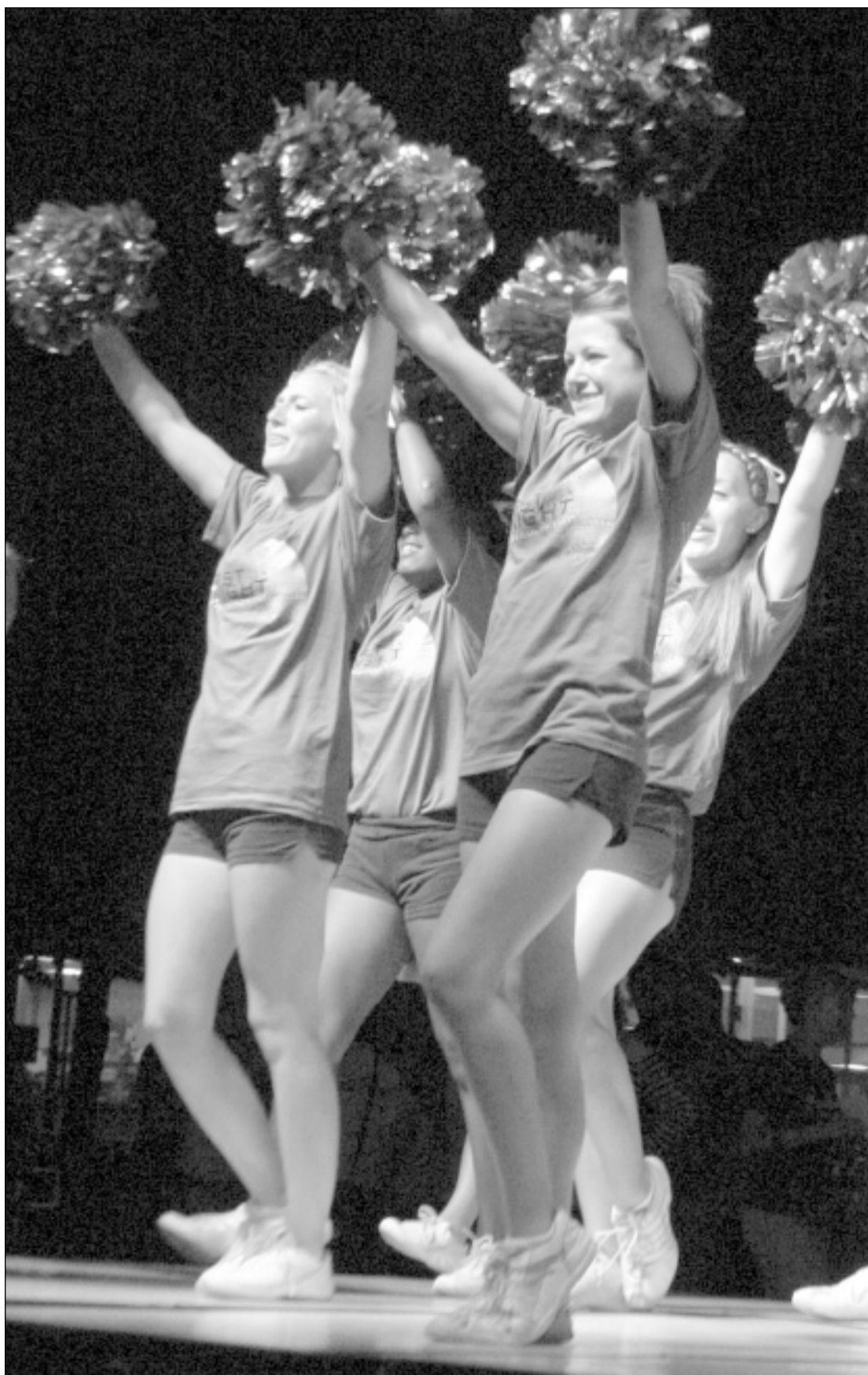
"I really want a shirt," said Laura Clucas, sophomore elementary education major.

Condia Smith, freshman geology major, had an interesting encounter under the T-shirt tent. "I was in the front when they started passing them out and as soon as people saw the T-shirts, they went crazy and pushed us forward," said Smith who received a shirt.

One of the only upsets of the night was a misstep made by the Pink Panthers. As the Pink Panthers started, a loose panel made a few of them hesitate causing them to restart their performance.

"The middle of the stage was messed up," said Ashlee Hare, a freshman member of the Pink Panthers. "We had a week with the band to learn the routine."

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The Eastern Illinois University Cheer Team performs at First Night Sunday in the South Quad.

MASTER PLAN

New science building in the plans

By Kayleigh Zyskowski
News Editor

Eastern's steering committee announced the proposed location for the site of the new science building within the campus master plan.

The campus master plan was presented to community and campus members during two open sessions on Wednesday.

Brandon Lipman from Loebel, Schlossman and Hackl Design presented the updated plan to 10 community members in the Charleston Public Library Rotary Room during the community session.

The open field south of the Tarble Arts Center was the final selection made for the science building out of the three original choices the committee was given.

However, with the site for the new science building within the master plan, the current Physical Science Building would still be used.

The biology and chemistry departments would be moved to the new building; however, the physics, geology/geography and psychology departments would be able to expand in the current facility said William Weber, the vice president for business affairs.

The field, also known as the tundra, the new science building would be located on is currently the location of the Panther Marching Band's practice field.

"We understand this and realize the marching band is closely linked to athletics," said Brandon Lipman, the member from the Loebel, Schlossman and Hackl architecture team who presented the plan to the community. "We think an area for practice and storage could be set aside within the athletic plan to accommodate for them."

While no actual architecture has been designed for the building, the team assigned to the project has made a conceptual layout of how the facility will be undertaken.

This includes solar technology and sustainable landscape, Lipman said.

However, the solar technology will not include solar panels, Lipman said. The design will utilize whatever technology is available at the time of construction.

Richard Keider, a faculty member from the chemistry department, attended the community open session and asked about the idea of geothermal heating, which was used within the design of the new textbook rental facility.

However, Lipman said geothermal heating is not a system that would not benefit the university in this circumstance.

"Geothermal heating would probably not work with this size of a building, it would be more economical to use the central energy system," Lipman said.

The Student Services Building was also adjusted on the master plan with the hopes of combining all student services into one new building.

The North Quad would be extended south with about 30 guest parking spaces around the building.

"We are hoping to keep Old Main as the focus of the North Quad," Lipman said.

In September the committee will present the final draft of the campus master plan to the campus and city communities.

"We plan to fill in keys and have a full landscape and campus plan," Lipman said. "We want to make it clear exactly what is going on."

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CAMPUS

Textbook rental process efficient, 'going very well'

By Sam Bohne
Campus Editor

Heat and long lines are now things of the past when picking up textbooks thanks to the new textbook rental facility on Edgar Drive.

The new facility takes an estimated 10 minutes to walk in and walk out said Carol Miller, director of textbook rental.

"It never appeared to be as busy as it was at the old center," Miller said.

During the summer semester, students were the first to pick up their books using the new system.

"Summer as you know is a smaller enrollment, it was the very first time that the radio frequency identification was used," Carol Miller said. "It seemed to really go

extremely well."

The new textbook rental system allows students to walk in, print out their book list, choose their books from a series of labeled shelves, swipe their panther card and check out.

Jason Janich, a temporary staff member at textbook rental from Charleston, said he thinks students have had a positive experience this

semester while picking up their books.

"I think it's going very well; everyone's happy, it's not hot, there's no lines," Janich said.

Some students like Stephanie Tracy, a sophomore health studies major, did not expect the new system when they arrived at the center.

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EIU weather

TODAY



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TOMORROW



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what's on tap

ALL WEEK

8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Textbook rental
Fall textbook distribution is at the new Textbook Rental Service facility at 975 Edgar Drive. Students should bring their Panther Card and their textbook list from PAWS.

MONDAY

6 - 7 p.m. Rubber Lovers
Students can attend a presentation that teaches safer sex practices. Students can become certified Rubber Lovers and receive one safer sex packet a month from the Health Education Resource Center. The event is free and will take place in the Charleston/Mattoon Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. For more information contact Catherine Bocké at 581-7786.

WEDNESDAY

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Pantherpalooza
Dozens of campus groups and organizations will be on the South Quad providing information to students.

If you want to add to the tap, please e-mail dennewsdesk@gmail.com or call 581-7942.

ONLINE TEASERS



Blog: Moving in

Chris O'Driscoll brings the perspective of a former Resident Assistant to the topic of moving to school. Go to dennews.com/blog to check it out.



Blog: Making the transition

Assistant Online Editor Julia Carlucci talks about going to school and homesickness that can come with it. Go to dennews.com/blog to see her blog.

Taking a breather



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A mother of an incoming freshman takes a break in Carman Hall on Thursday.



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EIU History Lesson

2001 The Daily Eastern News reported in 2001 that in the Illinois General Assembly's fiscal year 2002 budget Eastern received a 7.2 percent increase in general funds, the most of any of the 12 state schools, and a full percentage point above the statewide average of 6.2 percent.
In addition to the funding increase, Eastern also received more than \$44 million to fund two capital improvement projects: the renovation and expansion of the Doudna Fine Arts Center and movable equipment for Booth Library.

1989 More than 1,000 students waited in line at the opening of Add/Drops Wednesday. Some waited for hours only to find the class they wanted to add to their schedule was full.

1982 The first day Eastern shut off air conditioning to 36 university buildings to cut down on the electric bill. The six week program was an attempt to save between \$50,000 and \$100,000.

WELCOME

200 greeted with tradition

Lord speaks for faculty laureate

By Kayleigh Zyskowski
 News Editor

More than 200 freshmen and transfer students were welcomed to Eastern Friday morning during the traditional convocation ceremony in Lantz Arena.

Cameron Craig, professor of the geology/geography department, spoke as the Faculty Laureate and encouraged students to grasp the moments given to them at Eastern.

Within his speech, Craig asked every student to stand up and introduce themselves to the people around them.

"Everyone is feeling more relaxed now, feeling like you belong, that feeling is EIU," Craig said.

Craig spoke about the five ideas that make a person: dedication, diversity, creativity, connection and reflection.

"Take advantage of the opportunity's you have, and never stop asking questions," Craig said. "Get involved with your future."

Kim Mook, director of New Student Programs, was pleased with the welcome address from Craig.

"Professor Craig did a great job

with his opening remarks," Mook said. It's always a nice way to start the weekend."

Blair Lord, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, spoke on behalf of Keith Spear.

Spear was nominated in April, alongside Craig, as Faculty Laureate for the 2010-11 academic year; however, Spear died on April 28 after being diagnosed with cancer. He taught at Eastern for 15 years.

"Spear had a way of making his students truly believe what he was teaching was important," Lord said.

Lord also read pieces from the

Lord also read a paraphrased excerpt from Spear's essay, "Education in the Forest: Leafy Vision of Liberal Arts."

Spear's wife, Karen Hart, an instructor in the School of Family and Consumer Sciences, accepted the award on his behalf.

President William Perry also spoke to the new students.

The Eastern community expects excellence from the students and the students should expect nothing less of themselves, Perry said.

Perry said Eastern is a place where the whole person is created, a bal-

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Cameron Craig, geology/geography professor

nomination letters students and colleagues wrote to the Council on Academic Affairs for the faculty laureate position.

While reading a student letter, Lord said, "Professor Spear had the most positive impact on my life while being at Eastern, he is a mentor, not just a teacher."

anced figure.

After Convocation, Prowl members escorted the students to talks within their colleges led by the deans.

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Spear remembered

Keith Spear, an instructor in the English department, died April 28 after being diagnosed with cancer in February.

Spear had taught writing at Eastern since 1995.

Matt Schumake, a senior English major, had Spear as an instructor his freshman year, and said he was very encouraging to his students on a personal level.

"He's almost the reason why I decided to study English and go into writing," Schumake said.

Dana Ringuette, chair of the English department, said Spear died at home after a brief battle with cancer.

"(He was) just a tremendous teacher," Ringuette said.

Spear had written a letter to the English department in early March, describing his feelings on learning of his cancer in February. The letter has been published in the May 2010 issue of *Agora*, the online journal written by members of the English department.

Spear said in his letter that, by the time the cancer was detected, it had already spread to a number of vital systems and organs. His letter can be seen in full on *Agora's* website, <http://www.eiu.edu/~agora/>.

For the full story go to dennews.com.

GUIDE

Moving in: the good, the bad, the unnecessary

When moving from home and into a residence hall for the first time, many students are unsure of what to bring. Do you need a winter coat? Will you use the Target dishes you won after your high school graduation? When *The Daily Eastern News* staff was asked what was needed, this list was compiled to aid any inexperienced residents.

Items You Do Not Need:

- Nice jewelry
- Dry erase calendar
- Plastic storage tubs
- Dishes
- Extra books
- Your entire closet
- Speakers

Things You Do Need:

- Febreeze
- Paper Towels
- Closet organizers
- Rain boots
- Duct tape
- Cleaning supplies
- Bed risers
- Extension cords

Check out *The Verge* Friday for more guides to being an Eastern student.

MOVE IN

Panther Pals make move in a breeze

By Nike Ogunbodede
 Student Government Editor

Among the permitted early moves in are the Panther Pals.

Panther Pals are student volunteers that, unlike Prowl leaders, are not paid. So why would they want to help people move in for hours without pay?

"We get to move in early," Adam Mobley, a sophomore kinesiology major, answered as he helped a family move into Taylor Hall. "And to be helpful."

Moving in early is not the only advantage, but people also get volunteer hours and for students in clubs or organizations like sororities or fraternities it is a way to give a face to the Greek family they are a part of it.

"Sororities are deeper than looks. It's being apart of something that is greater and better than yourself," said Jorie Sutton, sophomore environmental biology major with the Alpha Gamma Delta chapter. "I know in my sorority we need about 25 hours per semester so this is a fun way to get nine hours out of the way."

One of the people not working for a sorority was Alyssa Donner, a sophomore special education major.

"Sure, I signed up to join early, but I mostly came to meet new people and when you work from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. you meet a lot of people," Donner said.

Tania Stanford, sophomore biological science major, said her experience as a freshman last year inspired her to become a Prowl leader.

"I wanted to welcome freshman and help them as much as I could."

The Baker and Wright families of Taylor Hall gave the Prowl leaders and Panther Pals "two thumbs up."



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Cy Diskin, sophomore management information systems major, and Matt Young sophomore marketing major help move in students outside of Thomas Hall Thursday afternoon. Panther Pals moved in two days before regular students to prepare for move in day.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Book renting no longer a long hassle

One of the most dreaded parts of coming back to Charleston for a new semester used to always be the trip to Textbook Rental.

Students do not mind the idea of renting books, it was picking them up that caused problems.

The line usually ran outside the building and students jockeyed for a position under the tent to protect themselves and their books from the sun, rain, snow and wind.

Once you were lucky enough to get chosen for a trip inside, the wait was not over.

Students were sent station to station in a small cramped room, forced to lug an increasing pile of textbooks down the assembly line.

The trip culminated with a long walk home because parking was pretty much non-existent at the former location next to Pemberton Hall.

The system needed an overhaul, and that is exactly what has happened.

This year, getting books is a pleasure.

For those who have not picked up books yet, the new Textbook Rental system is a complete 360 degree turn around from previous years.

The new building, located behind Carman Hall, has plenty of parking so students who do not live nearby, are not forced to walk all the way home.

Instead of moving station to station, students can now print out their list of books as soon as they walk in and pick out their own books.

The rows of books are clearly labeled making it easy to find the book you are looking for, plus a number of workers are located at the end of each row, so if you need helping finding something.

The seemingly never-ending lines that plagued Textbook rental in the past are now nonexistent.

Although you cannot walk around with your book bag when picking out your books, they have bags provided when you walk in.

Instead of waiting to be served at each station students can fly up and down the rows, checking books off the list and getting on with the rest of the day.

When you're done, it's as simple as putting your books on electronic scale that reads the books from a chip on the inside of the book.

A couple of minutes and you are done.

This new system was supposed to be in place last January.

Although it was not on time, having the extra time allowed them to perfect the new way things are done since everything is running smoothly.

In the past, it was always a hassle to pick up textbooks.

Freshmen, consider how lucky you are, you will never have to live through the horrors older students experienced each and every semester.

It was long, it was cramped and it was inconvenient.

With the new building and the new system in place, picking up textbooks is fast, efficient and not a complete waste of a couple of hours.

PAWS Is having a car on campus worth it?

By Sam Sottosanto
Editor in Chief

I only rode the Panther Shuttle Bus once. It was in the dead of winter during freshman year, and I had just parked my car in Ninth Street parking lot.

My friend and I, being as lazy and cold as we were, immediately noticed the Panther Shuttle Bus and hopped on it to get a ride back to Taylor Hall, where we lived at the time.

While the Panther Shuttle Bus is an important asset to those who do not have cars on campus, I still think it is better to have a car on campus.

There are the obvious reasons: it is easy to get around town, you have the luxury of going when you want, where you want, you do not have to worry about boarding a crowded bus if you want to go home over the weekends.

If you want to head to Wal-Mart, you never have to wait for a bus heading that way.

What's more, is that by having my own car on campus I have felt more independent.

Independence is kind of already included in the whole going-to-college package, but you are limited when you do not have control over your mobility.

Cars are also a great way to gain more responsibility (in a good way). You are the one driving, you control how you drive and the safety of your passengers are in your hands.

Also, driving is just like any other skill.

If you do not use it, you lose it. It is important that if you are going to be driving when you graduate, that you are practicing now.

CLAWS

By Emily Steele
Managing Editor

Having a car at college is over rated.

My first three years at college I complained about not having a car with a never-ending diatribe: someone always had to drive me home, I never could go anywhere, public transportation was expensive.

But now I have my car at school and I honestly do not use it.

One week ago I drove into Charleston and since then I have used my car once, only because my roommate did not want to drive. I plan on walking and riding my bike almost everywhere.

My previous tirade has turned into a list of reasons why having a car on campus is more trouble than it's worth. Gas, parking permits, parking tickets, towing, maintenance and repairs can cost a lot of money.

Trying to find a parking space or leave campus is near impossible when classes get out.

The school warns you the purchase of a parking permit does not guarantee the availability of a parking space. Trust me, I know, I have tried to park at Coleman Hall.

Getting a permit just to park your car on campus is \$40 for only one semester. I am a college student, I am broke, give me a break.

If you park in the O'Brien Field parking lot you have to move your car by Friday every weekend so they can teach the driver's education course.

And if you have ever tried driving anywhere Friday or Saturday night it is like playing Frogger with how often you will have to dodge inebriated people.

One of my previous complaints was without a vehicle you could not explore the area, but the Charleston square is less than a mile north of Old Main. You have legs, use them.

FROM THE EASEL

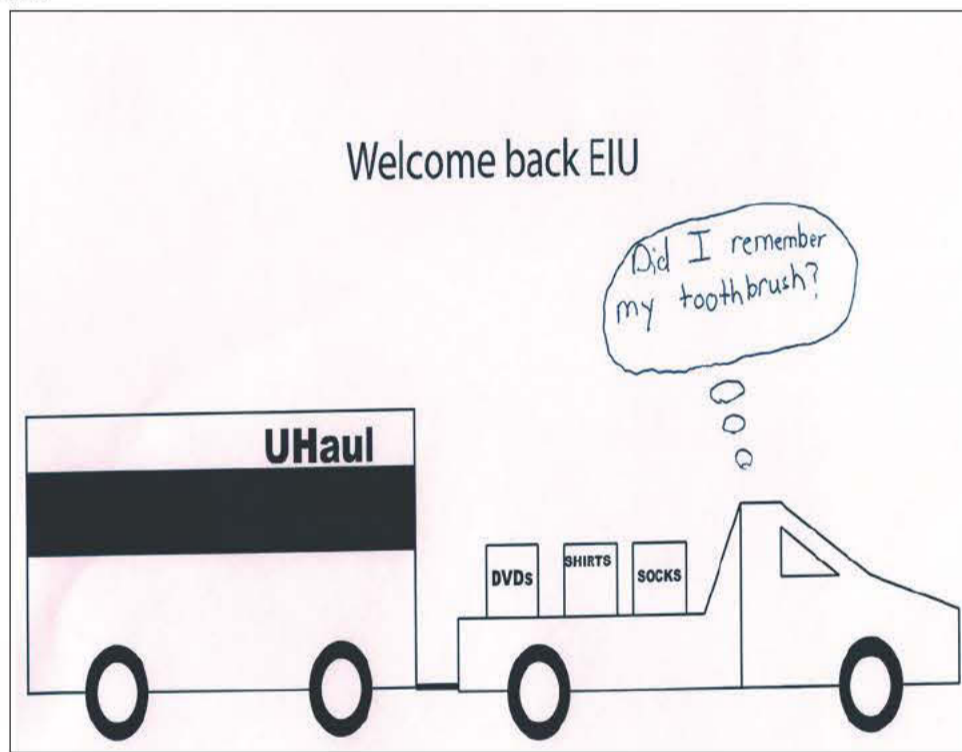


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COLUMN

The Daily Eastern News, why we are here



Sam Sottosanto

There are so many types of media flashing at us everyday, it is hard to tell what is really considered "news."

It seems like it would be common sense to know that "news" is something that's timely, prominent, has impact and conflict. It's something that is important for readers to know.

But if it is not the newscasts on TV, some hyped up with only entertainment news—it is our latest obsession: the Internet, that's confusing us in this day and age more than ever.

Online, it is easy to tell when you go to your Yahoo! homepage that all of those little stories in the boxes are news.

But are they really? Sometimes these boxes feature a video of a pet running around doing

something unique, but these are videotaped by the pet owners.

Should this really be considered news?

Other times, Yahoo! features a question someone asked in the Yahoo! Answers section of the website.

But these "Answers" are not penned by journalists. And really—should people really care about Hilary Duff changing her hair color?

See how the whole idea of "news" is blurring a little bit?

While it is impossible to fix this confusion on the large scale, maybe we can clear up a little bit of confusion when it comes to The Daily Eastern News.

The main purpose of *The Daily Eastern News* is to help train future journalists. We will mess up and make mistakes—but we are still learning.

We are students, not only working at the paper, but also juggling five different classes at the same time.

The Opinions section of the paper is the only page of the paper where students get to share their opinions.

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

The editorial board consists of the Opinions Editor, News Editor, Associate News Editor, Online Editor, Managing Editor, and Editor in Chief.

Every week a staff editor will rotate onto the editorial board. Paws and Claws is a more upbeat, pro/con column, when two students share their opinion on one topic.

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The cartoonist decides what he or she wants to draw and it is put into the paper with the consent of the Opinions Editor and Editor in Chief.

Columns are the same way, and are the sole opinion of the writer.

Any student on campus can be a cartoonist or a columnist by contacting Opinions Editor Dan Cusack.

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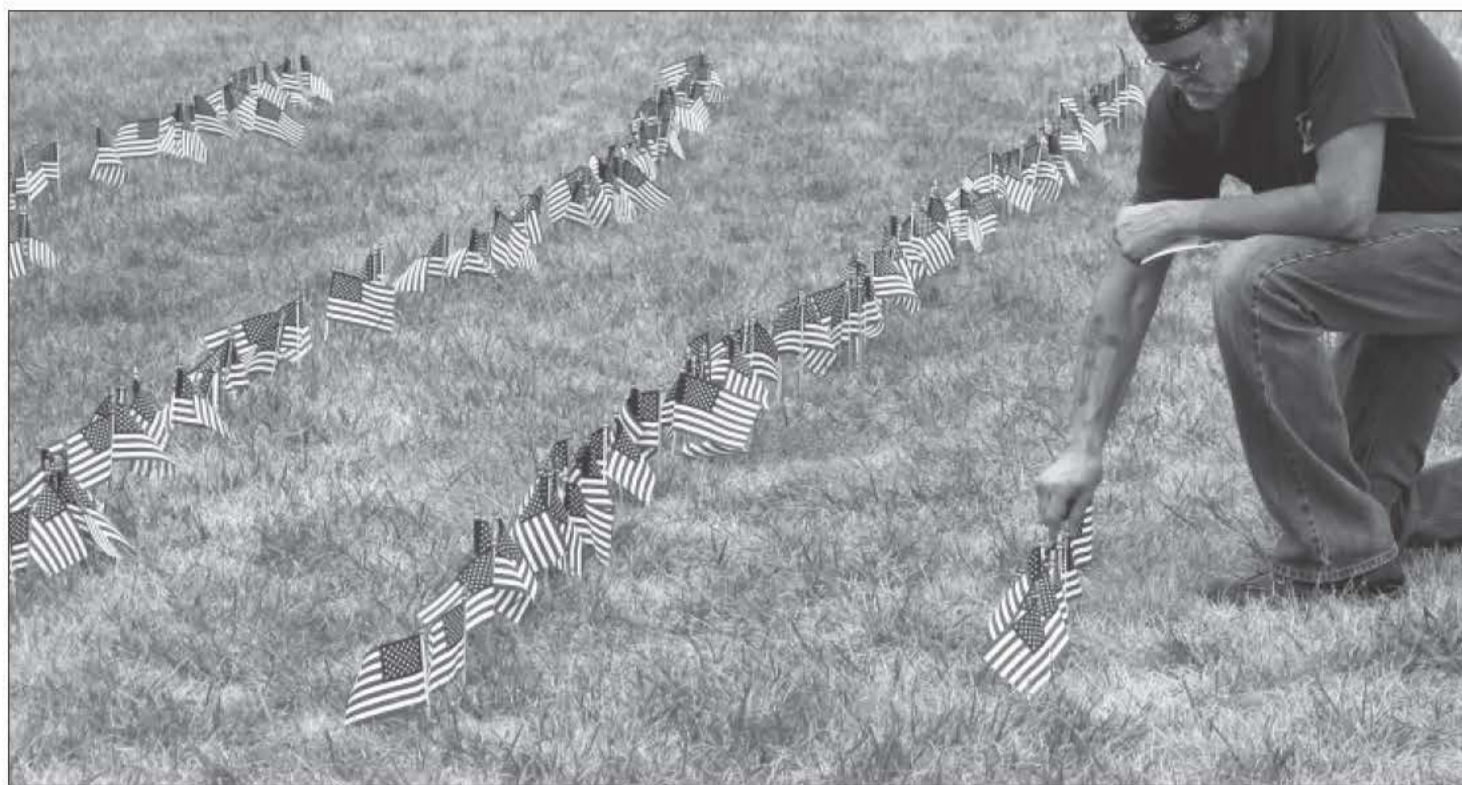
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STATE



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Glenn Poorman, a resident of Humbolt, Ill., plants a flag in honor of a fallen soldier during the Run for the Fallen, held at the Charleston High School track. Poorman was in the Army and said that he came out to honor and respect the soldiers that have died in the service.

Community dedicates run to soldiers

Allison Twaits
City Editor

Community members from the Charleston area ran or walked a mile this past Saturday during the Run for the Fallen 2010.

The event was held to honor soldiers who gave their lives serving our country in Iraq or Afghanistan.

Run for the Fallen began in 2008, when a team of runners ran across America from Fort Irwin, CA to Arlington National Cemetery. The team ran more than 2,500 miles, one mile for every Soldier, Sailor, Airman, and Marine killed in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Since 2003, 217 Illinois soldiers have lost their lives in conflict.

The event was held at the Charleston High School tracks, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The family members of fallen soldiers were invited to the track at 9 a.m., before or after that time, the

“The cards make a big difference, it makes it more real to see where people are from.”

Matt White, organizer

track was open to all participants.

With over 431 participants previously signed up and walk-ons, participants filled the track by 8:30 a.m.

“It’s a great way to show support and respect for soldiers,” one participant said.

The Charleston High School volleyball team and boy’s soccer team also came out to support the event.

Participants were asked to walk or run a mile around the track holding a flag and a card containing information about a military person.

At the end of the mile, participants planted their flags in the end zone and rang a bell in memory of

their soldier.

Each card contained a picture and the branch of military they belonged to. A short biography and reason of death was also given.

The participants then had the name of the soldier they were running for placed on the back of their shirts.

“The cards make a big difference, it makes it more real to see where people are from,” Matt White, one of the organizers of the event said.

Rob Ogden, of the Illinois National Guard, ran with his son to honor those soldiers he knew personally.

“It’s good to know there are still people out there who support their troops,” said Ogden.

A team of faculty and students also came out to support a fellow teacher from St. Mary School of Honors whose husband, Scott Stream, had lost his life while on duty in Afghanistan last year.

Supplies, such as drink packets, non-perishable foods, letters, toiletries, books, and magazines were collected to send to troops overseas.

Bill and Cheryl Lair, both organizers of the event, currently have a son in the National Guard.

“A lot of families whose son or daughter didn’t make it home want to honor those from Illinois who died serving our country,” says Bill Lair.

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ORGANIZATIONS

Marching Band performs at Six Flags

Samantha Bilharz
Activities Editor

Six Flags Great America St. Louis was a buzz Saturday as the Panther Marching Band made its first performance for the park visitors.

“Hot Time” (Eastern traditional music), “Everybody’s Everything,” by Santana and the Six Flag’s theme song “One Flag, Six Flags” were some of the many songs performed by the Panther Marching Band on Saturday.

The marching band performed through the majority of the park and even stopped to perform at the ticket gate. Although the parade was only fifteen minutes long, the band was well received by the park’s staff and audience.

“The performance went really well. We got compliments by all the employees. And I thought we represented the University very well,” said Don Fisher, a senior drum major.

The crowd had a positive reaction to the marching band. “There were a lot of waves, smiles and thumbs up. People enjoyed the music,” said Libby Brauer, senior drum major.

To spectators the marching band’s performance might have seemed like just a means of entertainment for Six Flags St. Louis, but for the band it was more.

“The day was designed to be more of a celebration of the end of band camp,” Fisher said.

The marching band has been rehearsing daily since Aug. 15 at Pre-Season Camp, so most people involved felt well prepared for their big performance on Saturday.

“The band is used to performing for thousands of people each season,” said Barry Houser, the Panther Marching Band Director.

The marching band earned the honor of performing at Six Flags St. Louis by sending in an application and CD of their performances.

“The process is not extremely rigorous, but more of a safety net on Six Flags part so that bands that perform in the park are good bands,” Houser said.

Houser said he expects them to perform at Six Flags St. Louis annually, because of the positive feedback.

“Based on the response we received from Six Flags, absolutely (the Panther Marching Band may perform at Six Flags again),” said Houser. “It is a great way to celebrate the success of our pre-season camp while providing positive exposure to our great University.”

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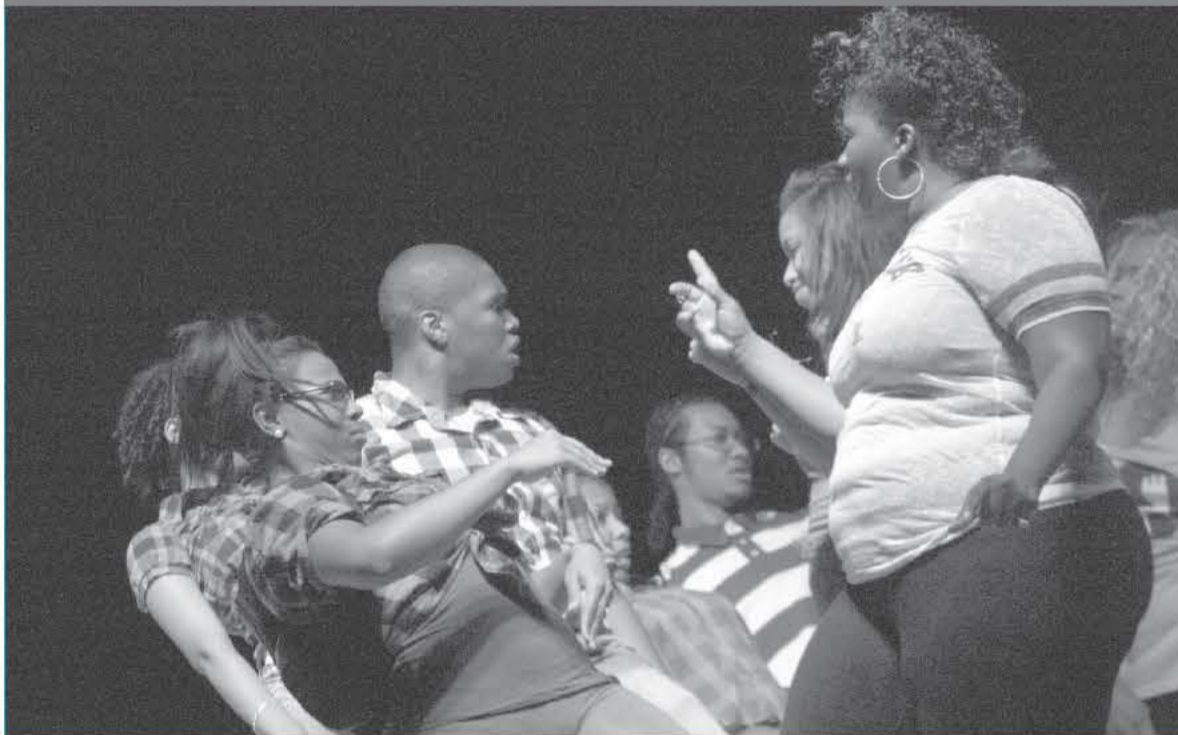
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Students, assisted by workers at the new Textbook Rental Facility, check out books they will be using this semester.

Bust a Move



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The Jolie Dance Troupe and Rhythm and X-tacy dance groups perform a routine for students at First Night Sunday night in the South Quad.

STATE

Blagojevich thinking politics again

Associated Press

Former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich thinks a future in politics is still a possibility.

Blagojevich said he won't rule out another run for political office if federal prosecutors fail to convict him at a second trial, according to an interview on "Fox News Sunday."

His comments came days after he was convicted of lying to federal agents. Jurors, however, deadlocked on 23 other more serious charges, including that he had tried to sell President Barack Obama's old Senate seat.

Federal prosecutors have said they will retry Blagojevich on those charges, but the former governor insisted that he will be vindicated.

A federal judge has scheduled a Thursday hearing to decide the manner and timing of a retrial.

"I didn't lie to the FBI. And I'm not lying to you, and I'm not lying to the people," Blagojevich told talk show host Chris Wallace.

When Wallace asked Blagojevich if he would run for office again, he answered, "If you're asking me, do I believe that there's a potential political comeback in the future, when I'm vindicated in this case, absolutely I do."

Blagojevich's appearance on the talk show was part of a media blitz that began Friday when he appeared on NBC's "Today" show. The appearances seem intended to appeal, at least in part, to anyone who might end up on a second jury.

It was widely believed that media appearances Blagojevich made before his first trial, including on the "The Celebrity Apprentice" reality show, were attempts to influence potential jurors.

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NATION

US Troops unlikely to resume combat

Associated Press

It would take "a complete failure" of the Iraqi security forces for the U.S. to resume combat operations there, the top American commander in Iraq said as the final U.S. fighting forces prepared to leave the country.

With a major military milestone in sight, Gen. Ray Odierno said in interviews broadcast Sunday that any resumption of combat duties by American forces is unlikely.

"We don't see that happening," Odierno said. The Iraqi security forces have been doing "so well for so long now that we really believe we're beyond that point."

President Barack Obama plans a major speech on Iraq after his return to Washington, according to a senior administration official who spoke on condition of anonymity Sunday because details were being finalized. The speech will come shortly after Obama returns to the White House on Aug. 29 from his Martha's Vineyard vacation.

About 50,000 U.S. troops will remain in the country until the end of 2011 to serve as a training and assistance force, a dramatic drawdown

from the peak of more than 170,000 during the surge of American forces in 2007.

Obama will face a delicate balancing act in his speech between welcoming signs of progress and bringing an end to the 7-year-old war without prematurely declaring the mission accomplished, as former President George W. Bush once did.

U.S. involvement in Iraq beyond the end of 2011, Odierno said, probably would involve assisting the Iraqis secure their airspace and borders.

While Iraq forces can handle internal security and protect Iraqis, Odierno said he believes military commanders want to have the U.S. involved beyond 2011 to help Iraqis acquire the required equipment, training and technical capabilities.

He said Iraq's security forces have matured to the point where they will be ready to shoulder enough of the burden to permit the remaining 50,000 soldiers to go home at the end of next year.

If the Iraqis asked that American troops remain in the country after 2011, Odierno said U.S. officials would consider it, but that would be a policy decision made by the presi-

dent and his national security advisers.

Odierno's assessment, while optimistic, also acknowledges the difficult road ahead for the Iraqis as they take control of their own security, even as political divisions threaten the formation of the fledgling democracy.

South Carolina GOP Sen. Lindsey Graham, who's on the Senate Armed Services Committee, told CBS' "Face the Nation" that he hopes "we will have an enduring relationship of having some military presence in Iraq. I think that would be smart not to let things unwind over the next three or five years."

On Thursday, the 4th Stryker Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division began crossing the border from Iraq into Kuwait, becoming the last combat brigade to leave Iraq. Its exodus, along with that of the approximately 2,000 remaining U.S. combat forces destined to leave in the coming days, fulfills Obama's pledge to end combat operations in Iraq by Aug. 31.

In interviews with CBS' "Face the Nation" and CNN's "State of the Union," Odierno said it may take several years before America can determine if the war was a success.

WORLD

Van Gogh theft in Egypt

Associated Press

None of the alarms and only seven out of 43 surveillance cameras were working at a Cairo museum where a Vincent van Gogh painting was stolen, Egypt's top prosecutor said Sunday.

Thieves made off with the canvas, known by the titles of "Poppy Flowers" and "Vase with Flowers," on Saturday from the Mahmoud Khalil Museum in the Egyptian capital.

Prosecutor general Abdel-Meguid Mahmoud told Egypt's state news agency Sunday that the thieves used a box cutter to remove the painting from its frame. He blamed the heist on the museum's lax security measures, calling them "for the most part feeble and superficial."

The museum guards' daily rounds at closing time were inadequate and did not meet minimum security requirements to protect internationally renowned works of art, he said.

Mahmoud added that his office had warned Egypt's museums to implement stricter security controls after nine paintings were stolen last year from another Cairo institute, the Mohammed Ali Mu-

seum. Similar security lapses were to blame in that theft.

Fifteen Egyptian officials, including the director of the Khalil museum, Reem Bahir, and the head of the fine arts department at the Ministry of Culture, have been barred from leaving Egypt until the investigation into the painting's theft is complete, Mahmoud said. He did not elaborate.

Bahir refused to comment on the prosecutor general's statements, saying only that the investigation was still under way.

On Saturday, Egypt's minister of culture, Farouk Hosni, said that police had confiscated the painting from an Italian couple at Cairo airport hours after it was stolen.

But Hosni later backtracked, saying his announcement was based on "false and incorrect" information. He said authorities were still searching for the missing painting, which he said is worth an estimated \$50 million.

It was not clear what caused the confusion over the artwork's fate.

This is the second time this painting by the Dutch-born postimpressionist has been stolen from the Khalil museum.



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Teammates battle in close game

Men show improvement in scrimmage

By Rob Mortell
Staff Reporter

In a heated Eastern men's soccer scrimmage between the upper and underclassmen, freshman forward Brandon Loncar broke the 0-0 tie 12 seconds into a sudden death overtime giving the underclassman the 1-0 victory.

The scrimmage was physical, as both teams struggled to produce offense. Defensively, both teams were solid not giving up a goal until overtime. The upperclassman team had the advantage in shots and shots on goal 10-5 and 5-2, respectively.

The scrimmage consisted of two 30-minute halves and a sudden-death overtime. Both teams were competitive, although the upperclassmen had control of the ball longer than the underclassmen. The underclassmen had to relish any opportunity they were given, which they did with Loncar's goal.

Senior forward Alex Harrison had three shots and one shot on goal during the game. He said he was happy with his play last year but this year he feels as though he can improve.

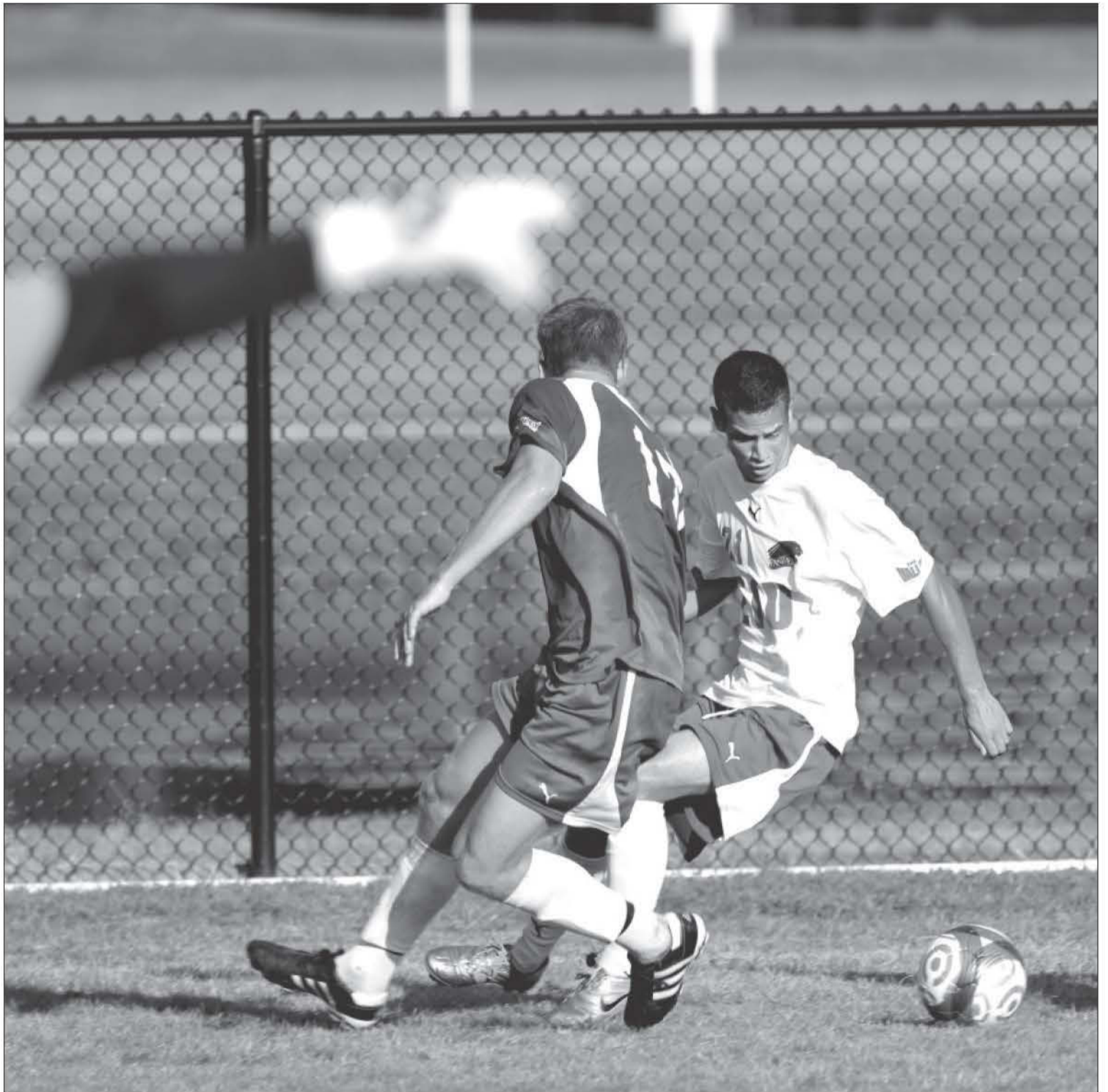
"Last year I didn't score as many goals as I wanted to so, in the summer as well as working on my fitness, I worked on finishing chances," Harrison said.

Improvement is the focus of the team this year. Last year the team was disappointed with their play finishing 6-8-3 overall and 2-6-1 in the Missouri Valley Conference, but Harrison is optimistic in his senior season.

"First of all our goal is obviously qualifying for the NCAA tournament, that's got to be our first priority," Harrison said. "We have to make an impact in the Missouri Valley whether that is winning the regular season or winning the tournament, then that's what we gotta' aim for."

Eastern head coach Adam Howarth watched the game from the sidelines as he let his assistants coach the two squads. Assistant coach Mark Hansen coached the upperclassmen and student assistant Evan Philpott coached the underclassmen.

"It's kind of fun to take a step



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Freshman forward Cameron Lauchner, No. 21, focuses on the ball while battling senior defenseman Trevor Kohlrus for position as senior goalkeeper Sean Molony shouts directions to the defense during the intersquad game held Sunday at Lakeside Field.

away. I did that the other day with the alumni coming in and with practice, Mark and Evan got to train the guys a little bit, so it's just kind of nice to step away," Howarth said.

Howarth said he is looking forward to this season and feels that the team has improved from last year. After observing the game, he said he was happy with what he saw

from both teams.

"I'm really happy with the progress, the passing was good the movement was good, now we just gotta put the ball in the back of the net," Howarth said.

The coach has set some lofty goals for his team but the main goal is making the NCAA tournament.

"It's gonna be a tough task we got a lot of good games coming up,

our preparation is going pretty well with preseason," Harrison said.

The season is just beginning, however, improvement can already be seen. The Panthers return to action 4 p.m. Tuesday against Butler in Indianapolis, Ind. for an exhibition.

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STATS

- Jerry Maddi: 3 Shots, 1 assist
- Red-shirt freshman goalkeeper Tyler Kelley: 3 saves
- Ian McCausland: 2 shots on goal

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Football offense, defense steady in last scrimmage

Large shines as No. 1 quarterback

By Alex McNamee
Sports Editor

Brandon Large made a statement with the first-team offense Saturday, as he passed a perfect 8-for-8 passing on the unit's opening drive.

To begin the Eastern football team's scrimmage Saturday, Large started the Panthers' first-team offense at the 20-yard line, and would take them 80 yards on 13 plays for a rare touchdown in the Panthers' second scrimmage of the summer.

The red-shirt sophomore quarterback capped off the drive by showing off his accuracy by throwing a ball to the left corner of the end zone and letting sophomore receiver Erik Lora jump up and grab it, for an 18-yard touchdown pass.

"Lora does a great job of getting open down field," Large said. "I definitely like going to him."

The touchdown would be the last until the final two series of the scrimmage, but it definitely impressed head coach Bob Spoo.

"I think that first drive is about as good as we have had in a long time," he said.

Large said the offense was simply taking what the defense was giving them on the drive. By the end of the scrimmage, Large had thrown for 103 yards and one touchdown on 13-for-16 passing.

Large only played three series, including the first touchdown drive, so the next three quarterbacks on the depth chart got their opportunity to show off their skills.

True freshman quarterback Jimmy Garappolo worked with the second-team, and looks to be in line for the second spot on the depth chart.

On his first play from scrimmage, Garappolo showed off his mobility, scrambling up the middle for a few yards; however, on his second play he fumbled the snap. Garappolo would be up-and-down all day, finishing his scrimmage with 21 yards on 2-for-10 passing.

Battling for the No. 2 quarterback slot, red-shirt sophomore Shadonta Travis was successful, going 5-for-6 for 40 yards.

True freshman Taylor Duncan also saw action, going 2-for-3 for 27 yards and one touchdown on the field. He also showed off his mobility, scrambling out of the pocket numerous times.

On Garappolo's first drive, the defense rebounded from being dominated on the first drive lead by Large. After the first drive, the defense set the tone for the remainder of the scrimmage.

"I think (the first drive) was a wake up call," defensive coordinator Roc Bellantoni said. "We've had some good practices lately and I think that drive kind of woke them up."

The Panthers' defense woke up to three consecutive defensive stands, including two three-and-outs on the three drives following Large's 80-yard touchdown drive.

"The defense reacted well after the drive," Spoo said. "They had to rebound, adjust, and put things in their favor."

Yesterday, the Panthers began preparing for their opening season road game against Iowa, which will take place 11 a.m. in Iowa City, IA on Sept. 4.



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Tory Squires a freshman defensive lineman attempts to block a pass made by fellow freshman quarterback Jimmy Garappolo during a team scrimmage Saturday at O'Brien Field.

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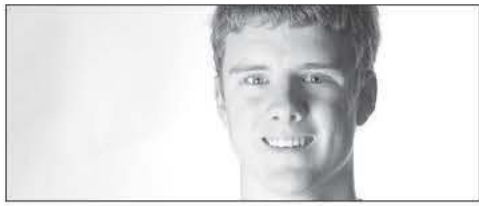
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IEWS



Alex McNamee

OVC Fantasy Focus

The college football season is rapidly approaching. Thursday, Sept. 2 is the start date for Ohio Valley Conference teams, featuring four games that night. Eastern starts its season two days later against Iowa, probably the highest renowned team we have ever played.

The NFL is in its preseason, with the start date of its regular season coming soon. Unique to the NFL season, fans everywhere are in draft rooms online picking their fantasy teams.

In preparation for the OVC season, I thought: why not do the same? So, that's what I did.

In many leagues, called "keeper leagues," drafters have to consider their keepers, which are players from last year's fantasy team you would want to keep for your new team.

Before I can draft OVC players, I have to figure out what players I would want to keep, if I had a team last year... which I did not, but here's what I imagine if I did:

• Calvin McNairl – Tennessee State, QB

A red-shirt junior for the Tigers, McNairl is the epitome of a "keeper" player. Last year, he finished the season ranked sixth in total offense with 920 passing yards and 628 rushing yards. He's your dual-threat quarterback that I would definitely want to keep.

• Mon Williams – Eastern, RB

Despite injury questions, I'll take Williams, who will be the star running back behind a group of inexperienced quarterbacks. He was third in rushing in the OVC last year, and I'm predicting nine plus touchdowns for him this season.

• Marcus Harris – Murray State, WR

He might have only averaged 41 receiving yards per game last season, but he's an all-purpose guy. Harris gets points from me for his 617 kick return yards he compiled last season, plus his one kick return touchdown.

• Terrence Holt – Austin Peay, RB

Holt might have only been fourth in the OVC in rushing yards, but his 13 rushing touchdowns top the list. He added two touchdowns on special teams to take the cake as the touchdown king.

• Erik Lora – Eastern, WR

Possibly emerging as a go-to receiver in the offense, Lora was a freshman last year and totaled 320 yards and two touchdowns. This year, he will be even bigger of a target. New quarterback Brandon Large likes going to him.

• Tennessee Tech Defense/Special Teams

Usually in fantasy drafts, you will pick a team defense and special teams. I'd take Tennessee Tech. Its defense tallied 15 interceptions last year. Although they were the seventh ranked total defense last year, they return four of the top 25 tacklers in the OVC.

There is a lot of good fantasy potential in the OVC, and I have just named a few. Throughout the season, new names and faces will pop up. When that time comes, us fantasy owners will have to make adjustments.

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FOOTBALL

Players kicked off team

Luczynski calls punishment "unfair"

By Dan Cusack
Opinion Editor

Senior defensive end Colin Luczynski, junior offensive lineman Eric Rettke and senior running back Chevon Walker were released from the football team Aug. 18.

Eastern Illinois associate athletic director of media and public relations Rich Moser said the school could not comment on why the players were dropped other than that each "violated team rules."

Luczynski said he was released from the team after testing positive for marijuana.

Luczynski, a red-shirt senior defensive end, admitted to smoking marijuana. He said he understood what he did was against team rules, but feels the punishment was unfair.

"Numerous other athletes failed

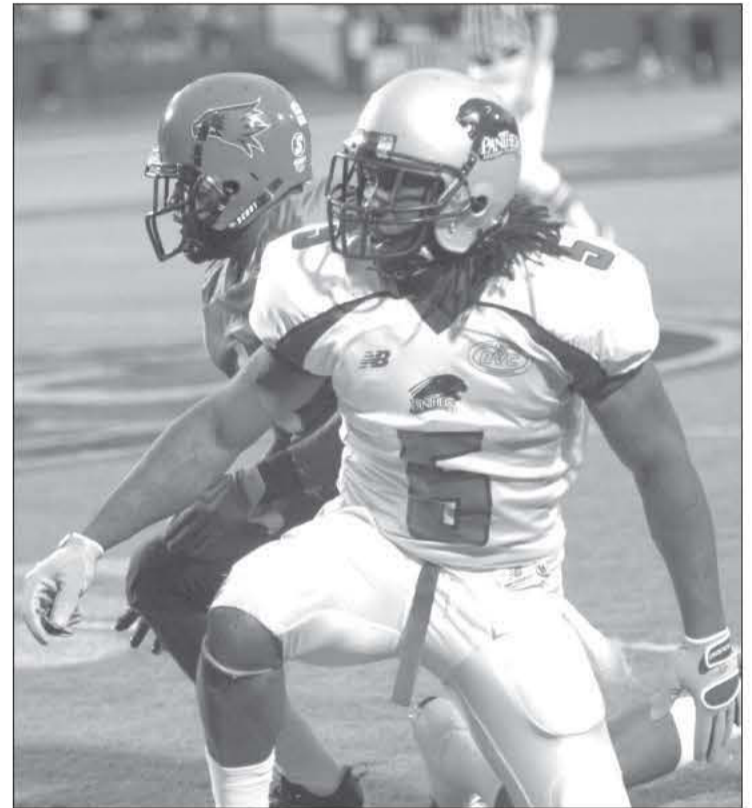
the tests to the same extent as me, but they suffered lesser consequences," Luczynski said. "Similar results on the test yielded different punishments than I received."

Luczynski said more than 20 Eastern football players failed the test. Moser said the school could not comment and that the drug test results were confidential.

According to Eastern Illinois athletics drug policy, a first positive drug test leads to a suspension from competitions equaling 20 percent of NCAA allowable events for that sport, evaluation and counseling session with the counseling center and the student-athlete becomes subject to repeated unannounced drug testing to be conducted at any time under the supervision of the associate athletic director.

At Eastern, players sign contracts to uphold the school and teams code of conduct.

Violations include everything from missing academic meetings to criminal charges on and off campus. PUNISH, page 9



KAROLINA STRACK | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS
Former running back Chevon Walker recovers from a tackle during a game against Southeast Missouri at Houck Stadium Sept. 19, 2009.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Panthers win with penalty kick

Women's soccer starts season strong

By Jordan Pottorff
Staff Reporter

The Eastern women's soccer team (2-0) kicked off its season over the weekend with two wins in non-conference play.

The Panthers defeated the Evansville Aces, 1-0 Sunday on Lakeside Field, after defeating Indiana-Purdue University Indianapolis Friday, 2-0. Eastern head coach Summer Perala said she was very happy with her team and looks forward to a winning season.

The Panthers clashed with Evansville Sunday and controlled play for the entire match, giving their offense multiple scoring chances; however, they were unable to capitalize in regulation, despite having 10 more shots than SOCCER, page 9



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Freshman defender/midfielder Caitlin Greene races Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis sophomore defender Kelli Parks to the ball Friday at Lakeside Field.

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