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FOR ADULTS ONLY

The Charleston Alley Theatre will be putting on an adults-only comedy, and the theater is seeking actors and actresses to portray porn stars.

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Eastern's softball team beat Murray State over the weekend, extending their win streak.

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EASTERN | ELECTIONS

Student executive hopefuls explain platforms

2 people vie for student president job

By **Samantha McDaniel** & **Bob Galuski**
Student Governance Editor & Entertainment Editor

Student Body President

Jesse Green, a senior accounting and finance major, said if he is elected student body president, he wants to focus on outreach to the current and potential students.

He said he would work with admissions to reach the potential students.

"We would put forth that personable touch that Eastern is known for," Green said. "I think that is one of things that Eastern is known for is the smaller class sizes etc., and I want to highlight that."

Green said his plan would be to write personalized letters to potential students or starting a program like "Text the Student Body President" where students could text their questions to the student body president.

He also wants to increase the work with transfer students.

"Once they are brought in, since they are a little bit older, I feel like they are, not necessarily neglected, but I think we could do more to make sure they feel like a part of Eastern," Green said.

Kaylia Eskew, a junior journalism major, said she wants to incorporate a mentor program between undergraduate students and graduate students.

She said she would also like to form more town hall meetings, Eskew said.

"I would like them to be more frequent," she said. "I want students to be part of that change."

Eskew said her current position in the Student Senate as the student vice president for academic affairs has allowed her to create a close working relationship with both senates.

MEET THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT CANDIDATES

JESSE GREEN

"We would put forth that personable touch that Eastern is known for."

Affiliation: *PULSE*

Year: Senior

Major: Finance &

Accounting

Semesters on

Senate: 1

Current position:

Business Committee

chairman

Plans if elected:

- Implement the "Text the Student Body President" program

- Write personal letters to potential students



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KAYLIA ESKEW

"I know that it is the student first, then the responsibility to the rest of the campus."

Affiliation: *Independent*

Year: Junior

Major: Journalism

Semesters on

Senate: 5

Current position:

Student vice

president for

academic affairs

Plans if elected:

- Start a mentorship program between undergraduate and graduate students

- Create more town hall meetings

EASTERN | ONLINE VOTING

Student Senate elections start

By **Samantha McDaniel**
Student Governance Editor

In order for students to vote for the new Student Senate members, they will have to follow the link sent to them in an email from the Student Senate.

Student Body President Kaci Abolt, a senior communication studies major, said every student will receive an email with the link to the ballot and a link to the candidate page.

The email will be the only way students can vote, Abolt said.

"From our past experience, that increases voter turn out versus just publishing them on a website," Abolt said. "It also ensures that everyone can vote, whether they are on campus or not, and that they only vote once."

The ballot is separated by position and each will have the option between the candidates and a no-confidence vote.

Abolt said every position is contested except for the executive vice president position and the Student Senate seats.

The ballot will include the seven executive board candidates and the nine Student Senate seats.

Students can pick on of the options from each executive position, but can choose any of the Student Senate senator candidates they feel is qualified for the position.

The ballot will be open from midnight Monday until 11:59 p.m. Tuesday.

After the ballot is closed, a confidential report is sent to Ceci Brinker, the director of the Student Life Office, Abolt said.

Student Executive Vice President

"I know who to contact for what issue," she said.

Eskew said she was qualified because of her understanding on how Eastern works.

"I know that it is the student first, then the responsibility to the rest of the campus," Eskew said.

She said she has also been involved with different areas on campus like student publications and Greek Life.

"Eastern is important to me," Eskew said. "I want the best for it."

Mitch Gurick, a sophomore business major, said he wants to improve the lobbying done for Eastern.

In the past, members of the Student Senate traveled to Springfield to lobby on behalf of the school and students.

Gurick said he wants to open this up to all students, not just members of the Student Senate.

"There are people who are pas-

sionate about the university that are not necessarily in student government but can still lobby on behalf of the school and make a difference there," Gurick said.

Gurick said he wants to carry over his goal of making a change on Eastern's campus.

"I think my experience as speaker will lend well in becoming executive vice president," Gurick said.

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EASTERN | EVENTS

Social Justice and Diversity Week kicks off Monday

By **Samantha McDaniel**
Student Governance Editor

Social Justice and Diversity Week, now known as "You, Me, and Diversity Week," will start this week after being postponed because one of the main coordinators was unable to complete the planning.

Sabrina Sibert, a freshman recreation administration major, said the week is to introduce the different communities on campus and the different struggles people face.

"Normally when you think of diversity you think of race, gender, abilities

and disabilities, but you don't necessarily think about the effects of it," Sibert said.

The week, put on by the RHA every year, will start Monday with the painting of bricks that will be made into a wall and torn down at the end of the week.

Students can paint words they find offensive on the bricks, and watch as they are torn down on Friday.

Also, at 5 p.m. Monday in the Phipps Auditorium of the Physical Science Building, EIU Pride will have the "Big Gay Panel."

Sibert said members of Pride will

answer questions from audience members about their sexual orientation.

"They are usually really open about questions and will answer basically anything, except inappropriate things," Sibert said.

Sibert said people have question but are sometimes afraid to ask them or does not know whom to ask.

"Being in an environment where you can ask question and actually getting an answer from people who don't mind giving those answers, is a nice experience to show what kind of communities are at EIU," Sibert said.

A program called "Cross the Line"

will take place at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Andrews Hall.

Sibert said this is a program that gives students chance to see who else has similar experience.

"We will say a statement, and if it applies to you, you cross the line," Sibert said.

Students sometimes feel alone in situations when, in reality, there are others who have similar experiences, she said.

"It shows you that you are not alone in certain situations, and it shows you what other people are like and what they've been through," Sibert said.

"These different struggles are everywhere, and just looking at somebody you wouldn't know those things."

On Wednesday, the RHA will be showing the movie "Bully" and the video "To This Day" at 8 p.m. in Lawson Hall.

Sibert said "To This Day" is a Shane Koyczan film against bullying.



"We took a twist to show what happens to people who are different in today's society," Sibert said.

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CHARLESTON | ENTERTAINMENT

Theater to host adult-themed comedy

By Amanda Wilkinson
City Editor

The Charleston Alley Theatre will be hosting auditions for Adult Entertainment, a comedy about the men and women of the porn industry. The Elaine May comedy is about a group of pornography stars that decide to make their own art film. Tony Cox, the director, said the show starts when the porn stars lose their mentor. "They are kind of searching for a reason to keep going," he said. "They are looking for somebody to help them get to the next level and produce the next porn movie." Cox said the porn stars find a man who might be their next mentor on a TV show.

"He tries to make them read all the classics and everything because he thinks they ought to have more art in their porn," he said. Cox said the adults-only show will not include nudity or sex, but will not be appropriate for children. "Nobody's going to have to parade around," he said. He said he is looking for six people to play three porn stars, a TV show host, a producer and a cameraman but also two people to be off-stage voices. Cox said he is looking for an all-adult cast, but age does not matter. "All the characters are adults, but they can range from 17 or 18 to a couple of characters to up into their 50s or 60s," he said. "Most of them are porn stars, but you don't see many

old porn stars." There are also opportunities to create costumes, scenery, lighting, lobby artwork and sound effects for those who are not actors but want to be part of the production, Cox said. Auditions will be at 7 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday. Cox said the auditions are open to everyone, and they do not have to have anything prepared. "They'll be reading from the script, and I'll talk with them about schedules and make sure they're not offended about the subject matter," he said. There will be small parts of singing, but no one has to be a good singer because it is not a musical, Cox said. He said the Charleston Alley Theatre Board chose the script after coming across it when looking for some-

thing to fill a spot. "It's different. It's something that hasn't been done around here before," Cox said. "We like to touch base with some of the more touchy subjects in society and talk about things people don't usually talk about." He said this show will not be for everybody, but those with an open mind will enjoy it. "The script is a little high-brow, but at the same time a lot of low humor so any adult audience that is willing to sit there and accept it for what it is will have a good time," he said. Planned performance dates are May 10 to 13 and 17 to 19.

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CAMPUS | BERTRAND HOLLEY FUND

Business ethics collection donated by fund

By Stephanie Markham
Administration Editor

Ethics can seem like an abstract concept, but when it comes to business ethics, having different perspectives can help in making the right decision, said Cheryl Noll, the chairwoman of the School of Business. "People are raised with having their own ideals and their own beliefs about what is good behavior," she said. "But people who study that are interested in looking at it from a lot of different perspectives other than what you come from in your family life, your home and your church." Noll said she decided to use the Bertrand Holley fund to create a collection, including 27 books and six DVDs about business ethics that

were donated to Booth Library on March 6. She said James Sysko, a business professor, compiled a list of citations of works he thought would best contribute to the collection. The fund has been used to sponsor guest speakers like Francine McKenna, a professional writer who spoke about the ethical dilemma occurring at Penn State University, and for awarding faculty who display outstanding teaching or research in ethics. Noll said providing the study materials would allow Holley's ideals to reach more people. "I thought that we needed something that would have a lasting impact, and when you bring speakers in and you give out an award to faculty every year, those things are remembered, but they don't have that impact

of touching as many people," she said. She said having a framework of knowledge on ethics could help to make tough decisions that will effect people's lives. "The decisions you make as a businessperson — as a leader — affect a lot of people, and sometimes people go into those positions making decisions for the wrong reasons," she said. Noll said Holley was a well-respected business professor at Eastern for 41 years until his retirement. "He retired in 1987, but people who had him in class still remember him, and they still tell us stories about him: That he was such a dedicated, caring professor," she said. Scott Stevens, a management instructor, said he took Holley's class when he came back to school to study business after getting an under-

graduate degree in biology. "We met in the library auditorium that doesn't exist anymore," he said. "He was a very distinguished man and kind of a legend." Before Lumpkin Hall was built, Stevens said business courses took place in Blair Hall or in the library auditorium, which was damp, dark and smelled like an old movie theater. He said Holley sticks out in his memory because of his sense of humor and because of his student-centered teaching style. "I had maybe five or six professors that I remember from business and biology who were exceptional teachers, and he was one of them," he said.

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A member of the Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis club lacrosse team tackles JT Sears, a member of the Eastern club lacrosse team, Sunday on the practice field behind O'Brien Stadium. The lacrosse team played both Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and IUPUI Sunday.

CHARLESTON | BLUE MONDAYS

Groups to raise child abuse awareness by wearing blue

By Amanda Wilkinson
City Editor

Several community groups are trying to bring awareness of child abuse and award those who go out of their way to help local children during National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

April marks the Exchange Club of Charleston's Blue Mondays, where the group members will wear blue to bring attention to child abuse.

The Exchange Club of Charleston is an organization that helps with other community projects by fundraising and donating money.

Susan Bulla, the president-elect of the club, said the club's main goal is to prevent child abuse.

She said the club donates money to HOPE of East Central Illinois, Sexual Assault Counseling and Information Service, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, Children's Advocacy Center of East Central Illinois and to Coles County CASA.

The club has donated about \$18,000 to those agencies in the club's seven-year existence, she said.

Bulla said during April, the Charleston and Mattoon clubs participate in Blue Mondays.

"Exchange Club members wear blue on Mondays to draw attention to the horrible problem of child abuse, which is a hidden problem," she said. "People don't like to think it exists."

Bulla is also the executive director of Coles County Court Appointed Special Advocates.

"When I go and speak to groups to talk about CASA, my organization, I talk about things that have really happened in this county," she said.

Bulla said when people hear the stories she tells, people do not believe

them.

"People are invariably shocked this happened in Coles County because we like to think we're in a very sweet and peaceful community but unfortunately there's a dark side to it," she said.

Bulla said that is why the club wants to draw attention to child abuse.

"It's a subject that people don't want to talk about and they don't want to acknowledge, and that's what the Exchange Club wants to draw attention to," she said.

Bulla said that is why she thinks Coles County CASA and the Exchange Club work so well together.

Champions for Children: An Evening of Lifesavers is being hosted by Eastern, the Children's Advocacy Center of East Central Illinois, Coles County CASA and the Exchange Clubs of Mattoon and Charleston to help celebrate and award those who advocate for children.

Rachel Fisher, the director of student community service, said children advocates come in many forms, and they hope to award seven of them at the award banquet.

"What's beautiful about it is we're getting a chance to thank those who help the children in our community," she said.

The banquet will take place 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The banquet will start with a keynote address from Judge James Glenn of the Fifth Judicial Circuit Court.

The banquet is open to the public. Tickets are \$20.

Seven community members will be awarded for their service including Lee Althoff, a junior special education major; Beth Gillespie, the council director

of Girls on the Run of East Central Illinois; Judith Hagen, the principal of Humboldt TLC; Abbie Harris, a victim witness advocate in Douglas County; William Hill, a Coles County CASA advocate; Vivian Skelly, the founder of Central Illinois Autism Therapeutic Services; and Anthony West, a detective at the Charleston Police Department.

"We're really pleased we're recognizing (Althoff) who has started and coordinated a program for us," Fisher said. "(Althoff and other volunteers) coordinate two times a week an after-school program in Arcola for 70 kids."

She said they are recognizing those who are just starting to make a difference and those who have been for a while.

All seven recipients come from all walks of life, Fisher said.

"There is such a variety of person, except there's one thing connecting them: They're all champions, and they fight every day for kids," she said. "They do it with a selfless enthusiasm to help the person next to them."

Bulla said anyone could give a voice to a child whether they are in the Exchange Club or not.

"The Exchange Club is a great fit for my passion," she said. "There's great people that go, and they are such good, hardworking people in the community."

Fisher said it will be nice to take the time to recognize those who make try to make a difference in the community.

"All of us can make a wave of change," she said. "You just have to be brave enough to do it. These people have been champions to do that."

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- At 9:45 a.m. Friday, criminal damage to property was reported in Greek Court. This incident is under investigation.

ONLINE | PODCAST

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CORRECTION

In the article "Eastern student arrested in connection with aggravated robbery" on March 25, to location of the alleged robbery was incorrect. The incident allegedly took place at Campus Pointe. *The News* regrets the error.

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What was your reaction to the EIU Town Hall meeting on sexual assault?

Were you satisfied with the answers given by the panel?

HERE'S WHAT YOU SAID



I won't be satisfied until survivors can feel safe on campus and perpetrators are punished in a thorough and expedient manner.

Philip Andrew Roughton

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Sexual assault conversation far from over

On Thursday, students and Charleston community members gathered to talk about the climate of sexual assault at Eastern. President Bill Perry; Dan Nadler, the vice president for student affairs; Dave Closson, a university police crime prevention officer; and Cara Pschirrer, a counselor in the Eastern Counseling Center, all answered questions from audience members.

The discussion was productive, with Perry's comments on how policy can be reformed. But then the forum took a turn; the discussion became less about what Eastern can do to reform and streamline its sexual assault reporting policy and more of a battle of emotions about each individual's situation.

While *The Daily Eastern News* definitely agrees these thoughts and emotions should be shared in their entirety, it is also somewhat unfair to place entire responsibility on the university to protect each individual student. In an ideal world, of course this would happen. However, both the University Police Department, as well as Charleston Police Department, obviously cannot match a student-to-officer ratio.

Therefore, it's entirely unfair to place all the blame on the university when we should be pointing fingers more at the perpetrators. The university does need to do more to protect its students, but it can only do so much.

The sexual assault policy is what needs to change. Still, students can and should try stay as safe as possible. Carry a cell

OUR POSITION
• **Situation:** The Town Hall meeting discussed sexual assault brought a debate on policy.
• **Stance:** The university should use sexual assault policy to be an example for others.

phone, take advantage of the blue polls on campus and travel with friends.
Are all these precautionary measures right? Should students have to live in fear that they may someday be sexually assaulted or raped? No.
Should women have to feel unsafe for wearing a short skirt walking home on the weekends at 5

a.m.?
No, but the reality is that we live in a rape-culture society that enforces the idea that women should avoid getting raped instead of teaching men not to rape.
Of course, men should not be overlooked, as one-in-33 men will experience sexual assault in their lifetime. These statistics will never be OK, but they are some things we as a society have to deal with.
The bottom line is that sexual assaults will still continue to occur, and rape culture will continue to live on. What Eastern can do is use this opportunity not only as an opportunity to lead by example, but as an obligation to its students to do the best it can to protect its student.
It's important to have town hall forums such as Thursday's because we cannot let the discussion about sexual assault die. From here, the university can only go up and do better, and the administration should live up to its promises.

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

In fashion, you are what you wear

Clothes are garments for the body; a necessity for all to keep our bodies masked. In the process of masking our bodies, many Eastern students have been letting down their judgmental mask, revealing their true fabric.
Eastern students have fallen into social media's trap of defining a person based off what they wear. In the media, you will see celebrities like Lil Wayne wearing brands like Jordan, Ralph Lauren and True Religion, making many guys feel pressured to wear the same brand if they want to be viewed as a somebody.
Brands are even being compared to one another now as Lil Wayne states, "Polo F that Hilfiger." This has made many Eastern students contrast brands and judge people based off what they are wearing.
Many Eastern guys judge other guys or even girls that they may be eyeing based off what they wear. As guys are in the Student Recreation Center, the conversations include, What Jordan's are coming out on Saturday? How are they going to spend their refund checks on Dre Beats? and How are they trading in their coat for a NorthFace coat that costs more than what they have in their savings account?



Donzell Lampkins

Toms and Uggs are two popular shoes that Eastern ladies have put on a pedestal. The canvas slip-on styled shoe is not patent, so any brand has the right to create a design based off that style; however, because Toms made that shoe popular, if someone is wearing that style without the Toms' tag on the back, they've just committed social suicide.
A girl stated, "She has on Jerry's", referring to the mouse off our favorite childhood show, "Tom and Jerry" because the girl's shoe said Bob's, the Sketchers version of that styled shoe. Other remarks include, "those Bob the Builders can't be fixed."
Uggs is another shoe that has taken over. The slip-on boots without straps, synthetic soled with sheep fur interior are associated with Uggs. No

other shoe can have this cluster of material on their boot unless it says Uggs on the back. Statements such as "those Uggs are fake" have made clothes and shoes lose their essence of keeping our bodies masked and protecting our body from various weather conditions.
Shockingly, men are not excluded from this nonsense. Men are more overt than women in regards to calling guys out on 'fake' items.
Being out on the basketball court with a modern-brand gym shoe such as Starter is a prime way of getting judged since they are sold in Walmart.
"If it ain't J's, get out the way" is the way people feel about wearing gym shoes. What people don't know is that gym shoes were a symbol of poorness if you wore them outside of the gym class or playing field. Today, gym shoes are \$200 and the pressure is on getting to the next pair to fill a social void.
You are what you wear these days, but didn't you know, that fashion is but a season, so what are you?
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SOFTBALL | GAME RECAP

Panthers sweep Racers, extend win-streak

By Jack Sheehan
Staff Reporter

The Eastern softball team continued its winning ways this weekend, sweeping Murray State on the road in a three-game series.

In Friday's game, the Panthers and the Racers were deadlocked at zero until the sixth inning when freshman Haylee Beck drove in the go-ahead run that proved to be the game-winner.

Junior Hanna Mennenga earned the 1-0 win after pitching a complete game three-hitter, striking out 11 Racers.

Senior Shelby Kosmecki took the loss for Murray State, pitching six innings and allowing the lone run of the game.

In Saturday's doubleheader, both teams' offenses had better performances than game one.

In the first game of the day, there was scoring by both teams in the first five innings.

Junior Reynae Hutchinson led the way for the Panthers offensively with two hits, two runs and three runs batted in, in the noon game.

Mennenga as well as junior Stephanie Maday both pitched in the game, striking out a combined eight batters.

The Panthers were able to win 7-4, despite leaving seven runnings stranded on base.

In the final game of the series, the

Panthers needed some late-game offensive production to pull the game out.

After being tied at one until the sixth inning, the Panthers were able to put three runs across the plate, started by a solo home run by sophomore Bailey O'Dell.

Freshman April Markowski and sophomore Hannah Cole followed O'Dell's homerun with RBIs of their own to cap off a 4-1 victory.

Mennenga earned the win for Eastern inside the circle as she pitched another complete-game, allowing one run on six hits, striking out four.

Cole led the Panthers in the nightcap, going 3-for-4 and bumping her season average up to .344.

With the three-game sweep of Murray State the Panthers built upon their first place Ohio Valley West division record of 9-1 with Southern Illinois-Edwardsville currently in second place at 7-2.

With the losses the Racers fall to fourth place in the OVC West, currently at 5-4 in the conference 12-18 overall.

The Panthers are now 19-9 overall, winning nine out of their last ten games.



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The Panther softball team celebrates sophomore infielder Bailey O'Dell's homerun during the series finale Saturday at Williams Field. The Panthers won all three of their series games.

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BASEBALL | GAME RECAP

Offensive woes lead to 8th straight loss

By Aldo Soto
Assistant Sports Editor

Stephen Bartlett hit his third home run of the season on the first pitch he saw from Eastern closer Jake Johansmeier, lifting the Gamecocks to a series sweep of the Panthers.

The walk-off homerun came with one out in the ninth inning, increasing the Gamecock win-streak to four.

The loss lengthened the Eastern losing streak to four and also saw the Panthers fall to 0-8 in the Ohio Valley Conference, which has the Panthers in last place.

Matt Borens started for Eastern, and after struggling in his previous start in which he allowed six earned runs in 4.2 innings against Illinois State, the sophomore pitched six innings of one run ball against the Gamecocks.

Johansmeier took the loss, dropping his record to 1-2. The freshman entered the game in the eighth and walked the bases loaded before retiring Zach Elbirt and Eddie Mora-Loera on foul outs to first baseman Treysen Vavra.

The walk-off victory was the first for Jacksonville State since May 1.

The Panthers had eight hits in the game, and their lone run came in the second off the bat of Jacob Reese.

Reese singled to left field and Nick Priessman, who doubled earlier in the inning, came around to score, giving Eastern its only lead of the game at 1-0.

Jacksonville State closer Travis Stout recorded the win (2-0) and bumped the Gamecocks' record to 15-14, the first time they have been over .500 since March 17.

Coach Jim Schmitz summarized the performance of his offense with one word: Disappointment.

"The entire team did not follow the game plan," he said. "After the first game, we showed the guys the tape, and yet on Friday they did not execute what we told them to do."

Schmitz said he wanted the Panthers to take the ball to the opposite direction when facing the left-handed pitchers from Jacksonville State, something he said the team as a whole failed to do.

Eastern had an opportunity to score off of Stout in the top half of the ninth.

Back-to-back singles from Priessman and Demetre Taylor preceded a Reese strike out, which ended the scoring chance for the Panthers.

Adam Polk, who started for Jacksonville State, took the no decision like Borens. Polk pitched five innings, giving up one run on five hits.

The Saturday afternoon loss for Eastern came after a 5-2 loss Friday night.

"What makes these losses frustrating is the lack of execution from the batters," Schmitz said. "Too many guys are trying to do their own thing, and we can't afford to do that."

The Panthers were plagued by errors — committing five — leading to four unearned runs.

Joe Greenfield made the start for Eastern and allowed all five runs in 6.1 innings of work.

Jacksonville State took advantage of two Panther errors and capitalized off Greenfield, scoring four runs with the help of two hits in the fifth.

The 5-1 lead was too much for Eastern to overtake, as the only other Panther run came from a Brant Valach RBI single that drove in Vavra.

Vavra scored both of his team's runs in the defeat.

Greenfield dropped to 1-3 on the season.

Taylor Shields won his fifth game of the year, pitching 5.2 innings, allowing two runs on six hits.

Stout picked up his second consecutive save against the Panthers and eighth of the season.

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Jake Johansmeier, a freshman pitcher, throws the ball to first in attempt to get the first base runner out during the game against Southern Illinois University Carbondale on March 19. The Panthers lost all three of their games against Jacksonville State over the weekend.

TRACK | GAME RECAP

Panthers post 5 first-place finishes

By Jaime Lopez
Verge Editor

Eastern's men's and women's track teams came back with six first-place finishes from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale Spring Classic.

In the pole vault competition, Red-shirt junior pole vaulter Jade Riebold snagged the competition and took first place with her jump of 14-feet.

Senior pole vaulters Richelle Kimble and Nicole Hope from Indiana State University tied for second place after clearing the bar at 12-feet, 6.25-inches.

Riebold's teammates, senior pole vaulter Abby Schmitz and freshman pole vaulter Annemarie Reid, took fourth and sixth place in the event, clearing the bar at 12- feet, .5-inches.

Senior distance runner Britney Whitehead competed in the women's 3,000-meter steeplechase, winning it in a time of 10:33.12.

In second place was sophomore

distance runner Sadie Darnell from Carbondale.

Darnell ran a time of 10:58.74.

In the men's javelin throw, sophomore thrower David Johansson won the competition after throwing a distance of 204-feet, 9-inches.

Johansson's mark ranked as seventh on the Eastern career list.

He fouled in two of his six attempts, but managed to win the event.

Johansson's winning throw measured 2-feet, 5-inches longer than that of his competitor, sophomore thrower Adam Kovacs from DePaul.

Sophomore and senior distance runners Bryce Basting and Sean Wiggan ran their way to victory in their individual events.

Wiggan took first place in the men's 800-meter run, winning with a mark of 1:51.69. Basting won the men's 1,500-meter run with a time of 3:51.84.

Red-shirt senior jumper Tyler Carter won the men's long jump event.

Carter's winning jump was 24-feet, 3.75-inches.

Senior jumpers Bryce Hogan and Danny Harris took fourth and sixth place in the event.

Sophomore jumper Maura Cummins took third place in the women's high jump.

Her best height at the meet was 5-feet, 4.25-inches.

Junior jumper Kenya Culmer from Carbondale took first place in the women's high jump, besting Cummins' highest jump by 3.75-inches.

Junior hurdler Jalisa Paramore took second in the women's 100-meter hurdles with a time of 13.89.

Paramore lost to senior hurdler Stacia Weatherford from Indiana State. Stacia's time in the event was 13.86.

In the women's javelin competition, junior thrower Condia Smith took second place. Her best attempt was a distance of 117-feet, 10-inches.

Junior thrower Kaitlin Collier of Lipscomb University took first place

in the Javelin throw competition after throwing a distance of 119-feet, 9-inches.

Collier's throw inched out by a two-foot margin.

Junior red-shirt distance runner Joe Calio ran a time of 9:17.84 in the men's 3,000-meter steeplechase, putting himself in third place.

Senior runner Dustin Betz from Indiana State University took first place, edging out Calio with a time of 9:12.40.

Calio's teammate red-shirt freshman distance runner Victor Delatorre also competed in the race, taking sixth place and churning out a time of 9:50.55.

The men's and women's 4x400-meter relay teams placed fifth in the relay.

The men's relay team ran a combined time of 3:24.01; the women's team ran a time of 4:08.60.

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TENNIS | OVC

Women sweep for 3-in-a-row

By Al Warpinski
Staff Reporter

The women's tennis team swept its Ohio Valley Conference opponents, Belmont and Tennessee State, 4-0 and 6-0 respectively.

The women improved to 9-3 on the season and 4-1 overall in OVC play.

Nine wins matches the Panther women season total from last year.

Junior Janelle Prisner won her singles match in the first position with a three-set match win.

She took her first set 6-1 and dropped her second with the same score.

Prisner then won the third set and match with a 6-2 victory.

Senior Merritt Whitley's match also went to the third set before capturing the win.

She won her first set 6-3 then surrendered the second set with a 3-6 loss.

She finished her opponent off with a strong 6-3 win in the third set to secure the second position win.

Sophomore Sephora Boulbahaïem and junior Jennifer Kim won in straight sets.

Boulbahaïem made quick work of her Belmont opponent and won 6-2, 6-3.

Kim took the clinching singles victory in the fifth position and won 6-1, 6-0.

Freshman Ali Foster and senior Kristen Laird's matches did not finish because of the weather and time constraints.

Doubles play was also cut because of time constraints.

Belmont swept the Eastern men's tennis team on Friday in the weather-shortened OVC match.

Senior Warren Race lost in straight sets in the second position to Belmont's Henrique Norbiato.

Race lost 6-0, 6-3.

Freshman Robert Skolik dropped a two-set match as well, losing 6-2, 6-4.

Freshman Rui Silva and sophomore David Constantinescu each lost in the four and six positions respectively with the same scores of 6-3, 6-2.

Senior Michael Sperry and junior Kevin Bauman's matches remained unfinished and no doubles matches were played.

The men's and women's squads played Tennessee State Saturday.

Each team secured 6-0 OVC wins.

An additional match was added to the men's slate.

A non-league match was played because Tennessee State needed an extra match in their spring schedule.

The men at mid-season sit comfortably at 7-5 overall and 2-2 in OVC play.

The men will play at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

The women will look for their fourth consecutive win on Wednesday against the Cougars as well, with first serve slated for 2 p.m.

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