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Rylin Newman, a senior kinesiology major, helps students move into their dorms in Andrews Hall Tuesday. Newman was doing this as service work for his fraternity, Omega Psi Phi. Top Left: Ashley Colter, a sophomore art major and Andrews Hall council member, paints the windows of Andrews Hall to add some color before students arrive and move into their dorms. Top Right: MaResa Jordan, a sophomore sociology major and Andrews Hall council vice president, paints a 'welcome poster' in Andrews Hall Tuesday.

UB plans wild jungle weekend WEEKEND

Prowl events aim to welcome students back, help them feel at home

By T'Nerra Butler Verge Editor | @DEN_News

The University Board plans to bring in the school year with a bang through their UB Prowl weekend.

"We're Wild About EIU," is this year's jungle theme and the event has been in the making for the last couple of months.

The festivities kick off 8 p.m. Thursday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, starting with the New Student Mixer. Each event has its own theme, and this year's mixer's theme is "It's a Jungle Out

A screening of "The Jungle Book" will be shown at the New Student Mixer.

The next day's "Up All Night" event will be filled with creation stations, giveaways, face painting,

Bingo and more. It is called "Welcome to the Jungle" and will start at 7 p.m. Friday in the Grand Ballroom of the Union.

Quakin' in the Quad, with the subtheme "Every Jungle has a Panther." Festivities start 7 p.m. Saturday in the Student Recreation Center.

UB Chair Aaliyah Stephen said after extensive planning, the committee working on the event chose to do a jungle theme.

Stephen said because of last year's success with the carnival theme, the committee sought to bring something similar back to campus, but could not because finding a vendor had proven to be more challenging than they thought.

Ceci Brinker, the director of student life, said weather played a crucial role in planning this year.

The constant rain has called for the UB to do a lot of indoor activities to make up for the weather.

Brinker said the UB is focusing on inflatable games and activities this time around. She said the biggest highlight this year is the laser

"They have probably about one of the largest mobile laser tag units in the country," Brinker said. "Just

about everybody likes laser tag, and if you have not played, it's quite fun."

Stephen said it all worked out The last event from the UB is in the end because of the pending weather issues. She said her main goal is to get the students together for an unforgettable weekend.

"When you first come to Eastern as a freshman, you don't really know anybody or you have just a couple friends, and the new student mixer gives an opportunity to meet new people," Stephen said.

This weekend serves the purpose of getting freshmen, transfers and returning students together to mingle and have fun before classes start,

The purpose of the University Board is to meet new people and to meet more diverse people," Stephen said. "We definitely stress diversi-

Brinker said this weekend has been put on by the UB for more than 20 years.

'It has been a long tradition for UB to have events that help students transition back to the campus," Brinker said. "[The UB] starts the year off on a good note with these events."

Over the years, the events have

centered around an overall theme, Brinker said.

She said the UB strives to come up with games, gear and activities that correlate with the given theme.

"UB, through the years, has tried to expand on the activities and events and make each one a unique experience for students," Brinker

Around eight events are planned to happen during the first weekend, including the events from the UB Prowl weekend.

Other events include a picnic brought to campus by new student programs and Jumpstart 2 G.I.V.E., which is set up by the office of Civic Engagement and Volunteerism.

Another event is "Take the Lake," which will be 1 p.m. Sunday at Lake Charleston.

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Friday New Student Mixer "It's a Jungle Out Here' 8-10 p.m. **MLK Union**

Friday Up All Night "Welcome to the Jungle" 7-11 p.m. **Grand Ballroom**

Saturday Quakin' in the Quad "Every Jungle Has a Panther" 7-11 p.m. Student Recreation Center

Sunday First Night: An EIU Tradition 8 p.m. South Quad

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Local weather 'Willstock' focuses on theater restoration

By Analicia Haynes Managing Editor | @Haynes1943

In its heyday, the Will Rogers The-

ater was a local hot spot for Big Bands and movies. Now, the theater, located in the

heart of Charleston, awaits restoration. The "Willstock" music festival, at 1 p.m. Saturday at Kiwanis Park, aims to

benefit these rehabilitation efforts. Funds raised from the festival will go to this project.

One of the featured performers is headliner Charlotte Martin, a Charleston native and Eastern alumna, who has recorded several major label and independent record albums, according to Willstock's Facebook page.

Although admission is free, donations will be accepted throughout the day and evening.

According to the festival's website, organizers have raised over \$30,000 of their \$100,000 goal.

Earl Halbe, the president of the project board, said the community is committed to the project.

Halbe said the board's vision for the theater once it is restored is to not only host independent film festivals and performances but to also offer a stage for Eastern and Charleston High School students.

"Will Rogers [will be] an economic anchor," Halbe said. "[Once opened] it and the other storefronts on the block will make several jobs available, and it's great for Charleston."

Halbe said though the damage looks bad on the outside, the origi-



Willstock flyers line the boarded up walls of the Will Rogers Theater in downtown Charleston. The Willstock music festival aims to help raise awareness and funds to benefit the restoration of the theater.

nal art deco lights and features on the walls in the theater are still there as well as the original orchestra pit.

It is the only theater in the area that has an orchestra pit, Halbe add-

"People think it's falling apart on the inside, but it's in fair condition," Halbe said.

The theater first opened in 1938, and the adjoining commercial block, containing four storefronts, was completed several years later.

However, the theater and four storefronts were sold in 2010, and the new owners did not finish the task of re-opening it, Halbe said.

"What we want to do is involve the entire Charleston community," Halbe said. "We hope to, within reason, make it exactly the way it was."

According to a press release, The Will Rogers Theater was added to the National Register of Historic Places

in 1984 and was designated a Landmark Property by the city of Charleston in 2011.

It was also placed on the list of the ten most threatened historic sites in

"Of course it will take some years to be accomplished, but we can get it started," Halbe said.

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Booth Library offers global resources

By Samuel Nusbaum Administration Reporter | @DEN_News

Sitting in the middle of campus, the Booth Library is hard to miss. The four-floor building is host to 1 million volumes of books, movies, recordings and periodicals, as well as an online da-

One service the library offers is the Interlibrary Loan system. If Booth Library does not have the source a student is looking for, they can get it from another school library.

"We have something called I-Share. We work with 86 libraries in Illinois," reference librarian Janice Derr said.

Eastern students can also use their Panther Card at all 86 libraries in the I-Share system.

Derr said there is also a system called WorldCat, a worldwide catalog that Booth Library uses to get resources from other libraries around the world.

"This may take a bit longer depending on where we get it from," Derr

Larry Auchstetter worked for the Interlibrary Loans department of the library for 19 years before moving to Library Technology Services on the top floor of the library. Auchstetter said students and faculty can ask for anything they want, and the library will usually find it.

There are two ways to request an interlibrary loan. On the Booth Library home page there is a link to get one under "Services," or students can fill out a form at the circulation desk for either a copy or a loan. A copy is an article that gets scanned and emailed to the student, and a loan applies to everything from books to movies to CDs.

The speed of the delivery depends on the other library's reaction time, but it usually takes three days. Books can take anywhere from three to 10 days to arrive. Both Auchstetter and Derr said to plan interlibrary loans ahead of time because it is rare for things to show up the day the loan request is sent out.

Steve Brantley, head of reference and instruction services, said walking tours of the library are offered every semester at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. These are offered during the first four weeks of the semester.

"We just give people a very basic ori-

entation to the building and some of the services and try to answer any questions they have," Brantley said.

Students can also ask for individual tours at other times that are convenient to them.

Brantley said it is important for students to ask for help when they are stuck on a project, because it is possible the librarians have seen the project before and have helped people in the

"Maybe we know that professor, so we can work with the student and sometimes the professor to figure out exactly what is being asked of the student," Brantley said.

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Textbook Rental Services offers tips to students

By Molly Dotson Photo Editor | @DEN_News

Fall semester is in the air, which indicates new beginnings for all students, especially freshmen and transfers.

Two aspects that are not new, however, are Eastern's textbooks and their rental procedure.

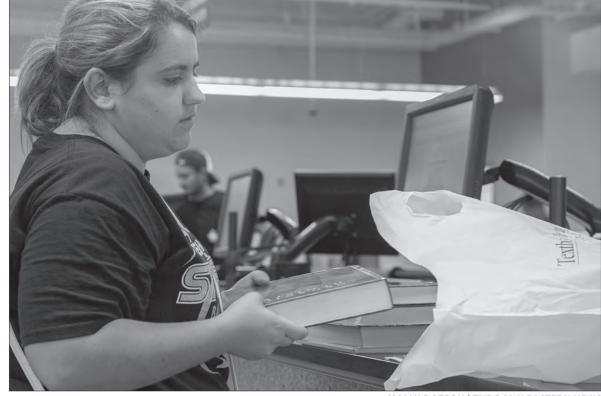
Textbook Rental Services, whose hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, has provided a few tips on their website to help guide students in their book renting endeav-

These include using student email accounts to communicate with the rental service, bringing a Panther Card and a copy of the student's textbook list when picking up textbooks as well as checking all of the textbooks students will be using to see if they are damaged.

If a textbook is damaged it should be reported to a Textbook Rental staff member as soon as possible. Students who wait too long to report damages may be charged.

Students can verify which books are checked out to them instantly. This information can be accessed through PAWS by choosing the Textbook Rental heading under the student tab.

Christina Coffey, head of Textbook Rental Services, said students could use this same information to deter-



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Destiny Kistler, a junior biology major, checks out her books for the semester at Textbook Rental Wednesday. Kistler said she had to rent eight books for her four classes. While this is Kistler's first semester at Eastern, she said she did not find it difficult to navigate Textbook Rental Services.

mine and identify textbooks for each

Students should return textbooks from dropped or withdrawn courses within two business days of the drop or withdrawal to avoid charges including the price of the textbooks, a \$20 per book late fine and a \$20 per book non-refundable processing fee.

"The timely return of these text-

books results in adequate quantities for those students who have added courses," Coffey said.

People can also purchase their textbooks at a discounted rate during the designated sales period.

Textbooks are depreciated with use and these savings are passed along to our students," Coffey said. "By purchasing textbooks during the sales periods, students can receive the lowest prices, and this allows ample time for the ordering of replacements."

Coffey said being able to rent and purchase books is an opportunity from which students can benefit.

"This is truly the best of both worlds. Rent your textbooks, evaluate their benefit, purchase those that will be a part of your permanent library and return all others by the designated deadline," Coffey said.

Those who wish to purchase their books can pay with Visa, MasterCard, Discover, checks that are payable to Eastern Illinois University, cash or students may authorize to bill their individual student account, according to Text Book Rental Service's webpage.

Additionally, textbooks can be returned at any time during the semester or term prior to the deadline, with no penalty, with the exception of those associated with dropped or withdrawn courses.

If students have any other questions they can contact Textbook Rental Services at 217-581-3626 or at textbks@ eiu.edu.

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Panther Shuttle aids transportation around campus

By Justin Brown

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Eastern students may feel overwhelmed at the thought of getting around their new homes.

This can especially worry students when they need to find a ride to Wal-Mart to grab those must-have items forgotten back home.

To solve this problem, the Panther Shuttle offers a free service to all Eastern students living both on and off campus

"For those students that don't have

vehicles but need to get to places off campus, the Panther Shuttle will gladly take you wherever you need to go," Panther Shuttle coordinator JaLisa Smith said.

The Panther Shuttle goes to 12 locations, from the Downtown Square to University Apartments to Wal-Mart, seven days a week.

There are currently two full-time drivers, John "Doc" Holliday and Dan Icenogle, with four that fill in when needed. For Icenogle, the students are more than just another passenger. The retired electric-utility

worker said he has enjoyed every day since he was hired full-time in 2009.

He added that he is confident knowing the future is in the hands of the many people he has come to

"You hear 'this younger generation doesn't amount to anything.' This has been a real eye-opener to be around the students at Eastern," Icenogle said. "There are a lot of great young people out there ... sometimes they get a bad rap for things that other people do.'

Icenogle said providing the best

service possible is the main purpose of the shuttle drivers. He said he likes getting to know his passengers on a first name basis, as well as learning their majors.

"The drivers, they work for the students," Icenogle said. "[The] students are our bosses, their dues pay our salaries. We like to provide the best service that we can-friendly and accommodating.'

Icenogle said he hopes greeting riders with a smile will brighten up the day for all those who think their 7:30 a.m. wake-up call came too soon.

He said he enjoys assisting students in getting their basic needs taken care

The 20-seat buses operate two

Panther Shuttle service will begin 7:30 a.m. on Monday with three additional stops for the first three days at Textbook Rental. As a result of the additional services, the schedule below may run a little behind during the first three days.

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Kalyn Hayslett

Be S.M.A.R.T. this semester

Whenever I think of goals I hear my mother's sassy voice saying, "If you fail to plan then you plan to fail."

I hate to admit it, but she is right.

Whenever you start a new phase in your life, whether that is a new job, a new semester or a new commitment, you should create a goal for yourself.

If you do not establish any goals in the beginning, you will have no clear direction for the rest of the semester.

The Daily Eastern News is no exception; as a staff we have established both semester-long goals and monthly goals.

Our main mission for September is recruiting new members to fill our vacant positions.

By brainstorming as a staff we have a few strategies on increasing our staff: talking to peers, hosting open houses and making welcome signs.

While our semester goal is to have all of the open positions filled with students who are content in their new roles.

By marketing the News throughout the semester and by having extensive training we will be able to gain more people who are fully aware of their roles as a staff member.

This all sounds fine and dandy, but in reality goals tend to become forgotten, overlooked and postponed.

I cannot even tell you how many goals I have started but failed to complete.

So learn from my mistakes and take heed of my advice.

It is important to make each goal as detailed as possible. Every goal should be S.M.A.R.T.

S.M.A.R.T stands for specific, measurable, action-centered, reasonable and time sensitive.

The more information that is included in the goal, the better you will remember it and the easier it will be for you to stay on track.

For example, "I want to work out three days a week for hour so I can lose five pounds by December" is a more effective goal than "I want to lose weight."

The first goal will be easier to measure and track because it has a clear deadline and it has a plan of action.

Another tip is having goals that line up with your passions and your personal beliefs.

Each goal should ultimately improve your current circumstance.

It is important that you analyze yourself and evaluate what areas you need to improve in.

If you do not see the purpose of the goal then you will not be encouraged to complete it.

The mission of the Daily Eastern News is "tell the truth and don't be afraid." However, this mission will not be achieved if we have only a handful of staff members. So every time a new goal is completed our mission will be achieved as well.

Move-in weekend is a very busy time in the year, but set aside a few minutes to think ahead and write down a few goals.

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Staff Editorial Set benchmarked goals in order to succeed

Goals and resolutions are not just for New Year's Day.

In fact, the staff of the Daily Eastern News was too anxious to wait for the New Year to roll around. New school year, new News — the office now proudly displays a list of the Daily Eastern News staff's hopes and aspirations for the semester and for the year. Our goals range from improving readership through increased social media interaction to seeking out and employing writers, designers and photographers from other majors to meeting and beating daily deadlines.

Each writer, designer and photographer at the News has also stated his or her own semester and yearly goals, whether aloud or on an intrapersonal basis. Group improvement starts first at the individual; each Newser's personal growth as a person and journalist helps the News become a better publication.

However, improvement does not have to stop at the paper's producers. The News also encourages you, our reader, to set goals for the new school year. Why not? A more well-rounded, skilled and intelligent readerbase helps not only the News but also the reading

Goals are an important part of anyone's growth process. We at the News encourage all readers to strive constantly for improvement, whether the reader in question is successful, stable and satisfied or not. For those readers already content with their places in life, the News recommends goalsetting as a means of lifestyle maintenance or as a way to commit to helping friends and families share in prosperity and happiness.

Personal goals can be lofty or miniscule, and comprehensive or specific. One might choose to focus on improving their vocabulary or their physical

fitness in an effort to become a more self-confident and adjusted person. On the other hand, one may also choose to increase their understanding of the industry or profession they work in, or to make strides towards promotions and accolades at work. All goals, provided they are logical and achievable, are praiseworthy.

The editorial staff at the News suggests a scaffolded approach to goal-setting. Scaffolding is a term used frequently in teaching. It refers to a process in which teachers build assessments, skills and exercises on top of each other so that students are prepared for their next tasks through completion of the tasks beforehand.

When outlining the News' yearlong plans, staffers created monthly benchmarks to ensure that yearly goals were achievable in a timely and balanced manner. For example, in striving for a yearly goal of improving staff size and increasing staff retention, the News has agreed to spend the month of September recruiting publically for writers, and to speak to classes about jobs at the News, while November's goals include staff bonding exercises and de-stressing get-togethers.

Scaffolded goals are exceptionally useful for people who feel they may not be able to commit to their goals, or for people who worry that they will forget their aspirations. While it may seem elementary or even make-work to scaffold a goal, scaffolding can make hard goals seem achievable and can make long goals seem timely.

The staff of the News looks forward to the coming year and to the coming improvements. We hope our readers can enjoy a similarly successful year.

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

Save your money. If you do not have to spend any cash, save some. If you have a job on or off campus, make sure to put some of that money away in a savings account.

Introduce yourself to your instructors. It will help you stand out, but it will also help you establish a relationship with your instructors to get the help you need to succeed in that class.

Get involved. Whether you join a club, get a job on campus, join an organization or join a fraternity or sorority, getting involved helps open up opportunities and connections, even if that means participating in the events on campus or just going bowling in the bowling alley.

Underestimate your professors. Every class and instructor is different, and their expectations vary, but one thing is guaranteed: they will not put up with laziness or excuses. Take on too much. Keeping busy is good, but overloading yourself could take a serious toll on your academic performance.

Skip class. Some classes may not have mandatory attendance, but attendance is an easy way for instructors to be able to tell the hard-workers apart from the slackers. Skipping class will leave you behind on the schedule and behind on work.

Get to know your peers. You will make friends more quickly and establish connection on campus for multiple opportunities. Do not panic; most people are in the same boat. Make use of Eastern's services. The library, the tutoring centers, the gym, the bookstore, counselors, advisors and technology services are all there for you to use and take advantage of.

Take responsibility. Whether you make a study schedule or just set aside designated times to do your work, try to keep a healthy work habit that works for you and your classes. It is advised to work on classwork outside of class for an hour per class.

Be afraid to take chances. College is about finding yourself while preparing for your personal and occupational future. If you have opportunities that work for you, take them. Stay up too late. Believe it or not, you are not invincible. You will need sleep to do well in your classes and stay healthy. Eating healthy is also a pretty good habit to have.

Panic. Asking your instructors for help or receiving help from the tutoring center is not a bad thing. If you need help, ask for it. It will all work out in the end. If you do not like a grade you received, see what you can do better the next time, or what you can do to change it.

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What you need to know about your Panther Card

By Thaija EvansVerge Designer | @DEN_News

As students enter another school year, they are encouraged to learn more about Eastern's campus, including all the uses of their Panther Cards.

Susan Woodyard, a Panther Card office staff clerk, said Panther Cards do not just serve as student ID cards.

"It's actually your life on campus. It's your meal plan, your Dining Dollars, it's how you do laundry on campus, door swipes, it's how you make copies, it's how you'll print. Basically, it's everything," Woodyard said.

Panther Cards also serve as library

Food service area supervisor Chris Coffey said students could use their Panther Cards at the food court in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union

"We have Chick-fil-A, Panther Grille and Subway. Those Dining Dollars are good for any of those things," Coffey said.

Coffey said students can add Dining Dollars to their Panther Cards in the Office of University Housing and Dining Services in the basement of

the Union.

"There's several machines around campus where you can add money to the chip on the card, and we take that chip money here at the food court as well," Coffey said.

Panther Cards are also used for meal swipes in the dining halls across campus and the Marketplace Convenience Store connected to Thomas Dining Hall.

In addition to purchasing meals, Woodyard said students could use their Panther Cards to make purchases at the Union Bookstore.

"If you go to the bookstore and you want to buy a T-shirt and you have chip money, when you go to the counter you just tell them that you want to use your chip," Woodyard said.

The Panther Card Office has merged with the Help Desk in the Union to replace lost or damaged Panther Cards, provide computer services and more.

"Your first one is always free, a lost [card] is \$20. A damaged one, if it's something that they did to the card, we charge them \$10. But if it just up and quits, we don't charge them,"



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY MOLLY DOTSON

Woodyard said.

Woodyard said students can go to the Panther Card Office in Room 3040 of Student Services to get a new Panther Card.

Panther Cards should be treated as money, and the money on the chip is not recoverable if the card is lost or damaged.

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Alcohol, safe sex addressed during programs

HERC offers free sessions on safe sex and responsible drinking practices

By Abbey WhittingtonAssociate News Editor | @anwhittington96

During the first week at Eastern, new and returning students will have several resources on campus to inform themselves on safe sex and alcohol consumption.

The Health Education Resource Center provides two programs — "Rubber Lovers" and "Myth Busting Alcohol" — to educate students on how to be safe during their first weekend.

"Rubber Lovers" discusses how to use condoms and lists other contraceptives students will be able to purchase in the pharmacy at the Human Services Center located in the South Quad.

Other contraceptives will include dental dams, female condoms and lube, and the HERC will also discuss practicing absti-

nence as a method of birth control.

"Myth Busting Alcohol" is also an open session that will inform students of the realities of drinking versus the expectations they might have.

Amanda Harvey, the interim associate director of Health Service, said they would talk about different scenarios and how the media plays a role in alcohol intake during the session.

"Knowledge is power," Harvey said. "If you are going to take the risks then know the steps afterwards."

The resource center provides other campaigns throughout the school year on sexually transmitted infection testing, bystander intervention, and consent and its role in being sexually active.

Harvey said when it comes to sexual health, she encourages students to be tested every year for STIs, and all clinical testing can be done at the Human Services Center.

Breanna Rehor, a health promotion coordinator, said it is important students know their surroundings and where resources are if they need help with something.

"Sometimes the first week, es-



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The HERC will be providing programs open to all students about how to practice safe sex and alcohol consumption. Students can attend the open sessions all school year.

pecially for freshman, they don't know what to expect," Rehor said.

Katarina Werner, a health promotion coordinator, said she thinks students should use the resource center since it is convenient.

"It's right on campus so I think it's pretty easy and less intimidating when you walk in and you're already an Eastern student," Werper said

Rubber Lovers will have their first open session from 7-8 p.m. Aug. 25 in the Arcola/Tuscola

Room and the second session will be from 6-7 p.m. Aug. 30 in the Effingham Room. Both of these rooms are located in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

These sessions will be free and open to all students.

If students want to use any resources at the HERC they can go on their website or call their office at 581-7786.

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8/30 6 - 7 p.m.

Effingham Rm
9/8 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

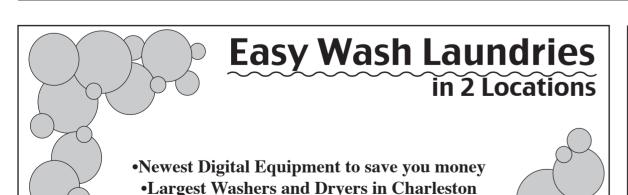
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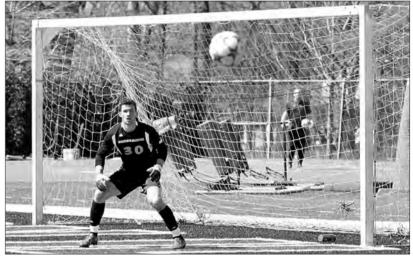
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Sophomore Kate Olson runs alongside IPFW's Paityn Fleming during the Panthers' 3-1 victory on Sept. 4, 2015, at Lakeside Field.



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Red-shirt junior middle hitter Josie Winner goes up for the ball during a game on Friday, Oct. 16, 2015, against Tennessee-Martin in Lantz Arena.



Red-shirt freshman goalkeeper R.J. Hill eyes down the shot from a Western player on Saturday, March 26, 2015, at O'Brien Field. Hill and junior goalkeeper Mike Novotny combined for the 1-0 shutout win.





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Expectations high for Panther athletics

By Sean HastingsSports Editor | @DEN_Sports

The new school year brings the start of Eastern's fall sport seasons. The Eastern football team, volleyball team, men's soccer team, women's soccer team and men's and women's cross country teams' seasons will all begin in the next week.

After a second-place Ohio Valley Conference finish and a first-round playoff loss in 2015, the Eastern football team will play its first game at O'Brien Field Sept. 1 against Western.

The Panthers finished the 2015 season with a 7-5 record and the OVC Media Preseason Poll has them finishing third in the conference. They were also picked just outside the FCS top-25 in the preseason poll.

Eastern is returning 15 starters from last year's team including senior linebacker Seth McDonald, redshirt senior running back Devin Church, and junior safety Bradley Dewberry, who were all selected to the preseason All-OVC preseason team.

Third-year head coach Kim Dameron looks to lead the Panthers to their fourth playoff appearance in the last five years.

The Panthers home game schedule includes the opener Sept. 1 against Western, Sept. 24 against Austin Peay (Family Weekend), Oct. 8 against Tennessee State, Oct. 22 against Murray State and Nov. 5 against University of Tennesee-Martin.

Eastern will play OVC champion Jacksonville State on the road Oct.

Also gearing up for the 2016 fall season is the Eastern volleyball team led by coach Sam Wolinski, who is in her second year with the team after coaching the team to a 16-15 record in her first season. The Panthers finished 11-5 in OVC play and 7-2 at home.

Eastern lost a few key components from last year's team to graduation including Chelsea Lee, Kayla Nesbitt, Abby Saalfrank, Stephanie Wallace and Marah Bradbury. Wallace was the team's libero and broke the career digs record early in her senior season. Lee and Saalfrank were reliant outside hitters for the Panthers, and Bradbury was a key setter.

2015 did see some young talent



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Red-shirt junior running back Korliss Marshall had 125 yards between receptions and carries during the Panther football team's scrimmage game on Saturday, April 23, 2016, at O'Brien Field. The defense defeated the offense, 26-20.

make impacts on the team, including sophomore Taylor Smith.

In her freshman season, Smith was very versatile and was utilized almost everywhere on the court. She recorded 189 kills, 634 sets and 331 digs in 130 sets played.

Smith was named to the OVC All-Newcomer team.

The Panthers' roster does not list any seniors this year, but it does have four juniors on the team including Maria Brown, Allie Hueston, redshirt junior Josie Winner and transfer Hayley Richardson.

Hueston was named to the All-OVC team in 2015.

The Panthers will play a series of non-conference invites before opening up OVC play at Southern Illinois Edwardsville Sept. 21. They will play

their first home game in Lantz Arena against Belmont Sept. 23.

The men's and women's cross country teams will also be in action this fall with senior Riley McInerney leading the way for the men and junior Maria Baldwin pacing the women's

McInerney was named to the All-OVC team in 2015 and the All-Midwest Region team. Baldwin was also named to the All-OVC team in 2015 as a sophomore.

The Panthers will host the EIU Walt Crawford meet Sept. 2 before hitting the road for four meets leading up to the OVC Championship Oct. 29.

The men's and women's soccer teams will also be in action in the fall with Kiki Lara directing both teams.

The men struggled to find the win column in 2015, finishing the season 3-14

Eastern will return junior goal-keeper Mike Novotny and junior twins Tyler and Justin Oliver. Tyler led the Panthers with nine points, netting four goals and recording one assist. Justin Oliver recorded six points with two goals and two assists.

Trevor Kerns is also back for the Panthers entering his second year after netting three goals and scoring eight points in 2015 as a freshman.

The Panthers will open regular season play at Northern Kentucky Aug. 26 and have their regular season home opener Aug. 28 against Milwaukee.

The men's soccer team plays in the Summit League, not the OVC.

The women finished their 2015 season with a 4-13-2 record.

Eastern will have to find new forces on offense as the team's top-two scorers from 2015, Molly Hawkins and Hannah Miller, graduated.

Hawkins netted seven goals to give herself 16 points to go along with her two assists. Miller was right behind her with five goals for 10 points.

Kathleen MacKinnon showed promise as a junior, scoring one goal and dishing out three assists.

The Panthers' home opener is Sept. 4 against Indiana State.

Students can attend all games for free if they show their Panther Card at the door.

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Soccer team begins season under new coach

By Mark ShanahanAssistant Sports Editor | @DEN_Sports

The women's soccer team is set to begin the 2016 season under the direction of Kiki Lara, the director of soccer for both the men and women's programs.

Lara is in his second year at Eastern, serving as the head coach for the men last season. He will now be handling the duties of both teams for 2016, announced by the school last spring.

The women finished with a 4-13-2 record last season and 2-7-1 in conference play under former head coach Jason Cherry. The Panthers do, however, return three of their top-five scorers from last season in senior Kathleen MacKinnon and juniors Carrie Caplin and Ali Carlson.

Sophomore Maddie Lyon looks to be the returning starter in goal after starting 17 games last season. The Panthers may have some competition in that spot with four goalkeepers on the roster. When they take the field

"We expect to play our matches with a positive selfbelief in the way we do things as a program."

Kiki Lara, director of soccer

against Bowling Green on Aug. 12, the women will have 12 new players competing to get on the field.

Lara is excited to see the new faces take the field.

"There are many student-athletes that have an opportunity to contribute in a very positive way both new and returning," he said. "We are excited for the growth of many of our student-athletes."

Eastern will begin the regular season on the road for its first four games before returning to Lakeside Field for the home opener against Indiana State on Sept. 4. Despite being projected to finish last in the Ohio Valley Conference this year, the new coach is focused on his team improving each day.

"We expect to improve every day

in the areas of desire and competitive edge," Lara said. "We expect to improve in the areas of our individual and collective technical abilities and improve on our decision making so that the team grows closer and closer to one mindset. We also expect to be physically at our individual and collective peak by the conference play."

Murray State is the team to beat in the OVC after winning the conference last year, finishing with 16-5. The Racers of Murray State received 18 of 22 first place votes by the league's head coaches and sports information directors. Southeast Missouri is predicted to finish second followed by Tennessee Tech in third.

Lara wants his new team to show everything they have been working on when they take the field for the



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Kathleen Mackinnon, senior forward, advances the ball in an exhibition game against Evansville on Sunday. The Panthers tied Evansville, 0-0.

rst game.

"We expect to play our matches with a positive self-belief in the way we do things as a program," he said. "We want people to see the belief

and grit that our soccer team plays with."

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