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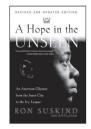
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A BIT OF SUMMER READING A new program required all incoming freshman to

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read this book.

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Starting quarterback Cole Stinson prepares to begin the new season.

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GREEK LIFE

Interested in Greek?

27 Greek chapters to sponsor informational open house

By Taylor Thompson Staff Reporter

Interested in going Greek, but not sure what chapter to join? What does a service fraternity do or how does a specialized sorority for a particular major work? Which groups have a chapter house that could provide potential living for the future?

The Greek Forum Informational Program will provide the answers. The forum

NATIONAL **PAN-HELLENIC** COUNCIL

National Pan-Hellenic Council is comprised of 5 represented chapters of the nine historically African-American fraternities and sororities

> Fraternities Alpha Phi Alpha Phi Beta Sigma Kappa Alpha Psi Sororities Delta Sigma Theta Zeta Phi Beta

The Inter-fraternity Council is the governing body for 11 IFC chapters at Eastern Illinois University.

The Pan-Hellenic Council is the

will take place today in the Grand Ballroom of Martin Luther King Jr. Union from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. This event is open to all students that have an interest in Greek life, but do not know where to find information.

Senior psychology major Kate Geyer and Sigma Sigma Sigma member for two years said the forum is valuable for students interested in Greek life who may be too shy to approach the members otherwise.

"Even though there was 'Quakin' in the Quad' and other events we were out to welcome everyone at, I know it can be intimidating talking to a big group of girls," said Geyer.

The event is an "open house" style forum, sponsored by each of the 27 Greek chapters,

What's new in town?

Rebuilt McDonald's, new retail strip among construction in Charleston

By Michael Peterson City Editor

While Eastern students were away for the summer to work and vacation, the town of Charleston was working as hard as ever to improve its small community.

The most obvious new addition is the McDonald's, which was torn down and rebuilt over the summer. It officially reopened last Friday.

"It may not seem like a big deal, but to tear down and rebuild something like that in 90 days is almost miraculous in today's age," said John Inyart, the mayor of Charleston. "I think they are going to be a nice asset to the community. I visited it a couple days ago, and the parking lot was just packed.

Also, a new retail strip center at the corner of Lincoln Avenue and University Drive is getting underway. The strip plans to have a coffee shop, a pizza place and a hair salon.

The retail strip will be adjacent to the new Walgreen's, which is slated to open in September of 2008. It will take the place of its current location next to County Market.

Gateway Liquors also switched locations over the summer. While its old building was located at 413 W. Lincoln Ave., the business has now moved to 102 Lincoln Ave. – which was formerly Long John Silver's.

SEE CONSTRUCTION, PAGE 5



Mattoon resident Ray Hamilton excavates the site at the corner of Lincoln Avenue and E Street Monday afternoon. The site is being excavated so the new Walgreens can be put into place.

CHARLESTON

CITY COUNCIL MEETING Where: Charleston City Hall, 520 Jackson Ave.

When: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 21.

Agenda items:

• Granting raffle permits; resolution to grant street closings for the 2007 Charleston Challenge Duathlon.

 Resolution to authorize application for the Assist Program, a first-time homebuyer's down payment assistance program.

 Resolution to authorize execution of lease agreement -Bid award for the **Exterior Insulation** Finish Systems for the Charleston City Hall renovations.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

governing board for nine PHC chapters at Eastern Illinois University.

under the three Greek councils: the National Pan-Hellenic Council, Inter-fraternity Council, and the Pan-Hellenic Council.

Each of the booths will include pictures and videos of their past events, as well as information on the different charities and organizations that are involved with each chapter. Chapter requirements will also be provided at each booth.

Geyer worked the informational in the fall semester last year and created the video for her sorority. She said she enjoyed watching the other sororities' and fraternities' videos. "It was interesting to find out the history of each; how they got to Eastern," said Geyer. She also enjoyed finding out more about what the other groups were involved in on campus.

Each booth will have chapter members available for any questions students may have about the chapter.

Geyer said the forum also serves as an unofficial start to "Rush" recruitment, a time when prospective pledges investigate what the Greek system is all about. Actual "Rush" is Sept. 6 to 9.



Student body

The student body president's job is to not only determine the direction of student government policy, but also to meet regularly with the University Vice President for Student Affairs and the University President.

Eastern's current Vice President for Student Affairs is Dan Nadler, Ph. D., and its current President is William Perry.

The student body president also delivers the State of the University address once each semester.

An introduction to the members of Student Senate and how they help you

By Chris Walden Student Government Reporter

MEET YOUR SENATORS

Eastern Illinois University has more than 11,000 students attending its classes. All of them have a say in what affects them on campus, thanks to the Student Senate.

The Student Senate acts as the representative of the students on campus and for the university.

Student Senate is responsible for many student-related affairs, among which include suggesting new events and activities for the student body and approving any fees the university wants to add to students' bill.

SEE SENATE, PAGE 2



Levi Bulgar Student executive vice president

The student executive vice president also serves many roles in student government. In addition to aiding the student body president in campus policy, he serves as the Student Trustee on the EIU Board of Trustees and the student representative to the IBHE Student Advisory Committee. The student executive vice president also appoints a Student Body City Council Representative to the Charleston City Council, and is in charge of encouraging voter registration on campus.



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Trial, pre-trial dates set in Bonnstetter case

Trial to begin in December; pre-trial to begin in November

By Ashley Rueff Senior Reporter

A jury pre-trial for Mark Bonnstetter, Eastern's associate athletic director for operations, is scheduled for Nov. 19 at the Coles County Courthouse. A jury trial is then scheduled to begin Dec. 4.

Bonnstetter, 38, was charged with two felonies and one misdemeanor following an alleged incident at a neighbor's home at 2 Woodfield Lane, Charleston, on Nov. 25, Coles County court records show.

He was arrested Nov. 28 on charges of alleged criminal trespass to a residence, a class 4 felony, court records show. On Dec. 11, two additional charges were filed including residential burglary, a class 1 felony and attempted criminal sexual abuse, a class A misdemeanor.

Bonnstetter entered a plea of not guilty and requested a jury trial on Jan. 22.

According to the court records, under the alleged charge of criminal sexual abuse, Bonnstetter is allegedly said to have "placed his hands in the pajama bottoms" of one of the alleged victims.

Bonnstetter was named Eastern's associate athletic director for operations in June 2006, but has been the



Mark Bonnstetter, associate athletic director for operations.

head athletic trainer since 2000.

The university declined to comment because it is a personnel issue, said Vicki Woodard with media relations.

SENATE, FROM PAGE I

Senate duties include creating legislation

The Student Senate also approves all registered student organizations and investigates whether their membership qualifies for university funding.

Student Senate passes legislation much like the U.S. Congress. It meets once a week to view and approve legislation concerning Eastern's students. If any discussed legislation passes, then the student body president can sign it or veto it. A veto can be overturned by a two-third vote.

The student body elects all student senate members and executives the spring before the current semester. Last year, students from the Student United Party were elected to fill all the executive branch positions for Eastern's 2007-2008 school year.

This year's student body president is Cole Rogers, a senior social science studies major, and the student executive vice president is Levi Bulgar, a senior psychology and political Bulgar said that the SUP party aims to represent as many students on campus as possible from its varying membership from all corners of the university.

"I want to increase the voting student population on campus," Bulgar said. "We tell the students what the importance of voting is and we give them the information necessary to make a difference."

According to the Student Government Constitution students' way of influencing what affects them, as well as how their rights are protected and enforced, are through the Student Senate.

Student government currently has a Web site, but it has not been updated. As a part of overseeing all policy that affects students, Student Senate also appoints members to be a part of all committees and boards across campus, including University Board, in ests and rights at heart.

Student Senate is but a small part of Student Government, but is aware the Student Government website has not been updated.

Student Senate meets at 7 p.m. every Wednesday in the Arcola/Tuscola Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The Student United Party's other elected members are: Alison Kostelich, as student vice president for academic affairs; Leah Pietraszewski, as student vice president for business affairs, and Rich Higginbotham as executive vice president for student affairs.

This year's student senate speaker is Adam Martinelli, a senior communication studies major. The speaker is elected by the student senate and officially acts to maintain the student senate's records as well as oversee what the student senate discusses

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Student Government reporter Chris Walden sat down with Levi Bulgar, student body executive vice president, to learn Bulgar's plans for the upcoming year and more about the Student United Party.

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CAMPUS EDITOR

EIU READS AIMS TO BUILD NEW SOCIAL CIRCLES A new program for incoming freshmen focuses on

invigorating social interactions between students using reading circles as the catalyst

> **By Jordan Crook** Campus Reporter

> > any experiences will unite college freshmen this year. But first day jitters, cheering at Homecoming events, and cramming for finals, will not be the end of the story for freshmen.







The book, "A Hope in the Unseen" by Ron Suskind, will also serve to unite the class this year. It was this year's book for the Eastern Reads summer reading initiative, a new program connecting Eastern freshmen through literature. All incoming freshmen were required to read the book before the start of fall term.

Feedback was collected through quizzes and discussion groups held on Friday as the students moved in. These were prescheduled and were used to ensure the students read the book but also to hear their comments on the work.

Julia Gillespie, theatre and English major, is one of these freshmen.

For freshmen like Gillespie, the book served to encourage her to consider other viewpoints and cultures.

"It really inspired me to be more accepting of other races," Gillespie said.

The book, a biography, follows Ballou High School student, Cedric Jennings, through his last, difficult year of high school in the inner city to his junior year at Brown University.

Gillespie said the book was inspiring because it showed how people live a completely different lifestyle in comparison to the one in which she was raised.

The story first appeared as a series of articles in the Wall Street Journal, and earned Suskind the 1995 Pulitzer Prize in feature writing. The series was published as a book in 1998.

The main character, Jennings eventually



THE BOOK • Title: A Hope in the Unseen: An American Odyssey from the Inner City to the Ivy League • Author: Ron Suskind



'EIU READS' PREMISE

Committee.

All incoming freshmen were required to read the book before the fall term began. Students then gathered into reading circles to discuss the book on move-in day.

MORE ONLINE

Students who wish to nominate a book for next year's Eastern Reads Program can do so by going to its Web site:

<u>www.eiu.edu/~eiureads/</u>

CAMPUS BRIEFS

EIU Collegiate Band seeks new members for fall

The music department invites students with previous band experience and a desire to continue music performance but with time restraints to join the EIU Collegiate Band.

No audition is required. Students joining the band can earn one credit by enrolling in Music 0201.001: Concert Band. Informational meetings will be held today and Thursday at 7 p.m. Contact the music department at 581-3010 for more information.

Workshop available for caring of aging family members

Human Resources, the School of Family and Consumer Sciences and Master in Arts in Gerontology, and the School of Continuing Education will present a series of workshops on caring for the aging cancer patient Thursday from 12 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. in the Charleston/Mattoon room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Lunch may be brought to the workshop. Registration

is required and can be done at http://cats.eiu.edu/tdReg/index. asp. For more information, call Sandy Bowman at 581-6402.

Sept. 8 football and tailgating tickets now available

The Alumni Association will host a tailgate for the Sept. 8 game against Purdue.

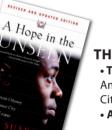
The tailgate will take place outside of Ross Ade Stadium. Game tickets are \$39. Tailgate ticket packages are \$15-\$20, depending on the package.

-Haley Clark, News Editor

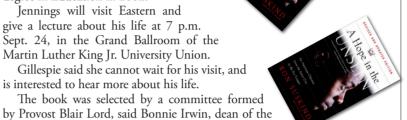
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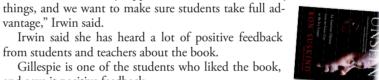
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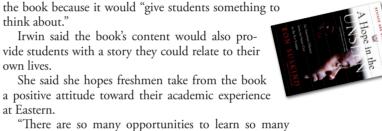
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Jennings will visit Eastern and

give a lecture about his life at 7 p.m.

is interested to hear more about his life.

Sept. 24, in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

from students and teachers about the book.

Gillespie is one of the students who liked the book,

Gillespie said she enjoyed reading the book so much

"I enjoyed it from beginning to end," she said.

she might read it again soon, and said she has dis-

cussed the book with friends who have not yet read

Irwin said she thinks next year all new stu-

dents entering Eastern will be required to read

a similar book, which will be chosen after

recommendations from students are

considered by the Eastern Reads

Gillespie said she cannot wait for his visit, and

The book was selected by a committee formed

Honors College, who leads the program. They chose

Faculty Senate members excited for year ahead

By Beth Hackett

Faculty Senate Reporter

Ann Brownson, associate professor of the reference department in Booth Library, said after five years on Faculty Senate she felt it was her place to take the position of vice chair.

"I feel like it is my responsibility this year because I have been a member of senate for quite a while and it is important to me," Brownson said.

Faculty Senate chair and vice chair are responsible for making sure elections run smoothly for various university committees including the council on academic affairs, university personnel committee and council on teacher education, among oth-

"After the election (which is done electronically) we make sure the how the university works from a difcommittee bylaws are followed correctly and contact various colleges to

WHAT THE SENATE DOES

The Faculty Senate comes together in order to generate ideas that can be presented to the administration for possible implementation.

make sure they have someone running for the positions," Brownson said.

Faculty Senate provides an opportunity for faculty to give ideas and suggestions to improve campus and it accepts recommendations from faculty, staff and students.

Lynne Curry, of the history department and Faculty Senate chair, said being involved in faculty senate gave her a different perspective of campus than the one she had before she was a member.

"It is so interesting to me to see ferent perspective," Curry said. "It gave me a bird's eye view of cam-

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Senate meetings are open to everyone. The next meeting is today at 2 p.m. in Booth Library Conference Room 4440.

pus."

She used the Electronic Writing Portfolio requirement as an example of an issue the senate works closely with.

The senate helps monitor the standard of the Electronic Writing Portfolio requirement.

We are not ultimately responsible for it, but it involves faculty-teaching and students so we have been keeping track of it," Curry said.

The senate is a representative body for campus faculty and is not a policy making board but an advisory body. All elected members serve a three-year term.

The senate has three non-voting

student representatives who act as liaisons between Student Government and Faculty Senate.

Curry said often times students do not realize the power they hold.

Students shouldn't feel like they don't have a voice because they absolutely do," Curry said. "By being involved with Student Government they have the opportunity to give advice and become involved with the decision-making process on campus."

Brownson said it is important for faculty and students to know how elections are prepared and suggestions are made on campus.

Curry, a first-year chair herself, is looking forward to working with President William Perry this year.

"It's an exciting time and I'm happy to be a part of it. Faculty Senate is a place where all faculty, students and staff are a part of what's happening.'

CORRECTIONS

On Page 1 of Monday's The Daily Eastern News, the conclusion date of the investigation was incorrectly reported. The actual conclusion date was July 11.

On Page 3 of Monday's The Daily Eastern News, the name of the show holding auditions was incorrectly reported. The actual name of the show is The Rocky Horror Show.

The DEN regrets the errors.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sidewalks need attention

Dear Editor:

The hypocrisy in the content of Tuesday's (19 June 2007) Opinion Page made me giggle. On the one hand, your column ("Sidewalks a pain in the foot," Kristy Mellendorf) laments that the city of Charleston has been derelict in their maintenance of various sidewalks. I couldn't agree more, and I hope that folks register their thoughts on this subject with the city council. On the other hand, however, the Our View column ("Free space is no space") whines about the shortage of student parking spaces, resulting in an inconvenient "five or 10-minute walk to class. Instead of worrying about where to park, why not simply walk (or, ride a bike) to campus? Espousing this habit will not only free you from the guilt of consuming a non-renewable resource (fuel), but also promote better personal well-being. While you're at it, I suggest that the faculty and administration do the same. But, if the DEN is going to offer contradictory opinions, at least try to publish them on different days of the week.

STAFF EDITORIAL



Vice president for Student Affairs Dan Nadler helps move freshmen into Carman hall Thursday afternoon with Warrren Lawler. President William Perry was also on hand that day.

Administrators' help is much appreciated

astern is known for a distinguished faculty, teaching small classes. With very few classes ever reaching a size over 35 students, a close-knit learning environment can be achieved. It's not unthinkable for a student to know the names of all of their classmates.

This close-knit environment, however, starts at the top. We at The Daily Eastern News applaud Eastern's administration, faculty and staff for simply being visible on campus during move-in day.

Move-in day is the ultimate example of administrators, faculty and staff showing they do care about Eastern students. During move-in Thursday morning, Eastern President William Perry and Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs, helped a new student move into Carman Hall. This student's parents were shocked that two top administrators were spending the morning of move-in day in oppressive heat and humidity helping and getting to know students. Of course, this is something Eastern students have almost come to expect. President Perry put it best when he said: "This is a community. This is the EIU family. When people move, family helps out." The president was not alone in helping students move in last week. Several faculty members put aside a morning of planning for the upcoming semester or simply enjoying the last days of summer to welcome students back to campus.

EDITORIAL POLICY

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classroom, and when the faculty helped on move-in day, that mission was completed.

For new students, freshmen or transfers, to see faculty members volunteering their time to help the students shows campus does indeed have an Eastern family.

The backbone of move-in day, however, is the staff members of the department of Housing and Dining. Totaling the largest number of move-in day helpers, the staff of the department of Housing and Dining tries to make move-in day run as smoothly as possible. With contingencies for everything from sweltering heat to mechanical malfunctions, this staff is prepared to handle any problem that arises. Last, but certainly not least, are the students who volunteer their time during move-in day to help arriving students carry loads upon loads of possessions up countless flights of stairs as Panther Pals. The combination of administrators, faculty, staff and student volunteers during move-in day set up the campus as a whole for a successful semester. When on the first day, everything is organized and people are friendly and helpful, it creates a positive image of the campus for new and returning students. It sets the tone of the semester, where people are helping each other.

STAFF | THE SCROLL

Learn to be a global citizen



WALDEN

When students come to Eastern, they're coming for a reason. Whether to get a degree or to get some field experience in their profession.

However, some students attending EIU may not be aware of another reason they are coming here – to be responsible global citizens. And part of that is being educated and exposed to many different cultures.

Why would I want to be a global citizen or more diverse? Here's why:

I want college to be that kind of cultural experience I had in highschool – only bigger and better. And EIU has plenty to offer students looking for diversity.

So, as a part of Eastern's quest to educate its students to become global citizens, students can't be diverse by sitting in their rooms all day listening to music or playing video games.

And frankly, sitting in my room all day playing video games gets pretty old pretty fast, and I'm not exactly doing myself a favor toward becoming more diverse. I botched my last two years doing exactly that, and I have one year left to become culturally diverse.

Sure, Eastern is a university stuck in the middle of farm country — but Charleston is a melting pot of different ethnicities and credos.

Keep in mind: we have more than 11,000 students attending in the 2007 school year. That's not counting professors, local workers, residents and artists. That's a lot of diversity to meet people from.

One way I plan on getting interested in meeting different people is finding out what kind of music people like listening to.

If I can't initially find a way to reach out to different people, I want

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen J. Mullin, Ph.D.

*Editor's Note: This letter to the editor was submitted to the Daily Eastern News on June 19. The Residence Hall Faculty Fellows Program was created to increase interaction between faculty and students outside of the This strong identification with service and helping people gives new students the idea they are part of a larger community. to get a diverse play list of songs and music from all sorts of people.

So music's cool, right? What's so fun about trying a different genre if I like listening to techno all the time, I used to think. Then I tried some classical, metal and soft rock. I had no idea some of the songs were so fun to listen to! Now I'm determined to see what else is fun to listen to out there.

The same goes for trying different foods, different restaurants and watching different movies. I've been at Eastern three years now and I still haven't been out to eat everywhere!

I want to have a real blast at Eastern I can remember. I don't want to remember what the inside of my dorm looked like.

I hope some of the younger students take this to heart if they already haven't.

Meet new people. Try new things. We only get four years here, and Eastern is as good a melting pot as any university. Live not just a little – live a lot!



Mattoon resident Ray Hamilton looks over his shoulder while excavating the site next to Gateway Liquors Monday afternoon.

Lincoln avenue businesses shuffle locations

FROM CONSTRUCTION, PAGE 1

Their new location officially reopened on Aug. 6, said Carl Wolff, the owner of Gateway.

"We like the new location a lot," Wolff said. "We are closer to campus — which is always a plus. It's a nice, new facility and is much more open."

The old Gateway Liquors building should be torn down by the first

of next month, according to Wolff.

The restaurant Russ and Lynda's, 1305 Lincoln Ave., also closed in July after it was sold to be developed into a Los Portillos, which is hoping to open this coming September.

There also have been a lot of sidewalk and road improvements. Over the last year and a half, over \$2 million have been spent on their repairs. For example, last spring the city laid down a new water main and sidewalk on Sixth Street, and they did the same for Seventh Street over the summer.

Because of the recent construction and repairs, Inyart said that companies have been inquiring about Charleston much more frequently.

"They are looking at Charleston in a whole new light now that they are seeing all these new building projects going on," Inyart said. "I think it all started a couple years ago with the new Jimmy John's facility and it's snowballed into a couple other projects."

In addition, Inyart said the Charleston City Council on Tuesday will hold their first meeting since Eastern students have moved back in.

It will start at 7:30 p.m. at the Charleston City Hall, located at 520 Jackson Ave. City Council meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of every month, and are open to anyone who wishes to attend.

NATION Midwest hit with torrential rain storms

Associated Press

GAYS MILLS, Wis. – Relentless thunderstorms pounded parts of the Midwest and the Plains on Monday, causing mudslides, washing out bridges and flooding towns. At least 12 people have died since the weekend.

Remnants of Tropical Storm Erin dumped heavy rain in southwest Missouri Monday, leaving one town temporarily cut off. Over the weekend in Oklahoma, the same system swamped buildings, led to dozens of water rescues and left six dead. Storms brought wind gusts up to 82 mph and golf-ball sized hail to Lincoln, Neb., on Monday evening.

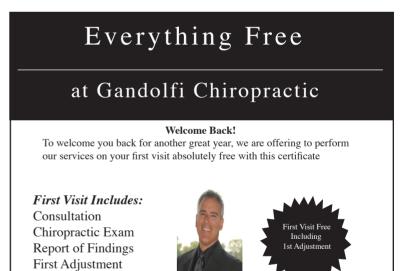
In southwestern Wisconsin on Monday, emergency workers braced for more rain and flooding. A storm system over the weekend left six dead in southeastern Minnesota; one man was still missing Monday. Heavy rains also caused flooding, road closures and sewage treatment systems to overflow in Iowa, authorities said.

Touring the devastation, Gov. Jim Doyle's entourage made its way into Gays Mills, a burg of about 640 people on the Kickapoo River. The river crested at 17 feet, 5 feet above flood stage, and left the downtown in waist-deep, peanut butter-colored water.

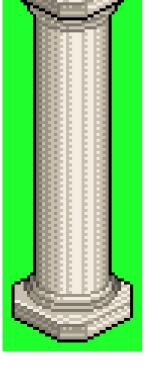
Mason Evans Jr. told Doyle he lost everything but the galoshes, sweatpants and sweatshirt he was wearing. Evans said there was 8 feet of water in his house and he'd lost his camper, motorcycle, gold ring and wallet.

"It broke me," Evans said.









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STATE BRIEFS

Coach sentenced to 12 years for sexual assault

URBANA – A former Champaign track coach believed to be hiding in Russia was sentenced to 12 years in prison for sexually assaulting a student.

Yuri Ermakov fled the country after his July 12 conviction in Champaign County Circuit Court, according to Champaign County State's Attorney Julia Rietz.

Ermakov was an assistant track coach at University High School and was convicted of criminal sexual assault of a 15-year-old girl he dated for several months. He faced up to 15 years in prison.

Reputed mobster rips into son and brother

CHICAGO – An alleged mob hit man turned emotional on the witness stand Monday, ripping into the son and brother who testified against him.

"My brother was like Alfredo in The Godfather – if he wasn't running things and screwing them up he wasn't happy," convicted loan shark Frank Calabrese Sr. testified.

Calabrese, 70, was in his second day on the stand at the 9-week trial.

Twentieth day with no budget, governor still leery of 'special interest'

The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD – Gov. Rod Blagojevich's plan to chop \$500 million out of the state budget could affect emergency equipment for police and fire departments, services for the disabled and even efforts to clean up drinking water.

Illinois marked 20 days without a budget Monday, a situation that's holding up hundreds of millions of dollars in aid to schools and payments to private companies.

Legislators approved a budget Aug. 10, but the Democratic governor hasn't signed it. He says he intends to cut \$500 million in "pork and special interest spending" first – particularly money set aside for lawmakers' favored projects.

"Some are clearly outrageous. A lot of them are dressed up to look reasonable. But collectively they reflect too much spending on the wrong priorities," Blagojevich said last week.

An Associated Press review of the budget shows plenty of vague or questionable projects.

PORKS CHOPPED

• Governor Rod Blagojevich has said he will cut about \$500 million in "pork and special interest spending" before he signs it. Here are some programs The Associated Press considered questionable.

Blagojevich still considering a veto

• **\$20,000** to Elk Grove Village to host a sister city delegation from Sicily, Italy.

\$23,750 to a Chicago music and modeling company named TaeSue.
\$40,000 to the Springfield Figure Skating Club.

Elk Grove Village, for instance, would get \$20,000 to host a sister city delegation from Sicily, Italy. A Chicago music and modeling company named TaeSue would get \$23,750. The Springfield Figure Skating Club would get \$40,000.

But most of the more than \$150 million in "member initiatives" would address fundamental needs.

Nearly \$850,000 would be set aside for rescue equipment and emergency services, including \$250,000 for a mobile command center in Crystal Lake and \$20,000 for police and fire equipment in the little village of Union.

Morris would get \$75,000 to

"Some are clearly outrageous. A lot of them are dressed up to look reasonable."

— Illinois governor Rod Blagojevich

on programs included in budget proposal

maintain a filtration system that removes radon from the water.

Morris Mayor Richard Kopczick rejected the notion that his town's grant was "pork."

"We're not looking at building a 'bridge to nowhere' here. This is for the health and safety of the community," he said.

Dozens of schools would get grants for classes, technology, repairs and playgrounds.

In fact, playgrounds – including two that serve disabled children – account for more than \$1 million of the legislative projects.

"When we found out it might be vetoed, we were dismayed. I was just in shock," said the group's president, Brenda Yarnell. "This is not fluff. We would welcome the opportunity to show anyone the work we're doing and see how difficult it is." It's not clear whether Blagojevich plans to veto all the legislative projects or spare some.

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The governor, appearing in Chicago on Monday, refused to comment on the budget or his veto plan. Spokeswoman Abby Ottenhoff said she couldn't comment on whether he intends to veto all the legislative projects.

Last week, he left the door open to saving projects requested by Senate Democrats, who are led by Senate President Emil Jones, D-Chicago. Jones has promised to block any efforts to overturn Blagojevich's veto.

The budget was supposed to be approved by May 31, but it was delayed by disagreements among Democrats who control the governor's office and the General Assembly.

Just before the new fiscal year began on July 1, officials approved a one-month budget extension. That has now expired.

The state has missed two school aid payments totaling more than \$340 million, Comptroller Daniel Hynes said.

Hundreds of millions of dollars in other payments have also been delayed, including \$600,000 in worker's compensation and \$2.5 million in law enforcement training grants.

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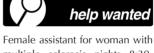
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Food-on-a-stick; Russian Bentleys stolen

Illinois State Fair holds contest for best 'breakfast on a stick'

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. -Mix one egg with other ingredients of choice. Put results on a stick.

That's about all the recipe requirements involved at the Illinois State Fair's newest culinary contest, the battle to make the best breakfast on a stick.

The state's agriculture department and the American Egg Board deemed two entries worthy of first place Saturday. Beverly Cutler's sensational sunrise dippers - sausage, egg and cheese wrapped in a biscuit with a side of gravy - shared the top prize with Anthony Karas' baconwrapped savory buttermilk crepes.

Rachael Eden won the junior division with slightly healthier fare featuring curry, bean sprouts and snow peas in a wonton wrapper - and eggs and a stick.

The entries were judged according to taste, appearance, creativity and ease of preparation, said Karen Fraase, a marketing representative for the department of agriculture.

Among the dozens of other, more traditional food contests at the fair are competitions for best chocolate chip cookie, blueberry muffin and banana bread.

Cutler's stick dish will be distributed at the Illinois Department of Agriculture tent during the 2008 fair, while Karas' entry will be offered to

local restaurants.

Car thieves target Bentleys in Moscow where 1,300 travel the streets

MOSCOW - Thanks to soaring demand for luxury cars in Russia, Bentleys are much more common on the streets of Moscow - and a tempting target for thieves.

At least seven of the luxury cars have been stolen in the Russian capital this year, including two in the past week. Only one is known to have been recovered.

City police said Sunday that the most recent theft was reported Friday by a woman in her mid-20s, who said her sky-blue Bentley Continental

was taken overnight from a parking space near her apartment building in central Moscow. She valued the car at \$340,000, police said.

Also in the past week, police said a Bentley Continental was stolen from Olympic gold medalist Vladimir Zhmudsky, who played on the winning water polo team at the 1972 Summer Games.

In 2003, Bentley opened its first showroom in Moscow and sold 40 cars that year. There are now more than 1,300 in the city, the traffic police said.

The market for imported luxury cars in Russia has soared along with the country's oil-fed economy, even though prices are considerably higher than in Europe because of steep customs duties.

Stinson to improve on consistency

QUARTERBACKS FROM PAGE 12

Stinson doesn't let the inconsistent label that's attached to his quarterback play bother him.

Stinson returns as Eastern's starting quarterback heading into its season opener next Thursday against Tennessee Tech - and does not pay any attention to what people say about his play.

"First, I want the defense and everybody to know that they can have faith in me," Stinson said. "And if I try to prove anything, that's all I try to prove. I could care less about what anyone else says."

Even Eastern's football media guide lists Stinson's 2007 outlook as "some inconsistency during spring practice may give other quarterbacks a chance to challenge for playing time."

Stinson threw for 1,349 yard last season and completed 55 percent of his passes (122-for-224), but again, consistency is the key for Stinson. He threw 12 touchdown passes last year, but also threw 11 interceptions

The 6-foot-5, 238-pound Stinson had games last year where he showed accurate touch, smart decision-making and the ability to show off his powerful arm.

He went 16-for-22 with 208 yards and threw three touchdown passes in his first start last year against Southeast Missouri.

Eastern went 6-2 in games Stinson started last year.

But in the two losses, Stinson struggled.

He went a combined 22-for-45 for only 116 yards and four interceptions in losses against Tennessee-Martin and Illinois State.

"This will be the first time in Cole's career that he's ever had the same position coach for two years straight," said Eastern offensive coordinator Jorge Munoz. "He knows this offense right now. It's just a matter of him going out and executing and being consistent."

Veteran on the bench

Reeder won't find many mountains or ski resorts here in Charleston to keep up on his passion for outdoor sports.

The avid skier and snowboarder is far away from his days in the western part of the United States.

But Reeder is set to step in and fill Stinson's role as Eastern's No. 1 quarterback at any time this year, if need be - and he's hopeful he can carry on as the Panthers' starter after

Stinson graduates.

"I would hate to be the quarterback that comes in and can't sustain success," Reeder said. "That's the kind of pressure I kind of put on myself where I want to keep this tradition alive. Whether it be this year or next year or a couple years after that: I just want to be able to kind of carry the torch after it's been passed along.

For Reeder, just to be in the mix again and getting repetitions with the first team offense is something he hasn't experienced since his senior year at Mahomet-Seymour High School.

The 6-foot, 203-pound Reeder went to Wyoming out of high school and fell in love with the scenic countryside of Wyoming.

But that did not translate into any opportunities to play.

When I got out there, I realized there were too many aspects around football that I couldn't just concentrate on the game and make myself better so I could get on the field one day," he said. "I came back here and kind of gave me a chance to focus more on football."

After he red-shirted the 2005 season at Wyoming, Reeder transferred to Eastern.

He served as the Panthers' third-

string quarterback last year, charting plays on the sideline and traveling with the team.

This year, he'll still be on the sidelines unless something happens to Stinson. But if Reeder has learned one thing from his football career since high school, it's patience.

He doesn't regret his year in Wyoming, saying, "I got a chance to be out there and ski and snowboard for six months," and said he learned last year at Eastern despite not playing in a game.

"I learned from other's people's mistakes because I wasn't out there making them," Reeder said. "I feel at home again. It feels really good just to get out there and compete. It feels good every once in a while to mess up and hear coach yell at me."

State champ turned backup

The last time Luke Hockaday walked off the field at Memorial Stadium in Champaign, it was as a state champion.

Hockaday threw for 216 yards and three touchdowns and led Maroa-Forsyth to the 2A state championship.

The last time his current Eastern teammates walked off the field at Memorial Stadium, they had just lost 42-17 to Illinois in last season's opener.

SPORTS

Hockaday isn't expected to get any playing time this year if Stinson and Reeder stay healthy. But the Panthers open up the 2008 season at Illinois.

By then, Hockaday might be in more of a role to contribute than he will be this year.

Now, he is slated in the thirdstring role and trying to adjust to the complex lingo of Eastern's offense. Also, a possibility of a red-shirt season still exists.

"Right now, I'm just trying to pick up the system," Hockaday said. 'In high school, I never really had to compete for a job or anything. But now, your spot is never set."

The 6-foot-2, 185-pound Hockaday threw for 7,146 yards in high school and had 91 career touchdown passes in three years as a starter.

The 7,146 yards are the fifthhighest total in Illinois High School Association history.

His senior year he threw for 2,844 yards and 39 touchdown passes.

"Luke, you can trust me, down the road, he's going to maybe be one of the better quarterbacks to maybe come out of Eastern," Munoz said. "Yeah, that's putting a lot on him, but that's what expect out of him."

NFL | BEARS 27, COLTS 24 **Bears defeat the Colts in preseason**

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — This time, Rex Grossman's teammates bailed him out against the Indianapolis Colts.

Chicago overcame another mistake-prone outing by its starting quarterback, scoring 17 straight points in the first half and 10 more after the break as the Bears beat the Colts 27-24 Monday night, Indy's first home game since winning the Super Bowl.

But this wasn't merely about a win or a loss. For Grossman, it was another opportunity to prove critics wrong, but all his frustrating adventure did was provide more fuel for his doubters.

In 26 plays, he fumbled three times, double-clutched another snap, threw an interception deep in Chicago territory and was sacked once. Even his one good moment, a 1-yard touchdown run, came with an unusual twist: He carried two times for minus-1 yard and a TD on the drive. During a sideline interview, Grossman blamed the fumbled snaps on a miscommunication and said the ball hit a sweaty spot. He didn't even try to explain away the other fumble, which came when Robert Mathis swatted the ball away as he sacked Grossman. Grossman finished 9-of-11 for 59 yards and had a sub-par passer rating of 51.1.

Colts running back Joseph Addai carried seven times for 24 yards and scored on a 4yard touchdown run to open the second quarter, a play that looked like his winning score against New England in last season's AFC championship game. Cedric Benson, Chicago's new starter, ran 10 times

ter if not for a couple of drops.

for 24 yards. Billed as a Super Bowl rematch, the game provided a few similarities to February's title game. Danieal Manning set up Chicago's first score, a 32-yard field goal, with a 72yard kickoff return that rekindled images of Devin Hester's kickoff return for a TD on the opening play of the Super Bowl.

Hester struck on the next

RUGBY FROM PAGE 12

Unlike the women's rugby, the men's squad competes only as a club sport. Men's rugby has more club teams for high school students to compete in, but still is a rarity in prep athletics compared to sports such as basketball and football.

"Many of our players come from football and soccer backgrounds," sophomore Dan Grail said.

Men's rugby attracts a number of football players due to the similarity between the two sports.

"The rugby team consists of a number of players who have never played the sport before," sophomore Liam Sheehy said. "Most come from a football background and are attracted by the contact and competitive aspect."

Grail said the men's rugby team returns a number of key contributors and looks to be very successful this season as well.

INJURIES FROM PAGE 12

What will really matter and be of most value is that the Panthers will stay healthy and have younger players and back-ups step in to reach the post-season again.

If that happens, then Eastern should have a fair shot at winning the OVC title again and reaching the postseason, regardless of some injury setbacks.

The New York Times

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In contrast, Super Bowl MVP Peyton Manning looked like his usually efficient self albeit briefly.

He finished 5-of-8 for 97 yards and led the Colts to one touchdown in 16 plays, numbers that would have been bet-

kick, returning Hunter Smith's punt 50 yards before getting tripped up at the Colts 24.

Two plays after Grossman fumbled the snap on the 1, he hung on long enough on the quarterback keeper to score to make it 10-7.

The Colts found themselves in another jam when T.J. Rushing fumbled the ensuing kickoff as he went down at the Indy 24. Mike Hass recovered for the Bears, and four plays later, Brian Griese hooked up with Bernard Berrian on a nifty 9-yard TD pass that gave Chicago a 17-7 lead.

Then it started to look more like a preseason game, at least in terms of the names.

With Manning and Co. on the bench, Jim Sorgi who didn't play in the Super Bowl led the Colts on a 69-yard drive late in the half, finding Aaron Moorehead for a 9-yard TD pass to make it 17-14.

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Cubs make roster moves

CHICAGO — The Chicago Cubs optioned infielder Ronny Cedeno to Triple-A Iowa and designated catcher Koyie Hill for assignment after Monday's 6-4 loss to the St. Louis Cardinals.

The Cubs are expected to bring Henry Blanco off the 60-day disabled list Tuesday where he's been with a herniated disk in his neck and also take outfielder Cliff Floyd off the restricted list. Floyd had been on the bereavement list following the death of his father, but was moved to the restricted list Monday.

Cedeno was recalled from Iowa on July 24. He was batting .118 with two homers in 27 games. Hill, who was out of options to the minors, saw his playing time reduced with the acquisition of Jason Kendall. Hill batted .161 with two homers and 12 RBIs and started 25 games. The Cubs were 17-8 in his starts. He played 36 games.

Vick agrees to plead guilty to dogfighting charges

RICHMOND, Va. — More than football, Michael Vick's freedom is the question now.

With three associates prepared to testify that he brutally executed dogs and bankrolled gambling, the NFL star agreed Monday to "accept full responsibility" for his role in a dogfighting ring and plead guilty to federal conspiracy charges.

Worries about playing time will have to wait while Vick faces prison time from one to five years.

The maximum term is five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine, although federal sentencing guidelines likely would call for less. Defense attorneys would not divulge details of the plea agreement or how much time Vick can expect to serve.

However, a government official, speaking on condition of anonymity because the terms are not final, told The Associated Press that prosecutors will recommend a sentence of a year to 18 months.

The official said such a sentence would be more than what is usually recommended for first-time offenders, reflecting the government's attempt to show that animal abusers will receive more than a slap on the wrist. U.S. District Judge Henry Hudson is not bound by prosecu-



NUCCIO DINUZZO | MCT

Chicago's Aramis Ramirez is out at second as St. Louis shortstop David Eckstein throws to first to double up in the third inning. The Cubs lost 6-4.

tors' recommendations or the sentencing guidelines and will have the final say.

Twenty-five days after he declared that he looked forward to clearing his name, Vick said through defense lawyer Billy Martin that he will plead guilty. A hearing is scheduled for Aug. 27.

Chicago Fire sign 24-year-old Colombian defender Conde

BRIDGEVIEW — The Chicago Fire signed Colombian defender Wilman Conde on Monday, reuniting him with manager Juan Carlos Osorio.

The 24-year-old defender, who had been with 13-time Colombian league champion Millonarios since the 2006 season, will be available to play pending work visa approval and an open roster spot.

Doctor's lawyer suggests Benoit had hormone disorder

ATLANTA - Chris Benoit had a hormone disorder that permitted the amount of steroids he was prescribed before the pro wrestler killed his wife, son and himself in June, an attorney for Benoit's personal doctor said in court papers on Monday.

A federal agent failed to tell the judge, who issued search warrants

in the case, about the legitimate uses of steroids, according to a motion to suppress evidence against Dr. Phil Astin.

Astin's attorney, Manny Arora, wrote the government should have consulted with a hormone disorder specialist and learned "the amount of medication in question was not excessive and would be medically appropriate based on the medical condition of Mr. Benoit."

Former Illini football player's trial delayed over newspaper story

URBANA — A judge Monday delayed the burglary trial for a former University of Illinois football player after the man's attorney said a newspaper story mentioned key evidence he'd never seen.

The Washington Post on Sunday cited an anonymous source who said the primary evidence against Derrick McPhearson is a videotape of him and fellow defendant and former teammate Jody Ellis leaving a fraternity house with computer equipment. McPhearson, 21, is from Hyattsville, Md., near Washington, D.C.

Attorney Robert Kirchner of Champaign said that either the source was wrong or that he'd been denied access to evidence in the case.

MLB | CARDINALS 6, CUBS 4



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Chicago's Derrek Lee rounds the bases after hitting a solo home run in the sixth inning against St. Louis. The Cubs lost 6-4.

Cards move closer to Cubs in NL Central

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Albert Pujols and Rick Ankiel homered, Scott Rolen drove in three runs with a pair of doubles and the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Chicago Cubs 6-4 Monday, moving within three games of the NL Central lead.

The game was delayed 1 hours, 27 minutes by rain in the bottom of the seventh.

The Cardinals salvaged one win in what was to have been a four-game series before the Sunday night's game was postponed. Chicago won on Friday and Saturday.

The Cubs began play Monday one game ahead of Milwaukee in the division. The Brewers faced the Diamondbacks in Arizona.

Pujols hit his 28th homer in the fifth, and Rolen had a two-run double in the first and a run-scoring double in the third.

Ankiel, the pitcher-turned-outfielder, made a great throw in the first to cut down Chicago leadoff hitter Ryan Theriot when he tried to stretch a double into a triple. Leading off the seventh against rookie Carmen Pignatiello, he hit his fourth homer to put St. Louis up 6-4.

Joel Pineiro (3-1), who spent most of his season in the Red Sox bullpen before being acquired at the trade deadline, went five innings to win his third straight start. He allowed three runs and seven hits, including back-to-back homers to Daryle Ward and Mark DeRosa in the second inning. Derrek Lee homered off Troy Percival in the sixth.

The Cubs had first and second against closer Jason Isringhausen in the eighth after a walk and Ward's single, but DeRosa hit into a double play. Isringhausen also worked a perfect ninth for his 23rd save in 25 chances.

Cubs starter Ted Lilly (13-6), who was 8-1 in his previous 10 starts, gave up seven hits and five runs over six innings.

The Cardinals broke a 2-2 tie in the third. Pujols walked, Juan Encarnacion doubled and then Rolen hit a two-hopper toward third. Cubs third baseman Aramis Ramirez lost his footing as the ball bounded by him for an RBI double to give St. Louis a 3-2 lead.



VOLLEYBALL | NOTEBOOK Young, fresh team hope to erase last season's woes

Eastern has three returning upperclassmen and questions at starter roles

By Marco Santana Editor in Chief

With 10 freshmen and sophomores on the squad this season, the Panthers are young.

But it might be a benefit if it means the players have a short memory.

Last season, Eastern lost 18 of its last 21 matches en route to finishing the season 8-19.

It was the least wins for the team since it joined the Ohio Valley Conference in 1996.

"It was frustrating," said sophomore defensive specialist Shaina Boylan. "It's hard but we have to get past all of that."

Embedded in the season was a team-record 13-match losing streak, which included an 0-8 conference start that knocked them out of contention immediately.

Unknown starting lineup poses questions

One thing that head coach Lori Bennett has stayed consistent with on a yearly basis is not determining which players crack the starting lineup until the season begins.

This year is no different.

"None of us really know," Boylan said. "We all just have to continue to work hard. It's almost good to be

"It was frustrating. It's hard but we have to get past all of that."

—Shaina Boylan women's volleyball player

in that spot."

Last year, Boylan played in all 27 matches as a freshman.

Crabtree with chance to make mark in history books

Senior Maren Crabtree returns to the team practically assured of becoming the program's No. 2 all-time assists leader.

Crabtree is just 270 assists behind Amy Van Eekeren, who was a part of the Panther program in the early-1990s

Crabtree has 3,541 assists and last season, posted a career low with 819 assists.

Top player returns looking for more success

Senior Eliza Zwettler was the lone Eastern representative on the All-OVC preseason team.

The Troy University transfer finished in the Top 10 in the conference in kills per game with 3.6.

She was named to the All-OVC Newcomer Team in 2006 after transferring last summer.

Zwettler led the team in kills in her first season as a Panther with 353. She also finished second on the team with 356 digs.



AMIR PRELLBERG | DEN

Sophomore middle blocker Amy Sesol spikes a ball during hitting drills at practice Monday afternoon at Lantz Arena.

Athletic talent runs in the **Zwettler family**

With a year under her belt, the senior has another reason to feel more comfortable: her sister Alex. Alex Zwettler is a freshman from Edgewood High School in Madison, Wis.

The 5-foot, 11-inch outside hitter is one of three sisters to play volleyball at a high level.

Callie, Eliza's and Alex's older sis-

ter played at the University of Minnesota-Duluth and was a Division II All-American.

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The Zwettler sisters are the first sister tandem in Eastern volleyball at the same time.

SOCCER | RECRUITS

Nowak lands Missouri recruits

Freshmen Flynn and Lorbert have a high school reunion as the once teammates find themselves playing on the same team again

By Brandy Provaznik Sports Reporter

Incoming freshmen to Eastern sometimes get the chance to play with fellow high school friends and sports teammates.

However, freshman defender Danielle Flynn counted Kaylin more than her high Lorbert school alumni on Eastern's soccer team this year - she got to meet some of the girls she played against for four years in high school. Flynn said it was Danielle a neat experience Flynn to come from high school and play with some of the same girls she once played against.

Flynn, Lorbert and Miller are all from Missouri and are three of the four out-of-state women on the team.

Head coach Tim Nowak said that with the players coming from out of state, having those connections and familiar faces helped them with the transition.

Another thing that helped is that Lorbert and Flvnn came from St. Joseph's High School in Missouri, which Nowak said is one of the best high school programs in the coun"Coming from St. Joseph's, I knew these girls would be hardworking and that their intense training would help them fit into our team and help us be successful as a whole."

-Tim Nowak

PANTHER BRIEFS Eastern ranked No. 17 in preseason poll

Eastern was picked 17th overall **FCS POLL** in the Football Championship Series (FCS) poll recently.

The selections are made by coaches wihin the league.

The Panthers have also been picked to claim a third consecutive Ohio Valley Conference title this year.

Fellow OVC team Tennessee Martin was the only other conference team to be chosen in the top 25 rankings as they were picked for the slot 18, right behind Eastern.

1. Appalachian State (27)	699
2. Montana	656
3. Massachusetts (1)	612
4. North Dakota State	609
5. New Hampshire	559
6. Youngstown State	550
7. James Madison	477
8. Illinois State	471
9. Northern lowa	424
10. Furman	416
11 Southern Illinois	406
12. McNeese State	365



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"It's like, 'Hey, I know you,'" Flynn said. "It was just a few more faces that I sort of recognized going into it, so it wasn't totally new.'

Flynn had another, even more familiar face on the soccer team this year, with fellow high school teammate and goal keeper Kaylin Lorbert coming to Eastern as well.

Lorbert also played on a club team with sophomore midfielder Alexis Miller before coming to Easttry. "Coming from St. Joseph's, I knew these girls would be hardworking and that their intense training would help them fit into our team and help us be successful as a whole," Nowak said.

"It was very beneficial that they came in physically prepared, right off the bat from playing at those high levels before."

Lorbert decided in early September that she would be coming to Eastern the next fall and Flynn decided later on that winter.

"It was nice to know she (Lorbert) was going here too, but that wasn't what I based my decision on," Flynn said.

Flynn said before deciding on Eastern she looked at schools like Missouri State and the University of Missouri because they were closer to home.

women's soccer head coach

"I was really open to anywhere, but I just wanted to know that I was in the right place and that is what I found at Eastern," Flynn said.

"The whole team is really close already after only being here like a week.

Flynn was not able to play in the exhibition match this past weekend due to an Achilles injury. Nowak said that Flynn is right

now working to overcome the injury and is improving.

Lorbert came in after halftime at Butler and blocked eight shots on goal in 45 minutes.

Nowak said the freshmen are already making an impact on the team with their work ethic and attitudes.

The Panthers will next exhibition match will be against Indiana-Purdue-Indianapolis on Aug. 25.

The Panthers are coming of a season where they finished 8-5 overall and 7-1 in the conference.

Coppert named All-American at ASA Tournament

Junior Sarah Coppert was named First Team All-American by the ASA's Women's Major Fast League Tournament.

The tournament has 12-teams and was held from Aug. 4-7 in South Bend, Ind.

Coppert had 17 doubles this past Spring season. The Panthers as a team also broke the school record for two baggers this past spring.

Thomas, Rucker added as **All-American honorees**

Seniors Donald Thomas and Micah Rucker were honored last week as they made the list for Sports Network FCS preseason All-American football team.

Thomas was a first team linebacker who had 49 solo tackles, 12

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14. Cal Poly	302				
15. Wofford	265				
16. Hampton	242				
17. Eastern Illinois	203				
18. UT-Martin	202				
19. South Dakota State	198				
20. Coastal Carolina	191				
21. Delaware	172				
22. Montana State	168				
23. Sam Houston State	130				
24. Yale	76				
25. Princeton	50				
Italics include 2007 opponents					
(First place votes in parantheses)					

tackles for a loss and one sack.

He also had four fumble recoveries, four forced fumbles, seven quarterback hurries and four pass breakups. Rucker scored 13 touchdowns a junior wide receiver. He had 49 catches for 966 yards.

Rucker also averaged 74 yards per game, which ranked him 28th in the nation.



VOLLEYBALL UPDATE

For coverage of the volleyball team, see inside. See page 11

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SPORTS EDITOR Adam Teddei

Injuries won't overcome Eastern

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Eastern football has been

The Panthers were picked to

would be their fifth overall title in

But the bad news is how harsh

ranked 17th in the Coaches

win a third consecutive Ohio

Valley Conference title, which

All of this is good news.

injuries have depleted this year's

So far, junior running back

Norris Smith has a knee injury

free safety Seymour Loftman is

out with a shoulder injury for

for the season after tearing his

major setbacks in the road to a

third OVC title, yet it doesn't

mean the destination will not be

Many younger players will need to step up to the challenge and take a bigger role in the team.

But it does make it a bumpier

The secondary could especially

need the help, since Loftman was

the only returning starter slated to

Eastern does have the talent

though to make it to the playoffs,

For one, Eastern can't have any

more serious injuries to the roster

- players like remaining running

back senior Ademola Adeniji, who

As the most experienced back

on the team now, he will not only need his experience but also his

leadership abilities to help put together a formidable rushing attack in the case that Smith

was Vincent Webb, Jr.'s back up

but a few key elements must be

kept in order to do so.

the rest of the season, and junior

wide receiver Adam Kesler is lost

anterior cruciate ligament (ACL).

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FOOTBALL | POSITION BATTLE LEADING THE TEAM

THE CONTENDERS

Name: Cole Stinson Height/Weight: 6-5/238 2007 Preview: starting guarterback heading into year. Has a strong arm, but needs to work on not forcing the ball into tight areas. Hometown: Estero, Fla. 2006 Stats: 1,349 passing yards, 12 TD's, 11 INT's and a 55 percent completion rate Major: Physical Education

Name: Bodie Reeder Height/Weight: 6-0/203

2007 Preview: Hasn't thrown a collegiate pass yet, but is more mobile than Stinson and has a guick release Hometown: Ivesdale 2006 Stats: Did not play Major: Secondary education history

and social science major

Name: Luke Hockaday

Height/Weight: 6-2/185 2007 Preview: A heralded recruit, Hockaday should be Eastern's starter in a few years. But this will be a learning year for the former state champion. Hometown: Maroa Major: Business



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Name: D.J. Brown Height/Weight: 6-1/180 2007 Preview: listed as an athlete, the left-handed throwing Brown can be used at quarterback, wide receiver or defensive back. Hometown: North Chicago Major: Business/Finance

These four quarterbacks will challenge for the starting quarterback position.

2007 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Thu, Aug. 30, Tennessee Tech, 7 p.m. Sat, Sept. 8, at Purdue, 12 p.m. Sat, Sept. 15, Illinois State, 7 p.m. Sat, Sept. 22, at Indiana State, 6 p.m. Sat, Sept. 29, at SEMO, 7 p.m. Sat, Oct. 6, Eastern Kentucky, 2:30 p.m. Sat, Oct. 13, at Murray State, 4 p.m. Sat, Oct. 20, Tennessee-Martin, 2:30 p.m. Sat, Oct. 27, at Tennessee State, 7 p.m. Sat, Nov. 10, at Jacksonville State 1 p.m. Sat, Nov. 17, Samford, 2:30 p.m.

AMIR PRELLBERG | DEN

Senior quarterback Cole Stinson attempts a pass during an intrasquad scrimmage on Sunday afternoon at O'Brien Stadium. Stinson is one of three quarterbacks fighting for a starting position.

Search for starting quarterback begins

By Matt Daniels Staff Reporter



get those guys back to where they're performing in a consistent manner."

Last season, Mike Donato started the first five games before being replaced by then-junior Cole Stinson. Stinson started the final eight games and guided the team into the playoffs for the second straight year.

This season, Stinson is the projected starter, but some familiar names in the past are gone. Donato was dismissed from the

team in December for conduct

detrimental to the team and Kyle Kniss transferred to North Central College after the season.

Donato just finished his first season playing professionally, splitting time with the Iowa Sioux City Bandits of the Continental Indoor Football League and the Texas Corpus Christi Sharks of the Arena Football League 2.

Eastern had five quarterbacks on its 2007 roster, but 23-year-old freshman and former pitcher in the Chicago Cubs organization

Matt Weber quit in early-August. Freshman D.J. Brown can play several positions, including quarterback, defensive back and wide receiver.

That leaves Stinson, backup sophomore Bodie Reeder and freshman third-string quarterback Luke Hockaday as the quarterbacks who have taken the majority of snaps during fall camp.

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RUGBY | RECRUITING

Diverse sports backgrounds form rugby teams

By Dan Cusack

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does not return soon or at all this season.

Another slightly encouraging factor for hopes of a third straight title is that only one other OVC team is ranked and that is Tennessee Martin at 18th.

Unfortunately, UT-Martin is not facing the same injury problems and they also shared the OVC title with Eastern last season.

They are a serious threat to win the title this year, especially since the Skyhawks defeated the Panthers in the regular season last year.

Eastern will open its season against Tennessee Tech, who finished 4-7 overall and 4-4 in the OVC last year.

Eastern should defeat the Golden Eagles, which will lead to a nice start to the new season.

But all of these rankings are just predictions and numbers.

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Staff Reporter

Few high schools fielding rugby teams, and the sport primarily existing at a club basis, recruiting for rugby is much different than other sports.

Coaches often look to find gifted athletes with specific skills to fill up their squads. The IHSA does not recognize boys' or girls' rugby as a sanctioned sport.

Head women's rugby coach Frank Graziano feels rugby is just as difficult as any sport to recruit.

"Only about 3 percent of college students play intercollegiate sports," Graziano said who is in his ninth year of coaching at Eastern. "With rugby, we look for athletic ability, as well as the intangibles, including toughness, discipline and accountability."

The women's squad has 18 members, but continues to compete at a high level. Although numbers may be low, expectations are always

The women's rugby team has

been successful the past five seasons, posting a 46-4 record, with athletes from a variety of different sports.

Graziano recruits players from all backgrounds including track, basketball, soccer, softball and swimming.

"We look at track for speed, and basketball is a great judge of athletic ability," Graziano said. "Other sports can teach us a lot about an athletes competitiveness and well rounded ability."

Rugby coaches seek players who excel in a number of sports in high school.

Graziano succeeded at this when he signed multi-sport athletes Emma Cannoy and Diana Zultowski for this year's team.

Of the 20 members on the team's roster last season, 18 were multisport athletes while they attended high school.

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ERIC HILTNER | DEN

Junior wing Samantha Manto runs down the field in the 2006 season. Manto ran track, swam and played basketball in high school before playing rugby at Eastern. Manto is also a member of the Eastern track and field team.