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STATE | FUNDING

Eastern budget avoids governor's slash

Blagojevich approves a 2.8 percent increase in state appropriations for fiscal year 2009

By **STEPHEN DI BENEDETTO**
News Editor

Eastern avoided repeating history after Gov. Rod Blagojevich approved a 2.8 percent increase in state appropriations for universities for fiscal year 2009 in mid-July.

"Last year, in the summer, we were having to let people know if they were going to get paid," said

President Bill Perry. "We didn't have to go through that this summer."

The 2.8 percent increase, which translates into \$1.4 million more from fiscal year 2008, will go mostly to the academic affairs department, Perry said. The university is projected to receive around a total of \$50.6 million in state appropriations this year compared to \$49.2 million last year.

Last summer, the state budget was not passed until the end of August – a product of a standoff between Blagojevich and the General Assembly that resulted in many extra sessions to approve a budget.

If the 2.8 percent increase makes

it through the General Assembly's veto session that starts in November, the university will use that increase to rejuvenate programs that were cut as a result of Blagojevich cutting universities' state appropriations for fiscal year 2003.

Faculty travel to professional meetings, funds to assist students doing research and common expenses like paper will all benefit from the \$1.4 million increase, Perry said.

The increase survived Blagojevich's cuts to the budget in which he cut \$1.4 billion to areas such as community colleges and the treasurer's office. The cuts were made because the General Assembly passed a bud-

get that did not have enough revenue to pay for everything.

"The fact that the governor did not veto those increases is very positive," Perry said. "I believe the attitude toward higher education is a positive one."

The approval of the increase came after Blagojevich recommended a 0 percent increase for universities in fiscal year 2009 as part of his budget recommendation in February.

Perry said he is pleased to see the General Assembly respond to higher education's arguments for the need for increases in state appropriations, which still have not equaled the total of fiscal year 2002 – the year before

Blagojevich cut state appropriations to universities.

Jeff Cooley, vice president for business affairs, said the increase would help the business affairs department with the opening of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

More utility workers and building service workers are needed since the university added more square feet to campus with Doudna, he said. The increase in state appropriations will help that slightly, he added.

"It certainly helps, but it doesn't go as far as we like," Cooley said.

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ADMINISTRATION | EMPLOYMENT



ROBBIE WROBLEWSKI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Interim Director of Fraternity and Sorority Programs Robyn Paige is fulfilling her career goal of directing fraternities and sororities on a college campus after spending only three years at Eastern. She earned her master's degree at Eastern.

PAIGE FILLS INTERIM POSITION

Eastern graduate, former special assistant to vice president for student affairs leads Greek life, community

By **KRISTINA PETERS**
Editor in Chief

Robyn Paige's career goal when she came to Eastern in 2004 for her master's degree in college student affairs was to become the director of fraternities and sororities on a college or university campus.

Three years later Paige is fulfilling that goal after being offered the position of interim director of fraternity and sorority programs on May 2.

She officially began her duties in the position on July 1 when she took office.

"When the opportunity to serve in this role presented itself, I was both excited and challenged," Paige said. "I felt this was a unique opportunity for me to serve Eastern and have the chance to work in an area for which I have a passion."

Paige joined Phi Sigma Sigma in January 2001 while she was a freshman at Alma College, located in Alma, Mich.

"I had a very positive experience as an undergraduate sorority member," Paige said. "My membership led me to become involved on campus in a wide variety of activities that I doubt I would have sought out otherwise."

Some activities Paige was involved in are working for admissions, orientation and as a resident

assistant. Paige was also active in student congress and served as president her junior year.

Paige remains an active volunteer in Phi Sigma Sigma after receiving her bachelor in music education from Alma College. She said most of the stories she has of Phi Sigma Sigma are from her years after college volunteering.

"I think many students don't think about the fact that joining a fraternity or a sorority is truly a lifelong commitment, and I have met so many amazing young women who are a part of Phi Sigma Sigma from all over the country and Canada through my volunteer roles," Paige said.

She said it is important to have a Greek community on campus and Eastern's Greek Chapters are nationally or internationally affiliated.

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ADMINISTRATION | ENERGY AUDIT

Finding another means of funding

Audit will determine if Eastern could fund power plant project by reducing energy costs

By **STEPHEN DI BENEDETTO**
News Editor

Eastern's administration is looking for new ways to fund a new power plant, while a capital projects bill for Illinois remains far from completion.

At the June 23 Board of Trustees' meeting, the university purchased a \$250,000 contract with Honeywell International to perform an energy audit on campus.

The result of the audit will determine if Eastern could pay for Illinois' portion of a new power plant.

"We decided to move forward without state money, and we are trying to see if that is going to be feasible or not," President Bill Perry said.

The audit, which has started, will see if Eastern could reduce energy costs.

Those savings from reduced costs would then go to funding the new plant.

Eastern would need to save about \$25 million to cover what it was asking from the state.

"This will probably be the largest project that we have ever undertaken," said Jeff Cooley, vice president for business affairs.

Eastern originally wanted to fund \$35 million of the new power plant that is projected to be a \$60 million project.

The new plant would have co-generation capabilities that would allow Eastern to produce its own electricity.

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EIU WEATHER

<p>TUESDAY</p>  <p>82° 60° Mostly Sunny NE 5-10</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY</p>  <p>83° 62°</p>
	<p>THURSDAY</p>  <p>85° 63°</p>

WEATHER BRIEF
Dry conditions continue under mostly sunny skies today. Daytime highs will continue to rise into Thursday. Very slight chance of precipitation on Friday.

For current conditions visit EIU WeatherCenter at www.eiu.edu/~weather

ENTERTAINMENT | A DAILY LOOK

Barenaked Ladies singer survives plane crash

The Associated Press

TORONTO — The lead singer of the Canadian pop band Barenaked Ladies and three other people survived a plane crash in rural southeastern Ontario, authorities said Monday.

Ed Robertson's Cessna 206 float-plane crashed in a wooded area near Bancroft, Ontario, on Sunday afternoon as he was trying to take off from Baptiste Lake, Ontario Provincial police Sgt. Bruce Quigg said. Quigg said no one in the plane was injured.

Robertson's friend Gord Peel told The Belleville Intelligencer newspaper that the other passengers were Robertson's wife, Natalie, and their friends Julie and Jeff Jones.

Peel, who said he has known Robertson for about a decade, arrived on the scene shortly after the crash and found the four friends walking on a road, shaken but unharmed.

He said the plane stalled but Robertson managed to set it straight down into the trees with its nose resting on the ground. They had to get out through the windows but did not have a scratch, he said.

Sheen expects fourth child; first son with Mueller

LOS ANGELES — Make that "Two and a Half Men," three daughters and a baby on the way for Charlie Sheen.

The actor is expecting a child with wife Brooke Mueller, Sheen announced Monday in a statement.

"Brooke and I are thrilled!" the star of the CBS hit "Two and a Half Men" wrote. "She's the best stepmom Sam, Lola and Cassandra could ever hope for. Seeing her love and affection with those three, I know she'll be an amazing mom. Unless I bat 100 percent, perhaps a boy awaits us."

Sheen has three daughters: 25-

year-old Cassandra Jade Estevez, whose mother is Sheen's former girlfriend Paula Profit, and two girls with ex-wife Denise Richards.

Deputy pulls gun on Diddy's entourage

LOS ANGELES — A sheriff's deputy pulled a gun on members of Diddy's entourage during a routine traffic stop over the weekend, but the situation was quickly resolved and a spokesman for the entertainer said the deputy was professional and respectful.

The gun was never pointed at the hip-hop mogul, and deputies were "very respectful" during the stop early Saturday, spokesman Ed Tagliaferri said Monday.

Diddy was traveling on Sunset Boulevard in a seven-car convoy when a deputy pulled over one of the vehicles. Combs was not in the car that was stopped for having an expired registration tag.

PHOTO OF THE DAY

Donating blood



ERIN MATHENY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Lisa Fresso, sophomore pre-nursing major, donates blood during Monday's drive in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

WHAT THE... | WEIRD, UNEXPECTED, BIZARRE NEWS

Feisty puppy scares off three bears in back yard

The Associated Press

WYCKOFF, N.J. — If only Goldilocks had a cockapoo. A 15-pound cocker spaniel-poodle mix named Pawlee scared off a mother bear and her two cubs Sunday morning after they strayed into his owners' back yard. Whether his bark was worse than his bite, Pawlee's tactic worked just fine. These three bears got the hint and took off.

"We had just let him out for the morning and he ran into the yard and started barking his head off," owner Fran Osiason said.

Osiason said her 9-year-old son, Jacob, went outside to see what the commotion was about and came running back in to report there were bears in the yard.

She was worried that the mother would come after Pawlee to protect her cubs, but the pugnacious pup, just 8 months old, had other plans.

His barking drove the two cubs up a tree, and they eventually climbed down and hopped over a fence with their mother and retreated into the woods.

Osiason said she, her son, husband Andrew and daughter Eden, 6, have had Pawlee since he was about 8 weeks old. She marveled at his fearlessness.

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GOT ADS?

CAMPUS I AWARENESS

Eastern adds more security

Sirens, handbook to increase university readiness in crisis

By MATT HOPF
Associate News Editor

Students returning to campus may think the university is trying to raise bees.

Two white, beehive-looking devices may get a chuckle from Eastern students, but they serve as one of the ways students are notified in an emergency.

Installed in late July, the two new sirens are located on Ninth Street just south of Roosevelt Avenue and by Williams Field on Fourth Street. Another siren was already located on Booth Library.

The locations of the new sirens and public address speakers had to be spread out to reach the entire campus.

"We had a consultant come in and analyze the coverage of the sound and the coordination of the sound from the three locations," President Bill Perry said.

The new locations were chosen because of the location of students on campus, he added.

Getting students to be aware of the emergency notification will be ongoing.

"We've worked through new student orientation to let (the students) know about this," Perry said. "You have to keep reminding people of these systems so they know when they hear a siren or a pulse tone that they need to react."

Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs, said the sirens would be used for non-weather related emergencies.

"The new sirens are designed to alert the community about potential life threatening situations including active shooter situations, bomb threats and the like," he said.

The decision to activate the sirens would primarily be made by Nadler and University Police Chief Adam Due. If the university initiates the sirens, students would hear a pulse tone followed by a public address message, alerting the community about the emergency.

The siren signals students, faculty and staff to check their e-mail for additional information.



MEGAN CRUZ | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

A new emergency siren installed near the Ninth Street parking lot is one of two put in place around Eastern's campus during the summer. The emergency siren is part of a campus-wide program for campus safety.

Testing of the sirens will take place the first Tuesday of every month at 10 a.m.

Besides the new sirens, students still have access to receiving emergency text messages, also known as Alert EIU, on their cell phones in case of an emergency.

Nadler said 3,700 people are currently signed up for the program.

He added the university would continue to promote the service. Students can register for Alert EIU by visiting eiu.edu/alerteiu.

The text messaging service will be tested once a semester.

Nadler said the first test message will go out to users on the morning of Sept. 2.

Another method the university is looking at informing students, faculty and staff is through the Eastern Illinois University Emergency Handbook.

The booklet will be posted in public places throughout campus, including classrooms, Perry said.

An abbreviated version will also be available in the residence halls.

The flipbook will contain information for all types of emergencies.

"When we think of emergency preparedness, it's more than just the kind of things we think about in terms of an active shooter on campus like Virginia Tech and NIU," Perry said. "It's also tornados. It could be an explosion – an electrical transformer could blow up. We could have an explosion in a laboratory in a science building."

He said the hope is the procedures in the guides are never needed, but the university needs to be ready.

An online version of the emergency guide is available on the Alert EIU Web site.

Multiple ways to contact the university community remains a priority.

"We try to get multiple coverage to get multiple contacts," Perry said.

The university also uses mass

CAMPUS SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

- Fire sprinklers and public address system in Lawson and Douglas Halls
- Installation of security cameras in Lawson Hall
- Begin work to install a weather alert system in Pemberton, Stevenson, Douglas and Lincoln
- Start installing a weather alert system in the Student Recreation Center
- The university has over 400 security cameras installed on campus.

–Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs

e-mails to notify faculty, staff and students and a phone trees to get the word out to building coordinators.

"We believe we can get everybody covered, and we believe people will take us seriously," Perry said.

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CAMPUS I FACILITIES

Doudna experiences multiple fire alarms

False alarms not uncommon in new construction

By MATT HOPF
Associate News Editor

Two fire alarms in four days at the Doudna Fine Arts Center are not a problem for the Charleston Fire Department.

The department responded to a fire alarm at the \$66-million facility Friday afternoon and Monday morning, but Charleston Fire Chief Kris Phipps said it's not uncommon for alarms being set off at a new

facility.

There were no actual fires within the facility.

On Monday, the alarm went off in the old portion of the building where work was still being done, Phipps said.

While crews were working with a spray, the vision of the smoke alarm system was broken, causing it to activate, he added.

He said in new construction, especially with the magnitude of Doudna, it is common for fire alarms.

The department has responded to calls at the fine arts building a couple times during the summer.

"It didn't bother us. We're glad it's nothing big."

– Kris Phipps, Charleston fire chief

"It didn't bother us," Phipps said. "We're glad it's nothing big."

He said the department is working with the university to prevent any accidental fire alarms.

Crews can shut down the fire alarm system for the section of the building they are working in, as long as someone remains in the area to detect any actual fires, Phipps said. When the crews leave, they would

turn the system back on, he added.

The fire department did a walk through of the building previously, and Phipps said they are prepared if there is ever a case of an emergency at Doudna.

Another alarm in the near future would not be a surprise, he said.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Open auditions held for fall semester plays

Auditions for the fall plays are scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday in The Theatre of the Doudna Fine Arts Center. The student directed one-act plays are "Arsenic and Old Lace" and "Medea."

Those interested should be prepared to present two one-minute monologues of contrasting nature. Performers should arrive early to fill out forms and have a picture taken.

Callbacks and cast lists will be posted on the call-board in the theatre wing of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

For more information, call 581-3121.

First Choice grad program open house

The First Choice graduate program is hosting the 21st Annual Open House for new graduate students who in the college of student affairs from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday at Chuck Eberly's house, 2609 Sixth St. Circle.

Eberly is a professor in the department of counseling and student development.

Food and refreshments will be served. New graduate students and Eastern and Lake Land College student affairs professional staff are also invited. For more information, call 581-7235.

ESPA week for students who are parents

The Eastern Student Parent Association, an organization of Eastern students who are parents, is hosting ESPA week. Numerous events will take place throughout the week.

Today, members will travel to Pizza Hut, 105 W. Lincoln Ave., for dinner at 5 p.m. Children will eat for free and parents will pay for their own meal.

Other events on Eastern's campus

An ice cream social at 5 p.m. on Wednesday at the Morton Park West Pavilion, located on Lincoln Avenue between Second and Division streets. A Minority Affairs reception, where members can meet minority faculty and staff, on Thursday from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

A children's movie night is scheduled for 6 p.m. Friday in Lumpkin Hall, Room 2030.

–Compiled by Associate News Editor Matt Hopf and Development Director Sarah Jean Bresnahan

BLOTTER

Vincent Morgan, 19, of Maywood, was arrested at 9:54 p.m. on Aug. 19 at the intersection of Fourth Street and Grant Avenue and charged with driving on a suspended license, police said.

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SURVIVAL AT THE PUMP

UWIRE – In the current climate where gas prices have hovered near record-high levels, universities around the country have adapted in unique ways in preparation for the coming school year.

One idea that instantly stands out was put into motion in Mississippi. According to an editorial in the University of Mississippi's *Daily Mississippian*, their campus lawnmowers will now be powered by vegetable oil. What was most impressive was the efficiency of this idea: the oil will be recycled from local restaurants.

At Virginia Tech, the school's Fleet Services recently added four hybrid Chevy Malibu's to its stable as part of their Green Fleet Initiative, an effort to simultaneously lower gas costs and become more environmental-friendly.

College students have also adapted to the higher gas prices. A large portion of Iowa State University's student population has enrolled in online classes. The university's online enrollment has risen a staggering 37 percent in just two years. Surging gas prices are one of the causes, according to James Pusey of the *Iowa State Daily*.

But for certain students, there is little to be done to curb the impact of the escalating gas prices. Aviation students at Ohio University will soon be confronted with the reality of having to pay a surcharge for the fuel in the planes they fly. In addition to the \$70,000 median tuition cost for a standard Ohio undergrad, aviation students must pay an additional \$45,700 for their program, as well as an upcoming fuel surcharge starting in the fall semester, according to the Ohio University's *The Post*.

The surcharge was spurred by the increase from March 2008's price, \$4.24 a gallon, to around \$5.25, as of early July.

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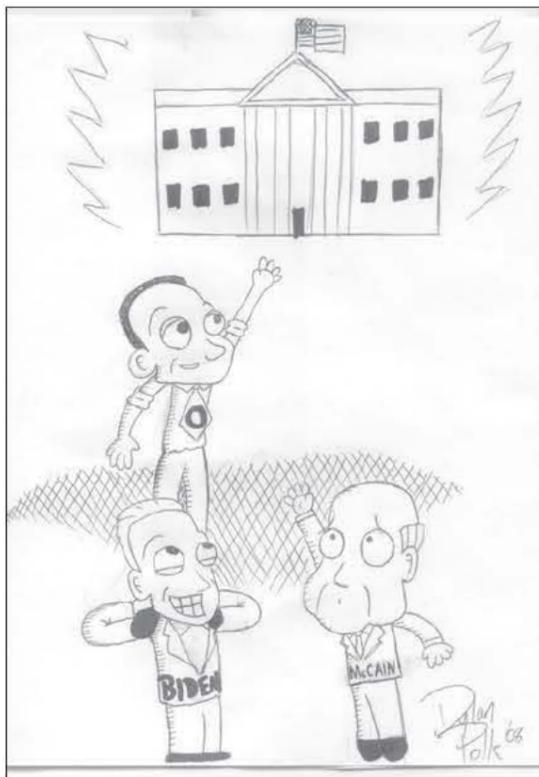
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Letters to the editor can be brought in with identification to *The DEN* at 1811 Buzzard Hall. Letters may also be submitted electronically from the author's EIU e-mail address to DENopinions@gmail.com.

Drawn from the News | Dylan Polk



STAFF EDITORIAL

Move beyond general
safety upgrades

Campus safety is a topic that constantly changes with public opinion. Creating an entirely safe environment is not possible, unless dozens of armed guards walk the premises and do random searches of individuals and their possessions.

Fortunately, we live in a country with personal freedoms. Eastern has taken steps toward making campus a little safer, but the effectiveness of these new measures are in question.

The Alert EIU program that sends text messages to prescribed cell phones is an interesting informational tool, but Eastern is simply following the example of dozens of other universities who have implemented the program including Northern Illinois University.

Two white sirens were installed in late July, located on Ninth Street just south of Roosevelt Avenue and by Williams Field on Fourth Street. Another siren was already located on Booth Library.

The locations of the new sirens and public address speakers had to be spread out to reach the entire campus. However, what good are sirens if students do not know what they mean?

The Eastern Illinois University Emergency Handbook is another newly added procedure

that is being placed in public places throughout campus including classrooms, according to President Bill Perry.

An abbreviated version will also be available in the residence halls. The flipbook will contain information pertaining to a wide variety of situations involving campus shootings, bomb threats, building evacuations, earthquakes and fires.

The handbook and the new sirens appear to be merely acts of self-satisfaction on behalf of the university so that the campus can appear to be safer.

Making some kind of improvement is always better than no improvement, and with publicized actions, students and families may feel a sense of security without having to voice their concerns to the university.

The content of the handbook is fairly informative, but students aren't going to grab it and read while in the midst of danger. The university should get back to the basics and constantly practice the safety procedures.

The handbook could be read at orientation, as well as during the first day of classes and at Res-

OUR VIEW

• **Situation:** Eastern has provided emergency handbooks at public locations and installed new sirens for increased campus safety.

• **Stance:** The new components don't improve crisis response situations, and actual interaction best prepares students.

idence Hall Association meetings. The residence halls contain mass amounts of students and frequently conducting evacuation and lockdown drills would test the students' knowledge and abilities.

Most students won't take advantage of the handbook unless the university implements it into student-oriented functions.

Simply providing text to be read at any time is an easy way of claiming to have informed students. Making students routinely practice the processes would be more effective.

And while procedures such as requiring a room key to operate the elevator are indeed modern, those security updates and upgrades come from successful implementation at other universities.

There's nothing wrong with adapting other institutions successes, but if Eastern is serious about campus safe-

ty, it should have plans unique to our campus's geography and practice those plans often enough to develop improvements.

Besides, all the technology in the world can't help direct a scared student better than a well-trained University Police officer or staff member. The human factor is what's important in dangerous situations.

Danger cannot be simulated easily, but reinforcing the processes might provide options for a scared student or staff member.

Monday was the first day of classes and faculty seemed unaware of the handbooks and didn't discuss them in classes.

Without a dialogue between faculty and students about the messages being conveyed in the handbook, it's useless.

And if students are uninformed as to what the university deems safe, then the newly built sirens would simply instill panic in the students.

The administration merely is going through the motions of liability, but could do so much more to prepare for an unforeseeable disaster that hopefully never happens.



RICK KAMBIC

So, you think
The DEN is
biased?

As a reporter and an editor for *The Daily Eastern News*, I've dealt with countless complaints about the publication. An exuberant student even went so far as to call me a "liberal piece of crap."

Even though I may not be the person responsible for the mistake or the author of the article in question, I'm still an ambassador for the publication and have to handle any situation in a responsible way.

I assure everyone who reads *The DEN* that the student journalists who work night and day to produce the newspaper are not biased. Spawned ideas grow with unforeseen opportunity or blind ambition, not planned favoritism.

However, a better way to handle disagreement is to speak out. Yelling at an individual isn't normally appropriate. A newspaper is supposedly a mechanism and protectorate of democracy, so students should use it to their advantage.

In the year that I've been at Eastern, I can only remember three instances in which more than two letters to the editor were published at one time. In fact, maybe 10 instances come to mind of any letters to the editor being published.

As opinions editor, I want to change that. While the mainstream student body has only been on campus for a few days, I've already told several ranting or inspired students to write their feelings down and submit it to *The DEN*.

Posting anonymous comments on dennews.com has become a popular trend, but I think there's a stronger emphasis when a name is present. The anonymity discussion is not a lengthy debate, but I'm more concerned with those who do not speak out at all.

I wish to initiate dialogue between organizations or communities on campus, as well as between our staff and our readers.

However, I've also encountered many opinionated students who don't want their names to be associated with their comments.

If a point is valid, why not take credit for it and help initiate change? I'm open to allotting space for guest columnists to express opinions about any variety of topics, including campus issues.

This is not a long-winded, would-be advertisement. I'm calling my fellow classmates out and urging expression of any kind. I get irritated when I listen to people gripe, but don't take action to make the change they want.

If an American citizen doesn't like what the president is doing, but that person didn't cast a ballot in the election, then be quiet. Likewise, people will always disagree with *The DEN's* coverage choices if our readership doesn't put pressure on us for what they feel is important information.

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» Paige

FROM PAGE 1

"Our chapters serve as places where students can develop their leadership abilities through serving as officers and chairs and learn how to plan and implement events of all types as well as many other skills," Paige said. "Many students have found that Eastern's fraternities and sororities have met those desires for what they look for when seeking to become part of an organization."

Eastern's Greek Court and the Housing and Dining Department attracted Paige to chose Eastern over other universities as well as its master's program.

"I decided I wanted to find a master's program where I could combine my love for living on campus and working with fraternities and sororities," Paige said.

"I didn't originally plan to stay on at Eastern, but each year as I have interviewed for positions at other campuses and at Eastern, the opportunities here have been the best fit for me."

The position became open last spring when Bob Dudolski, the former director, was removed on March 20.

"The vacancy occurred late spring and it was too late to conduct an external search," said Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs.

"Because it was incredibly

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"Robyn is doing an excellent job, and we are very appreciative of her hard work and efforts."

- Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs

important to have a plan of action for covering responsibilities as soon as possible, I decided to conduct a search within the Division of Student Affairs."

Paige was serving as special assistant to the vice president for student affairs when she applied for the interim director position and has assisted Nadler in advising fraternities and sororities since April.

"She has an excellent background in advising fraternity and sorority organizations and is very familiar with the EIU campus and

culture," Nadler said. "There was no doubt in my mind that Robyn was the perfect person to serve as interim director."

Paige will serve as interim director until June 30, 2009 and Nadler said another search will be conducted during the Spring 2009 semester.

"Robyn is doing an excellent job, and we are very appreciative of her hard work and efforts," he said.

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» Steam plant

FROM PAGE 1

In September 2007, the Illinois Senate passed a version of a capital bill for the state that included \$25 million for a new power plant for Eastern.

A capital bill has never been put into place, mainly because the General Assembly and Gov. Rod Blagojevich cannot agree on how to fund the bill, Perry said.

To fund the entire \$60 million project, Cooley said Eastern would sell certificates of participation, which are like a bond.

"We would borrow the money on that," Cooley said.

He added the university has sold certificates of participation before with two other energy conservation projects, but neither projects were as expensive as the new plant.

Cooley said Honeywell has already identified certain conservation measures such as upgrading Eastern's switchyard to allow the university to take on power at a higher level.

The measure would lower the rate on Eastern's electric costs, he added.

The audit should be completed in mid-October, Cooley said.

As far as the need for a new power plant, Cooley said he is very nervous about this year because the steam plant is a year older.

The current steam plant is operating on 1928 technology, he said. Last winter, heating costs increased because one of the coal boilers broke.

"We'll do everything we can to keep it going...but I don't want to say that no questions, no problems that it is going to last because we had two catastrophic failures last year," Cooley said.

Gary Reed, director of facilities, planning and management, said he could not predict with any certainty how long the steam plant will be able to produce steam.

He is also nervous about this year when it comes to heating and cooling the campus, he added.

Reed said Eastern would continue to support the passing of a capital bill so that a new plant will be constructed as soon as possible because designing of the new plant is ongoing.

Perry said if a capital bill is passed, the combination of energy savings and state money will help fund the new steam plant. The bill's total has been cut down since the senate passed its version in September.

He is not as nervous about the current steam plant this coming year, he added.

"I think we'll do okay this winter."

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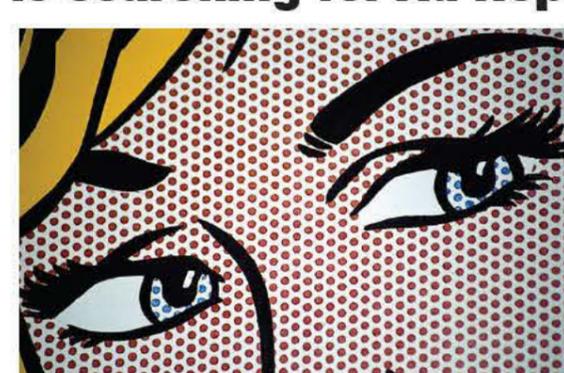
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Faculty Senate to fill vice chair, other positions

By EMILY ZULZ

Administration Editor

The Faculty Senate will fill its vice chair position and welcome seven new members to the senate at its regular meeting today.

The senate had someone set to be elected to the vice chair position, but first needed to get it approved.

Faculty Senate recorder John Stimac said they hoped to reach a quorum this summer but had not yet. The senate cannot appoint a member until they reach quorum, which is the minimum number of people who must be present for a decision to be binding.

One-third of the senate has also been replaced which is like every year because senate members have a three-year term. This year, however, two additional members were replaced which translates to a total of seven

new members.

Robert "Bud" Fischer, former associate chair of the biological sciences department, accepted a position at University of Alabama at Birmingham as the chair of the biology department. Jeanne Snyder was promoted to associate dean of Lumpkin College.

Their replacements will fulfill the rest of their terms, which ends at the end of this year. Several other changes have been made as well.

John Pommier is the new chair for the year. John Stimac is the recorder for the year.

Chair, vice chair and recorder are one-year positions and were previously held by Lynne Curry, Ann Brownson and Jeanne Snyder, respectively.

Pommier, professor in recreation administration, has been on the senate since about 1999. This is his first time as chair. Stimac, chair and associate professor of the geology/

geography department, has been on the senate since 2000. He has held the recorder position in previous years and was re-elected for this year.

As Pommier's first year as chair, he wants to establish an environment where faculty's voices are being heard, he said.

"I don't have any set agendas," he said. "My idea is that it's the faculty issues that are supposed to lead discussion."

He said the senate has topics outlined, but nothing finalized until today. The fall agenda should be complete by today.

"There's nothing out there that I think we want to say, 'This is our agenda. This is what the senate is going to be about this year,'" Pommier said. "Because I think we need to be more fluid. We need to see what are the issues that our faculty – the faculty at Eastern – they want to address."

There is one thing Pommier and Stimac would like to try differently.

The senate generally has a faculty forum in the spring, where faculty can address an issue that the senate deems important to faculty, staff and students. In the past, forums have discussed student involvement or study abroad.

"It always happens usually in February or March, which doesn't give us much time to make any changes or come out with concrete suggestions," Stimac said. "This year we're going to try to have the faculty forum in November so that it does give us time in the spring to address some of the issues that come up."

If need be, Stimac said the forum can always continue to be in the spring.

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CAMPUS | SUMMER READING

Some students find Eastern Reads helpful; others a 'waste of time'

By BRITNI GARCIA

Campus Editor

Cyprian Amede, freshman pre-med major, believes the Eastern Reads program is successful and worth participating in.

"The program is great," Amede said. "It gave me a better understanding of what I read and see people's point of view in the book."

Eastern Reads is a program aimed specifically toward freshmen. During the program, students read a book with a wide variety of real life topics and answer several questions upon their arrival to Eastern's campus.

Freshmen participated in those discussions of this year's book "Mountains Beyond Mountains" by Tracy Kidder on Friday.

"The program was started a few years ago to give freshmen a communal experience that would bring together a variety of topics to help set an academic tone," said Karla Sanders, one of the founders of the Eastern Reads program.

During this year's discussions, students were asked a series of questions about what they liked about the book and how it could relate to their life.

Some students, however, could not relate to the book.

Liz Pizzolato, freshman accounting major, admits she wasn't interested in the story.

"I honestly think it's a waste of time because in my group nobody read the book," Pizzolato said.

The program began in January 2007 – making this the second year EIU Reads has been utilized.

Faculty members including Sanders and Bonnie Irwin, director of the Honors College, were on several committees together and decided to come up with the program that would give freshmen something in common once arriving to Eastern.

Eastern is one of 100 institutions

using this program recently. Other institutions using this kind of program include Ball State University, Buffalo State College and Duke University.

Ideally, by reading the book, students can relate together and discuss the topics in the book during the sessions.

"We wanted something for students to do during the summer and come back to be involved with," Sanders said.

This year's novel discusses topics such as social justice, health care and world health.

Sanders said research was done on books other schools were using and a

list of books was compiled for possible choices for this fall.

The program is successful when she sees the professors from different departments discuss the book and their prospective, Sanders added.

Eastern Reads also has set a scheduled curriculum for the fall to continue the learning experience with events relating to the book.

Although Pizzolato could not relate to the book, she thinks it will be exciting to learn more about the main character at the upcoming events.

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Rantoul plastic plant operates at full capacity

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Rantoul Fire Chief Ken Waters said the Sunday night fire at Engineered Plastic Components started with an electrical short in one of the plant's machines. No one was at the plant at the time and no one was injured.

Plant manager Randy Nelsen says Grinnell, Iowa-based Engineered Plastic Components has about 90 employees at the plant with plans to add about 30 more.

The company bought the plant last year.

Engineered Plastic makes molded-plastic products such as auto parts at the plant.

Illinois-Chicago ready to release records

CHICAGO — The University of Illinois at Chicago prepared for Tuesday's release of 140 boxes of documents from a nonprofit organization Barack Obama served on that is linked to former 1960s radical William Ayers.

The university on Monday posted a detailed index of the records from the school reform group, the Chicago Annenberg Challenge, that Ayers was instrumental in starting and Obama chaired in the 1990s.

NATION | WEATHER

Fay's remnants soak South

The Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — The remnants of Tropical Storm Fay spread over a wide swath of the South on Monday, bringing heavy rain and wind from Georgia to Louisiana that many hoped would help land parched for months by drought conditions.

Floridians, meanwhile, continued to mop up floodwaters created by the storm that stuck around for a week and made a historic four land-falls, dumping more than 30 inches of rain along the central Atlantic coast.

Republican Gov. Charlie Crist, dressed in blue jeans and a golf shirt, helped an elderly woman out of a boat that had taken her from her inundated home.

"It just started raining and it didn't want to stop," said the woman, Hazel Hayes.

The National Weather Service said the vestiges of Fay would deluge northern Georgia on Monday and Tuesday with three to five inches of rain expected in the Atlanta area and up to eight inches in northeast Georgia. In Alabama, flash flood and tornado warnings were posted.

In Georgia, farmers began assessing damage to crops. The storm's high wind and torrential rain seemed to take the heaviest toll on Georgia's \$128 million pecan crop, especially in southern counties along the Florida line, according to preliminary assessments. Pecan grower Tom Stone's well-tended orchards were in



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Residents Jeff Moser, left, and Roxanne Frasco move their belongings in a canoe on Lower Lake Court after their home was flooded, near Debarry Plantation Country Club, in Debarry, Fla., on Monday. Floodwaters related to Tropical Storm Fay have caused entire neighborhoods to be underwater.

shambles.

"I was devastated," he said after surveying the damage. "We've lost 50 percent of the crop. We knew we were going to get a little rain, but we didn't know we were going to get all this wind and rain together."

The tropical blast also toppled corn stalks throughout southern Georgia and blew some tobacco leaves off their stalks.

The moist conditions also make cotton plants vulnerable to a disease known as boll rot.

"If we don't dry out ... the cotton is going to be impacted a lot more than it is right now," said Deron Rehberg, extension coordinator in Grady County.

Georgia climatologist David

Stooksbury said the rain will improve stream flows, pastures and slightly raise the levels of major reservoirs, including Lake Lanier, which is the main source of drinking water for metro Atlanta.

"It will not end the drought. It will make a dent," he said.

The rain was good news in some areas of North Carolina's drought-stricken mountains, where up to an inch of rain fell Monday.

Lack of rain there has caused stream flows to suffer.

The French Broad River near in western North Carolina has had the lowest levels since records were started in 1895.

Fay was blamed for 23 deaths in the Caribbean and 13 in the U.S.

WORLD BRIEFS

The Associated Press

Iraq's al-Maliki demands 'deadline' for withdrawal

BAGHDAD — Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki said Monday no security agreement with the United States could be reached unless it included a "specific deadline" for the withdrawal of all American troops from Iraq.

al-Maliki's suggested the Iraqi government is still not satisfied with that arrangement. An aide to the prime minister said Monday Iraq remained adamant the last American soldier must leave Iraq by the end of 2011 — regardless of conditions at the time.

Fragile ruling coalition in Pakistan collapses

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — The ruling coalition that just a week ago drove U.S. ally Pervez Musharraf from the presidency broke apart Monday, throwing Pakistan into political turmoil just as it faces an increasingly difficult fight against Islamic militants.

The collapse of the fragile alliance threw more power to Asif Ali Zardari, the widower of assassinated ex-leader Benazir Bhutto and a corruption-tainted former polo player who now becomes the front-runner to replace Musharraf.

Sharif's withdrawal will cost Zardari and the PPP their majority in parliament. But Zardari is expected to rally support from allies and form a new government with the help of small parties.

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Booth Library is conducting Library Orientation tours August 25-September 30 on Mondays at 6:00 p.m, Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m., and Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. Groups will meet in the North Foyer of Booth Library. Tours will last approx. 45 minutes. All are welcome to attend.

» **Cusack**

FROM PAGE 12

Maybe Eastern's defense is thin. Well maybe not when you take into account All-MVC senior defender Adam Gartner.

Then it must be leadership, right? Well, the Panthers do boast a roster with seven seniors and six juniors who played significant minutes last season.

I know what it must be then. The Panthers are not good enough

to compete with conference favorite Creighton.

Well, they did stay with the Blue Jays to the final tenth of a second last season in a tough, hard fought match on the road in double overtime.

The coaches of the MVC must know what they're talking about. They are the supposed experts. But I would never want to play an "underdog" that has that kind of resume.

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» **Soccer**

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She was also responsible for a Purdue season record of 14 shutouts and six complete game shutouts. The Boilermakers also return the reigning Big Ten Freshman of the Year in defender Jessica Stellhorn. The Panthers struggled offensively in their last game only attempting five shots on goal against a shorthanded Sycamores squad. The

Panthers played nearly 66 minutes against Indiana State with a one-player advantage but did not score.

Eastern junior midfielder Alexis Miller said she knows it will be not be an easy task to score against Purdue's vaunted defense.

"We just need to defend as a team and it will create opportunities," Miller said. "A good defense creates a good offense, and we just need to do that and stick together as a team."

Miller led the Panthers with two

shots on goal in the Panthers' loss to the Sycamores. Junior forward Loredana Rivero was the Boilermakers leading scorer last season with 34 total points (13 goals and eight assists), and it will be up to Panthers' junior goalkeeper Jenny Williams to keep Rivero and the rest of Purdue's offense off the scoreboard.

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NATIONAL SPORTS I ROUNDUP

Demotion deters Bears' Grossman

The Associated Press

LAKE FOREST — Rex Grossman vowed to be ready and expressed no regrets about re-signing with the Chicago Bears, but he also made one thing clear about his demotion:

"I'll never fully get over it," he said. "And I don't think anyone would expect me to."

Although he didn't lash out at coach Lovie Smith for naming Kyle Orton the starting quarterback last week, Grossman acknowledged he's having trouble accepting his new role. He was "a little surprised" by the announcement and still sees himself as a starter.

"But I had some time to digest it and I'll be ready to go," Grossman said Monday in his first public comments since Smith announced his decision last week.

The Bears made it clear there were no guarantees when they re-signed Grossman for just one season while giving Orton a one-year extension through 2009.

They announced the starting spot was up for grabs, and the two began competing for the job during minicamp in May and workouts in June.

Nearly four months later, Orioles beat White Sox

BALTIMORE — A game that began in Chicago nearly four months earlier ended at Camden Yards with the Baltimore Orioles breaking a tie in the 14th inning — as the visiting team. Lou Montanez singled in the go-ahead run, and the Orioles beat the White Sox 4-3 Monday night in the conclusion of a game suspended after 11 innings by rain on April 28.

With the score 3-all in the finale of a four-game series in Chicago, play was stopped with the infield unplayable.

It was the Orioles' final scheduled visit, so baseball officials ruled that the game would be completed in Baltimore.

When play resumed Monday, the White Sox took the field as the home team to a smattering of cheers from Chicago fans in the small crowd.

Lance Cormier, who started the 12th for the Orioles, was playing for Triple-A Norfolk in April. The White Sox went with Ramirez, who was in Kansas City's minor league system when the game began.

Back in April, Ramon Hernandez gave Baltimore the lead in the top of the 11th with a homer off Scott Linebrink, but Juan Uribe countered in the bottom half with a drive off George Sherrill.

Coach Fitzgerald likes Northwestern's depth

EVANSTON — The Northwestern football team entered the 2008 season with a lot of questions.

After a physical training camp, head coach Pat Fitzgerald thinks he found some answers.

"I thought we had some great competition across the board," Fitzgerald said Monday. "We had some jobs that needed to be solidified. We feel like we've had some guys step up and we feel like through that competition, we probably have the best depth that we've had in a number of years."

The Wildcats have three new starters on the offensive line. Red-shirt freshmen Ben Burkett and Al Netter will start at center and left tackle.

Senior Keegan Kennedy, who was a defensive lineman at the start of the 2007 season, will start at left guard.

Judge won't delay O.J. Simpson trial in Nevada

LAS VEGAS — A judge on Monday rejected a request by a co-defendant of O.J. Simpson to delay their upcoming trial on charges of armed robbery and kidnapping.

A lawyer for Clarence "C.J." Stewart had asked Clark County District Judge Jackie Glass to put off the Sept. 8 trial until the Nevada Supreme Court considers Stewart's request for a separate trial.

Stewart's lawyers argue that it will be impossible for him to get a fair trial because most of the focus will be on Simpson, an NFL Hall of Fame player, actor and advertising pitchman who was acquitted in 1995 of charges that he murdered his ex-wife and her friend.

A hearing date on the fair trial issue has not been set. Stewart lawyer Robert Lucherini said he also would appeal the decision to not delay the trial.

The trial is expected to last at least five weeks.

Blackhawks sign third-round draft choice

CHICAGO — The Chicago Blackhawks say they've signed right wing Akim Aliu to a three-year contract.

Financial terms of Monday's deal were not disclosed.

The 19-year-old native of Okene, Nigeria, was the Blackhawks' third choice, 56th overall, in the 2007 NHL Entry Draft.

Last season, Aliu ranked third on the Ontario Hockey League's London Knights with a career-high 61 points.

He had 28 goals, 33 assists and 133 penalty minutes in 60 games. After being signed to an amateur tryout contract on April 4th, he made his professional debut with the AHL's Rockford IceHogs.

Aliu posted two penalty minutes in two contests.

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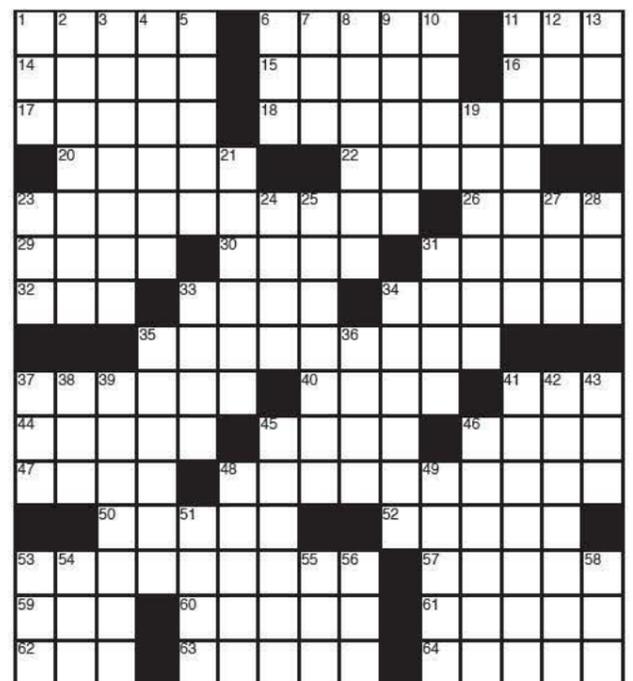
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FOOTBALL | OFFSEASON WORKOUTS

Summer turnout pushes Panthers forward

Every out-of-state freshman on campus for voluntary practices

By **SCOTT RICHEY**
Sports Editor

Eastern head coach Bob Spoo didn't spend the summer with his team. NCAA rules forbid it.

But that doesn't mean he missed the 60 to 70 percent of his players that stayed in Charleston during the summer to work out. Nor did he not get the feedback about the strides his team made during their voluntary practices and conditioning sessions.

Spoo said the Eastern coaching staff has tried to increase the number of players remaining in town during the summer for several years but it is often difficult financially.

"Those guys make sacrifices, and at best we can maybe provide them with tuition if they're going to school, but otherwise those guys have to come in and spend their own money for room and board," Spoo said.

This year that wasn't an issue.

"A lot of that credit goes to Barbara Burke, Ken Baker and the administration from last year committing all the dollars they did to summer school," Eastern defensive coordinator Roc Bellantoni said. "It was unprecedented. Anybody who wanted to take summer school basically got aid to go to summer school. That helped keep most all of them around."

And the result of having approximately 65 of the more than 90



ROBBIE WROBLEWSKI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Eastern freshman quarterback Doug Reynolds drops back to throw a pass at practice Monday afternoon at O'Brien Stadium. Reynolds was one of several Eastern players that stayed in Charleston during the summer for voluntary practices.

team members on campus is a much stronger team. Camaraderie was built through shared experience, and Spoo said that would be a distinct benefit heading into the season.

"What you're always trying to achieve is a team cohesion if you will," Spoo said. "I think the best way to do that is to be around your teammates and go through the same struggles they're going through on a daily basis."

Returning players were not the only ones to go through those struggles. Spoo said the majority of the incoming freshman class — including every out-of-state freshman — was on campus during the summer.

"The freshmen that were here in the summer are light-years ahead of the freshmen that weren't here in the summer," Bellantoni said. "I think we can expect some of them to contribute because they were

here. From a physical standpoint it's obvious the guys that were here this summer have made tremendous improvements. In the first two (fall) practices you could see they're better football players, better athletes."

The veterans on the team were equally impressed with the turnout from the younger players during the summer. Red-shirt junior quarterback Bodie Reeder said the turnout during the summer meant a lot to

the team because it meant guys were committing themselves to something bigger than their own personal performance. But he also knows what having nearly the entire freshman class on hand for the additional workouts.

"It means you better be working hard because there are guys behind you that really want to play," Reeder said. "The freshman class right now is as talented as any freshman class that I've been here for."

One of those freshmen on campus during the summer and pushing Reeder for playing time at quarterback is Doug Reynolds. Reynolds said he enjoyed his time in Charleston during the summer because it allowed him to not only get to know his teammates but also get a head start in learning Eastern's offense.

"Team building and team bonding is definitely going to be there because we all know each other and we're all comfortable with each other," Reynolds said.

Red-shirt senior fullback Chip Keys said freshmen attending summer practices was a serious commitment because they came to campus three months ahead of time not knowing anyone on the team.

"A lot of those guys know they're going to red-shirt anyway and they were still here, still busting their ass, and it really shows what kind of people we're recruiting," he said. "We're recruiting good kids out of high school that want to work and want to win, and I think the future of our program is looking bright."

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» OVC

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That opportunity to prepare for conference games also provides teams with a chance to see how they compare against top-level competition. Eastern Kentucky linebackers coach Donn Landholm said playing in more of a hyped atmosphere is just as important as playing against top teams.

"I think there's not only a physical but a mental aspect that helps you out," Landholm said.

Walters said playing in a hostile environment and against the reputation of better competition would benefit the Panthers for league play.

"For us starting at that level of competition and easing our way down is going to be very beneficial,

and it's going to prepare us for a lot of adversity that may come along during the season and a lot of talented players we have in the OVC," Walters said.

UTM junior quarterback Cade Thompson agreed. He said playing in front of a bigger crowd in non-conference play would lessen the pressure of tough OVC play.

TTU junior quarterback Lee Sweeney said the Golden Eagles are looking forward to their non-conference games but also realize the importance of OVC games.

"We're just looking to compete," Sweeney said. "We know we've got to take one game at a time and we know the conference games are the most important to get that OVC Championship."

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OVC NON-CONFERENCE SCHEDULE (FBS & FCS OPPONENTS)

Team	Conference	OVC Schools Playing (Date)
North Dakota State	Missouri Valley Football	Austin Peay (Aug. 28)
Georgia Southern	Southern	Austin Peay (Sept. 6)
Gardner-Webb	Big South	Austin Peay (Sept. 13), Tennessee Tech (Aug. 28)
Central Michigan	Mid-American West	E. Illinois (Aug. 28)
Illinois	Big Ten	E. Illinois (Sept. 6)
Indiana State	Missouri Valley Football	E. Illinois (Sept. 13), Southeast Missouri (Sept. 27)
Illinois State	Missouri Valley Football	E. Illinois (Sept. 20), Murray State (Sept. 13)
Cincinnati	Conference-USA	E. Kentucky (Aug. 28)
Western Kentucky	FBS Independent	E. Kentucky (Sept. 6), Murray State (Sept. 20)
Morehead State	Pioneer League	E. Kentucky (Sept. 13)
Georgia Tech	Atlantic Coast	Jacksonville State (Aug. 28)
Alabama A&M	Southwestern Athletic	Jacksonville State (Sept. 6), Tennessee State (Aug. 30)
Chattanooga	Southern	Jacksonville State (Sept. 20)
Indiana	Big Ten	Murray State (Sept. 6)
Missouri	Big 12	Southeast Missouri (Sept. 6)
Missouri State	Missouri Valley Football	Southeast Missouri (Sept. 20)
Southern	Southwestern Athletic	Tennessee State (Sept. 6)
Jackson State	Southwestern Athletic	Tennessee State (Sept. 13)
Florida A&M	Mid-Eastern Athletic	Tennessee State (Sept. 27)
Louisville	Big East	Tennessee Tech (Sept. 6)
Western Michigan	Mid-America West	Tennessee Tech (Sept. 20)
South Florida	Conference-USA	UT Martin (Aug. 30)
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ALL ACCESS WITH BARBARA BURKE

New athletic director to provide leadership for department

A lifetime of sports and a career goal to become an athletic director led Barbara Burke to that position at Eastern. Now she gets the chance to lead a new staff and experience collegiate sporting events like women's rugby and men's soccer – sports her previous school, Wyoming, didn't offer. She recently sat down with Sports Editor Scott Richey to discuss her transition from Wyoming to Charleston and what made her decide to pursue athletic administration.



ERIC HILTNER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Barbara Burke, the ninth full-time athletic director in 108 years of Eastern athletics and Eastern's first female athletic director, assumed her duties at Eastern on June 1. Burke, who replaced interim athletic director Ken Baker, was previously the deputy director of athletics and senior women's administrator at Wyoming.

How did you first get interested in sports?

Well, as a youngster I played sports a lot. At my age when you were young you just played games, played outside. Just played a lot, enjoyed it. I just became involved at a young age and then played in college and really enjoyed it. Pretty much in college I decided I wanted to coach and possibly go into administration, so I coached for several years and then just felt like I was better suited for the administrative side of the house. It's just been a goal of mine to be an athletic director and whether that's an associate AD or whatever the title is just to have the opportunity to lead an athletic department. In particular my goal was always Division I, and that's what I've worked toward.

What did you enjoy the most about coaching?

The interaction with the student-athletes. There's no question about that. For the most part your student-athletes are highly motivated. Most of the time they're very organized, and they're really driven, quality young people. I enjoy being around people that are driven and high-energy. I just think that excitement of seeing them succeed and feeling like you played a role in that success – however small that might be. I didn't like the highs and lows of winning and losing, and I still don't like that either.

What made you decide to pursue administration?

I feel like I have some pretty good organizational skills and then also

the stability. Coaching, I wouldn't call it a stable profession by any stretch of the imagination and athletic administration isn't either, but a little bit you control your own destiny as an administrator you're not depending on 18- and 19-year-olds for your career. You are to some extent, but as an administrator your interaction with the coaches really determines what you do with your career. The stability of moving into administration was a draw.

What was your first administration job like?

It was great. I started in administration at Marshall University in Huntington, W. Va., and I worked for an athletic director who we have become now lifelong friends. He was not easy on me by any stretch of the imagination, but that probably helped me more than anything. The learning curve was huge because when you come out of coaching you have blinders on and it's all about your one program and it's all about your student-athletes and you really don't care what the other programs are doing, unfortunately, but that's kind of the mindset.

Then you go into administration and – oh my gosh – you're dealing with everything from compliance to budgets to strength training and sports medicine and 10 coaches instead of only one coach. It's very time consuming. As a coach you kind of shut down a little bit after practice. As an administrator, there is no shutting down. You really don't shut down as an administrator which as a coach you can do that on occasion.

What did you have to adapt to as an administrator?

This was many, many years ago, but when I first did it, the comprehensive nature of the business. If you're doing your jobs – and I do mean jobs plural – it looks really easy, but it's a very complex business. I think that was probably my biggest learning curve. How complex (the business) is from the NCAA rules to compliance to the legal issues that you deal with to dealing with the media, dealing with your constituents. Unfortunately all of those various groups only have a small piece of the puzzle and a lot of times they don't put the puzzle together correctly. The other thing that has amazed me is some of the criticisms that we take and that people would actually believe we would make bad decisions on purpose. As long as we make our decisions on the best interest of the student-athletes I'm OK with that.

What are your goals for your first year?

Survive. I'm kidding, but a little bit of that. I want to learn about Eastern as a whole and the institution as a whole. That's really important. I want to learn what does Eastern want their athletic program to look like? I want to provide leadership to the staff and have an opportunity to mentor them and have them feel good about their profession and what they do and that there's value in what they do and they bring value to the office every day. It's a tough enough business with the outside criticizing the inside. We on the inside need to support each other. I think it's really important we devel-

op that, and we're beginning to do that. Then providing that leadership and support to the coaches and letting them know that our goal is to help them be successful. Most importantly, the student-athletes. Making sure that we're guiding and directing and being good role models for the student-athletes. If we're doing those things, the outcomes should be positive. We won't necessarily win all the time, but are we moving in that direction and are we making progress?

What sports are you looking forward to this year?

Part of my enjoyment of being an athletic director is getting to see the young people compete. I've not seen a collegiate rugby match, so I'm excited to see that. We did not have men's soccer at Wyoming, I stepped out to see their exhibition game the other night, so that was kind of fun to see a men's collegiate soccer game. I enjoyed that.

Where do you like to eat in Charleston?

I don't know if I have a favorite place yet honestly. I've been to AJ's a lot. We've taken a lot of guests and people there. I do like a variety of options. I've checked out the Thai restaurant in town. That was good. I do enjoy cooking out in the summer. I've been taking that opportunity.

Just grill food. I love pork chops on the grill. Summer salads are fun. We have a longer summer here than I had in Wyoming, so I've experienced more in probably June and July than I did there. I'm not sure about the humidity yet.

How's the transition been from Wyoming?

It's been relatively easy as far as transitions go. Everyone's been wonderful here, very accepting. I was so fortunate to be able to sell a home and buy a home in this economy. It has been really a blessing for me because that was one thing I didn't have to worry about.

I had no misadventures on the move. No issues with the moving company. I was fortunate. I was able to plan it where I actually moved to Charleston in May and didn't start work until June, so that first month I focused on personal issues of getting settled.

Where's your golf game at right now?

I'm out at the Charleston Country Club. I've only played two or three times out there. I've been to every golf outing, and so that's been good for me to get out and meet some people and participate in the golf outings. Now I probably won't play golf.

Do you have a favorite author or book?

I'm a big reader, and almost every night I read and a variety of authors. From if you want to say an educational standpoint John Maxwell is one of my favorite authors as far as leadership and those types of things. For pleasure, John Grisham and Robin Cooke and Dick Francis. I think I've read every one of theirs that they have out there.

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6 tonight on FSN Midwest

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Boston at New York Yankees |
6 Wednesday on ESPN



DAN CUSACK

Men's soccer unlikely underdogs

Eastern men's soccer will find themselves in the underdog role again this season in the Missouri Valley Conference.

But that's only if you buy into the MVC preseason coaches poll.

Creighton was named the preseason favorite to win the conference after tying for first last season with Bradley with a 4-0-2 record.

Creighton at the top makes sense. The Blue Jays return seven starters including forwards Byron Dacy and Andrei Gostmanov, who both were selected to the preseason All-MVC First Team and were selected for the Hermann Trophy watch list.

Evansville came out of nowhere last season and had an impressive 3-3-0 record in conference play.

This year they were picked to finish second with eight returning starters including 2007 MVC Freshman of the Year midfielder Robby Lynch.

Bradley was picked to finish third and Drake was picked to finish fourth.

The Panthers, a team that went 2-3-1 in conference play last season, were picked to finish fifth.

Missouri State, a team that went 1-3-2 last season, finished only three points behind the Panthers in the preseason poll and were picked to finish sixth. The Bears also got one highly unlikely first-place vote. But if you think about it, the coaches must be right about the Panthers. They only return eight starters from last season's squad, which is tied for first in the MVC with Evansville. Plus how are the Panthers going to score any goals when they only return the leading goal scorer in the MVC the last two seasons, a Hermann Trophy watch list member and All-MVC player in senior forward Brad Peters?

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FOOTBALL | OPPONENTS

OVC plays tough non-conference schedule

Loss of Samford gives teams open slot for extra game

By SCOTT RICHEY
Sports Editor

Eastern replaced the opening in its 2008 schedule with another game against a Football Bowl Subdivision team.

The Panthers had that opportunity because Samford left the Ohio Valley Conference following the 2007 season to join the Southern Conference. Eastern also cut down on 115 miles of travel.

Eastern will travel to Mount Pleasant, Mich., to play Central Michigan in its first of four non-conference games before starting Ohio Valley Conference play.

Illinois, Indiana State and Illinois State round out the Panthers' non-conference schedule.

Eastern senior defensive end Pierre Walters said he couldn't wait to play Central Michigan and Illinois.

"Obviously playing two BCS bowl teams is a huge challenge," he said. "A possible upset is always in my mind. We're all up for the challenge."

Several OVC teams will face that same challenge as games against Football Bowl Subdivision teams highlight Southeast Missouri (Missouri), Tennessee Martin (Auburn) and Tennessee Tech's (Louisville) schedules.

"It's probably the toughest schedule in Tech history," TTU head coach Watson Brown said of his team's non-conference schedule that also features Mid-American Confer-

ence foe Western Michigan.

Brown said he has had discussions with TTU Athletics Director Mark Wilson and they decided to always play one strong team each year.

The money aspect of playing FBS teams plays a role in those discussions.

"Dollars are very important to us as we're trying to build this program back to what it was in the 60s and 70s," Brown said.

Murray State head coach Matt Griffin knows what it's like to play a tough non-conference schedule as the Racers will play Indiana, Western Kentucky, Illinois State and Lambuth this season.

"We might as well just play the Packers, the Packers and the Packers," Griffin joked. "All four are very good. It's good for us. I'd rather play a tough schedule early. It helps

toward the end of the year. That's been my experience throughout. I'm not going to ever change that theory or thought."

Murray State sophomore quarterback Jeff Ehrhardt has a different view of the Racers' non-conference schedule. He's excited. He said the non-conference games not only provide an opportunity to play in front of bigger crowds. But it will also give Murray State a chance to work out wrinkles in the Racers' new offense.

"It's a ton of fun to get to go do that and go compete with the best," Ehrhardt said. "At the same time it's going to prepare us. Once we see that speed then we come back to conference and it kind of slows down a little bit, so it's definitely going to help us prepare."

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WOMEN'S SOCCER | EASTERN AT PURDUE



AMIR PRELLBERG | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Junior goalkeeper Jenny Williams gets ready for a shot Monday afternoon at the practice soccer fields. The Panthers travel to West Lafayette, Ind., today to play the Purdue Boilermakers. The Boilermakers advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament last season.

Panthers to play Big Ten foe

Panthers look to rebound from first loss

By COLLIN WHITCHURCH
Sports Reporter

The Eastern women's soccer team looks to get back on track today after its season opening loss to Indiana State on Friday. The Panthers head back to Indiana but this time to face

Big Ten power and nationally ranked Purdue at 4:30 p.m. at the Varsity Soccer Complex in West Lafayette, Ind. The Boilermakers were ranked No. 24 in a preseason poll by the National Soccer Association of America but lost their season opener to Kansas 3-0. Eastern head coach Tim Nowak said he expects Purdue to be more focused on getting its first win of the season.

"It's their home opener so I know

they'll be focused," said Nowak, who's coaching the Panthers in their first ever trip to West Lafayette. "They're a Big Ten team, which means they're probably going to have a lot of strength and speed. They'll probably try to draw on the success they had last season."

Purdue finished last season with a 20-2-3 record. The Boilermakers won the Big Ten Championship and advanced to the second round of

the NCAA Tournament before losing to Indiana on penalty kicks. One of the obstacles Purdue presents that the Panthers will have to deal with is the play of Boilermakers' junior goalkeeper Jenny Bradfish. Bradfish was named to the Hermann Trophy Watch List last week after posting a 0.49 goals against average in 2007 which was sixth best in the nation.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER
Today at Purdue |
4:30 p.m. - West Lafayette, Ind.

FOOTBALL
Thursday at Central Michigan |
6 p.m. - Mount Pleasant, Mich.

MEN'S SOCCER
Friday at Valparaiso |
4 p.m. - Valparaiso, Ind.

VOLLEYBALL
Friday at N. Carolina Central |
Noon - Durham, N.C.

WOMEN'S SOCCER
Friday at Northern Illinois |
4 p.m. - DeKalb