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LOCAL

Local group hopes to curb underage drinking

Group hopes to involve Eastern, retailers

By Stephen Di Benedetto
City Editor

The Coles County Meth Awareness Coalition is in the process of taking on, arguably, a more difficult challenge than curbing methamphetamine use in the county.

Ke'an Armstrong, president of the coalition, said the group would begin a campaign in at least a month to decrease underage drinking.

The campaign would involve retailers placing stickers on their facilities that warn patrons of the legal implications of underage drinking.

Armstrong said the coalition would also work with the Charleston Police Department, I Sing the Body Electric, which conducts surveys of issues affecting youth in Coles and six other counties in east-central Illinois, and Eastern.

"We realized that with us living in a university town, that this is a problem," Armstrong said. "We've spoken to the police department about it, and they've notified that this is a problem. We decided to work hand-in-hand."

She said the coalition would also try to work with Eastern's Health Education Resource Center to start a joint campaign that would target college students.

Eric Davidson, associate director of health service, said HERC would meet with the coalition about working together after discussing how Eastern addresses the issue of underage drinking.

The other part of the campaign is to analyze statistics of underage drinking in the county, Armstrong said.

After the sticker campaign, the coalition will monitor the statistics provided by Body Electric to see if the warning labels deterred people from underage drinking and legal adults from buying alcohol for underage students and teens.

Armstrong said the coalition is trying to recruit more retailers to participate in the campaign, adding that Gateway Liquors has agreed to use the stickers in its store.

The group plans to hold a meeting with local retailers, educating them about the campaign. Armstrong did not specify what date the meeting would be held.

The Coalition Against Methamphetamine Abuse conducted a similar campaign in neighboring Edgar and Clark counties the last two years during April, which is Alcohol Awareness Month.

Kristen Chittick, president of CAMA, said the group did not believe the campaign would be a policy changer.

She said the campaign worked as a prominent advertisement, which can have greater influence on an individual the more times a person is exposed to it.

"We don't have any grandiose ideas of curing the issue, but we certainly know that people have been aware," Chittick said. "They've noticed."

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UNIVERSITY

Student Success Center completed



Student worker Michael Baird and graduate assistant Katona Johnson walk through an office in the Student Success Center Monday afternoon. ERIC HILTNER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Site new home for Student Success Center

By Bob Bajek
Associate News Editor

The Student Success Center is now operating at full force at its new home.

The center moved from its temporary location at 1125 McAfee Gymnasium into Ninth Street Hall June 15.

The new site has an open computer kiosk in the lobby. A video screen shows schedules for the Career Center and academic workshops. Three classrooms and a conference room are on the first floor.

Cindy Boyer, assistant director for the center, said the Ninth Street location allows for more

comfort for students.

"McAfee had limited space and little privacy and no classrooms," Boyer said. "It was harder for students to relate, and I don't like feeling I'm shutting the door on any student."

Purpose

The Student Success Center assists students in the BOOST and Gateway programs, reinstated students and referrals, and those on

academic warning. To be placed on academic warning, a cumulative GPA must be under 2.0.

Boyer said she will have about 144 students participating in the center who have been reinstated or are in the BOOST program.

About 700 to 750 students go on academic warning each year, said Jeff Cross, associate vice president for academic affairs.

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CAMPUS

New section added to AlcoholEdu

Sexual assault training module added this year

By Sarah Jean Bresnahan
Campus Editor

More than 95 percent of freshmen and 90 percent of transfer students completed the first stage of the AlcoholEdu program before the Monday deadline, said Eric Davidson, assistant director of Health Service.

Davidson said Eastern continues to use the program, now in its fourth year, because it exposes an entire population to the behaviors and consequences surrounding alcohol in a college environment.

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Davidson said opening weekends have seen fewer alcohol-related incidents since the program's implementation in the fall of 2006. He also said the number of alcohol violations in the residence halls has been cut in half.

The number of liquor law violations on campus decreased from five in 2006 to zero in 2007, according to the Annual Security Report released by the University Police Department in October 2008. The number of drug-related violations were also reduced from 14 in 2006 to six in 2007.

A new component to this year's AlcoholEdu program is a sexual assault education component.

Last summer, the state of Illinois passed a law requiring all universities and community colleges to provide sexual assault education to all new and incoming students. The university purchased the sexual assault module to fulfill this requirement.

Freshmen and transfer students needed to complete part one of the AlcoholEdu program before classes started Monday. If not completed, a hold is placed on students' records beginning Sept. 8. The deadline for part two of the program is Nov. 1, and an additional hold will be placed on accounts beginning Nov. 2.

The administrative hold bars students from adding classes to the spring 2010 schedule.

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WEATHER TODAY



Mostly Sunny

HIGH
84°
LOW
61°

High pressure continues to dominate the region providing mostly sunny skies. Southerly winds will begin to warm the region tomorrow. Increasing cloudiness is expected Thursday with a chance of thunderstorms on Friday. The weekend looks to be cool with highs in the mid to upper 70s.

WEATHER TOMORROW



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Thursday
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Low: 63°

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Booth conducting tours

Booth Library is offering library orientation tours from Monday through Sept. 30. Tours meet in the library's north foyer at 6 p.m. Mondays, 11 a.m. Tuesdays and 5 p.m. Wednesdays. Sessions last approximately 45 minutes.

Postcard collection exhibited in library

Booth Library will have a display of more than 1,000 digitized postcard images of Illinois libraries. The exhibit highlights some of the postcards that relate to libraries, cultural heritage and education within Illinois communities. The exhibit will be on display in the Marvin Foyer through Sept. 30.

Doudna meeting for theatre students

A meeting will be held Thursday for majors, minors and others interested in Eastern's theatre program. The reception will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Movement Studio, 1080 Doudna Fine Arts Center.

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YOUR WORLD

STATE

Opponents critical of Quinn over University of Illinois handling

CHICAGO (AP) — Opponents are criticizing Gov. Pat Quinn over his handling of an admissions scandal at the University of Illinois.

Quinn has yet to take action against the two school trustees who have refused his call to resign.

Quinn's chief Democratic primary opponent, Illinois Comptrol-

ler Dan Hynes, blasted the governor for inaction. Hynes said Quinn should have had the situation resolved before school started this week.

A state panel recommended weeks ago that all the trustees quit because an investigation showed clout had influenced admission decisions at the school.

NATION

Doctor attending Jackson likely to be charged of homicide

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Los Angeles County coroner has ruled Michael Jackson's death a homicide and a combination of drugs was the cause, a law enforcement official told The Associated Press, a finding that makes it more likely criminal charges will be filed against Dr. Conrad Murray who was with the pop star when he died.

Around 1:30 a.m. on June 25, starting with a 10-milligram tab of Valium, Murray said he tried a series of drugs instead of propofol to make Jackson sleep. The injections included two milligrams of lorazepam around 2 a.m., two milligrams of midazolam around 3 a.m., and repeats of each at 5 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. respectively.

TODAY ON DENNEWS.COM



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Doug T. Graham begins his adventure outside as he arrives at Heathrow Airport in London, England.

The 34-hour day, part 2



"I perked back up when we started talking about Cricket and Rugby and other British sports, I was fascinated with the rules and how they were slightly different from the American analogs Baseball and Football."

Follow Doug T. Graham in this blog highlighting his study abroad experiences in England.

BLOTTER

April Lebensorger, 20, of Charleston, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol after a 2:08 a.m. Saturday arrest at Roosevelt Avenue and Seventh Street, according to the University Police Department.

Andrew Barzda, 20, of Morris, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and a blood alcohol content of more

than 0.08 after a 2:05 a.m. Sunday arrest at Greek Court, police said.

Two separate cases of burglary were reported Friday at Carman Hall, police said.

A private property accident occurred between a silver Chevy Cobalt and a silver Chevy Monte Carlo at about 5:40 p.m. Thursday by Taylor Hall, police said.

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CAMPUS

Panther Nation scratches Blue Crew

New structure creates more opportunities

By Emily Steele
Student Government Editor

Blue Crew is out. Panther Nation is in.

After about five years of cheering at Eastern sporting events, Student Government disbanded Blue Crew over the summer to make way for the new group, Panther Nation.

Student Body President Michelle Murphy initiated the change to restructure the group.

Murphy, along with Student Senate member Jarrod Scherle and Otis Seawood, the University Board special events coordinator, wanted to make the group more productive.

"There was a negative stigma attached to the former Blue Crew," Murphy said, recalling times when 100 people would sign up for a game but a few would show up.

Ryan Gilmore, director of marketing and promotions for the athletic department, worked with Student Government to create a sustainable organization that would use a database to keep track of current members.

"Blue Crew was a good idea, a cool idea, we just didn't have the infrastructure set before," Gilmore said.

The athletic department funded the project, while Student Government members organized the new group.

Student Government set up "yell-training" with the marching band director to coordinate the cheering section and publicizing the new group by circulating interest sheets at opening events.

Panther Nation will be led by four students, each taking a portion of the responsibility for organizing the group, which Murphy said is one of the major differences.

"It's a rigid structure we can keep and not have to restart every year," Murphy said.

Blue Crew originated through Student Government as a Registered Student Organization. As an RSO, the group had a president and vice president system that would start over each school year.

At the end of the spring semester, Carley Lambdin, a sophomore political science major, was set to be vice president for Blue Crew. She said she

"There's been some conflicts. I just wish that the whole way they have gone about redirecting the program would have been handled a little better."

Carley Lambdin,
sophomore political science major

was not informed of the change to Panther Nation until three weeks ago.

"There's been some conflicts," Lambdin said. "I just wish that the whole way they have gone about redirecting the program would have been handled a little better."

Lambkin still plans to support Eastern sports, but does not want to be involved in Panther Nation.

At the end of the school year, Murphy held a meeting about the reorganization after contacting Blue Crew members through Facebook, but received little feedback.

"I tried to involve them as much as I could, but if nobody responds until after, there's nothing I can do," Murphy said.

The name Panther Nation was originally a slogan idea for the athletic department, but was approved by Athletic Director Barbara Burke to use for the new organization.

For \$20, students who join Panther Nation will receive a membership card, which will be scanned at every game, a T-shirt, a rally towel, a bag and a pint glass all with Panther Nation or Eastern logos.

Panther Nation will hold its first meeting at 9 p.m. Thursday in 7th Street underground to prepare for the first home football game Sept. 3.

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CAMPUS

Prowl G.I.V.E.s students experience in community

By Kayleigh Zyskowski
Activities Editor

After moving in Thursday, new Eastern students had little time to relax before classes began. Prowl 2009 started Friday and has been non-stop ever since.

Prowl is a program on campus geared toward helping new students make a smooth transition onto campus, said Kimberlie Mook, director of Prowl.

Students all over campus are familiar with the program, but this year, some changes have been made while other aspects remain as usual.

"We had three new things this year," Mook said. "We moved Convocation from after school started to the Friday morning before classes start so everyone can be involved, the 'Jump Start 2 G.I.V.E. Peace' which was the community service Saturday morning and then the social issues discussions (Saturday) afternoon."

Prowl began with a welcome and Convocation Friday morning in Lantz Arena.

Reed Benedict, the 2009-2010 Faculty Laureate, spoke at the freshman welcome and Jean Wolski, the 2003-2004 Faculty Laureate, spoke at the transfer welcome.

After the welcome and convocation, the freshman students took part in book discussions for EIU Reads.

This year the book selected was "This I Believe," a series of short stories.

Charley Jaques, a Prowl leader, was pleased with this choice.

"I was in charge of one of the discussion groups and I thought there was great feedback and good discussion from the students about the book," she said.

Both the freshman and the transfers participated in "College Meetings."

"They were able to learn a little bit about how their major fits into college and what colleges have to offer," Mook said. "The transfers then participated in small workshops called 'Transfer Connection,' so they can learn things about the university that will then connect them to other services."

One of the major changes this year for Prowl was the "Jumpstart 2 G.I.V.E." program.

"Getting Involved with Volunteer Efforts" included community service at 27 different locations across the Charleston and Mattoon area.

"We did everything from help-



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Safely harnessed Brittany Prysock, a junior therapeutic recreation major, jumps on the extreme trampoline at Jammin' Jamaica themed Quakin' the Quad event in the South Quad Saturday evening.

ing Habitat for Humanity to going to Douglas Heart Nature Center," Mook said. "We did a carnival over in Morton Park for Big Brothers Big Sisters. We also took a couple hundred students to the YMCA to help with their fall prep."

The American Red Cross certified some students for C.P.R.

The students also helped out at seven different nursing homes where student did everything from bingo to talking to dancing.

Freshman Jessica Ollerer participated in the nursing home dancing.

"Ours didn't really work," Ollerer said. "We were supposed to do sunrise salsa and we were supposed to be there at 10 and that's when all of the residents were ready, but we didn't get there until 11 and all of the residents gave up on us, so we had to go around, room to room, and no one really came out. In the end we had

about seven residents dancing."

Heather Krueger, a freshman Prowl participant, said she was glad she was given the opportunity.

"I thought a lot of it was kind of boring, but we got to meet people so that was cool," Krueger said.

The Prowl leaders also encouraged students to attend the first weekend events such as "First Night," the "New Student Mixer" and "Up All Night."

"(Sunday) finished our busiest day of the semester with the leaders giving students tours to find their classes and the hypnotist Frederick Winters performed," Mook said.

Prowl Leaders will continue to influence students to stay involved with campus and athletic events throughout the next six weeks.

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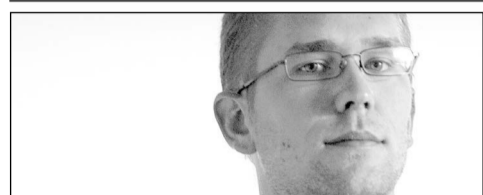
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VIEW

Words of advice from a veteran Panther



Eric Hiltner

Please allow me to impart some of the knowledge I've gained over the past four years to you new freshmen out there.

Do:

- Go to class but learn to live with missing a couple. It happens.

- Get to know some of your professors on a personal level. I am not sure when it happened but some genius decided to trick a large number of outstanding people to come to Eastern to teach. I literally cannot remember a single lesson taught by some of the professors but they have taught me so much outside of class that I feel the education I received is invaluable.

Then again, there are some real subpar teachers out there, too — avoid them like the plague.

- Get involved on campus in some form. Join one of the gazillion RSO's or create your own. Look into the Greek system.

- Attend Panther athletics. They are amazing. While they may not offer annual national championship contenders, they are very enjoyable to watch.

Not to mention free to watch. And don't think that no one goes to these games, we do. Attendance has been up lately, which leads me to...

- Join Panther Nation.
- Learn to love the fight song. I cannot describe how excited I get when I hear the fight song after four years of touchdowns and home wins.

- Side note for all you noobs — The football team has rushed toward the student section after games and sang the fight song to the students for the past few seasons and that is pretty cool.

- Support local businesses. It feels good to help out the mom and pop.

Don't:

- Pack up and leave just because it's the weekend. Eastern is not a suitcase campus and your family/friends/pets will still be there when Thanksgiving and winter break roll around.

- Jump in any of the ponds around campus. Trust me on this one, it's just not a good idea.

- Waste your meal swipes or dining dollars early in the semester. You will get hungry some time and you will be regretting those Bosco sticks when you do.

- Procrastinate. That makes me a real hypocrite, because I pretty much always wait until the last minute to do anything. But pulling all-nighters sucks and it sucks harder when you pull them often.

- Hate on someone just because they are Greek or a GDI (or a goddamn independant). They are people, too.

- Piss off your roommate/floormates. They are the closest thing to family you have here (unless you actually have family here) and will be there when you need them, unless you ate their food or are a nasty pig to live with.

I am sure there is a lot I am forgetting but one last piece of advice: Love the hell out of this school. Eastern will provide you with an outstanding education and many fond memories that may or may not be hazier than you like.

We are what makes EIU so amazing.

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THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

"Tell the truth and don't be afraid"

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

Dining changes good for students, if good for university budget

Housing and Dining Services completed a survey last fall to ask students what changes they would like to see with the operation of the dining centers.

More than half of the surveys came back with a desire for more serving hours so students could have more times to eat.

These students' requests have been answered with an extra 21.5 hours of dining opportunity starting this semester.

This comes as both good and bad news.

With more opportunity to eat, more students will be able to take advantage of their meal plan and enjoy the meals they are allotted each week but this will call for more shifts and possibly more employees to fill these shifts.

The next question is — how much more money will this cost the university to pay for the extra shifts?

These numbers will not be seen for a couple weeks but one can assume it will make a difference. Whether or not this will hurt the budget of the Housing and Dining Services is yet to be seen. Though, with minimum wage at nearly \$8 per hour and 21.5 more hours to employ full serving lines and kitchens, there may be an effect on the budget that may hurt the service in the long run.

While this may not be the best time economically to add so many hours, it is still a better plan when compared to some of the other schools in the state.

Southern Illinois University-Carbondale's dining services has four dining centers open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. with one that stays open until midnight during the week.

By comparison, Eastern has an extra hour with Late Night Pizza served in Thomas until 1 a.m.

On the weekends, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale's dining centers do not serve breakfast and open at 11 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.

"It is refreshing to see the results of a survey to come in pamphlet form for the student body to see."

Now, Eastern also offers more hours on the weekend with breakfast now beginning at 10 a.m. and Late Night Pizza served Sundays until 1 a.m. again.

When deciding to fill out a survey, many students might wonder if anyone looks at the information and uses the results in any positive way.

This being said, it is refreshing to see the results of a survey to come in pamphlet form for the student body to see.

Many services across campus perform surveys every semester. To see the results in print and forward progress being made from a student survey is a welcome move from any organization.

While we commend their efforts, we still don't want to see the Housing and Dining Services stretch themselves too thin.

It goes without saying that on a campus with more than 10,000 students offers no shortage of potential work force. However, one must question, with the current construction projects that seem to affect nearly every corner of campus, how fiscally responsible is the decision to add more hours to dining centers?

It can only be hoped that these additions do not cost the university money it may need down the road for other projects.

With any system there are always improvements to be made and changes that will benefit the majority. Striving to meet the needs and requests of the students is what the university is meant to do.

Too many times the ideas of the students go unheard and overlooked, which benefits no one.

By keeping the door open for input from the student body, the services on campus can only improve. The changes to dining services this semester are a step in the right direction.

FROM THE EASEL



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YOUR VIEWS

"Especially if I'm trying to study and write a paper and I get hungry, it leaves it open for me to go."

Mical Bennett-Gray, a freshman music major



Check out video responses from students concerning the changes to dining service hours.

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Get posted

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COALITION, from page 1

Cherise Murphy, prevention coordinator for the Coalition Against Methamphetamine Abuse, said the campaign did an excellent job of raising public awareness in the community.

Murphy helped the Coles County coalition initiate its campaign.

She said the campaign in Edgar and Clark counties engaged the public and have been successful in getting people to think about the dangers of underage drinking.

Starting a similar campaign in Coles County will be a different challenge because students and teens have greater access to alcohol, Murphy said.

"It's definitely a different crowd," she said. Murphy said college students, retailers, social service groups and law enforcement officials still have a great opportunity to deliver a strong message to teens.

The Illinois Liquor Control Commission provides the stickers to the state and local groups interested in addressing underage drinking.

Armstrong said the Coles County coalition has expanded its objectives in the last year, with an emphasis on engaging the Coles County youth and community.

She said methamphetamine abuse in the county is still prevalent but has diminished over the last few years, allowing the coalition to expand its outreach.

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ALCOHOL, from page 1

Davidson said approximately 400 to 500 colleges and universities in the United States use the AlcoholEdu program, including Loyola University.

Western Illinois University and Illinois State University are considering the program, he said.

The funding for the program comes from a combination of sources—fines from alcohol policy violations, student fees for Health Service and a grant in the first two years of the program, Davidson said.

The Office of Student Affairs also contributes funding for the program, he said.

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CAMPUS

First Night spirits crowd away

Kayleigh Zyskowski
Activities Editor

About 600 students gathered in the South Quad for "First Night" Sunday evening.

This event is sponsored by the Student Government and occurs every year the Sunday before classes begin to celebrate new beginnings and school spirit.

Ceci Brinker, faculty adviser of Student Government, was pleased with the number of students who came out to the event.

"I think this is a great way to kick off the year by first of all showing the importance of school spirit," Brinker said.

Billy the Panther and Student Body President Michelle Murphy hosted the event with a lineup of events promoting school spirit.

Rhythm & X-tacy danced its first performance of the school year to a medley of songs, and the Panther Marching Band performed the school fight song while the Eastern cheer team and the Pink Panthers danced.

Mallory Ahrens, a member of Sigma Kappa, was one of the students out to celebrate "First Night."

"It's a good way to show the Greeks are involved in the campus community and support



ALYCIA ROCKEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Eastern's marching band performs the fight song for the Quakin' the Quad in the South Quad audience Sunday.

Eastern," Ahrens said. "We also use it as a recruitment tool. We wear our Greek letters and try to meet the girls."

A raffle for a flat-screen TV and an iPod Nano was also held.

Brinker said the athletes and the Greek community bring a lot of the students out to the event.

"At least 300 of these were athletes and the Greeks probably added another couple hundred so there was probably about 500 to 1,000 students here tonight," Brinker said.

Many freshmen also come to "First Night" for the experience. "We came out for the free T-

shirts and it was on the Prowl schedule, but we really had a good time and it was nice to see everyone, too," freshman Lauren Wheeler said.

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NINTH STREET, from page 1

These students are required to take EIU 2919, a single-credit course designed to help students gain better personal responsibility and master effective study skills.

Six graduate assistants, led by Student Success Specialist Taisha Mikell, instruct the course and

check-up on students at least once a month.

Construction

The project was a partnership between Christy-Foltz, Inc. of Decatur and Eastern construction trades, said Stephen Shrake, associate director of Design and Construction in Facilities Planning and Management.

Christy-Foltz, Inc. completed the concrete and structural steel work for \$399,142, while Eastern construction trades finished the project.

Shrake said the center went

off course after holdups in construction supplies.

"Steel delivery delays early in the project forced us to do a lot of work in very cold winter conditions, and final completion was pushed past the end of the spring semester," Shrake said.

Construction was completed early this summer.

Funding

Eastern received a Title III Strengthening Institutions Program grant from the U.S. Department of Education to help fund the project, Cross said.

Eastern is in the third year of the \$1.85-million, five-year grant.

Cross said about \$1 million went to construction, \$345,000 for an endowment Eastern matched to fund the center, and the rest went to support staffing.

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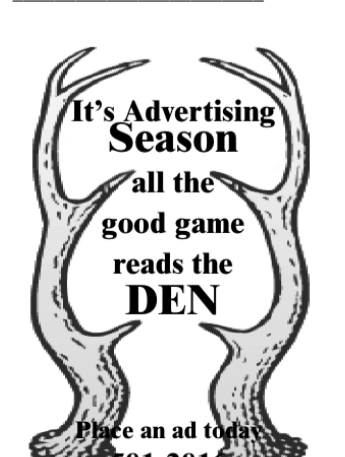
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Senior pitcher and designated hitter Richie Derbak slides into second base during a game on April 4, 2009, at Coaches Stadium. Derbak was one of 12 members of the 2008 team to compete in a collegiate summer league.

Summer leagues give team exposure

By Collin Whitchurch
Sports Editor

The college baseball season ended in the spring when the Eastern baseball team was eliminated from the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament in Paducah, Ky.

However, that did not mean baseball season was over for a number of players, as 12 members of the 2008 OVC regular season champion Panthers squad competed in various summer baseball leagues, leagues where prospects from across the country go to compete against one another during the college off-season.

Players traveled to as nearby as the Chicago suburbs and as far away as Massachusetts and Texas to compete in leagues full of college players trying to fine-tune their skills on a different level.

Three key members of the 2008 squad actually found themselves on the same team with sophomores Zach Borenstein and Gerik Wallsten, and junior Mike Recchia all competing in the Chicago Suburban League's Lombard Orioles.

Wallsten, however, was unable to compete for the Orioles because of a fracture he sustained late in the college regular season.

He said he was all set to play for

the Orioles when it was discovered he would need surgery.

With Borenstein and Recchia aboard, the Orioles were able to qualify for the American Amateur Baseball Congress Stan Musial World Series in Huntsville, Texas.

Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz said when his players succeed in the summer leagues, it gives him pride to know they are helping the Panther baseball program.

"What we're trying to do is to become someone in the Midwest that people can talk about," Schmitz said. "Hopefully we'll be going to more regionals and making this a more successful baseball program and these guys have helped."

Schmitz said he has already fielded calls from Major League scouts about Recchia and junior pitcher Josh Mueller thanks to their performances last season and in the summer leagues. Mueller was a member of the Wareham Gatemen in the East Coast's Cape Cod League, which has been around for 114 years and was the subject of the 2002 book "The Last Best League."

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get them significant minutes to get closer to that."

Eastern won its first exhibition match of the season 3-2 Thursday against St. Xavier in Effingham. The Panthers started seven players who were not with the team the previous season.

Saturday Eastern held its inter-squad match with the upperclassman notching a 3-2 win in a rain-shortened affair.

The underclassman held a 2-0 lead at halftime, but the upperclassman battled back behind the feet of junior forward Alex Harrison and junior midfielder Darby Kehoe.

Harrison scored two goals and Kehoe scored once, all within the final seven minutes.

Kehoe said the intensity of the game was high because the younger guys really wanted to knock off the upperclassman.

He said he liked that the upperclassman had the mentality that they would win the game, even when

they were down.

Senior defender Jeff Kupiec said he was really impressed with the mindset of the upperclassman team.

"Usually, since I have been here whenever we get down we hang our heads, we can't bounce back," Kupiec said.

"This time (when we got down), nobody said a word about it we just kept playing and we knew the goals would come."

"The inter-squad game was great. I thought the intensity level was really high," Howarth said.

Following Tuesday's game the Panthers open their regular season against Valparaiso on Sept. 1 at 1 p.m. at Lakeside Field.

The team then hits the road for five straight games before returning home at the end of the month against Indiana-Purdue-Fort Wayne at 1 p.m. on Sept. 27.

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most part inexperienced. The Panthers currently have five tight ends on the roster, but zero seniors.

"The big thing we try and teach with young players is technique and footwork," Fisher said. "It's really good to do that because it makes up for any inexperience or lack of physical attributes they might have."

Eric Cash is the new head coach of

strength and conditioning for Eastern athletics. While Fisher's responsibilities lie solely with the football program, Cash oversees the strength and conditioning program for all of athletics.

Cash comes to Eastern after spending two years in the same position at Presbyterian College in Clinton, S.C. He said the biggest difference between the two schools is that at Presbyterian

he was responsible for all the sports, but at Eastern they divvy up the sports between all the staff.

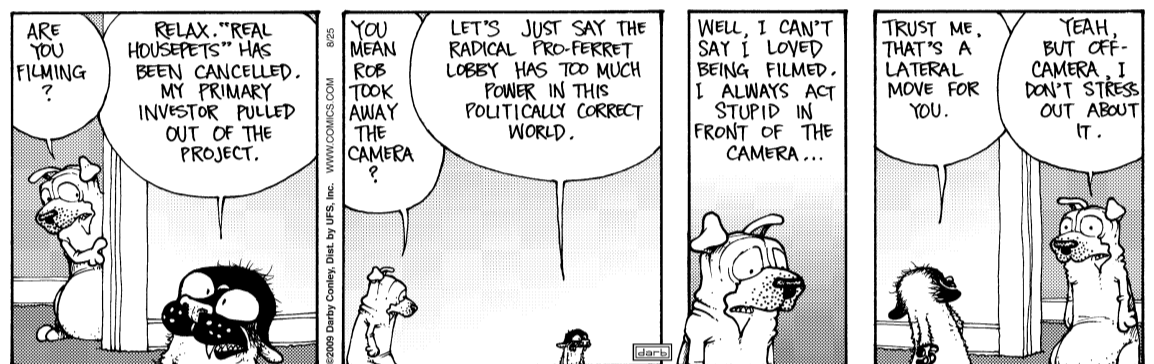
"It makes it easier for me, but more importantly it benefits every other sport," he said. "The sports are what benefit the most from it."

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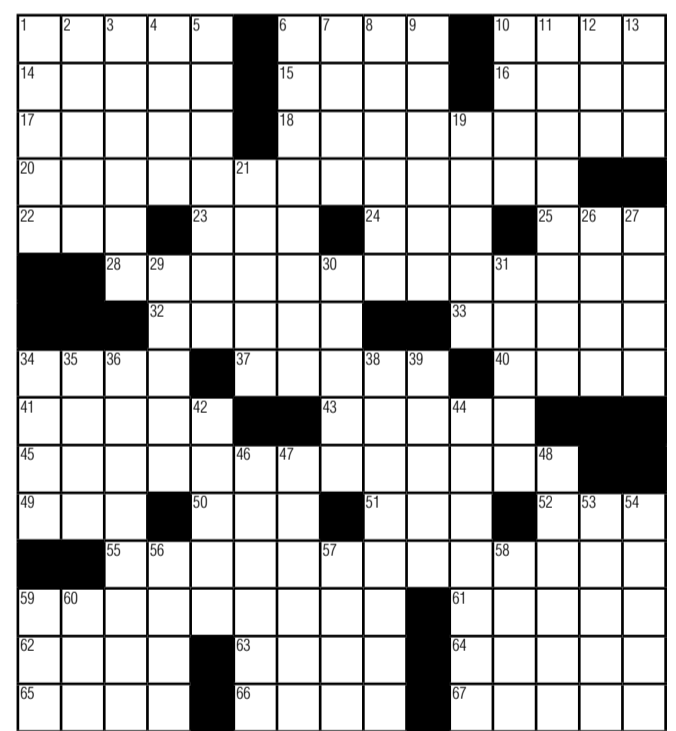


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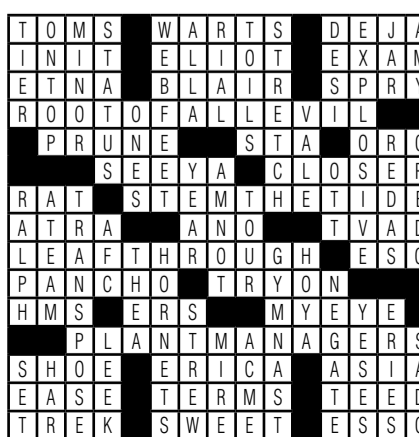
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- 7 McFlurry flavor
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- 11 Forsakes
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Freshman midfielder Ryan Childs takes a shot during overtime of an October 13, 2008 game against Oral Roberts at Lakeside Field. The Panthers take on Butler in their final exhibition today at 4 p.m. at Lakeside Field.

Final tune-up of preseason

Panthers take on Horizon League's Butler

By **Dan Cusack**
Assistant Sports Editor

The Eastern Illinois men's soccer team is less than one week away from the start of the 2009 season, and they will have one last chance to tune-up today at Lakeside Field.

Eastern (1-0 preseason) will play its final exhibition match as it hosts Butler (1-0 preseason) of the Horizon League at 6 p.m.

Even though it is the final preseason match, Eastern coach Adam Howarth will not change his coaching mindset from the rest of the preseason matches.

"We have had one of our tougher preseasons this year. We have really pushed the guys hard," Howarth said. "My philosophy is in the preseason, everybody plays. We want to try and get everybody some good

looks, some good minutes for everybody. At the very minimum, we want everyone to play for 45 minutes."

He said the game will be the Panthers toughest of the preseason and this should allow them to see where the team is.

The Panthers are full of fresh faces this season as they welcome 10 new players, including six freshmen.

Howarth said everything he does in the preseason is making sure players are ready for the first game of the season.

Butler head coach Kelly Findley said the last thing he cares about in the preseason is winning. His main focus is that his team adapts to the set system of play and he will rotate players while trying to find the best lineup.

"We are looking to try several groups together to find our best lineup and get more organized, as opposed to just winning," Findley said. "Most of the players are not ready for 90 minutes, but we will

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ATHLETIC STAFF

Three added to staff over summer

By **Collin Whitchurch**
Sports Editor

The head coach, defensive coordinator and offensive coordinator of the Eastern football team make up a combined 47 years of coaching experience at Eastern alone.

But that does not mean the Panthers do not have some fresh faces

roaming the sidelines as they enter the 2009 season.

Three new coaches were added to the staff for the season, including 2008 Eastern grad Jason Fisher, who served as the offensive quality control coach last year, but has since moved to a full-time offensive assistant coach, with his primary responsibility being coaching the tight ends. Matthew Smiley was also

hired as the team's new special teams coordinator.

Fisher — who played wide receiver for the Panthers in 2006 and 2007 — said he was at first a little hesitant about coaching a position he was not as familiar with, but he's given an added comfort level since he already knows the system he is coaching in.

"I know our expectations and

know how things are done," Fisher said. "It also gives me a level of pride in what we're trying to do here. I really care about how the football team does and how EIU does, not just as a sports team but as a university."

Fisher's biggest challenge as coach is teaching a position that is for the

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VIEWS



Dan Cusack

Don't sleep on these Panthers

The preseason poll for the Missouri Valley Conference men's soccer came out this week, and it did not look too good for the Panthers.

Eastern was voted by the coaches to finish last in the league after finishing 0-5 in conference play last season.

On top of that, 10 new players will play for the Panthers this season. But do not worry Panther fans, champions are not chosen before the season starts.

Last season, Missouri State was picked in the same spot Eastern was the year before. The Golden Bears shocked the rest of the league with a solid 3-1-1 record in conference play, including a tie against Creighton, who not only won the conference, but was a fixture in the top 10 in the national polls.

Part of the reason the Panthers were picked to finish last was the unknown factor for this season. In the Panthers preseason opener against St. Xavier (Chicago), Eastern started seven players who were not on the roster last season.

No one knows the impact of the fresh faces, but this young group will get the opportunity to play a number of games together before the conference schedule.

Another benefit for the Panthers will be the round robin format the MVC has adopted this season. Instead of just one game against each conference foe, each team will play them twice once away and once at home.

This should benefit Eastern because it has been favorable at home the past two seasons. The current senior class has compiled a 9-6-3 record at Lakeside Field over the past three seasons.

Finally, Eastern does have quality players with experience and talent returning this season.

Junior forward Alex Harrison will most likely be the Panthers main scoring threat following a breakthrough year last season. Harrison was second on the team with eight goals and first with seven assists.

Already in the exhibition season, Harrison has netted three goals in two games.

Senior defender Chris Pearson, who was hampered with a leg injury for some of last season, should be back to 100 percent to help anchor the backline with senior Jeff Kupiec.

Sophomores Ryan Child and Mike Picinich should be solid for the Panthers in the middle after impressive freshman campaigns.

So while the Panthers may be picked to finish last in the preseason poll, the team could turn a few heads before the season is over.

There may be some rough patches along the way, but I would not sleep on the Panthers.

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