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CAMPUS

Master Plan poses ideas for future

By Charles LeGrand
Assistant Online Editor

The 2010 Master Plan, was an opportunity for the community to discuss future plans about Eastern's campus in Mondays meeting at Booth Library.

The campus master plan is a progressing plan of action increasing the quality of campus life at Eastern for students, faculty, and staff.

During the meeting, the topics discussed included parking issues, honors housing, ideas of a large auditorium for formal occasions and a new science building.

Vice president of business affairs William Weber said this was the first open-session meeting. Everyone in attendance was encouraged to ask questions and make comments.

"I think getting a science building is our primary capitol priority right now, and there are various possibilities as to where that might be and where that might be developed," he said.

Weber said those not on campus this summer have the opportunity to provide feedback through Eastern's website.

"We will be updating that website with periodical updates throughout the summer," he said.

Brandon Lipman an AIA LEED AP Principal of Loeb Schlossman and Hackl in Chicago said the master planning ideas will be useful in the future.

"A big part of the Master Plan is identifying the most compatible uses (of Eastern)," he said.

President William Perry said the meeting was a success.

"I was pleased with the meeting. Not only did we get reaction, but we had ideas and those kind of ideas fuel the discussion, and help us see things we may be missing," he said.

For additional information about the progress, meeting dates and times of the Master Plan, log on to <http://www.eiu.edu/~mstrplan/process.php>.

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GREENHOUSE

Titan Arum attracts many



JULIA CARLUCCI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

The Velvet Queen still isn't sure if she wants to bloom Monday afternoon at Thut Greenhouse. Steve Malehorn has a computer and webcam set up to capture every moment.

"Corpse Flower" attracts insects with meat smell

By Alesha Bailey
Activities Editor

The "Corpse Flower," or Titan Arum, is expected to bloom within the next few days at Eastern's H.F. Thut Greenhouse.

Steve Malehorn, manager of the greenhouse, said 3,000 visitors came to see the Titan Arum last year.

"People would be interested because it is the largest flowering plant in the world, and because it smells like rotten meat," he said.

The Titan Arum is native to the Jambi Province of Sumatra, Indonesia. Italian Botanist Odoardo Beccari discovered the plant in 1878.

The inflorescence, which is composed of multiple flowers, is the structure on the plant that blossoms.

The aroma the plant releases is dimethyl disulfide and dimethyl trisulfide. The scent is intended to attract flies, beetles and wasps that feed on dead animals.

Native Sumatrans can locate the plant by its smell from 50 feet away.

The seed of Eastern's Titan Arum or "Velvet Queen," came from the University of Wisconsin in 2001.

Margaret Speer, annuitant of Eastern, saw the plant Monday. She graduated from Eastern in 1954 with degrees in elementary education and botany.

H.F. Thut was one of her botany professors, she said.

Douglas Paige came from Howell, Michigan, 450 miles away from Charleston to observe the Titan Arum. His daughter is Robin Carr, director of philanthropy.

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COMMUNITY

Farmer of the Year: "Award for your lifetime"

By Sam Sottosanto
Editor in Chief

There are more than 600 farmers in Coles County, and all of them are applicable for the Farmer of the Year Award—they just need to be nominated first.

Nominations are due June 11 at 4 p.m., and can be picked up and turned in to the Charleston Chamber of Commerce or the Coles County Farm Bureau. The Farm Bureau has only received two to three applications so far.

Once all the applications are turned in, the Farm Bureau's Board of Directors will choose who will be the next Farmer

of the Year.

Paul Hurst, the Farmer of the Year for 2009, said he was very surprised last year when he was presented with the award.

"I was nervous, I'm kind of a shy person," he said. "It's nice of Charleston to recognize the farming community every year with this award."

Hurst said the occasion meant a lot to him, not only because he won the award, but also because his four children, 10 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren were there to see him.

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LOCAL

Quinn attends 75th annual boys state

Pablo Rodriguez
Campus Editor

Gov. Pat Quinn gave a brief lesson about politics to high school students for premier boy state summer camp at Lantz Arena Monday night.

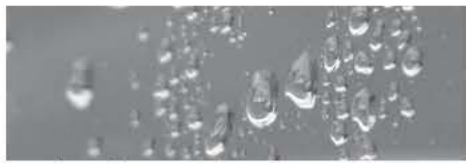
The 75th annual premier boys state held a ceremony opening with The Pledge of Allegiance followed by the National Anthem.

Showered with applause upon arrival, Gov. Quinn emphasized the importance of democracy and how this event was the perfect opportunity to learn about politics.

"It's quite inspiring to be here, boys state is a great way to learn about democracy," he said.

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WEATHER TODAY



Rain Showers

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Rain showers will move into the area before Noon. Expect the day time high to be cooler than later in the evening, when the warm front moves into the region. Chance of thunderstorms in the late afternoon.

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Low: 72°

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Final Exams to take place this week

The four-week summer session will soon be coming to an end.

Final examinations will take place at the end of this week. Students should speak with their professors for more information.

The six-week and eight-week summer sessions will begin on Monday, June 14.

Project Mathematics to start next week

"Project Mathematics," a program for fourth-through sixth-grade students, will take place next week from June 14 until June 18. It will start at 9 a.m. and go until 10:30 a.m.

The program will include activities for kids such as constructing the platonic solids using straws, constructing nets and regular pyramids, visualizing with pentominoes, creating a geometry poster and comic strip, and more.

The cost of the program is \$25 per participant.

BLOTTER

On Saturday, June 5, the University Police Department reported that Stephanie Daniel, 23, of 12 E. Oak, Ashmore, was arrested at 3:30 a.m. on 9th & Hayes.

She was charged with two counts of possession of controlled substance and released to the custody of CCSO at 5:05 a.m. pending court appearance to determine bond.

BOLDER boulders



JULIA CARLUCCI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Kathryn Armstrong stands next to her piece "BOLDER" on 7th Street. Armstrong said the name is a play on words. The rocks are artificial and are painted pink. Armstrong wanted her piece to pop out with its distinct coloring as a point that people would notice when they passed by. Armstrong's piece can be found on the west side of Buzzard Hall.

ONLINE EXCLUSIVES



Health Blog: Zzz...

Online Reporter Harrison Bueno blogs about his experiences with naps and sleep insomina. Read the blog at DENNews.com to find out more.



Food Blog: Cooking meals

Online Reporter James Roedl blogs about cooking his own meals. Read more of his blog at DENNews.com.

CORRECTION

In Thursday's issue of the DEN, the story about art classes at the Tarble Arts Center was incorrect.

Eastern's art department and the school of continuing education is presenting the classes offered at Tarble. Dorothy Bennett directs it.

The Stop Motion Animation Filmmaking class is sponsored by Tarble. It is taught by Devon Powell and Gabe Przygoda. Devon is a she.

Three other classes are also offered: Summer Art Investigations, Drawing in Many Media, and Relief Prints. Registration has passed.

The DEN regrets the errors.

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CITY

Local art brings color to City Hall

By Abby Allgire
City Editor

Each month City Hall offers features of different artists and various art pieces on the walls of the building.

City Hall is not just a building with offices; it provides the town with various works of art.

Yvonne Larson, city art curator, discovers talented artists in the Coles County area to feature for a month or two in City Hall.

The featured artist this month is Charleston native Jon Schubert.

Larson said Schubert never showed his art before it went up in City Hall.

When she saw a drawing, Larson said she knew his work had to be made

public.

Larson said many people have commented on Schubert's artwork because of his artistic capabilities.

Schubert has several works showcased in City Hall. Most are drawings that include Luke Skywalker, Darth Vader, his parents and his grandmother.

"The one of his grandmother is my favorite because you can see the love he has for her, and she really comes to life on the page," Larson said.

Since the age of four, Schubert has sketched and created drawings that are still a part of his main art form.

"I started with pencil, and that is still my weapon of choice," Schubert said.

Schubert said he created his favor-

"I am constantly attempting to capture the energy of life around me."

Curt Starkey, local artist

ite piece at the age of 12, which was of "The Beast" from the Walt Disney film "Beauty and the Beast."

"I think what I really appreciate about the piece is the identifiable raw emotion that comes through," Schubert said.

Schubert is currently constructing a Web site to display an online portfolio of his work. He said he has recently become very interested in providing

art to people and doing more with art.

Schubert has done many portraits, as well as mural-type projects. He said his work has been very well received by the recipients and has given him a sense of fulfillment.

City art has also featured locals Dave Hunter and Curt Starkey.

Each artist is unique and has a different approach to creating their art.

Starkey's artwork involves cats and

plant life. He said in his city art profile his body of work reflects his joys and beliefs about life.

"I am constantly attempting to capture the energy of the life around me," Starkey said.

Also, Starkey's father, Milburn Smith, was the founder of city art and the city art council in 1984.

Hunter said he uses a lot of color and humor in his works. He said city hall displayed one piece he created of a crocodile lying with his belly in the air.

For additional information about this month's artist or his work, contact Jon Schubert at 493-7559 or jschubert80@yahoo.com.

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FACULTY AND STAFF

Summer term is business as usual for President Perry

By Kristin Jording
Managing Editor

Although summer presents a fun and relaxing time for students, President William Perry is working in his Old Main office, preparing for the fall.

"It's pretty much business as usual," he said.

This summer Perry plans to work on the budget, vacation for a week and tend to the usual university business.

As always, Perry will have his weekly meeting with vice presidents as well as some extra time to travel.

Perry said he will be traveling to

Washington, D.C. to meet with the Illinois delegation and representatives of federal agencies to further develop the advancement of the university.

He said he will spend about three days there.

Along with traveling to D.C., Perry will take a week off to go to Colorado with his wife. He plans to read, hike, relax and recharge.

"I've got my book, so I'll be preparing for Eastern Reads," he said.

Perry said the summer and school year are pretty much the same.

"The difference is, in the summer it's easier to get away on vacation for a week or two," he said.

Unknown to many students, Perry will be teaching a math class in the fall.

He said he is preparing to teach Linear Algebra on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8 a.m.

As well as preparing for his class, Perry said he is going to attempt to stop by some departments to see how things are going.

Talking with incoming students and parents at debut days is also a task for the summer.

"I find out things that are important with respect to the university: how people regard the university, what they think about the psychical cam-

pus, what they think about our academic programs, the affordability of Eastern, all those kinds of things that are critically important to us," he said.

Perry said the summer is a time for goal setting at the university.

He said he has a few goals that have been completed as well as some still on the to-do list.

One of the goals was the completion of Textbook Rental Online, which was done by the help of Vice President of Student Affairs Dan Nadler.

"A lot of things that we're doing this summer are working towards some goals that I want to have occur

before the end of the next fiscal year," he said. "We're always looking out at least a year or two or three years in terms of our goals and what we want to achieve."

Besides being the president of Eastern, Perry will spend his summer outdoors and enjoy the weather. He likes to work out in the yard as well as go to local festivals and events.

"You can be out and about, I guess that's one of things I like best about the summer, more outdoor time," he said.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Summer best time to study abroad for EIU students

Both New Zealand and Australia have become acquainted with Eastern's communication studies department.

Students and professors from the department left to study abroad in both countries on June 1, and they will be back in a month.

This has to be convenient for most of the students traveling.

While they can take their regular classes during the fall and spring, summer provides the perfect opportunity to study abroad.

Summer is obviously the best time to study abroad because of the weather.

It is much more enjoyable to go sight seeing in shorts and a T-shirt than being bundled up in a coat, scarf, and boots, trudging through the snow.

The only exception is, of course, if a student is traveling to a country that's cold all the time.

If students study abroad during the fall or spring semesters, the likeliness of them falling behind in credits is also greater.

This is because studying abroad only limits students to taking two or three classes at a time—opposed to the usual five or six classes students would be taking at Eastern.

This could cause a student to graduate a semester later than if they would travel in the summer.

Which leads to another great advantage about studying abroad in the summer—students can get ahead by taking extra classes.

Studying abroad in the summer is also nice because it limits the amount of time gone to only a month.

For students that travel during the fall or spring semesters, they are gone for far too long and could get homesick.

They also miss out on celebrating holidays with their family and friends.

Most people take vacations during the summer as well, so if students have a job to come back to, employers will be more understanding about granting time off.

However, even if students decide not to study abroad during the summer months, studying abroad in general is a great opportunity for any student in any major.

Students need to remember that when they travel abroad, they need to be safe, aware of their environment, do well in their studies, and to most importantly, just have fun.

PAWS Books Over Movies

By Julia Carlucci
Online Editor

Let me say first that the best movies I've ever seen were shown in my own imagination inspired by the books I read.

I admit that there are some movies like "Avatar" and "The Nightmare Before Christmas" that have shown me things my imagination had never thought of. And of course I had trouble picturing Hagrid until I saw the "Harry Potter" movies.

But let's face it. Books rule, movies drool, and here's why. Books don't leave out climatic scenes or change them to fit a budget.

Don't judge me, but the biggest examples of movies changing events in a story belong to the "Harry Potter" and "Twilight" movies.

I was a huge fan of the Harry Potter books. That was, until the movies came out.

The fifth book "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" is the longest book and the shortest movie.

In the book, Ron tries out for the Quidditch team—that was cut from the movie. In the book, Harry learns about Neville's parents at St. Mungo's Hospital—that was cut from the movie. Hermione, Ron and Malfoy becoming prefects and Firenze (the centaur) teaching divination were also cut.

Now don't get me started on Twilight. They didn't just cut from the movies, but added new scenes to them! Why would you do that?

But there is one movie I cannot find fault with (even with the additional scenes). It is the TV mini-series of "Pride & Prejudice" from 1995. That is what a movie based on a book should be like. Almost every word and action is straight from the book.

If only every movie could be that true to the book.

CLAWS Movies Over Books

Rob Warren
Photo Editor

To me, asking whether a book or a movie is better is like asking, "Which came first, the chicken or the egg?"

Clearly, the book came before the movie, but there are many advantages to the movies based on books.

Taking the time to sit down and read a book all the way through is just not very appealing to me. For example, reading the entire Harry Potter series could take weeks.

However, you could watch the entire Harry Potter movie series in one day.

Granted, each movie is between two and three hours long, but who wouldn't want to watch a Harry Potter marathon?

People have said movies ruin the books because the movie sometimes leaves out parts that were in the book.

I would refute that statement.

I have never read a book and then watched the movie based on the book and thought that they left out a major part of the story. Maybe that's just my personal experience, or maybe others have had the same experience.

I feel that reading a book is a more personal experience than watching a movie due to the fact that while reading a book, you are able to use your imagination. However, watching the movie just makes everything that you've read literally come to life.

My last argument would be that everyone watches and understands movies. Sometimes people will attempt to read a book and realize they don't really understand it due to words used that are not in the person's vocabulary.

In turn, if you were to make that book into a movie, chances are the person would understand it based on the words AND the actions.

FROM THE EASEL



ILLUSTRATION BY ALESHA BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

COLUMN

Ghost stories provide hope for the living

I wrote a ghost story for my creative writing class last semester.

Well, it was more of a "ghost-love" story than a story that would really spook you. The main synopsis was this: A five-year-old boy died in a car wreck.

He wasn't supposed to die, so he became a "lost ghost," a ghost-like creature that still aged even though he was dead, and was unable to move on.

He was supposed to grow up, become a lawyer, and marry his future soul mate, named Adele.

So he follows Adele as she grows up, and eventually reveals himself to her. They fall in love, and she almost kills herself to be with him. After the incident, he never reveals himself to Adele again.

Years later, Adele gets into a fatal car crash and also becomes a "lost ghost."

In the end, the two both get a second chance and become human again.



Ever since I wrote that story, I've just been so interested in learning more about ghosts, or hearing ghost stories.

I've recently become addicted to the show, "A Haunting," on the Discovery channel and have watched "Most Terrifying Places in America" parts one and two on the Travel channel.

One of my most important goals in life is to write a novel (several, if it's possible), and I think the genre I may choose will be ghost stories.

And I mean the spooky kind of ghost sto-

ries—not the sappy kind I wrote for my creative writing class.

I do believe ghosts are real.

How else do you explain the strange paranormal experiences people have had?

There's got to be something out there.

As strange as it sounds, believing in ghosts gives me hope.

Since ghosts exist, that means the human race isn't just here for nothing.

Life means something. If life didn't mean anything, after we died, wouldn't we just disappear into thin air?

The reason why most ghosts are still here is because they can't move on or have unfinished business.

That's important.

And that's a reason to believe that each and every one of our lives has a meaning.

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FARMER, from page 1

Mary Cox, manager at the Coles County Farm Bureau, said many qualities are looked for when choosing the Farmer of the Year.

A few qualities include the farmer's willingness to help other farmers, if the farmer has contributed to Coles County agriculture, if the farmer has participated in community activities, and if the farmer is a good role model.

"It's just kind of (an) award for your lifetime," Hurst said. "It doesn't make me any better (of a) farmer than anyone else, it's just nice that I was selected (last year)."

Hurst said he hasn't nominated anyone.

The Farmer of the Year Award for 2010 will be granted during the Red, White and Blue Fair on July 4.

"Their name is announced, and they go up onto the stage in front of everybody, and actually are presented with the award," Cox said.

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TITAN, from page 1

Paige said Carr made him aware of it, so he has been monitoring the Titan Arum on the Internet.

"We happen to be down here to visit her, so we thought we should come to see the plant," he said.

Paige said he and Carr also went to see the "Velvet queen," Monday. "Velvet Queen" is a nickname for the Titan Arum.

"I was impressed of the Titan Arum's size. The plant is better to see in person than over the Internet," he said.

More information about the Titan Arum is available at www.eiu.edu/~biology/news/titan_arum_2010.php.

Malchorn has posted updates on the plant at <http://www.twitter.com/ThutGreenhouse>

The H.F Greenhouse will be open from 9 a.m. to 7p.m. today, unless the Titan Arum blooms. In that case, the greenhouse will be open until midnight.

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Quinn said he believes in this movement and democracy should not be taken for granted.

"The fact that Illinois was the very first to have boys and girls state is really special, and being invited here today in the 75th anniversary is a real honor," he said.

John Bird, 17, a junior at Lincoln-Way East High School, said seeing the governor was an incredible experience.

"It was a completely different experience," he said.

Bird said the event inspired him to become a better citizen and person.

"I have a new sense of patriotism," he

said. "I have a new sense of how the government works, and I definitely feel I am willing to become not only a better citizen but a better me, a better John Bird."

James Reez, 17, a junior from Arcola High School, also said he had a good learning experience.

"I have really enjoyed it. I've learned a lot," he said.

Reez said it was an opportunity of a lifetime.

John Donovan, assistant county counselor for Dyer County, Ill. said he has attended the summer boys camp for 15 years.

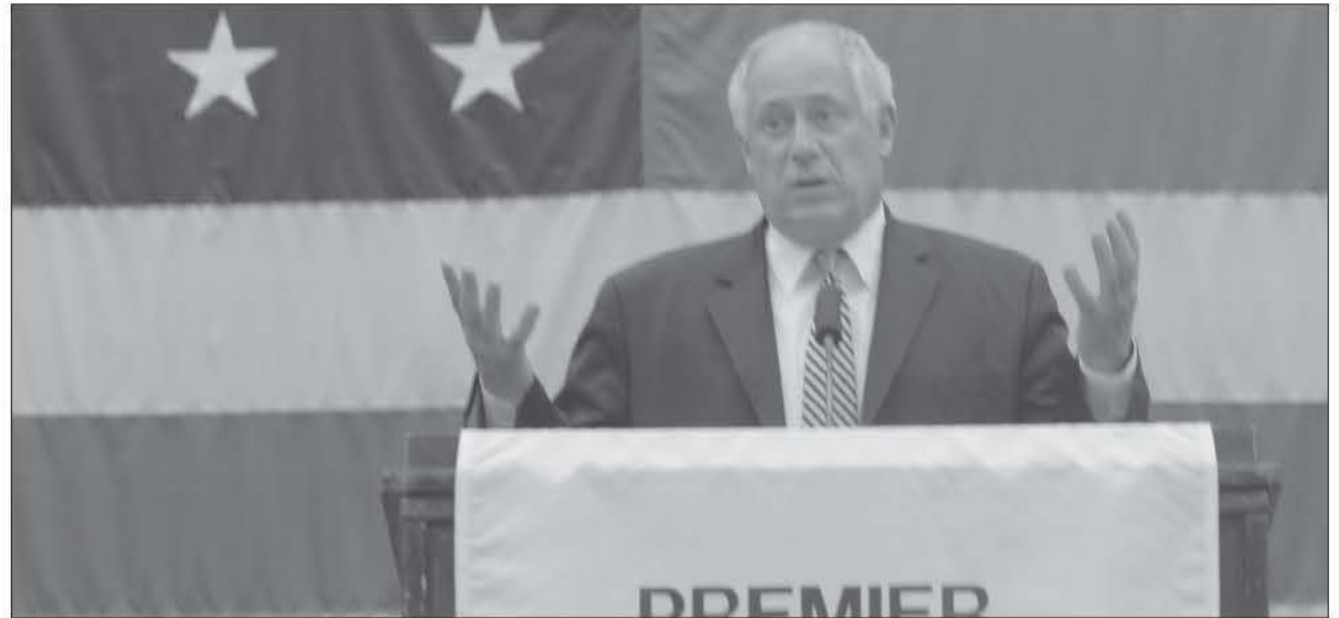
Donovan said he hopes this event will

give the students the opportunity to see that politicians do actually care.

"Hopefully it gives them the belief that our politicians do care about everyone in the state and not just their own political career," he said. "Pat Quinn and everything he has done has always been for the people of Illinois."

The premier boys state summer camp will last until Friday. During the remainder of the camp, students will learn about leadership skills.

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JENNIFER BROWN | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Gov. Pat Quinn talks about democracy and politics in Illinois at Boys' State Monday evening in Lantz Arena. On Nov. 2, Quinn plans to put a referendum on the ballot for a recall of the Constitution in Illinois. Voters will then be able to remove those in office if they are not doing a good job. Gov. Quinn spoke about how a perfect democracy is everyone in and no one left out.

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ALL ACCESS, from page 8

When it comes to working with players during practices or games, Perala said she would rather work with a hard-working dedicated player than with a talented player who will play only when she wants to.

"I think we can work more with a player who is dedicated and committed to be competitive, coachable, intense to helping improve not only themselves but her teammates," Perala said. "Because if we have that person who is absolutely

amazing with the ball and a dazzling player but if they play only when they want to or when they feel like it, it's kind of a black hole in the field."

Coach Perala's short-term goals for the women's soccer team is to finish the top three in the confer-

ence this fall, win conference regular season, and then advance to the NCAA Tournament.

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VIEWES



Rob Warren

World Cup winners to come as surprise

As the Stanley Cup winds down and the NBA Finals progress, we are getting closer and closer to the World Cup 2010 in South Africa.

There is no clear favorite for this year's World Cup and in fact, analysts have said that any team could win the tournament.

Teams have continued to play friendly international matches to prepare for the World Cup, but many of them have run into problems and injuries.

Ivory Coast star striker and captain, Didier Drogba, will miss this year's tournament due to an elbow injury he suffered in the first half of a friendly match against Japan on Friday, June 4.

Drogba had just put the Ivorians ahead when he was injured in a 15th-minute clash with Japan central defender Tulio and left the field clutching his right arm.

England's captain Rio Ferdinand also fell to injury during the team's first training session after arriving in South Africa, putting a damper on the hopes of England fans.

England's rival is a team that is in the same grouping as them and they have also suffered injuries to star players.

The United States team has seen injuries in their best defensive player, Oguchi Onyewu, and young star, Jozy Altidore.

Both of them will play, however neither seems to be playing at 100 percent.

Italy playmaker Andrea Pirlo is resting at home in Milan with a calf injury that could force him out of the world soccer championship.

Brazil goalkeeper Julio Cesar missed multiple practices while recovering from a back injury.

Injuries seem to be plaguing every team.

Where one team sees an injury to a key player, another team sees an opportunity at the World Cup. And just as that happens, they lose a key player.

If anything, this year's World Cup will be . . . let's say interesting.

I look forward to seeing upset after upset and hopefully the USA team can make a run and create a hype about American soccer, a la the 1980 USA Olympic Hockey team.

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BASEBALL

Panther players enter draft

Charles LeGrand
Assistant Online Editor

Two Eastern pitchers will be looking to make it to the next level this week.

Mike Recchia, a senior right-hander, and Josh Mueller, a junior right-hander, will be going to the 2010 MLB Draft. The draft began yesterday and ends tomorrow.

"It's great for the program. We can say we have two players going to the draft in the top 10 rounds," assistant pitching coach Skylar Meade said. "They're great examples for younger guys and for guys we are recruiting that 'hey look, this is what you can be,'" he said.

Recchia is excited about the draft, while at the same time he doesn't feel pressured by the anticipation of possibly being a professional baseball player.

"I keep it in the back of my head," he said. "I live life like a 21-year-old should."

Mueller has been playing baseball since T-ball and realized his love for pitching when he was a junior in high school.

He said he realized he was better at striking people out instead of swinging the bat.

Since childhood he has developed an attachment for baseball.

"This year was more focused on baseball," he said. "To get the chance to go play professional

baseball and give up school doesn't really bother me. Going and playing professional baseball is what I wanted to do since I was a little kid."

According to Meade, making a professional-prospect baseball player goes beyond the prospect—it's about a lot of people working together.

"Josh is supposed to be a top 5 draft pick and Mike is supposed to be a top 10, and I would be more than shocked if they don't fit into that category," Meade said. "It makes my job of preparing for next year difficult."

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IN DEPTH

All Access with Summer Perala

Perala says passion and love for sports is important to players

Pablo Rodriguez
Campus Editor

It's her first year as women's soccer coach at Eastern, but Summer Perala does not only know her players but she knows the sport.

Perala is a graduate of Western Illinois University where she played soccer as a goalkeeper for four years.

She has left a legacy behind. She finished her soccer career as an all-time saves leader in WIU and Summit League history.

As a college goalkeeper, she held the record of most saves per game from 1999 to 2007.

Perala's soccer career did not begin as a teenager but at an even younger age.

"I've been playing soccer since I was six or seven," she said. "I did A.Y.S.O. (American Youth Soccer Organization), but I did not get into club soccer until middle school just because my parents wanted to make sure that I was serious about it."

Prior to coming to Eastern, Perala got plenty of coaching experience at the University of Alabama in Birmingham.

That is where she transitioned from a graduate assistant to an associate head coach after working with the institution for six years.

"I started coaching club when I was still in college," she said. "I coached a high school team when I was transitioning between my undergrad and my graduate school—then I got hired in Birmingham and I was there for six years. I got my first head coaching job here."

Perala said having passion is important when coaching because if a coach does not have passion, it affects the team as a whole.

"Be passionate about your sport or whatever you plan on coaching because if you don't love it, then your players will get the feeling that you are not in it for the right reasons," Perala said.

Erika Prazma, a junior criminology major and defense for Eastern's women's soccer team, described Perala as dedicated.

"On the field Summer is a very competitive, hard driven, and enthusiastic coach about the game, and off of the field she is usually thinking of ways to make us a better team," Prazma said.

Prazma, who has played for Eastern for three years, said that Perala has a better insight about



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Summer Perala, the women's soccer coach, has been playing soccer since she was six or seven years old.

soccer since she was a goalkeeper.

"Summer has a good knowledge of the game and from being a goalie in her career she can see the big picture and give good direction to each position," Prazma said

Perala's usual formation for the women's soccer team is a 4-4-3, which divides half of the soccer field into four defenders, four midfielders, two wings and one striker.

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