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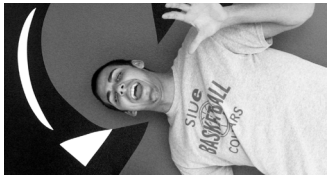
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HARDSHIP

Drought hits farmers hard

Crops suffer from rain shortage; some yields acceptable

By Tim Deters
Features Editor

Despite recent rainfall and drops in temperatures, the strength of crop yields this year for area farmers is still shaping up to be disappointing, a local agriculture official said.

Brett Bierman, county executive of the Farm Service Agency, said crops have not received nearly enough water to grow well, and high temperatures are also jeopardizing crop yields in Coles County.

According to Chris Geelhart, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Lincoln, Central Illinois rainfall totals are 12 inches below normal for the year. On top of this, the region's average temperatures have been about 5 degrees above normal, he said.

As of July 24, the United States Department of Agriculture declared Coles County to be in an extreme drought.

The USDA also declared Coles County a natural disaster area on Aug. 1.

Bierman said farmers are facing a year so dry and hot that they

will likely see large losses in their crop yields.

He said he expects Coles County corn producers will see a 50-percent loss in yield or greater if significant rainfall does not move into the area soon.

Soybean yields might fare better than corn this year, Bierman said.

Soybeans are grown later in the summer, he explained, and recent rainfall and drops in temperatures will likely give the crop a better chance to grow than corn did during the worst of the drought.

However, if temperatures begin to rise again, soybeans might still face difficulties.

Bierman explained that higher-than-normal temperatures destroy blooms on soybean plants, which prevents bean pods from developing.

“We are on the eleventh hour from (soybeans) being a complete wipeout,” Bierman said.

Average soybean yields in Coles County are 45 to 50 bushels per acre, he said, but expectations are low this year.

“If we hit 40 bushels an acre, we will be ecstatic,” he said.

Eric Coon farms 800 acres of corn and soybeans in Oakland, Ashmore and Westfield and said this year's drought is the worst he has seen since he began farming in 1973.

“In my farming career, it's as bad as it has ever been,” he said.

Coon said in a normal year, he expects to produce 175 to 195 bushels of corn per acre.

This year, he expects to produce 50-to-120 bushels per acre.

“That's way below normal,” Coon said.

The reduction in corn yields in the Midwest is going to cause an overall drop in national yield rates, Coon said.

“(The USDA) was expecting us to raise 14.5 billion bushels of corn in this country, and now they are talking between 10.5 (billion) and 11 billion,” he said.

Coon's soybean yields are also expected to be low this year, he said.

However, because soybeans are still in the middle of their growing season, it is too early to estimate how low yields will be.

As farmers face the prospect of reduced yields and reduced profits, Bierman emphasized that because Coles County is designated a natural disaster area, those farmers who experience crop losses can seek help from the federal government through low-interest loans.

However, Coon said such assistance is only a minor help to farmers who will only have to pay the loan back.

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Eric Coon, of Ashmore Ill., holds a beanstalk from one of the fields that wasn't severely destroyed by this summer's drought. "There's going to be acceptable yields like this one and there's going to be some really bad results this year," said Coon.

CONSTRUCTION

Improvements being made on campus

New on campus

- Sprinkler systems were installed in Ford, McKinney, and Weller halls.
- Toilet and shower renovations were completed in McKinney Hall.
- WiFi was installed in Ford, McKinney, and Weller halls.
- New carpeting was installed on a couple floors of Stevenson Hall.
- New carpeting was installed in one Greek Court building.
- Drainage improvements around the Life Science Building was completed during the summer.

By Amy Wywialowski
Assistant Daily Editor

The front doors of the Physical Science Building re-opened Friday with a temporary walkway as construction continues.

Stephen Shrake, the associate director of design and construction, said these rock paths will eventually be paved as the project continues.

“The work in front of the Physical Science building is a chilled water extension for the Honors College renovation to the old textbook rental area,” Shrake said. “The piping work is complete, and filling in the excavation is in progress.”

The renovation of the old textbook rental area into the Honors



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Brick Mason Robert Matthews chaulks a joint of the Tarble Arts Center Monday.

College is scheduled to be completed during the Spring 2013 semester.

An elevator for Pemberton Hall and a handicapped-accessible entrance to be used by both buildings are also scheduled. All three projects are currently under construction.

Altogether, the projects have a budget of about \$3.6 million.

“(The elevator) is a Capital Development Board project and just got started in the last couple weeks,” Shrake said.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Student Senate expects 200 organizations at fall Pantherpalooza

By Amy Wywialowski
Assistant Daily Editor

Although Pantherpalooza is five hours long, planning for this event begins nearly a year in advance.

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, more than 200 registered student organizations will descend on the South Quad to recruit new members and tell the campus community what they do.

Jenna Mitchell, student vice president for academic affairs, oversees all registered student organizations and is responsible for organizing the event.

Mitchell and her team of Student Senate members provide tables and bottled water for each organization that registers in advance. Groups can register the day of, but are not guaranteed a table or food.

Student Body President Kaci Abolt, a senior communication studies major, said because of the on-site registration process, it is difficult to put an exact number on how many organizations will be present at the event.

“It is running the same as years past, but we always see a number of

late registrations,” Abolt said. “People come back to campus and are like ‘oh yeah I forgot I have to register for that.’”

Last week, Mitchell said she had only received 37 registration forms via the student government website, but was not concerned.

“Kaci told me to expect about 75 percent more registrations on Monday as most people don't arrive back until the weekend before classes,” Mitchell said. “Students can expect to see a diverse group of organizations to help them find out where they fit in at Eastern.”

As an incentive for RSOs to participate, Mitchell and her team have organized a variety of giveaways including a table design contest.

The RSO with the best-decorated table will win a gift card to the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Bookstore.

Mitchell is also planning a post event survey where a student would win a similar prize.

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It's T-shirt time!



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Joshua Jackson, a senior communication studies major, sells Homecoming T-shirts on the Library Quad Monday. "One shirt for five dollars!" Jackson jokingly shouted at passers-by. "Three shirts for \$15."

CHARLESTON

Council to vote on streetlight installment

By Samantha McDaniel
Daily Editor

The Charleston City Council will vote to add a streetlight near 13th Street and Jefferson Avenue to increase visibility.

The council will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at City Hall.

Mayor John Inyart said residents of these streets agree the area is too dark and a streetlight is needed.

According to the City of Charleston Streetlight Request Form, the nine residents within half a block of the streetlight location supported the installation of the light.

"Anytime we can install a streetlight, we can improve visibility in the area and that in turn helps to promote safety, both for pedestrians, bicyclist and even the motorist that will be traveling through there," Inyart said. "The better lighting, the better the chances someone will be spotted and not hit."

The streetlight will be placed at Jefferson Avenue and the alley be-

tween 13th and 14th streets.

To fund the 100-watt Sodium Vapor Area Light, \$6.09 a month will be added to the city's annual Ameren bill.

Inyart said the light will be installed within 30 to 45 days if it is passed.

The city council will also vote to approve the appointment of Michael Kirk to the Charleston Carnegie Library Board of Trustees and the reappointment of Kit Morice and Wes Sanders to the Charleston Historic Preservation Commission along with Pat Small as an ex officio member.

Inyart said he appointed these people because they have the skills to perform each job.

Kirk is affiliated with a local bank and his background will be helpful on the library board, which is responsible for the finances of the bank, Inyart said.

He added that Morice and Sanders were reappointed because they showed they wanted to stay involved in history.



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Charleston Mayor John Inyart listens to Charleston City Council members Feb. 3 at a city council meeting in City Hall. The next city council meeting takes place on Tuesday.

"Those people have a passion for preserving parts of our history," Inyart said.

Other items will include the renewal of a license agreement with the Charleston Water Fowl Asso-

ciation and the authorization of the hiring of an attorney.

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EDUCATION

ACT to be accepted as TAP alternative

Education board allows 22 on exam with stipulations

By Nike Ogunbodede
Associate News Editor

Originally ran on July 12.

After a recent policy change made by the Illinois State Board of Education, students who would have previously had to take the Test of Academic Proficiency/Basic Skills will have the option to replace the exam with a 22 composite score on the ACT plus Writing.

The state board approved the change in late June.

Another stipulation requires the student to have taken the ACT within a specified time period—most likely five years—from when the test results were sent to the state board, said Doug Bower, associate dean for the College of Education and Professional Studies.

But, depending on when incoming seniors took their ACT, their scores might not be accepted, Bower said.

“I’ve got a lot of students who took the (ACT) in April of 2008... That’s one of the (details) that is kind of in the limbo because if the state gets the process in place by April 2013, then April 2008 works,” Bower said.

Anything after April 2013 would make tests taken in April 2008 unacceptable—leaving seniors, who need to take the TAP/Basic Skills test, unable to meet requirements.

Students would be given the option of retaking the ACT plus Writing or passing TAP, Bower said.

Retaking the ACT would be more difficult for some students because the test is only offered at certain times, but the preparative materials, distance from test sites and cost would be easier for some, Bower said.

The ACT plus Writing can be taken at local high schools and costs \$49.50, which is less than the \$125 it costs take the TAP test. The closest location that offers the TAP test is in Terre Haute, Ind.

“By Aug. 1, we are going to have something definitive in place for students to say yes (they) can use it or no they can’t,” Bower said.

Incoming freshman, sophomore and most juniors, as long as they received at least a 22 or higher composite score on their writing included ACT, will be able to opt out of the TAP test, he said.

“The Illinois State Board of Education has said the ACT composite of

22 is career and college ready, which is really what we are looking for from people who want to enter into a preparation program,” he said.

However, older, non-traditional students may choose to take the TAP test because of the more comfortable test environment Bower said.

It all depends on the preference of environment, Bower said.

“The environment of taking it in the Charleston High School cafeteria is probably not their cup of tea,” he said. “The TAP they will be in their own cubicle space taking the test.”

Bower also said he thinks students will be more focused on the rigorous classroom assignments and be less stressed.

“Right now, I think more people are being weeded out than should be,” he said. “I think the combination of the cost and the stress has discouraged some very, very good people from entering the field.”

Previously students were only allowed to take the TAP and Basic Skills test a maximum of five times, but because of the way the ACT reports scores the Illinois State Board of Education will not be able to see the number of times the ACT was taken, Bower said.

“When you send a score to Eastern or the state board, you send a test date,” Bower said.

Because of that there will not be a number restrictions placed on the ACT, Bower said.

In order to have the ACT score accepted, students will need to contact the College of Education and Professional Studies and fill out a form, then the student will need to ask the ACT to send the score report to the state board.

“The state board will not accept score reports from the university,” he said.

Bower said the board is looking into whether it will accept SAT scores from out-of-state students and the criteria it will be judged on.

Overall, Bower said he thinks the Illinois higher education system is taking a step in the right direction.

“I really believe that we should use the resources at hand as oppose to put another \$125 test in the air,” Bower said. “I don’t think we need to test people to death.”

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CHARLESTON

County Market hosts student open house

Staff Report

The Charleston County Market will be having a “Back to School Party” 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday.

John Taber, a store manger for County Market, said this event has taken place at other stores and they wanted to try it out here.

“We are just trying something new and exciting to let people know where we are at,” Taber said.

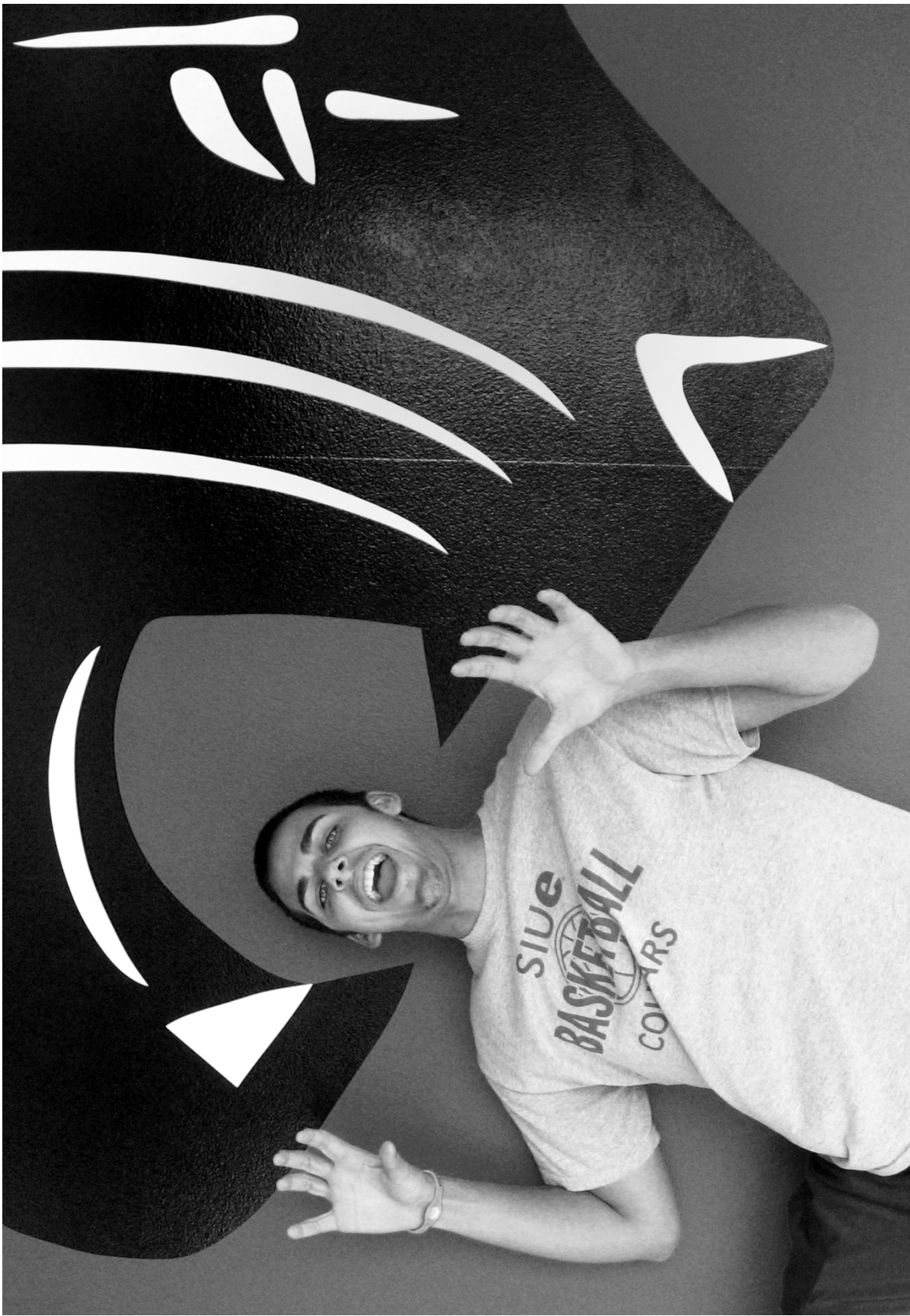
There will be free food samples available for the community and students who attend.

Taber said the samples will consist of different items from the different sections of the store including meat, dairy, bakery and produce.

He added that the items could range from egg rolls, energy drinks and cheeses to sheet cake and sausages.

There will also be games at the event, Taber said.

CAMPUS



ROBYN DEXTER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Kevin Bayus, a junior kinesiology and sports studies major, shows his panther spirit in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union by the Leadership Wall. Bayus hopes to work with the softball team and help future transfer students with their transition to Eastern.

Transfer excited for new start

By Robyn Dexter
In-depth Editor

Editor’s Note: This is the first installment of three articles following a transfer student during his transition to Eastern.

For transfer students, coming to Eastern can be an entirely different experience than that of freshmen.

For Kevin Bayus, a junior kinesiology and sports studies major, being an Eastern panther means having a lot of school spirit and going to as many athletic events as possible.

“I came to Eastern because I switched to sports management and SIUE didn’t offer it,” he said.

Bayus said his reason for coming to Eastern was because Charleston is “more of a college town” than Edwardsville.

“It’s close to home, but yet it’s far enough away,” he said. “You’re not home, but at the same time, you are.”

Bayus said he has loved getting to know Eastern through Prowl and other new student activities.

“It’s been a blast, and I’ve gotten to

meet so many new people,” he said.

Bayus said that while many freshmen and transfer students seem to sit in their rooms before class, he was out participating in activities and meeting his fellow classmates.

“I’m really looking forward to getting good grades and going to athletic events,” Bayus said.

He said he has high hopes for this semester and has set both long- and short-term goals for his time at Eastern.

“I really want to make the Dean’s List this semester,” he said. “I found out that some of my classes are harder than they look.”

Bayus said being a transfer is a lot different from being a freshman because transfer students have already experienced college in one way or another.

“You know how college is, but you don’t know anyone at your new college or if you do know people from high school, they’ve changed,” he said. “However, you’re more mature than freshmen.”

Bayus said he has always loved

sports and his passion for them led him to choose a major where he could be involved in them all the time.

“I want to coach when I get older since I get injured all the time,” he said. “I figure if I’m a coach, I won’t get hurt as often.”

He said he wanted to find a major that he was passionate about and could be interested in the topics during classes.

“When I was a marketing major, it just wasn’t interesting to me, but when I heard about coaching sports it’s actually interesting to me, and I enjoy it,” Bayus said.

Bayus said he is going to try to get involved with the softball team and travel with them as well as help with practices.

“My long-term goal for EIU is to graduate on time and not retake any classes,” he said. “I just want to get as involved as possible.”

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Be smart, safe when heading out at night

The beginning of the school year should be a time of elation. There's plenty to be excited about with new classes, new places to live and new people to meet.

But while this is a fun time for students that will likely lead to many beginning-of-the-year parties it's still important to keep safety in mind while heading out at night.

While we certainly aren't discouraging students going out and having a good time, believe us when we say we don't want to see anyone get hurt or have their futures ruined. It's true college is a time to try new things and act a bit impulsive and sometimes reckless but that's no excuse to abandon common sense altogether.

The night should be a safe time for everyone; unfortunately this isn't always the case and students should take steps to protect themselves as best they can.

- Be aware of your surroundings: There's no reason to forget about your well being in order to have a good time. Even if you plan on drinking there's no reason not to keep track of where you are and where you're going. This is especially important if you plan on walking home.

- Make your walk as safe as possible: Taking paths that are well lit and you know will have a high foot traffic will keep you from being an easy target. If you know you'll be going to an area you know little about, it wouldn't be a terrible idea to explore it sometime during the daytime to make yourself familiar.

- Surround yourself with people you trust: This can of course be difficult to do when meeting new people and you never know who might show up at a party. But chances are you probably have a couple of close friends you can trust no matter what. Stick with them when you can and make sure they at least know where you're headed. According to the Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network someone known by the victim commits approximately two-thirds of sexual assaults. With this in mind it is incredibly important for students to get to know the people they spend time with as best they can before putting themselves in a vulnerable position.

- Keep an eye out for those around you: We're a community and we should all be watching out for each other and making sure we're safe. If you see something suspicious or dangerous step in. Maybe everything is ok but maybe it isn't. Just keep in mind if you were in trouble or threatened you'd probably appreciate a helping hand yourself.

We don't mean to bring this up to scare anyone. In general Eastern and Charleston are safe places and the majority of people you meet here will likely only want what's best for you.

Sometimes it's best to prepare for the worst. Anyone can be a victim, but sometimes awareness and caution can make all the difference.

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COLUMN

Better involvement means better college experience

One of the few things my resident assistant told me my freshman year that always stuck with me (besides to keep my pants on in the hallway) was to get involved on campus.

Now that it's my last semester and I look back I can't help but agree with his advice and want to pass on the benefits that have come from it.

Some of my closest friends, favorite recollections, and coolest experiences have come from deciding to check out many different clubs freshman year and I hope many freshman will take the opportunity to do so themselves.

The first reason and most obvious yet grossly ignored is all the different people you meet at registered student organizations.

Your floor and classes are also good for meeting people but limited. Different RSOs let you meet people who have similar interests, majors or views as yourself. It lets you meet older students and students across campus and off campus.

Even if you don't join the organizations you've still met many people who you will likely see again.

If you join, then these are the people you will see numerous times in club meetings or



Tommy Nierman

weekends out. I probably would have never met some of my closest friends if not for the fact I met them in a RSO.

As you may have noticed Charleston is a smaller town that does not have all the activities you might find in a city. While I'm sure every student is planning to study late every night, on the off chance they want to do anything else involvement is the best way to go.

If you like playing ultimate Frisbee we have a great ultimate Frisbee team, for socializing we have numerous Greek organizations, if you like plants theirs botany club, etc.

If you don't see what you want it's easy to contact student government and ask how to get it started. The point is that it gives you something to do that's fun during the week besides surf Facebook for the twentieth time

or watch TV.

Getting involved can really take you places and teach you things you never would have imagined. When I first joined student government I never would have guessed I would attempt to run for student body president or get a full trip to Texas A&M for a conference.

I ended up going on a leadership cruise my freshman year through my fraternity and attended a national convention in Memphis. I lobbied for our power plant in Springfield and competed in speech at Northern.

These are just a few things I did through student government, Greek life, and speech team.

The possibilities of different events and experiences you have are limited only to what you try to join and make time for.

Try all you can and find what's right for you.

In the words of my old RA "go do something already."

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FROM THE EASEL



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COLUMN

Money problems: saving is a lot harder than spending

This past summer, I blew close to \$750 on clothing, which would have been more had my savings account been filled with the sufficient funds at that time. Luckily the bank I worked at paid its employees well, so heavy spending was something I could afford.

But making money is one thing and managing it is another.

And though I helped other people with their own savings, my checking account found itself, more often than not, practically empty.

Upon reading a letter from the bank about my recent shopping spree, my father rolled back in his chair.

And then he went on a whole spiel about money; I nodded and rolled my eyes childishly, as was custom whenever he lectured me about, well, anything.

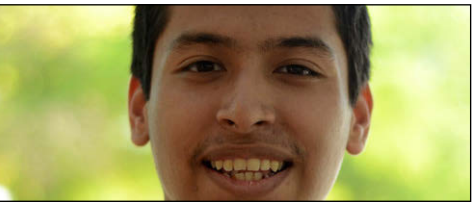
To justify the shopping spree, I argued it was for school and therefore necessary (yeah, it sounds a little pathetic).

He said I'd never be able to save a dollar and that I needed to change.

I swore, mostly to spite him, from that moment on not a single dime would be wasted on inessential things, like excessive amounts of clothing.

And this past summer, what started off as a way to prove my father wrong ended up changing the way I handle money.

Every paycheck I made was stored away in the bank. All seemed well, but I still browsed through Amazon and stores at the mall, looking for things to one-day purchase. I figured it would be okay to save some money and then



Jaime Lopez

waste the rest of it carelessly.

I sadly considered buying a stereo for a car without owning one, practically wasting the money I painstakingly saved in the first month.

That was my rock bottom.

Something needed to be done before I ended up with a lifetime supply of toilet paper or multiple copies of "50 Shades of Grey"

Yes, you're probably thinking: 'what a nut job! Who throws their money away so carelessly?'

In a stagnant economy with limited job security, one would most likely save as much money as possible, but it can hard when you have no management skills.

At this point in time, the only thing keeping me from squandering away my entire savings is fear of poverty, fear of a future with no job.

I have recurring nightmares of a 30-something-year-old me living in a box—or worse, my parents' basement—sobbing underneath a pillow because none of my future goals panned out. Scary? Yes.

And to top that, the field I'm going into, journalism, is currently undergoing some major changes. Professors tell me to be flexible and that I can't bank on getting some stellar job. Niche jobs are hard to come by when employers ask for more than a college degree.

Imagine going into a job interview, the employer lists the requirements for the position and you sit there puzzled because you realize you're not qualified.

And friends and family's constant remarks about my choice in career don't comfort me at all.

"Change majors! There are no jobs!" That's what I usually hear.

Heck, even my doctor worries for me.

On my last physical, she suggested becoming a computer engineer or something else that might ensure financial stability, especially because she knows how I am with money (I think my mother shares too much with our doctor).

So, since the incident with the stereo, I cut my debit card and credit card up and saved more than ever this past summer.

And it feels good to know I have some money stored in the bank.

But every now and then I relapse and my friends have to pry my wallet from me.

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CAMPUS

Booth features Olympic posters

New exhibit expected to intrigue students

By Tim Deters
Features Editor

Although the 2012 London Olympic Games have come to a close, students still have the opportunity to experience a taste of the Olympic spirit on campus.

In the University Archives and Reference section of Booth Library, located at the south entrance to the library, a collection of Olympic posters from every Summer Olympics in history is on display.

Romantic landscapes and athletes poised in idealistic poses adorn the posters of the early Summer Olympics, the first of which occurred in 1896.

Exploring the exhibit along the timeline of Olympic history, the posters tend to express more and more of the cultures of the host nations and become more abstract.

The poster for the 1968 Mexico City Olympics features a dizzying display of black and white concentric lines emanating from the central title “Mexico 68.”

The poster for the 2008 Beijing Olympics is dominated by the central figure of a dancing person, which is actually a stylized version of the Chinese character “Jing” from the host city’s name.

However, there are gaps in the posters.

Senior Library Specialist Johna Von Behren, who assembled the poster collection, explained that three Summer Olympic Games had to be canceled because of World War I and World War II: in 1916 in Berlin, 1940 in Tokyo and 1944 in London.

Also on display at the exhibit is an Olympic torch carried in the 1996 Atlanta Olympics. Former Gov. Jim Edgar donated the torch.

Von Behren said the Olympic



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One of the olympic torches from the 1996 Atlanta Olympics. The torch was donated to Booth Library by former Ill. Governor Jim Edgar.

posters are more than just advertising for the games. She said they bring together art, politics, commerce and culture.

“It’s a combination of all of these aspects,” she said.

The games are an important part of the international community at large, Von Behren said.

“I think it is very good for politics and for people of other races and cultures to understand each other,” she said. “Plus, it’s fun to watch.”

However, Von Behren said she has noticed interest in the Olympics has waned in recent years.

“I know my generation, we loved the Olympics, but I’ve noticed that my friends’ children—I don’t know if it is because they’ve been bombarded with TV—but they couldn’t care less,” she said.

Von Behren said she hopes the exhibit will be able to renew interest in the games and allow students to learn more about the history of the Olympics.

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A poster with the Beijing Olympics graphic is located at the south entrance to the Booth Library.

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Eric Coon shows the difference between the growth and development of an average piece of corn (left) and a piece of corn that was affected by the drought (right).

“Those (federal disaster loans) are Band-Aid-type situations for most farmers,” he said. “A loan is a loan; you are still borrowing the money.”

Coon purchased federal crop insurance for this year’s season and said about 50-60 percent of farmers in the area have done the same.

“That (insurance) alone is going to get you through this situation in fairly decent shape,” he said.

If farmers did not purchase crop insurance, he said this might be a

tougher year for them.

Though farmers are facing a tough situation brought on by minimal rainfall and high temperatures, Coon said the drought is not a catastrophe for farmers.

“Yes, there is some hardship, but in another 12 months we are going to be raising another crop,” Coon said. “I’ll be OK.”

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“It will not be complete until winter break or later depending on delivery of the elevator unit.”

This means it is a state funded and managed project.

Continuing down the North Quad, the McAfee Gymnasium will receive new floors, and Shrake said he expects them to be completed in early September.

While students were away, a variety of campus improvements were completed. This includes the demolition of the coal scrubber apparatus and other discarded equipment that was once connected to the old power plant also located on the North Quad.

William Weber, the vice president for

business affairs, oversees the Facilities, Planning and Management Office.

He said there was an initiative in the ’80s to burn Illinois coal, which is unclean coal, and they needed the scrubbers to make it burnable.

“The initiative was eventually abandoned, and we switched to clean coal,” Weber said. “Essentially we didn’t need the eyesore anymore, as we have made a commitment to make this campus more attractive.”

Eventually the smokestack will also be demolished, but no timeline has currently been set.

The steam plant part of the building currently houses a backup generator for the campus.

“The old steam plant is on the National Register of Historic Places, so we have to be careful with alterations to building’s façade,” Weber said.

Temporarily, the demolished area will be turned into additional parking as well as “green space.”

“My understanding is that it will eventually have a walk connecting the walk in front of Blair Hall with the walk that crosses the parking lot south of Student Services with some art sculpture and a sitting area with minimal landscape,” Shrake said.

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ADVICE

HERC’s healthy habits for new school year

By Robyn Dexter
In-depth Editor

Upon returning to school, students can get caught up in class work and social activities and forget about staying healthy.

To help new students acclimate to Eastern in a healthy fashion, the Health Education Resource Center encourages many habits than can be beneficial.

Amanda Woolard, the assistant director for health education and promotion at the HERC, said the HERC aims to focus on a few specific areas this year.

The first of these is sleep.

“We encourage students to monitor their sleep habits,” she said. “Many times, individuals are not aware of the effect sleep has on daily routines.”

Woolard stressed that healthy sleep habits can help concentration in the classroom, faster reaction times, ability to learn new things and increase emotional and mental well-being.

Eating fruits and vegetables serves as the second area the HERC aims to help students with.

“Students rarely consume the correct

amount of fruits and vegetables in their daily intake,” Woolard said. “The recommended amount is five-to-nine servings each day.”

While she said the “Freshman 15” is a myth, students should still be aware of their food intake.

“Ensure they are getting the correct portion sizes and eating the correct number of servings,” she said. “Avoid foods with high sugar content, sodium and fat.”



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16 Geographical formation whose name is Spanish for 9-Down

17 ____ Rizzo, "Midnight Cowboy" role

18 What might take a stand outside a school?

19 Dope fiend

21 Burn without a flame

23 Tap

25 New Year's ____

26 Baja bear

28 Land where the Danube flows

30 Cleopatra's killer

33 Hold filler

35 Mover's vehicle

36 Model ____ Nicole Smith

37 Author of the book whose title is circled in the grid

41 "Yes, there is ____!"

42 "____ the fields we go ..."

43 Japanese port

44 Right out of the box

45 With lack of distinctiveness

48 Street cred

49 "Get it?"

50 Bonbons, e.g.

52 Musical instruments listed very late alphabetically

56 Trouser measurements

59 Latin love

60 Straighten

62 Brickell who sang "What I Am"

63 China's ____ En-lai

64 Keister

65 Groucho or Chico

66 "King ____"

67 Send out

68 "Don't leave!"

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1 Like morning grass, typically

2 Dairy-free spread

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4 Nebraska home of Berkshire Hathaway

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6 Prov. east of Manitoba

7 Mama ____ Elliot

8 Iranian Revolution leader

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10 Gung-ho

11 Hockey feint

12 Computer giant

14 ____ Malfoy (Harry Potter villain)

20 Continental coins

22 Tube travelers?

24 Businesses where the customers call the shots?

26 Indian ____

27 Beetle Bailey's boss

29 '60s war locale

30 Camp David Accords party

31 Capture

32 Winner's demand

34 H.S. dropout's document

36 F.B.I. employee: Abbr.

38 Abide

39 "Isn't ____ bit like you and me?" (Beatles lyric)

40 "The Highwayman" poet

45 Hive member

46 One of the D's in D.D.E.

47 1950s-'60s comic Bruce

49 Gesture accompanying "Beats me"

51 Swarms

52 2009 Cy Young Award winner Greinke

53 "If you ask me," in textspeak

54 Bugs Bunny or Tweety Bird

55 Dickensian setting

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58 Very exciting

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VOLLEYBALL

Panthers need more team effort

By Anthony Catezone
Assistant Sports Editor

If there is one thing the Eastern volleyball team has it is depth.

The Panthers are poised for a year where many key players must contribute to their success, with ten players returning from the 2011 roster, five of which being starters.

Senior middle hitter Alison Berens, senior outside hitter Emily Franklin and junior outside hitter Reynae Hutchinson are the three captains that lead the team into the 2012 season.

The Panthers saw two recipients of Ohio Valley Conference preseason honors in Berens and Franklin.

While both players said they were honored by the award, they agreed that their goals go way beyond individual success and that they have their sights set on winning the OVC.

Head coach Kate Price feels the same way. Price said the accomplishment is good but awards at season's end are what she wants to see most.

"I think it's a really good accomplishment, but at the same time it is preseason honors," Price said. "I want to see two to three players with end of the season conference honors because of how well our team finished. That's my goal."

Six newcomers will try to help reach that goal.

Five incoming freshman who have a vast range of club team experience will be looked at to make an impact off the bench as the season goes on, along with junior transfer student Stefanie Shanks.

However, coach Price is looking for a collective team effort from top

to bottom.

"We have five freshmen that are coming in and making a pretty big impact," Price said. "We have three seniors on the court that can easily do that, as well, and right now Reynae (Hutchinson) is hitting the ball at a very high point. She had a tough season last year, but sophomore seasons are always tough. But, she'll rebound and come back from that better than she did her freshman year."

With only three seniors, the Panthers have a relatively young squad. Coach Price will be looking to the captains and their fellow upperclassmen to share their knowledge and experience when it comes to heart-breaking losses.

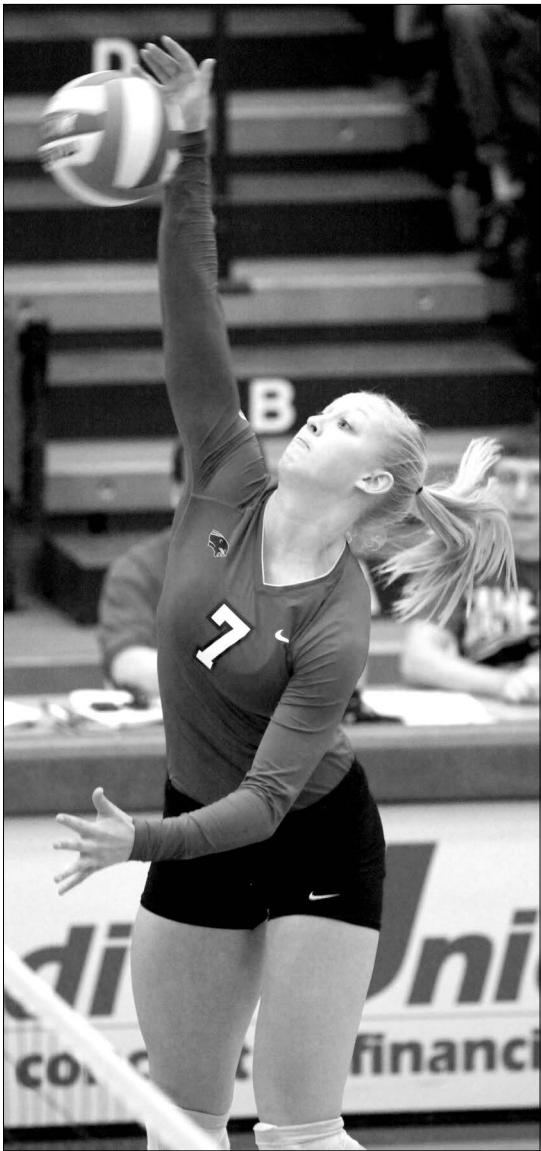
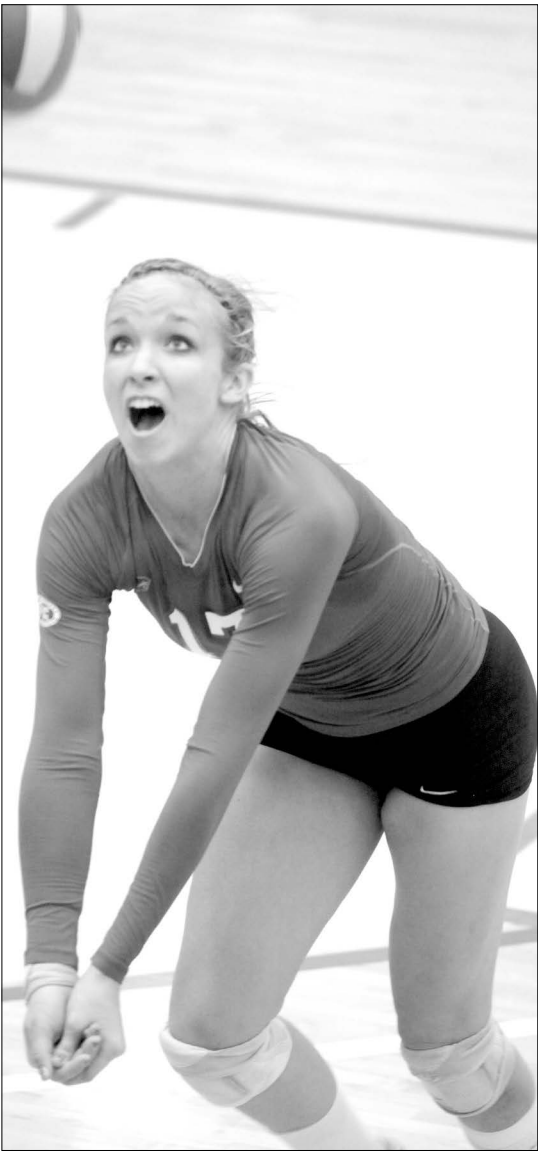
"We have returners that know what it's like to have big wins and they know what it's like to have big losses," Price said. "They need to share that knowledge and that's part of what being a leader is. It's explaining that feeling after losing a five-game match at home 15-13. You have to let them know that is not an option. And that is what they do on the court as well."

Berens is ready to do so.

The senior from O'Fallon said she and the team are both ready to make the OVC tournament and go somewhere the Eastern volleyball team has never gone before.

The preseason schedule kicks off Aug. 24-25 in Chicago at the DePaul Invitational, where the Panthers will begin their quest to try and take the team somewhere it has never been.

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Junior outside hitter Emily Franklin dives for the ball during a game against Jacksonville State (left). Sophomore outside hitter Reynae Hutchinson spikes the ball during Eastern's game against UT Martin Eastern (right).

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“Play hard, stay together. I think if we have great effort and if we stay together as a football team, things will work in our favor.”

Head Football Coach
Dino Babers

The Panthers will open the Babers era and the 2012 season on Aug. 30, with a matchup against in-state opponent Southern Illinois at 6:30 p.m. on O'Brien Field.

Eastern is eager to avenge its season ending loss to the Salukis last year as they will look to open this season with a statement victory.

"Last time we were on the afield against the Salukis we had a half-time lead and they came back in the second half and really put it on us," Head Coach Dino Babers said. "It's a blessing that they were our last game and now they are our first because we can still remember that feeling in the locker room. We are looking forward to playing them on the 30th and to find out exactly where we are at as a football team."

Following the home opener against the Salukis, the Panthers will round out non-conference play with two road games against Western Michigan and Illinois state.

The Panthers will take on Western Michigan on Sept. 8 in Kalamazoo, Mich., and will match

up with Illinois State in the 101st Mid-America Classic on Sept. 15 in Bloomington.

The Panthers edged the Redbirds in last years' season opener – the 100th meeting between the two schools - 33-26 at O'Brien Field.

Eastern's premier home game will be against reigning conference co-champion Jacksonville State as they will welcome the Gamecocks to O'Brien Field for Homecoming on Oct. 13. The Panthers will also host the Austin Peay Governors for Family Weekend on Sept. 19.

In OVC action, the Panthers will play in front of their home crowd in four of their seven conference games.

The Panthers will host pre-season favorite Murray State, Austin Peay, Jacksonville State and Southeast Missouri.

The Panthers will go on the road to face Tennessee Martin, Eastern Kentucky and Tennessee State.

Eastern will round out the regular season with a matchup against Central Arkansas in Conway, Ark., on Nov. 17.

Although the Panthers will be looking to improve on a 2-9 finish in the 2011 season, Babers is looking for consistent effort throughout the season, and believes if he can get that, the Panthers will be in position to win more games this fall.

"Play hard, stay together," Babers said. "I think if we have great effort and if we stay together as a football team, things will work in our favor. Whatever that is, it will be a positive and we will build from there."

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SPORTS

NCAA changes approved athletic recruitment rules

By Joshua Bryant
Staff Reporter

Originally ran on June 19.

Division-I coaches will now be able to have access to potential players in their sophomore year of high school after a decision on Friday.

In previous years it was against the rules for coaches to text message, Facebook message, Tweet, etc. student-athletes.

On top of that, during the summer for six weeks, two hours per week are now available for coaching staffs to put players through individual workouts.

These new freedoms will benefit new Eastern Head Coach Jay Spoonhour as his new staff looks to get to know player strengths and weaknesses, as well as earn a look into the current roster in order to get an early feel for the fall.

As far as building that roster, the NCAA, which has been extremely strict on the recruiting contact in the past, will no longer strike down coaches for communication, as long as they're of class.

These texts, calls, direct message, tweets and private Facebook messages will no longer be condemned.

This comes only months after Baylor University was placed on three-years probation for impermissible phone calls and text messages, along with other sanctions such as lost scholarships, recruiting restrictions, limited visits and game suspensions.

This new move is the NCAA's response to the new age of communication, accepting social media and new technology as a part of society, which can go hand-in-hand with recruiting athletes.

Also, this will now discourage third-party recruiting, which is used to contact athletes through the aforementioned means without the actual coaching staff dialing or texting.

The ruling has gotten the attention of the American Football Coaches Association as well, which will now look to get Division I football the same freedoms and could potentially be even more hectic than men's basketball because of

sheer number of players.

There's no word yet on whether or not they will pursue the summer individual workout hours as well, which have left players to work technique and watch film on their own in the past.

This may not be pursued as heavily thanks to the benefit of Spring Ball and training camp surrounding the summer session in the first place.

The new guidelines could fire up the Amateur Athletic Union men's basketball circuit as well, with so many new avenues of communication.

Instead of having to get through a legal guardian to speak to anyone, it is now at the athlete's discretion to pick up or respond.

The effects have yet to be seen, though many who have been caught doing it in the past have fielded talent-filled rosters.

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Turner is entering the season as the top goalkeeper after sharing time with Tyler Kelley in goal last season.

Jordan Collins is the only other senior on the roster, while Jake Plant is the only junior.

Howarth said he expects the youngsters to grow up fast, though.

"Half way through the season those freshmen are practically sophomores anyway," Howarth said.

One of the goals of the preseason was to get those young players time on the field to get ready for the regular season.

Howarth said he has been working on putting together three different start-

ing lineups for the team this season.

The Panthers' first game is Friday against Bradley at 6 p.m. in Peoria. The team's first home game will be at 4:30 p.m. Sept. 14 against Central Arkansas.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Panthers will look to rebound in home opener

Panthers searching for first win

By Dominic Renzetti
Staff Reporter

Two matches into the 2012 season and the Eastern women's soccer team finds itself at 0-2 after losing to Iowa and Purdue over the weekend.

The Panthers were shutout in the season opener against Iowa, losing 5-0; then against Purdue, Eastern came up short, losing 2-1 in double overtime.

The team will hope to bounce back this weekend at home, taking on Northern Iowa at 3 p.m. Friday, and then facing Cleveland State on Sunday at 1 p.m.

Taldone faces a flurry of shots

Red-shirt senior Jessica Taldone has faced a total of 50 shots in just two matches, posting a 3.555 goals against average.

She has made 19 total saves this season, while giving up seven goals so far this season.

Head coach Summer Perala spoke highly of Taldone, calling her a player that the team needs to be a leader in 2012.

"She is a player who is a gamer and she will come in and just light it up in the games and make all the big time saves in games," Perala said. "She's someone we look to come in and lead the team in that aspect."

Team bounces back from Iowa loss

After the loss to Iowa, Perala said she told the team it should be pleased with the steps taken to improve after the team's 9-0 preseason loss to Kansas.

"If we continue to come out hard in the first minute of the game, it'll

be a more competitive match for us," Perala said.

Around the OVC

A number of other Ohio Valley Conference teams were also in action over the weekend.

Eastern Kentucky improved to 2-0 with a 1-0 victory over Robert Morris.

Freshman Taylor Perkins scored her first goal of her career two minutes into the first overtime period to secure the win for the Colonels.

Morehead State fell to Kent State 4-1, dropping the Eagles to 0-2 on the year.

Morehead State gave up two goals in the first half, when finally scoring one of its own with only a few minutes to play in the first half.

Kent State would add two more goals in the second half to bring the Midwest Athletic Conference team to a record of 2-0.

Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville fell 1-0 to in-state opponent Northern Illinois, with the Huskies scoring early in the second half.

The Cougars drop to 0-2 on the season, and will take on Drake this Friday.

Jacksonville State took down Georgia State in its first road match of the season by a score of 2-1.

After being tied at halftime, Whitney Raven pushed the Gamecocks ahead with a goal in the 37th minute.

Belmont opened its 2012 season with a win over Toledo.

After falling behind early in the match, Belmont battled back to defeat the 2011 NCAA Tournament participant.

The win is the first OVC win for Belmont in any sport.

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FOOTBALL



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Jimmy Garoppolo, a junior quarterback, throws a pass Saturday morning at O'Brien Field. The first match up of the season is August 30 at 6:30 p.m. against Southern Illinois.

New era for football

Panthers hope to exceed expectations

By Jordan Pottorff
Sports Editor

For the first time since the 1987 season Eastern will open up a new era of football as first year Head Coach Dino Babers will guide the Panthers through the 2012 season.

The new era of Eastern football has the team, students and community reenergized for the upcoming season, as they will debut a new up-tempo offense that is sure to provide excitement this fall.

"It's exciting and it's a complete change from last year," junior quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo said. "The coaches are different and the players have a different mindset. Practice is fun, we are having

fun in the locker room, and we just can't wait for that first game."

The Panthers just completed a rigorous training camp that had them going through two-a-days to prepare for the upcoming season and instill a winning attitude throughout the program.

"It just seems like we have a different attitude all together," Garoppolo said. "If we got down at any point we were just out of the game and people almost gave up. This year we are fighting, we went through it really well, and I thought we had a great fall camp. Every day we were giving it our all and I like what I'm seeing right now."

"It just seems like we have a different attitude all together,"

Jimmy Garoppolo, quarterback

Although, the Panthers have high expectations this season, Eastern was picked to finish eighth in the Ohio Valley Conference pre-season rankings.

Regardless of their counterparts expectations the Panthers are confident that they can impress this season and come out on top in a number of games.

"We plan to win a lot of ball games," redshirt junior linebacker Antonio Taylor said. "We plan to come out to win some games for our fans and win some games for ourselves and to have a great season."

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MEN'S SOCCER

Panthers expect to contend despite youth

Underclassmen overtake team with vigor

By Alex McNamee
Staff Reporter

The Eastern men's soccer team will be young no matter what combination of 11 players head coach Adam Howarth puts on the field each game this season.

Underclassmen come by the truckload this season — 19 players on the Panthers' 23-man roster are red-shirt sophomores or younger, including nine freshmen and two red-shirt freshmen.

But youth doesn't come with inexperience for some on the Panthers' roster.

Sophomores Will Butler and Jake Brillhart return as two of the Pan-

thers' top three scorers from last season.

Butler finished the season with three goals and five assists, while Brillhart scored a team-high four goals.

Underclassmen scored every goal during the Panthers' preseason, including red-shirt sophomore Brandon Loncar and freshman Nick Smith.

Red-shirt freshman Garett Christianson will also see more time this season. He was one of the Panthers' top scorers last year with three goals, and he did it in only six games.

However, the team won't be complete without good senior leadership, Howarth said.

Seniors Evan Turner and Ian McCausland will have to take leadership roles for the Panthers, Howarth said.

Both players have important positional roles on the team with McCausland as a midfielder and Turner as the starting goalkeeper.

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Ryan Child, senior midfielder, intercepts a pass to an Oakland University player, October 29, 2011 at Lakeside Field.