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CAMPUS

Stevenson Tower Dining opening set back by two weeks



DANNY DAMIANI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Construction continues on Stevenson's dining hall Tuesday. New layout and conveniences included in Stevenson's renovations. The dining hall is scheduled to re-open Sept. 7.

New layout, building addition opening soon

By Sam Bohne
Campus Editor

After setbacks caused by the rain, Stevenson Tower Dining will re-open Sept. 7.

Mark Hudson, the director of University Housing and Dining Services, said the poor weather in June pushed construction back by two weeks.

"As we tell them, it'll be worth

the wait," Hudson said.

The remodeling of Stevenson Tower Dining will provide an updated look, including new seating and lighting, as well as a food court style layout.

"We reconfigured it so that it's more of a scramble," Hudson said.

Instead of people waiting in one line to obtain their meal, students will be able to split up and wait in separate lines for the food of their choice.

Along with the new layout, an addition was built onto the west side dining area of the facility to provide more space for students

and dining staff.

The dining hall's new lighting, square black plates, booths and high table top seating are all updates to enhance the general feel of the facility, Hudson said.

As of now, the yellow caution tape and plastic sheeting cover the construction site below Stevenson Tower's lobby.

For some students like Anders Braaten, a junior political science major, and D.J. Bland, a freshman business management major, the construction has caused a small inconvenience at mealtime.

"It affected my eating," Braaten said.

Since returning to Eastern, Bratten and Bland have had to travel across campus to obtain their meals.

"You have to travel a couple of blocks to eat nowadays," Bland said.

Although walking to one of the other dining centers on campus may be seen as a minor inconvenience, the construction was not a problem during move-in.

Kayla Johner, a senior family and consumer science major, expected construction to have an impact on move-in.

"It wasn't as bad as what I
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UNIVERSITY

Employee dedicated to more than housing

Eastern employee of 32 years died, campus mourns

By Sam Bohne
Campus Editor

Mark Shaklee, a dedicated Cardinals fan and a loyal employee of Eastern for 32 years, died Aug. 13, leaving Eastern feeling the loss.

Mark Hudson, director of University Housing and Dining Services, first met Shaklee while at Eastern for his undergraduate degree in 1978.

"Mark is one of the most loyal employees I've ever had the pleasure to work with," Hudson said. "Loyal to the university, loyal to his family and loyal to the Cardinals. He was a big baseball Cardinals fan."

Hudson described Shaklee as "your classic behind the scenes guy" who made contributions to all of the campus improvement projects.

Randy Rodebaugh, a renovation foreman for Eastern, said Shaklee put students first.

"Mark was a special person," Rodebaugh said. "He was a person that looked out for the students

"Mark was a special person."

Randy Rodebaugh,
renovation foreman

as well as the university."

Hudson said he thinks Shaklee's "impact will be long felt" because of his dedication to his work and the things he achieved on campus.

"It was his dedication to (student's) needs and interests that gives them the physical environment that they enjoy today," Hudson said.

Hudson said Shaklee's relationship with others as associate director allowed University Housing and Dining Services to "get so much accomplished."

"We have heavy hearts because we miss our friend," Hudson said.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Nine positions still waiting to be filled for Student Senate

Positions require full time student, 2.3 GPA, min. 2 office hours per week

By Nike Ogunbodede
Student Government Editor

The student government is currently trying to fill nine out of 30 student senator positions.

Two of the positions were from senators who resigned while the rest of the open positions are from students who graduated the previous year.

"Student Senate is not a joke. We need someone who has passion for what they will be doing."

Jason Sandidge, speaker of the senate

Jason Sandidge, Speaker of the Senate, said candidates must have at least a 2.3 GPA, be able to work at least two office hours a week, and be considered a full time student.

"I thought, like most people, that student government was a nerdy thing, but then my brothers would tell me stories about every-

thing going on, and I realized student government isn't only for people with 4.0 GPAs."

Appointment of a student senator can occur before actual election times during first semester, but they will have to run and be elected in December. Someone who is appointed during second semester will have to

run during the April elections.

Candidates may also be asked to serve on a committee.

"We have eight different committees: academic affairs, panther express, diversity affairs, internal affairs, student affairs, business affairs, external relations and university and developmental recycling," Sandidge said.


Sandidge said student government is looking for individuals who are passionate, committed and determined for the job.

"(Student Senate) is not a joke. We need someone who has passion for what they will be doing," he said.

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what's on tap

THURSDAY

7 p.m. - Dramatic film showing
The Eastern Theatre Department invites the campus community to a screening of the Tim Robbins film "Cradle Will Rock" in the Doudna Fine Arts Center Lecture Hall. The film is presented free of charge.
The film is a drama about theater life in the 1930s during the times of the Great Depression, the Red Scare, fascism and unions.

FRIDAY

7 p.m. - UB Movies
'Iron Man 2,' an American superhero sequel starring Robert Downey Jr. as Tony Stark, is an out-of-your-seat, exhilarating film filled with non-stop action.

FRIDAY

8:30 p.m. - Observatory Open House
The public is invited to view the Ring Nebula and the Hercules Globular Cluster through Eastern's state-of-the-art, 16-inch Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope. Attendees will also be able to view other parts of the Milky Way through smaller telescopes.
Eastern's observatory is located southwest of the Campus Pond.

If you want to add a campus clip, please e-mail dennewsdesk@gmail.com or call 581-7942.

Up in the air



DANNY DAMIANI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Kayne O'Brien, a senior secondary education social sciences major and color guard instructor at Effingham High School, practices in the Library Quad Tuesday.

ONLINE TEASERS



Photo Blog:
Campus skyline

Assistant Online Editor Julia Carlucci turns photos of campus buildings into a slide show of campus buildings most commonly used by students. Stop and take another look at the buildings we use everyday. Check it out online at dennews.com.



Podcast:
Music Review

A review by James Roedl of Dark Night of the Soul an album released in July. Listen to find out the dark secrets surrounding the album that almost did not get released.

ENTERTAINMENT

Knife-wielding intruder
arrested at Paris Hilton's

By the Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A man has been arrested at Paris Hilton's Los Angeles home after the socialite said he tried to break into her house while holding two big knives.
Police Officer Gregory Baek says the man was arrested about 6:30 a.m. Tuesday but his name hasn't been released.
Hilton said on her Twitter page: "So Scary, just got woken up to a guy trying to break into my house holding 2 big knives. Cops are here arresting him."
Baek couldn't confirm if the man was armed.
Baek says the break-in was reported by telephone but he didn't know if it came from Hilton or an alarm company.
Hilton posted a photo on Twitter of police arresting the man.

EIU History Lesson

2008

It was reported in *The DEN* that Eastern's first provost, Richard Moody, had died. He died Aug. 16 from a heart attack at 91 years old.

2000

Comedian Sabrina Matthews performed at Eastern in the Rathskeller loft.

1995

Hazing became a Class 4 felony if it results in death or great harm. A *DEN* article reported that sororities and fraternities on campus responded positively to the change.

1977

Rich Rhodes, who was named the most valuable basketball player the previous winter, made a bid at playing professional basketball with the Chicago Bulls.



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New UB staff, same dedication

Kayleigh Zyskowski
News Editor

The University Board has several new faces with only three members returning with more than a year's experience.

"This is the first time in a while we have had a completely new board," the UB chair Krystina LaMorte said. "Everyone who was on it before graduated last year."

LaMorte, Alyssa Anderson, the UB vice chair, and Otis Seawood, the special events coordinator, are the three seasoned members.

"With an all new staff, we were really shocked at how well the first weekend went," LaMorte said.

With Quakin' in the Quad out of the way, the UB is now looking forward to future events.

Homecoming and Family Weekend are two of the larger events of the school year the UB plans, but LaMorte and Anderson feel confident about the preparations done thus far.

"We start planning months ahead of time for these," LaMorte said. "We had everything booked as soon as the spring semester was done."

This week, the UB has made changes to one of their traditional events.

Once a month, the board has shown a movie over a weekend that Eastern students are able to attend for free.

The movie will be shown this weekend but with a new twist.

"Iron Man 2" will be shown on a big screen at 7 p.m. Friday in the South Quad.

Before the movie is shown, students will be given the chance to show their skills in a Wii Mario Kart competition.

"We are doing things (the) UB has always done in the past, but we are revamping some things," said Anderson. "Campus is so used to what we do, but this year, we want to take them for a spin."

The rain location and Saturday's showing will be 7 p.m. in the Buzzard Hall Auditorium.

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DANNY DAMIANI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Junior history major Ryan Torbit peels away from the velcro wall attraction during Quakin in the Quad Saturday in the South Quad.

Popular songs performed by saxaphonist

Kayleigh Zyskowski
News Editor

When most Eastern students think of someone playing the saxophone, many think of playing in their fifth grade band. However, Matt Corey may dispel this thought at 7 p.m. today in the 7th Street Underground.

"He puts a spin on music with a jazz funk fusion," said Cassie Falco, the main stage coordinator for the University Board. "He plays a lot of the same music Eastern students have already heard on the radio just with a different spin."

Corey performs songs by Drake, Rihanna, Usher, Katy Perry, and Michael Jackson, which have all been on the Top 40 Billboard chart.

"There's a good chance if you listen to the radio and listen to our promo tape you will hear the same songs," Corey said.

After graduating from Youngstown State University with jazz performance and music education degrees, Corey traded his classic saxophone style for a pop twist in order to entertain his peers.

"I really liked playing sax but not necessarily a fan of playing in the jazz environments," Corey said. "I would rather play at one of the clubs I would have fun at and play for my rowdy, drunk friends."

"From what I've heard, he has a lot of energy and plays a lot of different kinds of music."

Cassie Falco, UB coordinator

Since his days at Youngstown, Corey opted to follow his performance degree.

He has played with a classical bus tour, and in 2004, he performed with George Clinton and the Parliament-Funkadelic.

While touring with the band Skinny, Corey had the opportunity to open shows for Dave Mathews Band, Lil' Wayne and O.A.R.

"All awesome experiences," Corey said.

After starting his solo career, Corey's YouTube videos sparked the attention of NBC's America's Got Talent.

"My clip was played during the show, I wasn't able to personally get to go to Las Vegas and perform," Corey said.

On Aug. 16, Corey and his two band mates began a 36-city tour including Miami, Houston and Indianapolis.

Corey's band mates are bassist, Matt Vick, and a recently added drummer, Chase Williams, after his former drummer, James Agnew, left the band to play with Justin Bieber.

"We love to play and meet new people to extend the family," Corey said.

Eastern students should be able to relate to Corey's style of music and have a good time with the performance," Falco said "This should be a fun event especially if the students feel like moving and dancing. From what I've heard, he has a lot of energy and plays a lot of different kinds of music."

Corey's performance will be the first UB: Unplugged event of the Fall 2010 semester. Every Unplugged event is free for Eastern students.

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GUIDE

Back to school: Car maintenance tips

Before you leave for a big trip or even the trip home, it is important to check your car to make sure everything is running properly. Basic car maintenance, not only helps keep the car running, but also helps to extend the life of your car.

Here is a list of simple things your "dad" might check before sending you on your way.

- Check your tire pressure

Making sure your tires are the right pressure is a good way to help to improve your gas mileage. Under inflated tires can also be dangerous as it makes it easier to lose control of your car.

To check your tires, locate what the pressure of your tires should be by looking at the sticker on the inside of your driver's door or in vehicle's manual. Then, you need air, which can be located at most gas stations.

Take a tire gauge, which is \$1 at Wal-Mart, and then take off the cap on your tire

and apply the gauge to it. Fill your tire with air until you reach desired pressure.

- Check your oil

Make sure that you check your oil every once in awhile in order to make sure your car runs smoothly. Your oil should be changed every three months or every 3,000 miles.

To check your oil, have paper towels ready. Locate your dipstick under your hood. Wipe off the dipstick and place it back into position. Then take out the dipstick again and look at the end to see where your oil is and where it should be. Fill your oil if it is too low.

- Check wiper blades and add windshield wiper fluid

Take a look at your wipers and make sure they are working correctly. Replace them if they don't clear your windshield in the rain

and you have trouble seeing. Also replace them if anything is hanging off of your wipers such as the rubber piece that clears your windshield.

Add windshield fluid if you do not have any so that your windshield will stay clean no matter what runs into your car.

- Know places around you that can help with the maintenance on your car

Plenty of places in Charleston can help check your car and keep it running smoothly. Places to check the maintenance of your car are: Midas, 515 Lincoln Ave.; Neal Tire and Auto Service, 417 Madison Ave.; Bartley Garage, 814 18th St.; Charleston Service Center, 1718 Lincoln Ave.; and many others around town. Even Wal-Mart has its own auto center that can change your oil or your tires.

See Friday's issue of *The Verge* for more back to school tips

BLOTTER

On Saturday, Aug. 21, Nicholas White, 21, of Streamwood, Ill., and Tyler Kiel, 20, of Schaumburg, Ill. were arrested at 3:40 a.m. in Lawson Hall. Both were charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and both were released at 4:35 a.m. after posting 10 percent of a \$1,000 bond, said

the University Police Department

On Saturday, Aug. 21, Benjamin Sherrick, 20, of Greenup, Ill. was arrested at 5:48 a.m. at 7th and Lincoln. Sherrick was charged with DUI and released at 7:13 a.m. after posting 10 percent of a \$1,000 bond, said the Uni-

versity Police Department.

On Saturday, Aug 21, a black Honda was reported damaged by an unknown vehicle while parked in O'Brien Field lot. This incident is under investigation, said the University Police Department.

Maher Yasin, 22, of Oak Forest, Ill., was arrested at 2:10 a.m. near the Burl Ives building and was charged with Possession of Cannabis less than 2.5 grams and released around 2:45 a.m. after posting 10 percent of a \$1,000 bond, said the University Police Department.

CORRECTIONS

In Tuesday's edition of *The Daily Eastern*, the Rubber Lover's meeting time was incorrect. The Rubber Lover's meeting will be on Thursday from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Charleston-Mattoon Room.

In Tuesday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, Jason Sandidge was misquoted. He really said, "we never give up," not "we give up."

The DEN regrets the error.

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FROM AROUND THE STATE

Unpopular
platform spurs
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Most students equate hotels with the place their parents stay when they visit, not a place for education.

But for a couple of schools in the United States, hotels are the place to be.

At the Missouri Valley's other ISU, Indiana State University, the Candlewood Suites is the new residence hall.

As a result of record enrollment for this academic year, 70 upperclass students have been asked to spend the fall semester in the hotel rather than a dorm room.

While housing isn't an issue for Doral, Florida's Renaissance Charter Middle School, space is currently at a premium due to construction of the school that has run over estimated time.

To fill the void left by the inaccessible classrooms, administrators have turned to the Miami Airport Hilton as a temporary meeting place.

These unfortunate alternatives represent a growing problem within education in the United States.

Most ISU students are familiar with budget issues; the failed "Rockstar Challenge" is particularly emblematic of the lack of funding coming to the university.

However, funding for education is a national problem, bordering on a crisis.

This problem generates from the fact that education is not a "sexy" topic for candidates to cover.

No politician won an election promising to raise taxes to fund education.

This may spring from the fact that Americans perceive education as a constant in life: there will always be schools and libraries are not going anywhere, so why would they need more of the taxpayers' money?

But this ignorant attitude has led the United States to decline in categories other than just education.

The general stand-by for patriots is that the United States is number one, no matter what the conversation is about.

According to a recent list by Newsweek, however, the U.S. is now the 11th best country and 26th in terms of education standards.

According to Newsweek's list, the United States has fallen behind countries like Cuba and Kazakhstan in terms of education, which alone should be a harbinger for reform.

Yet the system remains broken and schools are forced to turn to hotels to get them out of trouble.

While Indiana State's solution to overcrowded university housing is much more accommodating than the supplemental housing implemented during the renovation of Hewitt and Manchester Halls, it is still not ideal.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Debunking colleges biggest myth:
Syllabus week really does matter

In case anyone has been lost in the bottom of a Keystone Light box or cannot quite find the urge to get out of his or her new bed, classes started two days ago. That means syllabus week is over. Furthermore, get to class.

Many students at Eastern find the first week of classes, or syllabus week, more of a celebration than a time to get to work. Most forget the reason why any of us moved to Charleston to begin with— to graduate and get a degree.

This being said, we are not sure why people fall into the trap of believing in the false idea of syllabus week. It does not exist.

The first 20 minutes of a new class is almost certainly going to be the same.

Yes, the syllabus will be addressed, you will have to introduce yourself and the professor will talk about the expectations he or she holds for every student for the rest of the semester. Honestly, after five classes it gets repetitive and this is no student's idea of a good time.

We understand this; however, no teacher, professor or instructor has ever, nor will ever, dedicate a whole week to reviewing a sheet of paper you now possess.

Many professors will take a moment to point out key ideas on the paper and then continue to move on to the actual course material on the first day.

We know, how dare they?

Wait, no, that is his or her job.

In our opinion, the first week of classes can be the most informative when it comes to eventually passing the class and raising your grade point average.

While many people believe this is the purpose of the syllabus, every piece of information needed for classes is not typed out for you in a packet for each class. The syllabus is simply an outline of the course, not the Rosetta Stone for the class.

Some professors will even leave vital information for the course off the syllabus to ensure the people who attend the first day are

the only students who receive that requirement.

And still, the students who choose not to show for the first week are not the only people still in a summer coma. Few students refrain from signing up for classes until the cut off date to add classes.

This is an unproductive way to reach graduation in four or five years.

Pick your classes early, especially if you are here longer for the sake of you parents and tuition money.

We know many people are back in town after a grueling summer vacation of work, eating mom's cooking and pool side drinking, and a break may be needed before some could possibly sit through a class.

But, in all honesty the semester has begun. Open your eyes. Check out the new textbook rental. Print out your schedule from Paws. And find your way to the seat you will spend three hours every week for the next three months.

FROM THE EASEL



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COLUMN

My blue house makes me sing the Blues

In the glorious town of Charleston, on a side street just off Lincoln Avenue there sits a blue house. Miss Blue if you will.

This quaint house looked livable nine months ago before we signed the lease.

However, the last eight days have been nothing like I had dreamed all summer.

Upon arriving to the house, we found the house painted a dreary shade of blue from the inside out.

This was fine, we "bleed blue" just as thick as the next Eastern student. It was festive and it seemed only appropriate to end our Eastern career in an all blue house.

However, Miss Blue has provided us a very hostile environment since day one, as the old lady seems to be falling apart around us.

Now, many people would assume the security deposit from the pervious renters would be enough to cover any damages or repairs needed to ensure the satisfaction and safety of the new residents.

However, I cannot imagine this being true after Saturday night during a cookout I was hosting.



Kayleigh Zyskowski

While finding my way out the back door I noticed a lake had formed on my kitchen floor.

The source?

My bathroom directly above.

I am not sure how many people have experience with hosting friends at their houses who have been drinking for more than three hours, but it is imperative that a bathroom is present.

And it is even more important that it works.

This was something we now lacked.

Trust me, my friends were mad, but I was absolutely furious about the whole situation.

When the maintenance help arrived, he

told us he would not be able to look at the facility until Monday, two days away.

Before long, the race to find the best apartment or house in town for the best price will begin.

When this does, be smart.

Take the time to look at the house and make sure it is really worth your money.

Any manager can make the building sound like the ideal place to live.

My advice for a person looking to rent in Charleston, ignore the person giving you the tour and ask the current residents how their experience has been.

One of the advantages of renting in a community such as Charleston is the fact that anyone can ask around to friends and local residents to find out which managers are best to rent from.

This may sound like an unnecessary step when finding a college home; however, having a working bathroom is sometimes too much to ask for.

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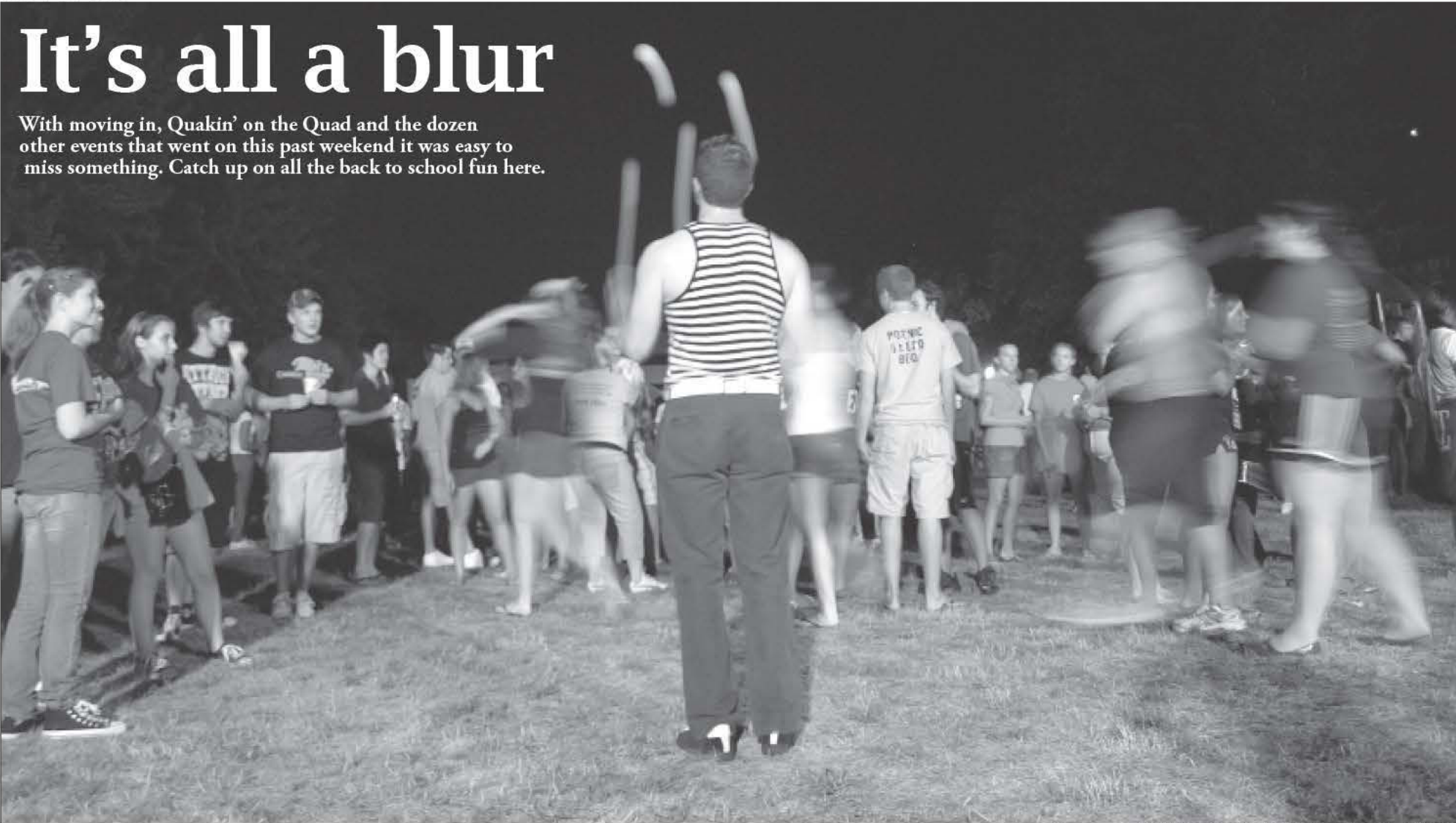
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PHOTO PAGE



It's all a blur

With moving in, Quakin' on the Quad and the dozen other events that went on this past weekend it was easy to miss something. Catch up on all the back to school fun here.

DANNY DAMIANI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS
Students gather around Micheal Dubois from Solo Circus as he juggles Saturday in the South Quad during Quakin in the Quad. Along with juggling, Dubois amazed the crowd with his fire eating skills.



JORDAN BONER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS
Officer Kent Jones of the University Police Department directs a driver toward Thomas Hall as part of move-in day Thursday.



JORDAN BONER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS
The Pink Panthers, along with other groups, dance during First Night Sunday in the South Quad.

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Students learn safe sex is the right sex

First Rubber Lovers session of the semester

By Nike Ogunbodede
Student Government Editor

Condoms are probably the one item that most students need that is left off our supply list when coming to school and with abstinence being taught in schools, Rubber Lovers is a breath of fresh air.

Rubber Lovers is an Eastern organization that was originally named the Condom Club and was founded by Eric Stevenson around 5 years ago. It was renamed Rubber Lovers in August 2008.

Tuesday night Eastern students attended the first Rubber Lovers session of the semester and took home more than just information.

The Health Education Resource Center handed out free bags of contraception after the students became certified members of Rubber Lovers.

Before a member was certified

they had to learn the 18 steps to put on a condom and take a pretest.

"My parents never gave me 'the talk,'" said Kara Stratto, sophomore business and management major. "I was more comfortable talking to my older cousins about sex."

A judgment free zone was established right away when Amanda Woolard, the sexual health coordinator, asked questions and passed out condoms to people who got the right answer.

Woolard also played the "Clap Song" by the Wiggles.

"The club is really about learning to respect yourself and your partner," said Woolard. "I hope they learn something before they leave."

The meeting started at 6 p.m., but students started showing up at 5:40 and more than half of the people who showed up were women.

"I was in it last year and it was a fun experience," said Hannah Thomas, a sophomore biology major.

Rubber Lovers will have its next meeting at 7 p.m. on Aug. 26 at the 7th Street Underground.



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Freshman elementary education major Emily Dawes helps friends practice putting on a condom during a Rubber Lovers meeting Tuesday in the Charleston/Mattoon room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

"Even though, Rubber Lovers seems like a tongue in cheek club, it brings up an interesting point that college

students are faced with every weekend," Woolard said.

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thought it'd be," Johner said.

Rory Wallace, a junior kinesiology and physical education major, also had a smooth move-in during the construction.

"It was actually easy," Wallace said. "(The workers) stayed out of the way."

The construction on Stevenson Tower Dining is one of Eastern's many summer projects.

Updates have also included new windows in Andrews Hall, Thomas Hall and Stevenson Tower; new flooring on three floors of Stevenson Tower; two new handicap accessible bathrooms in Stevenson Tower; new

"The things we did this summer reflect the things that they prioritized"

Mark Hudson, director of housing and dining

sprinklers in Lincoln and Thomas Halls and new private bathrooms in Lincoln Hall. Hudson said the projects this summer totaled about \$8 million.

"This is not money that comes from the state, it doesn't come from tuition dollars, it doesn't come from fees," Hudson said. "It all comes from what students pay to live with us."

Many of the updates are housing and dining's responses to surveys students have taken in the past.

"The things we did this summer reflect the things that they prioritized," Hudson said.

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Freshman Thomas Hall residents Jackson Bittner a biology major and Michael Bilek a pre-pharmacy major exit the building Tuesday.

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NATION

Gators in northern waters

3-foot reptile captured in Chicago River

By the Associated Press

Two gators in the Chicago River. One strolling down a Massachusetts street. Another in bustling New York City. And that's just in the past few weeks.

From North Dakota to Indiana, alligators are showing up far from their traditional southern habitats — including a 3-footer captured Tuesday in the Chicago River.

But experts say it's not the latest sign of global warming. Instead the creatures almost certainly were pets that escaped or were dumped by their owners.

"People buy them as pets and then they get too big and at some point they decide they just can't deal with it," said Kent Vliet, an alligator expert from the University of Florida who tracks media reports about the reptiles.

In the past three years, he said, there have been at least 100 instances of alligators showing up in more than 15 states where they're not native. North Carolina is the farthest north that alligators are found naturally, Vliet said.

A 3-foot-long, collar-wearing alligator was found Sunday strolling

down a street in Brockton, Mass. On Monday, a 2-foot-long gator was spotted under a car in New York City. In fact, since spring, gators also have been found in Fargo, N.D., eastern Missouri, upstate New York, rural Indiana, Ohio and a Detroit suburb.

After being spotted by boaters on Sunday, Chicago's rogue gator drew scores of gawkers to the banks of the river. It peered from the water at the

don't pose much of a threat to humans — preferring to dine on fish, snails, crayfish, frogs and small snakes — though they probably would bite if handled.

"It's not like it's going to hunt you down," he said.

The greater risk is to the reptiles, which probably wouldn't survive long in northern climates, experts said.

"The animal is going to die a slow

“People buy them as pets and then they get too big and at some point they decide they just can’t deal with it.”

Kent Vliet, University of Florida alligator expert

people staring back through binoculars, and swam away when a duck got too close.

"It's not scary," 8-year-old Caleb Berry said Monday. "It was a baby and it wasn't eating anything."

The alligator eluded capture and apparently ignored traps baited with raw chicken until Tuesday, when a volunteer from the Chicago Herpetological Society was able to snare it with a net. Three weeks ago, the volunteer captured a 2 1/2-foot gator in the same area.

Vliet said such small alligators

death," said Franklin Percival, a wild-life biologist for the U.S. Geological Survey in Florida who says alligators most often are abandoned when they reach 3 feet or so and "people wonder why they made the early decision" to buy them.

"Ecologically, it's not responsible and maybe ethically it is not a good idea, either," Percival said.

Alligators can be kept as pets in some states as long as the owner gets the proper permits, though some municipalities — like New York City — ban them outright.

Bullets fly across border, US police unable to help

By the Associated Press

The first bullets struck El Paso's city hall at the end of a work day. The next ones hit a university building and closed a major highway.

Shootouts in the drug war along the U.S.-Mexico border are sending bullets whizzing across the Rio Grande into one of the nation's safest cities, where authorities worry it's only a matter of time before someone gets hurt or killed.

At least eight bullets have been fired into El Paso in the last few weeks from the rising violence in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, one of the world's most dangerous places. And all American police can do is shrug because they cannot legally intervene in a war in another country. The best they can do is warn people to stay inside.

"There's really not a lot you can do right now," El Paso County Sheriff Richard Wiles said. "Those gun battles are breaking out everywhere, and some are breaking out right along the border."

Police say the rounds were not intentionally fired into the U.S. But wildly aimed gunfire has become common in Juarez, a sprawling city of shanty neighborhoods that once boomed with manufacturing plants. It's ground zero in Mexico's relentless drug war.

More than 6,000 people have been killed there since 2008, when the Sinaloa and Juarez cartels started battling each other and Mexican authorities for control of the city and smuggling routes into the U.S. Nationwide, more than 28,000 people have been killed since President Felipe Calderon launched his offensive against the cartels shortly after taking office in December 2006.

Until now, communities on the U.S. side of the border have been largely shielded from the violence raging just across the river. But the recent incidents are the first time that

live ammunition has landed in American territory.

On Saturday, as gunmen and Mexican authorities exchanged gunfire in Juarez, police in El Paso shut down several miles of border highway. Border Patrol spokesman Doug Mosier said his agency asked for the closure — a first since the drug war erupted — "in the interest of public safety."

No one was injured on the U.S. side, but one bullet came across the Rio Grande, crashed through a window and lodged in an office door frame at the University of Texas at El Paso. Police are also investigating reports that another errant round shattered a window in a passing car. Witnesses at a nearby charity said at least one bullet hit their building, too.

El Paso police spokesman Darrel Petry said authorities have only confirmed the single bullet found at the university, but it is possible that several other shots flew across the border.

"As a local municipality, we are doing everything we can," Petry said. "Looking where we're at, the community we live in, that's all we've got. It's the reality of life here in El Paso for right now."

Officers say the types of bullets used in the drug war can travel more than a mile before falling to the ground.

In Saturday's shooting, the bullet that hit the campus building may have flown just under a mile before lodging in a door jam. Back in June, at least seven shots fired from Juarez flew more than half a mile before hitting City Hall.

In some places, El Paso is separated from Juarez by little more than a few yards of riverbed.

Andrew Kunert was napping Saturday when police started banging on his door at an apartment building just feet from the border. He said officers with high-powered rifles slung across their chests warned him to stay inside and away from windows until the shooting stopped.

WORLD

Scientists find new system, 7 planets

By the Associated Press

GENEVA — Scientists say they've identified a sun-like star with as many as seven different planets — including one that might be the smallest ever found outside the solar system.

If confirmed, the planetary system around HD 10180, a star more than 100 light years distant, would be the richest ever discovered. One astronomer says it's part of a growing body of evidence that the universe is full of planets — and that several could be similar to our own.

"The really nice thing about finding systems like this is that it shows that there are many more out there," said Alan Boss, of the Washington-based Carnegie Institution for Science, who wasn't involved with the find. "Mother Nature really had fun making planets."

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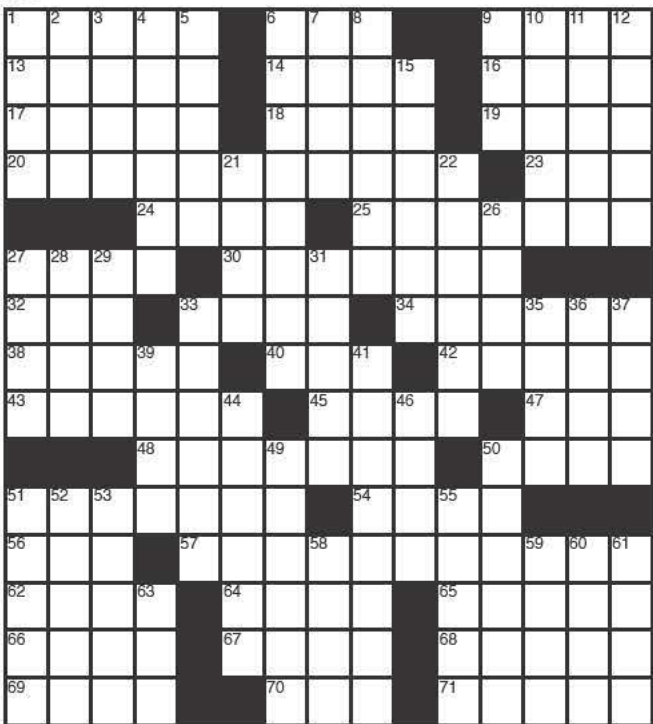
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World

Rome 1960: When the Olympics went modern

By the Associated Press

ROME (AP) — They were the Summer Games that ushered in the Olympics as we know them today. Starting 50 years ago on Wednesday, Rome hosted the first Summer Olympics to be commercially broadcast.

They were the first games with a major doping scandal, as Danish cyclist Knud Enemark Jensen collapsed during his race under the influence of Roniacol and died the same day.

Abebe Bikila of Ethiopia ran barefoot and won a night marathon in front of the Colosseum, starting the age of African dominance in long-distance races.

And they served to introduce the world to an athlete who would become a global superstar — Cassius Clay, the man who would later become Muhammad Ali.

It all began with an Italian teenager named Giancarlo Peris, who won a regional scholastic race that came with the prize of being the final torchbearer at the Rome Games

“I didn’t believe it,” Peris, now 68, said in a phone interview. “It seemed like something too big for me.”

Shaking away nerves, Peris ran the final 350 meters of the torch relay and lighted the cauldron in the Stadio Olimpico on Aug. 25, 1960. The games were on.

Many participants, both foreign and Italian, have been invited to take part in the main anniversary celebration Wednesday in Michelangelo’s Piazza del Campidoglio — where Peris, now a retired teacher, will re-light the flame.

When organizers asked Peris to take part, he gave them one condition.

“I told them I’ll do it as long as I don’t have to run,” he joked.

Other events over the next few weeks include a fencing exhibition by the Spanish Steps, a youth soccer tournament at the Stadio dei Marmi and an amateur boxing meet between Italy and the United States in all categories at the Foro Italico.

As David Maraniss documented in his recent book “Rome 1960:

The Summer Olympics that Stirred the World,” CBS paid \$600,000 to the Rome organizing committee — not the International Olympic Committee — for the rights to televise the games.

The American network sent three on-air reporters to Rome and had Jim McKay as studio host back in New York.

Video tapes were sent back to New York daily on commercial Alitalia flights and if all went according to plan — taking advantage of the time difference between Rome and New York — the network could show footage of morning events in prime time.

McKay recalled having to hold the tapes close to his body to thaw them out from the freezing temperatures of the airplanes’ cargo holds and hastily write his own copy.

Meanwhile, Jensen’s doping case got stuck in a maze of bureaucracy and an autopsy report seven months later said that the cyclist died from heatstroke. Decades later, an Italian doctor involved in the case said they found traces of several substances, including amphetamines.

The IOC created a medical committee in 1961, issued its first list of banned substances in 1967 and started testing athletes a year later.

The Rome Olympics came at a time when the Cold War was in full force, but Italy was rather tranquil — and still rebuilding after the destruction of World War II.

“Rome is the city of history and nice weather. Athletes arriving from all over were excited just at the fact of coming to Rome,” said former boxer Nino Benvenuti, who won the welterweight division in 1960.

“When you’re excited about being somewhere it translates into motivation,” Benvenuti said in an interview. “I really think that part of the reason the athletes in Rome got the best out of themselves was their psychological state — they were happy to be here.”

Benvenuti beat out Clay for the Val Barker trophy as the games’ best boxer.

“I only realized the importance of that award in the years that followed the games, when Muhammad Ali re-

ally became Muhammad Ali and the best boxer in the world,” Benvenuti said.

Benvenuti recalled how startling it was to see Clay in action for the first time.

“He had a different style from everybody else. We were all standing still compared to him,” the 72-year-old Italian said. “He had unbelievable quickness not just with his punches but with his legs, too. He was years ahead of everyone else.

“His style had nothing to do with the basis of boxing as we knew it — left, right, upper cut, hook. That was it, there weren’t many variations. He developed all sorts of things, like those movements where he put his arms down to invite the opponent to attack. We all learned from him. I adapted that style, too, when I turned professional.”

Benvenuti later became the world light middleweight and middleweight champion (twice), but he said those titles pale in comparison to his gold medal.

“When you win the Olympics you’re an Olympic champion for the rest of your life,” Benvenuti said.

Benvenuti has lived in Rome for years and often drives by the site where he competed in 1960, the Palazzo dello Sport arena, now renamed the Palalottomatica after a sponsor.

Both the Palazzo dello Sport and the smaller Palazzetto dello Sport were designed by Pier Luigi Nervi, a master of reinforced concrete, and are architectural gems. By contrast, the 1960 Olympic Village is badly deteriorating under the strain of residential housing.

Another Italian star of the games was 200-meter champion Livio Berruti, who upset a trio of Americans — Les Carney, Stone Johnson and Ray Norton.

The Americans’ reactions still stick in Berruti’s mind.

“They had very smug faces afterward and they wouldn’t talk,” Berruti said. “Before the race, as the host, I wished them all well. Afterward they didn’t behave with that same carefree attitude like the American athletes usually did.”

State

Beckham, Floyd lead White Sox over Orioles 7 -5

By the Associated Press

CHICAGO — With limited options left in his bullpen, White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen had to call on closer Bobby Jenks again.

Gordon Beckham hit a three-run home run in the seventh, Gavin Floyd pitched seven strong innings and Chicago held on to beat the Baltimore Orioles 7-5 on Tuesday night.

The White Sox won for just the fifth time in 15 games, moving within 3½ games of first-place Minnesota in the AL Central.

But the win came at a cost for Chicago’s bullpen. The White Sox will lose relievers Matt Thornton (sore left forearm) and J.J. Putz (right knee inflammation) to the disabled list. The team will call up a pair of relievers from the minors Wednesday to replace the two veterans.

Leading 7-2 in the ninth inning, reliever Sergio Santos did not record an out and gave up a pair of RBI singles to Brian Roberts and Nick Markakis. Putz inherited runners at first and third with no outs but left after throwing three straight balls to Ty Wigginton. Guillen called for Jenks, who got Wigginton to hit a comebacker to start a double play.

“I squared it up and he made a nice play to get the double play. That’s the way baseball works,” said Wigginton.

Roberts scored on the double play, but Jenks then got Scott to fly out for his 24th save in 27 opportunities.

Jenks pitched three scoreless innings in Sunday’s loss to the Royals.

“The last guy I wanted to use was Bobby. One day off, between three innings and today I was taking a risk, but I didn’t have any choices. It’s always important late in the game when you have a bullpen that can shut it

down. We do that all year long. Unfortunately now we hit a bump and that road has a lot of bumps now,” said Guillen.

The White Sox bullpen is 1-5 with four blown saves and a 6.17 ERA over the last eight games, allowing six home runs.

Luke Scott homered and Felix Pie had three hits for the Orioles, who have lost eight of 12.

A.J. Pierzynski opened the bottom of seventh with a single off Orioles starter Jeremy Guthrie. One out later, Mark Teahen hit a double down the right-field line, moving Pierzynski to third. Beckham followed with his eighth homer to break a 2-all tie.

“We needed kind of a spark, we needed to get some runs, we needed to get a big hit in a big situation, and on Sunday I had a couple of at-bats where I didn’t and it was nice to come through,” said Beckham.

Paul Konerko added an RBI single off Baltimore reliever Matt Albers, and Juan Pierre hit an RBI single in the eighth to give the White Sox a 7-2 lead.

Guthrie’s night ended after he hit Alex Rios in the back later in the inning.

Floyd (9-10) allowed two runs and scattered seven hits. He struck out six and walked two and also conserved some of the work for the bullpen.

“When I had 80-some pitches after the fifth, I was like hopefully six, but I wanted to go longer than that. They allowed me to go longer and it was nice to save some of the bullpen,” said Floyd.

The Orioles wasted several scoring chances against Floyd.

“I thought he threw the ball very well. I can’t think of too many pitches that were out over the plate. He was down in the zone and around the corners. Just off the plate. He made good pitches,” said Wigginton.

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“bending over backwards” to make sure her and her husband have felt welcome at Eastern.

Howarth was overwhelmed by the response from her athletes after she sent out an initial e-mail after being named to the position.

“Some of the e-mails brought tears to my eyes with how nice they were,” Howarth said. “You never know what kind of response you are going to get

with a team, when you first come in. They may be like ‘Oh, you are not like my last coach, or things like that. To know that they care about me and my family, with my husband and my son being here it just makes us really exciting.”

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within the Penn State family, hiring Ryan Sweitzer as an assistant coach.

“I had a lot of help from Penn State,” Price said. “They told me Ryan was done playing professionally and that he was looking for a job.”

Along with hiring an assistant coach, Price said she was pleased with her recruits, including Mattoon native Reynae Hutchinson. According to Price, Hutchinson wanted to play for her more than anything, so the resignation was not as big of a deal.

However, one recruit ended up going to a two-year school instead of Eastern, but Price was satisfied with her class.

The transition from Segal to Price was a good one, according to Zwettler, who was happy to hear that the former Nittany Lion would be the head coach.

“It’s a great leap forward (for the program),” Zwettler said.

Zwettler said Price is a great motivator; in fact, she said there are more expectations for the volleyball team now that they know Price is fully dedicated to the team.

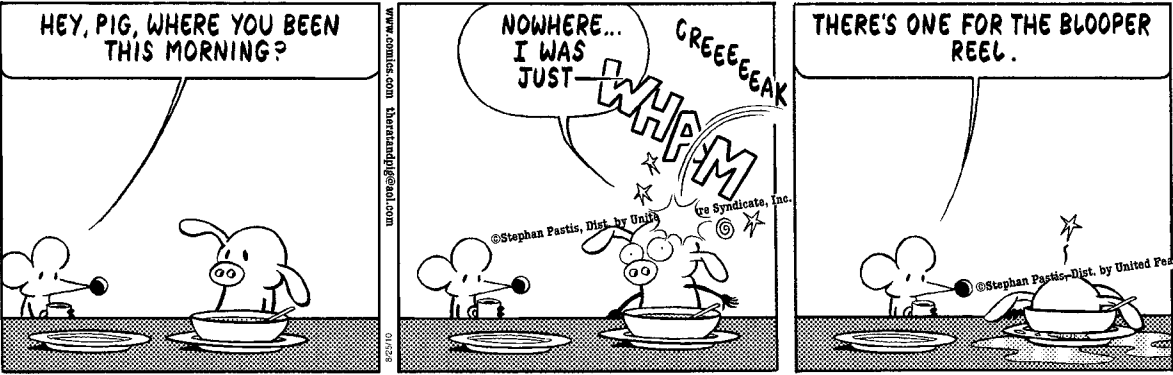
Now that she is a card-carrying member of the small group of Eastern head coaches, she has the team she wants and will wait in anticipation for Sept. 3, when she will get her first shot on the big stage.

The Panthers will play in the Harvard Invitational against Bryant Sept. 3. After the first serve of the match, Price’s career from the bench will have officially begun.

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FOOTBALL

Williams sidelined with injury

Panthers add transfer to backfield

By Alex McNamee
Sports Editor

After lingering questions about an injury senior running back Mon Williams suffered in practice Aug. 18 the Eastern football coaching staff has an answer.

Williams will be sidelined for two to three weeks with a sprained cruciate ligament in his knee.

With Williams out for at least two weeks, offensive coordinator Roy Wittke said that senior running back Jimmy Potempa is the next in line to take the starting job.

Following the second team scrimmage Saturday, head coach Bob Spoo said he thought William's injury might be worse than the coaching staff first thought.

Being out for at least two weeks, Williams will miss the opening game on the road against Iowa Sept. 4 at 11 a.m. Also, he will likely miss the first home game Sept. 11 against Central Arkansas at 1:30 p.m. at O'Brien Field; however, a press release Tuesday said that the Central Arkansas game was the earliest Williams could return.

Williams rushed for 870 yards and nine touchdowns last season. The next leading rusher on the roster was Potempa who ran for 222 yards last season.



FILE PHOTO | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS
Senior running back Mon Williams tries to avoid Southern Illinois University's defense Nov. 28, 2009 at Saluki Stadium.

Transfer comes from Toledo

Eastern has added to its running back depth by accepting Jake Walker, a transfer from Toledo. Walker was accepted to the school Monday, and enrolled in a full class load Tuesday.

Walker, a red-shirt freshman, was third on the depth chart for Toledo. He will be eligible to play this season for the Panthers.

In Walker's freshman season with Toledo, he rushed for 67 yards on

16 carries. He played in three early games in his sophomore season, but was injured and sat out the rest of the year. He received a medical red-shirt for his sophomore season.

The Panthers are in the process

of preparing for their season opener against Iowa 11 a.m. Sept. 4 in Iowa City, Iowa.

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STATE

Bears gearing up for another season

By the Associated Press

CHICAGO — The ink had barely dried on his gargantuan contract when Julius Peppers started to feel comfortable in his new surroundings. The Chicago Bears can only hope that means plenty of discomfort for opponents.

If not, they could be in for more changes.

"All I know is this year, we real-

ly aren't in need for much," Peppers said. "We pretty much have everything we need. I predict great things from this defense, and hopefully, we can live up to it."

Whether that group comes through will go a long way toward determining if the Bears get back into contention following a 7-9 season and third straight playoff miss that has coach Lovie Smith and general

manager Jerry Angelo down to maybe their last chance.

Patience is running thin in Chicago. Even president Ted Phillips acknowledged he had seen enough, although not quite enough to get rid of the head coach and GM, when he issued a win-or-else mandate after last season.

The coaching staff got a makeover with two new coordinators and an overhaul on the offensive side. Rod

Marinelli got moved up to defensive coordinator, although Smith will still set the tone. The Bears turned over the offense to Mike Martz, hoping he can get Jay Cutler to cut down on his interceptions and deliver the way they thought the quarterback would last season.

The Bears brought in Chester Taylor to beef up the running game alongside Matt Forte and added tight

end Brandon Manumaleuna to help protect their quarterback.

The biggest move of all was bringing in Peppers, the five-time Pro Bowl defensive end.

The Bears envision him taking pressure off the oft-injured Tommie Harris on the line and terrorizing quarterbacks the way he did in Carolina, in turn helping a secondary that has its share of questions.

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SOCCER

Panthers perform well in exhibition

Singh scores goal in 82 minute

By Rob Mortell
Staff Reporter

The Panthers traveled to Indianapolis to play an exhibition game against the Butler Bulldogs Tuesday. The game was high scoring, but ended 2-2 in overtime.

Eastern received goals from senior forward Alex Harrison and freshman midfielder Shawn Singh. Harrison's goal was the first goal of the game coming in the 29 minutes in. Singh's goal came 82 minutes in and gave the Panther's a 2-1 lead late in the game. However, Butler scored three minutes later on a goal by Blake Leyden.

Whenever the Panthers seemed to pull ahead and grab control of the game Butler was there with an answer.

The Bulldogs took just 14 minutes to answer Eastern's first goal and only three minutes to answer the second. The teams both had 11 shots total at the end of the 105-minute game.

The results of the game is encouraging, according to Eastern head coach Adam Howarth. The preseason is in place so teams can improve and decide what players are on the team.

Howarth said that he is pleased with how the team is progressing.

They continue to improve as the preseason progresses by taking advantage of scoring chances recently and handling the ball better.

"I thought the performance was pretty good. I thought the whole

process of the preseason was to improve each day and each game and I think we did that today," Howarth said.

The Panther's had not been able to produce any goals so far this year in exhibition play. The team has been concentrating on finishing their chances around the net and they did that Tuesday scoring two goals.

"I think that it is always good to score goals. We were playing on a fast field so we were able to move the ball pretty quickly," Howarth said.

Harrison's goal was his first of the preseason. After a good year last year, Harrison is trying to keep improving.

"I am very pleased I've been improving like everyone else with every practice," Harrison said. "I think definitely from the first day of practice until now I've improved a lot."

The team preformed well improving in many areas that needed it. Both Harrison and Howarth said that they are happy with the progress the team is making.

"We played very well," Harrison said. "Everyone came in and played well we worked hard today, we used the ball well and had more possession of it."

"I was very happy we had two good chances and we put them away nicely," Howarth said. "So overall I am pretty happy with what happened today."

The Panthers return to action at noon Saturday on Lakeside Field against Green Bay.

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Sophomore forward Grey Genenbacher reacts to a kick by freshman defenseman Ryan Tinsley as freshman defenseman Colin Rook looks on during the intersquad game Sunday at Lakeside Field.

EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

Women's Soccer
Friday at Valparaiso
7 p.m.

Men's soccer
Saturday vs. Green Bay
12 p.m.

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Changing of the guard

Howarth brings roots back to Eastern

By Dan Cusack
Opinion Editor

Erin Howarth's life has taken her all over the country, but Charleston has always been close to her heart.

The New Lenox native ran and coached in Indianapolis, coached in New Mexico, but has always felt a strong connection with Eastern.

"I went here in running camp when I was in high school over the summer and absolutely loved it," Howarth said. "My father, my uncle and my cousin all graduated here. I love it."

Howarth was announced as the new coach for the men's and women's cross-country teams by Tom Akers, Eastern Illinois director of track and field, June 26. She was also coach of the distance runners for the track and field season.

Geoff Masanet, Eastern's former cross-country head coach, left the program after five years this winter, citing a desire to join his fiancé in Austin, Texas.

Howarth said Illinois has always been home to her and when she heard about the opening she jumped at the chance.

"To come back home to Illinois, the powerhouse that it is in distance, feels great," Howarth said. "It is awesome to recruit this state. I'm excited to be here."

Howarth has always been an athlete. She began running when she was nine and in high school played three sports including cross-country, soccer and basketball.

She said she began running full-time at 18, when she went to college at Butler.

She ran track and cross-country and was named a four-time first team All-Horizon League selection for her efforts in the latter.

When she graduated she held the school record in the outdoor 5,000 meters.

Before joining the Butler coaching staff, Howarth was the coach of the Running Company Mini-Marathon training program from 2001-05 and coach of the Strides for Hope Marathon training program from 2003-04.

She was an assistant coach at Butler for two years helping coach two All-Americans.

Howarth has spent the past three years working as an assistant with New Mexico where she coached six All-American runners during her tenure with the Lobos.

She said the thing she has been really impressed with so far are the people at Eastern.

She said in the short time at the school, people have been

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Erin Howarth

- Four-time first team All-Horizon League at Butler 1996-2000.
- Assistant coach at Butler (2005-06) and New Mexico (07-2010)
- Coached six All-American runners during her tenure with New Mexico.
- Coached two All-Americans during tenure with Butler.



Price brings fresh face to volleyball

By Alex McNamee
Sports Editor

Their offices are divided by a wall, but as fellow head coaches they are united by a common goal: to help Eastern athletics succeed.

Kate Price, the first-year head coach of the Eastern volleyball team, shares a wall with Kim Schuette, the Eastern softball head coach. Together, they learn from each other. As a new head coach, Price has learned a lot of things from Schuette.

"The compliance side of coaching is something I've had to get used to as a head coach," Price said. "Kim (Schuette) has helped me a lot."

Three years removed from being on the 2007 Penn State volleyball team that won a national championship, Price is young and a head coach. Schuette knows what it is like to be in Price's situation.

"I was a young head coach just like (Price)," Schuette said. "But age doesn't matter as a head coach, as long as you communicate."

Ever since becoming office neighbors, Price and Schuette have done a lot of communicating. When needed, Price will walk a few steps to the doorway of Schuette's office and ask her any questions she has about head coaching.

Even when it is not an answer Price or Schuette is seeking from the other, Schuette said it is always nice to have another head coach to vent to.

Price will admit that she is open and talkative, especially with her players. During practices, the first-year head coach said she is high strung when it comes to giving feedback to the team.

Regardless of her age or head coaching experience, Price's players trust her judgment, having played almost every position on the court as a Nittany Lion.

"She knows how to motivate us," senior outside hitter Alex Zwertler said. "She came from a really good school like Penn State, so we know what she says is true."

Three years ago, Price said her head coach, Russ Rose, was a great mentor for her. Along with Schuette next door, Rose is just a call away. Price said she talks to him at least once a week.

Even though she might still have questions, Price said she has not had trouble adjusting to being a head coach, despite the suddenness of former head coach Alan Segal's resignation Jan. 20.

"It came easily to me," Price said. "After (Segal) resigned, the athletic department asked me to take over the team for the spring season."

Price took the reins in the spring. She never had to give them up. After assuming the interim head coach job March 1, she took hold of the program, although senior outside hitter Alex Zwertler said Price was basically the head coach last year.

"She was coaching a lot during games and was doing a lot during practice," Zwertler said.

June 3, Price announced that she would keep her coaching staff

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Kate Price

- Played on '07 Penn State national championship volleyball team
- Penn State head coach Russ Rose is her mentor
- Graduated from Penn State in 2008
- Big Ten "Freshman of the Year" at Penn State

VIEWS

Finally, rugby season



Bob Shaughnessy

Finally, the summer is over.

That's right, I said I'm happy to be back at school.

Well let's not go that far, but I can say that I'm happy to get the fall sports season kicked off. The Panthers look to have many promising teams this season.

With the women's soccer team already off to a 2-0 start and the men

having their second exhibition game last night, the two teams are predicted to have successful seasons.

The cross country team will be the next team to start their season when they host the "Peace for Meece" Memorial this Saturday. The men and women's teams are both picked to finish second in the Ohio Valley Conference, this year.

But the event that I am most excited for will not be here for another week.

No, I am not talking about the football opener against Iowa, or the women's volleyball opener in Massachusetts. I am talking about the women's rugby game at Ball State next Wednesday.

For the last two years I have had the privilege to cover the women's rugby team and in that time they have gone undefeated, with a 20-0 record.

For me these are the most exciting games to watch because most of the women have never played (or even heard of the game) before coming to Eastern. Eastern head coach Frank Graziano works some kind of magic

when he teaches these women a difficult game in a short period of time.

When I first started covering rugby, I was just like most of the women on the team, I knew very little about the sport and I had never watched a game. Although I did not know much about the game I still enjoyed it and I still enjoy it to this day.

In the many games that I have seen at Lakeside Rugby Field, I have witnessed everything from nail-biting victories to 100-point blowouts. But two things have never changed: the women play until the final whistle and the Eastern community supports their team.

Watching a Panther rugby game is something all students should try. Watching a talented and well coached

team playing in front of such a passionate crowd is one of the best experiences I have had at Eastern.

So while I'm excited to hear that the team will be getting their season started next week, I am a little disappointed that the first two games will be away. To watch them in action I will have to wait till Sept. 12.

The wait will be well worth it as I get to see my school take on one of my all-time favorite athletic Universities, Notre Dame.

Who said all the summer fun was over?

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