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ELECTION

Council seats up for grabs

Polls open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

By Elizabeth Edwards
City Editor

Two incumbents, Larry Rennels and Jeff Lahr, and the challenger Matthew Hutti are vying for the two-open seats on the Charleston city council, today.

The election polls are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Larry Rennels, 63, said he has been on the council for 14 years and is retired from his television and appliance store job.

Rennels said the city is still undergoing financial challenges.

"My experience on the council would help Charleston look forward to the future," Rennels said.

Rennels said he was apart of the council during recent renovations upgrades including the upgrades to water treatment plant and the wastewater treatment plant, the swimming pool renovations, updates to the library, and the water main.

He now that those projects are complete the council can focus on other things.

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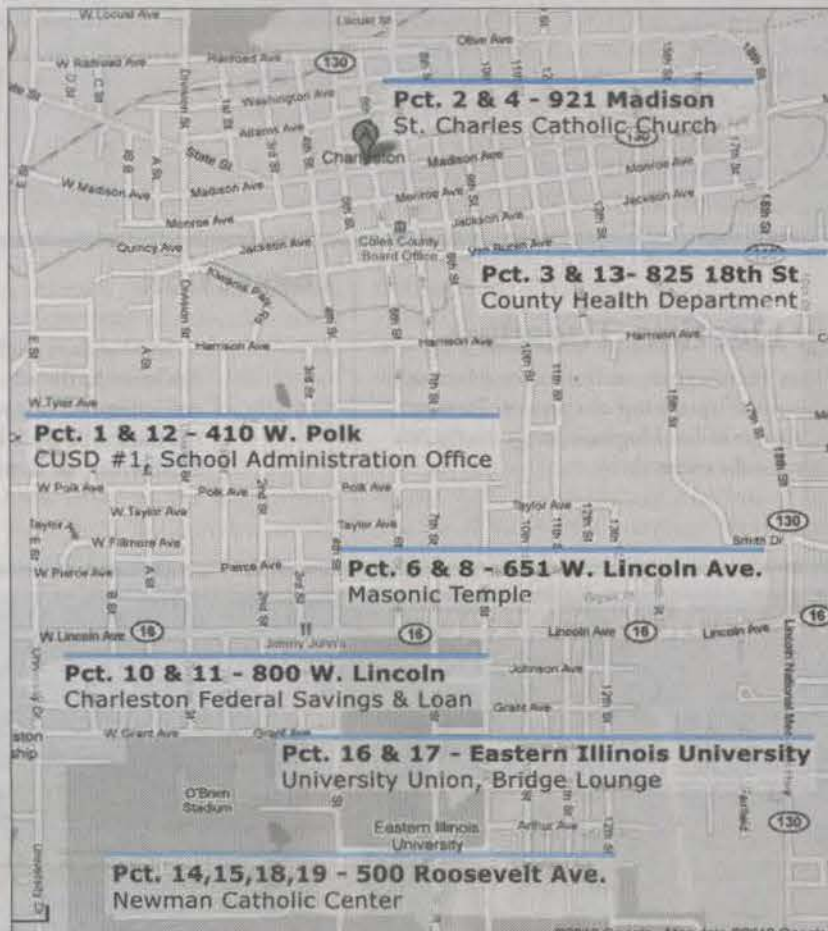


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Students and community members can find polling places both on campus and around the Charleston area. Election polls are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

Death penalty ban hot topic of debate

By Rachel Rodgers
Campus Editor

Gov. Pat Quinn signed legislation abolishing the death penalty in Illinois on March 9 and today a philosophy professor, a lawyer, a minister and a political science professor will discuss the issue at the Capital Punishment Forum.

Andrew Moran, a junior philosophy major and president of the Philosophy Club, said the main purpose of the event is to give students and community members the opportunity to have their questions answered and to be able to form their own opinions on the matter.

"This event is meant to spotlight the governor's recent decision to abolish capital punishment in Illinois by bringing people together and providing them with the different sides of the issue," Moran said.

The forum will be a debate and discussion with presenters Roy Lanham, the director of the Newman Catholic Center, Grant Sterling, a philosophy professor, Karen Swenson, a political science professor and Steve Davis, a lawyer from the Student Legal Service.

"We will discuss both the practical and ethical implications of the death

penalty in Illinois and also the larger issue, in general, about the morality aspect of the issue," Moran said.

Gerald Cotiango, a senior foreign language major and a member of the Philosophy Club, said the forum was originally scheduled to take place before Quinn made his decision, but because of scheduling complications, the event was scheduled for today.

"Now the forum will be more of a reaction to what the governor decided and there will be various perspectives presented by interested experts concerning the fields of theology, the constitution, practicing law and more," Cotiango said. "As these people come together from different backgrounds, it will be very interesting to hear their views and their debate on capital punishment, which is greatly relevant at this time in Illinois."

The event is sponsored by the Eastern Philosophy Club and Phi Sigma Tau.

"I think the really important part of this event is not only the broader ethical sense, but the practical aspect of how our government takes the lives of individuals and we have a duty to be informed and make our own decisions," Moran said.

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CAMPAIGN

'I Expect Greatness'

By Shelley Holmgren & Kaylia Eskew
Administration Editor & Staff Reporter

Members of the faculty and staff are working to involve the Eastern community on a new campaign focused on giving back to the academic departments. This effort, named "I Expect Greatness," is a part of the "El&U" capital campaign, and will run until April 29.

A committee was organized to help spread this effort. The money raised from the campaign will go towards "any department or area the donor wants, it helps pull on their heartstrings," said Michelle Payne, campaign representative and director of the annual fund and commencement.

The campaign has three chair members who all come from different areas of the university - Ken Baker, Roger Beck and Sandy Bingham-Porter.

There are numerous ways for people to donate, such as online giving, gift planning, employee payroll deductions, electronic funds transfer, checks or donating personally.

Many of those who have already given to the campaign have been giving to the university for several years.

Mary Anne Hanner, the dean of the College of Sciences, came to the university 30 years ago. However she was involved with Eastern philan-

thropy even before that. Both Hanner and her husband are Eastern graduates and have made several gifts to several different areas at the university, including several projects in the dean's office and student research.

"It feels like I have something to give back and I'm happy I'm able to do that," Hanner said.

Alongside the payroll deduction program for giving, Hanner has also established a planned gift for the university and continues to give to certain causes that are close to her. Currently, Hanner and her husband are donating to the College of Sciences Student Assistance Award, an award started by the college's Student Advisory Board five years ago.

"It was clear they weren't going to raise enough funds appropriate for that kind of award so I wanted to help," Hanner said. "The scholarship goes to a student in the (College of Sciences) that has experienced a hardship during their time at the university."

Julie Benedict, a training and development specialist with the Department of Human Resources, has also given to the university through the payroll deduction method.

"I wanted to get involved because it is a time where everyone is needed to help considering the budget and all the other struggles," she said. "It's important to give back when Eastern has given me back so much."

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ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH

Asia project gives powerful message despite low turn out

By Seth Schroeder
Activities Editor

Family, love, the '90s and personal insecurities were some of the topics covered by Asia Samson, poet, and Jollan Aurelio, guitarist, of "The Asia Project" during their performance Monday evening in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Darius White, a senior family and consumer sciences major and cultural arts coordinator for the University Board, said even with a small turnout, "The Asia Project" delivered a strong message.

White estimated at most 25 people attended the show.

"Not many people got his message," White said. "But those that were here definitely got something out of it."

During the performance Samson told stories and recited poems as Aurelio accompanied his words with guitar music. The two are brothers-in-law from Miami.

Samson said he wrote throughout his life, but he fell in love with poetry after seeing people recite their works at an open mic night in 2003. He said Aurelio got involved very naturally.

"I write inspirationally," Samson said. "Jollan is uncanny and can



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Asia Samson, a poet from Miami, recites his work Monday evening in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union as part of "The Asia Project." Samson's brother-in-law Jollan Aurelio, a guitarist also from Miami, would accompany most of the poems with guitar music.

match what I'm saying with his music. That's his power."

Aurelio said he sees his performance as a score for Samson's words and most of his influences are movie scores.

Samson said he draws inspiration from his poems from everything. He said he tries to stay focused and pay attention to what is around him.

White said he was impressed by the group's ability to make everyone in the audience feel welcome, as well as,

Samson's ability to incorporate audience responses into his work.

"A lot of people get on stage and just worry about themselves," White said. "He performed for a group of 30 as he would for 3,000."

White said the UB originally saw "The Asia Project" at a conference in St. Louis. He said they would be fully booked for next year so the UB decided to book him this semester for Asian Heritage Month.

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EIU weather

TODAY

WEDNESDAY

Partly Cloudy
High: 54°
Low: 40°Partly Cloudy
High: 65°
Low: 47°For more weather visit castle.eiu.edu/weather.THE DAILY
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what's on tap

TUESDAY

3 p.m. Baseball game

Eastern's baseball team is hosting Western Illinois at Coaches Stadium. This is a non-conference match-up.

All day- Basic skills relaxation

This workshop will help students who are studying for the basic skills test to relax and relieve stress. The workshop will take place in Buzzard Hall, Room 1420.

WEDNESDAY

1 p.m. Resume critique blitz

Students can get their resume critiqued in 15 minutes in Career Services.

12 p.m. Stress workshop

This workshop will teach students and faculty how to use dance and relaxation movements that can be done while sitting down. Call or email Julie Benedict to register for the program.

THURSDAY

4:30 p.m. 70s theme dinner

Stevenson Grill is hosting a 70s themed meal by reservation only. Students are encouraged to dress for the theme.

If you want to add to the tap, please e-mail dennewsdesk@gmail.com or call 581-7942.

ONLINE



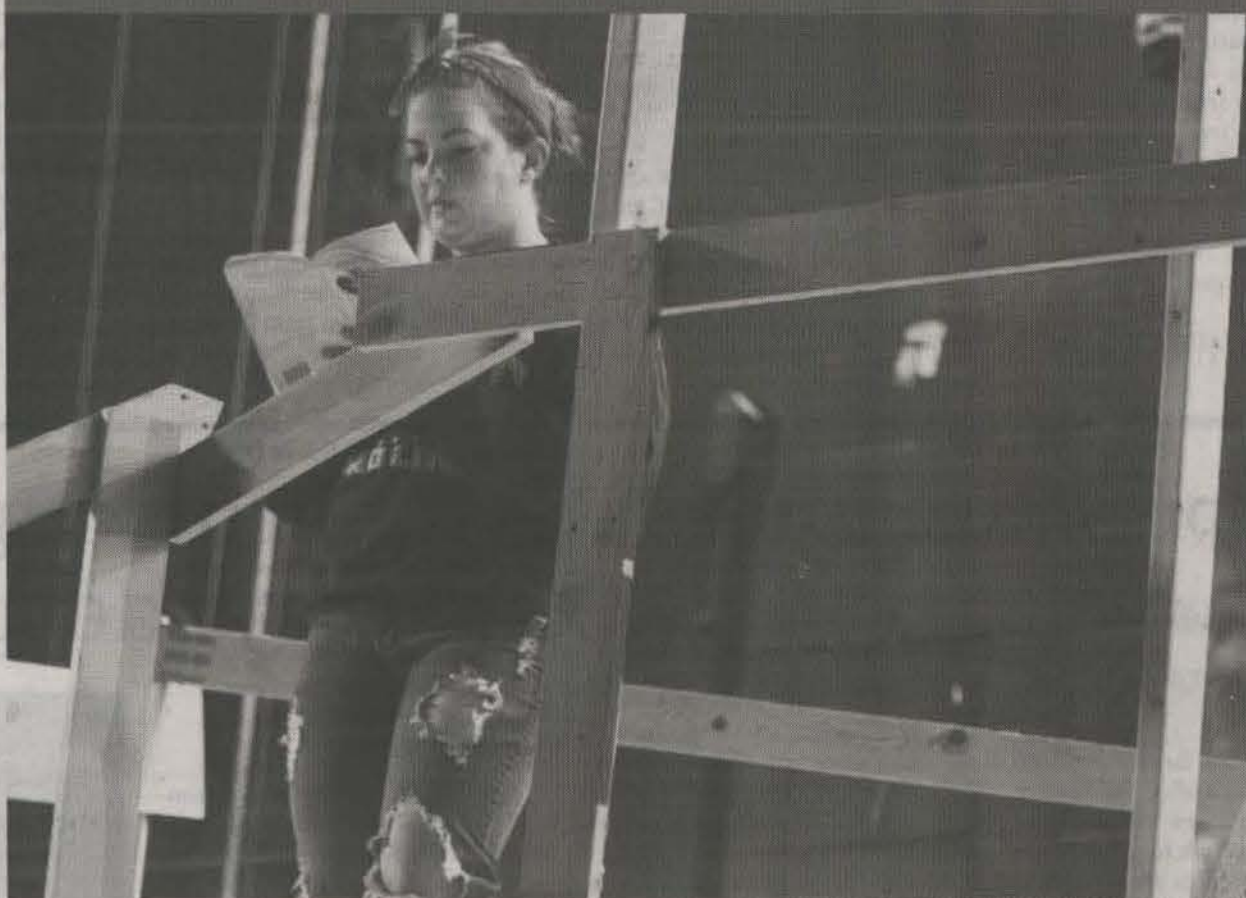
Blog: Election Tuesday

Barbara Harrington, online news director, blogs about the upcoming election on Tuesday. Read a preview of her blog here, or go to DEN-news.com for the entire thing.

CORRECTION

In Monday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, the letter to the editor titled, "Flash mob column was offensive, disappointing," was mistakenly attributed to Lauren Holschbach. Rachael McDermott wrote the letter. *The DEN* regrets the error.

Practice makes perfect



KIMBERLY FOSTER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Molly Manhart, a junior theatre arts major, studies her lines as she practices moving around the set of "Noises Off," a play to be put on by the theatre department April 15-19 in the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

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EIU History Lesson

April 5

2008

Eastern started handing out water bottles to students to keep the university going green.

1994

A lawyer for Roc's denied the allegation that Roc's served to an underage police informant.

1982

While students were gone on spring break, Charleston was hit by a huge storm that caused several power outages and destroyed homes in nearby cities.

SUMMER COURSES

Options available
for summer sign upBy Mel Boydston
Staff Reporter

With just a little more than a month of classes left in the 2010-2011 school year, students may be starting to consider the possibility of extending their school year into the summer months.

Generally over 4,000 students enroll for summer sessions, said Sue Harvey from the office of registrar and enrollment management.

"Students enrolled in summer courses take courses both on campus and online depending on which is the best fit for their personal situation," Harvey said.

Registration for summer classes began on March 21 for graduate and post-baccalaureate students, on March 28 for seniors and priority students, on April 4 for juniors, April 11 for sophomores and April 18 for freshmen.

There is a registration fee that includes the cost of basic textbooks for the summer classes. Students who elect to take classes during the summer have a few choices to make regarding their classes.

Summer classes at Eastern are offered in three sessions. Two main sessions are run from May 16 to June 11, and from June 13 until July 23, and third summer session, which runs from June 13 until Aug. 6, offers a slightly more limited program selection.

"They can do electives or general education. It's just a good opportunity for them, (students)," said Beth Craig, the coordinator of program development and school of continuing education.

Craig also suggests that students utilize their PAWS accounts to search for summer classes and find the "best fit" for themselves.

Among their different options, students can also elect how they would like to take their classes. For students who

"Students enrolled in summer courses take courses both on campus and online depending on which is the best fit for their personal situation."

Sue Harvey, office
of registrar and
enrollment manager

chose to stay on campus while taking classes, housing options are available.

University Court apartments are available for rent, and on campus housing is consolidated to McKinney Hall during the summer. Some dining halls will remain open during the summer, and the Food Court will also be open, however it will be open under changed hours.

Mark Hudson, the director of housing and dining, said that in order to live on campus during the summer, students will fill out a housing contract, just as they do during the school year. However, this contract is exclusively for summer and the cost of living on campus differs depending on which session a student signs up for.

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ELECTIONS

One candidate running so far,
petitions available until FridayBy Nike Ogunbodede
Student Government Editor

Petitions for the Fall 2011 student government executive branch are currently available in the Student Activity Center as well as online and will be due April 7.

Dan Rolando, a senior physics and economics major, is the current student vice president for student affairs—a position that currently has one Student Senate member running for fall 2011 position.

Kaci Abolt is the lone candidate thus far and is from the Party for United Leaders Supporting Excellence.

"The large events that the (student vice for student affairs) is responsible for coordinating are the Panther-

paloozas, the RSO fair and Panther Service Day," Rolando said.

The student vice president for student affairs serves as the liaison between students and their governance in student government, Rolando said.

The student vice president for student affairs have to be in touch with what Eastern students want and be able to translate that into action on behalf of the students.

This year, a spring Pantherpalooza was added with positive feedback from students and the Registered Student Organizations, and it is set to become an annual event.

"The (student vice for student affairs) and the student affairs senate committee conduct polls and student satisfaction surveys to find out if student gov-

ernment is meeting the needs of the students it represents," Rolando said.

Rolando said the position entails a lot of cooperation with other executives, senate members, administration and faculty.

"The (student vice for student affairs) must seek out a diverse set of resources to meet the desires of our diverse campus population," Rolando said.

The student vice president for student affairs has to make sure that the student government is putting on programs to entertain Eastern students and ensure that their opinions are being expressed.

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Kaci Abolt

Year: Sophomore

Major: Political Science

Party: PULSE

Hometown: Charleston

Time on Student Senate:

Two semesters

Current position:
Student affairs
committee member

Promise to students:

I want to be more vocal as the student vice president for student affairs because it is a position that people should automatically put a face with the title.

Project goals:

Everyone remembers their first weekend at Eastern and I want to make every student or at least a majority of the students feel like they belong here. I want them to see where they fit.

First goal if elected:

One thing I really want to do is to help new registered student organizations get started and put their information out to students who might want to join. The Student Senate approves all RSOs, but we should try to be more involved with them after they are approved.

Best candidate because:

I think I already have so many of the qualities the person would need. I am a part of so many different organizations on campus and I know each of those positions would only strengthen my role as the student vice president for student affairs.

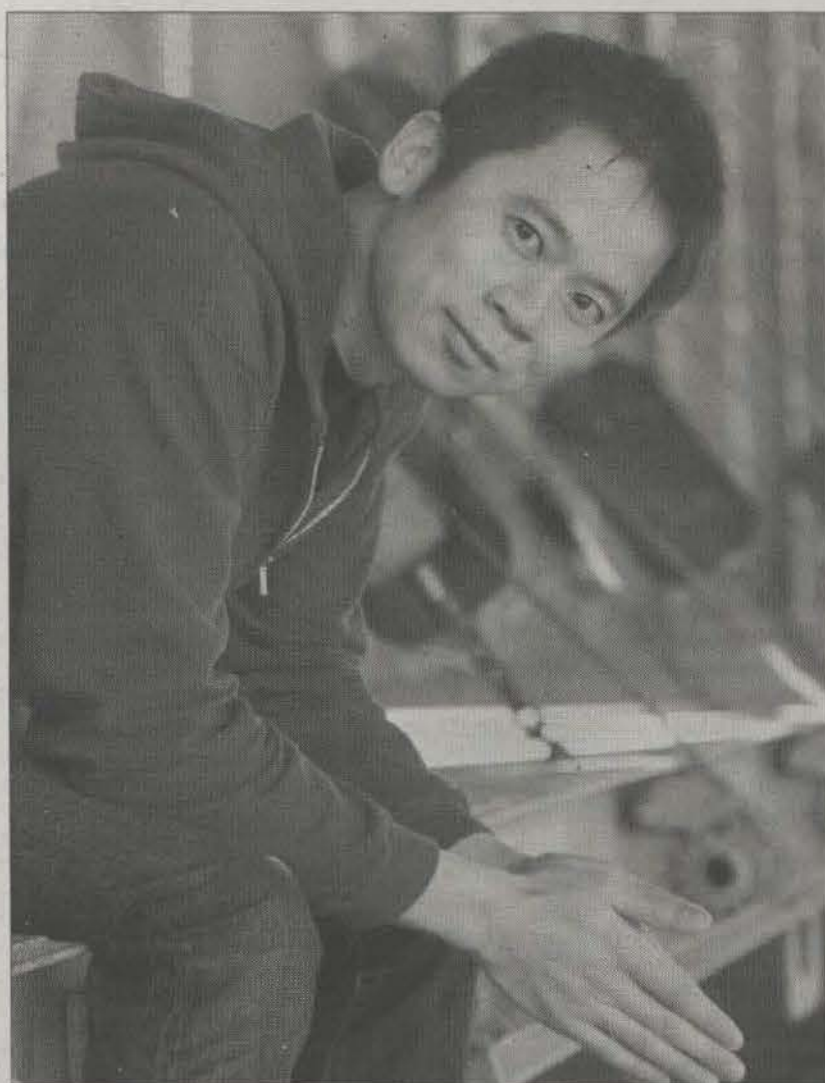
Changes to Student Senate:

A big problem this year was the (Student Senate) not participating in its own sponsored events and the University Board would generally have to pick up the slack. I think we need to be more accountable toward our own programs and how we choose to run them.

Biggest challenge:

Because of necessary budget cuts almost 90 percent of budgets took a cut and the events that I have to put on depends on funding. It might be hard at first but I know it will challenge me to not only rely on free T-shirts, but the quality of the programs.

ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Sheng Wang, a stand up comedian from California, will bring his act to 7th Street Underground at 8:30 p.m. today. University Board is sponsoring the event as part of Asian Heritage Month.

Comedian to try to relate to
students at today's performanceBy Kayleigh Zyskowski
News Editor

After graduating from the University of California at Berkeley, Calif. with a degree in business, Sheng Wang soon realized that a career in comedy was the road for him.

Wang performed at different open mic nights around the Oakland, Calif. area, and after three years, he moved up to working at comedy clubs.

He said he realized that comedy was the viable option for him to look towards instead of a business career.

"There is no falling back on my degree now," Wang said.

Wang has toured around the country for a few years and will now perform at 8:30 p.m. today in the 7th Street Underground.

Wang said that performing at a college is sometimes a challenge because it is hard to relate to the younger crowd.

"As much as I don't want to admit it, I can be considered an older guy now, so there is a little bit of a social distance," Wang said. "But college students should still be able to relate."

Many younger people are not as jaded as older people can be, Wang said.

"And while a lot of comedy of is based around tragedy, but my comedy

"Some people find similarities to this influence. The jokes I use are too well thought out about normal things, mundane things. I use points of reference that we all have in common."

Sheng Wang, comedian

is more positive so they should be able to relate," he said.

He said his first influence was comedian Mitch Hedberg.

"Some people find similarities to this influence," Wang said. "The jokes I use are too well thought out about normal things, mundane things. I use points of reference that we all have in common."

Rovion Reed, the comedy coordinator for the University Board, decided it would be a good opportunity to bring Wang to campus for Asian Heritage Month.

Reed said he has seen him perform at different conferences including the National Association for Campus Activities (NACA) conference.

"He showcased the main stage at (the) NACA (conference). He is very funny," Reed said. "At the conference, which is made up of college students from around the country, he had the entire room cracking up."

Reed said students should expect to be surprised when they come to the performance.

"When you look at him he doesn't look like he can tell jokes, but he is really, very funny," Reed said.

At the event the UB will have free egg rolls and drinks for the audience members.

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STAFF EDITORIAL
Find a way
to plant
this tree

Spring is arriving in fits and starts, and soon enough, Eastern students will be lounging under the shade of the many trees on campus. But student government recently chopped plans to provide one more shady spot on campus.

We think this is a shame, but we think it can be fixed and we are willing to help.

As reported by *The Daily Eastern News*, student government met March 30 and changed a bylaw that requires it to plant a tree every year. Like every other organization on campus, student government has to cut non-essentials from its budget. While we think planting the tree is a worthy cause, we can hardly argue that it is essential to the school.

As members of a student organization, we sympathize with the tough decisions student government must make to trim its budget.

But we also love trees. This may seem a trifling thing to take issue with, but we believe these kinds of honored traditions, however small, strengthen campus identity. Eastern students enjoy the contributions of former students every day. We owe it to them, to ourselves, and to future students to keep these traditions alive.

Student government should have considered a few more options before changing the bylaw. One option would have been making cuts elsewhere. The tree-planting was \$150 of student government's budget. To cover that, student government executives could have cut their tuition waivers by an almost imperceptible amount.

Student government also could have cut funding for the tree-planting, while keeping the requirement to plant it in place. The original bylaw did not include funding for the planting. Funding was only officially added to the bylaw three semesters later.

We hope that student government reinstates the requirement in the future, even if it means finding other sources for funding. For now, we want to offer our assistance in the service of a more shady future. Arbor Day is April 29. Every member of the editorial board is willing to chip in \$2 toward the purchase of a tree and a plaque. That gets it up to \$12, which is not much, but is at least a start.

We think the whole thing could easily be done using half of the \$150 price tag. But even if that is the real cost, if every member of student government contributed \$2, there would be more than enough money to plant a tree. If student government members would not like to contribute to the tree-planting, we are sure there are many Eastern students who would.

Every organization must trim its budget, and we don't mean to beat up on student government for acting responsibly. But we hate to see financial hardship destroy a meaningful, lasting contribution to the community.

We offer this good-natured challenge to student government: Let's get a tree in the ground by Arbor Day. We will throw in \$12 and even help plant it.

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COLUMN
Greek Week deserves every bit of coverage

There has been a lot of chatter on DENnews.com since the Greek Week Guide came out on Thursday.

Comments online have ranged from unidentified individuals criticizing the members of the Greek community with extensive vulgar language to people arguing back with multiple comments.

By the time you finish reading the comments, you realize they are entirely off topic.

Commenters are even questioning why we put out a special guide for Greek Week, something which I think should be obvious.

As some of the online commenters have pointed out, a good portion of our audience is part of Eastern's Greek Community.

There are 30 Greek organizations at Eastern, and one in five students at Eastern is a member of a fraternity or sorority.

Regardless of anyone's feelings toward Greek life, ignoring an event that 20 percent of the campus participates in would just be bad business and bad journalism.



Emily Steele

Like all newspapers, we try to leave opinion out of the paper—with the obvious exception of the very page you hold in your hands (or the opinions section, if you are reading this online).

We write for our audience, which sometimes feels impossible.

Our audience includes students, professors, staff, parents, administrators, incoming freshmen, the local community and anyone else who stumbles across our website.

One online commenter, "The Real way to win Greek Week," went so far as to say that covering Greek Week is a waste of time.

Our editors and reporters do not work to cover things that are a waste of time. If something matters to our audience, our peers, then it matters to us, and we will cover it. Period.

Besides the Greek Week Guide, you should note that we also do Homecoming, Housing and Dining, and Back to Campus guides, in addition to other special sections at various times throughout the year.

Sometimes we are unable to cover everything we want to, or as thoroughly as we should, but we cover Eastern's campus to the best of our abilities in the hopes that it will enlighten or help our readers in some capacity.

We try to report on the things that matter to the Eastern community, which sometimes means we have to make tough choices about what we can cover with the resources we have.

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FROM THE EASEL



GARRETT GOBEN | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

COLUMN
Use your vote or risk losing your voice

President Barack Obama constantly gets criticized for different things he does or does not do.

When those who voted for Obama, just three years ago, criticize him, they might as well be criticizing themselves.

I am not doubting that Obama deserves criticism, but we, the citizens of the United States of America, put him in this position.

The majority of our country's population chose him to lead our country.

So when those who voted for Obama criticize him, shouldn't they look in the mirror and criticize themselves?

For those who don't like Obama as president and did not vote, you are to blame too.

Use your voice! Voting is a right and a privilege that everyone needs to exercise.

When people get voted into office, we hold some responsibility too.

Many people criticized Bush, and still do, but he would not have been our president if a large portion of Americans had not voted for him.



Abby Allgire

On the state scale, Pat Quinn is our governor. He is in his position because we, the people of Illinois, voted him there.

For anyone who does not agree with the things the governor has been doing, we have to remember that we elected him.

Most political figures get into their positions because WE put them there.

We have the right and privilege to put our opinion into who gets to run our country, state, county and city.

We have to take advantage of that right.

Even as college students, we can be af-

fectured by those who are leading the country, and even Charleston.

Charleston has an election tomorrow, and those who take office can influence the way things are done on this campus and in the town.

The drinking age in Charleston was changed by city officials from 18 to 21. This is something that is important to college students.

Other drinking ordinances are also passed by the city council, so if students want to complain about the ordinances in Charleston, then they need to get out and vote on who is put in the positions to make decisions.

We are able to have an influence on who runs our city and our country. Instead of complaining about the people in office, we need to do something about it and use our voice when voting time comes.

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CITY COUNCIL

Coalition to discuss smoking

By Elizabeth Edwards
City Editor

The Eastern Tobacco Coalition will discuss the risks of smoking and the free air initiative during the Charleston city council meeting today.

Jim Friesma, substance abuse coordinator of the Health Education Resource Center, said the free air initiative at Eastern requests students to smoke in the designated areas on campus and seeks to diminish the amount of smoke throughout campus.

"We are asking students to go to the designated smoking areas," Friesma said.

Friesma said the coalition will inform the council about the dangers of secondhand smoke and how the coalition is taking the initiative to limit smoke throughout campus.

"We are trying to prevent second-hand smoke on campus," Friesma said.

The coalition will inform the council about the importance of living a healthy lifestyle.

The designated smoking areas are 15 feet away from buildings on campus, he said.

"The free air initiative is more of a suggestion than a requirement," Friesma said.

If a student is caught smoking in an undesignated area, there are consequences such as a referral to the Office of Student Standards, though the initiative is not actively enforced, Friesma said.

Also, the council will vote on the allowing the closure of streets in Charles-



FILE PHOTO | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS
Mayor Inyart talks about the hours for trick-or-treating this year at the city council meeting September 21, 2010 at city hall.

ton for the fourth annual "Kick Butts" Anti-Smoking Run/Walk.

Friesma said the walk is to inform students and residents about the importance of a smoke-free environment.

On other matters, the council will vote on approving the final development plan for the Garfield Planned Unit Development.

In a letter to the council, the developer said the apartment complex would have one-bedroom apartments that will create a home-like environment for students.

The apartment complex would be located at the vacant lot north of Garfield Avenue.

The council will also vote on amending the water and sewer rates for Charles-

ton and Eastern, said Mayor John Inyart.

If the new ordinance is passed Eastern will pay \$11.21 per 1,000 gallons. Eastern currently pays \$10.72 per 1,000 gallons, which are paid by Eastern in a bulk rate.

Also, the council will vote on amending the city budget for fiscal year of 2010 and 2011.

Inyart said the amended budget does not add expenses and only allocates money in different funds.

The council will meet at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall on 520 Jackson Avenue.

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VOICE-OVER INDUSTRY

Instructor to offer voice lesson class

By Kodi Smith
Staff Reporter

An instructor from the Voice Coaches company in New York will be presenting a single evening class to individuals who are interested in learning more about the voice-over industry.

Eastern's School of Continuing Education in collaboration with Voice Coaches is sponsoring "Getting Paid to Talk," a non-credit workshop. The session will take place on Monday from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Doudna Fine Arts Center in Room 2340.

Beth Craig, a coordinator of program development, said attendees can expect to learn different aspects of the business such as how to get started, studio work, effective demo production methods and where to look for opportunities in and around their communities.

Voice Coaches will also provide an opportunity to participants to record a mock commercial that will be evaluated by the producers and receive some feedback.

Craig said she felt this non-credit course would offer individuals of all ages a fun and beneficial opportunity to learn more about the voice over industry.

Warren Garling, the director of marketing for Voice Coaches, said the session will offer attendees an insight into the voice over industry.

"Every day, people are told they have a great speaking voice, without ever realizing there's an enormous voice over industry," Garling said.

David Bourgeois, the president and creative director of Voice Coaches, said the voice-over industry is experiencing tremendous growth and has become an opportunity for individuals to make a supplemental income or a full time career.

Bourgeois also said advances in technology and changes in the way information is presented continue to

open new doors for voice-over artists.

Bourgeois said less than 10 percent of the voice acting jobs available are commercials.

Voice Coaches works with and places voice-over actors in a wide variety of productions from audio books to documentaries.

Bourgeois said they work with people who are going into the field of voice acting day-to-day and have placed individuals with networks such as TLC, HGTV and The Discovery Channel.

Bourgeois described the introductory class that is presented at universities and colleges across the nation as a realistic and upbeat look into the voiceover business.

He said the course was designed to introduce people to what the field is and is not.

For example, Bourgeois said it is not designed to make a voice-over actor.

He also said that while this industry does provide a lot of opportunity, it still requires hard work and dedication and should not be viewed as an instant get rich profession.

Bourgeois said enrollment for the classes is often quite good and they find the appeal ranges from students looking into a career in voiceovers to teachers who are looking to improve their speaking abilities.

"Curiosity is often times the main motivation for attending the class," Bourgeois said.

Craig said the class is currently limited to 25 participants but a second class will be added for the same evening and time if interest continues to grow.

There is registration fee of \$25 for students and \$40 for community members.

Students and community members can contact the School of Continuing Education at 217-581-5114 for more information or to enroll.

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FUNDRAISER

Sorority raises money for Japan

By Steve Puschmann
Staff Reporter

Eastern's Alpha Sigma Iota musical sorority will host a week long fundraiser to raise money to help those affected by the earthquakes that took place in Japan. Along with the fundraiser, it will also be raising money for its chapter.

Ayaka Hisanaga, a first year graduate student in clinical psychology and a member of the sorority, first began attending Eastern in 2006 after leaving her native country Japan.

"I tried coming up with ideas of how to raise money until this idea came along. I started to place donation boxes in the restaurants on March 24," Hisanaga said.

There will be a donation box set up along with a booth in the lobby of the Doudna Fine Arts Center where Sigma Alpha Iota will be selling arts and crafts. The booth will be in the fine arts center from April 4 to 7 and will be opened from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Megan Evans, a senior music major with a teacher certification, is in charge of the craft fundraiser.

"She's just more than a sorority sister—she has come home with me on several occasions for Thanksgiving dinner," Evans said. "My grandmother considers her a part of the family."

The sorority will be selling headbands, homemade topper bows, felted flowers and rings made out musical cloth. The profit sold for some items will be donated to the relief fund.

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SPECIAL EDUCATION

Phi Rho Eta in search of new volunteers

By Kayleigh Zyskowski
News Reporter

The Special Olympics is fast approaching, and the department of special education is looking for volunteers.

After a year of fundraising for the different groups and individuals with needs in the community, Phi Rho Eta is looking forward to the April 29 event.

Abby Lee, a senior special education major and member of the society, said every semester the organization does different forms of community service.

Phi Rho Eta is the honors society within the special education department. All members were invited into the organization and must maintain a 3.65 GPA and have taken at least two special education courses.

On March 5 the organization raised money for the Special Olympics with the Polar Plunge.

"It's a fun event and it's great because it allows athletes to compete in the Special Olympics for free," Lee said. "This year it was really cold and windy, but it's always worth it."

During the event, the athletes throw rubber ducks in the pond and the participants run out to retrieve them in heats of 10 to 12. The participants raise money to compete and incentive prizes are given away for the amount of money raised.

The Special Olympics is hosted at Eastern's Lantz Arena.

Lee said people can volunteer their time in the department of special education in Buzzard Hall, and there are many times and jobs available to volunteer for.

"If you can only sign up for an hour you can act like a fan in the stands," Lee said. "This is a key part to just fill the stands, cheer them on and keep the energy high."

Other jobs that are available for volunteers include helping athletes to and from events, handing out lunches and handing out awards.

Eastern has hosted the event for a few years and Lee said having people involved makes the event special.

"It means a lot to the athletes, these are such fun-loving individuals, it's hard not to have a good time."

Abby Lee, senior special education major

"Getting Eastern students involved is a huge part of how this event happens," Lee said. "It means a lot to the athletes, these are such fun-loving individuals, it's hard not to have a good time."

More community service

On May 2, the organization will take part in a Monical's Pizza Night Community Day.

"If customers use a flier when they order 20 percent of their purchase will be given to us," Lee said. "They can look for fliers in Buzzard Hall in the Special Education Department."

On March 31 the society finished a fundraiser that involved selling boxed gift card sets, Christina Edmunds-Behrend a professor in the special education department.

"There was never a set goal with how much we want to earn, but there is a goal with what would like to be done with the money," Edmunds-Behrend said.

These fundraisers go towards different events and organizations the society gives aid to throughout the year, Edmunds-Behrend said.

"One of the things we always try to do is sponsor a camper for the summer at Camp New Hope," Lee said.

Camp New Hope is located south of Mattoon near Lake Mattoon. The summer is specifically for individuals with disabilities. This usually costs

about \$525 per camper, Lee said.

The society also has a goal of sponsoring individuals to attend equestrian therapy at a horse farm located west of Wal-Mart in Charleston.

The farm owners host therapy sessions especially for those who have autism, which helps with motor function skills, Lee said.

The therapy costs \$920 for 12 once-a-week sessions, Lee said.

"We really wanted to sponsor someone to go, it is absolutely great and the individuals love, but it can be semi-pricey," Lee said.

Each member is also required to do a set amount of community service.

Members who have been initiated for more than two semesters must do six hours of community service, while the newer members must do two hours.

"We do a lot of different things throughout the semester," Lee said.

Teen Mom is one of the organizations the society regularly volunteers with.

"We help or assist in a day care program for children ages 2 to 10 years old," Lee said. "What the program provides is unconditional support and encouragement to teen moms and to assist them with immediate needs."

These needs include WIC housing programs and GED programs.

The group volunteers at the Smith House and the Tull House that are a local homes for individuals with disabilities.

"We basically go there and hang-out with the people that live there," Lee said. "We can't take them out really, but just going there and helping out makes a difference."

Last semester the society hosted a party and invited the group homes to come.

"We are just trying to give back; we want to help families in need," Lee said. "We want to help them get the services their children need, and have some fun too."

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FACULTY SENATE

Speakers to inform of new energy center

By Samantha McDaniel
Staff Reporter

The Faculty Senate will be given a little insight to the process behind the Clean Energy Research and Education center at the meeting today.

The group will meet at 2 p.m. in the Booth Library Conference Room.

Peter Ping Liu, a technology professor and a coordinator of graduate studies, and Bob Chestnut, the director of research and sponsored programs, will be speaking about the center.

Liu will explain the creation process for the center as well as who it will benefit.

The purpose is to inform the campus and to welcome more participation from faculty, staff and students to be engaged in renew-

able, clean energy research and education, Liu said.

Strategic planning will also be a topic at today's meeting. Vicki Woodard, the coordinator of public information and university communications, and Karen Drage, from the School of Technology, will be speaking to the senate.

John Pommier, Woodard, and Drage serve on a team of strategic planning committee members who will be facilitating the data gathering and engagement process of the Faculty Senate.

The senate will be asked five questions and the answers will be added to other data the committee has gathered, Drage said.

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Currently, Benedict is giving towards a civil service scholarship, which would benefit the children or grandchildren of those who are civil service employees at the university. Benedict, who has been a civil service worker at Eastern since 1996, said she wanted to donate to this cause because it is a nice way to recognize those who work in civil service.

"It's more than a paycheck," Benedict said. "The participation in this program is not necessarily about the dollar amount; it's about showing unity and community."

Mathematics professor Andrew White said he loves the university and wanted to do his part to give back. Currently, White serves on the committee as a liaison for the mathematics and computer sciences department. However, the process of involving his co-workers has not been what he initially expected.

"In my department, involvement has been a little slow," White said. "People are gradually coming on board. I didn't get the reaction I thought I would. The people who have been contributing have been

giving little by little – and that's okay, I'm a patient person and I have faith in the department."

By the campaign's end, White hopes for 100 percent involvement from the department.

White agrees that one of the easiest ways for them to do so is by giving a small portion of each of their paychecks to the university, which White does as well.

"I never miss it and I am happy it is going to a good cause," he said.

White's donations currently go towards athletics. One of the reasons, White said, is because of the athletes he teaches in the classroom everyday.

"I enjoy athletics, and the athletes in my classes are bright people. I want to do my bit to keep that going," he said.

The committee will next meet on April 12 to discuss campaign progress and improvements.

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Cotiangco said the forum will expose others to different arguments about the death penalty they have not considered and it can either change their opinions or reaffirm the views they already have.

"I am against the death penalty and I cannot imagine being responsible for someone's predetermined execution," Cotiangco said. "I am very glad the legislation passed because I don't think we should give our government that sort of power, especially since it seems contradictory to put people to death for murder."

Moran said they have been planning the event for around six weeks by gathering individuals with the most experience and value relating to the topic.

Moran also said they will present a brief history of the death penalty in the United States and Illinois and Swenson will provide a constitutional overview regarding the topic.

The Capital Punishment Forum is at 5:30 p.m. today in the Lumpkin Hall Auditorium.

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Rennels said he would like to focus on the infrastructure of the city such as sidewalks and roads.

He said if reelected to the council he hopes to get funds from the state to add an additional turn lane to levy the congestion on Ninth Street by the Tarble Art Center.

"We can look to improve sidewalks in Charleston by the O'Brien Stadium and Division Street," Rennels said.

The sidewalk improvement could benefit the students, Rennels said.

Rennels said he is interested in local issues such as the Will Rogers Theater.

"The city could not buy Will Rogers Theater because the city does not have the funds, but the city could assist a citizen group who wished to purchase the theater," Rennels said.

The citizens' group could use the tax increment finance (TIF) to help with outside improvements, he said.

A second candidate, Matthew Hutteri, 32, said he was a resident of Charleston all his life and he is currently working as a substitute teacher in the Charleston School District.

"I grew up in Charleston and I would like to give back to Charles-

ton," Hutteri said.

He said he wants to work with Eastern and he is concerned with issues that affect students.

"I want to keep the collaboration between EIU and Charleston running smoothly," Hutteri said.

If elected to the council, Hutteri said he would focus on the city's infrastructure such as sidewalks and roads in Charleston.

Hutteri said he would focus on local issues such as the Will Rogers Theater, as well.

"I am for fixing up the Will Rogers Theater," Hutteri said.

The tax incrementing finance could be used to fix up the theater, he said.

Jeff Lahr was not available for comment because he was out of town, but Lahr has served on the council for six years.

This year Lahr has voted for change orders for the Wastewater Treatment Upgrade Project, the 2005 version of the Electrical Code, and approved the Class D liquor license.

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Samson said he and Aurelio will be home in Miami for the summer, but will perform 135 shows next year, mostly at other colleges.

Devan Scott, a junior communication studies major, is on the cultural arts committee for the UB. He said this event was the first one he organized as he trains to become the cultural arts coordinator for the UB.

"I was expecting a bigger turnout but it was good for it being my first

event," Scott said. "Overall the artist did well, kind of gave me the experience to organize an event and hopefully do more in the future."

After the show, prizes were raffled off to members of the audience.

Alex Lima, a sophomore finance major, won tickets for the UB's spring concert from the raffle.

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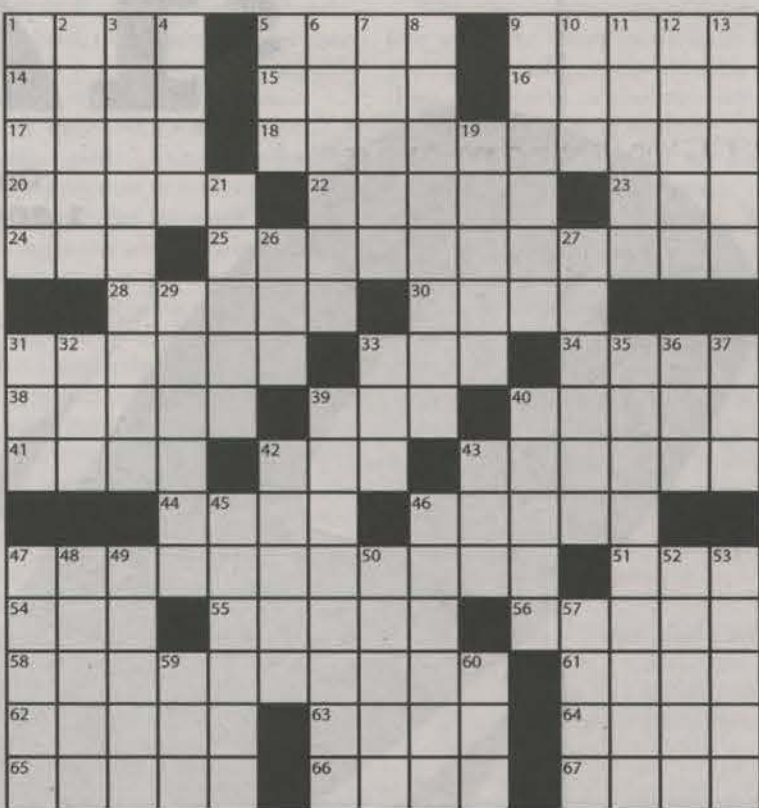
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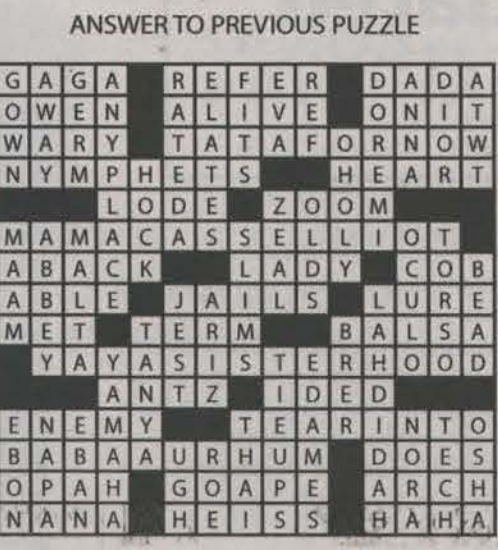
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NATION

Texas A&M, Notre Dame set for women's title game

By The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Already packed with one surprise after another, the NCAA women's tournament has one big dose of intrigue left when Notre Dame and Texas A&M play for the championship.

The traditional powers — Tennessee, Connecticut, Stanford — are all gone, only the second time ever the title game won't have a No. 1 seed in it. But there's a budding star in Irish standout Skylar Diggins, a new participant in the Aggies and an entertaining, outspoken coach in Texas A&M's Gary Blair.

"It's good to see two new faces in the Final Four championship game," Blair said. "It's good for the game of basketball right now. Don't take anything away from what Pat and Geno and Tara have accomplished. For our sport to grow we need Texas A&M and Notre Dame in this game."

The two schools better known for their play on the gridiron will take the grandest stage in women's basketball on Tuesday night in one of the biggest surprise finals in NCAA tournament history — even though both are No. 2 seeds.

"Somebody said only one person predicted that it was going to be an A&M-Notre Dame matchup out

of all the millions of people who do a bracket," Texas A&M guard Sydney Colson said. "I think the fact there have been these upsets is really helping out with women's basketball. I think it will get some of those top-name girls to branch out to other schools and realize it is not just UConn and Stanford and Tennessee that can win national championships."

Diggins was one of those girls. She grew up in South Bend and was a die-hard Irish fan who cheered them on as they won their only national championship in 2001.

"I was there, hands on the TV," said Diggins, who was 10 at the time. "If they lost I'd have been crushed."

Now the dynamic sophomore guard has a chance to complete one of the most remarkable runs in NCAA tournament history.

Diggins led the Irish to back-to-back victories over two Irish nemeses, Tennessee and Connecticut — the first time a team has ever beaten those two juggernauts in the same NCAA tournament. Amazingly, it's only happened eight times during the same regular season, according to STATS LLC.

"It's awesome," Diggins said. "This team is very proud of itself and we're not done yet."

There are a lot of similarities between that last title run and this one.

Notre Dame also beat UConn in the Final Four after losing to them in the Big East tournament championship game. The Irish's starting point guard, Niele Ivey, was a third team All-America like Diggins was this season.

"I'm enjoying the circle. We had our championship reunion in the fall and the team came in," coach Muffet McGraw said. "They presented a ball to this team and said, you know, 'We've won our championship, now it's your turn.'"

Standing in the way is Texas A&M (32-5), the national championship newcomer that bullied its way through the tournament. Like Notre Dame, Texas A&M vanquished its conference rival, beating Baylor in the Dallas regional final after losing to the Lady Bears three times during the season.

Texas A&M has been riding a relentless defense that didn't allow more than 50 points until Stanford scored 62 in the semifinals. Fortunately for the Aggies, a lay-up with 3.3 seconds left was enough to lift them over the top-seeded Cardinal.

Offensively, the Aggies rely on Danielle Adams, who became the first All-America in school history. And their defense is fueled by the harassing guards — Colson and the other Sydney, Sydney Carter.

Lost recording in Bonds' trial reappears

By The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Prosecutors in the federal case against Barry Bonds say a key witness has rediscovered the tape of a secretly recorded conversation with the slugger's doctor, sparking a fight between the government and defense lawyers over whether the new material can be included at a trial years in the making.

On a day when there was no testimony because a juror was ill, the government said Monday that former Bonds business partner Steve Hoskins found a cassette recording of his conversation with Dr. Arthur Ting.

Prosecutors, hoping to counter Ting's testimony last week that he

never discussed Bonds' alleged steroid use with Hoskins — who insisted they had — said both men might be recalled to the witness stand.

"This will never come into evidence," Bonds' lead lawyer, Allen Ruby, told U.S. District Judge Susan Illston.

The trial began March 21, and prosecutors had planned to rest their case Monday with Dr. Don Catlin, former head of the UCLA Olympic Analytical Laboratory. But they now plan to call three lab workers, raising the government's witness total to 25. That, plus the new evidence, makes it likely the case would not go to the jury before next week.

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Schmitz said in the win at Austin Peay the Panthers went with a smaller lineup to try and manufacture a few more runs with the wind blowing in. The game saw the Panthers rack up 17 hits with only one of them, Ben Thoma's grand slam, going for extra bases.

"Sometimes you've got to look at how're you going to win," said Schmitz. "We talk about (the Panthers' series in) Alabama, we went there one game and we really smacked the ball but the wind was gusting in and as a (coaching) staff we sat down and said we've got to be a little smart-

er. If the wind's blowing in we don't have a lot of guys who can hit it out so you might want to find another way to create runs, so we're really glad we scratched out a win there."

The Panthers are looking ahead to their mid-week games hoping to improve on things they struggled with in their losses, including hitting and defense.

"You come home and hitting has been something we've really struggled with and defense we've worked on a lot," said Schmitz. "You look when the game's over and they had three errors too, so if we can take care of defense and play defense you're going to

win more games."

Coach Schmitz said he thinks the Panthers just need to go out and get some momentum rolling to get this season on the right track.

"I think all teams need a winning streak," said Schmitz. "We have not had that and that's kind of what we need right now."

The Panthers play Western at 3 p.m. today at Coaches' Stadium and they play at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Chicago State.

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NATION

Rodman, Mullin lead HOF class

By The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Dennis Rodman earned plenty of labels during his sometimes turbulent NBA career.

Here's one the player who created chaos on — and sometimes off — the court never expected: Hall of Famer. Rodman headlined the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame's 2011 class announced on Monday at the Final Four, a group that includes former Dream Team member Chris Mullin and Stanford coach Tara VanDerveer.

"It's just unreal," Rodman said.

And somewhat unexpected, at least to the two-time NBA Defensive Player of the Year and five-time NBA champion who believed his extracurricular activities — including donning a wedding dress to marry himself and kicking a photographer in the groin — would overshadow his on-the-court accomplishments.

"I looked at the way I am, and I thought I wouldn't get in," Rodman said.

Also part of the class were: coaches Tex Winter, innovator of the triangle offense, and Philadelphia University's Herb Magee; longtime NBA and ABA star Artis Gilmore; former Portland Trail Blazers center Arvydas Sabonis; Olympic gold medalist Teresa Edwards; Harlem Globetrotter Reece "Goose" Tatum; and Boston Celtic Tom "Satch" Sanders.

Winter refined the triangle offense and helped the Chicago Bulls and Los Angeles Lakers win nine NBA championships as an assistant to Phil Jackson. He retired following the 2006 season, capping a career that included a successful stint at Kansas State, where he led the Wildcats to two Final Fours.

Winter learned the triangle while playing for Sam Barry at USC in the 1940s then spent decades tweaking it. The system focused on sharing the ball and allowed Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen to flourish with the Bulls. He later followed Jackson to the Lakers, where the triangle let Kobe Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal cohabitate successfully on their way to three straight titles.

When informed of the honor last week, Rodman thought it was a prank. He figured there was no way the voters could get past his outlandish antics and focus on a career in which he became one of the best rebounders in league history.

"They looked past all the negativity and thought 'wow, he actually did change the game a little bit,'" said Rodman, who averaged 13.1 rebounds a game while playing for five teams. "I wasn't a good scorer. I wasn't the best athlete. But I was part of the machine."

Even if he sometimes drew more headlines for his wardrobe than his ability to chase down missed shots at a remarkable rate, Rodman didn't dis-

appoint on Monday. While the rest of the inductees for the announcement donned suits for the occasion, he wore sneakers, jeans, a black ballcap, shades, tan vest with leopard and tan scarves, and his white shirt with gold sequined cuffs was unbuttoned and knotted at the waist, a la Julia Roberts in "Pretty Woman."

Expect something off the wall when the class is formally inducted in Springfield, Mass., in August. Rodman said his personal designer is going to "make a lot of crazy stuff."

Mullin, a five-time All-Star and St. John's all-time leading scorer, will be making his second trip to the induction ceremonies in as many years. He was enshrined last summer as part of the 1992 U.S. Olympic basketball team.

Standing a few feet from Rodman, the straight-laced Mullin, complete with crewcut, pointed to the dynamic personalities in the group as proof of basketball's global reach.

"That's what this game is about, anyone can contribute," he said.

For VanDerveer, Monday's announcement was bittersweet, coming just hours after her Stanford team lost 63-62 to Texas A&M in a national semifinal in Indianapolis.

"This is kind of a tough morning to be a basketball coach for me waking up after our loss last night," she said on a conference call. "This opportunity to be enshrined in Naismith is an incredible honor, and I'm overwhelmed by it."

STATE

Cubs beat Arizona

By The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Randy Wells overcame a shaky start to pitch six solid innings, Kerry Wood escaped a bases-loaded jam in the eighth and the Chicago Cubs got a home run from Alfonso Soriano in a 4-1 victory over the Arizona Diamondbacks on Monday.

Wells (1-0), hoping to regain the form of his 2009 rookie season, out-pitched Diamondbacks left-hander Joe Saunders (0-1) on an overcast afternoon at Wrigley Field.

Willie Bloomquist hit his first career leadoff homer to give Arizona a quick lead against Wells, who won the fourth spot in the Cubs' rotation with a strong spring. The right-hander struggled through an 8-14 season with a 4.26 ERA a year ago after going 12-10 with a 3.05 ERA in 2009.

Kelly Johnson followed Bloomquist's homer with a single and stole second with two outs before Wells struck out Chris Young. Wells allowed six hits with four walks and six strikeouts.

Carlos Marmol, who blew a save in Sunday's loss to the Pirates, pitched the ninth for his second of the season.

Saunders, who was supposed to pitch Sunday in Colorado before the game was postponed by a mix of rain and snow, also made it through six innings. He allowed five hits and two runs, including Soriano's second

homer of the season that tied it in the third.

Saunders' inability to make a fielding play in the fourth helped the Cubs score the go-ahead run on Carlos Pena's sacrifice fly.

Justin Upton caught Pena's liner to right and made a strong throw to the plate that wasn't in time to get Marlon Byrd as the Cubs went up 2-1.

Byrd had reached on an infield single up the first base line when Saunders picked up the ball and flipped it awkwardly away from the bag. Aramis Ramirez singled and Geovany Soto worked a walk to load the bases.

Arizona threatened in the eighth against Wood when Upton reached on shortstop Starlin Castro's error, Russell Branyan singled and both runners advanced on Young's slow roller to the right of the mound. Wood then intentionally walked Miguel Montero to load the bases before getting a third strike past Ryan Roberts and retiring Gerardo Parra on a fly to left.

Chicago then tacked on two in the bottom half when Ramirez and Soto hit back-to-back doubles off Kam Mickolio, and Soriano greeted David Hernandez with an RBI single.

Arizona has faced some wild weather the last three days. After playing in summer-like conditions on Saturday at Coors Field and then having Sunday's game postponed, the Diamondbacks arrived in Chicago where at game time it was a cool 47 degrees with a northwesterly wind at 15 mph.



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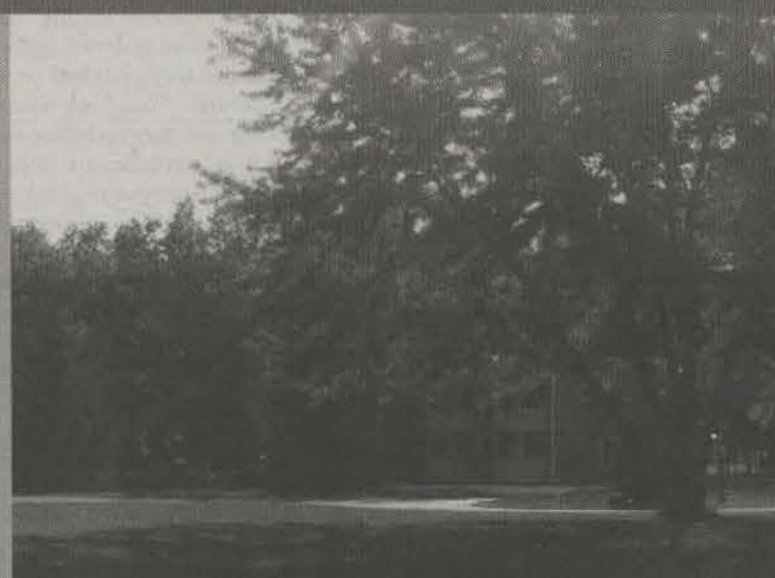
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TRACK AND FIELD

Track racks up top places

Panthers get more top finishes during Big Blue Classic

By Dominic Renzetti
Assistant Sports Editor

To go along with the Eastern track and field team's five first place finishes and two record breaking performances at this past weekend's EIU Big Blue Classic, the Panthers also tallied a number of other top finishes.

On the men's side of the track events, sophomore Graham Morris placed fourth in the 800-meter dash with a time of 1:54.45. In the 400-meter dash, freshman Cody Boarman also took fourth, recording a time of 48.90 seconds.

The Panthers racked up another fourth place finish with sophomore Dominique Hall in the 110-meter hurdles. Hall finished with a time of 14.53 seconds. In the 1,500-meter event, freshman Ryan Ballard took fifth with a time of 4:04.75.

The men's track team also found success in the field events with four top five finishes. Sophomore Bryce Hogan took second place in the long jump with a distance of 22-feet, 7-inches.

Red-shirt senior Kris Gehrke

took fourth place in the high jump event with a distance of 6-feet, 2-inches. The triple jump event saw two Panthers in the top five with junior Tyler Allen and sophomore Randolph Tribble. Allen placed second with a distance of 48-feet, 6-inches. Teammate Tribble took fifth with a jump of 45-feet, 11.25-inches.

Senior Donald Romero took fourth place in two events last weekend. Romero 165-feet, 8-inches in the discus and 49-feet, 1.50-inches in the shot put. Teammate Jared Diaz also competed in the discus, finishing behind Romero in fifth place. Diaz, a freshman, recorded a throw of 159-feet, 3-inches.

On the women's side of the field events, the Panthers also saw a number of top five finishes. Sophomore Abigail Schmitz took fifth place in the pole vault with a mark of 11-feet, 2.25-inches. Schmitz won the Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Championship for the pole vault in February.

Sophomore Michelle Hartnett took third in the high jump, clearing 5-feet, 2.25-inches in the event. Sophomore Jamie Roy placed third in the long jump, clearing 18-feet, 3-inches. Sophomore Michelle Pranger took third in the javelin with a throw of 111-feet, 9-inches.

The Panthers will compete at the WKU Hilltopper Relays next

weekend in Bowling Green, Ky.

Around the OVC

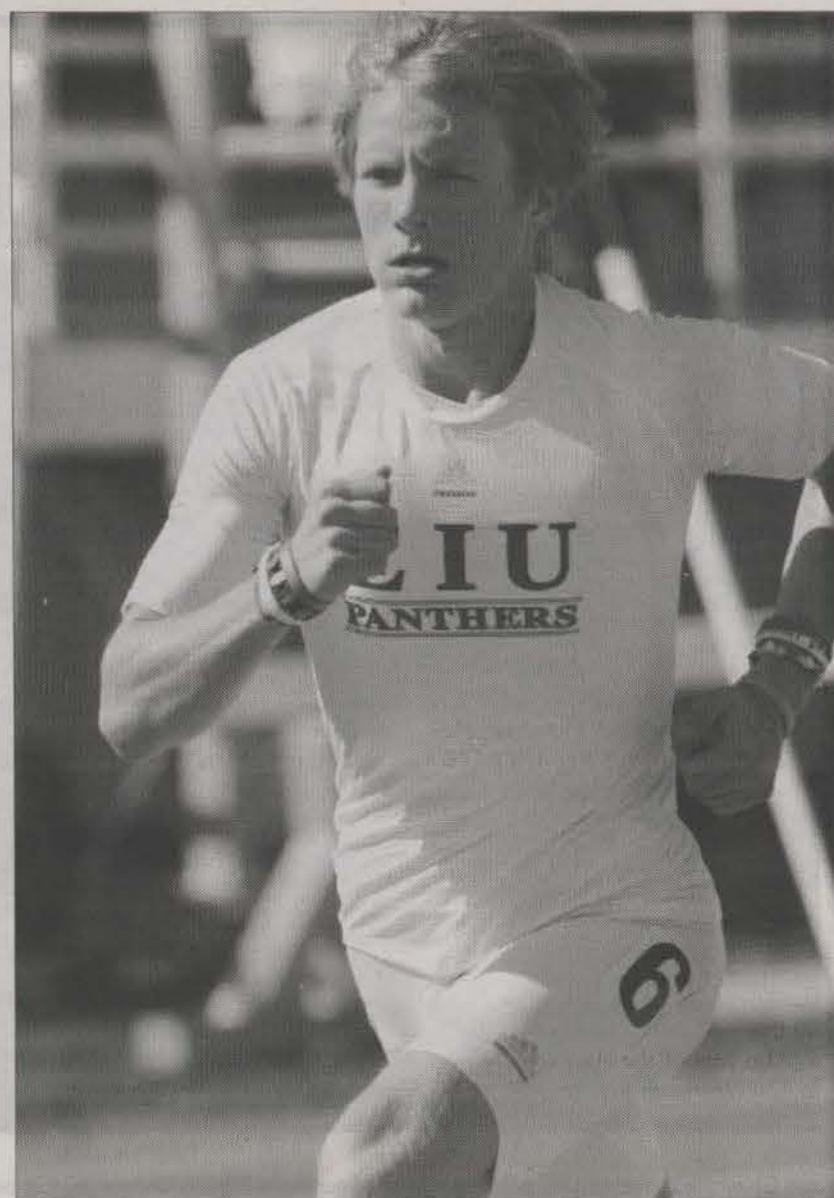
The Eastern Kentucky track and field team won a total of 15 events at this past weekend's Centre Invitational in Danville, Ky. The Colonels had three athletes record times currently ranking as the best in the OVC. Junior Lydia Kosgei owns the best 1,500 meter time in the OVC with a finish of 16:52.73.

Freshman Picoty Leitich holds the top 800-meter dash time at 2:13.25. Junior Lutisha Bowen holds the top 100-meter dash time in the OVC after her 14.34 second finish.

Senior Ashley Mayhew of Tennessee Tech broke the school record in the hammer throw at this past weekend's Gem of the Hills Invitational. Mayhew recorded a throw of 147-feet, 5-inches. Tennessee Tech will continue next weekend at the Tennessee State Invitational.

Southeast Missouri won four events at the Joey Haines Invitational, held at their home Abe Stuber Track & Field Complex. Next weekend, the Redhawks will travel to the University of Missouri to compete at the Tom Borts Invitational.

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Reid Basting, junior, participates in the 800 meter run during the Big Blue Classic Saturday afternoon at O'Brien Field. Basting placed seventh with a time of 1:55.80.

VIEWS

Panthers need to find some consistency, quickly

It has been said before, but I'll say it again. Defense wins championships. This weekend Eastern's baseball team made one error in their win over Austin Peay, and six combined in their two losses.

Head coach Jim Schmitz commented that if the Panthers had made a couple of routine plays, Sunday would have been a different game. This was especially true on a pop up in the third inning, when sophomore third baseman Ryan Dineen, typically as sure-handed as the Panthers have on their infield, lost the ball in the swirling winds of Clarksville and missed what would



Brad Kupiec

have been the final out.

The next batter unloaded on a three-run home run, and the Panthers ended up losing by one run. With seven errors over the course of the weekend, Dineen's was not the only defen-

sive issue by far, but it lead to a three-run blast that ended up being the deciding blow in the game.

The Panthers focused on defense all off-season and had looked to defense to be a strength of their team this year, but it has lost them more than one game this year and until it becomes more consistent it will continue to cost them games. The Panthers may be 7-18 overall, but they're 3-3 in the Ohio valley Conference, and two weekends into an eight weekend conference schedule they leave them only one game out of first place in the OVC.

The Panthers weren't perfect in their

first conference weekend against Eastern Kentucky, but they were able to slug their way past Eastern Kentucky at home. The problem that arose this weekend is that when the bats aren't firing on all cylinders and the defense isn't flawless the Panthers are going to have a hard time winning games.

The Panthers will have a pair of mid-week games this week to try to work out some of the kinks with their team, as Western Illinois comes to Charleston tomorrow and they travel to Chicago to play a team they beat at home a couple weeks ago. The Panthers beat Chicago State 1-0 last month at Coaches'

Stadium in a game where the wind was blowing in and pitchers on both sides worked quickly to finish the game in just over two hours.

That game saw the Panthers struggle on offense, only mustering five hits against the Cougars. Hopefully the Panthers can clean up their defense and solidify their offense this week against Western and CSU, because if they don't the bus ride home from Morehead State could be a very unpleasant one for the Panthers.

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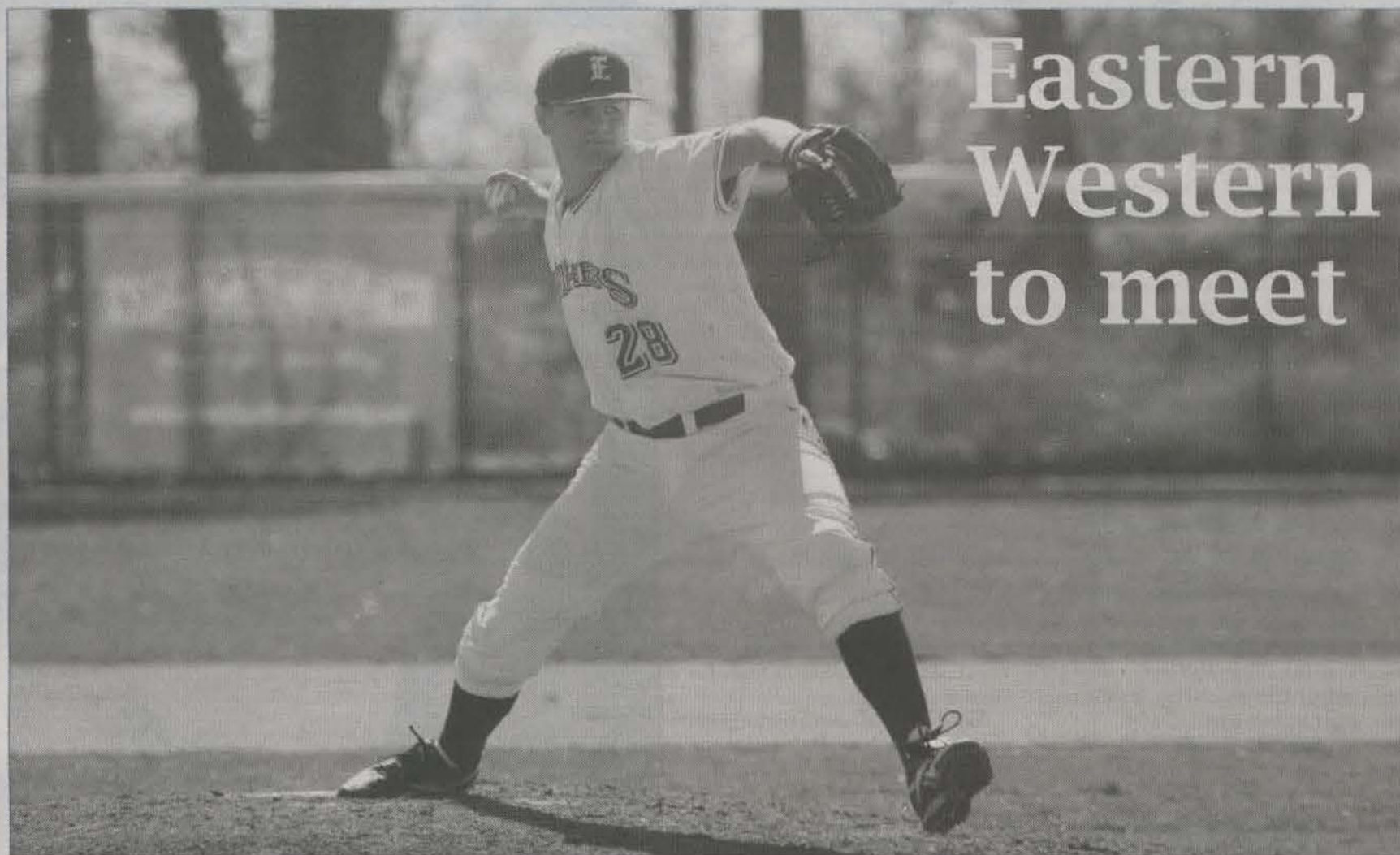
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BASEBALL



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By Brad Kupiec
Staff Reporter

Panther baseball will look to improve on their 7-18 record as they play host to the Leathernecks of Western Illinois in a non-conference match-up.

Last weekend the Panthers won one game out of three against Ohio Valley Conference opponent Austin Peay, and that win was the 600th in the career of head coach Jim Schmitz.

Schmitz said he felt grateful to Eastern to have been able to coach here for seventeen years and counting after stops in Cincinnati and his alma mater Wilmington College.

"It just gave me a chance to reflect on a lot of the teams I've coached and a lot of the assistant coaches and players that have played for me," said Schmitz. "I really enjoy doing what I do. I think I learned a lot along the way not only about the game of baseball and how to play it but about motivating young men. It's a blessing to be able to do what I do and have a lot of fun doing it."

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Joe Greenfield, freshman, pitches against Southern Illinois University Carbondale March 23 at Coaches Stadium. The Panthers take on Western Illinois Today at home.

TENNIS



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Jennifer Kim, freshman, serves the ball against Chicago State Wednesday afternoon at Rex Darling Courts.

Tennis match canceled again

Staff Report

For the second time this season Eastern's men's tennis match against Chicago State was canceled.

Having been already rescheduled once this year, the match will no longer take place.

The original match was scheduled for March 9, but it was postponed due to inclement weather. Monday's match was canceled due to rain.

The Panthers will return to action Wednesday for a road match against in-state rival Southern Illinois-Carbondale.

SOFTBALL

Brown, May keep Panthers in first

By Lenny Arquilla
Staff Reporter

Sophomore Melise Brown went .500 this past weekend against Tennessee Tech. She scored three runs, a double, a home run, two RBIs, a walk, and a stolen base. So far this season, Brown is batting a .462 on the season and has 10 stolen bases. Brown has also started every game for the Panthers this season.

Senior Amy May gave up nine base on balls this weekend, but she added 14 more strikeouts to her 112 season total and has an ERA of 1.28. She also added a complete game to her total, making it 10 on the season.

Around the OVC

Kasey Schlafke hit her second home run in two days Sunday as Southern Illinois University Edwardsville grabbed a 9-4 victory over Jacksonville State.

The Cougars, now 15-20 overall and 7-6 in the Ohio Valley Conference, won the third game of the series by out-hitting the Gamecocks 10-6. Jacksonville State, the defending OVC Tournament champions, fell to 25-10 overall and 11-3 in the OVC.

The Gamecocks would answer with a pair of solo home runs in the third inning off of SIU-E's winning pitcher Erika Taylor. Amanda Crow hit her 11th of the season while Sallie Beth Burch hit her fourth of the season.

In the fifth inning, Samantha Stanicek opened with a single and stole second off Jacksonville State starter, Tiffany Harbin. Chelsea Yankolovich followed with an RBI single and moved to second on the throw. Harbin would strike out seven, but would allow five earned runs in four innings.

Morehead State scored 15 runs in their final three at-bats and batted around in the fourth and fifth innings as they defeated the visiting Racers 15-7, ending the game on the run-rule in the bottom of the sixth inning.

The Eagles entered the fourth inning down 6-0 as Murray State scored on the Eagles for two in the first and four in the second off Morehead State starter Kelcey McMurray. Relievers Ashley Boyd and Jami Whitcomb held the Racer bats at bay for the rest of the game.

Freshman Corie Roberts got the nine-run fourth inning started with a bases-clearing double into the left field corner. Amber Riddle, who had walked, and Kayla Brill, who was hit by a pitch from Racer starter Shelby Kosmecki, scored. Elizabeth Wagner tied it up with a two-run double to left field. Riddle then hit a line drive to center that Racer fielder Jenna Bradley mishandled, allowing Brill to score the ninth run.

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Melise Brown, a sophomore outfielder, grins while rounding second base after hitting one of her two home runs during game one of a double header March 26 at Williams Field.

EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

Baseball
Tuesday vs. Western Illinois
3 p.m. - Coaches Stadium

Softball
Wednesday vs. Southern Illinois
4 p.m. - Williams Field

Men's Tennis
Wednesday - Southern Illinois
3 p.m. - Carbondale, Ill.

Women's Tennis
Saturday vs. Murray State
11 a.m. - Rex Darling Courts

M&W Track
Saturday - WKU Hilltopper Relays
TBA - Bowling Green, Ky.

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NATIONAL SPORTS

MLB
Minnesota at NY Yankees
7:05 p.m. on ESPN

NBA
Phoenix at Chicago
8 p.m. on WCIU

NHL
Los Angeles at San Jose
10 p.m. on VERSUS