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Red-shirt junior guard Katlyn Payne says she is transferring to improve her academics and her future as an attorney.

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"TELL THE TRUTH AND DON'T BE AFRAID"

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Los Potrillos denies all allegations

By Jason Howell
Online Editor | @DEN_News

Representatives from Los Potrillos, 1305 Lincoln Ave., denied the allegations brought against them by the city during a liquor hearing in the city council chambers Wednesday.

Juan Vega and Elias Amador, owners of the establishment, acknowledged and understood the five violations against them.

The violations include four counts of allegedly providing false information on the Manager Supplement Form four times as well as letting the establishment to be listed as "not in good standing" on the Illinois Secretary of State website on March 4.

If found guilty of the violations, penalties include a minimum \$250 fine or a 3 day suspension of the establishment's liquor license. The maximum penalties include a \$1,000 or a 30 day suspension or revocation of the license.

This is the establishment's first offense this year. Mayor Larry Rennels said while this is the first city offense made against the establishment, there was a previous stat violation made against the establishment.

An evidentiary hearing has been set for at 9 a.m. May 6 in the council chambers at City Hall. Vega said they needed around month to prepare for the hearing.

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League to raise sexual assault awareness

By Dion McNeal
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Even though conversation about the controversial message written on the Doudna Fine Arts Center steps last year has died down, that does not mean the issue of sexual assault has been resolved.

This is why during the month of April the Women's Empowerment League is hosting various events and activities to raise more awareness on campus.

One of the events planned is called the Slut Walk.

"We're taking the word slut and reclaiming it. You can dress up however you want, however you see the word slut. What we want to prove is it doesn't matter what you wear, rape is rape," said Jenny Greenberg, the co-president of the Women's Empowerment League.

The Women's Empowerment League will be walking on Lincoln Avenue to support a march to end rape culture at 5 p.m. on April 16.

"We want to show that just because that message is gone, 'My rapist still goes here, why isn't anyone listening,' we're still here, we're still trying to make an impact to end rape culture. It's not just a one semester thing," Greenberg said.

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Erin Davies stands in front of her car, now known as the fagbug, in front of Old Main Wednesday. Davies was the victim of a hate crime years ago, when someone spray painted the words "fag" and "u r gay" on her vehicle. Since then, Davies has adorned her car in rainbow colors and the title "fagbug." She travels the nation in her revamped car and talks with others about discrimination within the LGBT community and has been the subject of a documentary. On Wednesday, Davies participated in a meet and greet with students and showed her documentary.

Advocate brings life experiences to campus

By Anthony Catezone
Sports Editor | @AnthonyCatz

Erin Davies could have stopped at any other hotel, but she didn't. She chose a Microtel one hour from where she was speaking at an event the next day in Monterey, Calif.

Davies went inside her room, showered and came back out to her car in the parking lot, where discovered one of the nearly 400 letters she has come across in the past seven years.

This note read, "Thank you so much for what you just did. You're probably wondering what exactly it is you did. Being extremely depressed, I was about to go in here and cry my eyes out and hurt myself. But then I saw your car and it made me smile. It was a little ray of sunshine on my cloudy day."

What is seemingly a rainbow on four wheels, also serves as Davies' vehicle, a 2002 Volkswagen Beetle coated in the flag symbolizing gay pride with the word "fagbug" plastered across the driver-side and passenger doors.

The car's name is a tribute to the incident that happened to it on April 18, 2007, when Davies was a graduate student at Russell Sage College in Troy, N.Y., someone spray-painted the word "fag" and "u r gay" on the driver-side window and hood, respectively.

All of this came from Davies sporting a rainbow bumper sticker on her Beetle.

Rather than remove the vandalism, Davies elected to leave it on the car. She took a stance that homophobia is not just her problem — it is everyone's.

Davies then made the decision to use the vandalism to begin a two-month road trip, propelling her life as a speaker and advocate for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community.

That two-month road trip has transformed into a seven-year journey that has led Davies to all 50 states and to the campus of Eastern

"It's good to be a part of something that can give people hope in a world that's kind of dark at times."

Erin Davies, advocate, owner of "Fagbug"

Wednesday, where she spoke to students at an open house in the Cultural Center.

"She is so supportive of people with all different viewpoints," said Kyle Workman, a senior English major. "Whether they agree with her or not, she still supports them while working toward a good cause."

In the first two months, Davies visited 11 states, leading her to create her very first documentary, "Fagbug," chronicling her journey.

After 365 days of nationwide touring with the vandalism still more than apparent, Davies went for change.

That's when the new-look Beetle was born. She took the idea from Fagbug stickers she would sell featuring a Beetle with the rainbow flag on it and the name Fagbug across the side and decided to replicate it onto her real life model.

Then her journey took off.

Her journey eventually turned into 48 states in by 2010 and Hawaii and Alaska within the following three years.

On Wednesday, Eastern students were able to see her second documentary "Fagbug Nation" which told the story of her struggling to get the Beetle to the remaining two states of Hawaii and Alaska.

"It's astonishing that she is strong to empower so many people, whether they are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender," said Nicole Rosenberg, a senior family and consumer sciences major. "It's really great to see what she is doing."

In the seven years she has been traveling,

Davies has had 13 more vandalism incidents with her car, whether it be keyed, egged, spit on or mud thrown on it.

Another anonymous vandal also spray-painted "faggots and dykes need to die" on the campus of State University of New York at Plattsburgh.

But the number of positives far outweighs the negatives in Davies' experience. She has received 381 letters left on her car — only five have been negative.

She once found another letter on her car in Troy.

It read, "I sometimes run past your car when I'm out running. I told myself the next time I did, I would breakup with my perfect boyfriend and tell him the truth — I'm gay. Here goes nothing. Thank you, Fagbug."

The overwhelming feeling of changing someone's life even without ever meeting them is one of the experiences Davies said she is grateful for, even if that means getting criticized by 100 people and only helping one person.

"It's good to be a part of something that can give people hope in a world that's kind of dark at times," Davies said.

Perhaps Davies also needs to change people's lives the way she does. At least Workman believes so.

"She has to do this," Workman said. "If she doesn't, nobody else will."

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Production delves into family relationships

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The room is silent and a young woman enters who is in search of her father's gun, and is repeatedly asking her mother to help her locate it. Before the audience knows it, the words exit her lips, "Mama, I want to kill myself."

This all jumpstarted the concept of the play, 'Night Mother.'

Eastern's adaptation of the Pulitzer-winning production stars Shelby White, a junior communication studies major, who plays Jesse and Tracy Harpster, a Charleston resident, who plays the role Mama.

The production was in the Black Box Theatre of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Throughout the production Jesse spent her day expressing to her mother how she had been wanting to kill herself since last Christmas and felt that that particular night was the night to do so.

After receiving the news from her daughter, Mama spent her time trying to convince her daughter that life was worth living and to not follow through with her suicide.

Harpster said the idea she was trying to convey to the audience was one of valuing everyday life.

White said she wanted the audience to know the importance of family relationships, and know that suicide is not the answer and there is always hope. Despite her character saying there is no hope, White



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Shelby White (Jesse), a junior communication studies major, tells Charleston resident Tracy Harpster (Mama), why her life is not worth living anymore during "Night Mother," Wednesday in the Black Box of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

said "hope is important."

Harpster said one of the challenges of performing in the Black Box Theatre is trying to stay focused, due mostly to being in a more intimate setting, which allows her to see the audience's faces easier.

However, White said she enjoyed the intimate setting. White also said she has performed in the Black Box Theatre before.

"Night Mother" will be in the Black Box Theatre Thursday through Saturday, with each show

starting at 7:30 p.m. An additional showing will be at 2 p.m. Sunday.

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Eastern to host Appellate Court

By Nicole Ellement
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The Illinois Appellate Court for the Fourth Judicial District will be hearing oral arguments on two cases Thursday at Eastern. Arguments are scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Supreme Court Chief Justice Rita B. Garman from the Fourth Judicial District said that bringing the Appellate Court oral arguments to Charleston is an opportunity to allow students and citizens a firsthand look at the Illinois judiciary at work.

"Eastern Illinois University students and those interested in the law have a unique opportunity to observe oral arguments before the Appellate Court in person," Garman said. "I am extremely pleased that Eastern Illinois University has agreed to hold the Fourth District Appellate

Court's oral arguments."

There are five Judicial Districts in Illinois, and the Fourth District covers Central Illinois. The oral arguments are usually heard in Springfield, but the Appellate Court has also held arguments previously at Illinois State University in Bloomington-Normal, Quincy University and Danville Area Community College. Annually the Appellate Court travels to University of Illinois School of Law in Champaign to hear oral arguments.

Students from several of the university's departments have been invited to attend the oral arguments and interact with the Fourth District Appellate Court justices at a luncheon following the hearings.

"I'm pleased at the outreach to students in the Eastern Illinois region and the opportunity it presents for our students' personal and pro-

fessional development," President Bill Perry said in a press release.

The civil case to be heard is Illinois County Treasurers' Association v. Brian Hamer and Judy Baar Topinka at 10:30 a.m. This is a civil case brought by the elected treasurers for each county in Illinois, in which they are fighting for their full paychecks arguing they did not receive the full amount due to the state's financial troubles.

The criminal case to be heard is People v. Bradley. The state made an agreement with Bradley that it would drop weapon charges against him if he would testify against a co-defendant. However, the state later refilled charges against Bradley, and he objects.

The Fourth District Appellate Justices who will make up the panel are Justices Thomas R. Appleton, Thomas M. Harris and Lisa Holder White.

Attorneys from around the state will argue the cases.

After the cases are finished a luncheon will be held and students will get the opportunity to ask the Justices questions. The justices know the information discussed during the hearings may be difficult to understand or follow and they encourage students to ask questions afterwards.

Having the Appellate Court at Eastern will give students the chance to experience a live court argument and later ask questions to the Justices about what they witnessed.

The oral first oral argument is at 10:30 a.m. and the second following at 11:30 a.m. Students may come and go between hearings but not during.

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Candidate prepared to take next step

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Taking the next step in a career, whether it be an academic or professional career, needs a certain push in any student's life, but when the urge to do more seeps into the mind, it becomes a virus.

Shirmeen Ahmad, the academic affairs committee chairwoman, was urged last semester to take the leap and vie for the student vice president for academic affairs for next year.

While Ahmad always had interest in the position, it was Jesse Green, the former student senate speaker, who made it a possibility in her mind.

Ahmad said she was "on the rocks with it at first," and that he convinced her she would be a good fit for the position.

Ahmad said she thinks her experience as the chairwoman has prepared her as much as one could be prepared for the position. She added she has worked closely with Kathryn English, the current student vice president for academic affairs throughout the school year and she is ready.

English agreed.

"She has some places where she can grow to become a stronger leader, which this position will help with," English said. "She has learned many skills from serving

as the committee chair that will be helpful in the (vice president) position."

The jump to student vice president is a big leap though with more responsibility and direct contact with the faculty.

"Most meetings that the (student vice president) has to attend is with Faculty members," English said. "It is important to be respectful at the meetings, but also stand up for the students and voice their opinion."

Some of the major responsibilities of the position is to be a bridge between faculty and student voices. The student vice president represents the student body in the Council on Academic Affairs and Faculty Senate meetings.

Ahmad said she has been to several CAA meetings making already to ensure she would understand that aspect of the position. She added she has even compared notes to English to ensure she was prepared when giving the feedback from the meeting to the students.

Ahmad has preliminary plans of attack when making sure the word gets out about the meetings.

Contact the department would be her first step to ensure students know about changes to courses. She added posting changes on the doors in the department might be beneficial.

She also said she would want to continue meet and greets such

as Pizza with the Prez. Ahmad has plans of expanding it though to other venues like in the past years, instead of focusing on the South Quad as the prime location to reach out to the student body.

Ahmad wanted to have more than just pizza or pancakes every time to diversify the experience.

Ahmad also plans to really focus her efforts on making faculty office hours more available to college students.

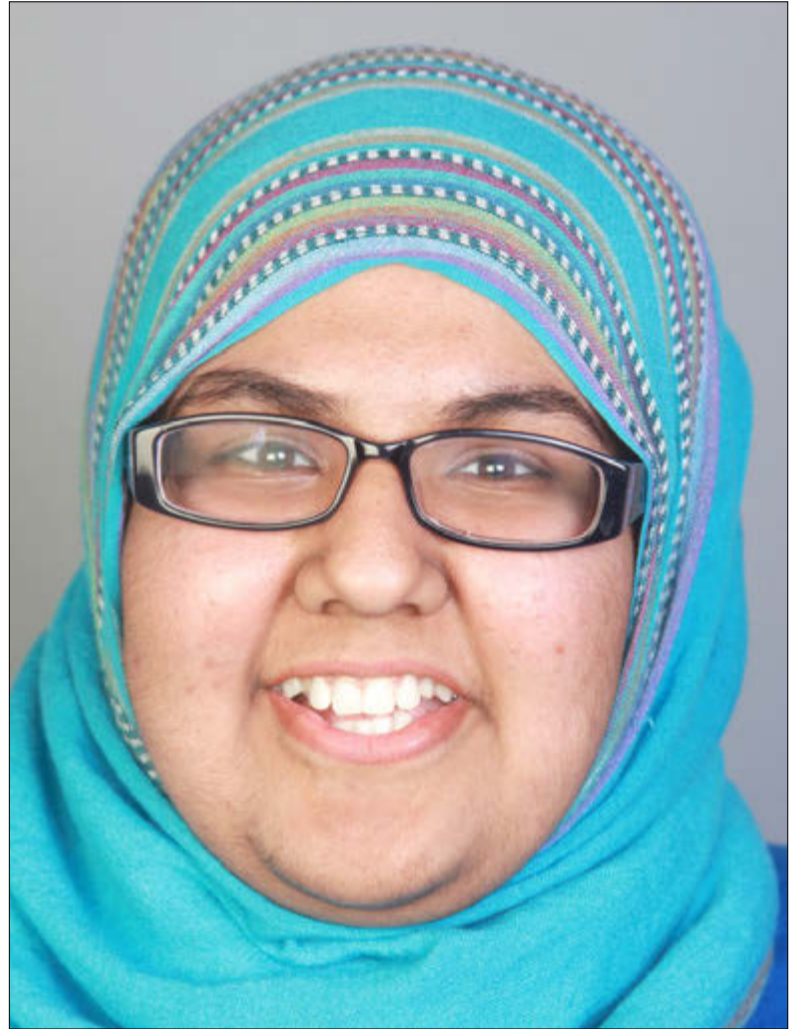
She wants to find a way to make the students can find professor hours easily on the Eastern homepage. She said it seems students can only get their hours now if they are currently in the class.

She said she has heard growing interest from graduate students to have more programs for them on campus. She added she wants to get complete suggestions from graduate students.

"I don't want to make an event without graduate feedback," Ahmad said.

Like with the presidency and the student vice presidency for student affairs, Ahmad runs unopposed. Students can still vote "no confidence" but Ahmad said she is confident in her ability and qualifications and she hopes the students feel the same way.

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Shirmeen Ahmad is the only candidate who is running for the position for the student vice president for academic affairs. She is focusing on making faculty hours more accessible than they currently are.

CAA to vote on new course proposal form

By Jack Cruikshank
Staff Reporter | @DEN_News

The Council on Academic Affairs will vote on a new course proposal format form at their meeting at 3 p.m. Thursday in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The new course proposal format form details the instructions on how faculty are to proposal a course.

The process of submitting a

course starts with the department, goes to the college's curriculum committee, goes to the Honors Council if the course is an honors course, goes to the CAA, and then finally goes to the Council on Graduate Studies if it is a graduate course as well as undergraduate.

If approved, the new course proposal format form will take effect in the Fall 2014 semester.

The communication course was briefly discussed at the council's last meeting, but the revision proposal was incorrect in cer-

tain details that pertained to the course, CMN 3100, Persuasion.

The course revision proposal, similar to the council's revision to CMN 3750, Computer-mediated Communications I, at its last meeting, requests the CAA allow the CMN 3100 course to be taught online as well as in-person.

According to the course revision proposal, offering the online version during the summer should free up roster space for the face-to-face courses offered in the fall and spring.

The online version of the course will also serve students in the General Studies program who can take the course for upper division credit.

The proposal said the CMN 3100 course is necessary because it is "a central part of the discipline, and has obvious practical as well as philosophical value."

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BLOTTER

Student arrested on failure to appear

- Ashley McGill, 22, 2374 Bostic Drive Apt. 204, Charleston, Ill. was arrested at 11:41 a.m. Monday at the Human Services Center on a failure to appear warrant for driving under the influence. She was released at 12:41 p.m. after posting 10 percent of the \$5,000 bond.

- Uriah Smith, 20, 9626 S. Ewing Ave. Apt. 1, Chicago, Ill. was arrested at 6:20 p.m. Tuesday at University Court on an in-state warrant for unlawful use of a debit card. She was released to the custody of the Coles County Sheriff's Office at 7:01 p.m. pending \$3,000 bond.

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- Dag Hammarskjold

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STAFF EDITORIAL

If by-laws serve no purpose, abolish them

No, we are not advocating anarchy, but if a council is not going to abide by the by-laws, there is no point in having them at all.

At last week's Council on Academic Affairs meeting, the council decided to suspend its own by-laws in order to act on a request without going through the proper procedure of placing it on an agenda first.

The council's current by-laws state that final action on a proposal may be taken before it has appeared on the agenda of the council, if the council, by a two-thirds vote of those present, suspends this rule to take immediate action.

There was no vote, yet alone a two-thirds majority. The only discussion happened after a councilperson moved to suspend the by-laws and another councilperson seconded the motion.

There is no major problem with voting on the proposal a week early. In fact, it would have saved everyone involved time.

However, the simple fact remains: suspending the by-laws in that was not the correct procedure.

If councils and groups on campus are not

OUR POSITION

- **Situation:** The Council of Academic Affairs suspended their own by-laws so they could act on a request without proper procedures,
- **Stance:** If by-laws are not going to be followed they should be abolished.

going to follow the by-laws they have set themselves, there is no point to have them.

While the theory of having no by-laws might seem to lead to confusion, the nominal by-laws serve no purpose.

By eliminating the by-laws, the groups would not have to worry about suspending them and ultimately would have the freedom to act however the group wants within the group's Constitution if it has one.

In comparison with the United States federal government, the group cannot simply decide not to follow its rules publicly.

If the 113th United States Congress wishes to act outside of the Constitution, they must amend it, requiring a two-thirds vote in Congress and the ratification by three-fourths of the state legislators.

Allowing councils—part of the shared governance process—to act outside of their jurisdiction has set a dangerous precedent.

In the case of the CAA, the group's by-laws contain rules for members, committees and procedures. If the group wants to act outside of those guidelines, there is nothing saying it cannot do such a thing by simply making a motion and procuring a “second” from another voting member.

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

Why ‘Soft-Sciences’ can be hard

I am a Sociology major with an Anthropology minor, and I get a lot of crap from my boyfriend, a Chemistry/Biology major.

“Sociology falls in with psychology. They are pseudo sciences without merit,” he says. Well, boyfriend and doubters everywhere, I'm here to tell you that sociology, anthropology and psychology are sciences that are social or “soft” sciences.

Hard sciences include the traditional biology, chemistry and physics. These use math and scientific methods to prove or disprove theories about The Universe and the world and how it functions. That is what makes them sciences.

Sociology, anthropology, and psychology also happen to use math (statistics, mostly) and scientific research methods to come to conclusions. So, what is the difference?

The difference is that the soft sciences make conclusions about individual people, instead of the universe they live in. We balance science and the humanities.

These soft-sciences, especially Anthropology, can tend to lean towards one side or the other in their subcategories. For instance, there



Jordan Prats

are hard-science based categories of Anthropology, including Human Evolution and Forensics, but cultural categories, like Religious and Food studies, are considered humanities.

There have been several changes of attitudes in the soft-science community about whether these subjects are scientific or humanity-related.

Between 1900 and 1949, Anthropology was largely regarded as just a humanity. This attitude was supported by Anthropologist Franz Boas (1858-1942). He developed the idea of Cultural Relativism.

This means that cultural practices and beliefs are specific to people, and therefore, cannot be generalized or compared to another culture.

The scientific point of view came after, from the 1950's until about the 1990's. The theory that best supports this is called cultural ecology.

Cultural ecology is the idea that every cultural aspect is an adaptation to some environmental factor, some aspects more than others.

In the 90's, this was expanded into neo-evolutionism: Darwin's theory of evolution is used to explain development in society. This used a hard science as a base for explaining human behavior.

There are several similar examples regarding sociology and psychology over time. They are considered either a science or humanity.

There seems to be a great schism between the two disciplines, but I think that anthropology, sociology and psychology do not need to be categorized in one or the other.

They can stay in the murky-grey area between science and humanities and still be respected as “soft-sciences.”

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Teach me something new



KATIE SMITH | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Anna Nededog, a sophomore communication studies major and the president of the Asian American Association, teaches students Phillipino phrases Wednesday during "Teach Me Wednesday" in the Casey Room of the Martin Luther King Junior University Union. The lesson was one of the opening events of Asian American Heritage Month. Nededog taught attendees how to introduce themselves, how to say hello and other basic phrases that would be necessary should someone ever travel to the Phillipines and need to communicate.

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While the group is still putting in efforts to keep the awareness thriving, Greenberg said Tuesday night someone asked when they will be selling their trademark goodies.

"People were upset because we haven't done it this year because we actually lost the vagina molds," she said. "We're planning on selling vagina pops, if we can get the

permit for it, the week of April 25," Greenberg said.

Greenberg said even though the university is not actively speaking about the incident, does not mean it went away.

"It's important to recognize it because the only way to fix the problem is to make it visible. At our meeting last night (Tuesday), there's freshmen in our group who

haven't heard about what happened last year because the university doesn't talk about it," Greenberg said.

Besides Sexual Assault Counseling and Information Services (SACIS) and Housing, Outreach, Prevention and Education (HOPE), Greenberg wants to reach out to other organizations, such as the Black Student Union, Success and

Pride, for the awareness of sexual assault and future events.

Another event the group plan to present is The Clothesline project, where students write a message on a T-shirt that involves sexual violence about them or someone they may know or just to leave a message.

The T-shirts are then hung somewhere on campus to encourage students in need of help to seek it.

"We don't say anything about it (the message). Seeing all those together is so impacting because you don't know who wrote it, but these are people you walk to class with, you sit in class with, you live on the same floor with," said Greenberg.

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Men, women start 3-match home stand

By Aldo Soto
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The Eastern men's and women's tennis team kick off three and five-match home stands to end the regular season with a meetings against in-state foe Southern-Illinois Edwardsville

The matches were scheduled to start at 11 a.m. Thursday, but have been pushed back to April 10, at the Atkins Tennis Center in the campus of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

After both of Eastern's squads earned Ohio Valley Conference splits in their matches against Austin Peay and Murray State on Saturday and Sunday, the Panthers finish their season at home trying to improve on 3-3 and 2-3 conference records, respectively.

Men's team

The Eastern men's tennis team is coming off a 6-1 win against Murray State, which evened the Panthers' record to 3-3 in the OVC, following a 5-2 loss to Austin Peay Saturday.

Senior Kevin Bauman is the only Panther that won both of his weekend singles matches and enters next week's match with a 9-4 overall record in singles play.

Bauman is also 5-1 in singles competition in the OVC, with his only loss coming against Jacksonville State's Felipe Diaz, which went to a tiebreaker in the third set, ultimately going to Diaz 10-8.

Eastern, despite only winning one of its two weekend matches, continued its consistent doubles play, win-

ning both of the doubles points against Austin Peay and Murray State.

The Panthers are now 11-4 in doubles matches in the OVC this season, with one match going unfinished because the team point had already been won by Eastern.

Edwardsville lost its previous conference match to Austin Peay 5-2 Sunday, which dropped the Cougars to 3-3 in the OVC.

Overall, Edwardsville is 9-8 this season with a 7-7 road record, which includes going 2-2 in the OVC away from home.

The Cougars have gone 13-18 and 10-7 in singles and doubles play, respectively in conference matches.

This season, they have been able to beat Morehead State and Murray State on the road.

Morehead State defeated the Panthers 4-3 at home to start conference play.

Both Eastern and Edwardsville have three conference matches left on their schedule and they are fifth and fourth in the OVC standings. The top six teams advance to the Ohio Valley Conference tournament.

Women's team

Like the men's squad, the Eastern women's tennis team is also coming off a conference split of its matches, but the Panthers started their weekend with a 5-2 win against Austin Peay.

On Sunday, Eastern was shut-out, losing 7-0 to undefeated Murray State, which is only behind Eastern Kentucky (7-0) in the OVC standings at 6-0.

The Panthers and Cougars have



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David Constantinescu, a junior men's tennis player, sends the ball to his opponent during a match March 22 at Charleston High School. The Eastern men's tennis team's match for Thursday against Southern Illinois Edwardsville has been pushed back until April 10.

identical 2-3 records in the OVC and are also tied with Tennessee-Martin, which is also 2-3.

Only half a game behind the 2-3 teams are Austin Peay and Jacksonville State.

The match could play a pivotal role heading forward into deciding the six-team field that will enter the postseason tournament.

Edwardsville is coming off an identical weekend as Eastern, winning its

match against Austin Peay and losing to Murray State.

Eastern is led by sophomore Ali Foster, who is 9-2 in singles play this season and is the only Panthers with a winning record against conference opponents at 3-2.

In doubles play, Foster along with fellow sophomore Hannah Kimbrough have a 3-2 record, which is tied for the most wins with the duo of Kelly Iden and Kamile Stadalninkaite,

who are 3-1 in the OVC.

The Cougars are 7-8 overall and have 11-16 and 8-5 records in singles and doubles play against OVC teams.

Edwardsville is 5-8 away from home and is 1-3 on the road in conference play.

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Sophomore improves in second season

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Red-shirt sophomore Demetre Taylor spent his entire summer working on his defense after not playing a single inning on the field for Eastern's baseball team in 2013.

"I told my coach I wanted to play in the next level – play baseball in the minors, he said 'you won't make it as a DH. Anybody can hit. You need defense,'" Taylor said.

The last time Taylor played on the field was in his senior year at Middleton High School in 2011.

Starting the 2014 season, Eastern coach Jim Schmitz had Taylor in his lineup as the starting left fielder. The hard work had paid off.

"I was really impressed with the effort Demetre put into his defense during the offseason," Schmitz said. "With him out there, our outfield has never had as much speed as it does now."

But the transition did not come overnight for Taylor, as he chose not to go home following the conclusion of his first year on Eastern's baseball team.

After the Panthers' last game of the season against Tennessee-Martin on May 18, 2013, Taylor took the field daily, trying to better his defensive skills.

"This summer, I didn't go home back to Florida," he said. "I stayed here in Charleston and worked on my defense day in and day out. Constantly working on my defense."

He said he took every chance he had to improve his ability, making baseball his number one priority.

After three hours of working on his hitting, it would be time to go play defense. It was a six-to-sometimes-seven hours of baseball for Taylor every day during the summer.

"I would have somebody, anybody set up a machine and it would send out fly balls to the outfield," Taylor said. "I would stand in center field and the ball could go anywhere and I would just run after it and catch it."

That continued in the fall, as after a regular team practice he would stay, taking ground balls, fly balls – whatever he could do to get better.

Maybe one of his biggest inspirations came from ending a season when he

spent all of his playing time as Eastern's designated hitter, spending no time playing on the field.

"That's one of the things that motivated me during the summer to go out and get better on defense because I hated being the DH," Taylor said. "I know hate is a strong word, but I hated it."

Playing at the next level after collegiate baseball is not the lone reason Taylor wanted to make a change to his game.

He said one issue that constantly arose during the 2013 season was thinking too much, which was compounded by having no escape after a plate appearance.

"I'd hit, then I would go to the dug-out and think about my last at-bat," Taylor said. "And then I'd go back out there thinking about it. I would strikeout. Strikeout again. I would say 's---, I don't want to strikeout again.' Then, three strikes. Hat trick. That was my weakness."

Taylor played 44 games last season, starting in 39. In 148 at-bats, he had a team-high 34 strikeouts.

One of Taylor's biggest weaknesses was laying off opposing pitchers' break-

ing balls, which caused several frustrating afternoons for the left-handed hitter, Taylor said.

"I kept missing them – I just couldn't hit them," he said. "I wasn't staying back and I wasn't relaxed and I wasn't staying within myself. I was trying to do too much."

This year through 26 games and 99 at-bats, Taylor has struck out 16 times, on pace for a lower strikeout total with more at-bats than last season.

"Last year, I was more in a defensive mode because I didn't like striking out and now I'm more aggressive and relaxed at the plate," he said.

Eastern is off to a 7-21 start, but Taylor has been one of the bright spots for the Panthers.

"He's still young to the game, but he seems to grasp what we teach," Schmitz said. "He understands that with a runner in scoring position, don't try to do too much. With his two-strike approach try to expand his zone a little bit but again not trying to do too much."

Taylor leads Eastern with 30 RBIs, which is 14 more than Caleb Howell's 16 in the season that is second on the

team. The left-fielder also leads the Panthers with four home runs.

In his last five games, Taylor has driven in 10 runs, while scoring six of his own. Adding to his hot streak, the Tampa native hit three home runs against Jacksonville State, two of which came in Saturday's game.

"The biggest change from last year is not thinking," Taylor said. "Last year, I would think about everything I would do wrong. This year, I don't. I cut my brain off and just play. I let my talent and ability all out on the field."

Overall, Taylor is hitting .354, with a slugging percentage of .616 while getting on base at a clip of .439.

He already has six more runs driven in this year than he did all of last season.

"Just being a good player and a good athlete is one thing, but being a guy in the middle of the lineup and acting like a guy in the middle is taking it to another level," Schmitz said. "He's understanding his role and how important it is to drive in runs."

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"My mom believes in me when no one else does," Taylor said. "She said I could further my career with baseball more than I could with football."

It was final. Taylor would no longer pursue a football career at Eastern, which surprised his coaches, he said.

"I'm from Florida and the team had a lot of guys from there, so there was kind of a shock from the coaches, like a Florida kid switching to baseball hadn't really happened," Taylor said.

Taylor had gotten bigger since he was first recruited, which led

to a position change for him, from defensive end to linebacker.

Taylor said the prospect of having to put his body in harms way did factor in his decision to no longer play football and only stick to baseball.

"I actually need my body for baseball, I need to throw," Taylor said. "So, I wasn't like (Cameron) Berra out there, where I would only kick, I would be out there tackling people. So, I was like banging up my body and playing both? That would be tough."

He was not able to, but Taylor wanted to mirror some of his

sports' heroes growing up, who also played baseball and football.

"I wanted to follow behind a couple of my idols Bo Jackson and Deion Sanders especially because he's from Florida playing baseball and football and I wanted to be an All-American in both," Taylor said.

Now, just because Taylor has opted baseball over football does not mean he loves it more.

He began playing baseball as a toddler, the age of three, Taylor said. Then came football when he turned seven.

During high school, he could never play baseball year round be-

cause Taylor's summer consisted of preparing for football in the fall.

He said being able to focus on one sport now is comforting as he is learning more and more about the game, but football will always be on his TV over baseball.

"I love playing the game of baseball, but I love football," Taylor said. "You'll never hear me say I love baseball."

With a laugh, Taylor said, "I can't watch baseball."

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"I think there are some parts of my game that I wish I could have improved to help us, like my dribbling and my defense," she said.

"I feel like if I am going to be leaving, coming off a year that I did, I was lucky enough to have people pass me the ball on the perimeter and breaking a school record. As much as I hate to leave and start with a whole new team, I think it is for the best."

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A Payne-ful departure



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Katlyn Payne, a red-shirt junior guard, prepares to shoot in a game against Eastern Kentucky University March 5. Payne announced Wednesday her intent to transfer from Eastern.

Eastern guard plans to transfer, focus on academics elsewhere

By Bob Reynolds
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Eastern women's basketball guard Katlyn Payne will be transferring out of Eastern after the spring semester ends.

Payne is transferring strictly because of academics, she said.

"It has absolutely nothing to do with basketball," Payne said. "It is more of, I am graduating and I will have a major in political science, a minor in business and a minor in pre-law and my dream has always been to be an attorney, so I need a school that can provide academics for me."

Payne had not made a decision on where she wants to transfer to,

but she does say she has options. Evansville, Northern Illinois and Texas A&M-Corpus Christi are the three schools Payne is considering transferring to, but Northern Illinois is her first choice because of the location.

Northern is about 25 miles away from St. Charles, where Payne lives.

She said Northern has called her already and they are willing to pay for her law school and play basketball at the same time, if she is able to get her Law School Admissions Test completed.

"That is something different that a lot of schools haven't offered me," Payne said. "A lot of attorneys have told me I can't go

to law school and play basketball at the same time, but that is one thing Northern has adapted to. They realized that student-athletes want to go to law school and play basketball at the same time."

Payne has talked to the Northern coaches already and is planning to visit the school on April 18th.

As for another reason for leaving, Payne said this was a personal decision for her and her family.

"It had nothing to do with anyone else," she said. "As much as I am going to miss the team, I think that this is more beneficial for my future and at the end of the day, I am not going to play in the WNBA and not going to play

overseas, so my academics have to come first."

Payne said her coach Debbie Black was not happy about the decision when she told her, but she understood it was for her well-being.

Black was not available for comment.

Payne ended her career at Eastern with her best season as a Panther, averaging 13.8 points per game on the season.

She shot 41 percent from the 3-point line and 42 percent overall from the field. She averaged 36 minutes a game in her final season and said she helped the team as much as she could.

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Eastern finishes 6th in classic

By Bob Reynolds
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The Eastern women's golf team finished up two-day action in the Lady Topper Classic, finishing sixth out of eight teams as Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Ky., hosted the tournament.

The Panthers combined to shoot a total score of 1,007.

This was an inaugural tournament and the Panthers posted their best day in the second round shooting a 332 as a team.

Junior Tiffany Wolf continued to lead the Panthers, placing in 23rd overall. She shot rounds of 87, 81 and 79 in the three rounds at the Par 72, 6,027-yard Bowling Green Country Club.

The score of 79 was Wolf's second-best score of the season.

Wolf came into the tournament averaging an 83.8 score per round and had a low round of 74 earlier this season.

Senior Emily Fitzgerald also finished in the top-30 with rounds of 84, 79 and 86 for the tournament, just two strokes behind her teammate, Wolf.

Fitzgerald's round of 79 tied her for her second lowest score of the season.

She came into the season averaging an 86 score on the season. Both her and Wolf had rounds better than their season averages.

The host team, Western Kentucky won the team title with a combined score of 915.

Elinor Haag led the Lady Toppers with a six-over par 222 with score of 73, 76 and 73 for the three rounds.

Her teammate April Butler was the runner-up for the individuals with a score of 228.

No one in the field shot under-par. Butler and Haag's rounds of 73 were the best score of the day.

Rounding out the top three was Ohio Valley Conference foe Austin Peay with a score of 952 for the tournament and Siena College with a score of 962.

As for the top five individuals, Valentina Herrera from the University of Cincinnati came in third place and posted a score of 230 with rounds of 75, 76 and 79 for the tournament.

Daniela Galassi was Western Kentucky's third player in the top five posting a score of 231 and Cincinnati's Tara Leibert rounded out the top five with a score of 232.

Eastern will finish out its season when they head down to Terre Haute, Ind. to participate in the Indiana State Invitational at the Country Club of Terre Haute, Ind.

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Taylor chooses baseball over football

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Eastern baseball coach Jim Schmitz owes former football coach Bob Spoo a huge favor.

In his last recruiting class in 2011, Spoo's final year in charge of Eastern's football program, he signed 6-foot-3, 220-pound defensive end from Middleton High School in Tampa, Fla. — Demetre Taylor.

Taylor, who was a two-sport athlete during high school, playing football and baseball, faced a problem when he began practicing and lifting with the football team.

"I asked myself how I would be able to balance school, baseball and football," he said. "Actually not even baseball yet. It was how could I handle school, football and my social life."

Entering his first year at Eastern, Taylor knew he would not play during the 2011 season, being red-shirted, he said.

But Taylor stuck around, still participating in practice, but not as much being a red-shirt, with the rest of his teammates.

Balancing school and the ferocious football schedule, one of the biggest obstacles Taylor encountered was being nearly 1,000 miles away from his mother Joyce.

"Leaving my mom in Tampa — I'm a huge momma's boy — that was my biggest challenge when I was first here being away from her," Taylor said.

He adjusted, though, from being away from home and also getting used to the hectic life of being a student-athlete.

The Eastern football team ended its season with a 2-9 record.

Spoo retired after his last game on Nov. 12, 2011, and a month later Taylor decided football was no longer in his future.

Before the semester ended, heading into winter break, Taylor had a conversation with one of his coaches Mike Lynch.

"I just thought about the pros and cons about playing football and baseball and the amount of banging my shoulders were getting playing defense," Taylor said.

Taylor sought advice and called his coaches from high school and his family back in Tampa.

He had options, he still had three years of eligibility left for baseball and if that did not work out he could return to football with two years left of eligibility.

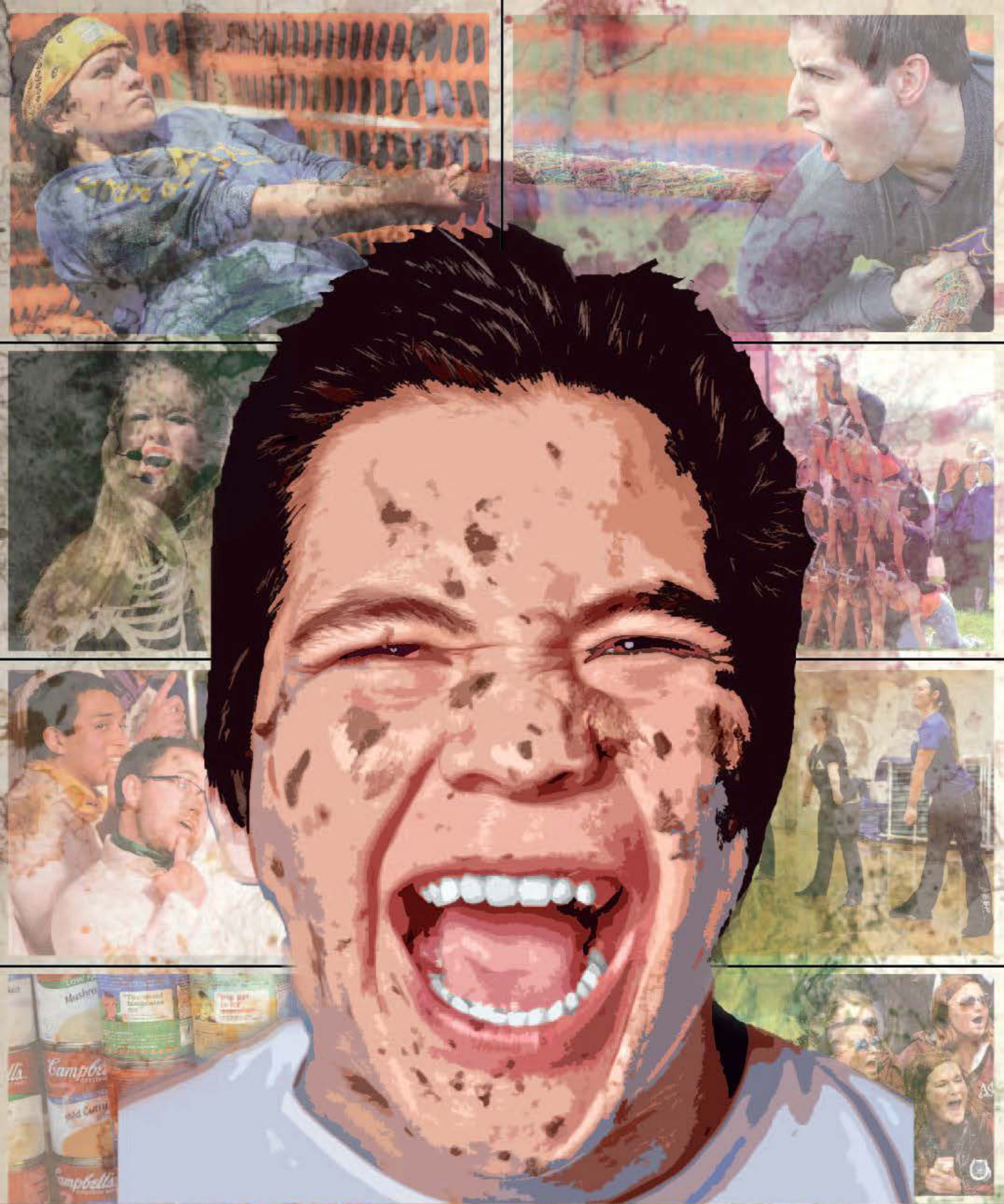
But the one person that Taylor listened to the most was his mother, he said.

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Red shirt sophomore outfielder, Demetre Taylor, looks into the distance at Coach's Stadium Friday in Eastern's series opener against Jacksonville State. Taylor leads the Eastern baseball team with four home runs and 30 RBIs through the Panthers' first 28 games.



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GREEK WEEK CALENDAR 2014

Saturday

AIR BAND

7 p.m. • Lantz Arena



Sunday

GREEK SING

1 p.m. • Lantz Arena



Monday

TUGS ROUND 1

4 p.m. • Campus Pond

Tuesday

TRIVIA NIGHT

7 p.m. • 7th Street Underground

Wednesday

TUGS ROUND 2

4 p.m. • Campus Pond

April 10

JEFFERSON FUN DAY

8:30 a.m. • Jefferson Elementary

April 11

TUGS ROUND 3

4 p.m. • Campus Pond

April 12

**PYRAMIDS
&
TUGS FINALS**

11 a.m./noon • Campus Pond



Fraternities

ΑΤΩ	Alpha Tau Omega
ΔΤΔ	Delta Tau Delta
ΛΧΑ	Lamba Chi Alpha
ΠΚΘ	Pi Kappa Theta
ΠΚΑ	Pi Kappa Alpha
ΣΑΕ	Sigma Alpha Epsilon
ΣΧ	Sigma Chi
ΣΝ	Sigma Nu
ΣΦΕ	Sigma Phi Epsilon
ΣΠ	Sigma Phi

Sororities

ΑΦ	Alpha Phi
ΑΓΔ	Alpha Gamma Delta
ΑΣΑ	Alpha Sigma Alpha
ΑΣΤ	Alpha Sigma Tau
ΔΔΔ	Delta Delta Delta
ΔΖ	Delta Zeta
ΚΔ	Kappa Delta
ΣΣΣ	Sigma Sigma Sigma
ΣΚ	Sigma Kappa

Smaller fraternities feel affect of low enrollment

By **Dominic Renzetti**
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Eastern's low enrollment hasn't just affected Old Main, but also fraternities both on and off Greek Court.

Nathan Gayheart, a sophomore chemistry major and the president of the Phi Kappa Theta fraternity, said the decline in students is making things rough on some of the campus' smaller Greek organizations.

"When people usually come to Eastern, they know if they want to go Greek or not, and they see the big name fraternities and they just walk over there and look around just those fraternities," he said. "I don't think people know that us, Delta Chi, even Pike, exist because we don't have a house on Greek court. It's just getting a lot harder."

Gayheart, who became an active member of Phi Kappa Theta in the fall 2012 semester, said a major factor in the struggle to find new members comes with the lack of current membership in the university residence halls.

"After the full year that people live in the dorms that joined our fraternity, they usually move out into an apartment or a house or something, and that really hurts us because we don't have anyone inside the dorms recruiting," he said. "It's really hard to pull people."

According to a March 2013 article in The Daily Eastern News,

"I don't know where the campus is going to go. I love this campus, I really do. It's going to be awful if it keeps declining at this rate."

Nathan Gayheart, president of Phi Kappa Theta fraternity

Mark Hudson, the director of Housing and Dining Services, said there are roughly 1,000 less students living on-campus since enrollment began to noticeably decline five years ago.

Gayheart said with Carman Hall closing for the 2014-15 academic year for a two year reassessment plan, it not only hurts those fraternities on Greek Court who recruited new members there, but it hurts those off of Greek Court as well.

"It's also going to hurt us, because they are going to be moving towards the center of campus where we want to recruit and they obviously have more pull, since they're bigger," he said.

Sigma Chi, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Sigma Nu, Lambda Chi Alpha, Delta Tau Delta and Sigma Alpha Epsilon all currently have houses on Greek Court. Phi Kappa Theta, Delta Chi, Pi Kappa Epsilon, Alpha Tau Omega, and Sigma Pi have houses outside of Greek Court.

Gayheart said not having a house on Greek Court makes recruiting difficult because people are uneasy about going into an off-campus fraternity house.

"It's like, 'Hey lets hang out, lets go over to the house,' and they're like, 'what house?' and you have to say 'the fraternity house,' and that word just scares people," he said.

He said the "frat star" labels and stereotypes along with stories of hazing keep people away.

"In the fall, I'm really concerned because a lot of people are moving into the (off-campus) house, which is nice, it's a nice house, it's nice to be around each other, but no one is going to be in the dorms being active," Gayheart said.

Mike Ommen, a freshman journalism major and the recruitment chair of Delta Tau Delta, said the fraternity is aware of the university's low enrollment.

"I know personally, that my freshman class was really small, but we try not to think about that," he said. "We try to just recruit the best guys we can. It's always about quality, not the number or the quantity of it."

As the recruitment chair, Ommen is in charge of planning rush events for potential members and signing official bids for those they wish to extend an invitation to.

"Every week at chapter, there's an hour long meeting, the exec meeting, and we just go over, when it gets to the recruitment part, what things I should be doing," he said. "I'm supposed to start thinking of rush events for the fall, because if I don't, I'm going to come back to school and we're not going to have anything planned."

But even as the recruitment chair, Ommen said recruiting is the responsibility of the entire fraternity.

"In a way, everyone in the house is part of recruitment because you're supposed to be telling people about it and stuff like that," he said.

Ommen said his pledge class when he became an active member had 13 people.

"That's like average for the fall," he said. "For the spring, its usually a lot smaller."

For smaller fraternities like Phi Kappa Theta, Gayheart said spring semester is especially the hardest time to recruit.

"Recently, we've had a push to get pledges because it's really hard to recruit in the spring, every fraternity knows that," Gayheart said. "Everyone's focused on Greek Week and themselves, usually, a lot of people are graduating."

Ommen said he knew even before enrolling at Eastern that he wanted to rush a fraternity. Hailing from Schaumburg, he knew of a lot of people from his area al-

ready in Delta Tau Delta. Gayheart, however, was foreign to the Greek life.

"I didn't even know what a fraternity was," he said. "I didn't even know what the world philanthropy was before I got here."

Gayheart said recruiting in the residence halls is important because that's where you find the most people.

"You have to be in the dorms because that's where people sit," he said. "When I was a freshman, I sat in my dorm. I liked playing video games, watching South Park, and the fraternity really got me out, and I enjoyed it, so I kept doing it."

Looking forward, Ommen said he's hopeful to see the enrollment climb again, but if not, fraternities will have to adjust.

"I hope the enrollment goes up, but if it doesn't, we're going to have to get used to not having as many guys or maybe even not having a pledge class for a semester," he said. "All you can hope for is to have a big enrollment."

Gayheart, however, doesn't quite see the same bright side.

"I don't know where the campus is going to go," he said. "I love this campus, I really do. It's going to be awful if it keeps declining at this rate."

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Marissa Muskievich, a freshman undecided major and director of Delta Delta Delta, holds onto the first place trophy as Aindrea Hogan, a senior communication studies major, is congratulated on April 7, 2013. This was Delta Delta Delta's fifth year in a row winning Greek Sing. The 2014 Greek Sing will be at 1 p.m. Sunday in Lantz Arena.

Sorority hopes to land 6th straight victory

Delta Delta Delta to use patriotic theme for Greek Sing

By **Samantha Middendorf**
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Blood pressures will be running high Sunday when members of Eastern's fraternities and sororities take the stage for Greek Sing.

But for Marissa Muskievich, a sophomore journalism major and music chairman of Delta Delta Delta sorority, and the rest of her sisters, the pressure will be slightly more heavy-weighted.

Delta Delta Delta will be vying to defend its first place title for the sixth year in a row.

"I want people to know that it's not handed to us. We work really hard," Muskievich said.

The planning and rehearsals begin in January and continue until the competition begins in April.

Rehearsing for Greek Sing can be compared to high school choir rehearsal, Muskievich said.

"We warm-up for about five minutes and then we'll just run through the show," she said. "For the first couple of weeks we would spend a day or so on individual parts, but we're to the point where we can run the whole show. It's a lot of specific critiquing."

Fraternities and sororities are required to have a set percentage of participants in Greek Sing each year in order to keep a level playing field.

"This year we have about 62 girls, and our house is one of the smallest, if not the smallest, while some other house have close to 100 singers, but we do what we can to make up for it," Muskievich said.

Despite the fact that sorority is full of first place veterans, there is always room for the members of Delta Delta Delta to improve.

"It's a lot of muscle memory," Muskievich said. "The girls are great. It's only my second year, but the girls do a great job at following my lead when I'm swinging my arms up there."

The weeks of rehearsal ultimately lead up to performance night. Most groups probably do the same things for pre-show, Muskievich said.

"We get up in the morning, do our hair and make-up together," Muskievich said. "We'll be wearing red, white and blue to go along with our theme – red dresses and our lucky white flats."

This year, Delta Delta Delta will have an American



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The Delta Tau Delta fraternity competes during the 2013 Greek Sing on April 7, 2013 in Lantz Arena. The 2014 Greek Sing will be at 1 p.m. Sunday in Lantz Arena.

theme to their performance, singing classic songs by Bruce Springsteen and Don McLean, and even a rendition of the National Anthem.

Judges have a specific rubric they use to score the performances. The sheets are given out to the fraternities and sororities during their rehearsal weeks so that they know how they will be judged.

"The judges listen for tone quality, and pay atten-

tion to creativity," Muskievich said. "They rate you one through five and that's how they add up the scores to see who won."

The stakes are high, but the Delta Delta Delta women are staying optimistic despite their nervousness.

"There's definitely a lot of competition," Muskievich said. "I'm nervous, but I'm excited. The girls are work-

ing hard, and they're awesome, but I know that the other sororities are working very hard as well."

Greek Sing will take place at 1 p.m. Sunday in Lantz Arena.

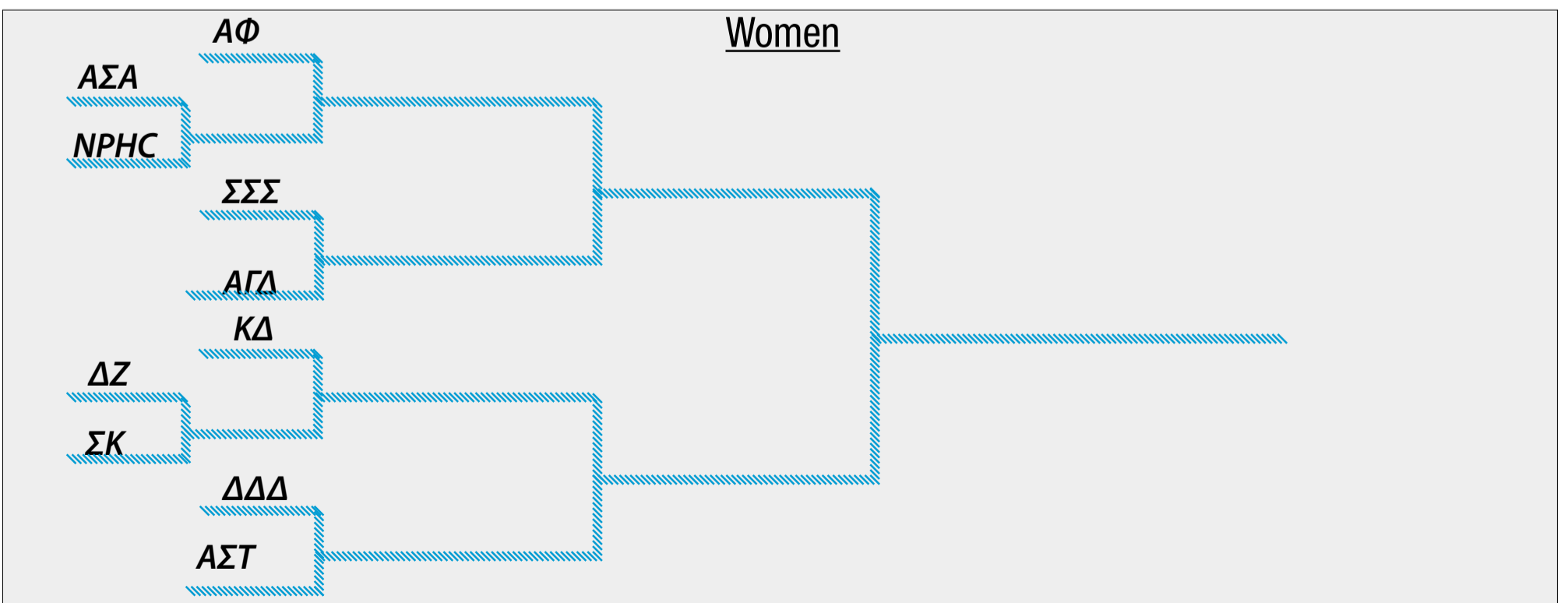
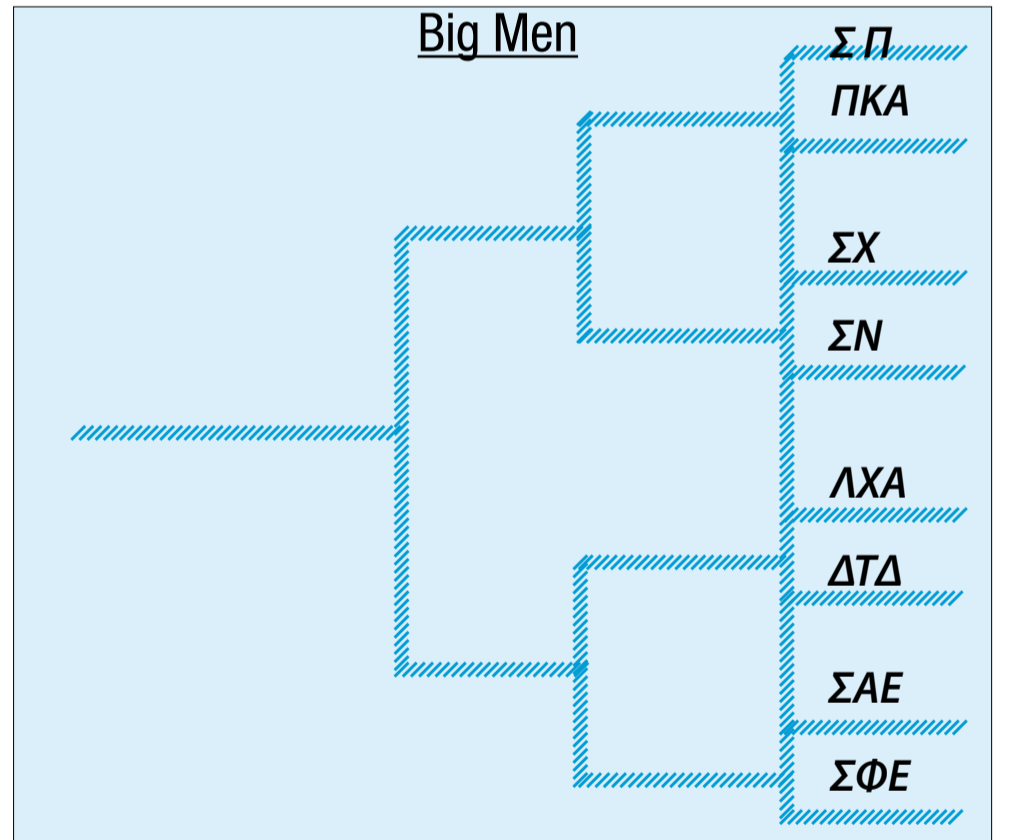
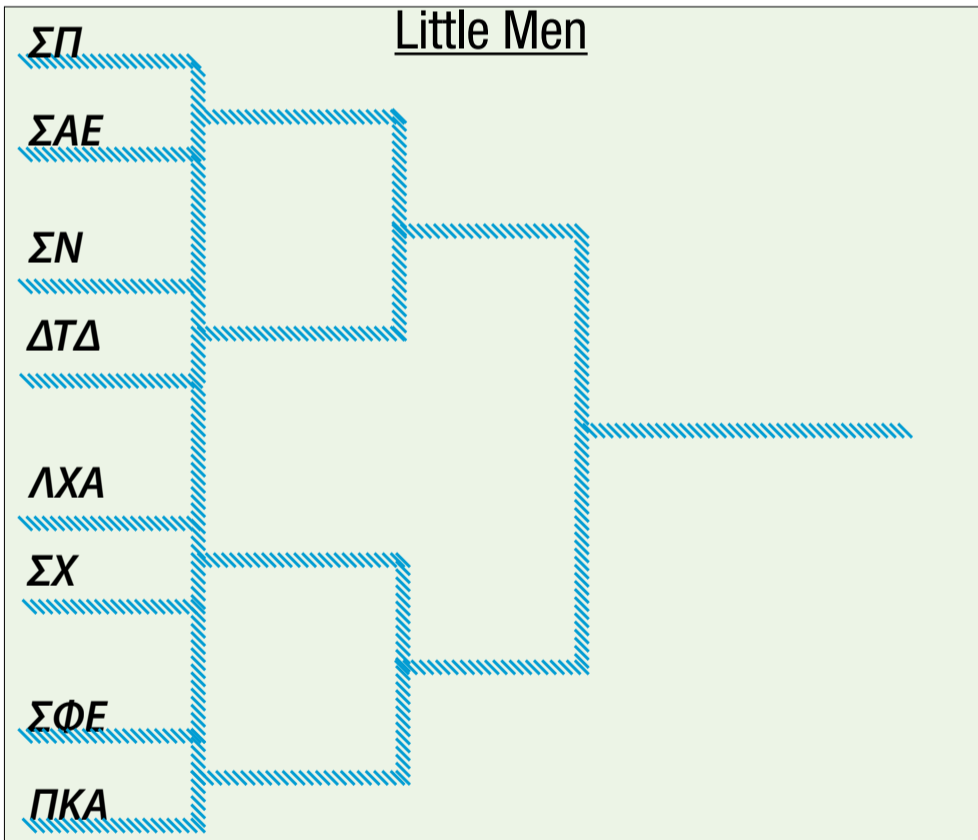
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Tugs brackets



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The Alpha Gamma Delta sorority tugs team competes in the Greek Week tugs tournament on April 8, 2013. The 2014 Greek Week tugs tournament begins at 4 p.m. Monday at the Campus Pond.



Eastern continues tradition of Greek Week

1930 Phi Sigma Kappa is founded as the first fraternity on Eastern's campus.

1942 Sigma Sigma Sigma is founded as the first sorority on Eastern's campus.

1954 Greek Week is started to help unite the Greek community. Initially, it was three days and included a party at the end.

1957 Philanthropy is introduced when the five existing fraternities wished to help out Hungarian students who were revolting against their government and Soviet policies.

1960s Tugs is introduced as part of Greek Week, igniting the tug-of-war annual tradition.

1968 Alpha Phi Alpha is founded as the first National Pan Hellenic Council Greek organization.

1975 Greek Week included events like an 880-yard race, bike race, steeplechase, chariot races and a blood drive.

1977 A dance marathon is first introduced into Greek Week.

1980s Because of its growing popularity, tugs is moved to the Campus Pond for the first time.

1989-1994 Construction of Greek Court took approximately six years to complete.

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The Sigma Chi fraternity tugs team competes during the tugs tournament for Greek Week on April 8, 2013. The 2014 Greek Week tugs tournament begins at 4 p.m. Monday at Campus Pond.

Pulling for pride

Tournament to pit fraternities, sororities in battle of wills

By Jarad Jarmon
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It has been one year since it has feasted on the many fraternity and sorority members who fell into its depths leaving them to crawl out with shame soaked in humility and pond water.

Again, the campus pond is ready this year for another taste at the many fraternity and sorority members who deem themselves strong enough to hold their line and eventually throw their rival Greeks into the shallow but slippery depths for this year's tugs tournament.

At the shot of a gun, Greeks will strain and pull the rope across the pond in order to win the classic game of tug of war, which Eastern fraternities and sororities have celebrated for over 90 years. They will be competing Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 4 p.m. each day for the preliminary rounds.

Round one of the little men's class and round one of the women's class kicks off Monday. Round one of the big men's class and round two of the women's class start Wednesday. And Friday round two of the little men's and big men's class and round three of the women's class starts Friday.

Those who make it to the final rounds for little and big men's class



FILE PHOTO | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

The Sigma Pi fraternity competes in the 2013 Greek Week tugs tournament on April 8, 2013 at the Campus Pond. The 2014 Greek Week tugs tournament will be at 4 p.m. Monday at Campus Pond.

as well as the women's class will face off at noon April 12.

In the little men's bracket, Sigma Phi will be facing off against Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Sigma Nu will face Delta Tau Delta. Lambda Chi Alpha will be fighting for the rope against Sigma Chi. And Sigma Phi Epsilon will battle against Phi Kappa Alpha.

In the big men's bracket, students can expect to see Sigma Phi face off Pi Kappa Alpha. Sigma Chi will be taking on Sigma Nu. Lambda Chi Alpha will fight for territory against Delta Tau Delta. And Sigma Alpha Epsilon will have a showdown against Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Alex Lais, a co-chairman of Greek

Week, said they have been working on the logistics of each match good.

"Basically making sure that the rosters are set, the right people are on the rope, and the right people are where they need to be for staffing the event," Lais said.

With significantly more competing sororities in one bracket, some

sororities will be facing the winner of the first round women's team. Alpha Phi will be taking on the winner of the fight between Alpha Sigma Alpha and the National Pan-Hellenic Council teams. The Kappa Delta team will be facing the winner of the Delta Zeta and Sigma Kappa fight. Sigma Sigma Sigma and Alpha Gamma Delta will be going head-to-head. And Delta Delta Delta will be battling Alpha Sigma Tau.

Even if a particular fraternity does not fall to their watery defeat, they may still get soaked. According to the National Weather Service, there are slight chances of rain for Monday. The rest of the week's weather is not precise, but Lais said it is likely to happen.

"It will always rain during tugs, I can promise you that," Lais said.

Training to get under weight or to be perfectly fit will culminate next week on the battlefield over the campus pond.

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For a look at the
upcoming matches and
brackets turn to 5B



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Members of the Kappa Delta sorority rise up during the Air Band competition of Greek Week on Saturday, April 6, 2013 in Lantz Arena. Sigma Kappa placed third for sororities, while Alpha Phi came in second, and Delta Zeta came in first place.

Rock 'n' roll all night

Fraternities, sororities to mimic rock stars

By Megan Ivey
Staff Reporter | @DEN_News

All vying for the top spot, 18 fraternities and sororities will pull out mock instruments, fake microphones and creative costumes to portray an actual band, lip-synching a song mash-up of the fraternity or sorority's choosing.

Greek Week kicks off with Air Band, a lip-synched dance performance, at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Lantz Arena.

The fraternities and sororities host try-outs in early February, often starting choreographing right away to put on their best performance possible.

Each chapter is held to certain regulations for the performance. No more than 14 people can be on a team, with no less than six on stage at one time. Throughout the entire performance at least one person must be lip-synching.

The Air Band steering committee members find judges to score the performances. The judges typically have a background in dancing or cheerleading.

The chapters will be scored in different categories, including showmanship, lip-synching, use of transitions, synchronization, routine difficulty and overall execution.

Tania Vucsko, an Air Band and Greek

Sing steering committee member, said in addition to the criteria given, judges may look for qualities such as sharpness in dance moves, sticking to the choice of theme and inducing audience participation.

The theme must be captured within a pre-determined budget – each participant may only spend \$50 on a costume, and \$100 can be spent on props for the team.

The theme should also reflect the chapters' colors through costumes and props.

Ally Krause, the co-chair of the Greek Week steering committee, said there is a wide spectrum of themes, ranging from the film "Saw" to The Rolling Stones.

Vucsko said that Kappa Delta's performance last year, which had a zombie theme, was "a memorable one."

Vucsko also said Air Band offers a more creative outlet for the chapters.

"Greek Sing, another event which incorporates music, is an event that is more modest and traditional," Vucsko said. "The chapters use Air Band as a creative outlet and play up their talent."

Vucsko said there is a lot of planning between the committee and the chapters in order to execute a successful performance.

"There are checkpoints each chapter must complete," Vucsko said. "Chapters create a roster, learn of the rules and regulations and discuss music selection with the committee."



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Ahkeem Lang, a dancer in the EIU Dancers, performs during the 2013 Air Band competition.

Both Krause and Vucsko said they feel like Air Band is a way to show Eastern what Greek Life is like.

Many groups come up with a performance that shows the Greek Life community, Krause said.

"All fraternities and sororities come to

support not only their chapter, but others as well," Vucsko said. "It's exciting to see everyone's hard work pay off."

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Air Band line up

1. Delta Chi	5. Alpha Sigma Alpha	9. Sigma Kappa	12. Delta Zeta	16. Sigma Phi Epsilon
2. Delta Tau Delta	6. Alpha Phi	10. Sigma Alpha Epsilon	13. Alpha Gamma Delta	17. Sigma Pi
3. Delta Delta Delta	7. Sigma Chi	a. Coronation	14. Phi Kappa Theta	18. Pi Kappa Alpha
4. Alpha Sigma Tau	8. Kappa Delta	11. Lambda Chi Alpha	15. Sigma Sigma Sigma	