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#### **SET FOR THE SEASON**

The Eastern volleyball team scrimaged Sunday in Lantz Arena in preparation for the upcoming season.

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# Students welcomed back home

**By Abbey Whittington** 

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Students around Eastern had a busy day Thursday as they moved into their new homes for the year.

Panther Pals and resident assistants were on hand to help students and their families move in on their big day.

Austin Van Pelt, a sophomore communication studies major, was one of the many Panther Pals helping students move their belongings into Weller Hall.

"I want to see the new faces," Van Pelt said. "I'm looking forward to meeting new people and showing them around."

Amy Barnes, a sophomore early childhood education major, was also a Panther Pal for Weller Hall.

Barnes said when she was a freshman, the Pals helped her with the stress of moving in to Eastern for the

"I thought (the Panther Pals) were helpful when I was a student," Barnes said. "It helped me calm down and settle into Eastern."

Checking new residents into Andrews Hall, Missy Stone, a secondyear RA, said the day had been busy, but the excitement made everything

Stone said her goals for the new year are to start off strong, get her residents involved and to be more teamoriented with the other RAs.

Morgan Fitzwater, a sophomore accounting major and transfer student, and her new roommate Faith Scott, a freshman family and consumer sciences major, moved into Andrews Hall on Thursday.

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WILLSTOCK

Will Rogers Theatre.

The Willstock Music Festival

and raised awareness for the

delivered diverse performances

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Students cheer for their favorite contestant during the dance off at "First Night" in O'Brien Field Sunday.

# Eastern tradition takes on a new light

**By Angelica Cataldo** 

Entertainment Reporter | @DEN\_news

Katelyn Nichols was worried about missing her home back in Huntley, but after a weekend of Prowl events, she is finally starting to feel at home at Eastern.

"I was scared to come (to Eastern) because I'd be far away from home," Nichols said. "But I love it here. With all this going on, I haven't had to think about it."

Nichols, a freshman psychology major, along with her new friend and roommate, Hannah Brickey, a freshman English major, attended First Night, an Eastern tradition, together.

"We've attended every event this weekend," Brickey said. "It's so excit-

New freshmen and transfer students gathered in O'Brien Field Sunday night to kick off the fall semester with contests, giveaways and music.

This year, Student Body President Catie Witt made the decision to move First Night from the South Quad to O'Brien Field to make sure there was enough room for all the performances and activities and to give new students a taste of what the energy would be like at athletic events on campus.

"I wanted to leave my mark, and I wanted to improve First Night," Witt said. "I can understand it's a tradition and I know it's always been in the South Quad, but I still think the tradition will always be there."

Witt said she does not think that means changing tradition; rather it is trying something new to see what stu-

Witt said her goal was to encour-

age students to get involved on campus and feel like a family.

"I really just want to get more students really engaged," Witt said. "I think that first weekend is crucial because that's where you get to meet everyone, (and) you realize it's a family and that this could be your home."

Witt said getting involved and meeting people through Prowl weekend is what lead her to the path she is on today.

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#### creates friendships, connections All Niah+ $T T_{-2}$

**By Samuel Nusbaum** 

Administration Reporter | @DEN\_News

Students could be seen all around the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Friday eating food, playing games and getting to know each other at Up All Night.

There was bingo in the Grand Ballroom, along with printing stations, trivia, a cash cube game in the University Ballroom and snack food at the Bridge Lounge.

Brooke O'Hara, a junior music education major and transfer student, wanted to get out of her room and win prizes.

"I wanted free T-shirts," O'Hara said. "The alternative was sitting around doing nothing."

O'Hara said she transferred to Eastern because of its good music program and because she liked the atmosphere.

O'Hara and her friends decid-

ed to go get their faces painted at one of the stands while waiting for the lines at other activities to die

Michael Farringer, a junior theatre arts major and transfer student from Sauk Valley Community College in Dixon, participated in the cash cube game where students grabbed tickets to get a T-shirt.

"I was one ticket away from a Tshirt," Farringer said.

Farringer said he fell in love with Eastern and heard of the university because it is where his brother went to school.

"Everything felt homey here," Farringer said.

Kaleb Wright, a freshman management major, is a fourth-generation Eastern student who said he enjoys the size of the campus.

"It's not too big; it's not too small," Wright said.

He said he came to Up All Night

to meet new friends and try to win free stuff.

Josh Bost, a sophomore social science major, went to Up All Night for two years in a row and said he enjoyed using the printing stations in the University Ballroom.

"My favorite thing is making phone cases," Bost said.

One of the organizers of Up All Night was Danny Estrada, a sophomore sociology major and a Prowl logistics leader.

Estrada walked around and made sure everything was running smoothly and that people were having a good time.

Estrada said events like this are a good way to get students out and about instead of being in their rooms where they would be bored.

He also said events like Up All Night, because of the amount of students present, are good recruitment opportunities for members of



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Students play a preliminary round of trivia during Up All Night in the University Ballroom Friday.

Eastern's fraternities and sororities.

"Seeing all these new students interacting with each other helps fraternities see whom they should approach," Estrada said.

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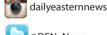
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Students joust in an inflatable arena during Quakin' in the Quad Saturday night in the Student Recreation Center.

# Students gather for Quakin' in the Quad

**By Janet Pernell** 

Multicultural reporter | @DEN\_News

Students geared up with vests and laser guns to compete in a round of laser tag at Saturday night's Quakin' in the Quad.

Although there were many activities they could choose, many students waited in a long line to shoot their friends with colorful lasers.

Simone Reynolds, a freshman communication studies major, said people were excited for the activity.

"The line is around the corner," Reynolds said.

Tayvaughn Robinson, a freshman undecided major, said he was looking forward to playing laser tag and would recommend everyone to come to Quakin' in the Quad.

Quakin' in the Quad happens annually and Aaliyah Stephen, the University Board chair, said it is a way for students to come out and enjoy themselves before the school year starts.

"We need people to come out and be as one," Stephen said. "We need students to unite with one an-

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ferent games, food and activities.

This year's Quakin' in the Quad was different because it was in the Student Recreation Center instead of the South Quad as a result of the morning rain shower.

Some of the games included an inflatable obstacle course, humansized Hungry, Hungry Hippos, and a cash cube box where students could catch slips of paper to win a free T-shirt.

There was also a table where students could make their own stuffed animals. After making an animal, students made a birth certificate and selected names and birth dates for their furry friend.

Brooke Thomason, a sophomore music major, said she hoped to do well in laser tag and win free items.

Ashley Calter, a sophomore art major, said though the event was crowded, she still enjoyed the free food and activities.

Many students were also looking forward to mingling with their peers and having fun with each oth-

Amber Perkinson, a freshman elementary education major, said she was looking forward to playing the



Shannon Brannigan, a junior communication studies major, tries to collect tickets to win a shirt in the "Cash Cube" at Quakin' in the Quad Saturday night in the Student Recreation Center. "It was really hard, because [the pieces of paper] are all stuck on the bottom," Brannigan said. "But it was still fun."

games and the atmosphere of Quakin' in the Quad.

"It puts me in a good mood and gets me ready for the year," Perkinson said.

Bria Caldwell, a senior communication studies major, said it is always an exciting event when school starts back up.

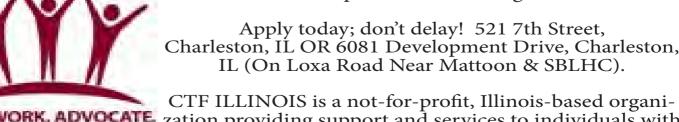
"This is absolutely the best way for students to connect with each other," Stephen said.

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# Will Rogers Theatre gains support at Willstock

**By Analicia Haynes**Managing Editor | @Haynes1943

Charleston residents came out to Kiwanis Park Saturday for the Willstock Music Festival to show support for the Will Rogers Theatre and listen to a variety of musicians.

Hosted by the I Love the Will Rogers Theatre Project, the festival was intended to raise awareness and get donations for the purchase of the Will Rogers Theatre in downtown Charleston, which is currently in foreclosure.

Earl Halbe, president of the board behind the project, said support for the restoration of the theater has been amazing.

"There are over 800 people [who are] a part of the Facebook group; it's great," Halbe said. "A lot of people helped put this together, and it's really something to watch it unfold."

So far, over \$30,000 of the \$100,000 needed to purchase the theater has been raised.

However, Earl Halbe said the \$100,000 goal that the board set is only an arbitrary figure.

The theater itself is not for sale; it

will be put up for auction in October.

Once the theater is purchased, the

Once the theater is purchased, the Project, which is a nonprofit organization, will own the theater.

Performers at Willstock included Charlotte Martin, an Eastern alumna, and Kasey Burton, a 17-year-old country singer from Carpentersville, Indiana.

Burton and Martin donated half of the proceeds from their performances to the project.

"The Will is such a great place for music," Burton said. "I love music so much, and that's why I wanted to donate (to the project)."

Elizabeth Halbe, who helped prepare for the event and is the wife of Earl Halbe, said after the theater was sold to investors in 2010, residents were ready to help and show their support in reopening the theater.

"We wanted to work with them and help them, but nothing happened," she said.

She said once the theater is open again, the plan is to host bands and performers from all sorts of musical backgrounds.

The theater would offer entertainment for any type of group, she said,

and if Eastern or other local schools did not have enough space for performances, they could use the theater.

"The theater can be used as a way for the community to experience different types of music and used for local theater groups that don't have a home," Elizabeth Halbe said.

Earl Halbe said the theater will show first-run films and classic films, host independent film festivals and occasionally host theater performances.

The theater will not replace the Doudna Fine Arts Center or the high school theater, Earl Halbe said.

"It's just another option," he said. Sharmon McCauley, a Charleston resident, said she grew up in Charleston and cannot imagine moving anywhere else.

McCauley said she attended the festival because she likes a variety of music and remembers the Will from its hevday.

"That was the hangout where all the kids went," McCauley said. "Now there's nowhere they can go."

McCauley, who works in the Charleston Middle School cafeteria, said she hopes the project will be sucReal

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Kasey Burton, a 17-year-old from Carpentersville, Indiana, sings and plays guitar at Kiwanis Park during Willstock Music Festival Saturday.

cessful and the theater can open again so kids will have a place to go.

Gary Henigman, the secretary for the project's board, said he supports the project because of his love and passion for historic preservation.

"The Will Rogers is a tremendous aspect (of the city) that everybody appreciates. It revitalizes business, and it changes the atmosphere downtown for the better," Henigman said. "One way or the other, this theater will be open; we can't let it not happen."

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# At Wesley Foundation, no rain on volunteers' parade

By Kalyn Hayslett

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Despite the rain, students volunteering for the Wesley Foundation at the Wesley United Methodist Church were still able to give back during the Jumpstart 2 G.I.V.E. activity for Prowl weekend.

Ben Pertl, youth pastor for the Wesley United Methodist Church, said he was surprised by the turnout.

"I was expecting people dragging their feet, especially with the rain, but they have high energy and are very quick to volunteer," Pertl said.

Pertl oversaw about forty students cleaning both the inside and outside of the church.

Students were responsible for replacing ceiling tiles, pulling weeds

and cleaning the courtyard, the windows and the day care.

"The work that gets done here is not so we just have a shiny church on Sunday but so we can have a clean place to serve the community," Pertl said.

While students were cleaning the church, another group of students made personal Dignity Kits for the Midwest Mission Distribution Center.

These kits, filled with personal hygiene items, will be given to the P.A.D.S. homeless shelter and the Housing, Outreach, Prevention, and Education of East Central Illinois domestic violence shelter.

Students were part of an assembly line where the supplies were neatly added to the kits, which included towels, washcloths, toothpaste,

toothbrushes and more.

Angie Hunt, the housing program director for HOPE, said the Dignity Kits leave a large impression on everyone that comes to the shelter because a lot of the people HOPE helps come in the dead of night, with only the items they bring on their backs.

"When they come in the shelter and we give them a welcome kit, that really means a lot to them to call something their own," Hunt said.

Edith Perez, a freshman pre-nursing major, was responsible for folding the washcloths and towels together for the Dignity Kits.

Perez said, "I think it might be little tasks, but it might make a big impact."

Paige Roberts, the campus minister at the Wesley Foundation, said

the goal was to make 200 Dignity Kits with 100 to be donated to P.A.D.S. and 100 to be donated to HOPF

Prowl leader Paul Burton said he hopes the students understand how fortunate they are while making the kits and hopes they will volunteer more after Jumpstart 2 G.I.V.E. activities are over.

"The fact that they are at college shows that they are more privileged than others," Burton said. "So I hope they learn to give back where ever they are."

There were 15 other locations where students could volunteer, including the Douglas Hart Nature Center, the Charleston Trash Bash, First Fruits Homestead, One Stop Community Christmas, Standing Stone, Lake Charleston Trails, White

Side Garden and Fit 2 Serve Community Garden.

Beth Gillespie, interim director of civic engagement and volunteerism, said a majority of the sites continue to participate in Jumpstart 2 G.I.V.E. because of the student's hard work.

"Our students are amazing. They work hard and they make such an impact on our community partners and help get large projects done," Gillespie said.

Gillespie said the students are glad to be volunteering, as seen by the smiles on their faces.

Wade Morrison, a sophomore geography major, said he thinks students would volunteer even if it was not mandatory.

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# Volunteering is a vital civic and economic responsibility Staff Editorial

In grade school, we were implored by teachers to volunteer. We were encouraged and sometimes forced to get involved in our communities.

Classes and busloads of us took time out of the school day to clean roadsides, soothe the elderly and ailing, care for animals and create care packages for any variety of tragedies. We accepted that helping others less fortunate than ourselves was a noble and necessary task.

Then high school rolled about and we stopped volunteering as much. Of course, we said we wanted to help—many of us truly did. We simply could not find the time for it anymore. Unless volunteership was a graded requirement, we usually skipped over it entirely.

College is a great opportunity to break the cycle of complacency. Many new students have to change their lives drastically when they begin college.

While it is stressful to change every comfortable rhythm, the college upheaval is a great time to start down new paths or to reconnect with lost passions and values.

This is the perfect time to reconnect with the childlike passion intrinsic to volunteership. College (especially early in a year or semester) is the perfect storm of drive, motivation and flexible schedules.

For those readers who have forgotten their drive to give back, we offer a rationale. Our society exists in a social and economic hierarchy, for better or for worse.

Consequentially, there will always be someone worse off than the next person.

However, the existence of a hierarchy does not absolve those more fortunate of the basic duty to help their fellows. Think back to

grade school: did your teacher tell the class to love and celebrate the people around them regardless of their statuses and income? And were you notified to disregard this rule when you passed into adulthood?

Eastern offers several opportunities to give and to give back in the first few weeks of classes. Though Jumpstart to GIVE has already passed, the Volunteer Fair is still upcoming, and Charleston has many other year-round volunteering events and organizations, some of which have kickoffs within the month.

All students (and residents, for that matter) have some commodity that is useful to some philanthropic organization.

Whether that skill is medical expertise, language skills or simply free time and empty hands, there are opportunities nearby for all sorts of people.

For instance, students who are good with children might consider volunteering with Girls on the Run, which coaches young girls in self-confidence and self-advocacy. Students who prefer working with adults might look into the Newman Center's Amigos and Friends, SACIS or Habitat for Humanity.

Recent events have also created the necessity for volunteers. Though a single student might not be able to help the rescue efforts aimed at flooded Louisiana, a group together may make all the difference for a few people.

Every community of every size has room for improvement. Civil projects and paid efforts cannot account for all the good in an area; at some point, the citizens themselves must decide to put forth the effort.

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

# **Time for Lost Sleep**



# Being bad at something can be therapeutic, a healthy escape



Cassie Buchman

I do not have the greatest track record when it comes to instruments. I quit playing the piano at age 11, the violin after two years, and I will not go into the disaster that was the recorder.

So it might seem strange that eight years after I stopped playing any musical instruments at all, I decided to learn how to play the harmonica this summer.No, I do not want to drop out of school and start a band, and this is one skill that will not help me as a journalist- unless I need a new way to annoy my sources into talking.

But truth be told, this was one of the aspects of playing the harmonica that appealed to me. In college, it is so easy to be defined by what your major is and what your future career will be. After all, a large part of college is finding one's passions and figuring out how to pursue a job in that field. It can become easy to become single-minded and even easier to become burnt out

In my case, I started to realize just how focused on journalism I was after filling out a questionnaire

about myself for an internship I did over the summer. In the "activities" section, all I could write was that I worked for the *Daily Eastern News*, was in the Society for Collegiate Journalists and that I am in the Student Publications Board- all things that pertained to my career.

This was all on my mind when I saw the harmonica at a bookstore about a month later. On a whim, I decided to buy it, thinking I could pick up a new hobby to make future questionnaires about myself more interesting. What I found instead was a great stress-reliever. The harmonica was one activity I could allow my perfectionist self to be horrible at. (Although, I like to think I have moved up somewhat to "below average" after practicing for a few weeks.) There was no pressure to do well at it with the idea that future employers would be looking at

my performance. And since playing the harmonica is something I do just for myself, there is no competition or need to be the best at it.

This upcoming semester, I know how busy everyone gets, between classes, working a job or two and personal lives. But to beat the stress of a busy schedule, my advice would be to take five or ten minutes to do something for yourself that has nothing to do with work. It does not have to be learning a musical instrument- it can by anything you enjoy. But just give yourself the permission to be bad at it. Let it be the one thing you do for yourself without worrying about what anyone thinks. Just five minutes. You might be surprised at what you learn.

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# A good first impression can make a difference

First impressions can either make or destroy a person's reputation. Oh sure, it is easy to brush it off and say you already know how to make a good first impression, and why should you listen to yet another bit of advice that will only go through one year and out the other?

But therein lies the problem. Some of us are so convinced that we know everything and the slightest bit of advice is insulting. What we do not know is that a first impression is the gateway to how the remainder of the year will go or how someone thinks of you for the rest of your life. A bad first impression can sneak up on you when you least expect it.

For instance, I made the error of telling my resident assistant that I would attend the second hall meeting after missing the first.

Of course, I knew I had to work that night but I figured I would take a break and make an appearance for the sake of my reputation and her opinion



**Analicia Haynes** 

of me (not that it matters, but I digress.)

Well, the day and the meeting came and went, and I did not go. Granted, I had a valid excuse (work), but excuses hardly matter. What matters is that the person who can help me with troubled residents or give me a good reference thinks I am irresponsible.

The simplest things can be considered as a first impression, like picking your nose when you think no one is looking or dropping an F bomb when you think no one is listening.

I am not necessarily saying to be an outstanding citizen every minute of every day because Big Brother is watching. Just think before you act. Do not just be prompt to class and responsible for your actions and so on and so forth. Be conscious of the environment around you on top of all that, because in the end everything is connected.

When you leave a lasting impression, believe it or not, people remember you. And when people remember you, they know who to recommend or who to count on.

In other words, make the first day of classes and every day after that count.

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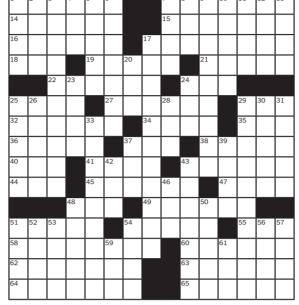
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  - flowering plants **6** Yachting competition
  - 7 Make a digital
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  - 9 Annual celebration when a 12-star flag
- may be flown
- 10 Twist, as a wet towel 11 Cushions
- 12 Pulitzer-winning **James**
- **13** Home composed of twigs
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- 25 Joke teller
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- 31 Stairs 33 Decline, as a
- ramp
- and haw 39 Pb, to a chemist
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- **59** Brewery container
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Both Tellier and Solomon brought their energy to the field, motivating returning and new students alike to participate in the school fight song and other school cheers.

"I hope that it gets (new students) really excited about Eastern and to get their hands dirty on campus," Tellier said. "I hope they realize that Eastern is their home from the first day they come on campus, and that is really is just one big family here."

First Night is the last Prowl event before the start of fall classes, and it aims to bring the entire campus together.

"(First Night) is one of my favorite traditions on campus. (We're) providing school spirit and kicking off the new year with that spirit," Solomon said. "Every new student should know that we're all in this together - top to bottom, start to finish.'

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First Night, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 -

An introduction to the fall semes-

ter was given by Eastern President Da-

vid Glassman, followed by performanc-

es from the Pink Panthers, the cheer

squad, marching band and an intro-

duction of sports teams were shown in front of approximately 700 new stu-

Emceeing the event was admissions

"Just being able to see how pas-

counselor Omar Solomon and Hailey

Tellier, speaker of the student senate.

sionate and excited everyone is at

Eastern made me that excited about

Eastern as well," Tellier said. "There is a

and was involved in multiple events

during this year's Prowl weekend. But

this was her first time speaking in front

'First Night' and I just really remem-

ber that that was my first time I really

felt at home at Eastern," Tellier said.

"Last year was actually my first

Tellier was a transfer student last year

lot of energy."

of the entire campus.

The two met through RoomSync and were introduced this summer at a lunch they planned before the school year started.

"(Moving in) was super weird, different and jam-packed," Fitzwater said. "Everyone was super helpful, and it went really smoothly, so that was nice.'

Fitzwater said it was weird to move, since she had lived with her parents for her entire life before this school

Scott said she had the goals of making new friends, getting involved in student government and volunteering with children.

"I'm looking forward to getting in-

volved, but I'm not looking forward to the class load," Scott said. "I know it'll be a lot different from high school when I didn't have to try as much, so this will be a shelter shock.

Adina Viele, a freshman English major, had her sister Nerissa to help her settle into her dorm room in Andrews.

Viele said moving in was exciting and nerve-racking, but she is looking forward to taking classes for her ma-

"I'm excited to start learning and to have a different perspective from high school," Viele said.

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# Panthers lose back-to-back games to start season

By Tyler McCluskey

Women's Soccer Reporter | @DEN\_Sports

The Eastern women's soccer team opened its season on the road with a 1-0 loss against Bowling Green on Friday and a 2-0 loss to Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne on Sunday.

The only goal of the game Friday came late in the match during the 87th minute sliding by freshman goalkeeper Sara Teteak's near side.

The Falcons' sophomore midfielder Erica Hubert scored the goal and was assisted by freshman midfielder Chelsee Washington. Hubert had 12 shot attempts in the match.

The Falcons had a total of 27 shots with eight of those coming on goal.

The Panthers' offense had three shots, all on goal, from junior midfielder Emma Scaro, freshman forward Sarah Dewolf and sophomore forward Elisabeth Held. The Falcons' senior goalkeeper Lauren Cadel stopped all three shots.

Although the Panthers could not come away with a win, the stellar play by Teteak, in her regular season debut, could not go unnoticed. The freshman stopped seven of the eight shots the Falcons fired at her.

She was just under three minutes away from securing a 0-0 draw.

The Panthers looked to get their first win of the season Sunday, but another dominating offense performance by Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne handed them their second loss of the weekend.

In their second time facing the Mastodons, the Panthers came up short.

The two teams met last year where



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Ali Carlson, a junior midfielder, passes the ball during an exhibition game against Evansville Sunday, Aug. 14, at Lakeside Field. The Panthers tied 0-0.

the Panthers took a 3-1 victory.

The Mastodons came out early at the start of the second half with a goal coming from senior forward Malissa Hofmeister off of a one-touch pass from freshman forward Chloee Foor in the 46th minute.

Foor came up again with the second goal for the Mastodons in the

74th minute as Teteak tried to hold onto the ball. Foor had six shots and four shots on goal in that game last

Despite the Panthers allowing 16 shots, Teteak saved eight of the 10 shots on goal from the Mastodon offense, once again giving the Panthers a shot at a win. In 2015, Eastern al-

lowed 18.9 shots a game on average.

Eastern's offense got off to a slow start, having only six shot attempts with four on goal in the first two regular season games.

The Panthers had three shots with only one of those coming on goal and that was from red-shirt freshman defender Ellie Corrigan. The two other shots came from junior Carrie Caplin and senior Kathleen MacKin-

Eastern will head to Normal on Sunday to take on the Illinois State Redbirds.

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FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

# OVC champion Jacksonville State the team to beat in 2016

**By Sean Hastings**Sports Editor | @DEN\_Sports

When it came to scoring in 2015, Jacksonville State had no problem putting up points and shutting down other teams' offenses. The Gamecocks were the 2015 Ohio Valley Conference Champs and are picked to repeat in 2016.

Jacksonville State has been the preseason favorite to win the OVC in five of the last seven years and have three conference titles since the 2009 season, including a three-way tie with Tennessee Tech and Eastern Kentucky in 2011.

The Gamecocks won nearly all of their OVC contests by wide margins, except against Tennessee-Martin, who lost by one touchdown. Jacksonville State lost to Auburn in overtime, 27-20, in its second game of the season.

Offensively, the Gamecocks scored 584 points, 194 more than Tennessee-Martin, who scored the second most. Their defense allowed 299 points and allowed less than 20 points per game

Eastern hosted the Gamecocks on Nov. 7 — a matchup that would ultimately decide the OVC champion. Both teams were undefeated in OVC play entering the game, and Eastern hung with Jacksonville State in the first half with a 3-3 tie, but Jacksonville State's offense exploded in the second half to score 21 points to win big over the Panthers, 24-3.

Kicker Nick Bruno put the Panthers out in front early in the second quarter with a 23-yard field goal at the 14:12 mark to cap off a 16-play, 91-yard drive. With 15 seconds left



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Red-shirt senior Devin Church ran for 84 yards and was on the receiving end of a single six-yard pass during the Panthers' 24-3 loss to Jacksonville State on Saturday, Nov. 7, at O'Brien Field.

in the half, Jacksonville State's kicker came through with a 23-yarder of his own to tie the game.

Eastern's offense put up 122 yards in the first half with Jacksonville State, and the Gamecocks put up 170 on the Panthers, but the Panther defense forced two punts and stopped the Gamecocks on downs twice.

And again, with 15 seconds left in the third, quarterback Eli Jenkins hit Dalton Screws for a 43-yard touchdown pass to give the Gamecocks a 10-7 lead.

Jenkins was named the FCS ADA National Quarterback of the Year.

Eastern lost quarterback Jalen Whitlow, but it returns 15 starters, including nine offensive for the 2016, all hungry to build off of last year and take the OVC championship from

Jacksonville State.

The Panthers' offense put up 283 points in 2015 with red-shirt senior running back Devin Church leading the way with nine touchdowns.

"I left a lot of yards out on that field though, and (I'm) looking forward to being that playmaker again for our team this season," Church said.

Eastern was picked to finish third in the OVC, but those preseason rankings go out the window when the teams hit the field next week. Eastern opens up its season at home against Western on Sept. 1, and will play its first OVC game against Austin Peay at home on Sept. 24.

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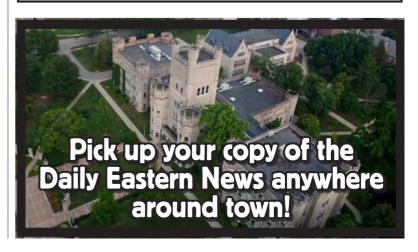
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# Volleyball team set for new campaign

By Maher Kawash

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The Eastern volleyball team wrapped up its preseason action with the annual blue and gray inter-squad scrimmage Sunday afternoon, and the gray team swept the two-set match.

Although the scrimmage was opened with a laid back game of rock, paper, scissors to decide which side got first serve, the Panthers still got down to business as they are just five days away from their season opener.

The gray team came away with a 28-26 victory in the first set and followed that with a 25-20 win in the second.

"We are improving on a lot of little things, and I think we got one percent better today," head coach Samantha Wolinski said.

Wolinski has a different looking team in her second year at the helm as five seniors from last year graduated. The Panthers will rely on some young talent with five freshmen on the roster and nine underclassmen total.

Although there is not much experience on the team, Wolinski said patience is important.

"I think we've done a good job, but I keep telling myself to have patience," Wolinski said. "As we go into playing Friday at Green Bay, it is important to remind the girls to be calm, cool, and collective."

With the loss of Stephanie Wallace, one freshman that is sure to fill in a big role as the libero is Lindsey Powers.

Powers never played the position in high school or club seasons, but Wolinski thinks she is well suited for the role.

"She has a lot of work ahead of her, but the thing is she comes in with a really good skill set," Wolinski said.

The scrimmage gave Powers an opportunity to not only get some experience in, but also a chance to tackle the nerves according to Wolinski

"She has a perfectionist mindset which is



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Maria Brown, a junior outside hitter, goes for the spike in the Blue/Gray scrimmage Sunday in Lantz Arena. The gray team swept the match.

great, but we just need her to make playable ball," Wolinski said.

As she gets familiar with her new role, the team will also depend on sophomore Taylor Smith and junior Allie Hueston.

Smith and Hueston were selected as members of the 2016 Preseason All-OVC team and will be expected to lead the young Panthers.

Hueston ended last season with a .386 hitting

percentage, a conference-best, and Smith led the OVC with seven triple-doubles a year ago.

With that being said, the Panthers get their first test by opening the season with the Green Bay Tournament Friday.

"We just need to fine tune a couple things before then," Wolinski said. "We just really need to focus on consistency and having a balanced offense." The Panthers will open the tournament against Stephen F. Austin at 10 a.m. Friday and will follow that game with a night match against Green Bay at 7 p.m. Eastern will then wrap up tournament play at 1 p.m. Saturday as they face off against South Dakota State.

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# Men's soccer team wraps up preseason

By Mark Shanahan

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The men's soccer team wrapped up its final exhibition game with a 1-1 draw against Illinois-Springfield Saturday afternoon.

The men finished with a record of two wins and one tie in their preseason matches, as they prepare for the regular season this weekend. Junior Justin Oliver continued his scoring streak with the lone goal for the Panthers in the 69th minute. Oliver scored six goals in the three exhibition games

hibition games. Red-shirt freshman R.J. Hill got the start once again in goal and recorded three saves, while letting up one goal. The first half of the game was scoreless, with each team recording two shots each. Illinois-Springfield could not capitalize on a pair of free kicks in the first half, keeping the game scoreless heading into the



The Panthers showed a physical style of play throughout the game, which head coach Kiki Lara wants.

"We have to definitely bring an edge to the game to make sure that teams know we are here to compete and win," he said.

Midway through the second half, Oliver put the Panthers on the board as he was in the right position to score off of a loose ball in the box. Senior Davis Wegmann helped create the scoring play when his shot was blocked and sent to a waiting Oliver for an easy goal.

Illinois-Springfield quickly responded with a goal by Alejandro Inostroza in the 73rd minute.



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Junior forward Justin Oliver scores a goal during the Panthers' exhibition game against University of Illinois-Springfield Saturday, which ended in a 1-1 draw.

Inostroza connected on a shot to the low left corner of the net from the top of the penalty box. Both teams could not connect for the winning goal as they finished in a draw.

Lara acknowledged there are areas where they need to improve.

"We have areas to improve on that are consistent with the areas last match," Lara said. "If there's a pattern of mistakes, that's an area we need to focus on so that's what I would take from this game."

Junior defenseman Zach Medawattage, who was named a player to watch this year in the Summit League, talked about what the team did well against Illinois-Springfield.

"I think we did a good job playing our possession-style soccer to wear them out and open

them up," the junior said.

Medawattage said the team needs to take advantage of their chances when they get them.

"I think we need to be more clinical in front of goal and finish our chances when we have them," he said.

Oliver finished with a team-high three shots, and Wegmann finished with two. Eastern finished with a total of nine shots, with three of them being on goal. Illinois-Springfield had seven total shots with four on goal.

The Panthers will begin the regular season this Friday on the road against Northern Kentucky

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# Panthers' offseason work shows in preseason game

By J.J. Bullock

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Despite being just an exhibition contest, which would have no ramifications toward the team's overall record, the Eastern men's soccer team's matchup against the University of Illinois-Springfield was not a meaningless affair.

The game resulted in a 1-1 draw, giving Eastern head coach Kiki Lara one last look at his team before the regular season begins.

"Really, I'm trying to see which combinations would work for next Friday night," Lara said. "You know before that first game of the season you've got to figure out who can go for so long, so I really wanted to push everybody."

For the players, starters and reserves alike, the matchup would offer value in the form of additional playing.

"To me, it's a lot (of value) because last year it was a tough season, didn't see much playing time," red-shirt freshman goalkeeper R.J. Hill said. "But the hard work I put in this summer, it's starting to show off, and (I'm) starting to see some playing time, full game, 90 minutes."

The product of the hard work put in by Hill and the rest of the team in the offseason also revealed itself during the exhibition game.

"It's showing around all the team. We played well today; we worked hard as a team. Tough tie, but it means a lot — I'm happy about it," Hill said. "It was a pretty good game, we've had a pretty tough preseason. We've been doing lots of hard work; we've been running our butts off, so we're feeling a little fatigued, but we worked hard today, and it's just another we will get back."

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