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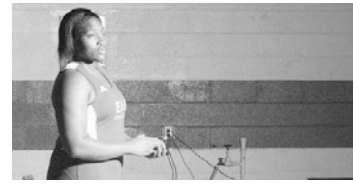
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CAMPUS



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Construction will take place in Ninth Street Parking Lot, 12th Street, and the portion of Seventh Street from the existing Steam Plant to Grant Avenue.

Closures may cause havoc

By Pablo Rodriguez
Campus Editor

Due to steam tunnel construction, certain streets with access to Eastern's campus will be closed. The closures began on Monday, June 14 and will remain closed for several months.

Closing the roads is part of the construction on the Renewable Energy Center project with efforts

of connecting the steam tunnels to the center.

Eastern has notified the city to inform the public, sent public notices to local media, met with different departments in campus and posted information on the university's website about these street closures.

The specific streets and avenues will include Seventh Street, which will be closed from June 14 to July 18.

Also scheduled to close is Grant Avenue from July 19 to Aug. 30, Ninth Street from Aug. 3 to Sept. 13, Ninth Street one way southbound from Aug. 5 to Sept. 13, and Ninth Street from Sept. 2 to Oct. 5.

Ninth Street will narrow two way traffic from sideway access along east side on Sept. 2 to Oct 5.

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MAP GRANT

FAFSA provides option for students

Illinois MAP grant puts higher education dreams on hold

By Rashida Lyles-Cowan
News editor

Eligible applicants have been denied for the 2010-2011 school year's Illinois Monetary Award Program (MAP) grant because of an increase in demand.

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) issued a press release stating an approximate 30,000 applicants were denied after April 19, 2010.

Those denied of the MAP grant applied at the following institutions: 65 percent selected a community college as top choice, 17 percent chose a public four-year school and 10 percent decided on an in-state private college.

However, ISAC encourages applicants to complete financial aid forms in order to receive federal grants, loans and other money for tuition.

Jerry Donna, director of financial aid, said students will have the same access to federal, state and institutional funds by filling out the 1011 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

"Financial aid has been growing at an average rate of 11 percent per year at Eastern," he said.

Donna said the most important task for a student is to file for the FAFSA each year and provide any documents requested by the Office of Financial Aid.

Donna said with a tight economy and the cost of higher education, some students are choosing to put academic goals on hold or attending lower cost institutions.

He said it is heartbreaking to talk with students who have a dream of going to college but do not have the resources needed to cover the costs.

The Office of Financial Aid will help students understand the processes and try to make the connections in efforts of making an Eastern education possible Donna said.

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FACULTY

Negotiations under way

Faculty, administration hope to have proposal by expiration of contract

By Pablo Rodriguez
Campus Editor

Eastern's faculty representatives and administration will negotiate proposals in efforts to create new faculty contracts. The group is scheduled to meet on June 22.

Already meeting twice last week, the two parties will meet again to discuss their needs while agreeing or disagreeing about the new proposal.

Jonathan Blitz, lead negotiator for faculty representatives, said if an agreement is not reached by the time the old contract expires, it will be extended.

"It's hard to say if we do that would be good, but if we don't generally what happens is the old agreement is rolled over until the new agreement is done," he said.

Unable to disclose much information about the new contract, Blitz said he is hoping to come to an agreement soon.

Robert Wayland, lead negotiator for administration, said coming to an agreement will depend on the importance of proposals and the willingness of providing them.

"Each party will have some proposals that are really important to their side," he said.

Wayland said decision making will depend on the amount of the proposals and how many are critical to each party.

The current faculty contract will expire by the end of August; Wayland said it might be difficult to reach an agreement by then.

Wayland said the committee will try to reach an agreement as soon as possible.

"There is no time limit on this we'll like to reach an agreement as soonest we possibly could, but it just depends on how many proposals each party has," he said.

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CITY COUNCIL

Closures may come

By Abby Allgire
City Editor

In today's upcoming city hall meeting at 7:30 p.m., the council will discuss the possible closing of Ninth Street from Grant Avenue to Roosevelt Avenue.

The tunnel connecting the old power plant to the new renewable energy center needs to be completed. Ninth Street will have to be closed in order for this to happen.

Mayor John Inyart said the tunnel is necessary for the plant to be able to produce steam in the lines that run underground in the tunnels.

The dates of closure have not yet been decided.

Council will also discuss an ordinance that will help finance repairs made to Jamaican Tan, which is located on the square.

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WEATHER TODAY



Mostly Cloudy

HIGH 82 A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 82. West northwest wind between 3 and 7 mph.

LOW 66 A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 66. West northwest wind around 6 mph.

WEATHER TOMORROW

Wednesday High: 85 Low: 66

Thursday High: 88 Low: 70

Four colors represent the four cardinal directions: north, south, east and west.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Powerpoint workshop to take place

For those who don't know Microsoft PowerPoint 2007, a workshop will take place today from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. in the Booth Library e-classroom.

Microsoft PowerPoint is a computer program used to create electronic presentations.

Tips on how to deliver professional class lectures or conference presentations will also be available for students to learn.

Father's Day will be this weekend

Father's Day will be this upcoming Sunday, June 20.

Make sure to be prepared and get your father a present.

Deadline to add or drop courses coming around the corner

The deadline to add or drop courses will be on this Wednesday, July 16.

Any questions should be addressed to professors or advisors about whether or not a student should add or drop a class.

—Compiled by Editor in Chief Sam Sottosanto

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High school football hang out



Students from the Marshall High School football camp walk across the South Quad at the end of a long day.

ONLINE TEASERS



Photo Blog: My dog, Brutus

City Editor Abby Allgire spent the weekend taking photos of her bulldog, Brutus. Check him out at DENNews.com.



Photo Gallery: Fox Ridge Trees

The Fox Ridge State Park Foundation encourages visitors to hike through "Acorn Avenue." Check out a photo gallery of the trail at DENNews.com.

BLOTTER

It was reported by the University Police Department on Monday that an in-state warrant for parole violation was served to a juvenile in the X-Lot at midnight.

The individual was released to the custody of CCSO at 1:09 am pending court appearance.

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COMMUNITY

Fox Ridge State Park displays local trees

By Alesha Bailey
Activities Editor

The event “Trees of Fox Ridge State Park” offered an educational experience last weekend.

The event had an indoor display of the trees in the main office of the park but also included an open walk along Fox Ridge’s Acorn Avenue trail.

“Trees of Fox Ridge State Park” featured information about trees and natural resources the park produces.

Intern Sarah Gillespie said this was the first year of the event.

“People come in and kind of learn about the trees,” Gillespie said. “Then they go out and walk the trail and look for them.”

A guidebook provided the details about the trees.

The book identified each tree with a drawing of the leaves and a physical description of the trunk and branches.

Some of the trees of Acorn Avenue included the Ohio Buckeye, the Pawpaw and the Sugar Maple.

The Ohio Buckeye develops poisonous foliage, although the bark was once used as medicine.

Pioneers carried the buckeye nut in their pocket to protect themselves from rheumatoid arthritis, which eventually led people to believe the nuts would bring good luck.

The Pawpaw, another tree, has a fruit similar to a thick, greenish-brown, short banana.

The soft wood of the tree is not valuable, but the bark can be used to make fishing nets.

Sugar Maple trees produce the tiny “helicopter” seeds. Children usually play with



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State Park Intern Sarah Gillespie flips through the Acorn Avenue guidebook, which was used for the “Trees of Fox Ridge State Park” event.

these helicopters by throwing them in the air and watching them twirl down.

Gillespie said the Fox Ridge State Park Foundation funds the exhibit, which is a tax-exempt charitable organization.

Other incorporated state park summer

displays will include information about water quality.

“The foundation is really interested in water quality, and that’s another thing we’re trying to include every weekend,” she said.

Additional upcoming summer events will include “Water Cycle and Acid Rain,” “Bug Night” and “Illinois’ Prairies.”

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Science building should be top priority

Last Monday, the Campus Master Plan was presented in its first open meeting of the year to Eastern students, faculty and the Charleston community.

In an article written on June 8, William Weber, the vice president for business affairs, was quoted saying, "I think getting a science building is our primary capitol priority right now, and there are various possibilities as to where that might be and where that might be developed."

Weber couldn't have said it any better. The Physical Science Building continues to stand strong for more than 70 years and has been in need of help since the late 1990s.

But while the building has been waiting 10 long years for improvements to be made, projects such as Doudna, the new textbook rental building and the new power plant all came before it.

Some major problems include the fact the building is not modernized.

The chemistry rooms do not have good ventilation systems.

Wires run against the walls of the building, opposed to through the building.

Improving the Physical Sciences Building should be the top priority for the Campus Master Plan, not only because of the safety hazards, but for the students as well.

There are hundreds of students walking through the building every day—maybe even thousands during the fall and spring semesters.

Not only does the building attend to physical science majors and minors, but freshmen and sophomores are required to fulfill a general education requirement for the physical sciences as well. So, sooner or later, every student on campus will have to take a class there.

The Campus Master Plan only comes around once every 10 years, and if the Physical Science Building isn't fixed this year, then who knows what quality the building will be in by 2020. That's even scary to think about.

Other issues discussed at the open meeting for the Campus Master Plan was creating honors housing, fixing parking issues, and creating a large auditorium for formal occasions.

While those issues are important within themselves, the Physical Science Building needs to be addressed first and more importantly.

There has been talk of building a completely new Physical Sciences Building. This is an excellent idea.

If Doudna was turned into a new building, the Physical Sciences Building deserves a shot as well.

PAWS The Velvet Queen

By Rashida Lyles-Cowan
News Editor

Although it smells like rotten meat or a decaying corpse, the Titan Arum is a rare and beautiful plant.

The Titan Arum, also known as the "Velvet Queen," is green on the outside and dark burgundy red on the inside.

During bloom, the flower's beauty can be taken for granted because of its fragrance. In addition to its beauty, the flower's blooming process is unique and rare.

The Velvet Queen is able to grow four inches a day. The ultimate size for a mature Titan Arum can reach a height of ten feet.

It first opens at night and becomes so hot it steams.

Unfortunately, it only lasts about three days before it collapses.

Most Titan Arums are grown in the wild rainforest of western Sumatra in Indonesia. So, being able to witness the blooming of the Titan Arum in Charleston is a great opportunity.

Because of contributing factors including habitat destruction, ecosystem breakdown and the vandalism of plants in the wild, the Titan Arum is threatened to become extinct.

The Thut Greenhouse provided a chance to learn about a rare flower but also offered an opening to meet new people.

The Titan Arum attracted so many people to the campus from different cities, backgrounds and so forth but also brought people together.

So, next time instead of judging a flower by smell, appreciate the beauty of a flower that bestows many great qualities.

CLAWS This flower stinks!

Charles LeGrand
Assistant Online Editor

Maybe I am missing the point. I feel that the Corpse Flower is ridiculous. I did not enjoy her/his smelly company.

It is not a glorious flower phenomenon. This disgusting, sloppy establishment of putrid cells hails from Indonesia and should seriously stay there.

The Corpse Flower is also on the World Conservation Union Redlist of Threatened Species, which is the only attribute for the pointless plant.

Other than being called the Corpse Flower, this plant is also referred to as the Titan Arum, and the particular Corpse Flower that lives in the Greenhouse has been nicknamed "Velvet Queen."

When translated in Greek, the Titan Arum means "misshapen giant penis."

Funny that a plant reeking of rotting meat, referred to as a "misshapen penis," carries such a name. While we are at it, let's just go ahead and name a crocodile "Satin Mermaid."

I find my experience with the putrid plant similar to standing next to heavyset football player fresh from a summer practice.

Only one real purpose for the Corpse Flower comes to my mind. I feel that the plant would act as a highly effective torture device.

Interrogators could expose terrorists' noses to the rank smell. The flower even has an intimidating name, "Corpse Flower," which might even make the ones being questioned expose information before the violent stench is even released.

FROM THE EASEL



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COLUMN

Learn from Family History Day

Today marks Family History Day. Whatever your tradition, one thing rings true: it's important to know your roots and where you have been.

Last night, I had the opportunity of sharing memories of the 'good old days' with my grandfather.

I've always been shocked with how times have changed, but he gave me a different perspective.

Whereas my generation has always known a computer, my grandfather's generation didn't have radio until he graduated high school.

Technology was industrializing in his day. I learned last night of the first television he had in his home. He said it was black and white and when it broke you had to go a store to get spare parts to fix it.

My grandfather, who retired as an engineer but never really retired, taught me how to appreciate technology.

I never realized how much automobiles have advanced with having air conditioning and a cigarette outlet for a GPS until my



Jennifer Brown

grandpa told me his first car didn't have any heat.

Family History Day makes us appreciate everything that much more. It helps us understand that life has not always been so easy.

The older generation has a lot to teach us about the meaning of life.

They have lived through more wars and economic struggles than we might encounter in our lifetime.

I embrace these stories as learning experiences to my benefit to prepare me for the struggles I may face in the future.

My grandfather mentioned how he used

to watch Edward Murrow on TV, and I became fascinated.

He and I talked about how the newscasts compare to those after the war, and he was surprised I knew so much.

Family History Day means more than spending time with my family, however.

It's a day to reflect on my German and English heritage and explore the family stories. My grandparents tell amazing stories.

Each heritage has its own unique stories to share on this day.

I find this day a day to remember to those who are gone and those who are still living. In past generations, the stories of family generations were spread by word of mouth from village to village, and today they are memoirs in books to be preserved.

Let's do this today. It would be great to have a family heirloom to pass down to the next generation for their family history search.

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Donna also said Eastern and other institutions in Illinois have been affected by cut backs because the delay in payments from the state.

"The last information we received was that the state owes Eastern about \$21 million dollars for the fiscal year 2010," he said.

Eastern is being asked to continue a cost reduction avoidance method as the fiscal year 2010 ends and the start of fiscal year 2011 begins, and as long as the state of Illinois is short on revenue schools and students will continue to suffer, Donna said.

Sadie Bear, senior special education major, said it would be nice if students were

able to have a system where they would not have to worry about finances every year.

Although she has not personally been affected by the denials of the MAP grant, Bear said she knows many students were denied because of the strict deadline.

"If you didn't get your forms in, you are just out of luck," she said.

Bear said if there were no other options for her, the next step would be applying for loans.

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Inyart said the building needs repairs because part of a wall came down. The Tax Increment Finance grant will help finance the repairs.

Also, a resolution will be addressed to authorize a lease with Ralph and Jeanne Foley for McDonald's. Inyart said the lease will allow McDonald's to have a piece of property located right behind the restaurant for employees to park.

In addition, council will address a resolution for a loan agreement with First Neighbor

Bank for vehicle purchases.

The city is buying a new fire truck for the fire chief with this loan.

Inyart said a vehicle from the inspection department was damaged in an accident several months back, so the loan will also allow for a new vehicle for the inspection department.

During the meeting, Inyart will announce the re-appointment of Elisa Roberts and Kathryn "Kit" Morice to the Charleston Historic Preservation Commission. The Charleston Histor-

ic Preservation Commission promotes the preservation of historic buildings and sites in the city. Both Roberts and Morice are currently part of the commission and just need to be re-appointed to it.

City council will have a meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in city hall located at 520 Jackson Ave.

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In addition, Ninth Street will be closed from Sept. 3 to Oct. 28.

Vicki Woodard, coordinator of public information at Eastern, said the dates of the closures might vary depending on weather.

"The dates will depend on weather and everything else, so you might have a little bit of fluctuation on any of those days, but that's kind of what they plan for now," she said.

Woodard said her main concern in regards to Ninth Street closure is the arrival of students coming back for the fall semester.

"The thing that I'm most concerned about is when the students start moving back in on Aug. 19. We're going to have a lot of traffic that weekend," she said.

Alternative access points to places will be the included: the Martin Luther King

University Union, Ninth Street Properties and Greek Court Drive. Union Access from June 14 to July 14 will be via Grant Avenue. Access to Ninth Street Properties will be via the alley north of Ninth Street and detour east on Garfield to 10th street. Greek Court will be accessed through 12th street.

Paul McCann, treasurer and director of business services, said Eastern officials

will be meeting with property owners to come up with alternative access points for their properties.

"We're going to be meeting with all the property owners so they know how is going to affect them and how can they suggest people to get in their properties," he said."

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Street closures

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- ACROSS
- 1 Defeat, barely
- 5 Word on a bar worker's jar
- 9 Gem
- 14 Pasta or potato, for short
- 15 Savoie sweetheart
- 16 Still in the game
- 17 Brag
- 18 Beekeeper played by Peter Fonda
- 19 Recurring melody
- 20 Tiger and Elin Woods's 37-Across order?
- 23 Super, slangily
- 24 Sign on a locked lavatory
- 25 Vast amounts
- 27 It might start "E FP TOZ LPED"
- 30 Party that's a wow
- 31 Posh
- 32 One pitied by Mr. T
- 33 Doo-___ music
- 36 Actor's rep: Abbr.
- 37 Cocktail called "the elixir of quietude" by 4-Down
- 40 1950s campaign nickname
- 41 ___'easter
- 42 Apple originally marketed to schools
- 43 New car sticker fig.
- 44 Figure of Greek myth with a statue at Rockefeller Center
- 46 1889 statehood achievers, with "the"
- 49 Ringtoss game
- 51 A marathon has about 26 of these
- 52 Runnin' Rebels' sch.
- 53 Paula Abdul's 37-Across order?
- 58 "Later, amigo!"
- 60 French cleric
- 61 Foot: Prefix
- 62 It's not good to run one
- 63 Potter's oven
- 64 Mineral in hemoglobin
- 65 The hapless Corleone
- 66 Things that modest people lack
- 67 "Peter Pan" fairy, for short
- DOWN
- 1 Shoe company founded in Denmark
- 2 "Phooy!"

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PUZZLE BY KEITH TALON

- 3 Small cavern, in poetry
- 4 "The Elements of Style" updater
- 5 Sign after Aries
- 6 "Please help me with directions!"
- 7 Jigsaw puzzle element
- 8 Be "it," in a game
- 9 Wing it, musically
- 10 Skips the dos before the I do's?
- 11 O. Henry's 37-Across order?
- 12 Aquafina rival
- 13 Some turns and boxing punches
- 21 Opposite WSW
- 22 Wise old Athenian
- 26 City known as Columbia's sports capital
- 27 Pizazz
- 28 "Car Talk" dubbed it "the worst car of the millennium"
- 29 Popeye's 37-Across order?
- 30 Avril Lavigne's "Sk8er ___"
- 32 Consumer protection agcy.
- 34 Vegetable in Cajun cuisine
- 35 Livens, with "up"
- 37 Cheesy sandwich
- 38 Collect
- 39 Dorm figures, for short
- 43 Frenzied place at a rock club
- 45 Recorded for later viewing
- 46 Cisco Kid's horse
- 47 "The X-Files" figures
- 48 Big beer buy
- 49 Hearty drink
- 50 Hypnotized or anesthetized
- 51 Head honcho
- 54 Help oneself to
- 55 Garr of "Tootsie"
- 56 Noodles with tempura
- 57 Medium-rare steak color
- 59 B'way success sign

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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"In these types of situations there's no manual and you don't just win something like that (the Commissioner's cup) by accident," he said. "It was a tough year, and I think to do what we did under the adversity we faced speaks volumes."

Both Spoo and Sallee are looking forward

to their next seasons.

Spoo feels optimistic about the upcoming football season and about Eric Cash, the new strength and conditioning coach hired by Barbara Burke.

"We're working extremely hard. I think we've gotten considerably stronger and as a

result more athletic to his efforts," Spoo said. "It's all up in the air because we haven't gotten into pre-season. If we all stay healthy, I think we'll be very competitive."

Eastern Kentucky finished third for the Commissioner's Cup (92).

They were followed by Morehead State

(88), Jacksonville State (84), Tennessee Tech (76), Austin Peay (74), Southeast Missouri (69.5), UT Martin (59.5) and Tennessee State (45).

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VIEWS



Jordan Boner

Baseball's bright future

Washington Nationals fans and fans of baseball everywhere are witnessing the beginning of something magnificent.

The 21-year-old pitching sensation Stephen Strasburg is 2-0 with 22 strikeouts in his first two starts, not a bad beginning for the right-hander.

Strasburg throws hard, the upper 90s, and he has hit 100 several times during his two starts.

Most players who throw this hard are usually classified as hurlers, guys who throw hard and hope it hits the strike zone.

He has a great breaking ball that can make batters look absolutely foolish after they've been set up with a couple fastballs.

Possibly what is most impressive about the young phenomenon is his control and ability to put all of his pitches in the right spot.

Granted, Strasburg did hand out five free passes to first base on Sunday but the mound was more to blame than his control.

The dirt kept coming loose on the front of the mound, causing Strasburg to lose his footing.

The Cleveland Indians' grounds crew had to rework the hill several times to keep Strasburg and other pitchers from possible injury.

Strasburg has the potential to be one of the greatest pitchers of all time.

His hat and ball from his Major League Debut are already in the Hall of Fame.

His youth gives him the advantage over many others.

He has the ability to put up huge numbers in wins. His radar-busting fastball gives him huge opportunities in the strikeout department.

He should be a dominant pitcher for many years to come.

I see good things in the future for Washington.

If recently drafted 17-year-old Bryce Harper can become Major-League ready soon, these two youths could set fire to the National League East division.

Strasburg and Harper look like two guys to build the franchise around.

There are going to be plenty of young players who want to come and play with Strasburg and Harper for years to come, knowing that they will be playing with two of the best young players around.

While I'm not a Nationals fan, I cannot see myself rooting against the team, they play in our nation's capital after all.

I am looking forward to seeing two possibly perennial all-stars playing together for the next 15 or so years.

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OVC FEMALE ATHLETE



AMIR PRELLBERG | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Senior Kandace Arnold enters her last season as a thrower on the Eastern track and field team under the guidance of coach Jessica Sommerfeld. After a rocky season in 2009, the two have learned how to work and respect each other.

Arnold receives OVC honor

By Kristin Jording
Managing Editor

Kandace Arnold, OVC Female Athlete of the Year, never thought she would go to college, let alone play track in college.

Arnold was a basketball player in high school, and she never expected to pursue track as long as she did.

During her sophomore year in high school, one of her friends told her to try out for the track team.

"I didn't even know about the track team," Arnold said. "Why would I run?"

She said she never even wanted to go to college, but she started getting calls about playing track and decided to come to Eastern.

Arnold never even knew the OVC Female Athlete of the Year award existed. She was so honored and shocked because she had never given a speech to accept an award.

"I just do it because I love my team," she said.

Arnold competed in the NCAA Championship for shot put last week, and placed 16th.

"She competed with the best in the country, threw her third best performance of all time, and if given the opportunity of one more throw, may have popped one to become an All-American," track and field head coach Tom Akers said.

Arnold said her team was a big motivator for her, but her love for throwing shot put was her biggest motivation.

"I did not know that somebody could just fall in love with throwing a ball," she said. "I did all of the other events; this is the one that I always can depend on."

Her biggest influences were her coaches: Mary Wallace, assistant athletic director, and Jessica Sommerfeld, assistant head coach.

She said Wallace treated her like a daughter and motivated her to do better, while Sommerfeld put a fire under her.

Along with being named the OVC Female Athlete of the Year, Arnold is well-decorated.

She swept OVC indoor championships in shot put and weight throw to win first team All-OVC honors in 2009, made first team All-OVC in shot put and discus at 2008 OVC Outdoor championships and was named 2007 OVC indoor freshman of the year.

She also set school records for weight throw, discus, hammer, indoor shot and outdoor shot.

"Kandace has accomplished so much here during her career here and completely rewrote the record books. Despite all of these accolades, she remains a very humble individual," Akers said. "That humility is a great attribute for any athlete and helps them continue to work hard and improve."

Arnold graduated this year and has a job in Tinley Park as a case-worker, but she plans to hopefully coach part-time.

"I don't think I could just leave it alone," she said.

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OVC COMMISSIONER'S CUP

Eastern accepts OVC Commissioner's Cup

Harrison Bueno
Staff Reporter

Eastern has received the Ohio Valley Conference Commissioner's Cup for the 2009-2010 school year after going through many misfortunes.

The Commissioner's Cup is an award for athletic excellence in all male and female sports within the conference-sponsored championships.

Eastern finished with 100.5 points, beating last year's Commissioner winner, Murray State, by 7 points.

The award consists of scoring a university's four main sports (football, volleyball, men's bas-

ketball and women's basketball) along with the remaining eight highest scoring sports.

This year, the athletic department suffered with two coaches quitting the Track and Field team and the death of women's assistant basketball coach Jackie Moore, and assistant football coach Jeff Hoover.

Despite all the blows to the athletic department, the teams that suffered the most helped Eastern tremendously: women's basketball, football, and track and field all finished first in the conference.

Bob Spoo, the head coach of the football team, felt that much of their success was attributed to athletic director Barbara Burke.

"She has brought life to the program and ev-

erybody's sport," he said. "She's been very helpful in so many ways and we're all proud of the fact that we were able to excel from her support."

Brady Sallee, the head coach of the women's basketball team, also felt that much of their success came from Burke who helped them cope with the unexpected death of Moore. "You learn a lot about someone's character as they face that type of adversity," said Sallee. "Barbara showed a lot of leadership."

Sallee also said much of their success came from Burke putting all the right people in the right places and how these people encouraged the athletes.

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7 p.m. - Lantz Arena

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10 a.m. - Nashville, Tenn.

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