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### CAMPUS

# Compensation varies for student workers

By Amy Wywialowski  
Staff Reporter

In early March, the Student Senate passed a proposal changing their executive compensation from a 12-credit hour scholarship to a \$2,500 semester stipend to be applied directly to their student accounts.

With a change like this, the questions "Was a cut really being made?" and "How did this organization's finances compare to other groups?" arose.

With the new stipend in place, the executives will make about \$139 dollars per week. Prior to the change, the amount of money earned per semester depended on the year they entered school at Eastern to determine their tuition lock-in.

For a student executive who entered school in the 2010-2011 academic year, their tuition waiver would be about \$3,050 per semester or \$170 per week.

This amount was allotted the five executive officers and the Student Senate Speaker. Next semester, it will apply to four officers as one of the positions was eliminated.

The University Board's chair and vice chair receive 12-credit hour scholarships similar to the way student government waivers used to function.

However, a major difference is that each of their 11 coordinators receive a \$125-a-month stipend, about \$31 a week, \$560 per semester.

Danny Turano, a senior education major, is the vice chair of the University Board and receives a 12-credit hour scholarship.

"We are a different organization and run things a different way than they do," Turano said. "We do things our way."

Student governing bodies are not the only types of jobs on campus and are, in fact, the minority.

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### STUDENT JOBS: WHERE IS THE MONEY GOING?

Student Senate Executive

**\$2,500**

(Per semester, based on 12 credit hours)

UB chair and vice chair

**\$3,050**

(Per semester, based on 12 credit hours)

UB coordinator

**\$560**

(Per semester, based on \$125 per month stipend)

Resident assistant

**\$630**

(Per semester, based on \$35 per week stipend)

Non-stipend student employee

**\$891 to \$2,970**

(Per semester, based on \$8.25 per hour, 6 - 20 hours per week)

### BILLS



## New House Bill would outlaw use of cell phones while driving

BY NIKE OGUNBODEDE | ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

*Editor's Note: This is the fourth installment of a series of 2012 potential or enacted law articles.*

An "electronic communication device" bill that would outlaw the use of cell phones and hand-held digital assistants in Illinois was introduced to the Illinois House of Representatives on Jan. 10.

The bill would amend the current Illinois Vehicle Code.

The House Transportation, Vehicle and Safety Committee gave its approval endorsing the proposal by a majority vote of 6-3 on Feb. 8.

State Rep. John D'Amico, from Chicago, who is also the one that filed the bill on Jan. 10, heads the committee.

State Rep. Dennis Reboletti was among those voting against the proposal. Reboletti is an Eastern alum.

Robert Bates, the health studies department chair, teaches several safety-related classes: Advanced Driving Maneuvers, Accident Prevention in Schools and Industrial Safety.

Bates said texting while driving overloads the physical and mental aspects of the body.

"The driver must make thousands of decisions in a short period of time. Any errors can result in harm to one's self or others," Bates said in an email. "Research in driving simulators have indicated significant impairment when texting and driving."

According to a Virginia Tech Transportation Institution report, sending or receiving a text message takes a driver's eyes off of the road for an average of 4.6 seconds, which is the equivalent-at 55 mph-to driving the length of an entire football field while blindfolded.

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### LECTURE

# Nuwer discusses anti-hazing

By: Sarah Crawford  
Staff reporter

Being a part of a group should not mean being forced to participate in embarrassing activities, a journalist said Wednesday.

An anti-hazing lecture by Hank Nuwer educated Eastern on the difference between hazing and pranks Wednesday in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

"The focus is on athletes but it is difficult to not talk about other groups as well, such as Greeks and social organizations," Nuwer said.

Angie Bradley, a junior biological science major and the lecture coordinator for the University Board, said she

thought Nuwer's lecture would be a good way to reach out to athletes and groups on campus.

"He has some good stories from personal experiences and I think those impact students more," Bradley said.

Nuwer spoke from personal experience as both a collegiate athlete and fraternity member, as well as from his years of experience as a journalist.

For the past several years, Nuwer has been traveling and speaking to universities and high schools.

Nuwer started the night's lecture by explaining to the audience the importance of his message.

"A school I recently talked to, two lectures ago, had a hazing-related death already," Nuwer said. "That young man

and his group did not attend."

Nuwer said the death took place after his lecture and wished that group had attended the lecture.

Nuwer defines hazing by three components. First, activities must be expected for membership or participation. Second, activities humiliate, degrade, abuse or endanger participants. Third, activities occur regardless of a person's willingness to participate.

"I'm not gullible enough to believe that a whole team will step up to stop it," Nuwer said.

Nuwer said he hopes those who attended the lecture learned what to do if they come in contact with hazing.

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Hank Nuwer lectures on the dangers of hazing at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Martin Luther King Jr. Union Grand Ballroom. He discussed ways in which people are involved in hazing and offered solutions to safer initiation.

# EIU weather

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## CORRECTION

In the article "Who is Trayvon Martin?" in Wednesday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, George Zimmerman has not been charged or convicted with the shooting of Trayvon Martin. According to the Associated Press, Florida State Attorney Norm Wolfinger and his office made the decision not to charge Zimmerman after the Feb. 26 shooting.

*The News* regrets the error.

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## DANCE LIFE STUDIO

# Autistic dance program puts kids center stage

By Avery Drake  
Staff Reporter

A group of boys flutter around a dance studio on every Saturday morning, taking turns to mimic each other's moves.

But unlike other dance classes, students are not learning the styles of jazz, hip hop or ballet; they are autistic children or children with learning disabilities who are learning how to control their mind and body through dance.

Julia Boyd, with the help of family and friends, started a program called "Dragonflies," which is a dance and drama program for children with autism and special needs.

With classes at capacity and an age range of 4 to 29 years old, Boyd said she has 20 families traveling up to two hours both ways to participate in the Dragonflies dance class.

"September 10, 2011, was our first class. People from all over the area came to help. We assessed the kids and then started dancing," Boyd said. "We were at two classes, now we're at four, and we're looking to expand."

Boyd said she also wants to have summer camps.

The program started to come together when Boyd thought of the name Dragonflies, Boyd said.

"What I love about dragonflies



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Julia Boyd, center, director and founder of the "Dragonflies" dance and drama group, leads her students Addison Orris, left, and Marley Kater in a dance exercise Wednesday during their class at the DanceWorks studio on the Charleston Square. "Dragonflies" is a group for children and adults with special needs, specializing in Autism Movement Therapy.

is that they can go up and down and side to side. They're dynamic," Boyd said. "Dragonflies are ancient creatures, and they're very curious. (Dragonflies) go through a growth process."

Boyd said the growth process fits with her program, using her 13-year-old autistic son, Jacob as an example.

"Jacob doesn't dance with control," Boyd said. "If I can teach (Jacob) to harness that in, then that's the whole concept."

Boyd said the program, which takes place at the Dance Life Studio in Charleston every Wednesday evening and Saturday morning, is based on three words: "Move, Fly, Soar."

"Just like in life, you move through some things, then you fly, and then you soar," Boyd said. "When you soar, you relax into it (controlling of the body) and you learn how to be yourself."

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## UNITED WAY FOUNDATION

# Chamber accepting donations

## Panthers set to tee-off at Bradley invite

By Kathryn Richter  
City Editor

The Charleston Area Chamber of Commerce is currently accepting donations for their upcoming "What Women Want" event.

Cindy White, the executive director of the Charleston Area Chamber of Commerce, said the event will feature a "boutique" of donated women's accessories that will be sold with a portion of the proceeds going to the United Way of Coles County.

Carolyn Cloyd, the executive di-

rector of the United Way of Coles County, said the United Way of Coles County provides funding for various service organizations and program within the county.

"What we do is we provide funding for programs through other non profits to help out around the community," Cloyd said.

Cloyd said the organization helps around 36 agencies within Coles County. Cloyd said many who donate also ask for their money to stay within the county.

"People who want their money to stay here, (their money) will stay here," Cloyd said.

Cloyd said some of the agencies the organization helps include local food banks, a homeless shelter, an equestrian therapy program, Hab-

itat for Humanity, Sexual Assault Counseling and Information Services, HOPE of East Central Illinois, Coles County Council on Aging and the Charleston Transitional Facility.

"Everybody has something that tugs at their heart strings," Cloyd said. "There are also a lot of people who really, specifically want to give to their community. United Way is the perfect way of doing that."

White said the donations will include gently-used women's accessories from purses to scarves, but will not include clothing.

White said this is the first year for the "What Women Want" event, but she hopes to make it an annual event.

The event blossomed from an annual spring wine tasting into the upcoming women-centered event,

White said.

The Charleston Area Chamber of Commerce has been planning the event since late last fall and will include wine from County Market, chocolate from Flesor's Candy Kitchen, as well as food, prizes, live music and a miniature expo of local businesses, White said.

White said each business that is participating in the expo is also donating a prize that will be given away.

"We hope it to be a unique and special event that women will enjoy," White said.

"There aren't a lot of events that are usually women focused."

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## CAMPUS

# DubClub brings music to campus

**First appearance on campus brings mixed reactions**

By Ryan Dolph  
Staff Reporter

The sound of heavy bass and edgy robotic screech could be heard across the South Quad Wednesday as EIU DubClub hosted live music.

The prospect of rain and mud did not phase the dedicated whompers, as they set up their equipment on a folding table near Coleman Hall and prepared for what would be their first appearance on campus.

Frank Vargas, the club's president, said he was excited about the event.

"It definitely shows a lot of progress that we're able to come here to play our music on campus," Vargas said. "It gives us a chance to get new people interested that might not have heard of us before."

DJ Rocky G opened the event, playing his first few songs at full blast and with no remorse.

It was not long before a crowd gathered and brought with them fog machines, hula-hoops and, most of all, spirit. The dancing crowd turned more than a few heads, and even had some interested faculty members bobbing their heads.

After about 10 minutes of playing at concert-level decibels, the complaints

from other faculty began pouring in to turn it down.

"I was teaching a French class at the time and my students couldn't hear," said Kathryn Bulver, a foreign language professor. "I actually like the music they were playing, but I had to go out and tell them to lower (the volume)."

If it were not for a dedicated few, DubClub might have never been able to perform on campus in the first place.

Before it became a registered student organization, DubClub's roots were underground.

It began as a diverse group of students who came together through their love of the grungy, bass-driven style of electronic music called "Dubstep".

The decision to bring their music to the masses was spearheaded, for the most part, by Vargas.

"Dubclub actually started at Southern Illinois University last year, and then Frank (Vargas) transferred here and brought the idea with him," said Phil Basile, the club's treasurer.

Despite Wednesday's "invasion" being their first campus appearance, the club has had a regular following since September, organizing weekly concerts at Friends & Co., a bar on the square of Charleston.

From humble beginnings, the club's membership has grown steadily. A turnout of 50-75 people at the bar is normal.

As their popularity rises, DubClub continues to promote bigger and better



SETH SCHROEDER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Senior music major Matt Black mixes music Wednesday in the South Quad. Black performs as a disc jockey under the name "HaveThat."

DJs at their shows. Most recently, they hosted DJ Spankalicious and Miss Amphetamine, who has opened for Rusko.

Students over 21 who enjoy electron-

ic music can come vibe with DubClub every Thursday starting at 10 p.m.

For more information, students can visit their Facebook page called "Dub-

Club EIU."

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## STUDENT GOVERNMENT

# Student Senate votes on budgets, bylaw changes

By Amy Wywialowski  
Staff Reporter

The Student Senate passed an amendment to its bylaws after three weeks of discussion and voted in favor of the budgets of the student government, the Student Recreation center, Apportionment Board and the University Board.

The Student Recreation center will have a \$211,000 budget and the University Board will have a \$216,489 budget.

Student Senate members questioned the recreation center budget, which raised the pay of the graduate assistants employed by the center.

Mary Lane, the student vice president for business affairs, said this was a require-

ment to keep the positions competitive with other universities.

"They took a \$15,000 cut last year and have not budgeted for any new equipment," Lane said.

The Student Senate members also passed the bylaw changes, including raising the GPA requirement from 2.3 to 2.5. They also changed the number of absences Student Senate members are allowed as well as office hour requirements.

Student Senate members also eliminated the student vice president for business affairs position from their bylaws. The proposed changes passed with 23 members in favor and two in abstention.

Members proposed a possible student body constitution change that would re-

quire the option of "no confidence" to be placed on the ballot for future elections.

The idea of "no confidence" means that the voter does think any of the candidates would do a good job.

Roberto Luna is one of two Student Senate members who sponsored the proposal and said the idea was about keeping transparency in what the Student Senate does and how they vote.

"This is something we used to do, but I just kind of faded away," Luna said.

Luna is also one of the sponsors of the possible constitution change which he said came about partially after the low election turnouts last week.

"We've confident in the executive board elected," Luna said. "But a student

approached me and brought it to my attention that there is not a 'no confidence' option."

Student Senate members discussed the issue for more than 20 minutes and the sponsors plan to meet to possibly reword, amend or remove the item from the table.

Student Body President Ed Hotwagner said there is nothing in the Student Body constitution prohibiting the addition of this option and thus wants to discuss it more with the other sponsors.

Also, the members also presented a proposal about the Internet posting of the records of how Student Senate members vote.

In his report, Student Senate Speaker Zach Samples announced the resig-

nation of Student Senate member Antonio Romo, who chose to resign due to his busy schedule.

Romo is a member of the Army National Guard and will report to basic training within the next month. Because of this he is taking his finals early and felt he could not offer Student Senate a fair time commitment.

The next Student Senate meeting will take place at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11 in the Arcola-Tuscola room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

## Richardson best choice for coach

The #FIREMIKEMILLER era of Eastern men's basketball is over and now it's time to look to the future.

Now is the time to #HIREKAREEM-RICHARDSON.

Kareem Richardson, currently an assistant coach at Xavier, would be a great fit to lead the Panthers next season, which is why *The News* is endorsing him as the best choice for the men's basketball head coaching position.

Coming from Xavier, Richardson has NCAA tournament experience, which is where the Panthers would like to be, and a place they haven't been since 2001. But in order to get to the NCAA tournament, the Panthers have to make the Ohio Valley Conference tournament, a place they also haven't been in two seasons.

Richardson said there's no reason the Panthers can't compete to win the OVC championship, and said he envisions seeing a lot of nets being cut down in Lantz Arena.

The 2012-13 season will be an incredibly historic year for Eastern athletics, with both a new head football and head men's basketball coach each taking the reins.

The best person to compliment Dino Baber's up-tempo style of football will be Richardson's attacking style of basketball.

Richardson has had numerous coaching stops across the Midwest, previously coaching at Drake, Missouri-Kansas City, Evansville, Wright State, Indiana State and Indianapolis.

In his public interview, he stressed that he wanted to recruit all over Illinois, including Chicago, Champaign, Peoria and Springfield. Illinois is a major hotbed for talent, with the nation's No. 1 high school prospect, Jabari Parker, the nation's top college basketball player, Anthony Davis, and last year's NBA MVP, Derrick Rose, all coming from the Land of Lincoln.

Richardson is also a favorite among current Eastern players, with numerous players giving positive feedback to his public interview.

Richardson also brings with him 20 years of basketball experience dating back to his time as a player and a coach.

Richardson doesn't have much of a connection to Eastern, having never coached here before, but he is familiar with the area, having grown up in nearby Rantoul and playing at Lantz Arena during his high school days.

Richardson is a breath of fresh air and a step in the right direction for a team that has been struggling as of late and is looking to change the culture of its athletic program as a whole.

Richardson said he thinks Eastern is a good fit for him, and that he's a good fit for Eastern. We think so, too.

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COLUMN

## Spoonful of cinnamon helps the Web fad go on

Last week, CBS news reported that 88 percent of calls to the American Association of Poison Control Centers in the first quarter of 2012 were related to a single Internet craze: the Cinnamon Challenge. Calls from panicked people who've attempted the stunt are up 240 percent from all of 2011, reflecting the challenge's meteoric rise in popularity.

For the uninitiated, the Cinnamon Challenge is where a person attempts to swallow a single spoonful of cinnamon in 60 seconds. While the task sounds easy enough, the majority of those who try it end up coughing up clouds of the cinnamon dust.

But don't take my word for it, be like hundreds of thousands of others and watch everyday people and YouTube personalities alike attempt the stunt. Even Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn has done it, though he chewed the cinnamon and was aided by a swig of water to get the mess down.

The reason for the high failure rates among non-cheating non-politicians is that cinnamon dries up the parts of your throat that make saliva, leaving the challenger with no liquid with which to swallow the powder. The result, judging by the equally high number of YouTube hits and poison control center calls, is both rip-roaringly entertaining and dangerous.

If you are concerned that someone you



Doug T. Graham

know will cause themselves harm by trying one of the stunts, you have a very difficult task in front of you if you want people to stop. I'd argue that simply removing all of the videos of people choking on cinnamon wouldn't do anything to make people safer, because the challenge is just the most recent in a long string of dangerous Internet video trends.

I see the Cinnamon Challenge going the way of other passing Internet video fads, like ghost riding the whip, where participants put their cars in gear, hop out of them and dance alongside, sometimes with disastrous results.

Fight it all you want, videos like these clearly provide entertainment for a portion of the population and there is little to suggest that will change. There has always been entertainment that is popular because it is associated with danger and consequence. The only difference between being entertained by modern dangerous YouTube stunts and

dangerous feats of the past is the entertainer now can be anyone who has access to a camera and the Internet, as opposed to a trained professional.

Understanding that people will do dumb things, film them and post them online, here are a few humble suggestions I'd like to offer to the Internet.

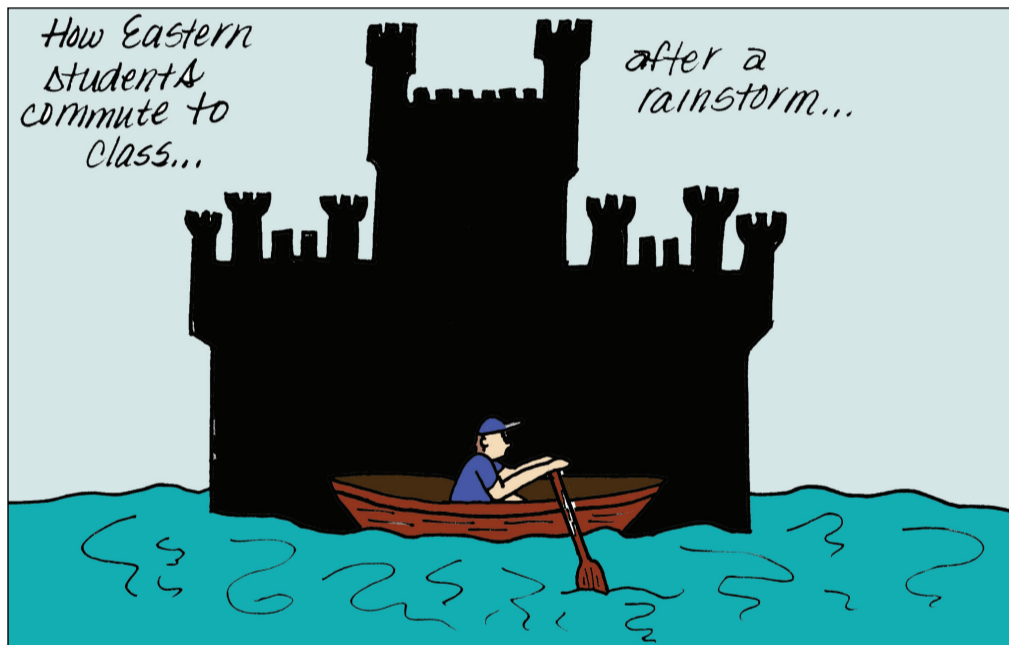
**Wumping (Window Jumping):** Move over planking, remaining stationary on random objects is no longer cool (upon reflection, how was it ever?). All the cool kids now go around challenging their friends to jump out the nearest window while the cameras roll. Marvel as one camera-toting teen dares his unsuspecting pal to wump in his bedroom, and revel in the sight of the wumper hitting the pavement below.

**Jell-O coning:** You thought consuming a single spoonful of cinnamon was funny? Wait until you see someone attempt to eat a traffic cone full of orange Jell-O! Laugh as he squeezes the orange goop from the hole at the top of the cone, like toothpaste out of a tube, until his stomach is so full of gelatin it bursts!

On second thought, if these imagined fads catch on, you didn't read it here first.

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FROM THE EASEL



SHELLEY HOLMGREN | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

COLUMN

## Our generation getting stuck in a Web of memes

The Internet is kind of a terrifying place. Sure, there's near limitless information at your fingertips every time you open up a browser, but you're also exposing yourself to potential viruses, porn of an infinite variety and trolls with flaming arrows.

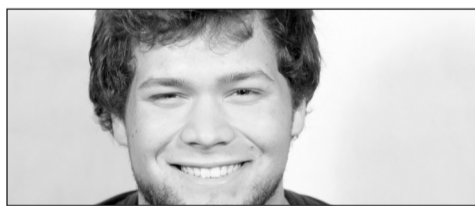
It's a crafty beast, the Internet. You'll be lured into a false sense of productivity with all the research you can get done, but the next moment you're on Facebook checking the various walls and covers and...furniture? (I assume. I've not been on Facebook in a while.)

But the social networks are the least of your worries. The Internet has many traps and temptations that will keep you from your hopes and dreams. Even without social media, there are still web comics and YouTube clips to rob you of your potential. But the Internet's possible worst offender is its memes.

There's no real point to the little guys, but if they get you, good luck trying to stop them. For those of you who don't know, a meme is any idea that spreads from person to person. In the Internet's case, this often means an image with text at the top and bottom.

See, immediately you should be afraid of these things. They are literally described in a way that makes them mental viruses.

At this point, there are a collection of images that have gotten so popular, they have become



Seth Schroeder

templates used to create most memes. These include such delightful characters as Forever Alone, "Y U NO" guy, Scumbag Steve, Good Guy Greg and Philosoraptor.

These things are like candy for your brain: They're fun to take in, but they're ultimately really bad for you and can be addictive. Though there's not much to memes (usually just a few lines of text and an image), they actually get their abilities from an old and powerful literary trait: plot structure.

Basic plot structure consists of five basic parts: exposition, rising action, climax, falling action and denouement or resolution. To put this a little more simply, a situation is introduced, it is exaggerated and then it is resolved.

This is how memes work: The first line introduces a concept, the image accelerates it and the second line provides a punch line and wraps things up. Each meme essentially becomes a

mini-story capable of producing a narrative, though without a lot of real substance.

This makes them compelling, sort of. Humans seem to be naturally drawn to stories, and memes can offer them this type of entertainment in simple and easily digestible ways. There's no arguing that they are fun, but they aren't giving your brain a lot of exercise and you could probably find a lot of better things to do with your time.

Memes still pose further danger, though. They are coming up in our conversations and changing the way we talk.

I know society and language are always in flux, and technically there's no wrong way they could change, but I'd rather this not be the direction our generation chooses to take the world.

There are plenty of folks older than us saying that we're going to screw up and the whole world is going to crap, but it would be awesome if we managed not to do that.

We've got the potential to have a better handle on this whole World Wide Web thing than anybody else. Let's find something productive to do.

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## TEXTING, from page 1

Virginia Tech Transportation Institution is Virginia Tech's largest university-level research center.

Bates agreed with the center.

"We all realize the dangers of operating a vehicle under the influence of drugs, why can't we recognize those same risks with electronic media," Bates said. "Driving under the influence of distracting electronics should be considered."

Jono Craig, a senior kinesiology and sports studies major, is minor-ing in the safety and driver education for teacher certification.

Craig said he thinks the bill is a great idea, even though it will be hard to stop the act completely.

"It will especially help younger drivers who text and drive, and it will be a refresher for older people on the importance of paying attention," he said.

Craig also said people are not aware of just how much attention they have off of the road while they are using electronics.

"People should try to eliminate as many distractions as possible while driving," he said. "It's easy to get distracted."

According to Virginia Tech, using a cell phone while driving—whether it is hand-held or hands-free—delays a driver's reactions as much as having a blood alcohol concentration at the legal limit of .08 percent.

Craig said he plans on giving his future students as much information as possible.

"I will pull up different statistics on how people who text and drive

get into accidents at a higher rate," Craig said.

Mary Lacine, a sophomore elementary education major, said she thinks the bill is taking a step in the right direction and solving a major problem.

Lacine also said she thinks students should be taught about the dangers of driving before they are able to get their license.

"It would make it a lot safer. You always hear about people getting into crashes because they are texting while driving," Lacine said.

Lacine said she still makes calls while she is driving but refrains from texting when she is behind the wheel.

"I used to (text while driving), but I don't anymore," she said. "I got really close to hitting a dog one time."

After almost hitting the dog, Lacine said she became aware just how dangerous texting while driving could be.

"You have to look down at the screen every so often," Lacine said. "I don't want to wreck my car because I need to talk to someone."

An estimated 3,092 traffic fatalities in 2010 were because of distracted drivers, according to the National Highway Traffic Administration.

Adam Zankowski, a junior career and technical education major, said he has witnessed the aftermath of accidents caused by distracted drivers and thinks the bill should be passed and would make people think before using a cell phone be-

hind the wheel.

"I work on cars, so I see cars that were in accidents caused by texting," Zankowski said. "The cars usually end up being totaled."

Zankowski said he thinks people needing to respond to a text message or call right away is telling of the current culture.

"We are addicted to instantaneous information," Zankowski said. "I don't text and drive because I know it's a hazard."

Bates said he does not think that voice-activated devices are a significant improvement because it still results in a mental impairment.

"I also believe that voice-activated (and) hands-free devices still impair the mental aspects of decision making," Bates said.

"All phones have voicemail or you can read the text later," Bates said.

According to its revisions, the bill would not pertain to people using "hands-free or voice-activated mode" while driving, but recent research conducted by the University of Utah questions whether even those options should be permitted at all.

If the bill passes, Illinois would be the 10th state in the country to implement such a ban.

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## JOBS, from page 1

Nancy E. Dole, veteran certifying official and financial aid adviser in charge of student employment, said there are more than 1,425 regular student employees and 213 Federal Work-Study employees currently employed on Eastern's campus.

"Almost every department on campus has student employment positions, so there

are a wide variety of jobs," Dole said.

A few examples of student employment are clerical, food service, janitorial, monitoring labs, tutoring, referees for intramurals, technical assistance with computers, managerial and research assistants, Dole added.

Within each department, some student employees may be on stipend pay while others are on an hourly minimum wage of \$8.25.

The average non-stipend student worker works about six to eight hours each week and cannot exceed 40 hours in the two-week pay period.

This adds up to a range of \$50 to \$165 a week (if the student works 6-20 hours) or \$891 to \$2,970 per semester.

An example of a department that pays differently is the Housing and Dining Services, and the main student employees include Resident Assistants

and Desk Assistants.

The compensation package for an RA is compensation of full room and board, 15-plus meal plan, voice mail and a stipend of \$140 per month, according to the Fall 2011 job description.

This is about \$35 a week, not including the meal plan and cost of room and board.

A RA has more than 35 duties assigned to them while a DA has much fewer and makes minimum wage.

Dole said compensation depends on the type of work the students do and is based on their job descriptions and the tasks assigned to them.

Students can go to the Office of Student Employment if they are interested in getting a job.

"Students should select some campus departments that they have interest in and

contact them in person," Dole said. "Students need to treat their job search on campus

the same as any job search."

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## ANTI-HAZING, from page 1

"If you see something happening: decide what's right, find courage to do what's right, act decisively, and be aware of right-thinking members who can help you," Nuwer said.

Charlie Jaques, a senior biological science major, said he attended at the recommendation of his fraternity's, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, adviser.

"I think it is important, as a fraternity, to emphasize anti-hazing to new members," Jaques said. "This really gives us incentive not to do these things. It strengthens our resolve to not hazing."

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BASEBALL

# Panthers host OVC-best Austin Peay

By **Jordan Pottorff**  
 Assistant Sports Editor

Eastern's baseball team will host Ohio Valley Conference-best Austin Peay in a three-game series that begins today at 3 p.m. at Coaches Stadium. The Governors enter the game with a perfect 6-0 record in OVC play and have won seven of their last eight games overall.

The Panthers (11-15, 3-3 OVC) are coming off a mid-week loss to in-state foe Illinois State on Tuesday that had the game being called in the fifth inning due to inclement weather. The Redbird hitters pounded the Panther pitching as they roughed them up for a season-high nine earned runs.

"The pitching has been outstanding all year but today they just weren't sharp," Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz said. "They left the ball up in the zone a lot and it was the only time this year that we didn't compete and weren't sharp."

Eastern's pitching staff enters the three-game series against the Governors boasting an OVC-leading ERA of

3.04, and will have to return to form this weekend if it expects to take two-of-three games against Austin Peay. The Panthers 3.04 ERA ranks No. 12 in the nation, and they also lead the conference in walks, runs and earned runs.

In conference play, the Panthers have been even more dominant while on the mound, posting a 1.90 ERA in six games. The pitching staff has combined to tally 37 strikeouts and have held its opposition to a .192 batting average in conference games.

Individually, the Panthers boast three starting pitchers that have posted a sub-three ERA to this point in the season. Junior Troy Barton has compiled an OVC-best 1.72 ERA to go a long with a team-leading four wins in 31.1 innings pitched. Barton has also recorded 21 strikeouts and surrendered just six earned runs while toeing the rubber.

Red-shirt senior Mike Hoekstra has also seen success while on the mound, recording a 2.22 ERA, which is good for second in the OVC. Hoekstra has rang up 36 batters and issued just 11 walks in a team-leading 48.2 innings of work. In conference play, Hoekstra has



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Southeast Missouri State senior first baseman Kody Campbell doesn't make the catch in time as Eastern junior outfielder Nick Priessman dives back to first in time to be safe during Eastern's 10-0 victory Sunday at Coaches Stadium.

been nearly unhittable, posting a 0.60 ERA in 15 innings on the mound. He has recorded 12 strikeouts, issued just two walks and surrendered one earned run in two conference starts.

Sophomore left-hander Christian Slazinik has also posted a sub-three ERA on the season as he has compiled

a 2.88 ERA in seven starts. The hard-throwing southpaw has recorded 33 strikeouts, collected a team-best four wins and has held his opposition to a .205 batting average while toeing the rubber.

Eastern will send its trio of sub-three ERA hurlers to the mound this week-

end in hopes of knocking off conference-leading Austin Peay. First pitch is scheduled for 3 p.m. at Coaches Stadium.

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GOLF

## Panthers set to tee-off at Bradley Invite

Staff Report

Eastern's women's golf team will return to action this weekend when it will compete in the Bradley Invitational at WeaverRidge Golf Club in Peoria.

The Panthers are coming off of a 12th place finish in the Southern Illinois Saluki Invitational and will look to improve on that finish this weekend. The Panthers will be facing off against Bradley, Chicago State, Drake, Indiana State, Nebraska-Omaha, Northern Iowa, Southern Illinois and Western Illinois.

In last year's competition, the Drake Bulldogs reigned supreme with the Panthers earning a fifth-place finish at the Par 72 course.

Individually, the Panthers have been paced by junior Emily Calhoon. Calhoon is turning in a team-best stroke average of 79.7 in 12 rounds of play. She has also recorded four Top 20 finishes and two Top 10 finishes so far this season.

The Bradley Invitational will be the final tune-up for the Panthers, as they will be competing in the Ohio Valley Conference tournament from April 21-24 in Nashville, Tenn.

## SWEEP, from page 1

In the second game of the day, Eastern defeated Southeast Missouri with a final score of 5-3.

Eastern was leading the Redhawks by a score of 1-0 entering the sixth inning, but exploded for a four run frame to put the game out of reach.

The inning started off with a bang when sophomore first baseman Reynae Hutchinson bombed a solo shot to centerfield. This was her team leading fourth homerun of the season. Senior Hayley Pieper followed Hutchinson's homerun up with a double to center field, which was followed by a Morgan Biel RBI double. Eastern would score two more runs that inning off an Westover single and a sacrifice fly by senior Ashley Anderton.

Southeast Missouri responded in the bottom half of the inning with three runs, but were unable to get

over the five run deficit.

Mennenga made the start for Eastern and picked up her second win of the day. She went 5.1 innings on the mound, surrendering only five hits in the game, resulting in three runs given up (two earned). She now has a record of 8-4 this season.

Maday pitched the final 1.2 innings in relief for the Panthers and closed the door on the doubleheader sweep of conference rival Southeast Missouri.

The Panthers record improved to 17-15 overall and 7-6 in the OVC. Their next games will be this Friday when they take on conference foe Tennessee State in a doubleheader.

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## NOVSEK, from page 1

With Novsek being the final candidate, athletic director Barbara Burke said she expects to have the decision by this weekend.

Akers has full faith in whoever Burke decides on.

"They all have been great candidates," he said. "I mean, they all have their positives, and they all have some negatives, but whoever

Eastern picks and whoever Barbara Burke picks is gonna be a great decision."

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## COACH INTERVIEW

# Novsek rounds out coaching interviews

## Final decision expected to come this weekend

By **Dominic Renzetti & Anthony Catezone**  
Sports Editor & Staff Reporter

Doug Novsek appeared on campus Wednesday as the final candidate to interview for the Eastern men's basketball head coaching position.

Novsek, currently the head assistant coach at the University of Nevada, said he wants to bring an attacking style of offense to the Panthers.

"Offensively, we're going to be

very aggressive," he said. "We're going to come out and attack. We're going to be the aggressor. We will have an entry at every position on the floor."

Novsek, who played his college basketball at Southern Illinois-Carbondale after transferring from West Virginia, grew up in nearby Lawrenceville, and said his brother and sister each graduated from Eastern. He also said he was recruited to play for Eastern by then head coach Rick Samuels.

Coming from Nevada, Novsek has coached current NBA players Ramon Sessions, currently with the Los Angeles Lakers, and JaVale McGee, currently with the Denver Nuggets.

Despite his players' NBA success, Novsek said it was coaching

that took those players to the next level. Novsek said of all the players Nevada recruited who went to the NBA, only one was as high school All-American.

"We're going to recruit character," he said. "We're always going to recruit size at this stage in the game. We're going to recruit players, not go out and find players."

Novsek said he remembers seeing Lantz Arena when it was full. He said he has a plan to make it that way again and it starts with the community.

"It starts with how we present our selves in the community as coaches and players," he said. "People here want to see good basketball, and that's not necessarily scoring 100 points a game. But, you certainly have to sell a product, and

that starts with winning."

Novsek said he wants to change the perception that winning can't be done at Eastern.

"The perception we have to change is that you can't win here, and Barbara (Burke) is doing some unbelievable things here," he said. "There are plans in place."

Junior Austin Akers said he had previously known Novsek while he was playing at Olney Central College.

"I've known Coach Novsek for a while; he recruited me out of my JUCO my freshman year to Nevada," he said. "So I've known him for a while and I have a lot of respect for him. He's a coach I'd love to play for."

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Doug Novsek, associate head coach at Nevada, discusses his potential plans for Eastern's basketball team if he is chosen as the new head coach during a public interview Wednesday in the Lantz Club Room.

## SOFTBALL



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Junior Outfielder Melise Brown throws the ball to freshman infielder Bailey O'Dell during a game against Murray State on March 31 in Williams Field.

# Panthers sweep SEMO

By **Erik Jensen**  
Staff Reporter

The Eastern softball team swept the Southeast Missouri Redhawks in an Ohio Valley Conference doubleheader at Cape Girardeau, Mo.

After taking two-of-three games from Murray State this past weekend, Eastern head coach Kim Schuette said that her team made some big strides as a group.

"Our team made big strides this weekend," Schuette said. "They were a lot more excited to play. They showed each other that they were there for each other."

This excitement carried over to Wednesday's games, in which Eastern put together two full games of good pitching, strong hitting and well-

played defense.

The Panthers first game of the day was an exciting affair that ended in a 3-2 victory in favor of Eastern.

Heading into the seventh inning, the game was tied at 2-2 with Eastern coming up to the plate. Senior centerfielder Hayley Pieper got things started off well for the Panthers with a single to left center. Pieper was then thrown out at third base after sophomore Ashleigh Westover grounded into a fielder's choice. Westover would wind up at first base. Charleston native Kaylie Pruett would then ground out to the catcher giving Eastern its second out of the inning.

Stepping up next for the Panthers would be freshman shortstop Bailey O'Dell. O'Dell, who leads the team in average, RBIs, and hits, did not

miss the opportunity to make her impact on the game felt. The California native singled to centerfield, which was good enough to drive Westover in for the game-winning run after a throwing error by the centerfielder.

Sophomore pitcher Hanna Mennenga was then able to work out of a bases-loaded jam in the bottom half of the inning to preserve the win for the Panthers against Southeast Missouri.

Sophomore Stephanie Maday made the start on the mound for Eastern and went 5.1 innings, while allowing two runs (one earned) on seven hits given up. Mennenga picked up the win in relief, pitching the final 1.2 innings of the game while only allowing one hit and striking out three Redhawks. SWEEP, page 7

## TOP CAT

# Mighty Mike

## Hoekstra handles Redhawks, wins game

By **Jordan Pottorff**  
Assistant Sports Editor

Mike Hoekstra has been named the Top Cat for his efforts against Southeast Missouri on Friday. This is the first time Hoekstra has been named Top Cat in his career.

"It means a lot to me," Hoekstra said. "I just went out there and competed to the best of my ability to give my team the opportunity to win."

The red-shirt senior was dominant in the Ohio Valley Conference home opener, delivering one of the best starts of his career as he took a complete game shutout bid into the ninth inning.

After surrendering back-to-back hits to lead off the game, Hoekstra found his groove, retiring 15 straight batters and 20-of-21 in a stretch ranging from the first inning to the eighth inning.

Unfortunately, Hoekstra ran out of energy in the ninth inning and was not able to cap off his performance with a complete game shutout.

"I wasn't upset at coach as much as I was at myself because I legitimately ran out of gas in the ninth inning and couldn't keep my pitches out of the middle of the plate," he said. "I knew the guys in the bullpen were very capable of finishing the game, though."

Hoekstra limited the high-powered Redhawk offense to one run on five hits in 8.1 innings of work. The Lansing, Ill., native also recorded eight strikeouts and displayed complete control of his pitches, as he did not issue a walk en route to picking up his second win of the season.

This season, Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz has been turning to Hoekstra to make the all-important Friday night starts. The red-shirt senior has taken advantage of the opportunity, compiling a stellar ERA of 2.22 – good for second best in the OVC – in seven starts. He has also recorded a team-leading 36 strikeouts and has issued just 11 walks in 48.2 innings of work.

**"I have matured and finally proven that I am the pitcher that wants the ball on Friday nights to get the weekend started off on the right foot."**

Mike Hoekstra, red-shirt senior pitcher

"Last year, I thought that I was ready to be the Friday night starter, but I proved that I wasn't," Hoekstra said. "I have matured and finally proven that I am the pitcher that wants the ball on Friday nights to get the weekend started off on the right foot."

Although Hoekstra has been great, he has seen limited run support while on the mound, recording just two wins on the season. Having faced similar circumstances in his junior year that led to him having a frustrating season, Hoekstra was determined to not let his emotions get the best of him this year.

"At the start of this year I told myself I was going to have a much better attitude, because last year I was not very successful," he said. "I let my emotions get the best of me and that showed with my statistics. This year I decided that I was going to be positive no matter what situation I was in."

Hoekstra will face a tough test in his next start as he will take on OVC-best Austin Peay in the opener of a three-game series today at 3 p.m. The Governors enter play with a perfect 6-0 record in the OVC and have won seven of their last eight games overall.

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