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#### **Thursday**

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PANTHERPALOOZA



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Ryan Mc Daniel, a instructor in the communication studies department, talks to a student about the Orthodox Christian Fellowship registered student organization during Pantherpalooza Wednesday on the South Quad. McDaniel is the chaplain and faculty adviser for the RSO, which is in its first year.

## Organizations invade South Quad

By Samantha McDaniel **Daily Editor** 

More than 100 student and nonstudent organizations swarmed the South Quad on Wednesday for the Fall 2012 Pantherpaloo-

The Student Senate's annual gathering of Eastern's diverse groups attracted 127 different registered student organizations, as well as new and returning students.

Michael Hicks, a freshman communication studies major, said he liked that this event took place because it was easier to see what the campus had to offer.

"I'm a freshman, so I don't know much,"

He said the fair introduced him to some things that will help him explore his interests and possibly join some organizations. Along with new students, there were also some newer RSOs, like the EIU Council on

Family Relations. Dana Tell, the president of the EIU Council on Family Relations, said they wanted to expand their group and let stu-

dents know that they exist. 'Our organization helps those that are in the family and consumer sciences major be able to develop well-rounded relationships and have a good opportunity to join the

workforce," Tell said. Tell, a senior family and consumer sciences major, said they had about 30 people sign up or ask for information.

Jenna Mitchell, student vice president for student affairs, said she thought the student and organization turnout was a success with bringing hundreds of Eastern community members to the South Quad.

Mitchell, a senior political sciences major, said she hopes new students enjoyed the gathering.

"I thought it was really beneficial to new students and transfer students because they were really getting themselves out there and getting involved right away," Mitchell said.

She said many other organizations emailed her letting her know they received a lot of interest from students.

"The best outcome from today's event was the fact that a lot of organizations were really successful in finding new students as members," Mitchell said.

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#### **DOUDNA FINE ARTS CENTER**

## Fall auditions open to students, community

#### **By Samantha McDaniel Daily Editor**

The Theatre Arts Department will have auditions for four productions at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the Movement Studio of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

The EIU Unified Auditions will include casting for "Almost, Maine" by John Cariani, "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens, "A Celebration of African-American Theatre" and "25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee.'

Jenni Passig, the theatre arts instructor, said she will be directing "Almost, Maine" and "A Celebration of African-American Theatre," which includes the plays "Florence" by Leroi Jones, who now goes

by the penname Amiri Baraka, and "Dutchman" by Alice Childress.

"Almost, Maine" is a romantic comedy that follows different individual set in the town Almost

"It's kind of a glimpse into the lives of different individuals, how they react to the idea of love, or the absence of love, and relationships in general," Passig said. "It's an exploration of those ideas and processes."

The actors in this play will be playing several different characters in each scene, and only two characters will remain consistent throughout all of the scenes.

"There is the interesting challenge to become someone new each time you are on stage," Passig said.

The "Dutchman" is a statement

on civil rights and an interpretation on those rights, Passig said.

This play follows an African-American male and a Caucasian fe-

The play explores the expectations of those roles and relationships.

"It has this great depiction of black versus white and what we choose to see," Passig said.
"Florence" follows the experienc-

es of a middle-aged Caucasian woman and a middle-aged African-American woman.

Passig said this play focuses on the expected roles in society and how people view those relationships.

She added that it focuses on what people of the time assumed about others and their different levels of expectations.

Jean Wolski, the chairwoman of the Theatre Arts Department, will direct the production of "A Christmas Carol".

"25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" is a musical that will be directed by Brian LeTraunik, an actor from Chicago.

The "25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" follows six students as they learn about winning and losing.

Wolski said the auditions are open to all students and community members, not just theatre arts ma-

She said students should prepare two monologue speeches.

They should also prepare a musical piece if they wish to audition for the musical.

Wolski said newer students, who

are just learning about the auditions, can bring their pieces to perform.

"If someone is intimidated about the two monologues or the 32 bars of a song, really, we would rather they come anyway, even if they have to bring something with them to perform, because we want to see them up there," Wolski said.

Wolski said there will be callbacks on Tuesday and the cast list will be posted by Wednesday.

She said she is looking for actors that can fit into the period look and who are not afraid to explore their

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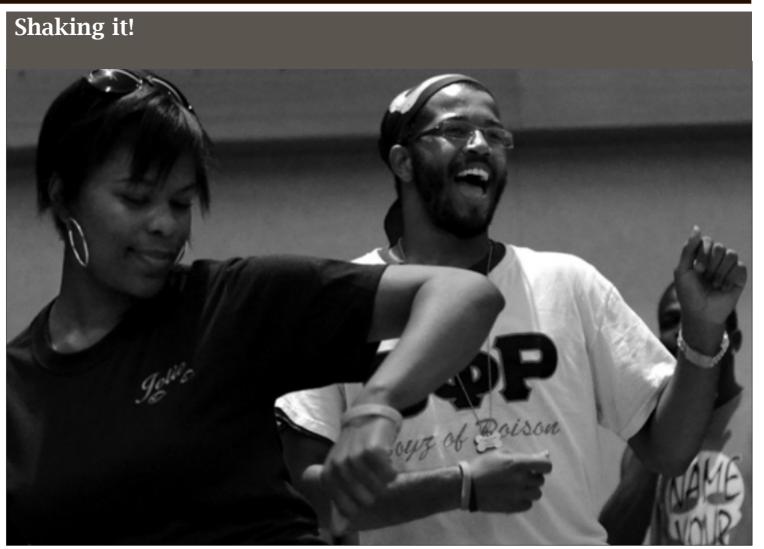
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Senior Kinyeta Porter, a psychology major, dances with Kendall Jackson, a senior family and consumer sciences major, during the Minority Faculty, Staff and Student Reception Wednesday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATION

## Young club enjoys hunting and fishing

**By Tim Deters Features Editor** 

For students who love the feel of a fishing pole in their hands, the resistance of a bow in their palm or the squeeze of a trigger on their finger, a recently created registered student organization might quench their craving for sport.

The EIU Fishing and Hunting Club was created in 2008 by Zach Huber, former club president and 2010 graduate, to bring students together who share a passion for hunting and fishing.

"I felt that the location of Eastern Illinois and the makeup of the student body...deserved to do something they were passionate about at a college level," Huber said.

The club also brings together students who enjoy to hunt and fish but might not know gaming laws or where to go to practice their passion, club adviser Mark Kattenbraker said.

"(Students) come to college, and they don't know where to go or what to do," Kattenbraker said. "(They're) in a new part of the state or country, and this can help them get plugged into guys who might know the area and get them involved in the hobbies they grew up doing.'

"When I'm out on the water, when I'm surrounded by woods and water, I'm at peace."

Mark Kattenbraker, EIU Fishing and Hunting adviser

The club is made up of about 20 members from all skill levels.

'We've got the whole gamut," Kattenbraker said. "We've got both ends of the spectrum, from novices up to guys who've been competing since they were teenagers.'

Along with getting together for fishing outings at local lakes and ponds, club members also trap shot, have cookouts and participate in local community service projects, such as picking up trash at Lake Charleston.

The club also participates in state and national largemouth-bass fishing competitions.

Sept. 6-8, the club will send two teams with two members each to Carlyle to compete in the National Guard-Forrest L Wood Central Conference Regional Championships.

Each team will be set loose at 6 a.m. and allowed to fish until noon. The goal will be to catch the five largest largemouth bass within that time period.

The teams will bring their catches to

a weigh-in station, where results will be streamed live over the Internet.

'It's really a big show, but there's money behind it," Kattenbraker said. First place winners will receive a \$25,000

Ranger fishing boat; second place winners will receive \$5,000; and third, fourth and fifth place winners will receive \$3,000.

Kattenbraker said the joy of fishing, both in competition and for recreation, is that it can provide relaxation and thrill.

"When I'm out on the water, when I'm surrounded by woods and water, I'm at peace,"

But when he feels a tug on his line, "it's just like in that moment time stops. You set the hook on that fish and the battle is on,"

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**NEW STUDENT PROGRAMS** 

## Director remembers early days of Prowl

New Student Programs reflect on orientation concept

By Robyn Dexter **In-depth Editor** 

Throughout the years, the Prowl orientation process has evolved to fit the needs of incoming Eastern students to better acclimate them and give them the most out of their college experience.

Kimberlie Moock, the director of New Student Programs, said the program has changed each year, starting with 2006 when the name "Prowl" came into existence.

"A lot of what is in the Prowl schedule today was part of the initial components as well," she said. "We've added as we've gone along."

Moock said NSP has focused on some culture pieces this year and how to explore and connect students to their campus.

"The mission in what Prowl has tried to accomplish has stayed the same," she said.

Previous to Prowl, Moock said there was what was considered more of a welcome week called Panther Preview.

"Things that were in Panther Preview that you still see today include events that are sponsored by (the) University Board," she said.

These events include the Thursday night mixer and "Quakin' the

Moock said Panther Preview took place before she came to Eastern, and got the name in the late '80s or early '90s.

"Fall of 2006 was the first Prowl, and our task force developed the Prowl concept in spring 2006,"

Things that went into the Prowl concept correspond with Eastern's mission, including the undergraduate goals, as well as what the best practices are that help students be successful across the country, she

"Our first go-around, we didn't have Convocation or college meetings like you see it now," she said. "It was more of what was happening previously for Panther Preview."

The first year of Prowl included the addition of "Spirit Thursdays," "Up All Night" and planned service activities.

Moock said it was ultimately a trial run of everything new that was

"In 2007, we added the EIU Reads program and our college meetings," Moock said. "We continued to move forward with simi-

"First Night" was also an addition in the early years and was followed by 2008 activities such as the New Student Photo and the Prowl

In 2009, what is now known as "Jumpstart 2 G.I.V.E." was added to the Prowl process.

"Every year we've taken one more step, including the year Rachel Fisher stepped up with student community service," she said. "Then we really got started with 'Jumpstart 2

"The mission in what Prowl has tried to accomplish has stayed the same."

Kimberlie Moock, director of New Student Programs

G.I.V.E."

Moock said "Jumpstart 2 G.I.V.E." used to be a two-part process when it first began.

"Students participated in what we called 'Panthers Serving Locally,' which was the service component in the morning," she said. "In the afternoon, part two was 'Panthers Learning Globally,' and its idea was that students would go to a discussion that was about a socially relevant issue that also connected to service."

In its first year, Jumpstart was fairly successful, but Moock said disconnecting the social issues conversation from the service was not the best New Student Programs

We knew we wanted to be able to do more things off campus, so we knew we needed more time for those projects," she said.

In 2010, "Jumpstart 2 G.I.V.E." changed to a full day of service that included a discussion.

Moock said the new additions for 2012 included a new format for Spring Prowl, presenter Jeff Stafford's speech to transfer students as a part of Hit the Ground Running and the block party with the city of Charleston in Sister City Park.

"During the first six weeks of the

semester, there are some events that are always going to show up that have been with us since the beginning," she said. "These include the 9/11 Blood Drive and Constitution Week."

Moock said there have been various one-time social activities that have taken place since Prowl started including a murder mystery written by students.

"We now offer a lot more service opportunities for students, and that's because Student Community Service is so much more active," she said.

Moock said NSP has plans to incorporate more cultural programs in the future, as well as offer students more off-campus experiences for "Jumpstart 2 G.I.V.E.

We may adjust the schedule to promote some of the programs that have been most successful this year," she said. "Ultimately what Prowl wants to do is connect students in as many ways as possible to their campus so they can engage in all the opportunities the university has to

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#### **Prowl Timeline**

#### Spring 2006

First time the program was called Prowl.

#### Fall 2006

First Prowl events presented, including "Quakin' the Quad and Thursday night

#### 2007

Prowl adds more events to the agenda, such as Convocation, college meetings and EIU Reads.

New Student Photo and Prowl Picnic added to the events.

#### 2009

Jumpstart 2 G.I.V.E. is first formatted with two parts - local volunteer service and a discussion about service and issues relevant to today's society.

Jumpstart 2 G.I.V.E. blends into a one-part program, combining the local and global aspects of the pro-

#### 2012

New spring Prowl format created, along with a speech by Jeff Strafford for Hit the Ground Running, and a block party with Charleston.



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STAFF EDITORIAL

## Illinois drought prompts water conservation

As extreme drought conditions continue to cover more than 80 percent of Illinois, we encourage the campus and community members to begin lessening their

According to meteorologist Chris Geelhart of the National Weather Service in Lincoln, total rainfall throughout Central Illinois is 12 inches below normal, causing farmers to feel an immense sting when it comes to crop losses.

From June 1 to Aug. 15, Charleston received about 2 inches of rain, 8 inches below the normal summer amount, according to data from the National Weather Service website.

Although the Charleston area has received rainfall in the last week, it would take a continuous amount to begin to reverse the drought.

The affects of the drought fall not only on the shoulders of area farmers but also local consumers looking to purchase any products containing corn or soybeans as well as lawn and garden enthusiasts.

Even though neither voluntary nor mandatory water restrictions are in effect in Charleston, conserving water can go a long way in the future if conditions wors-

As stated in the "Drought hits farmers hard" article in Tuesday's edition of The Daily Eastern News, the United States Department of Agriculture declared Coles County in an extreme drought beginning July 24 and a disaster area as of Aug. 1.

Simple measures can be taken to conserve water, such as refraining from leaving the sink on while brushing one's teeth, shaving or doing dishes.

Taking shorter showers could also contribute to water conservation practices.

With dry conditions also comes increased risk for fire and a greater need to exercise caution when grilling or having a campfire.

Bonfires can be a popular form of entertainment in the summer, especially for college students living off campus. It is still a good idea to follow fire safety guidlines from the U.S. fire administration such as keeping flammable liquids and other materials away from an open flame. But in dryer conditions it is even more important to keep a water hose or fire extinguisher near the bonfire in case the sparks cause a spontaneous blaze.

Consumer-grade fireworks should not be used near dry areas, and professionalgrade fireworks require proper permits and vast, moist areas.

Browning fields and withering vegetation should be a constant reminder to the campus and community that the drought is still in full swing. Simple steps can help reduce its severity, and the additional problems from dry conditions.

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#### COLUMN

## Don't settle in life; you deserve the best of it all

It is safe to say that the most exciting news of my life was announced just nine days ago!

It's something I have been waiting for a long time to happen and finally a tweet from the Associated Press sent my world in

Jennifer Aniston is engaged, people!

I know it may seem stupid, but Jen (and yes, I call her Jen) has always been someone that I looked up to. Yeah, her romantic history is longer than and documented more than Erica Kane's, but she wasn't anything less than poised. She is America's Princess Di. Some people called her jilted, others called her unlucky in love. I call her amazing—nothing short of saintly.

To me, Jen is like wine (I'm legal now, y'all) and only gets better with age. She is the Renaissance woman.

And while I choose to live my life vicariously through the world's best "Friend," I can't help, but wonder why it took the 43year old actress to find "true love" with screenwriter Justin Theroux? And is marriage really that important?

Besides watching countless hours of the "Say Yes to the Dress" series and "Snapped," I haven't really thought about



Nike Ogunbodede

marriage. Maybe it's because I am single... or maybe it's because I spent way too much time reading comics, watching TV and taking care of my Giga Pet growing up to "plan" my fantasy wedding.

I am not exactly sure when little girls start playing wedding, but I think I was roleplaying "Dragonball Z" with my friends.

I think a big thing I found was that people seem to be settling for what they want...they settle for a job because the economy is bad, they settle for a house and car, but I don't think people should settle for who they are presumably going to spend the rest of their life with.

I believe in the sanctity of marriage but not in getting married just to get married.

If women would spend as much time picking out their husband, wife, partner or whatever as they spent picking out their dress—I don't think we would be having the high divorce rate now.

I admit that in my 20s I feel a bit jaded. With everything I am learning about different cultural and historical eras, I'm not sure if I necessarily believe in having one

What is the likelihood that in a planet filled of 6 billion people that you would be so inclined to find that one person in the same town let alone the same continent as you? Very unlikely.

I think we have multiple soul mates that we meet throughout our life that change the course of our life.

When I enrolled at Eastern, I thought I was going to be a social worker and then I met my soul mates for the time being—the staff of The Daily Eastern News.

So for now I have a huge list of soul mates—and I'm OK with that.

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#### FROM THE EASEL

#### Math Quiz 1

Write  $\sqrt{-5}$  as a product of a radical and the imaginary number i.





#### Math Quiz 1

Write √-5 as a product of a radical and the imaginary number i.

My church does not currently believe in imaginary numbers. Forcing me to answer this question would be a violation of my religious rights, so I will leave it blank to protect your job as my teacher.

You're welcome.

"But my churches beliefs ARE a product of my radical pastor and his denial of imaginary numbers, including i, so I think you should reconsider that 'F' you gave me!"

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#### COLUMN

## Tweeting my way into the future, new opportunities

I have an addiction and I don't want any in-

That's right, I'm addicted to Twitter and I don't see it going away any time soon.

We have a little love affair, me and Twitter. We spend our days together, sharing jokes and stories about the daily happenings. I stay up all night, incessantly scrolling up to hear that joyous "pop!" on my iPhone to be refreshed with a load of quippy tweets from 533 of my favorite people and organizations — but that number has probably grown since the time of writing this.

I know, I know. You're rolling your eyes and you think Twitter is a waste of 140-character posts asking celebs for birthday shoutouts and ranting about that rude guy at the bar who refuses to buy you a drink no matter how much

But Twitter is what you make it, just like anything else in the world.

For me, that means it's a place to follow hundreds of people who are doing what I want to do when I grow up.

It started with just a few grammar gurus



#### **Ashley Holstrom**

when I first got on Twitter a few years ago, and from there I went through zillions of lists to find hordes of copy editors and proofreaders to

Cue me bouncing around, giddy to have found a bunch of weirdos who get excited talking about and debating the rules of the English language.

But lately, it's become more than just having people to talk to about things none of my friends care about.

I'm making connections — be it very brief ones — with people who could have a say in whether or not I get a job in a year. Maybe. I

In fact, one of my dear Twitter (and partially real-life) friends tweeted her way into her dream job by following and talking to people in the industry she longed to be a part

It's that simple. Do some research, find some companies you could see yourself working at, find some of their employees, and get to tweet-

Not only could you be getting your name in their faces so they recognize you when you apply for a job, but you could get a little taste for what the job may be like.

It's all about learning now. But that just means you need to be even more aware of what you're posting on the web.

That's right, keep the drunk tweets and playby-plays of devouring a pizza to yourself. Same goes for the passive-aggressive song lyrics.

You never know what future employers may be tweeting in your neck of the woods.

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Senior Coleman Covington, a history major, places a helmet upon the head of freshman Thomas Wilson, a communication studies major.

CAMPUS

# Strategic plan projects ongoing

By Amy Wywialowski Assistant Daily Editor

After the Strategic Plan was approved by the Board of Trustees at the end of March, the implementation phase began.

William Weber, the vice president for business affairs, said those involved in the strategic planning process launched a new website to track the implementation progress, and they will try to make quarterly updates to it.

Weber said progress has been made on all six goals since March, and some of the projects have been completed.

The strategic plan is an outline of where the university hopes to be in roughly five years. In order to form the plan, a steering committee was formed. The steering committee went through a five-stage process that began in October 2010 and ended with the plan's approval in March.

The stages consisted of getting campus feedback and forming comprehensive goals from that feedback.

In the end, six major goal areas were formed. They include: academic excellence, global competition and changing demographics, emerging technologies, campus and community life, financial sustainability, and mar-

keting and communication.

As a part of academic excellence, a tiered scholarship was formed called the Commitment to Excellence Scholarship.

"We have about half a million dollars to distribute to incoming students who meet certain qualities," Weber said. "If they meet those standards they receive an immediate scholarship."

Concerning campus and community life, the university is working with the city of Charleston to put up a new electronic sign along Lincoln Avenue near the Neal Welcome Center.

Currently there is no timeline on the project as they are still working out both the location and the financing.

"So much of what we do is integrated projects," Weber said. "It takes a lot of negotiations to reach mutually accepted solutions."

University officials have also been talking about possibly implementing the English as a Second Language program, which would fall under the global diversity goal.

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#### INVADE, from page 1

The Best Buddies organization received more than 91 students who requested information.

Giovanna Mailhiot, the president of Best Buddies, said her organization hoped to spread awareness of their existence and let people know how much fun they have.

"It's a good way to make new friends, join a bunch of organizations and build a resume," Mailhiot said

Ashley Schultz, a sophomore early childhood education major, said she attended Pantherpalooza because she wanted to find out what events were taking place on campus.

"It's cool, you can stay in the loop on what organizations got going on and stay involved with everyone on campus," Schultz said.

While some people came with no idea of what organizations they would be interested in, others arrived with specific targets.

Sara Conway, a junior special

education major, came to the fair looking specifically for the EIU Equestrian Club/Team, but then looked at other clubs.

"I found Student Council for Exceptional Children, and since I'm going to be a special education teacher, I thought it would be a good thing to join," Conway said.

Mitchell said her goal for the Pantherpalooza was to have the whole campus involved, and she said she thinks that goal was reached.

"I thought today, the entire campus was working together as a whole, and that is really what my goal is for this campus, unity and working together to make sure students are really getting the most out of their college education," Mitchell said

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or slmcdaniel@eiu.edu. The Harry Potter Club shows off Harry Potter paraphernalia to potential members during Eastern's Panther Pantherpalooza Wednesday on the South Quad. Pantherpalooza showcased 170 registered student organizations this

FACULTY

## Eastern welcomes new staff members

By Tim Deters Features Editor

With the start of the Fall 2012 semester, Eastern welcomes 41 new staff and faculty members to campus.

Krishna Thomas, assistant director of the Faculty Development Office, said the number of newly hired faculty and staff members has been consistent for the last three years and that this year proves no different.

This time last year, about 40 new faces arrived on campus.

Each year, the Faculty Development Office hosts the new faculty orientation to facilitate the new hires' transition to Eastern.

Bill Schultz, a librarian in Cataloging Services at Booth Library, is a new faculty member and said his transition to Eastern has been considerably smooth.

Before coming to Eastern, Schultz worked as a cataloging librarian at Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina, for more than four years.

While the number of incoming faculty and staff has remained

steady, the number of retiring faculty and staff greatly increased beginning Spring 2012, Thomas said.

Between Jan. 1 and Aug. 21, 105 Eastern faculty and staff members had put in their notice of retirement, Kelly Simmonds of Human Resources said in an email.

A total of about 125 of Eastern's instructional and administrative staff retired during the summer.

One of the factors that led to so many faculty and staff retirements is the current uncertainty of the Illinois pension system and what pension reform could occur in the coming months.

"The uncertainty of the retirement system was definitely something that played into them going ahead and putting their paper in," Thomas said.

However, even though the five Illinois retirement systems are on uncertain footing, Schultz said he thinks the situation in North Carolina is likely worse.

According to the Pew Center on the States report on June 18, North Carolina lawmakers voted in 2011 to increase the vesting period for new employees to 10 years and has fallen short \$36 billion in paying for a liability of about \$115 billion in retirement-plan costs.

Despite the current battle regarding the Illinois retirement systems, Schultz said he is enjoying his move to Eastern.

"It's something new, which is always fun," he said. "I really like the people that I have met in the library and worked with."

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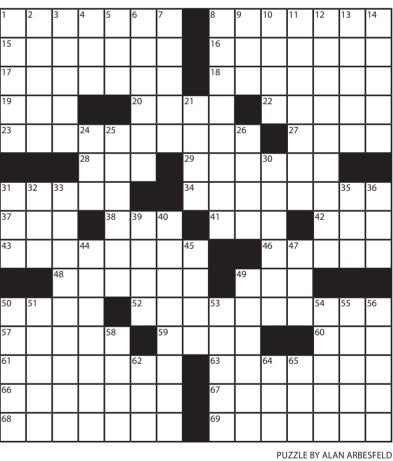
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Evan Turner, a senior goal keeper, crouches down to catch a ball at practice Tuesday afternoon at Lakeside Rugby Field. He played in eight matches his junior year.

# Senior goalkeeper prepared to perform at fall season opener

By Alex McNamee **Staff Reporter** 

Evan Turner is finally entering a season with the Eastern men's soccer team knowing the goal box is all his.

The senior goalkeeper spent all of last season in a tight position battle with Tyler Kelley, who graduated, and ended up playing in four fewer games than Kelley by season's end.

But every goalkeeper for Eastern has to pay his dues on the bench. Kelley did two years ago when Sean Molony started 17 of 18 games.

Freshman Garrett Creasor will do that this year with Turner as the starter. This is Turner's year and he has high hopes for his final season.

He said he thinks he can help the

### "I know I just need to maintain my consistency." - Evan Turner, goalkeeper

Panthers get to the NCAA Tournament, a place they haven't been since 1983, on his way to becoming a firstteam all-conference goalkeeper.

"I know I just need to maintain my consistency," Turner said.

Turner will try to do so, but without having to make a lot of saves - at least, that's how he'd like to have it.

"You can call us lazy (goalkeepers) if you want, but if we're smart enough we don't have to do anything," Turner said.

Turner said he will have to communicate well with this defense if he plans on accomplishing that.

That means he'll have to talk - yell - a lot to keep defenders in good po-

From where Turner stands, he can see the whole field in front of him, what his defense is doing, his midfield, the opponents' forwards, and where the opponents are coming from.

Without giving away any secrets, Turner and his defense have worked on code words to organize themselves during games.

"I'd tell you, but you never know who's going to be reading the paper," Turner said.

Team chemistry is an invaluable asset, Turner said, and it will be important to develop it this season to have the best performance.

If it all comes together, Turner said the conference is "very winnable," which would be the first step on a long road to get to the NCAA Tournament.

But Eastern only has to be one of the top four teams in the Summit League to make it to the Summit League tournament, which starts Nov. 9 in Macomb.

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## Field renovations to take more time

## O'Brien Field partially complete

By Anthony Catezone Assistant Sports Editor

Eastern will have to wait until after Labor Day to see its infamous blue track surface surrounding O'Brien Field.

Even after that, it won't be able to see action because the surface takes a few weeks to cure, according to the Eastern Athletic Department.

The Panthers' second home football game against Murray State, Sept. 22, is the desired date of completion.

Whether the track is lined or not depends on the weather in the coming weeks.

Along with laying the turf in areas outside of the track, the construction crews are also finishing up cutting out pole vault landing areas and steeplechase sand pits this week.

The sand pits will now be

placed below the video board located on the north end of the stadium.

As for the football field, it has already been completed and the football team has held a number of practices on it.

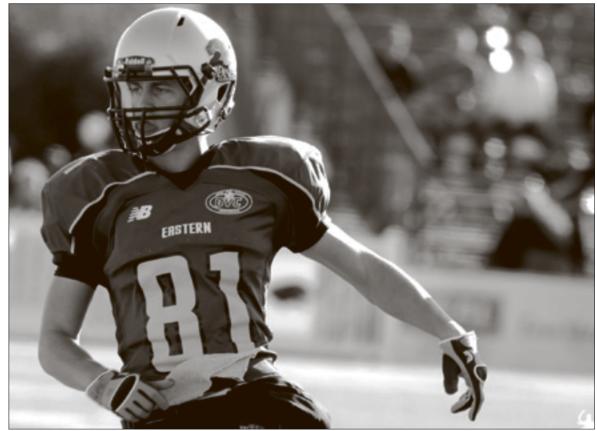
The turf is called a Hellas Matrix Turf, which can be found in several professional and collegiate stadiums, such as the Dallas Cowboys, the University of Idaho, and Baylor, Head Football Coach Dino Babers' former team before joining the Panthers this season.

In the June 21, issue of *The Daily Eastern News*, Mark Bonstetter, the senior associate athletic director, said all the renovations come in at total a cost of \$3.2 million with the project being worked on by Hellas Sports Construction.

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## SPEEDY RECEPTION



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Chris Wright, sophomore wide receiver, runs to get into formation during the Homecoming game against Tennessee-Martin on Oct. 22 at O'Brien Stadium

Receiver poised for big season

# Construction to prevent problems

By Seth Schroeder Opinions Editor

Originally ran on June 21.

The current construction at O'Brien Stadium should solve a problem that has plagued the track for years, according to university offi-

Mark Bonstetter, senior associate athletic director, said for over ten years the surface of the rubber track would form large bubbles when temperatures rose in the spring.

He said the current \$3.2 million project being done by Hellas Sports Construction should prevent these bubbles from forming in the future

Bonstetter said the bubbles would usually be two to three feet in diameter and 20 to 40 of them could form every year.

"If you looked at the south curve of the track in the past few years you could see repair after repair," Bonstetter said. "It was getting to be unsafe."

Stephen Shrake, associate director of design and construction, said the bubbles are not normal weathering for a track's surface.

He said before doing construction on the track workers from facilities planning and management performed soil-boring tests to see what was below the track's surface.

Shrake said they found only clay soil beneath the rubber surface and not the rock drainage base that had supposedly been built in 1968.

He said plans for the track originally included a rock base but since it was built before any of the current facilities planning and management employees were at Eastern, they have no knowledge of why it was eliminated.

Bonstetter said he has seen problems resulting from the poor foundation for as long as he can remember.

"There has probably never been proper drainage under that track," he said. "We hope we don't have this problem again."



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### Player gears up for first game; remains hopeful

By Jordan Pottorff Sports Editor

Senior wide receiver Chris Wright has endured multiple changes throughout his career at Eastern, including a new offensive game plan and a near-complete overhaul of the coaching staff.

Wright will see his biggest change in his senior year in a new up-tempo offense led by first year Head Coach Dino Babers.

The speedy receiver is looking to improve off a breakout junior year that had him hauling in an Ohio Valley Conference-Best with 11 touchdown receptions, putting him sixth all-time in the Eastern record books with 21 career touchdown receptions.

On the possibility of becoming Eastern's all-time touchdown leader, Wright said, "It would be pretty cool, but I don't really worry about that kind of stuff, it just kind of happens. I didn't even notice until last year that I was even on the list. If it happens, it's just icing on the cake."

Wright also showed he could do

## "I really think, this year, we have a shot."

Chris Wright, Panthers' wide receiver

more than reel in touchdown passes as he led the team in receiving yards with 735, and receptions with 42.

Babers' up-tempo offense will allow Wright to improve on his junior season, and will allow for the rest of the receiving core to put up impressive numbers throughout the season.

"I just want to better what I did last year and help the team as much as I can," Wright said. "I think I have the ability to do it, but as a receiving core I think we can be the best in the OVC."

Babers' offensive scheme will have the Panthers relying on a passfirst game plan that will see Wright and the rest of the receiving core having the opportunity to be one of the more explosive offenses in the OVC.

"This offense is just really fastpaced and we throw the ball a lot," Wright said. "You get to see different things and I've never thought there was an offense like this where you could do so much stuff. It's been a challenge, but you have to adjust if you want to play." With the new coaching scheme and up-tempo style of play, Wright and the Panthers have high expectations heading into the 2012 season.

Although the Panthers have experienced the troubles of learning a completely different style of play, they are confident that they can be contenders for the conference championship this fall.

"As a freshman we won conference and that's always been the goal since then," Wright said. "I really think, this year, we have a shot. We really want to beat Southern to set the tone for this year. If we get a win it's just going to start snowballing and it will be really good for the team and the whole community."

Chris Wright and the Panthers will open up the 2012 season on August 30 against in-state opponent Southern Illinois.

Kick off is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at O'Brien Field.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Former UNLV guard heading to Panther team

By Dominic Renzetti Staff Reporter

Chicago Hoops.com is reporting that former Marquette and UNLV basketball player Reggie Smith will be coming to Eastern.

Smith, a 6-foot, 175 lb. guard out of Thornton High School, told the Las

Vegas Sun in May that he was transferring from UNLV to be closer to home because of his grandmother's illness.

Smith averaged about six minutes and 2.5 points per game at UNLV in his only season there.

On Aug.15, Smith replied to a user on his Twitter page who congratulated him on signing with the Panthers.

Then on Aug. 21, Smith replied to another tweet, saying that he was already on Eastern's campus.

Smith transferred from Marquette midway through his freshman season, where he started five of the eight games in which he appeared.

Chicago Hoops.com report says that newly added assistant coach Emanuel Didly was a key factor in Smith's recruitment.

Didly, who was added to head coach Jay Spoonhour's staff in July, played two seasons at New Mexico State before finishing his career at Eastern.

Didly was an assistant coach at Kennedy-King College from 2008-10.

The Panthers will play an exhibition game at 7 p.m.

On Nov. 5 against Trinity International in Lantz Arena.

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