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A Kentucky-based band with its own unique sound and style will soon be coming to Eastern.
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Perry to announce budget cut specifics

By Debby Hernandez
Administration Editor | @DEN_News

President Bill Perry said he will announce what areas of the university will experience budget cuts through a mass email by the end of next week.

He said times have been rough in the last four to five years.

Perry said the budget cuts are a result of a decrease in university revenue.

“Our budget is driven a lot by tuition,” Perry said. “We have had enrollment decreases, state funding has not increased and inflation is about 37 percent.”

He also said budget cut effects will be minimized in certain areas.

“We want to minimize impact on teaching programs to keep it strong and in high quality,” Perry said.

He also said the university will try to minimize budget cuts in academic affairs related areas, particularly pertaining to instruction.

“We are trying to do everything we can to get our budget reductions with attrition,” Perry said. “We are working hard to use attrition to minimize the impact on people’s jobs.”

He said about 150 people retired last spring. “Since June 11, I approved seven hires,” Perry said.

He said some of these positions were eliminated by attrition or gradually not filling positions as they become vacant.

Perry said investments have also been made in areas that will help increase enrollment.

“It is not just cuts, it is also investments,” he said.

Perry said attribution is being greatly used to make up for losses.

“If someone leaves the university, there will be no exception to hiring freeze, unless it is absolutely critical,” Perry said.

He said the university has cut budgets on cer-

tain areas such as travel, equipment and general operational expenditure.

The Council on University Planning and Budgeting created three groups in the spring, including academic affairs and student affairs.

The other group pertains to business affairs, the president and university advancement.

These groups were created to evaluate university areas and develop an analysis to determine budget cuts.

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Senate explores enrollment issues

By Debby Hernandez
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Faculty senate members debated issues concerning budget cuts and enrollment during their meeting Tuesday.

James Conwell, a physics professor, asked if the money to budget academic affairs has increased or stayed flat.

Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs, said this area has previously been underfunded, but its budget had significantly increased since last year.

Lord responded that there are no vacant positions in academic affairs.

“I believe we have a reasonable staff and budget,” he said.

Senate members also spoke about enrollment.

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UPD to start ticketing parking lots

Staff Report
@DEN_news

Starting Wednesday, the University Police Department officers will be ticketing vehicles without the correct parking pass in the faculty and staff parking areas.

People who park in the staff parking lot will be fined \$20. If they fail to pay the fine, there will be an additional \$20 added to the fine.

Officers will also start checking student-parking areas for violators starting Tuesday.

Student parking passes, exclusive to upper-classmen, and staff parking passes cost \$50 a semester. The freshman and sophomore parking pass costs \$100 a semester.



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Larry Moore, a senior kinesiology and sports studies major, uses the leg lift machine at the Student Recreation Center Tuesday. Students wearing a tank top must have a towel in order to use equipment according to a new rule in effect next week.

Rec to require, enforce dress code next week

By Jarad Jarmon
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Those who go the Student Recreational Center to exercise will now have to bring a towel when wearing tank tops, camisoles or sports bras if they wish to use the equipment.

Sarah Daugherty, the center’s program director, said the staff is trying to ensure those who work-out will not get an infection.

“We want to make sure we don’t have skin contact with the pads and benches in order to avoid spreading anything like (Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus Aureus) or Staph,” Daugherty said.

The Rec staff will be turning people away who are wearing these clothes without a towel starting Tuesday.

Daugherty said those using equipment that does not have padding can go to the Rec without having to bring a towel.

“The apparel has actually been a guideline since we opened our doors 23 years ago,” Daugherty said.

She said she thinks a lot of people are unaware of this because of the lack of illustration and enforcement of these rules.

She added they are trying to make sure outbreaks of these skin-related infections do not hit Eastern or the students.

Along with the guidelines in place, the Rec also has paper towels and cleaner for students to wipe down the equipment after they use it.

Colton Ray, a junior kinesiology and sport studies major, said he thinks the Rec is fairly clean.

He added even though the paper towels are not available at each station all the time, one of the stations always has them.

Priscilla Heredia, a sophomore psychology major, said as long as students are cleaning after themselves, the Rec should be clean.

Daugherty said she understands the inconvenience, but she thinks it is important to avoid these infections.

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Camisoles



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Remember to bring a towel.

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Brother Jed returns to campus



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Brother Jed, an evangelistic Christian minister, talks to passing students on the Library Quad Tuesday.

Students to discuss, lend support for Ferguson, Mo.

By Roberto Hodge

Multicultural editor | @BertoHodge

The Theta Zeta Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority will be hosting a campus-wide march in support of the protestors in Ferguson, Mo. as well as a discussion regarding the actions that took place in the city.

The march, officially called "Stand up & Speak Out," will take place at 5:13 p.m. Wednesday from the Greek Court common area to Doudna Steps. They will then move into the discussion at 6:13 p.m.

On Aug. 9, Darren Wilson, a Ferguson Police Department officer shot and killed Michael Brown, 18.

This led to growing protest and unrest in the town over the validity of

the shooting.

Kelsey Hosea, the vice president of Delta Sigma Theta, said the march will begin with students creating posters in the Greek Court common area that will promote non-violence and support Brown and many others who have been affected by similar deaths.

Hosea said she hopes students feel inspired to write how they feel on the posters.

She also said students at Eastern should take interest in the march because it has heavily impacted the image and lives of minorities around the United States — especially African-Americans.

"We would like Eastern's campus to be aware that we are all knowledgeable on the things happening in

America," Hosea said. "We take an active interest in supporting minorities."

Shawn Peoples, the associate director of student standards, said she believes the march will spark dialogue within the Eastern-Charleston community, which will allow everyone to congregate in a peaceful and positive manner as the incident has affected many lives national and internationally.

Since the shooting, police officers have used tear gas and rubber bullets on protestors and journalists.

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Stu's Bar to return following updates

By Blake Warman

City Editor | @BlakeWarman

A local bar, Stu's, after having renovations done over the summer, looks to make a big return starting Friday from 10 p.m. until 1 a.m. with new lighting and an updated sound system.

Denis Beharovic the head of PR and booking, said he is preparing for the new school year and the newly renovated Stu's. Beharovic, a resident DJ for the bar as well, said he was also getting his setlists ready for the day.

Beharovic said over the summer, they thought the bar needed some work.

"Stu's required some tuning to provide a better experience for the students of EIU," Beharovic said.

The goal Beharovic said was to keep it's "Chicago-esque club atmosphere while staying true to our roots" with their tropical surf theme that has been a staple for the club for years.

Specifically, renovations have been made to the DJ booth. The DJ booth has a more interior sound now and will feature newly installed black lights to help the booth stand out, Beharovic said.

They also added additional lights to their previous dozen lights covering the bar. Beharovic said the additional lights should give Stu's a more enriching experience for customers.

"It gives Stu's the advantage it needs in providing the best dance floor and club experience here in Charleston," Beharovic said.

Beharovic said he hopes these renovations add to the club atmosphere they are trying to promote.

This atmosphere, Beharovic said, is solidified by the multiple light shows Stu's provides. This also can be attributed to the sound system Stu's provides thanks to Tim Howie, their executive sound and light director.

Howie updated the sound system to increase the output of the speakers.

With Stu's opening back up, Beharovic said he wanted to ensure the safety of all the students hoping to have fun at Stu's.

"Although at Stu's we like to provide a good time for our students, safety is our primary concern," Beharovic said.

Beharovic added things can get a little crazy at Stu's, especially when the dance floors are packed

He said he best advice he can give is for students to take care of each other.

"Take care of yourselves. There's nothing wrong with having a good time, but your safety is our primary concern," Beharovic said.

Stu's will be open on both Friday and Saturday night. For the opening weekend they will have both resident DJ's Beharovic, or Brohavok as he is known on stage, and Jake Armijo, another DJ also known as Jake Mij, playing music throughout the weekend.

On Friday night Mij will be playing his set from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. and on Saturday. They will have Brohavok mixing from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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Small Time Napoleon to open Doudna season

Kentucky band plays new style of music

By **Samantha Middendorf**
Entertainment Editor | @Samantha_EE

A casual mix of acoustic jazz and swing music with a modern, big-band flair will fill the Black Box Theatre as Small Time Napoleon takes the stage.

Small Time Napoleon will perform at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 6 in the Black Box Theatre of the Doudna Fine Arts Center as part of the New and Emerging Artist series.

Dan Crews, director of patron services at Doudna, said he hopes Small Time Napoleon will bring in a new audience with its unique sound.

“It’s not jazz,” he said. “They’re the type of musicians that take older songs and sounds and then make them their own.”

The band members are expected to attract a crowd with their impressive musical talent.

“They’re terrific musicians,” he said. “In fact that’s the reason we like them. They’re young, but they’re very talented musicians.”

The performance will be Small Time Napoleon’s first visit to Eastern, so Crews said he predicts that the show will have a respectable turnout.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Small Time Napoleon will perform their unique mix of acoustic jazz and swing music at the Blackbox Theater at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 6. The band is, from left to right, Jeff Thomas, Dave Neill, Ryan Fowler and Dan Hardin.

“They are a relatively new group that was suggested to us by a faculty member within the music department,” Crews said.

Crews said the Black Box Theatre provides a more personal atmosphere for the musicians and

the audience.

“The Black Box Theatre is normally a more intimate setting, so we’re only allowing 100 to 120 seats for that performance,” Crews said.

Small Time Napoleon will also

be making an additional appearance Sept. 5 at Mattoon Middle School.

Dwight Vaught, director of Doudna, said other school appearances are also in the works.

Tickets range from \$7 to \$15

and can be purchased at the Doudna box office.

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Eastern Illinois University Seeking Comments in Preparation for A Comprehensive Evaluation of the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools

Eastern Illinois University is seeking comments from the public about the university in preparation for its periodic evaluation by its regional accrediting agency. The university will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit Oct. 20-22, 2014, by a team representing the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Eastern Illinois University has been accredited by the commission since 1915. The team will review the institution's ongoing ability to meet the commission's criteria for accreditation. The public is invited to submit comments by mail or electronically.

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A word from a feminist:
“I Woke Up Like This”

Gwen Stefani explained it best: “This year, the ladies are taking over.”

Of the 18 awards presented Sunday at the 2014 MTV Video Music Awards, 11 were given to female artists. Out of the eight live performances, five were done by or featured female artists.

More importantly, Beyoncé was given the most prestigious award of the night — the MTV VMA Video Vanguard Award.

Prior to receiving the award, Beyoncé performed a medley of her visual self-titled album, and during that medley, stood in front of a screen with the word “FEMINIST” written across it.

The importance of this is because during the length of her career Beyoncé has been criticized for being anything but what most consider a feminist.

Most known for her lack of skin-covering clothing and sexualized lyrics, Beyoncé has faced the criticism of those that believe these qualities define the anti-feminist.

However, I believe that Beyoncé standing in front of a screen, claiming she is a feminist, while the words of Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie were played overhead, is just the beginning of a new wave of feminism.

“We teach girls to shrink themselves, to make themselves smaller. We say to girls, ‘You can have ambition but not too much. You should aim to be successful, but not too successful. Otherwise, you will threaten the man. Feminist — a person who believes in the social, political, and economic equality of the sexes.’”

When her performance was over, her husband Jay-Z and their daughter Blue Ivy walked onstage to present Beyoncé with her award and then stood back in the shadows while Beyoncé stood in the spotlight.

Beyoncé is proof to society that feminism doesn't have a face.

A person can be introverted, soft-spoken and can consider him or herself a feminist.

A person can also be extroverted and loud while also considering him or herself a feminist.

A feminist can wear a sequined leotard or a suit and tie.

A woman can be a feminist.

A man can be a feminist.

A feminist's gender is not what is important.

What *is* important is that society recognizes that the belief and yearning of equality among the people on this Earth is more crucial to the well-being of humanity than what someone wears, says, believes in or chooses to do with their life.

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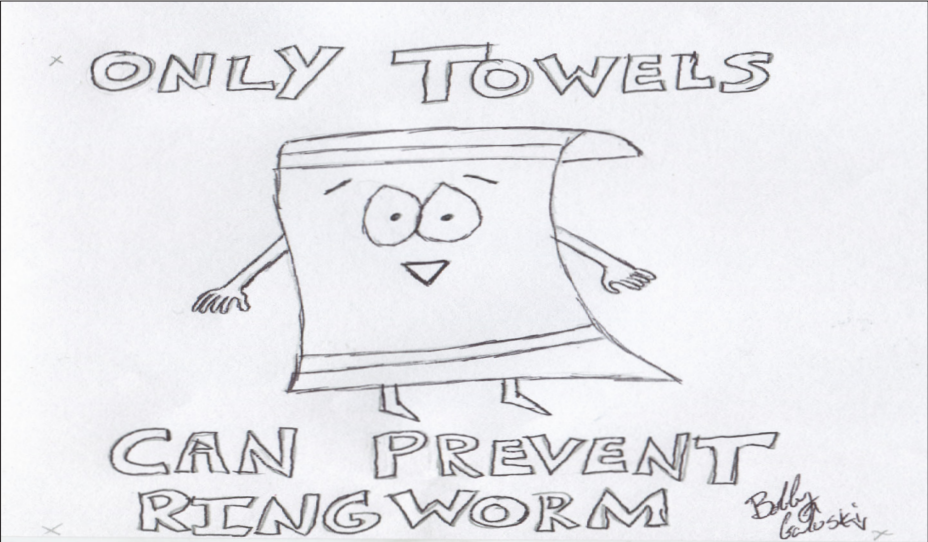
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STAFF EDITORIAL

A covered bicep beats an oozing elbow

Officials from the Student Recreational Center announced via a Facebook post Tuesday that a stricter health policy would be enforced to reduce the spread of diseases and infections.

The announcement sparked some controversy, as several students complained on social media that they would not be able to work out in shorter athletic shorts, sports bras, tank tops or other clothes that expose certain parts of skin.

The initial post had an illustration with red X's through such clothing items.

The post was later deleted and replaced with an illustration clarifying that such clothing items would be permitted as long as the wearers brought a towel to use as a barrier between their sweaty bodies and the machines.

The change does seem to be somewhat random— students were perfectly safe using the spray and paper towels provided by the Rec to wipe down the machines before, but suddenly, that's not good enough.

However, the policy should be followed and respected, because the reasons behind it are in everyone's best interest.

Certain fungi such as ringworm and athlete's foot thrive in a warm, moist gym environment, while more serious bacteria and viruses have been known to prey on unsuspecting gym goers as well.

With the new policy, everyone will still be able to see you flex all of your

best assets, and in the meanwhile, people can keep their grotesque skin conditions to themselves.

The Rec officials should have been clearer from the start instead of implying that they would start some sort of perspiration fashion police, especially since many gym instructors wear the same clothes that would have been prohibited.

Nevertheless, people should not complain about more sanitation in public facilities.

Despite having to throw an extra towel into the laundry every week (or several, depending on your level of ambition), reducing the chances of catching skin conditions that require awkward doctor visits, copious amounts of medicinal lotions and sketchy explanations to significant others is worth the trade-off.

As long as the Rec workers are consistent in their enforcement, taking the initiative to implement a policy that should have been in effect in the first place is a step in the right direction.

Though walking all the way to the Rec and getting turned away because of fashion choices would certainly be frustrating, it still beats the internal battle of will power to not scratch that nasty rash during a lecture.

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

How beer and hip hop killed Michael Brown

In an editorial for the New York Times this week, John Eligon had this to say about Michael Brown, the unarmed black teenager shot dead by police on Aug. 9:

“Michael Brown, 18, due to be buried on Monday, was no angel.... Shortly before his encounter with Officer Wilson, the police say he was caught on security camera stealing a box of cigars, pushing the clerk of a convenience store into a display case. He lived in a community that had rough patches, and he dabbled in drugs and alcohol. He had taken to rapping in recent months, producing lyrics that were by turns contemplative and vulgar. He got into at least one scuffle with a neighbor.”

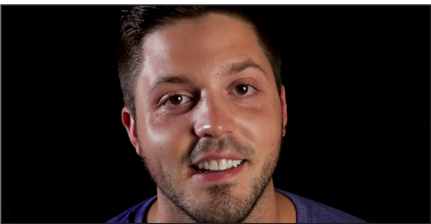
As one should expect, the statement has provoked serious criticism across social media, with many rallying around calls of “*most* kids do those things... that's why they're *kids*.”

And of course, they're right. They're also backed by data.

According to FiveThirtyEight.com, which used information provided by the Centers for Disease Control, if Brown was, indeed, “no angel,” than neither are most of his peers.

Of 13,583 ninth-through 12th-graders surveyed, two-thirds said they had consumed alcohol at least once in their lives. 41 percent said they had used marijuana one or more times in their lives, and 1 in 3 young men had been involved in a physical altercation within 12 months of the survey (There were no statistics pertaining to rap music).

Simply put, if we're going to kill every teenager who smokes weed, drinks and likes Hip Hop, we'd better get a lot more body bags.



Robert Downen

And yet, this line of reason still misses the essence of the argument, focusing on *what* is being said about Brown, not the far more telling *why*.

Because to even hint that, for any of these petty crimes, Michael Brown deserved to die, points at a much more frightening and systemic mentality towards black men in America, one that supposes their lives less worthy by their very nature, their slaying more justifiable.

Cases like Brown's, or Trayvon Martin's, or Ronald Madison's, or Ramarley Graham's, or Sean Bell's, Eric Garner's, and Manuel Loggins Jr. are each an indictment of the extent to which the “guilty until proven innocent” mentality has permeated not just into police conduct, but American culture.

Greg Howard of Deadspin elaborates:

“To ascribe this entirely to contempt for black men is to miss an essential variable, though—a very real, American fear of them. They—we—are inexplicably seen as a millions-strong army of potential killers, capable and cold enough that any single one could be a threat to a trained police officer in a bulletproof vest. There are reasons why

white gun's rights activists can walk into a Chipotle restaurant with assault rifles and be seen as gauche nuisances, while unarmed black men are killed for reaching for their wallets or cell phones, or carrying children's toys.”

Cases like that of Cliven Bundy, the rogue rancher whose militia initiated an armed stand-off with federal police this summer, are given the benefit of the doubt in the court of public opinion. We roll our eyes at the insanity of it all, sure, because we understand them simply as kooks with assault rifles.

But that sentiment is rarely extended to unarmed black men.

The Bundy militia can threaten using women as shields against police because, well, “they're crazy, I guess.”

Yet a black kid in Florida can't buy Skittles and lemonade without fear of being shot, killed and posthumously questioned as a drug peddler.

And meanwhile, as proud Americans flock to the Bundy ranch, ready and willing to die fighting “tyrants,” a 31-year-old Marine sergeant and father of three is being shot dead in front of his 9-year-old daughter for having a “mean” expression on his face.

His name was Manuel Loggins Jr. He was an unarmed black male.

There are no reports at this time of whether he liked beer or hip hop.

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Students from Urban Prep visit campus



RUSSELL SILER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS
Seniors from the Urban Prep Academy for Young Men on their first day of the school year visit the Doudna Fine Arts Center Monday.

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“For every one student not enrolled here, it is \$10,000 that the university loses,” Conwell said.

Lord said he predicts total enrollment will be down this year.

He said lower high school graduation and more students going to out-of-state schools are some factors affecting low enrollment.

Chris Dearth, the admissions director, discussed his goals, which included communicating with more qualified students, delivering offers of acceptance quicker, and hearing feedback from faculty in helping to increase enrollment.

He said the admissions department has sent off 16 acceptance packets to urban prep academies students from Chicago.

Jeffrey Ashley, a political science professor, said emphasis on recruiting students from local schools is needed.

“It’s important we are in front of our local people,” he said.

Dearth said he will soon be reaching out to Charleston and Mattoon high schools to recruit students.

Enrollment information will be available after the 10-day census date, he said.

Grant Sterling, chairman of faculty senate, announced that openings are available for all faculty senate committees.

A Council of Academic Affairs representative will be speaking in the next faculty senate meeting to recruit members for the general education and learning goals committee.

The faculty senate will meet again at 2 p.m. on Sept. 9 in the Booth Library conference Room 4440.

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Dominic Recca, a freshman finance major, looks through a scrapbook made by him and his girlfriend. Recca stated that the scrapbook is a representation of his girlfriend when she is absent.

Students share personal items brought to college

By Roberto Hodge
Multicultural Editor | @Ber-toHodge

Whenever he gets lonely or misses her, the Eastern freshman takes out the scrapbook they made together and flips through its pages.

Before leaving for Eastern, Dominic Recca, a finance major, made sure to bring a scrapbook with photos detailing his time spent with his girlfriend.

While it was exciting, moving to Eastern also brought miles between him and his girlfriend.

Recca said it was important he brought the scrapbook to remember her by.

“When I flip through (it), I just think about what we’ve gone through and how we have so much more to go,” he said.

Recca said the book represents their relationship and love for each other.

He said it took about five hours to complete, but it was spread out over a week’s time.

The book acts as a keepsake with photos detailing their relationship and the things they have gone through together, Recca said.

Not only did he bring the scrapbook he and his girlfriend made, he has a necklace his mother gave him representing their Catholic religion.

Deciding what things to bring to Eastern can be taxing, requiring students to be conservative when moving in. They can bring items as endearing as Recca’s scrapbook or as simple as a plant, which David Sanchez, a junior finance major, made sure to bring.

Sanchez said gardening grew on him because he has a family that is in touch with nature. He has taken a plant from home for two years.

He said his plant represents luck and fortune, but also brings him closer to home, which stood out to him in the store. Originally, he wanted a bonsai tree, but the awkwardly braided Pachira Macrocarpa tree, or “luck tree,” caught his eye.

“Plants bring out life, (so) it brings out life into your home,” Sanchez said.

However, some prefer to keep their sentimental items at home.

Alexis Alvarado, a freshman art major, said she has kept her stuffed bear, Grover, ever since she was a child.

She decided to leave her item with a trusted friend because she was afraid it would

be lost.

Grover went everywhere with Alvarado and it is important to her because she has had it since she was a child.

“It was always a part of me, it reminds me of my childhood,” Alvarado said.

When Alvarado was approaching her early teen years, she said she stopped taking it everywhere, but in many ways, Grover never left her side.

Recca and Alvarado said students bring various items away to school because they remind them of home and a sense of belonging.

“It makes them feel like home and (they’re) more comfortable where they’re living,” Recca said.

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Red-shirt senior tight end Jeff Lepak avoids the Eastern Kentucky defense on Sept. 28, 2013, at O'Brien Field. The Panthers beat the Colonels 42-7. The Panthers play Eastern Kentucky Oct. 11.

Eastern not backing away from challenge

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In the Eastern football team's six previous games against Big Ten opponents, the Panthers have come away no wins, but confidence from last season is spilling over to this year.

For the second straight year the Panthers open their season playing an FBS team and on Thursday Eastern hopes to win its second straight season opener going up against Minnesota.

Jeff LePak, who transferred from Baylor last year, is one of several offensive players returning to this year's team and he along with the rest of the Panthers are not shying away from the challenge that Minnesota will bring forward come Thursday night.

"Confidence is high," he said. "We beat an FBS team last year and

we feel like we can do it again this year."

Eastern began its 2013 season with a 40-19 win over San Diego State, which had won the Mountain West Conference championship in 2012.

After following behind 13-6 with about four minutes to play in the first quarter against the Aztecs, Eastern outscored them 34-6 to shock San Diego State at home.

Expectations are clear this time around against the Golden Gophers.

"It doesn't matter to us if they're in the Big Ten, Big 12, or SEC it's the same game," LePak said. "We expect to win and I think that's just an attitude that has been instilled in us."

Head coach Kim Dameron said both Andrew Manley and Jalen Whitlow would receive playing time, as the quarterbacks will make their full-time debut with Eastern.

Manley, who transferred from New Mexico State appeared in five games last season, but only attempted five passes.

Manley is no stranger to Minnesota.

During his sophomore season at New Mexico State, Manley led the Aggies to a 28-21 win over the Golden Gophers on Sept. 10, 2011. He threw three touchdowns, passing for 288 yards, while completing 20-of-31 attempts. Manley was intercepted twice in the win.

Eastern's six-game losing streak against the Big Ten stretches from 2006-2011. During that period, the Panthers have lost twice to the University of Illinois, and one apiece against Purdue, Penn State, Iowa and Northwestern.

The average margin of the six defeats is 32.8 points.

Despite history not being on Eastern's side, starting defensive

back Deronte Jackson is also using last year's performance against FBS teams to drive up the confidence of this year's Panthers.

"It's all about belief," Jackson said. "Those guys come from a bigger school and a bigger conference (than San Diego State) and going on the field some guys could think these guys are so much bigger, so much faster, they've been recruited higher out of high school."

Though, when the game starts they will all be on the same field, Jackson said.

"Once you step on the field you feel like we're the same, we're on the same playing field and the same playing level," he said. "It's about confidence and I feel like we're really dangerous because we have that confidence."

Eastern almost pulled off another upset last year against Northern Illinois, an FBS program, but lost 43-

39, as the No. 16 ranked Huskies came back from a 20-0 first-quarter deficit on Sept. 21, 2013.

Dameron does not fall behind either when it comes to the expectations for Thursday's kickoff either.

"Me personally and this football team, has not ever backed away from a challenge," Dameron said. "We're going to put our best players out on the field and ask them to go out and play and not worry about the names on the side of the helmets, how many people are in the stands, or what conference they're affiliated with."

The season begins at 6 p.m. Thursday at TCF Bank Stadium in Minneapolis, Minn., where the game will be broadcasted on the Big Ten Network.

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Rugby team readies for season

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The Eastern rugby team will try to rebound this season after its worst season in team history last year.

The Panthers started the season with six straight losses, but finished on a strong note with wins over Kentucky and Illinois State.

Head coach Frank Graziano's team last season was full of players who had little-to-no experience of ever playing rugby. Seven of last season's players were freshman and two others never played rugby before in their lives. The Panthers were left with four veterans on the team, Shelby Pilch, Kim Youhas, Angela Cerceo-Jensen and Ellen Wilson.

Wilson and Youhas are still on the team, while Pilch and Cerceo-Jensen

have graduated.

Even though the Panthers lost two of their leaders last season, they will not be without their leading point-getter this season.

Red-shirt sophomore Miranda Hankins, who was one of the newcomers last season, led the Panthers in tries with eight and points with 40. Carissa Burge was next in line with five tries and 39 points scored.

This season, the Panthers added eight new players to the roster, six of which are freshman with zero rugby experience, adding to the roster that has eight returning players.

Last season he added Hannah Veith from Mattoon and Hankins from Charleston to the roster.

Graziano has a history of signing players that are multi-sport athletes and developing them into skilled rug-

by players.

Graziano rates his class as one of the best recruiting classes in recent years and said their eagerness to learn and improve might be their strongest characteristics.

"All our signees are multi-sport crossover student-athletes with basketball, cross-country, soccer, softball swimming, tennis, track and volleyball all represented," he said in a press release. "Each signee also excels in the classroom and will bring toughness and a strong competitive spirit to the playing field."

The Panthers begin their season on Saturday, when they travel to Wisconsin to take on the Wisconsin All-Stars.

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For Dameron, Eastern has been a consistent source of fond memories and life lessons.

"My wife and I got married here," he said. "Charleston is meaningful to us and Eastern is important to me."

Between his marriage and the familiar view from the sidelines, watching Eastern's players is enough to make Dameron nostalgic for a time he shared similar ambitions.

"All of them are here because they chose football or football chose them or both," he said.

Eastern's football team is entering the current season with new coaches, new quarterbacks, high hopes and an uncertainty of expectations.

In this time, Dameron turns to the example of his former coaches, Blackie Bond and Jesse Branch, and former

colleague, Bob Spoo.

"Those are probably the biggest early influences which got me to the point where I got my first college job and started moving around," he said.

In the upcoming season, Dameron hopes to not only lead his team to victory, but also to instill in them the importance of good leadership and forming good relationships.

"All of those experiences mold you in some way. Not all experiences are positive. Some are negative," he said. "You just have to take the good with the bad and always look back and take everything in your past, always try to take it as a learning experience."

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Dameron leads with experiences

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When Kim Dameron, Eastern's head football coach, sets foot on O'Brien Field he is taken back in time. He is a fourth-grader at an Arkansas YMCA playing little league football in pads bigger than his body, his father coaching on the sideline influencing him in a way that would define Dameron's career.

From the time Dameron was born, the presence of competition and athleticism in his life was almost pervasive. Each sport his father coached, Dameron played as long as he could get away with it.

"I just remember how I just loved getting out and being able to compete," he said.

Beyond gaining an appreciation for competition, Dameron's athleticism exposed him to leaders, to whom he attributes much of his success.

With this season marking his first return as an Eastern coach since 2000, Dameron has spent the last 14 years accumulating qualities displayed by his previous coaches, and intends to exercise them on the field.

"Being able to motivate them and mentor them and bring them along not only on the football field but in the classroom and in life in general – that's, I think, what coaching is," Dameron said. "That's the way I was raised and the coaches that I've played for and responded to the most and the best were those kinds of guys."

No matter the sport, one core value supports the discipline Dameron practiced in his younger years, and expects his players to reflect in their own athletic careers.

"You don't put in the work that these guys put in to play this game if you don't love it," he said. "You just find a reason to not do it."

Without an intangible motivation to play, not even a full scholarship is enough encouragement to practice with full gear in mid-Au-

gust, or miss out on the extracurricular, and social opportunities that are restricted by the games' lengthy time-commitment, he said.

"They have to love it enough to get to this level, but then they have been lucky enough to be good enough to get to this level," he added. "There are very few high school kids that get to go on and play college football, especially in D1, even fewer of them get to ever go and earn one dime playing this game."

Dameron is experienced enough to offer his players tough love if necessary, believing in a driving force within each great athlete to pursue something if it feels natural.

Growing up, Dameron watched the NBA's Utah Jazz games wide-eyed, with every intention of growing up to become the team's point guard, John Stockton.

"I wanted to be a guard," he said. "I went to basketball camp every year of my life."

In Arkansas little league, Dameron was often the biggest player on the field, but as his athletic career progressed, his growth stunted at 5-foot-9, a disappointing eight inches shorter than the 6-foot-5, adult doctors expected him to become.

"My dad was more of a basketball coach than anything," he said. "I just never really developed the love for that game like I did football."

A scar left on Dameron's right knee is reminiscent of the high school track career he boasted until tearing his MCL in a long jump spill in March 1979.

"I had surgery, and I was in a cast for nine weeks and I started baseball in the middle of July and in August I started football," he said.

Football is the only sport in his life Dameron regards as a sort of inescapable fate.

"Actually, it's kind of funny because football really kind of chose me," Dameron said.

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Kim Dameron gives a speech to his players at the end of practice on Thursday near O'Brien Field. Dameron enters Thursday's game against Minnesota as a first time head coach after being the defensive coordinator at Louisiana Tech last year.

Panthers' practice to focus on play execution

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Despite the 0-2 start, Eastern women's head soccer coach Jason Cherry knows there is still a lot of time for the Panthers to turn it around.

"Our team works hard and they don't quit and that's a great foundation to start with," he said following Sunday's 2-0 loss to Indiana State. "It's a process trying to figure things out again and get ready for conference play. I'm still pleased with our team and our effort."

Eastern still has seven matches before it opens Ohio Valley Conference play on Sept. 26 at home against Southeast Missouri, a team that blanked the Panthers 4-0 last October. The non-conference schedule continues this weekend with Eastern hosting Conference-USA opponents Marshall and Louisiana Tech on Friday and Sunday, respectively. Both matches have 1 p.m. start times.

After Sunday's loss, Cherry said execution would be a key focus in practice this week. The Panthers managed just one shot in the first half against

Indiana State. The Sycamores put a total of 10 shots in front of goalkeeper Emily Hinton in the first half, while scoring the only two goals of the match in the process.

In the second half, Eastern had four shots in the final 30 minutes, half of them coming from last year's leading scorer Meagan Radloff.

Radloff, entering her senior season, was an All-OVC first team selection last year and finished in the conference's top five goal scorers. Her seven goals in 2013 was a career-high, having just one goal in her first two seasons at Eastern.

Neither Eastern nor Radloff has scored a goal yet this season, but waiting for points is something Eastern has seen before.

Last season, the Panthers scored just two goals in their nine-match non-conference schedule, finding themselves on the wrong end of a shutout seven times before recording their first win on the road against Belmont.

Radloff scored her first two goals of the season in the same game, helping Eastern upend Tennessee Tech 4-2 at Lakeside Field on Sept. 29, 2013.



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Senior forward Meagan Radloff prepares to send the ball up the field on Sunday at Lakeside Field. The Panthers lost to the Indiana State Sycamores 2-0. They will take on Marshall and Louisiana Tech this weekend at home.

That was the start of Radloff's hot-streak, as she scored game-winners in Eastern's next two matches, helping bring Eastern to its first 4-0 OVC start in more than a decade.

Radloff's two shots against Indiana State are her only two so far this season.

The team's shot leader is red-shirt senior Lauren Hoppensteadt with three shots and two on goal.

Hoppensteadt, of Oswego, was a 2013 All-OVC second team selection, and like Radloff, is one of Eastern's team captains this season.

"They've been great leaders so far," Cherry said. "Those are our two hardest working kids every day. They hold people accountable. They're an extension of me, they're very loyal and they work hard and they're going to do what's best for the team."

Around the OVC

Belmont is the only OVC team with two non-conference wins so far this season.

The Bruins, who finished in seventh place in the conference standings last season with a 7-8-2 record, got off to a 2-0 start with wins over Middle Tennessee and Valparaiso last weekend.

Freshman forward Belicia Mendiola scored two goals in her collegiate soccer debut for the Bruins against Valparaiso, giving them the 2-0 win on Friday. Mendiola came through again on Sunday, scoring the game-winner in overtime against Middle Tennessee, giving Belmont the 1-0 win.

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