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"TELL THE TRUTH AND DON'T BE AFRAID"

The DAILY EASTERN NE EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY, CHARLESTON

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CAMPUS | EVENT



BRYCE PEAKE | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS Tatsu Aoki plays a traditional Japanese flute during the Taiko performance Sunday afternoon in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. The performance was part of a reception to celebrate the start of Asian Heritage Month.

Drumbeat follows tradition

Asian Heritage Month kicks off with banquet

By Emily Zulz Activities Reporter

Hide Yoshihashi stood to the side of the drum positioned in a deep lunge to the left. He beat slow and then fast while moving toward and away from the drum.

Three other drummers mirrored his moves onstage.

The choreographed movements combined with the beats of the drum told the story of a traditional Japanese song. The fluid movements and strength of each drumbeat from each drummer depicted a fisherman throwing his net out to fish and pulling it back.

"All songs have a meaning always," Yoshihashi said.

Yoshihashi is the founder and head instructor for the Japanese drumming troop Japanese American Service Committee Tsukasa Taiko, of Chicago.

The group performed on campus Sunday as part of the Asian Heritage Month Banquet. About 150 people were in attendance for the banquet with a mix of faculty, students, community members and children.

JASC Tsukasa Taiko is one of the leading taiko programs in the Mid-

A taiko is a fat drum of Japanese origin. A shamisen, a Japanese lute, accompanied the drummers during several songs. The group played a total of six songs, with different drum formation and choreography for each song.

The group pirouetted and danced, never staying in the same position. The beauty of their movements blended with the striking of their drums.

The audience sat captivated by the physical force and strength the group exuded with each song.

JASC Tsukasa Taiko ended the banquet and received a standing ovation from audience members.

Jocelyn Tipton, librarian and reception chairperson for the banquet, said each year the banquet features cultural entertainers, and the last two years, the entertainment was dancers.

She said they wanted to try and find something different this year.

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CITY | GOVERNMENT

Home-rule committee to meet

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Status would allow more control on zoning, property issues

By Matt Hopf

City Editor

The city of Charleston will look at becoming a home-rule community starting today.

The Home Rule Ad-Hoc Committee will meet for the first time at 6 p.m. in the Basement Training Room at City Hall.

Mayor John Inyart announced the members of the committee at the Feb. 19 city council meeting.

As a home-rule community, the city would have more control over the future development that is not allowed by state law.

These issues would include zoning issues and property maintenance.

The city would be able to set ordinances or guidelines that the city could not do now because of the state.

Communities in Illinois automatically become a home-rule community if they exceed a population of 25,000.

The other way to become a homerule community is if voters approve home rule in an election.

Inyart said the committee intends to educate the city council and the city.

But he said it is not his intention to look at home-rule status as a way to gain additional revenue.

If Charleston became a homerule community, one possible option the city would consider is requiring landlords to register, so the city would know who the agent is for each property.

"It would provide for inspections," Inyart said.

The city could inspect properties in Charleston, but it would then have to inspect every property in the city, he added.

"I don't feel the same sense of



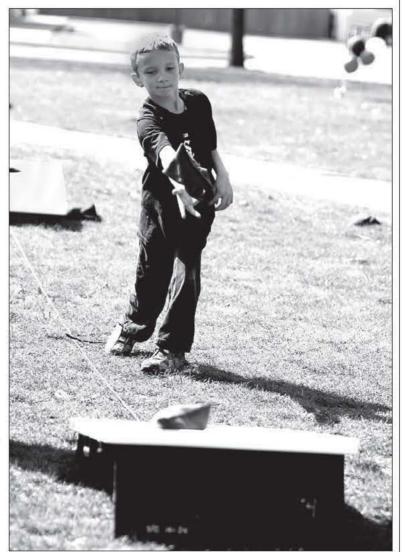
event geared toward anti-smoking

By Emily Zulz

CITY | ACTIVITY

vation for someone who wants to quit."

Roa said now seemed like a good time to start having a Kick Butts event, especially because Illinois went smoke-free in January. HERC hopes to make it an annual event.



Activities Reporter

For about a year and a half, Josh Echevarria smoked.

But one day, he realized smoking was a waste.

"It was a waste of money – waste of life," said Echevarria, a sophomore Spanish major.

Every day, 1,200 people die from a tobacco-related illness, said Erica Roa, alcohol and tobacco education coordinator for the Health Education Resource Center.

In conjunction with national Kick Butts Day 2008, HERC hosted the "Kick Butts 5K Walk/Run and Community Picnic" on Saturday for the first time.

Kick Butts Day is a day of activism against tobacco-use that is designed to target youth to take action against smoking.

"It's about educating about tobacco and the effects that go along with it," Roa said. "You know, just a method to stop people from starting, as well as provide that extra moti-

Echevarria participated in the "Kick Butts 5K Walk/Run" with Carol Novander, a junior early childhood psychology major, because they are both opposed to smoking.

The walk/run started at 10 a.m. when the 30 participants split into runners and walkers.

With the sound of a horn, the runners were off, followed shortly by the walkers. The first to cross the finish line were Hannah Franz, a sophomore psychology major, and Ben Vandeursen, a senior business management major.

Franz said she came to the Kick Butts event because she is part of Colleges Against Cancer and because she and Vandeursen both like to run. Franz said it was her first time running outside in a while. Both Franz and Vandeursen said they are proponents of the Illinois smoking ban, which is another reason they came to support the Kick Butts event.

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BRYCE PEAKE | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS Jonah Richards plays bags during the Kick Butts Community Picnic on Saturday morning at Morton Park.

responsibility for someone who lives in their own house," Inyart said. "A student lives in someone else's house and pays to live there. That person probably deserves some additional protection."

With the 2010 census only two years away, the city could wait to see if it passes the threshold; however, Invart does not expect the census to exceed that mark.

According to the Illinois Municipal League, there are 191 home-rule communities in Illinois.

On the agenda for the meeting will be to set a purpose of the committee. Guest speaker Jim Banovetz will also speak to the committee.

Invart said Banovetz will speak on the process of becoming a home rule community.

Banovetz is professor emeritus at Northern Illinois University and is an authority on home rule in Illinois.

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Oscar-winning actor Heston passes away

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Charlton Heston, who won the 1959 best actor Oscar as the chariot-racing "Ben-Hur" and portrayed Moses, Michelangelo, El Cid and other heroic figures in movie epics of the '50s and '60s, died Saturday night. He was 84.

The actor died at his home in Beverly Hills with his wife Lydia at his side, family spokesman Bill Powers said.

Powers declined to comment on the cause of death or provide further details. Heston revealed in 2002 that he had symptoms consistent with Alzheimer's disease, saying, "I must reconcile courage and surrender in equal measure."

Heston lent his strong presence to some of the most acclaimed and successful films of the midcentury. "Ben-Hur" won 11 Academy Awards, tying it for the record with the more recent "Titanic" (1997)

PHOTO OF THE DAY

and "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" (2003). Heston's other hits include: "The Ten Commandments," "El Cid," "55 Days at Peking," "Planet of the Apes" and "Earthquake."

He was elected president of the National Rifle Association in June 1998 and stepped down in April 2003.

Jay-Z, Beyonce appear to have finally tied the knot

NEW YORK — It appears that Jay-Z and Beyonce have finally tied the knot.

Delivery trucks funneled in and out of Jay-Z's Tribeca apartment on Friday, dropping off silver candelabras and white flowers. A white tent was set up on the roof, and stars including Beyonce's former Destiny's Child bandmates, Kelly Rowland and Michelle Williams, along with Gwyneth Paltrow, were spotted arriving.

A perfect melody

Rumors circulated all week about the event after a report that the couple had taken out a marriage license in Scarsdale, N.Y.

The couple, who have apparently been dating for six years, have never publicly acknowledged they are together. Knowles, 26, and Jay-Z, 38, have collaborated on the songs "03 Bonnie and Clyde" and "Crazy In Love."

'21' deals another winner at box office this weekend

LOS ANGELES — The gambling tale "21" kept up its winning streak as it took in \$15.1 million to stay on top of the box office for a second-straight weekend, leaving George Clooney's "Leatherheads" and the family tale "Nim's Island" to scrimmage for second place.

"Leatherheads" opened at \$13.5 million, while "Nim's Island" came in third, barely behind "Leatherheads" at \$13.3 million.

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Members of the Alpha Phi sorority perform during the 57th annual Greek Sing choral event held at Lantz Arena on Sunday. The sorority sang songs from "The Little Mermaid," including "Part of Your World" and "Kiss the Girl" Greek Sing is the largest amateur chora

ENTERTAINMENT | A DAILY LOOK

competition in the Midwest. For extended Greek Sing coverage, go to dennews.com.

Filling out job application leads to arrest

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga. — Police say they got a major clue to the identity of a suspect in the armed robbery of a convenience store – his job application.

Investigators in Athens, Ga., say Demetrius Robinson filled out the application while waiting for the Golden Pantry store to empty of customers.

Authorities say it was Robinson who then produced a knife and held up the store last week. Police arrested the 28-year-old man Saturday on armed robbery charges.

Man marries before sent to jail

DURANT, Okla. — Forrest Lynn Foreman, 49, was sentenced to 10 years Friday after pleading no contest to making methamphetamine, but wanted to marry 30-year-old Amie Gayleene Lang before his sentence started.

In a third-floor courtroom of the Bryan County courthouse, Calera Police Chief Don Hyde Jr., who is an ordained minister, performed the marriage ceremony. Hyde said that the service was beautiful and that the couple cried.

After the service, Foreman was taken to jail.

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CAMPUS | GREEK WEEK

AIRBANDING TOGETHER

Greeks compete with song, dance, costumes in air guitarstyle performance Saturday

By John Bailey Photo Editor

Flashing lights, loud bass and hundreds of screaming Greeks.

Eastern sororities and fraternities packed Lantz Arena on Saturday night as the 2008 Greek Week kicked off with Airband, a competition with choreographed dances and lip-synced songs in the style of air guitar. The women of the Sigma Kappa sorority blew

away the competition with their performance inspired by "The Wizard of Oz."

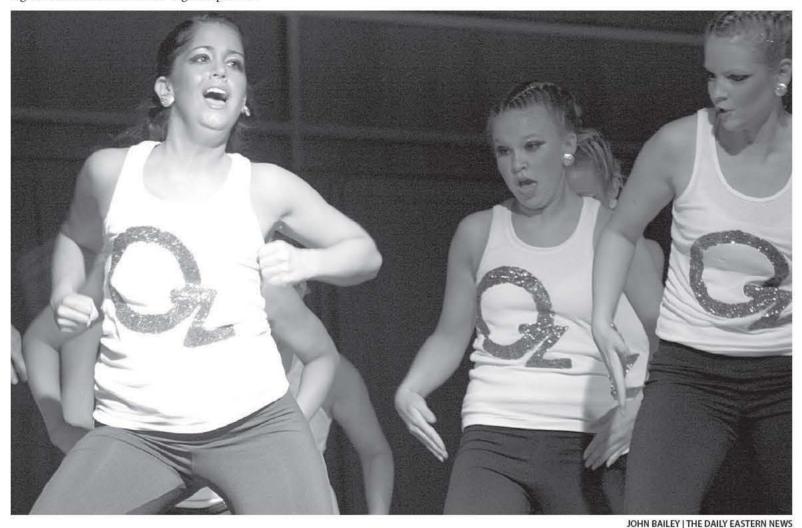
An "I Love the 90s" theme provided back-toback wins for the men of Lambda Chi Alpha.

Greek Week continues throughout the upcoming week. Activities include the Tugs competition.

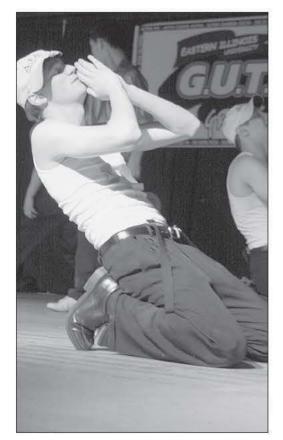


JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

The women of Alpha Sigma Alpha take the audience around the world during their Airband performance Saturday night at Lantz Arena. A postcard from France accented their song-and-dance routine.



Sorority Airband champions Sigma Kappa work their "The Wizard of Oz"-themed performance to win the evening's sorority competition on Saturday.







CAMPUS BRIEFS

Jason Mraz tickets on sale for April 25 concert

CAMPUS 3

Tickets for the April 25 concert at Lantz Arena featuring singer Jason Mraz are on sale.

Cost of tickets are \$13 for the public and \$10 for Eastern students. Mraz's performance is scheduled to start at 8 p.m. and feature opening acts Bushwalla and magician Justin Kredible. For tickets, call 581-5122 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Deadline for Panther Service Day near

The deadline for students interested in volunteering for the April 19 "Panther Service Day: One Campus, One Community" event is Friday.

Students wanting to donate can pick up a Panther Service Day information brochure at the Student Activity Center in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Alumni Services, Student Government and the city of Charleston are sponsoring the event.

The event lets students, faculty, staff and alumni participate in service projects such as book drives, food drives and street clean-up

Contact Justin Barrett at 581-2281 for more information.

Opt to return your textbooks early

Students can return textbooks to Textbook Rental any time during the semester. The final deadline to return Spring 2008 textbooks is 3 p.m. on May 2. Visit http://www.eiu.edu/ ~textbks/ for more information.

— Compiled by Associate News Editor Stephen Di Benedetto

BLOTTER

On March 24, it was reported an order of protection was violated. The matter was referred to the Coles County State's Attorney for review.

Heather M. Breazeale, 21, of Maroa, was arrested at 4:26 a.m. March 31 at the Eastern University Police Department on the charge of domestic battery with bodily harm.

JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS The men of Delta Tau Delta display choreographed, synchronized dance moves during their Airband performance. JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS The men of Sigma Chi strut their lipsyncing talents to show the crowd why they call themselves "The Heartbreakers" during Saturday night's Airband event.

> JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS Greek Week Queen Keirstyn McEvoy and King Theodore Tebbe smile for the crowd during Greek Week Coronation in Lantz Arena.

On April 1, it was reported a black Volkswagen vehicle was keyed while parked in a University Court parking lot.

On April 1, it was reported a cell phone was stolen while left unattended in Mary J. Booth Library.

On April 2, it was reported a backpack and its contents were stolen while left unattended in the Student Recreation Center.

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CARRYING THE TORCH

Villanova U. - President Bush should boycott the opening ceremony of the Olympics in China this summer.

Because of its treatment of the recent uprising in Tibet, China does not deserve any sort of international celebration. A boycott would mitigate the chance that the Olympic Games will divert attention from China's human rights and environmental abuses.

March 10, the first day of the Tibetan protests, was the 49th anniversary of their first major uprising against China. This first uprising led to a devastating crackdown by Chinese forces, and tens of thousands of Tibetans were killed.

China's blatant repression of its own citizens is a travesty. Political dissidents are regularly imprisoned and tortured - a fate that has befallen many leading Tibetan figures. This is why President Bush should back up his verbal rebukes of China by boycotting the opening ceremony of the upcoming Olympic Games.

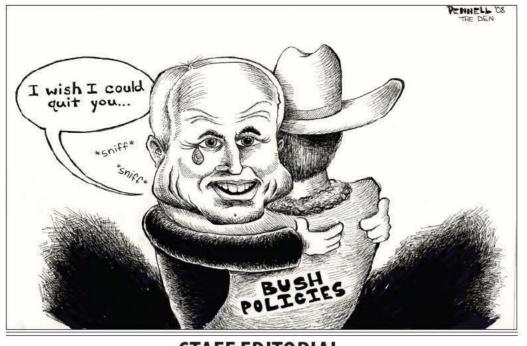
A symbolic move such as a boycott would be effective because it would diminish the public relations blitz that China so desperately desires.

While the Bush administration has claimed that the Olympic Games are about athletic competition, not politics, they are in fact much more than that.

They embody multicultural interaction and the national pride of each country that participates.

The running of the torch through Lhasa, the capital of Tibet and the site of China's most recent injustices, will be insult to the people of Tibet, for whom China's national pride is an affront to their very identity. Bush needs to carry the torch of his country's commitment to freedom by preventing China from stamping its footprint on the faces of the Tibetans.

Drawn from the news | Dave Pennell



STAFF EDITORIAL Jenkins brings necessities to succeed

ark Jenkins knows Charleston. A veteran of the Charleston Police Department, Jenkins was officially named the full-time police chief at Tuesday's City Council meeting.

This is the correct choice.

Jenkins has worked with the city's police department for 30 years and stepped in to fill the interim role in December after former police chief Paul Welch resigned to take on the same role in Edgewood, N.M.

We need a police chief in this city who knows and understands Charleston, how the city operates and the way the police department works.

Jenkins' experience here in Charleston speaks for itself. Anyone who has managed to stay on a police department for 30 years must have some sort of insight and wherewithal to maintain his job.

Yes, some people may hold onto their jobs for at least 30 years, but Jenkins' credentials show that he hasn't just stumbled upon this latest job.

He began his career with the Charleston Police as a dispatcher in 1977 and then became a patrolman. He held this position until 2005, when he was named one of two deputy chiefs. He stayed in the deputy chief position until Welch left, which moved Jenkins to the interim title.

City Manager Scott Smith said at the time, a full hire couldn't be made until a new city budget was complete.

With the budget process complete and wait-

The University Police Department used an

old-fashioned means of distributing information

last Thursday about a woman who was allegedly

timely warning Friday afternoon informing the

campus community that a man allegedly harassed

The UPD put up fliers all over campus with a

OUR VIEW

 Situation: Mark Jenkins has been officially hired as Charleston's full-time police chief. Stance: The Charleston Police Department made the right decision in hiring Jenkins. He brings the necessary experience needed and is also familiar with the area.

ing for City Council approval on April 18, Smith made the decision to appoint Jenkins.

And after Welch was hired, the city made a smart decision to hire within this time.

Much furor developed in January 2005 when Welch, an outside candidate who came to Charleston from Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., became the full-time chief.

A vote of no confidence was given to Smith by a local police lodge after Welch was approved.

Welch spent the majority of his early time in office trying to know the people of the community.

Jenkins won't have to spend additional time worrying about that process. Key relationships have been developed and nurtured during the last 30 years.

Jenkins said in January, after having the interim tag for a little more than a month, that communication between Eastern and the Charleston police is vital.

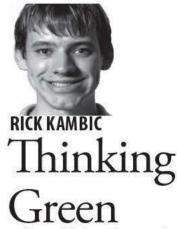
It's reassuring to know someone who knows this city and Eastern the way Jenkins does is now the one in charge of keeping us safe.

Might as well have sent e-mails

OUR VIEW

• Situation: Last week, the University Police Department posted fliers warning students about an alleged incident.

• Stance: The UPD should have sent e-mails instead of post fliers because not everyone lives on campus or saw the fliers.



Green. It's always been my favorite color. After enrolling in college, however, I learned of a new meaning for the word.

To me, green stands for purity. When I leave our complicated, gray buildings on campus, green surrounds me. Walking along Lake Charleston gives me a sense of simplicity and peace at heart.

Strong, dominant trees and luscious green grass allow me to forget about construction-contracting, computer verifications, conference rooms and e-mail wars. A solid hour of meditation or sight-seeing at the lake can really calm one's mind.

That simplicity is the drive behind my new understanding of green. The word green has become a political word that I recognize as the way out of our society's manipulative political traps.

I quickly learned that society disapproves of voters who are in favor of any party or group other than the Democrats or Republicans. I refuse to be either liberal or conservative.

I am not a pawn of institutionalized politics. The Green Party may be a joke to some, but the Colombians who are murdered by the Coca-Cola Company do not agree with the current form of capitalism supported by America.

This world needs to get simpler before it gets any more complex. How come our minds cannot be as simple as mine is when I visit Lake Charleston?

One of the many young men who inspire me is Kevin O'Connor, candidate for Illinois State Representative for the 41st District.

O'Connor is a student at Western Illinois University who is studying law enforcement and political science.

O'Connor takes much of what society deems normal and tries to find different perspectives. Instead of simply complaining about the state of our world, this Brookfield native is taking change into his own hands and running for office as a member of the Green Party.

He's won his primary and will be competing against the Republican incumbent this November. Words can hardly express the admiration I have for him and his supporters. To be in college and fighting for a seat in the state government is monumental. The youth revolution is evolving!

We "young voters" seem to be demanding a whole lot of change this election year, but stop and think if your vote would actually force Democrats or Republicans to do something. Voting Green is not throwing your vote away because it's symbolic of real change. The party system, as we know it, is overly complicated and does more harm than good to democracy. The change we need is one that does not involve the two scandalous parties who only attack each other and do not hold themselves accountable. Students of Eastern have a wealth of resources provided by the university and it's time to form more clubs or speak our minds. Speak out about anything. Go tell Student Government what you really think of them; tell the Board of Trustees what you think about tuition; or go tell your professor that your class is boring. For me, I'm investing time into green activities, but maybe a trip to peaceful Lake Charleston will allow you to think of some way to initiate change. Rick Kambic is a junior journalism major. He can be reached at 581-7942 or at DENopinions@gmail.com.

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assaulted off campus.

Although the warning was posted a whole day after the incident, UPD worked with the Charleston Police Department as quickly as possible and made sure that all the information was correct on the fliers before posting them.

The UPD could have saved some time and could have brought the matter to the attention of more students if an e-mail alert was sent out instead of just fliers being posted.

However, Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs, said e-mail alerts are reserved for incidents that occur on or around campus. The woman was allegedly assaulted on 17th Street, about a mile away from Eastern's campus.

The man who allegedly attacked a woman was still at-large during the weekend, and students who don't live on campus probably missed the warning.

Had the warning been sent to students' emails, more students would have probably taken

CONTINUE THE DEBATE ONLINE Visit DENnews.com to read Seth Miller's vlog, "Superdelegates have too much power."

extra precautions during the weekend.

The university does not want to do anything that will sacrifice students' safety. But not sending out e-mails may have done so.

We understand that Nadler wants to make sure the e-mail alert is not abused so students will still take them seriously.

We also understand the new text-message alert system is still new and e-mails are still reserved, for the most part, for imminent danger.

Surely, if e-mails had been sent out, students who may have been unaware of the incident because they weren't on campus would have secured a ride instead of walking or would have partnered with someone instead of walking around alone.

If the university is going to take the liberty to put up fliers, e-mails may as well have been sent out. That way, not just a limited amount of people can put their guard up - everyone can.

"Right now, this is making people angry because the Democratic nomination is too close too call."

-Seth Miller



STATE BRIEFS The Associated Press

State Rep. helps rebuild Irag

SPRINGFIELD - Illinois state Representative Jim Watson of Jacksonville, a 42-year-old Republican from Jacksonville, is serving in Iraq as a staff sergeant with the Marine Reserves just outside Fallujah.

His job is to recommend updated bylaws that will help rebuild local government in Anbar province.

Watson told the Springfield Journal-Register that he didn't have much to work with in Iraq, so he downloaded Illinois House rules and went through them, line by line, picking what he thought was applicable in Iraq.

Schlitz makes reappearance in Chicago

WOODRIDGE - Once a top-selling beer brand, Pabst Brewing Company is relaunching the Schlitz beer in long-neck bottles at 10 outlets on Chicago's North Side with hopes of the beer being available citywide in 2009. Schlitz was first introduced in Chicago at the 1893 World's Columbia Exposition.

NATION | UNIVERSITY

House fire kills three students

The Associated Press

MENOMONIE, Wis. — A smoky house fire near a University of Wisconsin campus killed three students who never made it out of the rooms where they were sleeping early Saturday, even though neighbors said they heard alarms.

Rescuers found two women and a man on the floors of three second-floor bedrooms near the University of Wisconsin-Stout. All three were pronounced dead at a hospital, authorities said. The school of 8,400 students is about 70 miles east of Minneapolis. The smoke detectors were working, and neighbors called police when they heard the alarms, said Menomonie Police Chief Dennis Beety. Police don't know why the three victims were unable to make it out, and it was unclear whether alcohol was a factor.

There was a bottle of alcohol and the top was off of it," Beety said, adding that it didn't necessarily mean the students were drinking at the house. The cause of the fire was still being investigated.

The university identified the victims as April C. Englund, 21, of West St. Paul, Minn.; Amanda Jean Rief, 20, of Chaska, Minn.; and Scott A. Hams, 23, of Hayward. All three appeared to have died of smoke inhalation, said Menomonie police Lt. Wendy Stelter. There were no obvious signs of foul play.

Emergency workers arrived shortly after a call made about 3:30 a.m. to find smoke coming from the basement, first floor and second floor of the duplex, university spokesman Doug Mell said.

Beety said an officer entered the building but couldn't get to the second floor because of the heavy smoke. Englund was the only victim who lived in the front unit of the white house, in a row of well-kept properties blocks away from campus. Rief and Hams were sleeping over because Englund's roommates had left town, Englund's father and authorities said.

All occupants of the back unit were able to escape.

expression, she said.

The show, now in its third year, featured traditional dress from India, Pakistan, Bahrain, Philippines, Japan, China and Korea.

Students and children of faculty volunteered to model the national

Amber King, a junior psychology major, volunteered because she is a member of the Asian-American Association.

King modeled a yukata, a traditional Japanese summer garment.

She said the fashion show allows people to see what the different cultures wear. King said Asian culture is not just Japan, China and Korea, but much more.

The fashion show helped to show this by exhibiting the traditional dress and culture from a variety of Asian countries.

tiful," King said.

When here at Eastern Illinois University, you don't really see many

WORLD BRIEFS

The Associated Press

Rocket attacks kill 3 American troops

BAGHDAD — Suspected Shiite militants lobbed rockets and mortar shells into the **U.S.-protected Green Zone** and a military base elsewhere in Baghdad on Sunday, killing three American troops and wounding 31, officials said.

The attacks occurred as U S. and Iraqi forces battled Shiite militants in Sadr City in some of the fiercest fighting since radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr ordered a cease-fire a week ago.

The deaths raised to at least 4,018 members of the U.S. military since the Iraq war started in March 2003.

Putin, Bush can't agree on missile issue

SOCHI, Russia — President **Bush and Russian President** Vladimir Putin failed to overcome sharp differences about a U.S. missile defense system on Sunday.

Putin declared no solutions came but said "certain progress is obvious" in the long-running dispute on missile defenses.

ASIAN HERITAGE EVENTS

• What: "Being a Minority Student on Campus" • Where: Arcola-Tuscola Room, MLK Jr. Union • When: 4 p.m. today

• What: "Explore Chinese Language and Culture" • Where: 1895 Room, MLK Jr. Union

• When: 3 p.m. Tuesday

• What: Martial Arts Demonstration: To-De • Where: Arcola-Tuscola Room, MLK Jr. Union • When: 3 p.m. Thursday

• What: Road Trip: South Korean **Comedy Film Festival and** Workshop

• Where: Champaign

• When: Shuttle leaving at noon and 5 p.m. from Coleman Hall's south parking lot on Friday

Thomas said much can be learned from Asian culture and its clothing. There is a meaning and a story

behind each garment," Thomas said. Emily Zulz can be reached at 581-

>> Butts

FROM PAGE 1

"I'd rather not be around (smoking)," Franz said.

NEWS

After the race, HERC had several booths set up to entertain and educate. About 60 people participated in the Kick Butts event.

A blow-up bouncy gym with a giraffe on top attracted many area children.

Children jumped inside the inflated gym throughout the entire event.

Colleges Against Cancer also featured its own booth.

Colleges Against Cancer is a group on campus that promotes information on different types of cancer and ways to prevent cancer.

"Smoking causes so many dif-ferent types of cancer," said Jennifer Baebler, president of Colleges Against Cancer and a senior hospitality family and consumer sciences major.

Marisa Ward, a senior communication disorders and sciences major and survivorship of Colleges Against Cancer, said the organization's goal was to target the children at the event.

The younger a person learns about the harmful effects of smoking, the better chance there is that he or she will not start smoking, Ward said.

The booth included a jar of one quart of tar, which is how much tar would be in the lungs of someone who smoked a pack of cigarettes a day for one year.

After the children looked at the jar, members took pictures of them making "ugly" faces. The photos were formed into a montage to show what younger people think of tobacco.

Other booths included "Kick Butts Soccer," where participants kicked a ball at cigarette ads, a beanbag toss, and "Project 1200," where people came up with reasons to stay smoke-free.

Another booth gave children the opportunity to sign a quarter midget racecar, which is what Jeff Gordon first started racing on.

Zachary Tribble, 9, of Charleston, brought his car that he uses for open-wheel racing to lead as an example for other children.

"It's really important for a driver to make good decisions and stay healthy," said Heather Webb, Zachary's mother.

Decisions Zachary has made are avoiding alcohol and cigarettes.

Webb said it is good for those at a young age to see someone like Zachary making these decisions. They are able to see Zachary as a role model, which Webb said he takes "very seriously."

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Drumbeat FROM PAGE 1

Tipton said as far as she knew, a group like JASC Tsukasa Taiko has not performed on campus before.

She said bringing the drummers brought the exposure of a new art form to campus.

"It broadens their horizons," Tipton said.

The banquet kicked off a monthlong of events in celebration of Asian Heritage Month.

Tipton said Asian Heritage Month is usually celebrated in May, but Eastern chooses to celebrate the month in April when students are around.

A sample of Asian food was provided for guests to sample, and the banquet started with a fashion show of traditional Asian clothing.

"Every thread has a soul," said Krishna Thomas, organizer of the fashion show.

Thomas, assistant director for faculty development, said this Arab proverb is particularly true for Asian culture.

"From every part of Asia, from tribesmen to farmers to multicultur-



noon in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

al city dwellers, textiles have always been more than simple necessities of life," Thomas said.

dress from these countries.

"All the clothing is equally beau-

The outfits came from faculty, staff and others who owned national dress. Many of the costumes are normal, everyday wear in these Asian countries, Thomas said.

of these outfits from day-to-day,'

They are a means of creative she said.

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UNIVERSITY | EXHIBIT **Creativity knows no bounds**

Graduate students' artwork employs uncommon methods

By Ashley Mefford Senior Campus Reporter

Samantha Davenport tries to use everything imaginable when creating art, including cassette tapes.

Davenport, an art graduate student, used pieces of cassette tapes as stems of flowers.

The art contained multiple flowers of the same creation to portray a bed of flowers in a garden.

Davenport's artwork was on display at the Graduate Art Exhibit and Reception at the Tarble Arts Center on Sunday.

Her piece "Star Power" included a large, abstracted star. Davenport said she strives to include abstract art in her pieces.

"I wanted to have a make-believe world," she said. "It's more fun."

Erin Caldwell, an art graduate student, said she likes to incorporate nature into her art.

"I use organic growing forms taken from nature," Caldwell said. "There is both a simplicity and a complexity to nature, and I wanted



BRYCE PEAKE | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS Family and friends congregate outside of the Tarble Arts Center after the Graduate Art Exhibit on Sunday afternoon. Eastern art graduate student Samantha Davenport's work was on display at the Graduate Art Exhibit and Reception at the Tarble Arts Center.

sion.

titled "Construct.'

to emulate that." Marc Blumthal, an art graduate student, has a piece called "Diffraction Gratings" on display.

He said he wanted to show light as a structure with the piece. Blumthal used photos he took

to get ideas for "Diffraction Gratings." The piece included stripes of dif-

ferent colors.

"The photos showed the way light passes through," Blumthal said.

He said he wanted the piece to be an optical illusion and did this by using photos that contained nineteenth century light, which is more traditional and involves landscapes and contemporary light, which are more modern.

"I want people to get dizzy," he

said. "Paintings are about an illuasking, 'Is this vinyl, is this print?'" Neale said.

Rose Eileen Dalcamo, a freshman psychology major, liked Neale's "Construct III."

"I liked how she used the light from the gallery to show the materials she used," Delcamo said.

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CAMPUS | EVENT **Final step: The Grand Finale contest**

By Rob Siebert Staff Reporter

Step dance teams from across the state competed for a cash prize in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Grand Ballroom on Saturday.

"The Grand Finale," hosted by Eastern dance team Rhythm and Ecstasy, featured eight teams competing for a first place prize of \$600.

This was just a great opportunity for us to showcase our talent, and for other schools to come in and showcase their talent," said event host and Rhythm and Ecstasy member Veronica Edmond.

In the end, the first prize would go to Boyz of Poison, an all-male group from Chicago. For their rou-



NORA MABERRY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

The Black Diamonds, from Illinois State University, perform during "The Grand Finale" dance contest on Saturday night in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

mixture of fast and slow movements, dance. Once they were finished on and at one point incorporated sev- stage, the dancers brought flowers to eral small classroom chairs into the

"They were crowd pleasers," said Chelsea Greene, a Rhythm and Ecstasy member who served as one of the judges for the competition. "That's what it's all about."

Kathryn Neale, an art graduate

Each piece was then numbered

Neale had a question in mind

"I want people to walk away

one through six. She used oil and

for anyone looking at her pieces.

acrylic to make her pieces.

student, had six pieces on display

Chicago Youth Dance Crew, another team from Chicago, finished in second place and received a \$300 prize.

In third place was Unexposed from the University of Illinois, which was awarded \$100.

Also featured at the show were teams from Illinois State University and Northern Illinois University, as well another Eastern dance team, Jolie. Rhythm and Ecstasy also put on two performances themselves.

Group president Marjani Lewis

created to give Eastern an opportunity to expand its cultural boundaries.

"We just wanted a chance to show Eastern that there is other stuff out there, instead of the same-old, sameold," she said.

The event served as the culmination of a semester's worth of effort for the group, thus the name "The Grand Finale."

To perfect their routines, Lewis said her team practiced four days a week. One month ago, they began practicing every day, working to create something new and original.

We try not to duplicate our routines," Lewis said.

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tine, Boyz of Poison incorporated a

various female audience members

said the team, founded in 2003, was 7942 or rjsiebert@eiu.edu.

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Presenting a birthday without beer

Student film festival rocks Eastern with seven movies Saturday; "No Beer in Here" wins

By Joshua Van Dyke Staff Reporter

Student filmmakers had a chance to show what they could create on Saturday at the Buzzard Hall auditorium.

Seven student-made films were played, but only one will be shown at college campuses across the nation.

The winner was "No Beer in Here," by Eastern students A.J. Schubert and Kyle McCollum.

'You don't realize how much work goes into an actual film," said McCollum, a junior political science major.

He said a scene that only lasts two minutes in the film might take several hours to produce once the cast is put together.

The title comes from the fact that neither Schubert nor McCollum drink alcohol. That fact is presented throughout the film as well.

When they explained this to friends and family in the film, both

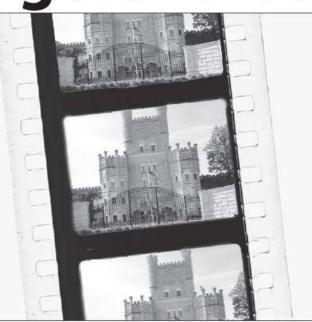


PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY BRYCE PEAKE | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS The Eastern Student Film Festival featured the work of seven studentmade films on Saturday afternoon in the Buzzard Hall auditorium.

received surprised responses, with some even insisting that they have to get drunk after coming of legal age.

Schubert turned 21 in the movie, and McCollum's birthday had been a few days before the plot began.

In the film, the characters move through their day and interact with a cast of characters who are based on, named after and played by people they actually know, such as Schubert's long-running ping-pong foe Eugena.

In a flashback, a former girlfriend of Schubert, named "The Annoying Ex," forces him to watch videos of her cheerleading group on their first date

Schubert said afterward that the only completely fictional character



FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE STUDENT FILM FESTIVAL ONLINE •Film festival podcast •Extended coverage www.dennews.com

On Saturday, the first student film festival took place in Buzzard Hall auditorium. "No Beer in Here," a college satire on students who don't drink, won first place.

Online Reporter Seth Miller talked to A.J. Schubert, one of the creators of the film, to discuss his mockumentary of college life, which was based on people Schubert knows, and the pressures of not drinking at college.

Miller also talked to Nick Gracyalny, University Board's movie coordinator, to discuss how the movie will be put on a college film tour to be viewed across the nation.

was "OCD Kevin," a high-school classmate obsessed with germs.

The other six films at the festival ranged from serious topics such as the history and future of agriculture, to a man's love affair with a doll.

"No Beer in Here" will be featured on a national tour of college campuses.

This gives students a chance to really get their movie out there," said Matt Feely, a graduate adviser in the college student affairs and one of

three festival judges.

Judging criteria was based on technical quality, acting and writing.

The first-, second-, and third-place winners received gift certificates for Wal-Mart, and everyone participated in a raffle for gift certificates at Family Video. Around 20 students in addition to the film creators attended the film festival.

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CITY | LIVING

Home sweet home becomes reality for residents

Local Habitat for Humanity builds its 20th house for Steven Irby's family

By Joshua Van Dyke Staff Reporter

Charleston resident Steven Irby, 46, and his family are getting a new home, thanks to Coles County Habitat for Humanity.

"It's a great relief to getting all this started," said Irby after the groundbreaking ceremony held Sunday.

The house his family will live in

Business

out on a

will be the 20th home the group has built in the Charleston and Mattoon area since its establishment in 1989.

Currently, Irby and his two children live at Charleston Meadows Apartments. Irby has lived in Charleston most

of his life and heard about Habitat for Humanity from an aunt. When completed, the home will

have the same design as the others made by Habitat, including three bedrooms and two bathrooms.

It will cover about 1,000 square

Irby will help build his new home. After choosing a family based on their living conditions and ability to pay for a home, Habitat for Humanity requires all soon-to-be homeowners to help with the construction. They or their family members must put in at least 250 "sweatequity hours."

Families like the Irbys also take out a 30-year loan that, unlike most loans, has no interest fee and is put toward building other houses.

Volunteers help with construction unless a workman with a special skill is needed. If workers have to be hired, they are hired using the money from the loan.

Most of the work is done on weekends for about 8 hours a shift, with a house being built within a matter of weeks. But Habitat's work isn't done after the home is made. The group also provides help to the new homeowners.

"We walk them through from the beginning to the end," said Larry Keigley, 49, a Charleston resident who, along with his wife, will act as a "support family" for the Irbys.

Their job is to help the family deal with paperwork and teach Irby what he needs to know to own a house.

The Irbys' new home will be on the same street as two other Habitat homes. Their immediate neighbors will be the DeRousse family.

'It's just been a blessing for us," said Charleston resident Paula DeR- ousse, 37, of getting a new home.

She said her family is healthier and happier after they moved out of a cramped trailer with black mold growing in the walls and carpet.

She said she applied for the home thanks to insistent friends and doesn't regret the decision.

"I think everyone should be able to get a house they can afford," said Corrine Joyner, Coles County Habitat for Humanity family support committee chairwoman.

"There's nothing like having a home," Joyner said.

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SPORTS **BASEBALL** | NOTEBOOK Kreke, Derbak shine in two wins on Saturday

By Matt Daniels Editor in Chief

Eastern head baseball coach Jim Schmitz benched junior third baseman Jordan Kreke and sophomore catcher Richie Derbak during the second game of last weekend's series at Tennessee Tech.

Schmitz said the two were putting too much pressure on themselves, trying to adapt to higher spots in the batting order.

But the two thrived during Saturday's doubleheader sweep against Tennessee-Martin at Coaches Stadium.

Eastern won the first game 6-4 and followed up in the second game with an 8-6 win.

Derbak and Kreke went a combined 7-for-12, with four runs scored and 10 RBIs on Saturday.

"I said to them, 'Just go play," Schmitz said. "If you're 0-for-3, you're 0-for-3. Can't be more fitting for those guys to have good games (Saturday). That's probably the happiest I'm about the whole day."

Derbak gave Eastern some breathing room in the bottom of the fifth inning during Saturday's first game with the score tied at 3.

Eastern's catcher, who missed both midweek games last week because of a blister on the pointer finger of his throwing hand, pulled a single to right field, which scored junior designated hitter Zach Skidmore and Kreke to make it 5-3 in favor of the Panthers.

Kreke went 3-for-3 in Saturday's first game and drove in Eastern's final run with a sacrifice fly.

"Me and (Kreke), I think he knows that we've both been struggling a little bit out of the five and



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS Freshman shortstop Cameron Strang rips the ball through the infield for two RBIs to help the Panthers beat Tennessee-Martin at Coaches Stadium on Saturday afternoon. Eastern won both games on Saturday.

six slot," Derbak said. "He did a great job (on Saturday) just putting the ball in play and driving people in."

Mueller excels in first game

Freshman pitcher Josh Mueller continued his push to firmly cement his place as Eastern's No. 1 starter during Saturday's first game.

The Columbia native struck out nine in six innings of work to regain the team's strikeout lead with 33, run his record to 3-3 and lower his ERA to 3.13.

Schmitz said Mueller wasn't as sharp as he would have liked but did a good job attacking the hitters. "It just shows how good he is,"

Schmitz said. "I don't know what his velocity was - they said he hit 91 or 92 (mph) a couple times. When you're not sharp and you're throwing 90, that's one thing."

Mueller allowed all of his hits and runs in odd innings. In those three innings, he combined to throw 76 pitches - and 48 were strikes.

In even innings, Mueller threw only 35 pitches - and 22 were strikes.

He struck out the side in the second inning, overpowering the bottom of UT-Martin's lineup with fastballs on the outside corner.

In the fourth, he struck out the first batter and walked the No. 9 hitter but forced UT-Martin leadoff hitter Kyle Dudley to hit into a double play to end the inning.

He retired all three batters he faced in the sixth inning, the last two from strikeouts.

Strang goes the opposite way

Freshman shortstop Cameron Strang did something Schmitz has wanted his team to do all season: hit the ball to the opposite field.

Strang, Eastern's No. 9 hitter, delivered a two-run single to right field to give Eastern a 3-2 lead in Saturday's first game. Earlier in the same game, Strang doubled down the first base line.

"He's not able to really turn on (pitches) yet, so we're working

score runs, which was different than Eastern's first game against UT-Martin. The Panthers scored just six runs on 13 hits in the first game of Saturday's doubleheader.

That was one of the big things after the first game where we had all those hits and we didn't get many runs," Nommensen said. "We just got the momentum throughout the whole game, where we just kept adding on more runs."

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10 or 12 hits in the first game (on Saturday) and two runs at one point. Now they're getting hits and RBIs."

Those hits and RBIs are coming because the Panthers are hitting the

going the other way," Schmitz said. "He understands his roles. I think he comes in out of high school, being the No. 3 hitter, pulling the ball, being the star. That's not his role here. It's to play defense and be a No. 9 guy."

Strang went a combined 3-for-5 in both games and had three RBIs, a sacrifice bunt and a stolen base.

"(I'm) just keeping my front shoulder in trying to take balls the other way," Strang said. "I'm starting to feel more comfortable at the plate."

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Eastern scored two runs in the bottom of the fifth to retake the lead after Tennessee-Martin tied the game in the top of the inning. Key Inning: Bottom of the fifth

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Eastern scored four runs on four hits in the bottom of the

"Just the way they're fielding, I'm really excited," Schmitz said.

"Kreke even catching that popup (in

the outfield in the seventh inning).

fourth inning to take a 5-1 lead it would build upon the

WP: Kehrer, T. (1-4) LP: Patterson, VV. (1-3)

Key Inning: Bottom of the fourth

next three innings.

each game.

Inning by Inning

» Sweep

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"He's getting a lot of confidence out there, and that's going to help us in the next series," Strang said. "He's not walking anybody."

Kehrer had one walk against the Skyhawks but has walked 17 batters in his other seven appearances.

Schmitz said Eastern's hitters could use the Panthers' pitching strength as a boost of confidence at the plate.

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FROM PAGE 12

Eastern used that confidence in the bottom of the fourth inning when it scored four runs on four hits to take a 5-1 lead it would not relinquish.

Junior second baseman Jordan Tokarz led off the bottom of the fourth with a hopping single up the middle. Junior designated hitter Zach Skidmore drew a walk on four straight pitches to advance Tokarz to second.

Kreke then laid a bunt down the third base line to load the bases. Derbak followed Kreke's bunt base hit

league play.

'It really helps to have a good head start (in OVC play)," said Eastern freshman shortstop Cam-The Panthers won their first three eron Strang. "If we can get another sweep or two out of three games (against Murray State), we'll be in good shape."

with a two-run double to right field to score Tokarz and Skidmore. Facer finished the rally with a single through the left side of the infield to score Kreke and Derbak.

We start getting hits, and then we get over the hump when hits become RBIs," Schmitz said. "Hitting doesn't go from bad to really good quickly. It really is a momentum thing."

Eastern center fielder Brett Nommensen said Sunday's win was important because the Panthers were able to not only get hits, but also

next two series are against Jackson-

ville State and at Samford. Both Ala-

bama schools are in the top five of

The Panthers have had success on

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OVC games with a three-game sweep of Morehead State on March 21-22, then lost three straight to Tennessee Tech the next weekend.

It's all or nothing right now for Eastern as it won three straight against Tennessee-Martin this weekend.

The Panthers face Murray State this coming weekend for their fourth OVC series, but Eastern can't afford to follow its current trend of three wins followed by three losses in tom of the league, but the Panthers'

Eastern rests in a comfortable tie for third place in the OVC one-third of the way through league play. Only Samford, Southeast Missouri and Tennessee Tech (also tied for third) are ahead of the Panthers.

But that comfort level could change in the ensuing three weeks.

Murray State is near the bot-

the mound this season.

the OVC.

It's Eastern's hitting that has been questionable from week-to-week.

However, the Panthers might have found their swings.

Eastern scored 27 runs on 39 hits against UT-Martin this weekend, including 13 runs on 17 hits in Sunday's blowout victory at Coaches Stadium.

"We're kind of finding out a little about our team, even though it is week seven," Schmitz said. "We had

ball the other way. Eastern has no real power threat. The Panthers are a speed team, a doubles team. Hitting the ball to the opposite field is the way Eastern will win games.

That, and defense.

Junior Jordan Kreke made the move back to third base from shortstop in Eastern's first midweek game Tuesday against Monmouth College. Strang took his spot at shortstop.

Schmitz said the left side of Eastern's defense is getting better

It doesn't seem like much, but he almost caught one (Saturday) in the damn bullpen."

The Panthers will need that type of hustling defense and good situational hitting if they hope to make the six-team OVC Tournament. Three-game sweeps are nice, winning two-of-three is sufficient, but Eastern cannot get swept on the weekend.

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SOFTBALL | WEEKEND RECAP

Eastern base runners make mistakes in series finale

By Kevin Murphy

Associate Sports Editor

Frustrated.

That's how Eastern's softball players felt on Sunday.

The Panthers had runners in scoring position in several innings but failed to score in a 1-0 loss to Samford at Williams Field.

Eastern senior right fielder right fielder Robyn Mackie was tagged out at home in the fourth inning. Junior Sarah Coppert was caught stealing third base in the sixth inning.

We shot ourselves in the feet," said Eastern head coach Kim Schuette. "Our base running was hideous.

The Panthers left six runners on base on Sunday in the Ohio Valley Conference series finale against the Bulldogs.

Schuette said she was frustrated by the Panthers' situational hitting and said it was more perplexing to her because the team had been working on its hitting.

Coppert led the Panthers (12-16, 7-4 OVC) with two of the team's three hits

Coppert's double lined off Samford freshman pitcher Margaret Carter's face in the sixth inning. The ball bounced and shot to the left shallow part of the outfield. Carter did not have time to shield herself from the ball and left the game. But then Mackie and Eastern freshman third baseman Kiley Holtz popped out, and Coppert was caught stealing.

We had a lot of opportunities," said Eastern senior catcher Ally Nolte. "We didn't take advantage of those opportunities."

Three Samford pitchers combined to shut out the Panthers for the first time in OVC play and for the first time since March 9. Eastern senior pitchers Karyn Mackie (6-7) and Ashley Robison combined for five hits, two walks and two strikeouts.



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Eastern sophomore shortstop Megan Nelson throws the ball during the second game of a doubleheader against Samford at Williams Field on Saturday. The Panthers won both games on Saturday, but lost on Sunday.

"Those three walks were help-

ing me see the ball," Menzione said.

"They were just giving me pitches I

Mackie scored the game-winning

Eastern senior right fielder Robyn

The Bulldogs (13-22, 5-9) scored urday's doubleheader.

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the only run they needed in the second inning as sophomore pitcher Amanda Barrs hit a leadoff double to left center field. During the next ond game of some good pitches. Menzione singled up in the middle at-bat, Barrs scored from second base when Eastern sophomore Megan in the bottom of the sixth inning to drive in the game-winning run as the Nelson overthrew first base on a routine ground ball. The Panthers return Panthers won 4-3 against Samford at Williams Field. to action when they play Butler at 4 p.m. Thursday in Indianapolis.

Saturday's second game Eastern 4, Samford 3

Denee' Menzione had seen enough of the ball to get hits against Samford in the second game of Sat-

Nolte singled past diving Samford The Eastern sophomore centersophomore shortstop Katie England fielder walked three times in the first to bring in Menzione and Holtz, givgame, but took advantage in the sec-

ing the Panthers a 2-1 lead. Eastern junior pitcher Kathleen Jacoby (3-5) picked up her second conference win of the season, and pitched her first complete game all season.

Saturday's first game Eastern 3, Samford 1

Eastern gave up just one run in the first game of Saturday's doubleheader but still had to scrap for a 3-1 win against Samford at Williams Field.

and gave up five hits and one run. She struck out one and walked out none. "I honestly did not throw that

Karyn Mackie pitched six innings

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well, but it worked," Mackie said. "It just drops right out of the strike zone so it looks like it's going to go into the strike zone, and they just end up hitting at the ground."

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Samford pitcher Amanda Barrs would score after Eastern's Megan Nelson overthrew first base.

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Key Inning: Bottom of the sixth Eastern's Denee' Menzione singled up the middle to score Eastern senior Robyn Mackie.

Saturday's First Game

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WP: Mackie, K. (6-6) LP: Barrs, A. (2-6) S:

E: England, K., (7) Harmon, K., (2) Jordan, A., (9, 10) -SAM. LOB: EIU 10; SAM 6. 38: Metcalf, J., (2) -SAM. HBP: Fisher, A., (5) -SAM; Nolte, A. (1) -EIU. SH: Brackett, L., (6) Coppert, S., (6) -EIU. SB: Nelson (16), Coppert (10), -EIU. CS: Barrs, A., (3) -SAM; Brackett Key Inning: Bottom of the fifth

Eastern senior catcher Ally Nolte would reach first base on a Samford throwing error. The play allowed two Eastern runners to score to give Eastern a 3-0 lead.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS | WEEKEND RECAP Panthers fall short, lose both matches

Martin is only female to win in singles against Alabama teams

By JC Clark Staff Reporter

The Eastern men's tennis team lost a pair of close matches at Darling Courts this weekend against two of the better teams in the Ohio Valley Conference. Eastern fell to Jacksonville State 4-3 on Sunday and lost to Samford by the same margin on Saturday.



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The two battled last weekend at the EIU Invite with Golden winning by two-tenths of a second.

Manto bested Golden on Friday by .26 seconds to finish in 1:03.49.

"The good thing about having us in the same race is we push each other," Manto said. "If we take turns coming one-two every time and our times are dropping, that is all we care about."

Golden was still a winner as she

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got.

Despite winning, Embry thought one of his teammates would place first in the event.

"I actually thought my teammate (sophomore) Thomas Evans was going to take that race," Embry said. "He's more of a 110-meter hurdle guy. I'm more of a 60-meter hurdles, but you never throw away a win." Other winners for the Panthers included sophomore thrower Kandace Arnold, who won the shot put (44'05.25"). Freshman Joe Noonan won the pole vault for the third consecutive time with a mark of 16'0.75". Sophomore hurdler Kris Gehrke won the 400-meter hurdles (54.06 seconds). The Panthers won the men's 3,200-meter relay in 7:39.78 with a team of freshman distance runner Justin Helpingstine, junior distance runner David Holm, sophomore distance runner Wes Sheldon, and senior distance runner Chris Wesson. Sheldon ran an important leg for the Panthers. Sheldon was Eastern's third leg, and he put on a burst of speed to close a gap as soon as he got the baton to put the Panthers in first, a lead they would never lose. The Panthers' next meet inthe Western Illinois Lee Calhoun Classic on Saturday in Macomb.

In both matches, Eastern (10-8, 4-3 OVC) lost the doubles point. The close margin of the losses served as no consolation for Eastern head tennis coach John Blackburn.

"I think we know we be competitive against can good teams," Blackburn said. We're hungry, and we want to do better."

Eastern junior Vuk Milicevic lost in singles competition on both days but said the outcomes on Saturday and Sunday could have just as easily went in Eastern's favor.

We were just extremely unlucky to lose both of these matches 4-3," Milicevic said. "We had a few points that could have went a different way but didn't."

The women's team (11-6, 3-4) also had a rough weekend against Jacksonville State and Samford. JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Eastern junior Vuk Milicevic returns a serve during his singles match on Saturday at Darling Courts. Both Eastern men's and women's tennis teams lost this weekend to Jacksonville State and Samford.

After losing to Samford 6-1 on Saturday, the women's team repeated the same result against JSU on Sunday in a match that seemed closer.

Blackburn said he liked the way his team performed from a strategy standpoint and said the match simply didn't go according to plan.

"Sometimes you don't have control over what happens on the other side of the net," Blackburn said.

For the second match in a row, Martin won Eastern's only point when she defeated freshman Martina Dessbesell in straight sets, 7-6, 6-2 at No. 2 singles. JSU freshman Viviane Marani defeated senior Sandra Sasidharan in a comeback victory, winning No. 1 singles 1-6, 6-4, 6-3. In the match's closest contest, JSU sophomore Kristen Fuller defeated Eastern senior Stephanie Harmazy 3-6, 6-1, 15-13.

Homburg said the team still feels upbeat despite having an unsuccessful weekend of play.

"You always have to stay positive," Homburg said. "You can't let a match like this get you down."

The men's and women's teams will return to action when they play Murray State at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday in Murray, Ky.

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won the 100-meter hurdles (14.43 seconds).

Golden said the difference in weather made running different each day.

"(Friday) it was very, very frigid out," Golden said. "But (on Saturday) we got really good weather to make up for (Friday)."

Golden said running in cold weather is difficult, but it is a matter of mentality.

"It is mind over matter," Golden said. "I had a (personal record) yesterday, so it was all good."

Senior Mike Embry was able to pull off a victory Saturday in a close race in the men's 110-meter hurdles. Embry won the event with a time of 14.93 seconds, good enough to beat Wisconsin-Milwaukee's Justin Bohler by two-hundredths of a second.

"I knew I had him coming out of the ninth hurdle," Embry said. "I knew it was going to be close after the 10th hurdle. I just had in my mind, push it, give it everything you

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MLB Chicago White Sox vs, Minnesota 3:05 p.m. on ComCast Sportsnet

MLB St. Louis at Houston 6:05 p.m. on Fox Sports Midwest





Derrick Rose

Rock Chalk Jayhawk. Will Kansas fans chant that tonight in the waning moments of the NCAA national title game? Or will Memphis freshman guard Derrick Rose (above) and company silence Kansas fans and win the Tigers' first-ever national championship? Tonight's game at the Alamodome may go down as one of the greats in NCAA history.

Here are three other title games that have already cemented legendary status

1. North Carolina vs. Kansas: 1957 — Kansas featured Wilt Chamberlain and reserve Dean Smith this triple overtime thriller. But it wasn't enough to overcome North Carolina All-American Tommy Kearns in the Tar Heels 54-53 win in Kansas City.

2. Texas Western vs. Kentucky: 1966 — The final score was Texas Western 72, Kentucky 65. But not many people remember that exact number. They mainly only remember one number: five. Texas Western head coach Don Haskins used five black starters in the title game against head coach Adolph Rupp's all-white Kentucky team. This was college basketball's race-defining moment.

3. Indiana vs. Syracuse: 1987 — Keith Smart shot himself into Hoosier lore with his game-winning basket. Smart's 15-foot jump shot from the left wing with seven seconds left propelled Indiana to a 74-73 win.

-Matt Daniels



SCOTT RICHEY All or nothing in BASEBALL | EASTERN 13, TENNESSEE-MARTIN 2

Big innings result in series sweep

Panthers use rallies in fourth, fifth and sixth innings for win

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By Scott Richey Sports Editor

Eastern scored 10 runs in the fourth-through-sixth innings to wrap up a three-game sweep with a 13-2 win against Tennessee-Martin on Sunday afternoon at Coaches Stadium.

The Panthers (14-13, 6-3 Ohio Valley Conference) jumped out to an early 1-0 lead in the bottom of the second inning when sophomore catcher Richie Derbak pulled a 2-2 pitch over the right field wall for the first home run of his career.

But UT-Martin (3-22, 0-7) tied the game in the next inning on a two-out home run to deep right field by senior center fielder Kyle Dudley off Eastern starting pitcher Tyler Kehrer. Kehrer, a sophomore from New Baden, settled down and gave up one more run (unearned) when UT-Martin freshman third baseman Drew Mason scored on a throwing error by Eastern third baseman Jordan Kreke. Kreke made a diving grab on a ball hit by Skyhawks' freshman shortstop Cody Terry but rushed his throw to senior first baseman Tristan Facer, who could not scoop the ball out of the dirt.

Kehrer (1-4) earned his first win of the season in his eighth appearance this season. He gave up seven hits in seven innings and struck out seven batters.

"We really got good pitching," said Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz. "(Kehrer) is getting better and better and better. He's not relying on his fastball. He threw his offspeed (pitches) for strikes.'

Freshman shortstop Cameron Strang said Kehrer worked past a rough first few innings when he gave up three hits and one run in the first few innings and threw several pitches in long counts.

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Athletes make up

for cold weather on

LaRocque won the 10,000-meter run (31 minutes, 47.25 seconds). "I want to qualify for junior

thers won 13-2 and swept the Skyhawks. Kehrer picked up his first win of the season.



NORA MABERRY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Eastern sophomore Tyler Kehrer pitches against Tennessee Martin on Sunday at Coaches Stadium. The Pan-

SPORTS

conterence

The Eastern baseball team is right where head coach Jim Schmitz wants his team.

The Panthers are one game above .500 overall, but three games ahead of that total in the Ohio Valley Conference with a 6-3 league record.

Schmitz has always said he wants the Panthers to win twoof-three games during the OVC weekend series. After three weekends of league play, Eastern is right on track - but not in the way Schmitz hopes each weekend series goes.

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second day

RECAP

By Dan Cusack Sports Reporter

The Eastern men's and women's track teams battled the weather on both days of the EIU Big Blue Classic

Friday saw the athletes battle cold weather in most of the throwing events and a number of distance races.

On Saturday, the weather was perfect for a meet.

Either way, the Panthers shined liked Saturday's sun this weekend as the teams finished with 10 event wins.

The first day saw wins from both the men's and women's track teams.

Freshman distance runner Brad >>> SEE WEATHER, PAGE 11

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK | WEEKEND

Teams win 10 events

nationals in the summer, and I was going have to break 32 minutes," LaRocque said.

LaRocque said teammate Brad Butler paced him for the first 20-of-25 laps, but then Butler dropped off and let LaRocque go.

LaRocque said he felt a rush during the last five laps but was also battling asthma because the cold weather caused it to flare up.

Junior thrower Rachel Galligan threw in her first meet following the Eastern women's basketball season and won the javelin with a throw of 131 feet, 6 inches. Junior sprinter Samantha Manto had another close race with teammate junior hurdler Chandra Golden on Friday in the 400-meter hurdles.



NORA MABERRY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS Junior middle distance runner David Holm competes in the 1,500-meter run during the Big Blue Classic on Saturday at O'Brien Stadium. Holm placed second in 3 minutes, 51.67 seconds.

EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE				
BASEBALL	BASEBALL We dreaded up Indiana State I	SOFTBALL	MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS	MEN'S GOLF Friday at Illinois Invitational
Tuesday vs. Illinois College 3 p.m. – Coaches Satdium	Wednesday vs. Indiana State 3 p.m. – Coaches Stadium	Thursday at Butler (DH) 1 p.m. — Indianapolis	2:30 p.m. — Murray, Ky.	All Day — Urbana