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Philosophy professor Grant Sterling received faculty laureate for excellence in general education classes.

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The Eastern football team is seven days away from its 2014 season opener at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 28 at the TCF Bank Stadium.

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Jalyssa Woodall and Kelsey Hosea, members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority inc. lead the march at the "Stand Up & Speak Out" campus-wide march Wednesday. The march started in Greek Court and ended in 7th Street Underground.

Students march toward justice, non-violence for Ferguson, Mo.

By Roberto Hodge

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Wearing clothes of red and black, students from Theta Zeta, a chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority, along with others not affiliated with the group silently marched straight-faced with a purpose Wednesday evening.

The marchers held signs saying "Don't shoot," "Black lives matter too" and "Mike Brown RIP." The students were peacefully protesting the events, which happened in Ferguson, Mo. Aug. 9 and the subsequent days that followed.

The march from Greek Court to the Doudna steps garnered Eastern faculty such as Mark Hudson, director of housing and dining; Mona Davenport, director of minority affairs; Shawn Peoples, associate director of student standards; and Yolonda Williams, Gateway academic advisor.

One student left the Booth Library clock tower just to join in the peaceful protest. Joining in a circle with their hands adjoined, the protesters prayed for the life of Brown before marching into 7th Street Underground.

Ashley Howard, a senior psychology major, began the discus-



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Students and faculty members gather for prayer after the "Stand Up & Speak Out" campus-wide march North Quad Wednesday.

sion in the dimly lit room with an overview of events leading up to Brown's death.

Howard showed a clip of his alleged robbery and then another from one of three autopsy reports.

Brown was shot six times, twice in the head with one bullet going through his eye; immediately following his death, there were protests and anger from residents of Ferguson towards police officers.

"It's unfortunate to have three autopsies and you still have a lot

of unanswered questions," said Shawn Allen, a senior political science major.

Kelsey Hosea, vice president of Delta Sigma Theta, asked members of the crowd how they felt about the alleged robbery, which resulted in a multitude of responses. Even Browns' physical profile was mentioned.

"Your size is nothing compared to what a firearm is capable of," said Marquan Luckey, a senior family consumer sciences major.

Luckey, who seemed to be a little more passionate than some of the others in the crowd, explained that the video was a form of painting African-American males in a negative light in order to justify Brown's death.

Eventually, a clip was shown of the residents of Ferguson protesting while being attacked with tear gas, which sparked the question of police ethics and looting.

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Tarble director to retire

By Samantha Middendorf

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Following 28 years of working as the director of the Tarble Arts Center, Michael Watts is planning to retire.

Watts said changes in the pension system have pushed him to retire.

"Technically, I retired in May with the understanding that I would continue on working through January, so that would give Interim Dean Glenn Hild the time to do a national search for a new director," he said.

Tarble and its support system have provided Watts with memories he said would last him beyond his retirement.

"The support that the Tarble family has given to the Tarble Arts Center over the years, from its inception through today, is just phenomenal," Watts said. "To be in a position where you're able to think, 'OK, what can we do next to improve and elevate what the Center's doing,' is just phenomenal."

Not only did the support of the Tarble family encourage Watts throughout his time as director, but also the people he encountered throughout Eastern left a lasting impact.

"The other thing I will miss is working with the people here, especially the people in the College of Arts and Humanities advisory council, chairs and the deans," he said. "It's a great thing to go into work and to know so many people share your values, aspirations and your goals to serve the greater good."

Students also managed to change Watts' outlook when it came to choosing new exhibitions and discovering what kinds of work is popular from year to year.

"You have new students every year," he said. "You can't just sit around. Everyone's asking questions, provoking you, prodding you, which makes you question the things you've been doing and makes you see how their perspective's different from when you first got involved."

Watts said he would certainly miss the combinations of the various different support groups.

"I never dreamed that I would have that kind of support when I came to the position, so that's been a remarkable situation throughout my career," he said.

Watts is planning his retirement with his wife, Barb, so that they will have more time to enjoy together.

"One of things I'd like to do is take some classes at Eastern that I've been meaning to take, but haven't had the time to do it," he said. "I'd also like to travel more."

However, Watts said those are just short-term plans, and he has yet to plan too far into the future.


"It's all happened so fast, and I'm still really engaged with working, so I haven't quite had time to think of long term plans," he said.

The College of Arts and Humanities is undergoing a national search to find a new director of Tarble. The college plans to have made a selection by January 2015.

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Regime Billingsly, a junior athletic training major, explains the sign up sheet for Sigma Gamma Rho sorority to Sarah Ampadu, a senior health studies major, at Panther Palooza Wednesday.

Palooza promotes community service

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Panther Palooza, an annual event, showcased a variety of registered student and non-student organizations on Wednesday in the South Quad. Organizations such as St. Jude and Gift of Hope attended Panther Palooza this year to provide information and get college students to support their campaigns.

St. Jude is an organization that raises funds and awareness for deadly diseases in children such as cancer. St. Jude promoted their "Up'till Dawn" campaign to recruit college students to support.

"Students can stay up'till dawn in honor of St. Jude patients" Jennifer Smutz, a graduate from the University of Minnesota, said. She said the campaign consisted of teams of six people to raise \$600 to support St. Jude.

Gift of Hope, an organization that focuses on getting people to register to be organ and tissue donors, asked students to register.

Registered student organizations such as Haiti Connection, Bridging Voices in Our Community, and Big Brothers Big Sisters promoted service and awareness.

Haiti Connection is a student group that works with Quincy University to help people in Haiti.

"We hold fundraisers every year," Caitlin Wend, a junior kinesiology major, said. "All money goes to projects for Haiti."

Haiti Connection also did an alternative spring break trip before to Guatemala, where they helped build homes she said.

Bridging Voices in Our Community Bullying Prevention focuses on discussing issues such as bullying and depression with students and providing information on these topics.

"We cover topics people are usually not comfortable about" Felicia Green, member and graduate student, said. "We define terms and ask people their opinion as well."

Big Brothers Big Sisters registered students to become big brothers and big sisters by providing one-on-one relationship with children of Coles County.

"We help underprivileged kids or those who need more mentoring" Kelly Pembroke, sophomore accounting and finance major, said. "We operate in partnership with Mid-Illinois Big Brothers Big



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Chris Adams, a junior art major, speaks to Kyle Singer, a graduate art major, about the Qadriya Sufi Foundation of America at Pantherpalooza Wednesday.

Sisters in an effort to help youth reach their full potential."

Lutheran church charities showcased their "comfort dogs," which provide comfort to people in disaster response situations.

Ruthie, a trained comfort dog from Lutheran Church Charities, has worked in different help needed areas.

Richard Martin, director of com-

fort dog ministry, said 80 dogs were placed in 16 states in 2008.

"Ruthie has interacted with people at churches, schools, hospitals, and disaster response situations," he said. "She was there for the Boston Marathon bombing."

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Charleston Farmers Market ends season early

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The Charleston Farmers Market had its last event on the Charleston Square Wednesday due to construction complications that would get in the way.

Charleston residents gathered Wednesday for the final farmers market of the 2014 season. Originally the farmers market was intended to continue until Oct. 29, 2014.

The date had recently changed due to construction that has been scheduled to happen on the Coles

County Courthouse. The plans for construction are to "tuck point" the courthouse. Tuck-pointing is the extraction and replacement of old mortar with new mortar.

Many local farmers expressed their disappointment on the early cancellation of the farmers market. This cancellation affected farmers like Debbie Tucker who use the money made from the farmers market as a source of income.

Tucker said the cancellation of the farmers market this early is a disappointment, especially when it comes to meeting certain custom-

ers' needs.

Other farmers, such as Cathy Cloud of Johnson Branch Produce, were disappointed because of the good growing conditions this season.

"This season for farming has been one of the best seasons I have had in seven years," she said.

Other farmers enjoy the social aspect of the farmers market. One farmer, Ron Uphoff, enjoys his time in retirement by spending time with his son and grandson farming for the farmers market.

Mike Knoop, owner of Roc's Blackfront Restaurant and Lounge

and longtime organizer of the farmers market, said he is also disappointed in the recent construction complications. Rather than redirecting the farmers market to another area, Knoop made a decision to end the year early.

Most of the farmers at the farmers market on the Square already go to the 18th Street Farmers Market and want to encourage everyone to come to get fresh produce.

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Grant Sterling, a philosophy professor, addresses faculty and new students after receiving this years faculty laureate during Convocation on Friday in Lantz Arena. The faculty laureate is an annual award that recognizes a faculty member for excellence in teaching general education classes.

Sterling wins faculty laureate

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Grant Sterling, a philosophy professor, was chosen as this year’s faculty laureate. The ceremony took place Friday in Lantz Arena. The faculty laureate is an annual award that recognizes a faculty member for excellence in teaching general education classes. Nominees must be a current full-time member of the Eastern teaching faculty and teach general education courses. In addition, they must provide a letter of nomination, one letter of recommendation from a former student and one from a faculty member or administrator, and a statement from the nominee on the value of general education. Sterling said his interest in philosophy began with his first philosophy course.

“When I got to EIU, I had no background knowledge of philosophy,” Sterling said. “I took introduction to philosophy with a really good professor and I discovered that I really like to think about things the way philosophers do.” Sterling obtained his bachelor’s degree in philosophy at Eastern and his doctorate in philosophy from the University of Iowa. The faculty laureate must speak at convocation about the concept and importance of general education for incoming students. As faculty laureate, Sterling said he wants to increase student thinking. “I try to emphasize the idea that as a human being, you have the ability to look at the world around you and know it,” Sterling said. Jonelle DePetro, chair of the philosophy department, said a teacher is chosen because of their excellent undergrad classes. “He has been a faculty member for many

years and has taught a lot of general education classes,” she said. Students find him very engaging and that his door is always open, Depetro said. Sterling said learning about something you might not be interested in is necessary to understand the world. “General education classes are a way to discover yourself,” Sterling said. “Students decide they’re not interested and shut themselves off before the class has even started.” He said what he likes about teaching general education is the opportunities it offers him. “All students know what history is and other classes,” Sterling said. “I like the opportunity to show them what philosophy is.”

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Movie streaming available

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Students living on campus will be able to stream some of the latest movie releases, some which have not even come out on DVD or Blu-ray. The service, called “Resident Select,” will update every month with 16 more movies totaling to 80 by the end of the semester; the movies will also be available to students six months before Netflix and video rental stores obtain them. “It’s very much like Netflix. We want to give on-campus students an exclusive experience,” Mark Hudson director of housing and dining services said. In order to access the site, students must go to movies.eiu.edu in the residence halls, which will take them directly to the service site. The site will not be available outside of a residence hall. However, students living off-campus will not be able to access the streaming service and unlike Netflix, the movies will only be available for a brief time period. At the end of each semester, the current movies will be removed from the service, and will restart with a new set of 16 movies. Hudson said the university always had a movie channel available to them on campus, which is called Swank, but it wasn’t until recently they found out the company offered a streaming service at no additional charge. The university’s contract with the company owning the streaming service is \$42,517 a year. Matthew Boyer, the assistant director for residential life and conference services, said the students of Residential Hall Association chose what movies to pick during the summer and the previous academic year. Currently, there are no restrictions on what is shown through the streaming service as long as the movies do not have an adult rating, Boyer said. The service is covered by room and board at no additional cost to the students.


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Wipe on, wipe off at the Rec Center

Working out in the Student Recreational Center has its benefits. Exercise equipment litters the two floors and the track offers an air-conditioned alternative to the sweltering heat currently plaguing Charleston.

Like with most public places though, certain liberties granted to those who workout at home are forgone when they exercise in the public gym.

The longstanding smell, which can only be described as thick, wet and pungent, is difficult to overpass. At certain times, the crowds of people on the machines leaves little options for exercises.

And once the benches or machines are finally free, the one next in line to use them get to see beads of sweat riddle the pads.

This is by far the hardest obstacle to get past when going to the gym. People giving little mind to wipe down the benches after they are done are irresponsible. They need to be educated on the common infections that can be passed through a room with hundreds of sweaty men and women.

Even if there was not a risk for infections, I do not want to laying on a pool of sweat, and I assume that is the case for most.

It is disgusting seeing sweat outlines on the pads from someone who has been their before. More respect should be given when using the Rec equipment, or at least, there should be more respect for others using it.

It should not be a challenge to take 30 seconds taking a paper towel, spraying the paper towel, and wiping down the pads with the paper towel.

While it the staff should be regularly cleaning the equipment thoroughly, those who go to gym need to do their part as well. They cannot wipe down the bench every time a person is done using it, even though that would be incredible.

Despite being a student who wants a clean gym for myself, I want those incoming students to see a gym that does not look grimy.

Wiping down the pads is the bare minimum when it comes to avoiding having sweat soaked gym equipment.

I can understand motivation to wipe down after every exercise can be monotonous, but seeing remnants other people on equipment takes out any motivation to actually use the equipment.

Wiping on and wiping off makes the world go round.

If it is too much of a hassle to do these menial tasks, those who do not wipe down should stay at home and allow people to workout in a clean world.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Life begins outside your comfort zone

We don't usually like to deal in clichés, but there is some truth to the saying "life begins outside your comfort zone."

And if that's where life indeed begins, then it's also where intellect and maturity blossom.

Over the course of this week, the staff and advisors at *The Daily Eastern News* have been discussing the weirdest and strangest things we've each done that actually turned out to be enjoyable.

Answers ranged anywhere from taking a Russian history class or working at a student publication to learning to play racquetball or taking a spontaneous, midnight drive to Tennessee for breakfast.

While we don't advise the latter (Tennessee Waffle Houses are actually a bit terrifying—stick to Lincoln Gardens), we do think there's a lesson there, one that shows just how important it is, from time to time, to shake things up a bit — to really jump outside your comfort zone.

So, as students return to campus for the semester, greeted with an array of opportunities to expand their horizons, the staff of *The News* would like to prompt students to do exactly that — to challenge themselves in one way or another.

Doing so, we feel, is a great way to both broaden one's horizons or discover a new passion, and is an integral part to fostering

maturity and appreciating the college experience.

Whether it's attending the upcoming Pokey LaFarge concert to learn to truly appreciate bluegrass music, registering for a class you have no interest in, or simply taking a weekend night off from the bars to explore the Charleston area, we think you'd be wise to do it.

As we are sure you will be told this week, college is a time to grow, and not just intellectually. Challenging your current perceptions is great, and will take you far. But casting your worries aside, and jumping full-in to a foreign and unknown experience will do much more.

So, next time you see Brother Jed on campus, invite him to have breakfast with you. Instead of going to Four O'Clock Club on Friday, drive out to the World's Fastest Pop Machine.

Next time you're stuck between taking a generic communications elective or something like "Introduction to Ballroom Dancing," take the latter. You just may like it. And if you don't? What does it matter — at least you tried something new.

Plus, now you can salsa dance.

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

The best of weekends are 3-day weekends

Just as the school year gets into full swing with its first week under the belt, Eastern gets a three-day weekend — but don't be packing up your car just yet.

Before you go ahead and fuel up your car, throw three days worth of clothes into a bag and hit the road back to see your folks — who you probably just spent the last three months with — take a minute and consider what you're doing.

We've been in school for a week. Scratch that: less than a week if you moved in on Sunday. Take it in. There you go. Let the realization come over you that it's only been five to seven days. Some packages don't even arrive in that amount of time. And after those few days you shouldn't be so ready to book it on back home. In fact, you should be getting excited realizing that college might just be a lot more fun during a three-day weekend.

So, I'm asking you to please restrain yourself from migrating home for the three-day weekend and give Eastern a chance during the Labor Day holiday, instead of going to where you lived for three months before getting here less than a week ago.

This is the first true weekend at Eastern. There is no Quakin' in the Quad fair or First Night celebration. This is your first real experience at



Bob Galuski

what college life will be like when class is not in session.

And guess what? College life means living here during the weekends. There are plenty of times to go home, such as Fall Break or Thanksgiving, or any other weekend you might need to. Just reconsider the first weekend before you buy that train ticket.

As I'm sure you heard during the opening nights of Eastern, this university operates like a family. In a sense it's true. Don't run from this new experience before you think it through completely.

Decisions like leaving early means you'll miss out on all the memories your friends will have. And trust me, you will come to regret it. Don't begin college with a regret, but instead strive to make the most of it. And you can't do that sitting back in your parents' basement.

Don't be so eager to leave the place you've decided is your new home for the next four years.

Some of the best friends I've made I made during three-day weekends when we all had the opportunity to hang out.

For some it might be a bit of a shock to be here so long, but really that's the point. College forces you to become adults, not only in the realms of education, but socially as well.

Besides whether or not you should go to class, this is one of the first big choices you'll have to make as independent adults. You have to decide whether or not you want to be on your own and have a bit more freedom or if you want to quit on the college life before even giving it an ounce of a chance.

To leave before even making it through the first week is not what college is supposed to be. College is about freedom, about being an adult and on your own for the first time.

Going home the first weekend back is a little like giving up on the experience before you try it. Hang out with your friends. Sleep in. Get ready for the second week of school by — gasp! — doing your homework ahead of time. In short, enjoy this three-day weekend at Eastern. It doesn't come along very often.

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Panthers bleed blue



CYNNA MILLER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Kasi Spry, a sophomore elementary education major, reaches for her blood donor card while Jay Garfield, a senior family and consumer science major and vice president of Delta Chi Fraternity, Inc. and Kyle Fallon, a senior kinesiology and sports studies and a member of Delta Chi Fraternity, Inc., help her with registration for the Delta Chi Blood Drive in Andrews Hall basement Wednesday. Henry Schmidt, a senior biological sciences major and Recruitment Chairman for Delta Chi Fraternity, Inc., stated that the Blood Drive that the fraternity held in partnership with the American Red Cross was to do service to the community and bigger issues beyond just Eastern's campus. The second Delta Chi Blood Drive will take place Thursday in the Grand Ballroom from 1 to 6 p.m.

Tarble to host Ansel Adams photograph exhibit

By **Samantha Middendorf**
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The Tarble Arts Center is hosting an exhibition of Ansel Adams' photography titled "Masterworks" through Oct. 19.

Michael Watts, the director of the Tarble, said the center chose "Masterworks" because of Adams' popularity among the community.

"Ansel Adams is probably one of the more universally known and liked American artists, and that is why we started the exhibition of his works," Watts said.

Adams was one of those in the forefront into making photography an art form, Watts said.

"Masterworks" will feature a selection of 49 photographs that Adams himself felt represented the best of his work.

"Ansel Adams is considered a pioneer of American photography, especially in terms of art," Watts said. "Most people that are interested in art or photography have heard his name before, or are somewhat familiar with the photographs that he's taken."

Watts said Adams was one of the artists who dealt with modernism at a time when it was taking over around the globe.

Tarble is currently working in conjunction with the Tarble Family Foundation, which Watts said is helping to host exhibitions that would not be possible otherwise.

"The Ansel Adams exhibition is the first major exhibition in what will be an ongoing series for the Tarble Arts Center, and this is made possible by a recent, very generous, gift from the Tarble Family Foundation to establish an endowment to be able to fund exhibitions of major art and artists works, which we wouldn't have been able to do in the past," Watts said.

In conjunction with "Masterworks" Tarble will be hosting a lecture with Adams' granddaughter, Sarah Adams, at 2 p.m. Sept. 7 in the Tarble Arts Center Atrium.

Admission is free, but tickets must be reserved at the Doudna Fine Arts Center box office.

Tarble will also be hosting an Art Faculty Exhibition in conjunction with the art department Aug. 28 through Oct. 19.

The Art Faculty Exhibition will display various sculptures, paintings, drawings, ceramics, metals and electronic media created by current and emeritus Eastern faculty.

The exhibition will open at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, with a reception. What's Cookin,' a Charleston restaurant, will be providing refreshments.

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KEVIN HALL | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Participants in the "Stand Up & Speak Out" campus-wide march hold up their hands on the steps in front of the Doudna Fine Arts Center Wednesday in remembrance of Mike Brown.

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Even the notion of the situation being similar to the Los Angeles Riots of 1992, which was the result of Rodney King's 1991 beating, was left in the air for audience members to think about.

Brian Hannah, a senior communications major, said the issue in Ferguson was only half about race, while the other half of the story has to deal with class.

Hannah said minorities are the majority of the poverty system, and he thought that looting was a way of rebelling against the system of class.

However, graduate student Mikale Kelley-Ross explained looting was the natural order of rebelling for African-Americans faced by oppression.

Kelley-Ross said when there is a large population of African-Americans in any given place with a small population of Caucasians with all the power,

the African-Americans have no way of venting out their frustrations, so looting is inevitable.

"This is nothing new to our history; Mike Brown was just the cherry on top," she said. "This was going to explode anyway."

Brandon Goodman, a senior communications major, saw the looting as something that made the situation worse.

Goodman explained looting was not going to help the situation any more, and people needed to come up with a new way of showing unity.

"That's the anger of our people seeing the same thing over and over again," Williams said.

Peoples said looting was a result of the anger people felt during that time. She also said she believed there were those who used the situation as an excuse to loot stores.

With Mike Brown being one out of four African-American males killed because of police brutality in August, many in the room felt that some officers reacted too harshly to the situation, such as Dominic Hamilton, a sophomore kinesiology and sports studies major.

"(I'm) not saying the police aren't doing their job, but killing one person changed the whole town," he said. "People have a right to peaceful protest."

He said because he is an African-American male, there are already stereotypes ascribed to him at birth.

"People see it as one-dimensional; it's more than a race thing—it affects everyone," Hamilton said.

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Bradbury, Lee lead Eastern

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After a tough loss to end its season last year in the Ohio Valley Conference tournament, the Eastern volleyball team is anxious to start its 2014 campaign.

After the release of the OVC preseason rankings, the Panthers are ranked second, a year removed from losing as the No. 3 seed in the first round.

“The last loss to Eastern Kentucky at the OVC’s was tough, but any loss has that heavy effect on you,” coach Kate Price said. “No loss is more difficult than another, and we’re much more focused on this coming season.”

The Panthers lost Reynae Hutchinson to graduation, but in Price’s eyes, losing the rest of the senior class was another tough pill to swallow.

“Losing Reynae, Amy Martin, and the rest of that class left a huge void in our lineup, which we’ve done a good job of trying to fill in the last few weeks,” Price said.

Two members expected to shine for this year’s team include juniors Marah Bradbury and Chelsea Lee.

Bradbury, a setter, has been named to the All-OVC team for the second straight season and led the OVC’s in assists last season with 1,304.

“I have to give a lot of credit to my teammates,” Bradbury said. “I’m involved in a lot of plays with them, and I couldn’t do anything that I do without them.”

Since Hutchinson’s departure from Eastern, Bradbury has stepped up as the team’s leader.

“I always try to be the leader on the court, since I’m always on the court,” she said. I think people respect that, and we all work hard together.”

Lee was another Eastern representative on the All-OVC preseason team, as she compiled 356 hits, ranking seventh in the OVC from the outside hitter position. She also post-



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Junior outside hitter Abby Saalfank spikes the ball Southern Illinois-Edwardsville last season. Saalfank is one of 10 returners to this year’s Eastern volleyball team.

ed a .265 hitting percentage and 111 digs.

“It’s a real honor to be ranked second overall, but that’ll motivate us to finish the year on top,” Lee said.

Price successfully recruited three freshman for this season, including Maria Brown, who won a regional championship at Lincoln Way Central High School.

“I remember watching Reynae play last year, and being in absolute awe at how good she was,” Brown said. “She’s been an inspiration to this program, and I hope I can continue that legacy throughout my time here.”

Brown comes in as an outside hitter, which is where Hutchinson vacated following last season.

“I don’t expect Maria to take on that role at this moment,” Price said. “She’s shown good ball control, which is what we’ve been focusing on lately, so eventually she should end up making a good impact for us.”

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A tale of 2 quarterbacks

Manley is man for job

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Andrew Manley has been there before. He has faced Minnesota in TCF Bank Stadium in Minneapolis, Minn., and he won.

In 2011, the current Eastern quarterback was the starting quarterback for New Mexico State, where he led the Aggies to their first ever win over a Big Ten conference opponent with a 288-yard, three-touchdown performance.

“I’ve been in the atmosphere,” Manley said. “I know how loud the student section gets. I’ve played against (Minnesota) coach (Jerry) Kill before. I’m going to feel very comfortable because of that.”

This year, at Eastern, Manley is splitting the starting position with another quarterback who has experience at the FBS level in Kentucky transfer Jalen Whitlow.

While first-year Eastern coach Kim Dameron said he will not reveal the official starting quarterback until kick off at 6 p.m. Thursday, he did say both Manley and Whitlow will see playing time.

“They will both play in the first game and I would hope that it will be that way all year long,” Dameron said.

Leading into the season opener, Dameron said there is no game plan determining how much playing time each quarterback will see; rather it is the way the game unfolds that will determine who will be the man under center.

Manley should be that man.

Aside from having the experience of winning in TCF Bank Stadium, Manley also has more experience with Eastern, developing the appropriate chemistry with teammates.

The red-shirt senior has spent the last two seasons at Eastern. That is two years more than Whitlow, who joined the Panthers in late May.

Manley established himself as the starting quarterback in the spring and the addition of Whitlow should not change that.

This offseason he has showed off his arm and impressed the coaching staff with the ability to avoid turnovers and score points, all backed by his leadership and experience.

Manley emerged as the start-

er during spring practices, having only improved since then, with a better understanding of offensive coordinator Greg Stevens’ playbook that is best described as a pro style, which can speed up and



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Quarterback Andrew Manley appears in his first game at Eastern against Eastern Kentucky on Sept. 28, 2013 at O’Brien Field.

slow down whenever it wants. “I’m making better decisions with the ball,” Manley said. “I’ve been getting the ball out a lot quicker and I’ve improved on making my reads.”

Stevens, also in his first year at Eastern, comes from Southeastern Louisiana, where he guided quarterback Bryan Bennett, a transfer for the University of Oregon, to 3,165 passing yards and 21 touchdowns. Bennett finished eighth in the Walter Payton Award Watch List.

However, Bennett, a dual-threat quarterback, also has a tremendous ability to scramble when a play breaks down as well as the benefit of being able to have running plays tailored around him.

Bennett rushed for 1,046 yards and 16 touchdowns —

Whitlow has the edge over Manley in that sense — he has the potential to flourish in an offense that Manley said favors the run.

In 22 games at Kentucky, Whitlow rushed for 663 yards and nine touchdowns.

But a confident Manley said he is not discouraged.

“I’ll run when I have to, not just running for the hell of it,” Manley said. “I’ll look through my reads, and if my reads aren’t there and I see the green light, then I’ll take off.”

After all, running can only go so far. In Whitlow’s 22 games in the FBS he amassed just 1,384 yards and eight touchdowns passing. Where Whitlow’s athleticism soars, his passing game suffers.

Meanwhile, In 25 games at New Mexico State, Manley threw for 4,268 yards and 25 touchdowns.

Manley’s decision-making, arm strength and accuracy are the perfect intangibles to lead Stevens’ offense.

The best way to avoid a quarterback controversy is to not have one.

Eastern does not need to have a controversy. The answer is Manley.

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Editor’s Note: Managing editor Anthony Catezone and sports editor debate who should start at Eastern, as coach Kim Dameron chose to go with a two-quarterback system to start this year.

Whitlow’s show

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As a sophomore Andrew Manley entered TCF Bank Stadium with only career five starts under his belt.

The quarterback left his sixth start

with a win over Minnesota of the Big Ten Conference, a big deal for Manley’s New Mexico State Aggies that reside in the WAC.

Manley’s only mistakes on that September day were interceptions in the second and fourth quarter. He did not let that faze him, as Manley threw for 288 yards and three touchdowns — a great display of poise and leadership from the Hawaii native.

Now, Manley is with Eastern, which begins its season at Minnesota.

Panthers’ head coach Kim Dameron has decided to play Manley and Jalen Whitlow at quarterback this season.

That’s fine, it could work. Obviously offensive coordinator Greg Stevens nor Dameron are giving me a call to ask what I think, but I think it should be the Kentucky transfer starting in Whitlow starting full time.

Some want to point back to Manley’s win over Minnesota when he was a sophomore, but that was on Sept. 10, 2011, or 1,083 days ago.

A red-shirt senior this season, Manley last started a game on Dec. 1, 2012 (6,335 days ago). Whitlow made eight starts last season at Kentucky, while appearing in all 12 games for the Wildcats.

A lot has changed from 2011, and looking back at that Minnesota team, it was losing a lot that year with Jerry Kill in his first season with the Golden Gophers finishing 3-9.

In 2011, Whitlow was a senior at Prattville High School in Alabama, winning the class 6A state championship. Manley was rehabbing a season-ending injury after his third game with the Aggies that year.

Don’t get me wrong. In no way am I cheering against Manley this year. Looking at the numbers, Manley has more than three times the passing yards in college than Whitlow (4,268 — 1,384).

Dameron points out the obvious difference between the two quarterbacks, as Manley is more of a stay-in-the-pocket quarterback, while Whitlow is more of a scrambler.

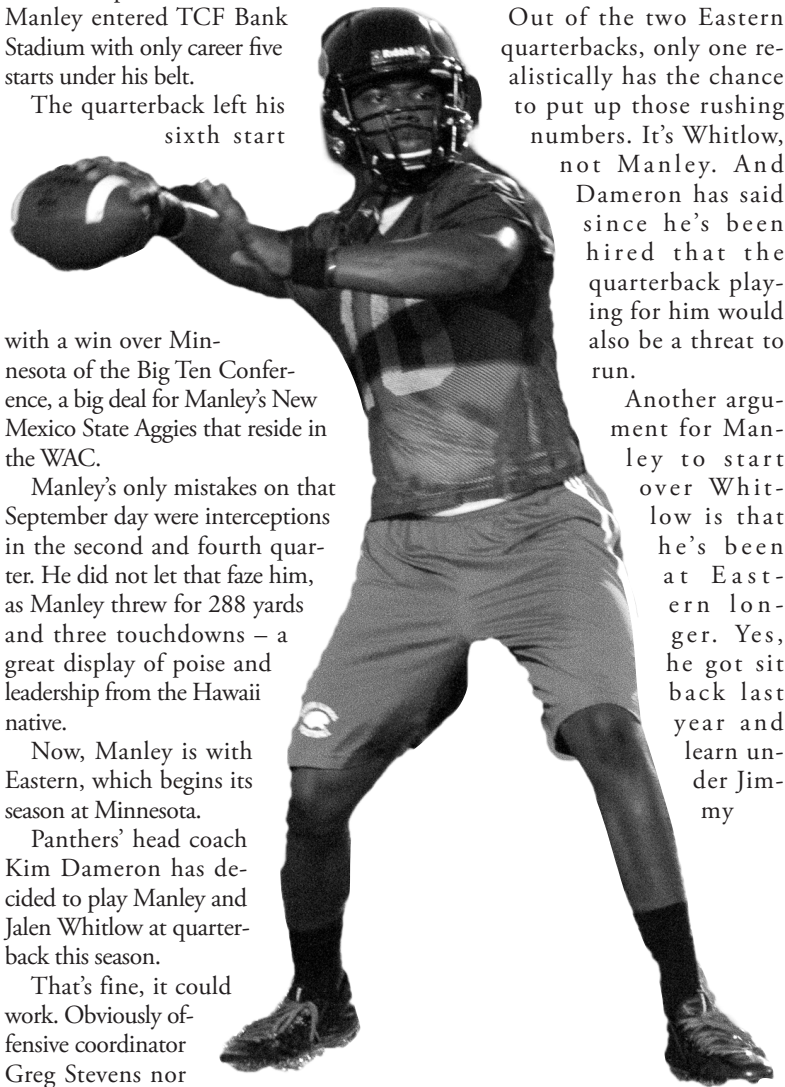
But looking at what Stevens ran at Southeastern Louisiana, it seems that the more mobile quarterback is better equipped for this Eastern offense.

Bryan Bennett was the quarterback at Southeastern Louisiana last

year and passed for 3,165 yards and ran for 1,046 yards. Sounds like a dual-quarterback threat to me.

Out of the two Eastern quarterbacks, only one realistically has the chance to put up those rushing numbers. It’s Whitlow, not Manley. And Dameron has said since he’s been hired that the quarterback playing for him would also be a threat to run.

Another argument for Manley to start over Whitlow is that he’s been at Eastern longer. Yes, he got sit back last year and learn under Jimmy



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Eastern quarterback Jalen Whitlow drops back for a pass in practice Monday at O’Brien Field.

Garoppolo, but there’s a completely new coaching staff and different offense.

OK, he was here during the spring and Whitlow was still at Kentucky. So, maybe Manley was ahead in picking up the new offense. Well, Whitlow seems to have picked it up pretty quickly because after being the out right starter after the spring, Manley is now sharing the starting job with Whitlow.

Plus, the offense is similar to what Whitlow ran when he started seven games as a freshman at Kentucky. A pro-style system that he said he is most comfortable with. The same type of offense he was in when he won a state championship in high school.

With two years of eligibility left, Whitlow should start now because after the year is over Manley will be gone. It’s in Eastern’s best interest to give the guy who still has a future beyond this season the most room to grow and develop.

If Manley is truly a better fit for this team, Whitlow’s transfer would not have affected his status as the starter. Yet again, if Whitlow is better than Manley, he would be the definite starter heading into the season.

I guess Dameron really does know what he’s doing.

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At quarterback, red-shirt sophomore Mitch Leidner will start for Minnesota.

Last year, he played in 10 games, while starting four; Leidner tied Cobb for the team lead in rushing touchdowns at seven.

He also finished the season with 407 rushing yards, which was second behind Cobb.

Eastern senior defensive back Deonte Jackson said the Panthers’ defense is focusing on stopping the run game to make Minnesota have to go to its passing game.

“If we stop the run and make

them pass — it’s something they weren’t too good at last year, which they put a lot of emphasis on improving this offseason,” Jackson said.

Eastern’s 2013 season ended with Towson running back Terance West scoring five rushing touchdowns, while eluding the Panthers’ defense for an FCS playoff record 356 rushing yards.

Jackson was on the field, as West led Towson past Eastern in the quarterfinals 49-39, but the defensive back said Cobb is the best running back he has witnessed in recent seasons.

That does not mean to say

Jackson is taking any credit away from West, as he added that both running backs are comparable in size and skill. Jackson hopes that on Thursday Cobb will not be better than West, though.

“I don’t know, I guess we’re going to find out,” he said.

Kick off is scheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday at TCF Bank Stadium in Minneapolis, Minn. The game will air on the Big Ten Network.

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GOING BIG | Eastern, Minnesota kickoff season in FCS, FBS opener

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The Eastern football begins its season traveling to the Big Ten's Minnesota and first-year head coach Kim Dameron knows the Golden Gophers are certainly big.

Minnesota's five starting offensive linemen have an average height and weight of 6-foot-5, 314 pounds. The biggest of the big is red-shirt sophomore Jonah Pirsig, who is 6-foot-9, 320 pounds.

Eastern's revamped defensive line goes up against an offensive unit that produced a 1,200-yard rusher last season in senior David Cobb.

"The biggest challenge is standing in there up front physically against this style of coming down hill at you kind of offense," Dameron said. "That has to do with just how big of a boy you are, you know. We've got some big guys that we

could put in there that are physical players."

Minnesota's power run game is the strength of its offense, with Cobb coming off his first year as a starter.

He rushed for 1,202 yards, the first time a Gopher has run for more than 1,000 yards since Amir Pinnix in 2006.

Eastern has its own weapon at running back in red-shirt junior Shepard Little.

Little, who was named to the Walter Payton Award Watch List this preseason, rushed for 1,551 yards last season along with 15 rushing touchdowns.

He earned preseason All-Ohio Valley Conference honors as a running back and a special-teams specialist.

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Red-shirt junior running back, Shepard Little, runs with the ball against Jacksonville State last season at O'Brien field on Nov. 16, 2013. Eastern begins its season at 6 p.m. Thursday against the University of Minnesota at TCF Bank State Stadium in Minneapolis, Minn.

Panthers focus on Golden Gophers' DEs, CBs

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Eastern head football coach Kim Dameron pinpointed two key positions that the Minnesota defense could create problems for the Panthers' offense Thursday night.

At defensive end, Minnesota has red-shirt junior Theiren Cockran.

He is coming off of a career year, leading the Golden Gophers in sacks with 7.5.

Starting in all 13 games, Cockran made 30 tackles while forcing four fumbles.

"Their defensive ends are good," Dameron said. "They've had to replace an NFL draft pick, a defensive tackle, but they've got good players inside and they'll be strong up the middle."

In the secondary, a pair of upperclassmen lead the Gophers starting the season. Senior Derrick

Wells and junior Eric Murray received high praise from Dameron.

"They're really good at the corners," he said. "Their two corners and their two defensive ends are where they really shine from the preseason."

Murray had 52 tackles and 10 pass breakups in 13 games last season.

Wells had an interception and

recovered a fumble, with 17 tackles

in 10 games last year for Minnesota.

Red-shirt senior quarterback Andrew Manley and junior Jalen Whitlow have been locking in on Minnesota's game film.

Manley said he noticed how Minnesota tries to confuse quarterbacks in its coverage's.

"They like to run cover four and man a lot, so we're just preparing for that and they disguise

very well," Manley said. "They disguise their man into cover zero and against empty they have plenty of different packages."

Although there is some disguising in Minnesota's defense, Manley and Dameron said the Gophers are not too complicated.

"They're not a super, super complicated defense, they're a 4-3 quarters defense," Dameron said. "It's not that they run a lot of different things, they're extremely physical and fundamental-

ly sound."

Last year the Panthers' offensive line allowed 20 sacks, which was the second fewest in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Eastern returns three starters from last year's offensive line.

Red-shirt senior Collin Seibert, red-shirt junior Nick Borre and red-shirt sophomore Jimmy Lowery all return to their respective positions of left guard, center and right tackle.

Against Murray and Wells along

GETTING DEFENSIVE



THEIREN COCKRAN
DEFENSIVE END #55

2013 STATS:
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30 TACKLES
7.5 SACKS
4 FORCED FUMBLES



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52 TACKLES
10 PASS BREAKUPS
1 FUMBLE RECOVERY



DERRICK WELLS
CORNERBACK #3

2013 STATS:
10 GAMES
17 TACKLES
1 INTERCEPTION
1 FUMBLE RECOVERY

with the rest of the Minnesota secondary, Eastern has a new transfer at wide receiver that Dameron is excited to see.

"I think it will be interesting to see how (Stephen) Bravo-Brown does the slot," Dameron said. "He's got some shiftiness to him and a little bit of giddy-up."

Bravo-Brown, who is a graduate student, transferred from South Florida this year.

Red-shirt senior Adam Drake is the leading receiver from last year's team still on the current roster.

He had 85 catches for 1,305 yards and 13 touchdowns.

Whitlow, who transferred from Kentucky in late May, loves the targets he will be throwing to.

"It's the first thing I noticed when I transferred is the talent of those guys," Whitlow said. "Drake is a well-rounded guy and Bravo-Brown is a speedy guy."

Minnesota's defense finished sixth out of 12 Big Ten teams in total defense in 2013, allowing 2,796 passing yards and 2,056 rushing yards.

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