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BEEFING UP FOR FINALS WEEK

Free dinners were given out at the Taylor Hall Dining Center Sunday night to get students ready for finals. **SEE CAMPUS, PAGE 3**

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Student stabbed on Sixth Street during weekend

By Marco Santana
Editor-in-Chief

An Eastern student was stabbed by another Eastern student early Friday morning on the lawn of a rental home on Sixth Street.

Matthew A. Bagnall, 18, of Elmwood Park, was arrested at approximately 12:05 a.m. Friday after police responded to a report of a fight.

The officers arrived at 766 Sixth St. The victim, Brandt L. Schisler, 18, of Lewistown, reported he was stabbed in the abdomen with a knife.

An ambulance transported Schisler to Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center, where he was treated for his injuries.

Bagnall was arrested for aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and

causing great bodily harm to the victim.

Aggravated battery is a Class 3 felony and can be punished with fines up to \$25,000 or imprisonment for 2 to 5 years.

Bagnall posted bond and was released. He is scheduled to appear in court Dec. 17.

Both Schisler and Bagnall listed Carman Hall as their address.



KAROLINA STRACK | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Illinois Symphony Chorus and Eastern Symphony members perform pieces from Handel's "Messiah" under the direction of Richard Rossi on Friday. The concert also featured choral soloists and instrumental pieces.

266-year tradition performed Friday

By Colleen Kitka
Greek Life Reporter

To Fred Wassell, Christmas would not be the same without being a part of Handel's "Messiah."

"It's almost tradition; it's been performed every year since it was composed," he said. "It's a beautiful piece that brings in the Christmas season."

For Wassell, the tradition is more than 60 years old because he has been performing the classic masterpiece every year since he was a student at Illinois State University.

He was able to carry on the tradition, established in 1741, Friday night as a tenor in the Illinois Symphony Orchestra Chorus.

A mixed group of musicians and singers ranging in ages from

12 to 83 gave the performance.

Conductor Richard Rossi directed the Eastern Concert Choir and the Eastern Symphony Chamber Orchestra in the McAfee South Auditorium.

He had also invited older members of the Illinois Symphony Orchestra Chorus and younger ones from Eastern Symphony Orchestra's Symphonic Honors Initiative Program. Rossi directs the Springfield group, and 24 volunteers came to enhance the performance.

Especially young and talented middle school and high school musicians from Coles County and the surrounding areas were able to be a part of the performance through the SHIP program.

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DOUDNA STILL ON TRACK



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Construction on the Doudna Fine Arts Center continues with plans to have Fall 2008 classes in the new building. Flood finishes are being installed in all areas of the building. Most interior painting is complete in areas A and B and continues in area C. Metal casework and lockers are being installed in area C. Most exterior work is complete with the remaining dependent on weather. Furniture and equipment will need to be installed when the construction is complete.

— Sara Cuadrado, University Reporter

Charleston Starbucks to open in February

By Michael Peterson
City Editor

Once students return from Winter break, they won't have to wait much longer for the new Starbucks to open, said Rob Eiseman, a public relations representative for Starbucks.

"The store is scheduled to open up in early February," Eiseman said.

It was announced in late August that a Starbucks was coming to Charleston, even though it had been speculated for months before the announcement.

However, Eiseman said there is not a date of the opening set in stone.

"We are always reluctant to give a specific date because whenever you open new stores things can always change," Eiseman said.

The coffee shop is part of the four-store front Griffin Plaza retail center that the Coldwell Banker Commercial Devonshire Realty of Champaign is developing.

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Familiarity may affect competition

STARBUCKS, FROM PAGE 1

The Griffin Plaza will also have the pizza parlor Papa Murphy's, a major chain that is known for its "take-n-bake" style of pizza. The plaza is being developed in conjunction with a new Walgreens.

Doug Miller, manager of Jackson Avenue Coffee, said he is not worried about having a Starbucks in Charleston because he thinks his coffee shop serves a different market with poetry readings, live music and a more relaxed atmosphere.

Keith Bliss, the owner of Jitters & Bliss that will be across the street from the new Starbucks, declined to comment at this time.

Bill Cozzens, a senior sociology major, said he has mixed feelings about Starbucks coming to Charleston.

"With the Java Beanery, Jitters & Bliss, and the Jackson Avenue Coffee, I think there will be some significant competition among all of those coffee businesses," Cozzens said. "And I think more people will go to a Starbucks for that brand familiar-

ity that they are more accustomed to in the Chicagoland area."

Charleston Mayor John Inyart said the city decided to bring a Starbucks to Charleston because of requests from residents and students.

"I think it will be a nice addition. Obviously, they've put together a beautiful building for that corner," Inyart said. "People have been asking for a Starbucks for quite some time, and now they are going to get one. I think it is a positive move."

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Free food equals lots of students

Administration helps ease students' minds before finals

By Jordan Crook
RHA Reporter

President Bill Perry took on a new position Sunday night: banana slicer.

Perry, alongside several other members of the administration, took part in the Finals Feast, which offered students free food served to them by faculty and administration members.

Perry said he enjoys participating in events like this that offer members of the school's administration a chance to interact directly with students because of the fun they offer everyone involved.

"It's a lot of fun," he said.

Perry said he thought the event was fun because it gave him the chance to not only speak with students but also let him feel almost like a student again.

"One of the great things about working at a university is that energy students have about them," he said. "And sometimes some of that energy rubs off on you and it inspires you to do your best."

Some students stood in line outside of the Taylor dining center for more than 20 minutes to be served bananas, or "brain food" as Perry called them, by faculty members, though, for some, the draw of the event was the free food and the break from finals preparation it offered.

Senior elementary education major Jim Sinisi was one of the students.

Sinisi said he thought the event was a way to kick off finals and get away from the quiet, studious atmosphere of the residence halls.

"It's a good chance to take a break from studying and get some free food," he said.

Though he was drawn by the free food, Sinisi



KAROLINA STRACK | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

President Bill Perry serves bananas during Finals Feast in Taylor Dining Center on Sunday. With the theme being "M&M's: Minis and Munchies," the feast provided students with a free late night snack before the start of finals.

said he thought it was a good idea for administrators to interact with the students they watch over.

Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs, said this interaction is the most important aspect of events like these.

He said the Finals Feast is an event he looks forward to every semester because it is the last chance to speak directly to students.

"This is one of the last opportunities we have to wish everyone well," Nadler said.

Mark Hudson, director of housing and dining, said this is the fifth Finals Feast he has overseen and said every one has been successful because of the student and faculty involvement.

"They just have fun interacting with each a little bit," he said. "And they're here to consume a little food."

Hudson said the theme of the events was "M&M's: Minis and Munchies" which was why the menu for the night included various "mini" foods.

He said previous feasts had about 1,000 students attend.

Hudson added many of the students who come are drawn to the event by the free food.

"What could be better than free food?" he said.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Residence halls, Greek Court close Dec. 14

All residence halls and Greek Court will close for the semester break at 6 p.m. Dec. 14.

Students participating in commencement ceremonies are allowed to stay until Dec. 15 but need to sign up at the front desk of their hall.

Residence halls and Greek Court will open for the spring semester at 9 a.m. Jan. 4.

— Matt Hopf,
Associate News Editor

CORRECTION

In Friday's edition of The Daily Eastern News, the award to be given to Charles Delman was incorrect. It should have been the Luis Clay Mendez award. Also, Commencement is scheduled for Dec. 15.

In Friday's edition of the DEN the amount of the additional allocation from the Apportionment Board to bring Bill Nye to campus was incorrect. The University Board Lectures Committee requested an additional \$22,870. Also, official negotiations with Bill Nye have not started.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

A quick guide to the
fall 2007 semester

With finals coming up, it seemed best to give a quick rundown on some events of this semester.

Nothing too straining, just a light reflection on what this semester was.

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to a new Eastern president. A change of leaders is periodically necessary to keep things fresh and interesting. And to have someone from outside

of the institution is a nice change – it gives a new perspective on how things work at the university.



to Lou Hencken leaving. He was a lot of fun and was an excellent ambassador for Eastern. Perry may very well become as effective, but Lou

was a man who was synonymous with Eastern. Perry is a very different man than Lou, but he has a tough act to follow.



to people coming forward with their problems. Jill Manges, Nichole D'Antonio and Mason Abernathy showed real courage in coming

forward with their very personal problems and demanding a change in how things work at Eastern.



to the misunderstandings, prejudices and outright abuses that lead to mental health or sexuality becoming newsworthy. Whole organiza-

tions are devoted to the management of these problems. It'd be better if differences are accepted as a part of human existence.



to awesome Homecoming events. There were a lot of events that built enthusiasm for the game itself; there were creative window

paintings; and the parade rocked. Add two good sports to watch – the football game and the volleyball match – and it was great.



to less-than-stellar selection of the emcee. "Napoleon Dynamite" was fun, but the selection of Pedro was disappointing. To take a minor

character over far more interesting local folks is just depressing. Why not give Bob Spoo, head football coach, the floor?



to Eastern football. It got to the sub-division playoffs for the third time in a row. Micah Rucker, wide receiver, had another great season,

and Ademola Adeniji had a strong effect on the running game, stepping up for the starting role in mid-season.



to another early exit in the playoffs. It's heartwrenching to reach the playoffs then immediately fall out.

The game against Illinois State University was a disappointment when a botched snap ruined a sure event, continuing the losing streak against ISU.



KATIE ANDERSON

Strength in
humility

I still love my mother. Sometimes she cried. Sometimes I had to make dinner. Sometimes clothes shopping meant opening up a garbage bag of a friend's old clothes before they went to the Purple Heart.

I am not a parent myself, but I can imagine it must have been hard for her to accept help, especially in front of her children.

This Sunday, members of the Charleston Police Department held their annual Shop with a Cop event.

When I was young, my sister and I participated in a Shop with a Cop in our home, McHenry County.

I remember waking up when it was still dark outside.

I remember Mom telling us to be polite and to say thank you, and double-checking if we had our lists ready. I remember the warm smiles of the employees and policemen as we entered the store.

Mom had found out about the program during one of the rougher patches in my childhood. For a number of reasons, we were tight on money that year and she signed us up for Shop with a Cop. Through the program, we were able to Christmas shop for the family and to get a few essentials, as well.

Mom was never too proud to accept help and even as a child I recognized the strength in this humility. I knew that accepting help through opportunities like the food pantry, Shop with a Cop and the occasional church dinner does not make you a bad person or a failure.

I learned that sometimes the greatest strength is shown by the ability to recognize when you need help, to reach out and to accept it.

I never felt like my mother loved my sister and me any less.

I recently spent some time with the women who run the local Catholic Charities in Mattoon. In addition to a food pantry and other services, Catholic Charities has a huge secondhand store filled with everything from clothes and housewares to toys and sports equipment, all donated and heavily discounted.

One of the women vented her frustrations to me while I was there.

She knows there are more people out there who could use items at the store and she knows most are too proud to come and get help.

There are plenty of opportunities around Coles County to accept help if you or someone you know are in need this holiday season.

It is too late for this year's Shop with a Cop, but it's not too late to stop by the Charleston Area Churches Food Pantry at 411 Jackson Ave., or to stop by one of the Presbyterian Church lunches from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

As someone who has been helped by her community again and again, I understand accepting help can be difficult but it is often the first step to something better.

Katie Anderson is a senior journalism major and the campus editor.

Commencement: 'Anxiety, excitement'

Mark Hudson, director of housing and dining, one of many ceremony volunteers

By Logan Richardson
Staff Reporter

For some students, their college careers are coming to an end. On Saturday, two graduation ceremonies will take place.

The first ceremony, at 10 a.m., is for Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences and the College of Arts and Humanities. The 2 p.m. ceremony is for the School of Continuing Education, the College of Education and Professional Studies and the College of Sciences.

Actual diplomas will not be handed out until all are confirmed, but the ceremony takes place to honor students' hard work.

"The ceremony is a celebration of their achievement for the graduates and their fam-

ilies," said Martha Hackler, of the commencement staff.

Behind the scenes of graduation are many volunteers, such as Mark Hudson, director of housing and dining. He has helped with graduation for the past seven years.

"My favorite two days of the school year are the opening day of the residence halls, when families bring their students to campus to begin a new chapter of their life," Hudson said. "You can see the excitement and anxiety in everyone's faces. The student is trying to act

like it is no big deal, and the parents wear their emotions a little more publicly.

His other favorite day is graduation. "Those same parents return to see their student cross the stage, which symbolizes a major accomplishment for the student as well as for the family," Hudson said. "Everyone is so excited. It is the best symbol of why we work in higher education, and the moment where the student shows he or she is ready to take on the world."

Famous "Hallelujah" chorus garners standing ovation

TRADITION, FROM PAGE 1

Riley Parish, a high school sophomore who plays the cello in the SHIP program, played more than the "Hallelujah" chorus from "Messiah" for the first time.

"It's a great experience and I don't know how else I would be able to have an experience like this," she said.

Wassell, a retired music teacher of 47 years, is one of the charter members for the Illinois Symphony Orchestra Chorus, which he helped found 21 years ago. Wassell said it

was a positive experience to sing with young people because they have a different sound.

Rossi decided to keep the 50-person choir small to keep the intimacy of the piece. When first played, Handel only used 40 to 50 singers in his chamber orchestra. Rossi thought the group created a unique sound.

"When you put those two together, the adult voices with the youth voices — the coloring is so beautiful," he said.

The concert included only selections of Part 1 of "Messiah" because of time.

Jean LaPaze, an alto from Normal with

the Illinois Symphony Orchestra Chorus, found the most difficult song, "His Yoke is Easy, and His Burthen is Light," a paradox.

"It is very fast and part interweave quite a bit to create a fugal," LaPaze said. "A fugal is where (singers) enter in at different times, kind of like a medieval round."

The concert ended with the song "His Yoke is Easy, and His Burden is Light," but an anchor of the famous "Hallelujah" chorus brought everyone to a standing ovation.


Some in attendance were music majors like Harrison Cole.

"It was a fantastic performance of the "Messiah,"" Cole said. "Mr. Rossi did an amazing job of bringing out the most important parts of the work."

Rossi plans to keep the tradition alive. LaPaze said she took comfort in knowing younger people sing and recognize famous songs from the ensemble.

"Listen to the different parts and see how it compares to music today," she said. "They each are different and have its own place, and so there is always going to be a place for this type of music."

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Baker adds quality minutes

KEY, FROM PAGE 1

"I think we've pretty much mastered the turnover part of the game," Eastern junior guard Ellen Canale said. "It is amazing the way we turn it over. I guarantee Coach will have a few drills for us when we get back to practice."

Canale finished with 15 points and eight rebounds.

TSU also had seven steals in the first half.

Eastern sophomore guard Dominique Sims led the way with eight turnovers.

What kept the Panthers in the game were 25 first-half rebounds.

The Panthers had 20 defensive rebounds when a TSU player would miss a shot.

Eastern sophomore forward Maggie Kloak went to the bench early with two fouls.

Sophomore forward Marie Baker came in for Kloak and played nine minutes early in the first half. She performed well with nine points and six rebounds in that time.

Canale had six points and five rebounds. Because of the 25 rebounds, Eastern capitalized with seven second-chance points.

Eastern plays Morehead State at 4:15 p.m. on Dec. 19 in Morehead, Ky.

Catchings, Martin key in close game

PRICE, FROM PAGE 1

Eastern seemed to have control of the game with key 3-pointers from Robinson and sophomore guard Romain Martin.

Robinson's 3-pointer gave Eastern a 67-65 lead with 4:37 remaining in the second half.

Martin's 3-pointer extended Eastern's 64-59 lead with 6:30 remaining.

The problem: TSU, after Martin's 3-pointer, scored six points in less than a minute and a half in the second half to take a 65-64 lead.

Eastern's defense couldn't find a way to stop TSU.

"We made too many mistakes," Miller said. "We broke down. We allowed people to cut by us and around us. And there wasn't one.

There was several."

Miller didn't make any of his players available to the media after the game.

The Tigers (3-5, 1-1) outscored Eastern 48-33 in the second half.

The Panthers limited Price to 12 points in the first half and 0-4 from beyond the arc, but couldn't stop his teammates in the second half. Price was the only Tiger in double digits at the half.

Eastern led 39-26 at the half. Eastern was led by Catchings with 15 points. Martin had 10 points.

"Bobby Catchings and Romain Martin did a great job," said TSU head men's basketball coach Cy Alexander. "They both are keys to Eastern Illinois' team, and both are capable of being all-conference kinds of players. We ran

about three or four different players on them, but they still got their numbers. They did what they needed to do to keep EIU in the game, but I want to commend our guys because we fought and even though they scored, we tried to make their life difficult for them."

TSU was led by Price with 12 points.

Eastern went to the foul line often in the first half. The Panthers went 16-of-19 in the first half. Catchings was a perfect 6-of-6 from the free throw line.

Martin also went 3-of-3 from the free throw line.

The Panthers shot 45 percent from the field in the first half.

The Panthers play Eastern Kentucky at 6 p.m. Dec. 17 in Richmond, Ky.

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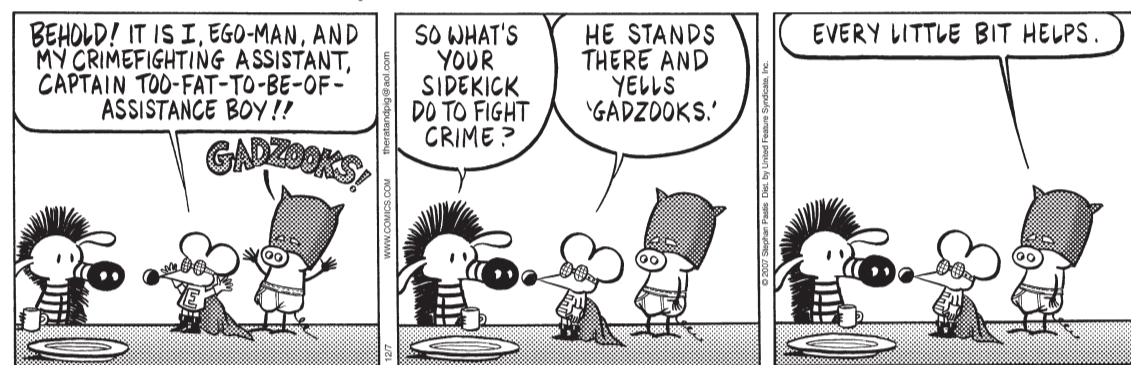
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Sophomore guard Dominique Sims drives past Tennessee State's sophomore guard Ladona Pierce during Saturday night's 65-57 win in Lantz Arena. Sims finished with seven points and eight rebounds.

THOMAS IS KEY IN WIN

Moline native finishes with 14 points, nine rebounds

By Kevin Murphy
Associate Sports Editor

Ashley Thomas is using her minutes efficiently.

The Eastern sophomore guard came off the bench Saturday night at Lantz Arena to help the Panthers to a 65-57 win against Tennessee State.

Her biggest basket came with 1 minute, 15 seconds remaining. The Moline native nailed a 15-foot jumper from the left wing with a hand in her face to end a 9-0 TSU run.

"I'm excited to be back and playing more," Thomas said. "It's still a process. Honestly, it's just fun. We're winning."

The Panthers (3-7, 2-0 Ohio Valley Conference) then went on to make eight free throws to seal their third-straight win. The win also marks the first time the Panthers have started out 2-0 in the league.

Thomas finished with 14 points and nine rebounds. Although she

was one rebound short of a double-double, the nine rebounds are a career high. She finished 8-of-8 from the line. Thomas played 30 minutes, which was third on the team behind two starters. Thomas scored 12 points in the second half, after she only had two points in the first half in 15 minutes.

"She's starting to come into form," Eastern head women's basketball coach Brady Sallee said. "She's kind of been playing with a bounce in her step a little bit. We needed every one of them tonight."

Thomas had a back injury during the summer. She was out for 10 weeks during the summer and some of the preseason.

Thomas saw a lot of time last season. She started 27-of-29 games and was a two-time Ohio Valley Conference Freshman of the Week twice.

Because of different lineups, Thomas has had to come off the bench this season. But because of injuries to junior forward Rachel Galligan and sophomore guard Jessica Huffman, Thomas is seeing the playing time she did her freshman season.

"Right now, it's not about who's doing what out there as long as we get the win," Thomas said.

She hasn't started a single game this season, but averages 19.7 minutes and 5.6 points per game. She has made 20-of-22 free throw this season.

The Panthers limited Tennessee State (3-6, 1-1) to zero 3-pointers in the game. The Lady Tigers finished 0-of-9 from beyond the arc.

Tennessee State entered the week and led the league in 3-point field goal percentage (.412). After making only 31 3-pointers all of last season, the Lady Tigers have connected on 32 this season.

TSU junior forward Obiageli Okafor led her team with 11 points and 11 rebounds. TSU junior forward Tiffany Jackson added 16 points and six rebounds. TSU junior guard Kendra Appling added 10 rebounds and four assists.

It was an ugly first half for the Panthers.

They committed 19 turnovers in the first half.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL | TENNESSEE STATE 74, EASTERN 72

Price is right on the money

TSU guard hits game-winning jumper

By Kevin Murphy
Associate Sports Editor

Eastern let Tennessee State back into the game one too many times Saturday night at Lantz Arena.

It was evident on the final play. TSU's junior guard Bruce Price hit a falling jumper with 3.3 seconds left to secure a 74-72 win against Eastern.

"He does what he's supposed to do," said Eastern head men's basketball coach Mike Miller. "He makes a play. They keep it within striking

distance and make a play."

Eastern junior guard Mike Robinson threw a hand in his face, but Price still made it from the left side.

"It looked like when I was dribbling out here, Eastern Illinois' back line was looking for me to drive it hard to the rim," Price said. "Basically, the shot that I wanted was the shot I had been working on everyday."

Price, a Minneapolis native, finished with 21 points, three rebounds, four assists and two steals.

"I wanted to lean (Robinson) one way and just step back off him," Price said. "Any time it's going down to the last second, you're going to

get a hand there. It was a real good clean look at the shot, but I knew if I got a second look at the shot - a little bit - I knew it had a good shot of going in."

Robinson's half-court heave as time expired fell short, and Eastern (1-8, 0-2 Ohio Valley Conference) lost its eighth-straight game.

Eastern senior Bobby Catchings missed two critical free throws in the final four minutes.

The Naperville native finished 12-of-15 from the free throw line. He finished with 25 points and seven rebounds.

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MEN'S AND WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK | EARLY BIRD INVITE

Panthers post solid early season effort

Eruteya wins high jump, long jump

By Dan Cusack
Sports Reporter

The men's and women's indoor track team started off the season Saturday with a solid effort at the Early Bird invite at Lantz Fieldhouse.

The women's team defeated Butler 99-44, Western Illinois 102-40 and lost to Indiana State 101-70. The men defeated Butler 120-18, Western Illinois 112-41 and narrowly lost to Indiana State 91-85.

Both the men's and women's teams picked up five individual wins at the event.

Eastern senior jumper Obe Eruteya won the high jump and the long jump.

In the high jump, Eruteya

jumped 6 feet, 7 and three-quarters inches and in the triple jump he traveled 49 feet and 6 and a half inches.

Sophomore middle distance runner Justin Stewart won the 600-meter dash in 1 minute, 22.84 seconds.

Junior middle distance runner David Holm won the mile and finished in 4:16.53.

On the women's side, sophomore hurdler Chandra Golden won the 60-meter hurdles in 8.87 seconds.

Junior sprinter Shawana Smith won the 200-meter dash in 25.58 seconds.

Sophomore thrower Kandace Arnold won the shot put and threw 44 feet, 10 and three-quarters inches.

Junior Nicole Walcott won the high jump, and junior jumper Jenna Uhe won the triple jump.

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