Delta Chi, Alpha Gamma Delta place first at Airband

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With a "space" and "cops and robbers" theme, respectively, Delta Chi and Alpha Gamma Delta were able to dance their way to first place in the annual Airband competition.

Fraternities and sororities had been working since mid-February to prepare their choreography. Each team chose the theme that they believed they could have the most fun with.

For their act, Delta Chi created a story about traveling in space, using clips from former president John F. Kennedy's "We Choose To Go To The Moon" speech, "Abandoned and Pursued" from the movie "E.T.", "Drops of Jupiter" by Train and music from "Star Wars."

Members of Delta Chi acted out a light saber fight, creating the Delta triangle with their lights, which got them a lot of applause from the audience.

Now, members are asking themselves what they are going to do next year to keep their winning streak going, Dalton Davison, a junior computer information technology major, said.

"We wanted to create a story the audience could be enthralled with and just get really into," he said. "Everyone seemed to love it, I guess."

The team joined together after Airband, waving lightsabers to celebrate their win and posing for pictures.

Elise Schall, a junior special education major, was the dancing coach of Alpha Gamma Delta. She said it was a team effort, with students Leslie Droeke and Kei Gallaher coaching with her.

The sorority used police sirens, handcuffs and jail bars to create a police theme.

"We picked 'Good Girls Go Bad' (and) 'Bad' by Michael Jackson because that is so much fun, any person can enjoy that, any age can enjoy that," Schall said.

"We also did 'Ava Ladies.' It's a little bit more instrumental. The basis of the dance was just to have fun. I think all the music that we picked allowed us to do that." Schall said the best part of Airband was that her sorority was all preparing and dancing together.

In the sorority division, Alpha Phi won second place and Sigma Kappa came in third.

For fraternities, Sigma Nu took second, and third was Phi Kappa Theta.

Carter Lukes from Delta Chi and Paige Franzen from Kappa Delta were announced as Greek Week King and Queen.

Along with the sororities and fraternities that came to support their members, teams' families came to the competition as well.

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Marathons say trans women can now compete as women.

BOSTON (AP) — In 1967, a Boston Marathon official nearly dragged a woman off the course after she managed to enter the men’s-only race. Five decades later, race officials aren’t as concerned about transgender contenders. They’re now publicly acknowledging that transgender runners can compete using the gender they identify with.

“We take people at their word. We registry people as they specify themselves to be,” said Tom Gall, chief of the Boston Athletic Association, the group behind the race. “Members of the LGBT community have a lot to do with the years, and we’d rather not add to that burden.”

At five open transgender women are signed up to run the storied 26.2-mile race through Boston on its 126th April 16. And while they aren’t the first, their presence helped bring clarity to the race’s stance on transgender runners.

In the past, it was uncertain how they would be treated. Some simply signed up and ran, while some were too afraid to try, said Amelia Gapin, a transgender woman from Jersey City, New Jersey, who registred for this year’s race.

The issue drew attention in March after a blogger wrote about three openly transgender runners who were signed up to run. Gall said there wasn’t much debate — runners should compete using the same gender, he said, but otherwise they won’t be challenged.

That flexibility contrasts with the 1967 case of Kathrine Switzer. While the stakes are lower for Boston, they’re still significant. Although the stakes are lower for Boston, they’re still significant.

Todays marathons say that transgender women can now compete as women. In the Boston Tribal, who typically require surgery or medication to lower their testosterone levels, Olympic officials issued new rules in 2016 changing trans women can compete if their testosterone levels stay beneath a certain limit, and men must undergo a certain series of races now follow similar rules.

Regardless, the stakes are lower for Boston’s marathon runners, it can still be a thorny issue. Boston is among few marathons where even nonprofessional runnes should enter must meet qualifying times based on age and gender, and some run-nees spend years trying to qualify.

In response to the March blog post, some commenters said transgender women have an unfair physical advantage and shouldn’t bump other women from qualification.

February, March were 4th wettest months this year.

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (AP) — Illinois climate experts say the state saw the fourth wettest February and March on record this year. Illinois State Climatologist Jim Angel of the Illinois State Water Survey says the statewide average precipitation for the two months was 8.69 inches. The wettest February-March period was in 1980 with 8.35 inches.

In March, statewide average precipitation was just more than 4 inches, about an inch above normal. The southern Ill.-

Anti-gun violence rally announced.

NEW YORK (AP) — A survivor of the Parkland, Florida, school shooting joined the Rev. Al Sharpton on Saturday to announce a June rally in front of Pres- ident Donald Trump’s Manhattan apartment for this year’s gun violence saw by war- enesses to arms.

Adalyn Eastin, a junior at Stonemead High School in Lompoc, Natio- nal Action Network in Har- tent for the minister’s weekly meetings. The June 2 rally — at the beginning of New York state’s Gun Violence Aware- nesses Month — is to start at Trump Inter- national Tower on Columbus Circle and proceed toward Fifth Avenue and Trump Tower, where Trump has an apartment that has been his longtime home.

For Eastin, New York City is more than a prominent media staging ground. One of her family members was fatally shot.

Sharpton said that young people lead- ing recent activism across the country has produced what he called “a necessary marriage of dealing with gun violence as an American issue that jumps over the boundaries of any community and deals with America from every city.”
Students given chance to volunteer without leaving their rooms

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For those who cannot go off campus to volunteer, opportunities can come to them with the Service-to-Go Box.

The Office of Civic Engagement and Volunteerism gets at least 35 to 40 requests for these boxes each semester. By filling out a form online, students can choose which service box they prefer to do. This includes decorating birthday bags or flower pots, making love bugs (pinecone animals), popslide picture frames, beaded key chains, postcards for prospective students or creating a card.

Included in the box are instructions on how to complete the crafts. Annie Garner from the Office of Civic Engagement and Volunteerism, said it is a service for students in an organization who cannot necessarily do weekly programs. The office offers in a semester, but they still want to get involved on campus.

Crystal Brown, the assistant director for the Office of Civic Engagement and Volunteerism, said the office has been doing Service-to-Go Boxes for a couple of years now. To guarantee that they get enough supplies, groups are required to sign up a week in advance with the exact number of members they have, as well as how many hours they think it will take to get the box done.

Along with a newsletter, the volunteer fair and sending emails to the student organizations, the Office of Civic Engagement and Volunteerism visits students at the beginning of the semester in their classes to tell them about the project. The office has had over 260 requests for boxes since the service started.

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5 things first-year students should know

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Here are five things first-year students should know:

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2. It’s no secret: this world we live in is filled with problems. Every day, there is another horror being reported, another issue that needs attention and another worry to count like sheep before we fall asleep at night.

3. This past week, on Wednesday afternoon to Thursday evening, the sweeter, nostalgic tunes of my “Kickin’ It Old School” playlist and smooth rotation of my mindset’s gears were stalled and tainted by the sight of this hemispheric event.

4. We all know what feels like. No matter how much you hate the winner or even the way they win or why they won, tell everyone you are happy to see them win.

5. Respect your competitors.

Winning is a tremendous feeling, and no matter how great the urge is to run up to the winner and show off your victory in their face, keep it contained. And losing sucks, we all know that feels like. No matter how much you hate the winner or even the way they win or why they won, tell everyone you are happy to see them win.

We all know and should follow: treat others how you would want to be treated. Right now you may be telling everyone you hate the winner and want them to lose. But how would you feel if everyone you know was telling you lost and that you’re the winner or even the way you won or why you won.

If you lose, learn from it and congratulate the winner. They are the ones walking away with the trophy, after all. Sometimes you win, sometimes you lose, sometimes it rains. Just do not let the rain be your tears after a loss.

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Izzy Cox, a freshman communication disorders and sciences major, uses her computer on her shift at the Taylor Hall front desk on Thursday evening.

“What we're trying to do is knock down this deficit,” said Eastern President David Glassman. “We decided to do it by trying to do that, first of all, through scholarship reductions. Until we have enough students to support the scholarships without having a deficit, we've got to reduce some.”

An increase of students would also help reduce this deficit, Glassman said.

Glassman said each scholarship is about $22,000.

“That would be over the two years somewhere between $400 and $500,000 (saved),” Glassman said.

All athletics scholarships have the same monetary value.

Michael said he expects that the reduction in scholarships will impact recruitment of student-athletes to some degree.

“It’s a little more challenging. It’s also something that we’re aware that needs to happen and our coaches are going to work hard to do that,” he said.

Glassman agreed.

“It certainly makes it a little more difficult to recruit student athletes when there is less scholarship money to go around—that’s just something we’re going to have to deal with over the next few years,” Glassman said.

Though some sports have a required number of scholarships that must be allocated to remain Division 1, Glassman said the university meets these requirements and still will even with the reduction of scholarships.

“The hope is that in three years, the scholarships will be put back into place with increased student enrollments,” Glassman said.

“We’re working with the coaches, everybody's aware we have to make reductions as we go through this process,” Michael said. “We’re working with each one to see where we can manage that in different ways.”

Michael said there is still much discussion about the financial status of the athletic department. It is still “as thin as (it) can be at present time from a staffing perspective,” though employees are keeping in mind how important the student-athlete experience is, he said.

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Summer McClain, a sophomore early childhood education major, plans out her week on Sunday evening in Taylor Hall before classes start up again on Monday.

EIU Aesthetics aims at making positive atmosphere for Rec

By Karlye Fuller

One registered student organization is trying to encourage a healthier lifestyle for students, faculty and staff members.

The mission of EIU Aesthetics is to promote the benefits of living a positive lifestyle through proper exercise and eating habits,” said Juan Sindac, a senior public relations major and the president of the ROC.

Founded in 2017, EIU Aesthetics is open to anyone who wants to join.

The club offers weekly meetings at the Student Recreation Center. These meetings typically consist of different educational presentations regarding exercise and healthy living. Group members encourage each other to break their personal records and make progress in their fitness.

“Our overall goal is to make the Student Recreation Center a positive atmosphere for everyone and to encourage more people to work towards a healthier lifestyle,” said Brooke Hudson, a sophomore kinesiology and sport studies major who is an EIU Aesthetics liaison.

During some meetings this year, EIU Aesthetics invited students pursuing a career in exercise science, kinesiology, culinary, physical training and other fitness-related fields and had them present a demonstration on how to work out certain body parts efficiently and correctly. EIU Aesthetics organized and staffed a protein smoothie bar in the SRC earlier this semester. It was held on Jan. 16 through Jan. 18.

Sindac said it was a huge success.

“I think the protein smoothie bar was one of the coolest things we’ve done as a club. We were granted the opportunity to offer a uniquely healthy alternative drink to students and staff, which was convenient for them to purchase before or after their workout. But at the same time, (they were) delicious,” Sindac said.

The club plans on organizing another protein smoothie bar in early April. They would like to continue the protein smoothie bar next semester as well.

“Next year, we would like to eventually incorporate a permanent protein smoothie bar in the SRC that is convenient for students who don’t have time with their busy schedules to make their own smoothies before going to the gym to work out,” Hudson said.

The club has many other plans for the future as well. These plans include using their funds for events they hope to replace equipment at the Student Recreation Center and toward keeping maintenance for the club to host activities and programs for their members, Sindac said.

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Men’s tennis team drops final OVC match

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Nearing midway in the outdoor track and field season, Eastern’s men’s tennis team came up short, losing at Austin Peay 5-2.

The Panthers fell to 5-16 overall and 1-5 in the OVC standings, but they still have a tournament spot locked up despite the loss.

Austin Peay improved to 2-15 overall, 1-4 in the OVC.

The tandem of sophomore Gage Kingsmith and senior Jared Woodson teamed up at the No. 1 doubles against the Governors, but lost to Oxelis and Drobysh 6-3.

Eastern won 6-3 at No. 3 doubles with senior Grant Reiman and freshman Logan Charbonneau winning their second straight match in doubles and fifth match all together. Austin Peay would then win 6-4 at No. 2 doubles against sophomore Freddie O’Brien and senior Trent Reiman to take the point.

“For Charbonneau, teaming up with Grant Reiman is all about knowing each other. “I feel like a good thing Grant and I have going is knowing what we’re good at and sticking to it,” Charbonneau said. “For example, he’s been an animal at the net and we get a lot of points that way so we know it’s a good thing for him to be as aggressive as he wants up there.”

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Eastern will now have to wait until next weekend to see if they advance to this year’s OVC Tournament in Nashville. Eastern will host Marian (Ind.) University next Saturday at 2 p.m. for the Panthers’ senior day at Darling Courts. Austin Peay improved to 2-15 overall, 1-4 in the OVC.

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Track, field post multiple first places at WKU

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There was some movement in the East Central meet at the University of Illinois. The meet kept the momentum for Eastern going into midseason, coming off the Twilight meet at the University of Illinois.

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The Eastern baseball team has been hit or miss this season offensively and in a weekend series against Southeast Missouri, the hits and runs went missing.

The surprising thing about the Eastern batting is that the team is not striking out as much as someone would think. In the game two loss, Eastern had just five strikeouts and seven hits but just not enough of the clutch hits to bring in any runs.

In the series finale Sunday ended with little fight from the Panthers as nine strikeouts and just one run led to a 13-1 loss.

The series is one that struggle for the Panthers is the fact that it was one guy dominating for Southeast Missouri in that game.

Tyler Gagan had the power to do a lot of damage. The power of one guy could come up with what the staffs of other teams could not be topped the rest of the way.

The surprising thing about the Panthers’ offensive struggles is that the team has gone up against the toughest competition.

The only other upperclassman for Eastern in singles on Saturday, sophomores Junior Grace Summers, took their Austin Eastern in doubles against their opponents, only

Summers lost her third set 7-6 (7-5).

The other three competitions for Eastern in singles on Saturday, sophomore Stella Cliffe and Emily Pugachevsky, faced tough sets against their opponents, only

losing each set by an average of 2.83 points.

As of right now, Austin Peay is third in OVC standings.

Before the closer of the two matches Saturday, Eastern faced Murray State, who has been at the top of the conference throughout the year, on Friday.

Eastern started on a good note when Slaria and Claire Mar didn’t close out their matches to get the point for Eastern. Slaria and Claire Mar won their doubles match 6-3 to give the Panthers an early upper hand.

But the other duos for Eastern could not close out their matches to get the point for Eastern. Slaria and Claire Mar won their doubles 7-5.

Not much would then go right for Eastern in the singles portion of the match.

All six of the Eastern competitions lost their singles matches in straight sets. Pugachevsky was the closest to winning a set and playing in a three-set match. She almost won her first set, losing 7-6, and she lost the second set only by two points, 6-4.

With the two straight losses, Eastern now stands in fourth in OVC standings. Winning both matches this weekend would be the best way for Eastern to stay in the top six teams, as the top six teams reach the conference tournament.

Friday at 10 a.m., Eastern hosts Southeast Missouri State at the Darling Tennis Courts, and Saturday, Eastern hosts Tennessee-Martin at 10 a.m. at the Darling Tennis Courts.