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College of Sciences celebrates accomplishments

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AWARDS

Professors to be honored

By Nike Ogunbodede
Student Government Editor

The time when Eastern students are given the opportunity to honor their professors that they feel have gone above and beyond their job description has arrived. The Student's Distinguished Professor Award banquet will take place at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the 1895 Room of the Martin

Luther King Jr. University Union.

Jennifer Prillaman, the student vice president of academic affairs, said she received about 20 applications during the weeks the application was available.

"The Faculty Senate has a ceremony like this, but this one isn't as rigorous- ours looks at it more from the student's aspect," Prillaman said.

Student Senate member Holly Henry, a sophomore political science major, is the chairwoman of the academic affairs committee.

The student government coordinated event will have an assortment of different finger foods and is open to all Eastern students who want to attend.

"We are going to have some refreshments," Prillaman said. "It will

just be light banquet food."

Prillaman, a junior foreign language major, said she hopes this year will have a better turnout than previous years.

"I attended last years banquet and I want to say about 15 people showed up," Prillaman said. "I want to have a higher number this year."

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GREEK WEEK

Rain makes trouble for tugs

By Seth Schroeder
Activities Editor

During the tugs championship Saturday morning Sigma Phi Epsilon, Alpha Phi and Sigma Pi won first place in the little men's, women's and big men's categories respectively.

Because of rain the previous night and early morning, the competition started an hour late. The rain also created a large puddle on the east lane of the competition.

Ceci Brinker, the director of Student Life, helps moderate many of the games for Greek Week. She said the puddle could give teams on the east lane a disadvantage.

"If you're lucky enough to be the first couple tugs on (the east lane) you can do okay with traction. But it will get worse later on," Brinker said.

The Delta Delta Delta team took second and was in the east lane during its match with the Alpha Phi team.

Olivia Clemmons, a junior psychology major and the captain of the Delta Delta Delta tugs team, said her team tried to have a fast snap but the puddle made things difficult.

"We tried not to let (the puddle) get into our heads," Clemmons said. "Seconds not bad, I wish we could have gone all the way."



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Danny Putlak, junior athletic training major, urges on Lee Edington, senior industrial technology major, during the championship round of Big Men's Tugs Saturday afternoon at Campus Pond. Putlak and Edington are members of Sigma Chi which placed second in the Big Men Division.

Samantha Plaia, a senior elementary education major and the captain of the Alpha Phi tugs team, said because there were winners on both lanes, she did not think the terrain had much of an effect on the competition.

"I tell my girls everyday it's 90 percent mental, 10 percent physi-

cal," Plaia said. "We feel wonderful. We worked for three months everyday in the freezing cold and this is what it adds up to. A lot of people don't understand the work that goes into this."

Alpha Phi has won the women's tug competition three years in a row. Plaia said it can make



Check out DENnews.com for a video of Tugs.

things more difficult because they want to hold onto their title and more people will often cheer against them.

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LIBRARY WEEK

Booth joins in on celebration of libraries

By Rachel Rodgers
Campus Editor

The Booth Library is joining libraries around the United States to celebrate the 53rd annual National Library Week with edible books, resale books and photographs.

Today, Booth Library will host the "Edible Book Festival." The fair is from 5 to 7 p.m. today in the Marvin Foyer in the Booth Library.

Ellen Corrigan, the chairwoman of the National Library Week committee at Booth Library, said this is the first time Booth Library has hosted an edible book fair, and the only requirement

for participants is to create an edible work of art that relates to a book by shape or content.

"Personally, I'd have to say I'm curious to see the entries that people are producing for the Edible Book Festival," Corrigan said. "Edible book festivals involve a little bit art, a little bit literature, a little bit food, and a lot of creativity."

Corrigan said the week of events is different every year because the American Library association chooses a different annual theme.

The theme for this year's National Library Week is "Create Your Own Story."

The first Eastern event to celebrate National Library Week was Sunday at 10 a.m. in the Ballenger Teach-

ers Center where there was a library-themed story time.

Corrigan said this event related to the theme because children participated in a craft activity to make their own book after being read to, and were given a chance to create their own story.

From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. the library will host the annual book sale by the north entrance.

"The book sale will offer a large selection of books in a variety of subject areas as well as hundreds of paperback fiction titles, all donated to Booth Library by the campus community," Corrigan said. "Hardcover books will be sold for \$2, paperbacks for \$1 each, cash or check only."

Corrigan said magazines, DVDs,

CDs, audio books and leveled readers will also be available for sale.

Also on Wednesday, Booth Library faculty and staff will participate in the "Snapshot: One Day in the Life of Your Library" event.

"Under the auspices of the Illinois Library Association, libraries around the state will be documenting the importance of the services they provide on a typical day by gathering statistics, photographs, and comments," Corrigan said. "At Booth Library, we'll be taking photos throughout the day, then posting them to the Illinois Snapshot Day group on Flickr."

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ORGANIZATION

PRIDE fair dedicated to DiBianco

By Rachel Rodgers
Campus Editor

The Sex Positive Fair has become a tradition of PRIDE Week, but this is the first year the fair is dedicated to the memory of Doug DiBianco, the founder of EIU PRIDE who died Feb. 6.

The Doug DiBianco Memorial Sex Positive Fair is the kick off event for PRIDE Week.

William Kendall, a senior art history major and the publicity director of EIU PRIDE, said it was fitting to name the Sex Positive Fair in memory of DiBianco.

"He always loved the Sex Positive Fair and he supported whatever we did that was radical," Kendall said. "This is what he was all about and I think he would have liked to see the level of commitment and hard work we have put into it."

The Sex Positive Fair is from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. today in the Grand Ballroom in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Kendall said the Sex Positive Fair will be on a much larger scale this year because more people are participating in the event.

"This year it will be in the Grand Ballroom, which is unique because the Sex Positive Fair has been in the University Ballroom for the past two years," Kendall said.

Kendall said the Sex Positive fair is also different this year because of the keynote speaker who is scheduled to speak.

"In previous years, we have searched inside the university to find speakers and, in doing so, we made it more local but this year we decided to hire Dr. Annie Sprinkle," Kendall said. "She is a performance artist from California that has been in the business for many years now and having her adds a new level of legitimacy to the event."

Nick Canaday, a junior Spanish and English major with teacher certification and the social director of EIU PRIDE, said Sprinkle is a radical sex educator and her controversial performance should be funny and interesting for others.

"(DiBianco) was all about raising awareness and providing education about sex and sexuality on campus and pushing boundaries as well," Canaday said. "I think that Dr. Annie Sprinkles will embody that well with her lecture."

From noon to 1:30 p.m. today students can join Sprinkle in the South Quad to eat lunch.

Kendall said the Sex Positive Fair will include carnival games; sex booths with informational displays made by students, HIV testing, talks about fetishes and free condoms. PRIDE Week will continue at 9 p.m. Tuesday for "PRIDE Bowling" at the Charleston Lanes bowling alley.

"With the bowling event, it is more about promoting the community within," Canaday said. "Everyone is welcome to attend but we want to get out into the Charleston community and form more solidarity that way."

At 7 p.m. on Wednesday in the Phipps Auditorium in the Physical Science Building is the "Campus Wide Panel."

"I think the big gay panel, which is the campus panel, is going to be more effective this year and a lot more well produced than it has been in years previous because it is more driven and it will be geared more to answering social questions," Kendall said.

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EIU weather

TODAY

TUESDAY



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what's on tap

MONDAY

All day- Summer registration
Registration for summer courses is now open to sophomores to begin registering themselves on PAWS.

All day- Light it up blue
The department of communication disorders and sciences encourage students to wear blue in support of autism awareness.

TUESDAY

5 p.m. Dinner and a movie
Carman Hall Dining Center is hosting a dinner and a movie. The event is free to all students.

6 p.m. Project Hero
Project Hero is hosting a water balloon dodgeball game in the South Quad. The games are free to Eastern students and will last until 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

7 p.m. Student Senate meeting
Student government will have their weekly meeting in the Arcola-Tuscola Room in the MLK Jr. Union. Students are encouraged to attend.

If you want to add to the tap, please e-mail dennewsdesk@gmail.com or call 581-7942.

ONLINE



Blog: Saving money

Are you low on cash? Online editor Julia Carlucci has three easy tips on how college students can start saving money now. Read it now at DENnews.com.

CORRECTION

In Friday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, John Allison was misidentified. He is a member of the English department. He also said the current health care system is expensive. *The DEN* regrets the error.

Cheering for the win



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Members of Delta Delta Delta and other sororities and fraternities cheer on those participating in the tugs competition Saturday afternoon at Campus Pond.

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EIU History Lesson

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1982 Temperatures in Charleston dipped to a national low of 17 degrees. This was the lowest temperature recorded in the month of April since 1900.

SCIENCE FEST

College of Sciences celebrates accomplishments

By **Seth Schroeder**
 Activities Editor

This was Mary Anne Hanner's, the dean of the College of Sciences, last ScienceFest before her retirement.

"It is bittersweet," Hanner said. "I just enjoyed the day. (ScienceFest) is designed to be a day of education and celebration."

ScienceFest is an annual celebration organized by the College of Sciences that showcases the accomplishments of undergraduate and graduate science students, as well as, science faculty members.

The celebration concluded Friday afternoon with an award ceremony in the University Ballroom in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The theme for this year's ScienceFest was "Renewable Energy: Powering the 21st Century and Beyond."

Eleven students received the Graduate Student Investigator Awards and 12 students received the Scholars in Undergraduate Research at Eastern

Award. Each student's faculty mentor was also recognized.

Hanner said the College of Sciences gives 10 to 15 students awards every year. She said students must fill out an online application, present their research and then a committee selects the winners.

Faculty awards included awards for the student advisory board, teaching, service and research.

"If you look at those people as a group you are just astounded by their accomplishments," Hanner said. "I'm always inspired by people and the work they do. Student research is impressive because it is over a relatively short time. Faculty awards show a career of accomplishment."

James Conwell, a physics professor, received the Teaching Excellence Award. He said it is easy for him to teach because of the topics available to him.

"I have a great product to sell," Conwell said. "I get to teach the instruction manual to the universe, and for the most part I get to use pretty pictures."

Andrew Methven, a biological science

professor and recipient of the Lawrence A. Ringenberg Award, said he loves Eastern for the balance of teaching and research he gets to do.

"I came to Eastern thinking I would be here a few years and move onto something bigger and better. I then realized I had already found that place," Methven said.

While this is her last ScienceFest as dean, Hanner said she can still come back to Eastern and enjoy the celebration during her retirement.

Other faculty awards included the Student Advisory Board Outstanding Faculty Award given to Methven, the Alan and Carlene Baharlou Distinguished Service Award given to Steve Daniels, a physics professor and the Lida G. Wall Faculty Research Mentor Award given to Amitabh Joshi, a physics professor.

For a full list of the student award recipients see *DENnews.com*.

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Lena Elmuti, a sophomore biological sciences major, explains her research on carbon-hydrogen and pi bond interactions Friday at ScienceFest in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Elmuti received the College of Sciences' Women in Science and Mathematics Research, as well as the Scholars in Undergraduate Research awards at Eastern for her work.

GLOBAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Campus group promotes fair trade

Justice Committee to host Global Justice Week

By **Robyn Dexter**
 Staff Reporter

A campus justice committee is raising awareness and dedicating a week to equal wages for workers worldwide as well as other global justice topics. The Fair Trade for Global Justice Committee will host Global Justice Week starting today. The week will include a wide variety of events and activities to inform about fair trade and global justice.

The Global Justice Committee is made up of five students who work through the Newman Catholic Center to promote global justice awareness on campus.

"Fair trade guarantees the person who makes the product fair wages for what they do," said Sara Boro, a member of the Fair Trade for Global Justice Committee.

The Fair Trade Global Justice Committee is a part of the Haiti Connection, which is a group that goes to Haiti twice a year to work with Catholic Relief Services, Boro said.

She said that the committee has a consignment sale featuring fair trade products once a year, but that the Newman Center sells fair trade coffee all year around.

Monday will include a panel discussion about military spending in the United States and a display in the South Quad. The discussion will occur at 7 p.m. in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Lena Elmuti, a member of the committee, said Barbara Lawrence, professor of mathematics Charles Delman and Roy Lanham, the committee's sponsor, will be speaking.

The display in the South Quad will demonstrate how much the United States spends on the military versus other countries.

Tuesday features the topic of immigration. A presentation called "Voices of Immigration" will be given in

the Charleston-Mattoon Room of the Union at 7 p.m.

Boro said one of the speakers will be an immigrant teen who is currently going to Charleston High School. Johnathon Coit, a professor in the history department, will direct the panel.

The fair trade sale will take place Wednesday in the South Quad from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Students can purchase fairly-traded gifts ranging from jewelry to coffee to olive oil, Elmuti said.

On Thursday, the committee will be showing a documentary called "Stolen Childhoods" which features stories from child laborers around the world, including the United States. The film will be shown in Lumpkin Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. and a discussion will follow.

Friday will detail fair trade in a discussion called "Brown Bag Justice: How Fair Trade Works." The discussion will be held at the Java B&B in the Union at 11 a.m.

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CONCERT

Symphony takes journey

By **Elizabeth Edwards**
 City Editor

The Eastern Symphony Orchestra and Choral Ensemble journeyed through time with music on Sunday.

The performance was called "A Musical Journey through Time," and the music performed ranged from the 17th through 21st century.

Sergei Pavlov, the conductor, said the stage is like an airport terminal and he is the audience's travel agent leading them through the different periods of time with music.

Mark Cole, senior accounting major, said he went to the performance to watch his friend sing in the choir and said his favorite part of the performance was when a soloist trombone player performed.

Mark Rheume, a soloist and music major, played the Ferdinand David "Trombone Concerto" with his trombone accompanied by the orchestra.

Ferdinand David "Trombone Concerto" was composed in the 19th century in Germany and is one of the few pieces performed by this composer, Pavlov said.

Erin Williams, a member of the choir, said the concert went pretty well.

Williams said her favorite selection from the concert was the song "Jesu! Rex admirabilis Pleni Sunt coeli."

"It sounded beautiful and I loved performing it," Williams said.

Williams said she is a member of the choir because it relieves stress and she loves singing.

The concert choir also performed poems by Dmitri Schostakovitch, who was a composer from 20th in Russia.

The poems are dark and written during the period of Stalin when composers were told what to think and what to feel, Pavlov said.

The orchestra also performed music by Carl Maria Von Weber, who was a romantic German composer, Pavlov said.

Moria Tunison, soloist and music major with a teacher certification, performed the music by Carl Maria Von Weber with her clarinet.

Emily Draffkorn, a member of the choir and junior elementary education major, said the choir has been practicing for this concert since February.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Positive Sex: talk about sex as adults

Now that we have your attention, it is time to talk about it, especially since we are a college newspaper. This week is PRIDE week and today is the third-annual Sex Positive fair, organized by PRIDE. Those who attend the fair will have the opportunity to learn, express and view the positive aspects of sex, both heterosexual and non-heterosexual.

This year the coordinators have named the sex fair in honor of Doug DiBianco, an Eastern professor and the long-time sponsor of PRIDE who died this semester. This is college. We are all consenting adults who can choose whether to have sex in the same way that we can choose whether to attend the sex fair.

College is a place where young adults are encouraged to explore academically and find themselves on a personal level. It is also a place where, since people should be more educated about social issues, people of all sexual preferences feel safe.

LGBT adolescents are extremely susceptible to their family's acceptance and gay teens are more likely to commit suicide, according to a 2009 study titled, "Family Rejection as a Predictor of Negative Health Outcomes in White and Latino Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Young Adults" in *Pediatrics*, the journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

"Lesbian, gay, and bisexual young adults who reported higher levels of family rejection during adolescence were 8.4 times more likely to report having attempted suicide, 5.9 times more likely to report high levels of depression, 3.4 times more likely to use illegal drugs, and 3.4 times more likely to report having engaged in unprotected sexual intercourse," according to the journal.

There has been opposition to this fair in the past, but how can any education, especially when it occurs on a university campus, be a bad thing? The fair will also provide information about contraceptive methods, which can only be a good thing, considering the alarming amount of unplanned pregnancies.

Perhaps most important, college is a time when a lot of people really start to find themselves sexually. Like it or not (and most of us like it), we are getting down, getting busy and getting freaky. If we can't have the maturity to talk about that in an honest and open way, more of us will also end up getting hurt, getting pregnant and getting sexually transmitted infections.

This is also a time to broaden our perspective with respect to the lifestyles of others. A lot of students come from backgrounds where homosexuality is looked down upon.

College is a place where you can meet people who are different than you, people who you've been lead to believe are wrong in some way. Meeting these people, talking to them and laughing with them, is an education unto itself.

The sex positive fair is not associated with the university, but perhaps it is time for a more open and educational relationship with sex on Eastern's campus.

COLUMN

Defending a putrid pastor's burnt Quran

It's not often I find myself defending a fundamentalist Christian pastor in Florida. In fact, Terry Jones will be my first and, lord willing, my last. You might remember Jones, if not for his misleadingly badass facial hair, for his controversial plan to burn a Quran on Sept. 11.

The media played right into the hands of this zany zealot, and suddenly President Obama, Gen. David Petraeus and Defense Secretary Robert Gates had to talk some lunatic in Gainesville out of doing something that would put American troops at risk.

Jones came back into the spotlight recently for a video he made March 20, in which he finally set that book ablaze. Having learned their lesson, the press largely ignored Jones this go-around. Less than two weeks after he posted the video, Islamic extremists began using it to fuel fury against the West. (Yes, they have YouTube.) Afghan President Hamid Karzai weighed in March 31, and the next day protesters stormed the UN compound in Mazar-i-Sharif, killing 12 people, including seven UN workers. Protests erupted across the country in the ensuing week, claiming a total of 22 lives.

Karzai—whose main job qualifications seem to be a penchant for nepotism, corruption and poorly timed, unhelpful comments—gave an impassioned speech condemning Jones and calling for his arrest. Jones' actions had not received any real international attention, but somehow Karzai felt compelled to point it out to his countrymen, many of whom are risking their lives to battle Islamic terrorists and keep him in power.

The accounts of the last hours of the UN workers are horrific. Without going into graphic detail: a mob showed up at the compound and broke in; the workers locked themselves in



Dave Balson

a bunker; the mob dragged them out and killed them.

Karzai is as much to blame as anyone for the deaths of these people. But his calls for Jones to be arrested, while not a promising sign for the future of free expression in Afghanistan, obviously hold no bearing here in America. Right?

Wrong, apparently. Leaders on both sides of the aisle have spoken in favor of possible legal action against Jones. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid spoke of a possible congressional investigation into Jones' actions and Sen. Lindsay Graham suggested that Jones' First Amendment rights should be limited in times of war.

Before I explain why this sentiment is despicable, if not dangerous, let me make this clear: Jones is an idiot, a child, a coward and an asshole. The actions of this petulant, pusillanimous pastor are indefensible, if for no other reason than they put other people's lives at risk. The heads of many governments, including our own, have condemned Jones, and I, too, am happy to shake my head in disapproval. I proudly stand with those who reserve further condemnation for the barbaric acts committed in response to Jones' YouTube video.

I don't defend Jones' decision to burn the Quran, but I do defend his right to do it. Jones, like any other American, has the right to burn

whatever book he pleases. Period. And it is the responsibility of every American, especially elected representatives, to defend his right to do so.

Any legal action by the government against Jones would clearly infringe on his First Amendment right to free expression. We must stand firm against any suggestion that we should compromise our principles in the face of, or out of fear of, extremism elsewhere.

This goes especially for Islamic extremism. We too often cave to fanatical demands to respect the sensitivities of those who have no respect for the most basic human right of free expression.

I have believed, and still believe, there can be a better life for the people of Afghanistan, and I believe our troops can help get them there. But this horrific, bloodthirsty incident has made me doubt that belief more than ever before.

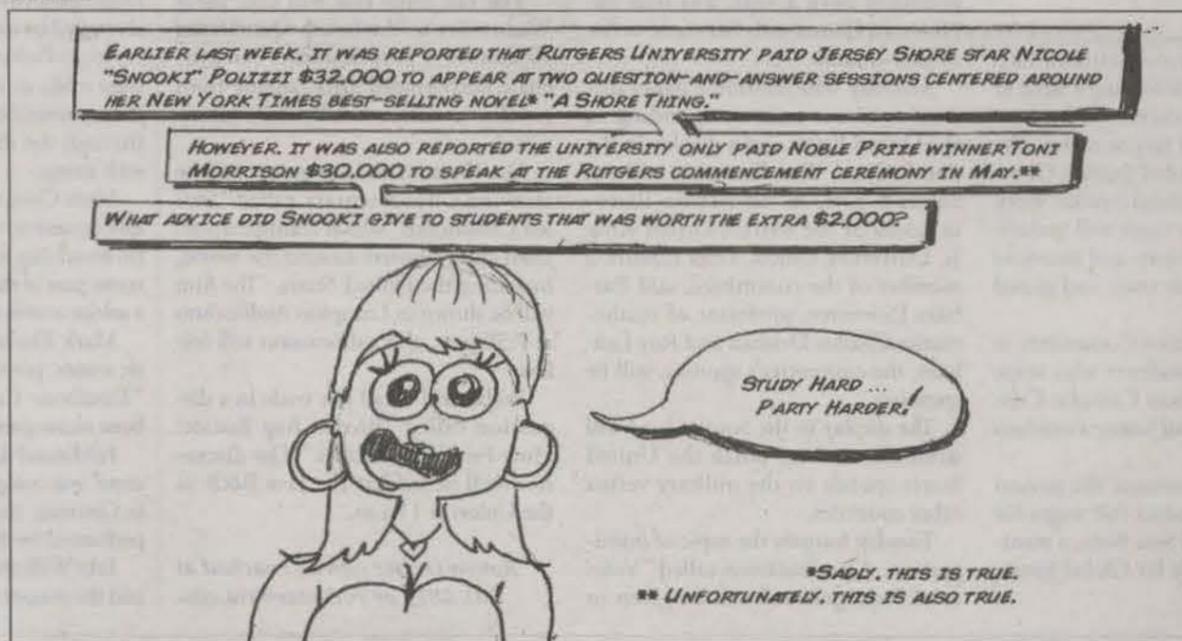
Terrorism, by definition, is the use of violence or intimidation to coerce governments or societies in pursuit political aims. How can we win a war on terror in Afghanistan when Karzai insights violence and intimidation in the same speech he asks us to abandon our political commitment to free expression?

I don't know how the hell we "win" in Afghanistan; if I figure it out, you'll be the first to know. But I do know that we lose the larger war, along with any legitimate claim as harbingers of freedom, once we start arresting every pipsqueak pastor who burns a book.

I do not respect his choice, but I will always defend his voice.

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FROM THE EASEL



SHELLEY HOLMGREN | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Paul Ryan knows 'worst fiscal plan' is more spending

Re: April 8 column, "And the award for worst fiscal plan goes to..."

Every time the honorable Paul Ryan has expressed his views on TV (Lehrer News Hour), or on the radio (Michael Medved), he presents a fresh air of sanity. He has obviously done his homework. You know what that is, of course. He is sharp and knowledgeable. He grasps the circumstance we have stumbled into over decades of addictive spending beyond our means. If you think pain and inconvenience will result from his plan, it will be nothing compared to the ordeal we will face if this addictive spending is not halted. Are you aware of the financial condition of Greece, Portugal, and Spain?

I am grateful for the appearance of men like the governor of Wisconsin and Paul Ryan. I can only wish them success in their efforts to bring fiscal sanity to their state and our nation. Get it?

Leonidas H. Miller
 Class of 1960

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Outcomes-based funding will lead to even lower standards

Re: April 8 editorial, "New funds should not lead to poor standards"

A big congratulations on the editorial in Friday's *Daily Eastern News*! If this funding change is approved in Springfield, it will be inevitable that every university in the state (even including the U of I) will lower its standards. These universities will do anything to keep students in school and graduate them.

By the way, standards at EIU have gone down for the past 20 years. Among other things, this has included:

1. The total elimination of the Writing Competency Examination.
2. The elimination of the required U.S. Constitution course.
3. A trend toward more and more gradeflation.

If this legislation is passed we'll see more and more degradation of academic quality.

Allan H. Keith
 Mattoon

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HONORED, from page 1

Students that are considering attending the event are asked to dress in business casual attire, Prillaman said.

Craig Eckert, the chairman of sociology and anthropology, was last year's recipient of the Student's Distinguished Professor Award. In addition to being the chairman of the sociology and anthropology departments, Eckert was crowned this year's Homecoming Fac-

ulty King and is also the mayor of Philo.

"One thing I try to instill in my students is a sense of involvement: being involved in your company, community, family and doing it to the best of your ability," Eckert said, according to Jan. 17, 2008 edition of *The Daily Eastern News*.

During the banquet, nominators will

have to read part of their application presenting why they think their professor should win.

"It's a really good time (for students) to recognize what their professors do," Henry said.

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LIBRARIES, from page 1

Corrigan said the committee has been preparing for National Library Week since the beginning of the spring semester.

"National Library Week is a great way for members of the campus community to show their support for Booth Library and libraries in general," Corrigan said. "Our goal is to draw people into the library by

hosting fun and educational events so they can see firsthand the excellent resources and services Booth Library makes available to them."

For another library story check out *DENnews.com*.

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TUGS, from page 1

"The pain is only temporary, when you win it's all worth it," Playa said. "I'm proud of my girls. We fought to the end."

Rob LeMaster, a senior communication studies major and a member of the Sigma Pi tugs team, said winning the big men's division makes him feel relieved and he is going to try and re-

lax now.

LeMaster said it did not matter that his team was in the west lane because last year his team was on the bad side. He said winning was more about technique.

"We stayed straight and the other team didn't," LeMaster said. "We stayed straight and stayed in the grass,

that's how we won that tug."

LeMaster said his fraternity worked even harder this year because they just had a member pass away and wanted to win for him. The championship also included matches to determine third and fourth place in each division.

In the little men's category Sigma Pi took third against Sigma Chi in 58

seconds. Sigma Nu took second. Their match against Sigma Phi Epsilon lasted a minute and 30 seconds. In the women's category Sigma Sigma Sigma beat Kappa Delta in three minutes and thirty seconds for third place. Alpha Phi's match against Delta Delta Delta lasted one minute and 59 seconds.

In the big men's category Sigma Phi

Epsilon took third against Lambda Chi Alpha in 28 seconds. Sigma Chi took second. Their match against Sigma Pi lasted 38 seconds.

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PRIDE, from page 1

Canaday said he will be a part of the panel and each panelist will represent a different sexuality.

"We try to make it representative to everyone's different sexuality because it is different for everybody and gender and orientation is different for everybody as well," Canaday said.

PRIDE Week will continue at 7

p.m. on Thursday at the Lincoln Bookstore in the Charleston Square with the "PRIDE Poetry Reading" event.

"We think the poetry reading will be a good time and a great way to access our creativity and to express our artistic selves in a really productive and safe context," Canaday said.

Friday is scheduled to be the "Day of

Silence" for PRIDE Week.

"It is an annual event where people interested in this form of protest can raise awareness about voices that are silenced every day by people who oppress the LGBTQ community," Canaday said. "The day of silence represents what the world lacks whenever there are not gay people."

Canaday said the last event for PRIDE week is from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday at Morton Park titled "Gays in the Park."

"PRIDE Week is about promoting your sense of community at Eastern and, by coming to these events, people are going to be accessing a different side of Eastern," Canaday said. "People can

benefit by potentially making friends, learning something new about sex and also to not be afraid to express themselves and talk about their interests in a very productive environment."

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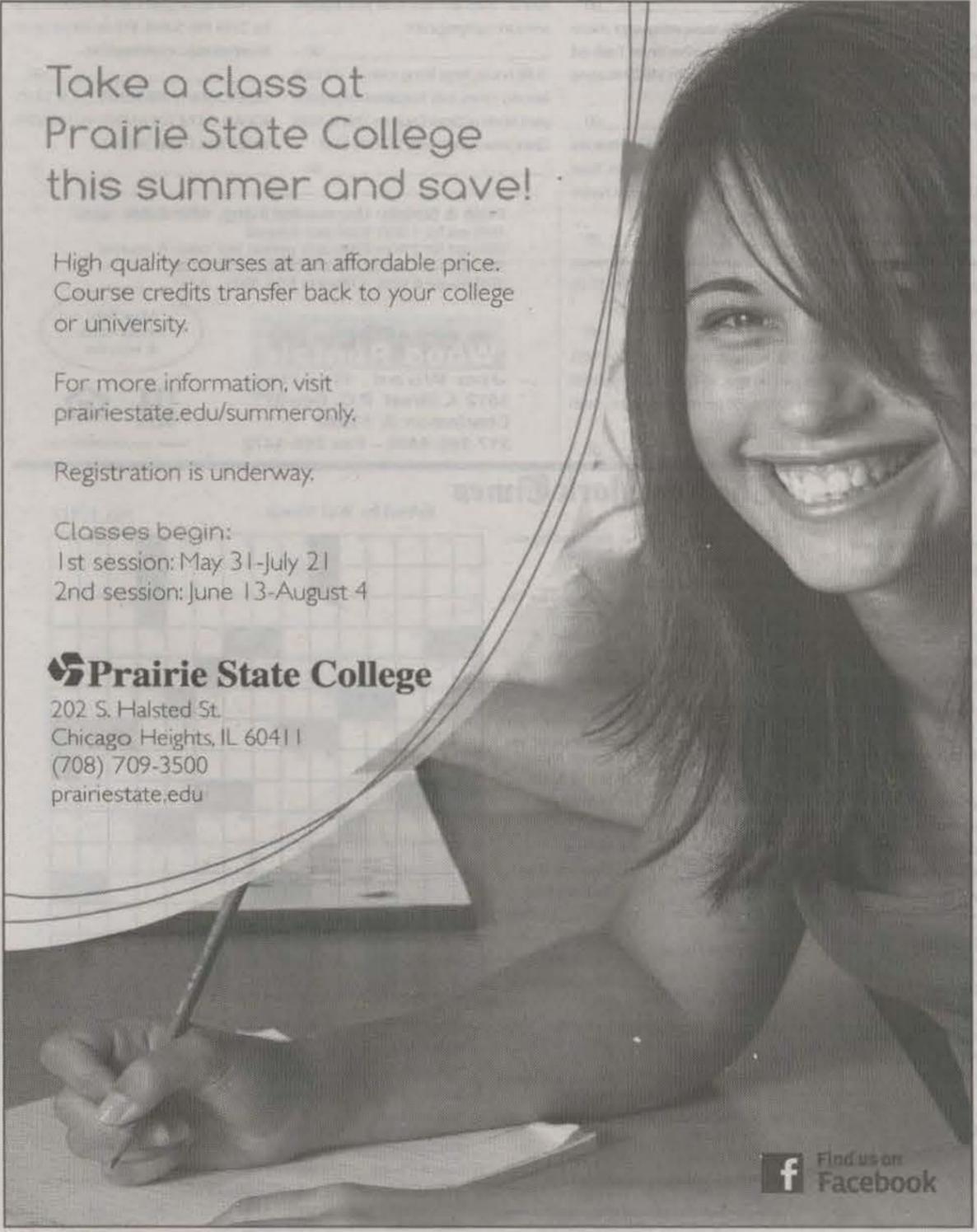
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IMPROVES, from page 8

The Panthers broke their single-season home run record, which was set last year.

Three home runs by junior catcher Hailee Hanna, freshman outfielder Morgan Biel and freshman pitcher/outfielder Reynae Hutchinson, give the team 31 home runs this season. That total is better than the previous record by one home run.

Biel contributed a team-high six RBI's on the day as well.

Game two of the three-game series was postponed from Saturday to Sunday due to inclement weather.

In game two, senior infielder Kiley Holtz hit a game-winning home run to give Eastern a 3-2 win. The home run was Holtz's only hit of the game.

The game-winning blast was also Holtz's 18th career home run, which is good enough for fourth on Eastern's career home run list.

She would need nine more home runs to become the best all-time slugger, which is currently Denee' Menziona.

The Panthers were able to win the third game 7-1. They were led in hit-

ting by Hanna who went 3-for-3 with three RBIs.

Senior pitcher Amber May pitched in all three games and picked up all three wins improving her record to 14-3 on the year. Her 14 wins are the most in the team.

In game one, she pitched all five innings, giving up two earned runs and striking out eight batters.

She came in relief of freshman Stephanie Maday in game two. She pitched four scoreless innings and struck out eight more batters.

May was able to pitch a complete game in the series finale, giving up five hits, four walks and striking out six batters.

The three wins give May a total of 58 for her career, giving her the second most wins in Eastern history. However, she is still 20 wins away from the school's record, held by Zam Mogil.

The three wins improve Eastern's record to 27-7 overall. The Panthers return to action Wednesday for a double-header with Southeast Missouri at Williams Field.

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ROAD, from page 8

The Panthers also came away with a first place finish on the women's side of the pole vault, with sophomore Abigail Schmitz recording a jump of 11-feet, 9.75-inches. The mark moves Schmitz up to fourth on the all-time Eastern list.

Viken said it was exciting for both the men's and women's teams to come away with success in the events.

"It's really exciting for guys' and girls' sides to win it. Abby (Schmitz) didn't jump necessarily as high as she wanted to and neither did the other guys, I really just kind of lucked out," Viken said.

He said that it is weekends like this that can change the entire season for the team.

"At the end of the day, regardless of how high we jump, it's the little things that we do. It's these weekends that really make a difference. We try and stay hungry and keep getting after it every week," he said.

Senior Darren Patterson won the 200-meter and 400-meter dash. Patterson won the 400-meter dash with a time of 47.71 seconds and the 200-meter dash with a time of 20.83 seconds, which now ranks fourth on the all-time Eastern list.

The Panthers won the women's 400-meter dash with junior Bridget Sanchez finishing first with a time of 55.58 seconds. Like Patterson, her 400-meter

dash time also ranks as the fourth best on the Eastern all-time list.

Continuing his winning ways from last weekend's record-breaking performance, red-shirt junior Zye Boey won the men's 100-meter dash with a time of 10.25 seconds.

In women's middle distance events, red-shirt junior Megan Gingerich and sophomore Erika Ramos both took first place in their respective events. Gingerich won the 1,500-meter run with a time of 4:39.39, which is now No. 10 on the all-time Eastern list. Ramos, competing in the 800-meter run, finished with a time of 2:12.97, which

ranks No. 8 on the all-time Eastern list.

Both the men's and women's relay teams also took first place. The men's 4x100-meter relay team finished with a time of 41.01 seconds to beat out the team from Western Kentucky. The women's 4x400-meter relay team also beat out the team from Western Kentucky, finished with a time of 3:50.60.

Next weekend, the Panthers will be split between two meets, the Kansas Relays and the Vanderbilt Invite.

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BASEBALL

Bats a blazin', Panthers easily sweep

Offensive surge carries team in Kentucky

By Brad Kupiec
Staff Reporter

Eastern's baseball team had their offense working this weekend, as they put up 48 runs over two seven-inning games, both victories, Sunday against Ohio Valley Conference opponent Morehead State, 25-8 and 23-6, respectively.

The scheduled series in Morehead, Ky., was affected by rain this weekend as Saturday's scheduled double header was canceled and Sunday's single game was replaced by the pair of seven-inning contests.

When the series finally started, the Panther bats made up for lost time, scoring 25 runs in game one alone, including nine Panther long-balls in the first game, including three by junior leadoff hitter Zach Borenstein.

A nine-run outburst in the third inning and an eight-run rally in the sixth keyed the Panther victory in game one as the bats were going throughout the contest.

In addition to Borenstein's trio of blasts, red-shirt junior Ben Thoma had a pair of home runs and sophomore third-baseman Ryan Dineen, red-shirt junior first-baseman T.J. McManus senior outfielder Shawn Ferguson, and red-shirt senior designated hitter Jake Samuels notched one homer each.

Red-shirt junior pitcher Mike Hoekstra went five innings for his team-leading fourth win of the season, allowing seven runs on 10 hits, walking two and striking out none.

In the second game Eastern started right where they had left off, plating 16 more runs in the

Plenty of runs

48 86

In two games this weekend

Prior to the two games

first three innings to leave Morehead State wondering just what they had to do to stop a Panther offense that was shut out last week by cross-state rival Western Illinois.

The Panthers ended up scoring 23 runs in game two, only this time without the benefit of a home run after hitting nine of them in game one. The Panthers scored at least one run in every inning of game two except the fifth as their offense remained consistent throughout the contest.

Meanwhile, freshman right-handed pitcher Luke Bushur only allowed one run on four eagle hits over his five innings of work while walking one and striking out five. Senior right-handed pitcher Matt Miller then came into the game and allowed five runs on six hits and two walks over the final two innings while striking out two.

The wins put the Panthers as 5-3 on the season in OVC play, which leaves them tied with Austin Peay for second in the conference and only a half-game behind Jacksonville State for first place.

The Panthers' next action will be Tuesday night as they take on the University of Illinois at Peterson Park in Mattoon at 6 p.m. before hosting Illinois College at Coaches' Stadium Wednesday afternoon, with first pitch of that game set for 3 p.m.

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Daniel Rowe, sophomore infielder, throws the ball to first during the game against Southern Illinois University-Carbondale March 23 at Coaches Stadium. The Panthers won both games against Morehead State Sunday.

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SOFTBALL

Team improves to 14-1 in conference

May wins all three games

By Rob Mortell
Sports Editor

Eastern's women's softball team improved its Ohio Valley Conference record to 14-1 with three wins over Eastern Kentucky this weekend.

The 14 OVC wins are the most for the Panthers since 2006. With 14 OVC games remaining, the Panthers are in good position to break the team's record of 19 conference wins in 1997.

In game one of the three-game series, Eastern defeated the Colonels 17-2 in a five-inning mercy rule game.

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Ashleigh Westover, a freshman infielder, throws a foul ball back to the pitcher during Eastern's game against Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Thursday at Williams Field.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Road meet is successful

By Dominic Renzetti
Assistant Sports Editor

Following a successful home meet last weekend, the Eastern track and field team took to the road for the first time this outdoor season.

The Panthers traveled to Western Kentucky for the Hilltopper Relays, a one-day event where the team took home 12 first place finishes.

Leading the way for the Panthers was red-shirt freshman Mick Viken, who captured the men's pole vault event with a record breaking jump of 17-feet, 7.75-inches. The mark breaks the previous Eastern record set by Viken just a week ago at the Big Blue Classic. Viken's previous jump was 17-feet, 4.5-inches.

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EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

Men's golf
Monday at Arkansas State Invite
All Day - Jonesboro, Ark.

Women's golf
Monday at Loyola (Chicago) Invite
All Day - Chicago

Baseball
Tuesday vs. Illinois
6 p.m. - Mattoon

Baseball
Wednesday vs. Illinois Chicago
3 p.m. - Coaches Stadium

Softball
Wednesday vs. Southeast Missouri
4 p.m. - Williams Field

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NATIONAL SPORTS

MLB
Rays at Red Sox
6 p.m. on ESPN

Soccer
Liverpool vs Manchester City
1:45 p.m. on ESPN2