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## IT'S A TUG LIFE

The first round of men's and women's tug-of-war took place Monday. The winners will advance to the next round of competition Wednesday.

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## GAINING MOMENTUM

The Eastern baseball team is on its longest win streak of the season, and it will face the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Tuesday.

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# THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

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CHARLESTON | ELECTION

## Polls open for students, residents

By Amanda Wilkinson  
City Editor

Charleston residents and Eastern students will have a chance to vote for their future mayor on Tuesday.

Jarrod Scherle, executive vice president of the student government, said this is a once-in-every-four-year opportunity for students to elect the person who is in charge of the town.

"I think the candidates have drawn very clear lines on their positions on what they think the ideal Charleston is," he said.

Scherle said many students may not care about the municipal elections because they consider themselves temporary residents of Charleston.

"Students that cast their vote tomorrow aren't only casting a vote for themselves, they're casting a vote for the students yet to come (to Eastern)," he said.

Scherle said many of the issues and concerns students talk about can be resolved with the city government.

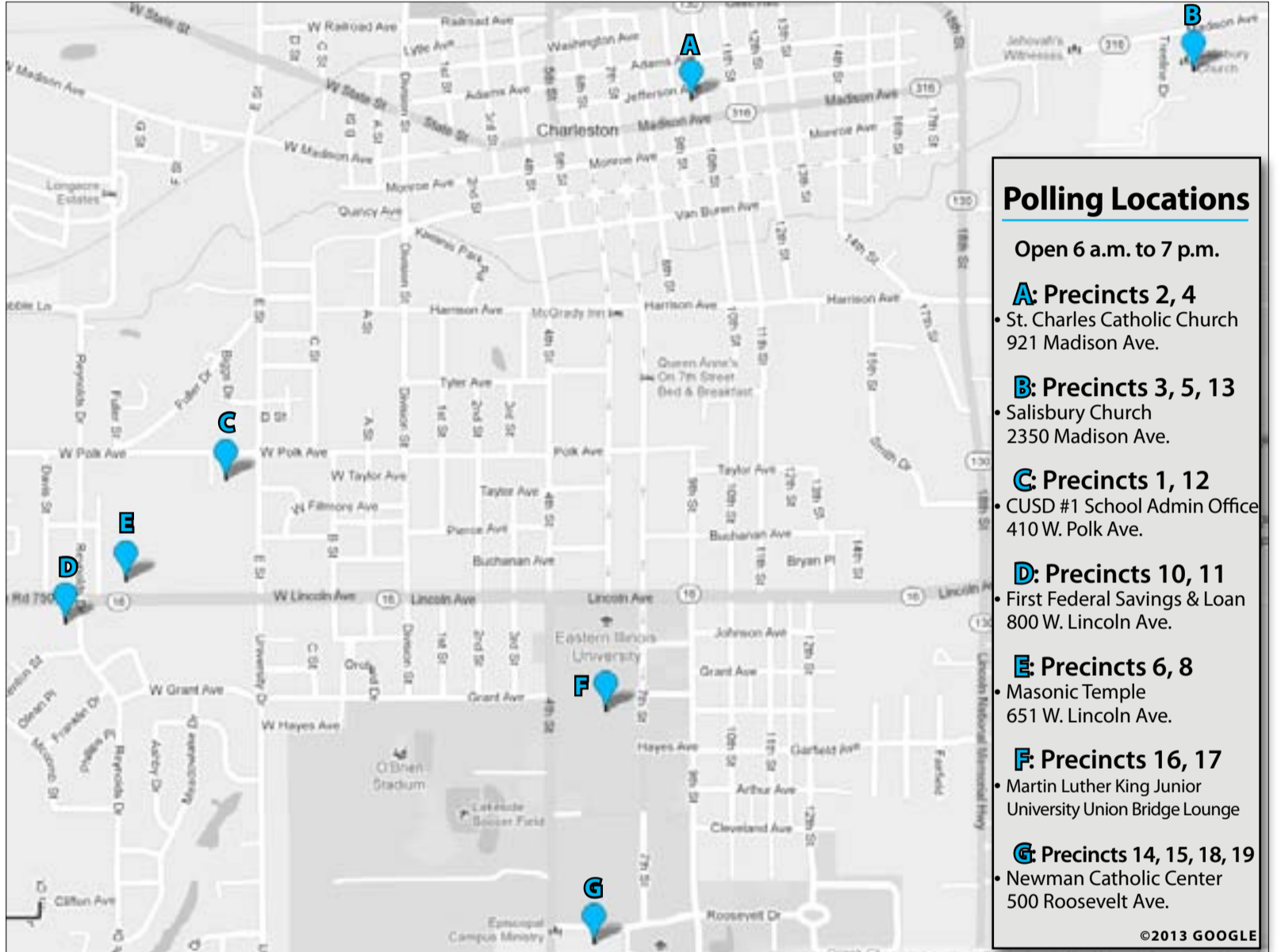
He said concerns such as restaurants, bar-entry age, landlords and safety in town are within the city government's reach.

Richard Wandling, chair of the political science department and professor, said city government has a direct, immediate effect on the quality of life of residents.

"City government has jurisdiction over everything from streets, water and sewage systems, public safety, economic development, promotions of the retail sector, industrial sector, and commercial sector in general," he said.

Wandling said many students may not know how much of an effect the city has on students' lives.

"Your typical student probably has a limited sense of the impact that city government has," he said. "I think what this really calls for is we need to have more education on campus not only from EIU administration, but also probably more education from our public officials in the city of Charleston as students



### Polling Locations

Open 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

#### A: Precincts 2, 4

- St. Charles Catholic Church  
921 Madison Ave.

#### B: Precincts 3, 5, 13

- Salisbury Church  
2350 Madison Ave.

#### C: Precincts 1, 12

- CUSD #1 School Admin Office  
410 W. Polk Ave.

#### D: Precincts 10, 11

- First Federal Savings & Loan  
800 W. Lincoln Ave.

#### E: Precincts 6, 8

- Masonic Temple  
651 W. Lincoln Ave.

#### F: Precincts 16, 17

- Martin Luther King Junior  
University Union Bridge Lounge

#### G: Precincts 14, 15, 18, 19

- Newman Catholic Center  
500 Roosevelt Ave.

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have a vested interest in what goes on in Charleston city government."

Scherle said he knows why students are not considered when an elected official makes a decision.

"They don't vote," he said.

Scherle said he saw a near record of student voter turnout during the 2012 presidential election.

He said all the students who were registered to vote in that election still can in

this municipal election.

"There are so many reasons that students need to (Tuesday), just because in the past students have been largely overlooked," Scherle said.

He said many students who live on campus are designated to vote in the Bridge Lounge of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

However, students who live off campus and other Charleston residents will

have to look on their voter I.D. card to find their designed precinct and polling site.

There are seven polling sites, including the Charleston School Administration Office, St. Charles Catholic Church, Salisbury Church, Masonic Temple, First Federal Savings & Loan, and the Newman Catholic Center.

Polling sites will be open for voting from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Audrey Jorns, the chief deputy clerk, said to vote on Tuesday, and that registered voters do not have to bring any identification with them.

"We're very happy if they would just bring their voter I.D. card, but that's not required," she said.

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CHARLESTON | ELECTION

## 3 men running for Charleston mayor in 2013 election

### Larry Rennels



- Lifelong Charleston resident
- Retired from Rennels TV & Appliance in 2010
- City Council member for 16 years
- Wants to keep bar-entry age at 21
- Wants to bring in restaurants that would match the student demographics
- Wants to keep city clean by renovating or demolishing decrepit buildings and
- Wants to have the EIU External Relations Committee meet more often

### Brian Myerscough



- Lifelong Charleston resident
- Currently substitute teacher for Charleston school district
- Served on Board of Zoning and Appeals for 23 years
- Wants to lower bar-entry age to 19
- Thinks it will be hard to bring new restaurant chain to city
- Would like to serve on EIU External Relations Committee
- Wants the city to be proactive in educating students about safety and laws

### Troy Richey



- Has lived in Charleston for 15 years
- Employee at C.H.I. Overhead Doors in Arthur
- Volunteers at VFW Post 1592
- Wants to keep bar-entry age at 21
- Wants city to host more weekend activities for students
- Wants citizens to buy locally to attract family restaurants
- Would like to meet with Eastern students and administrators regularly
- Would like to have more neighborhood watches and street lights for safety

## Local weather

TODAY WEDNESDAY



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Low: 48°

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## DOUDNA FINE ARTS CENTER | PLAY

# Comedy to time-travel through issues

By Allie Fiedler  
Staff Reporter

A time-traveling play directed by Eastern students, covering issues of sex and roles in society, will be performed this week.

"Cloud 9" will open at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Black Box Theatre of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Shows will continue at 7:30 p.m. each night through Saturday, with a final show at 2 p.m. Sunday. "Cloud 9" is being student-directed by Andrew Swanson, a senior theatre arts major, and Miranda Buob, a senior theatre arts and English major.

Swanson said "Cloud 9" is a complex story.

"It's not one of those lighthearted, fluffy shows where you can check your brain at the door; there's a little more to it," Swanson said.

He also said it is the type of show that will make the audience think and question their own beliefs and their society.

The play is challenging because it takes place in two different time periods, Swanson said. The first act takes place in the 1800s and the second act takes place in the 1900s.

Swanson said even though "Cloud 9" was written in the late-1970s, it is extremely relevant because it touches on issues important today, such as gay marriage and equality for women.

"The first act of the play pokes fun at society and its beliefs and values during the Victorian Empire," Swanson said.

Chris Kesler, who will be playing the roles of Harry and Martin, said the first part of the play shows a perfect family in Africa, and as the story unfolds, the family shows they are not as



DOMINIC BAIMA | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Clire, played by Dakota McDaniels, talks to a doll while Betty, played by Jake Cole, and Mrs. Saunders, played by Shelby White, watch during a rehearsal of "Cloud 9" on Thursday in the Black Box Theatre of the Doudna Fine Arts Center. The first show is at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Black Box Theatre.

perfect as they appear.

Kesler, a freshman theatre arts major, said the second act takes place in a more modern England and demonstrates a variety of different relationships among the characters and how they are changing.

"I feel like it is a lot about love and finding the true meaning of what it is to live," Kesler said.

Swanson said the play revolves around the theme of moving out of the brands that might be given to people.

"It's about stereotypes and sexual

identity and breaking away from those labels that society puts on you," Swanson said.

He said the audience can expect to get a good laugh, and although it does touch on some touchy subjects, it is done in a lighthearted way.

Bill Stinde, who will be playing the role of Cathy and Joshua, said the main thing he hopes people will take away from this play is to be themselves and to not let people put them into boxes.

Shelby White, who will be playing the

role of Ellen, Mrs. Saunders and Betty, said she hopes the play will influence the audience to think about current issues in society, such as gay marriage.

Stinde, a senior theatre arts major, said he was drawn to the play for a variety of reasons.

"It is really interesting, has a lot of different layers and commentary on a lot of different things," Stinde said.

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## EASTERN | COMMUNICATION DAY

# Music festival creator to be guest speaker

By Stephanie Markham  
Administration Editor

When the local music scene seems unappealing, Seth Fein might say to create your own culture instead of fighting against it.

Fein, the creator of the Pygmalion Music Festival in Champaign-Urbana, will be the guest speaker for Communication Day on Wednesday.

David Gracon, a communication studies professor and one of the organizers of Communication Day, said Fein would speak about the importance of alternative media, and students in the department would share research projects related to the field.

He said Fein would explain how he started the festival, which lasts four days every September and features local and national bands.

In addition to the lecture, Fein will also lead a workshop called "Forget the Promoter: How to put on your own show," explaining how to run a "do-it-yourself" concert.

Gracon said the topic would appeal to a lot of students because many of them are interested in working in the music industry.

"Most students are really into music in some capacity, so I think it will be really interesting to students, because who doesn't like music?" he said.

He said students often do not completely understand how the music industry works, despite their interest.

"I think maybe some students have some expectations that are maybe unrealistic about working in this industry, so I think it's good to have someone who does it, and he can tell you the real deal of what it's about," he said.

He said students concentrating in public relations and anyone who is interested can learn about the logistics of running a festival as well as the challenges to the industry.

"The concert industry is very highly corporatized, and he's doing an independent festival so that allows him to do something different, which is very interesting from a critical studies standpoint," Gracon said.

In addition to Fein's lecture and workshop, a number of panels run by students and facilitated by communication studies professors will also be available Wednesday.

Gracon said many panels, such as the "Media Speed Dating" panel, would provide an opportunity to network and share ideas for projects.

Other panels, such as the "Environmental Analysis of Popular Film" and

"Disney Princesses: How Racial is Disney" are analyzing representations of people in the media.

Gracon said he hopes students are inspired by Fein's story to create their own culture instead of being passive.

"You can complain your whole life, and it's not going to change anything, but there's people who, instead of complaining all day and being unhappy, they actually take the initiative to change something and do something," he said.

Fein's lecture will be the final session beginning at 2 p.m. in the Charleston-Mattoon Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

A full listing of sessions and times for Communication Day is listed on the communication studies department website.

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## GREEK WEEK | TUGS

# 3 teams win preliminary tugs

By Amanda Wilkinson  
City Editor

The first round of tugs started with clouds and ended with sunshine and wins by Alpha Sigma Tau, Sigma Chi and Sigma Nu.

Monday was the first day of preliminary tugs with only three tugs, beginning at 4 p.m.

The preliminary tugs started with Alpha Gamma Delta and Alpha Sigma Tau facing off.

As members of the crowd yelled "Make them swim," AST pulled the three Alpha Gam tug members into the pond at 1:30.

Kelsey Merchant, a junior elementary education major and the AST captain, said it was hard for her to tell at first who was going to win the tug.

"Whenever I look and saw the first girl was down the slop and going into the water, I could feel it," she said. "Feeling us take steps back, you really know that you've got it."

Merchant said when not all members of the team were in their full position, she knew they were taking the Alpha Gam team back.

Tugging became physically difficult when she had to exert herself harder than she has practiced, she said.

Katie Bottom, a sophomore biological sciences major and member of the Alpha Sigma Tau tugs team, said her forearms were hurting by the end of the tug.

The Sigma Chi and Delta Tau Delta battle lasted almost three minutes and was the longest of the three preliminary tugs.

The tug was evenly matched for about 30 seconds until Delta Tau Delta started getting pulled into the pond one-by-one by Sigma Chi.

Michael Sorrentino, a senior ki-

nesiology and sports studies major and Sigma Chi coach, said while the tug was evenly matched, after a minute and a half, anyone could win.

"It's hard to do a full five-minute tug every night, but we tried doing our best and it's just whoever wants it more, at the end day, comes out on top," he said.

When the Delts started pulling Sigma Chi back at about 1:15, Sorrentino said he told his team to stake and slowly pull backwards.

"Once you get them across the gravel, they slide real easily, so once one guy gets on there, it's almost like they're not even on the rope," he said.

With three out of five members donning mohawk haircuts, Sigma Nu ended the first preliminary day with a win against Pi Kappa Alpha at 1:16.

Sean Martini, a senior kinesiology and sports studies major and Sigma Nu captain, said it felt good to win in the big men's tug.

He said he did know when his team started to win because he was in the zone.

"I've been in the zone for like two hours now," he said. "I just kind of black out and do what I'm supposed to do."

Martini said he felt when his team was pulling the Pikes team into the pond.

"I couldn't really feel it but to be honest right when we started, we had to turn...so we could go a little faster backwards," he said. "That's probably when I knew we were going to take it."

The remaining 12 preliminary tugs will take place at 4 p.m. Wednesday on Campus Pond.

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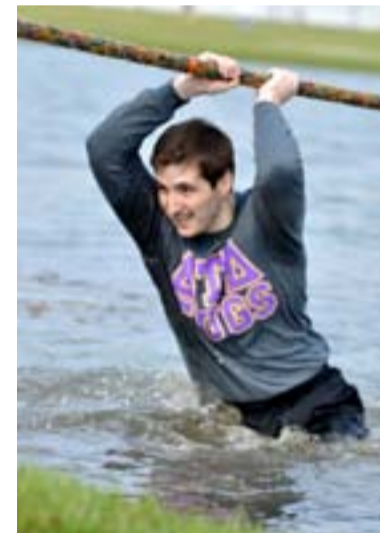


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Members of the Alpha Sigma Tau sorority celebrate after their victory against Alpha Gamma Delta on Monday during the tugs competition.



Members of the fraternity Delta Tau Delta use their strength to pull the rope away from Sigma Chi on Monday during tugs at Campus Pond. Sigma Chi defeated Delta Tau Delta during the competition.



Dillon Youngs, a sophomore psychology major of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity, pulls his team's rope while standing in Campus Pond on Monday against Sigma Chi during the annual tugs competition.

## EASTERN | LECTURE

## Professor to discuss student finance

By Connor Wilcox  
Staff Reporter

The future financial obligations of students, such as 401(k)s will be discussed Wednesday by a finance professor.

Patrick Lach, an assistant professor of finance, will be giving a lecture to students on these topics at 5 p.m. Wednesday in Lumpkin Hall Auditorium.

Lach will be giving a lecture to students about finance and the importance of investing once college is over.

Lach said in an email he has always been an advocate of increasing the financial understanding of college students and his lecture is exclusively for giving students important information.

The basics of investing, 401(k)s, and

how to select the right financial adviser for you, are going to be some main points discussed in the lecture.

Students have to be responsible for their own retirement, Lach said.

"The individual is expected to be the President and CEO of their own retirement," Lach said.

He said even though the employer's 401(k) provider is supposed to give them guidance on investment options, many of them do a poor job of explaining the different opportunities.

"My goal is to cover personal financial topics that will be relevant to all students, especially those about to graduate and enter the workforce," Lach said. "I want to explain it in a way that all students, including those who are not fi-

nance or business majors, can follow and understand."

Student Senate Speaker Mitch Gurick, a sophomore business education major, encouraged his fellow students to attend the event to gain a better perspective on everyday finance.

"It's important to learn about money management and especially being educated on how to save money," Gurick said.

He said the information provided by the meeting would be especially helpful to college students, because it deals with such issues as what happens when parents cut you off from their funds.

Gurick oversaw the business affairs committee that organized the event, along with business fraternity Delta Sig-

ma Pi and the American Marketing Association.

Gurick said Lach was a desirable choice to give the lecture to students because his strong speaking ability and his extensive knowledge of finance.

Jeff Oetting, a finance professor, said he agreed that Lach is an excellent and credible choice to give the lecture.

Oetting said he believes it would be important for students to attend the lecture, as having financial discipline now will allow much greater freedom later on in life.

"It's a great way to structure your financial future," Oetting said.

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## BLOTTER

### Cannabis, state property damage reported

- At 10:03 a.m. Friday, a private property accident was reported at Coleman North Parking Lot. One citation was issued for operating an uninsured vehicle.

- At 2:14 a.m. Saturday, James Walker, 22, of Chicago, was arrested at the 1700 block of Lincoln Avenue. He was charged with DUI-alcohol, possession of cannabis with intent to deliver, illegal transportation of alcohol and released to the custody of the Coles County Sheriff's Office at 3:17 a.m. pending court appearance to determine bond.

- At 11:17 p.m. Saturday, a cannabis complaint was reported at Lake Charleston Loop. This incident was referred to the Office of Student Standards.

- At 6:52 a.m. Sunday, criminal damage to state property was reported at Taylor Hall. This incident was referred to the Office of Student Standards.

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## PAWS UP/PAWS DOWN



**SINGING SENSATIONS:** For the fifth straight time, Delta Delta Delta won Greek Sing. Three triangles, five straight victories.



**PITCHER PERFECT:** Pitcher Hanna Mennenga won OVC Pitcher of the Week for second straight time. The Panthers are 25-10.



**CLOSER TO EQUALITY:** Republican State Rep. Ed Sullivan voted "yes" on gay marriage. He becomes the second House Republican to openly support the bill.



**SENIORITIS EPIDEMIC:** As the semester dies down, it's getting harder and harder to stay focused. Don't let senioritis infect you.

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DOMINIC RENZETTI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

## STAFF EDITORIAL

# Rennels best candidate for Charleston mayor

Today is the last day to vote for three of the five positions that control almost everything in the city.

There are three candidates running for the position of mayor: Troy Richey, Larry Rennels and Brian Myerscough.

Registered voters will be able to vote from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. at their designated voting precinct.

Rennels is the best candidate for the job of mayor of Charleston because he has shown he has the most experience and knowledge on how the city runs, having served on the City Council for 16 years.

Richey and Myerscough have not worked in city government and do not know the areas of the city the way Rennels does.

At both debates in March, Rennels gave the most clear, reasonable answers to the questions asked, because he knows the city.

In the article "Candidates answer students' questions" of Friday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, Rennels said that on Unofficial St. Patrick's Day he went on a ride-along in a police car and saw the students and police acting respectfully.

He said of the 46 alcohol violation tickets given out, seven were written to Eastern students.

Even on one of the supposedly most drunken nights Eastern will

### OUR POSITION

- **Situation:** The Charleston mayoral election is today.
- **Stance:** Larry Rennels is the best candidate for the position of Charleston mayor.

see, students do not act like drunken idiots in public, and Rennels saw that.

He also has said the city's bar entry age should mimic the legal drinking age of 21.

While Myerscough thinks lowering the bar entry age will bring in more revenue and attract more students to Charleston, will stu-

dents under 21 not drink when they are in the bars?

Yes, yes they will drink.

Most students are 19 by their sophomore year, and if the number of students per year were equal, there would be more than 6,000 students potentially going out to the bars.

While Myerscough has the passion and Richey is relatable, Rennels has the sense to run the city.

An important thing to remember when voting, though, is that the mayor is not the king or president of Charleston.

He is one vote on the City Council composed of four other council members.

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

# Reconsider use of the word 'slut'

At the recent Sex Positive Fair, attendees were able to participate in an event called "slut name-calling," in which they wore a nametag saying "slut" if they answered questions correctly.

While the point of the exercise was to express how having a lot of sex doesn't make you a "slut," I think it defeated its purpose entirely.

There are some feminists out there who don't mind saying the word "slut," and there are, of course, some who do. I'm not about to get into a fight about semantics, but when it comes to this word, I'd rather take a closer look at how it is used.

For me, I view the word "slut" to be directed primarily toward women in a completely negative connotation. In fact, I view it to be disrespectful.

The use of this word directly ties into slut shaming, or as I would rather it be called, woman hating, and it is everywhere.

The idea of being a "slut" probably comes from a few main misconstrued ideas. Society creates the idea that "sluts" have a lot of sex, usually casually. Maybe alcohol or drugs are involved. Maybe it's a one-night stand, or maybe it's a friends-with-benefits situation.

Whatever the idea is, it's negatively influencing



Sara Hall

the image of women.

Suddenly, they're not just women, they're sex-hungry nymphomaniacs with a lack of self-respect.

But here's the thing: Just because you don't wait until you're married, or in a committed relationship, or in a committed anything, to have sex does not make you a bad person.

If you do want to wait, that's completely fine and is a personal choice.

Whatever you do in your sex life is your prerogative, and whether you're a virgin or having sex on a daily basis, you shouldn't have to feel ashamed about it because of what someone else may think of you.

It's not that it's just men calling women "sluts"; women are just as guilty of calling this vile name

to each other, sometimes as a term of endearment. Every time I hear one woman say "Hey, slut" or "Hey, whore" to another, I cringe a little bit.

The idea of a man being called a "slut" is not looked down upon; at times, it's almost revered.

But regardless of gender, the word and the ideas behind it are not OK, and the most detrimental effects of it come in regards to sexual violence.

Using the word "slut" devalues the idea of sexual assault; it creates the "she deserved it" or "she could have stopped it" mindset. With the current sexual assault discussion that has been going on around campus, Eastern students should take a second thought about what they say.

Respect is not a one-way street, and we can't just shun people who have different attitudes toward sex than we do.

It would be naive enough to think that cutting out one little word from your vocabulary is going to end sexism, but it's a start to get you to think in a different, more accepting mindset.

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## EASTERN | EMPLOYEES

# Workers' compensation to change companies

By **Stephanie Markham**  
Administration Editor

Eastern employees receiving workers' compensation will have a limited choice of what doctors they can see once the injury claims process is transitioned from the state agency to a private company.

The Illinois Department of Central Management Service currently processes injury claims and makes decisions about what claims qualify for compensation.

Because of state mandates, this process is being transitioned to a third party administrator called Tristar Risk Enterprise Management Inc.

Paula Embry, the workers' compensation coordinator, said state employees had been able to choose the doctor they wanted to see, whereas Tristar would offer a pre-selected list of doctors that can be seen.

"Tristar is going to initiate a PPO-type network where you have to go through a network of doctors that they have selected for your work comp," she said.

She said she had previously recommended employees go to their primary doctor for an injury because the costs would be covered by insurance if the claim was denied.

"If you go to your own doctor, at least if it's denied as work comp, at least you know your insurance is going to cover it," she said.

She said it could be hard to train the campus to this process because people are used to going wherever they want.

"It's going to be a pretty cumbersome process to get our campus used to it," she said.

Embry said Tristar representatives would replace the 16 administrators who oversaw workers' compensation in Illinois, along with the CareMC bill processing company and the CAREAssist phone line for early reporting of claims.

Richard Enyart, the director of human resources, said the state is looking to save money and simplify the claims process.

"Typically when you have a third-party provider, the state is looking at cost savings. So if you look at the 16 positions and eliminating those from the state payroll, we would like to think that whatever arrangements that they

made with Tristar would end up being a cheaper cost overall," he said.

Enyart said there is still a lot of unknown information about how the claims process will change.

"It pulls to streamline the processing to make it more efficient and more cost-effective," he said. "Now whether it ends up being that way at this point in time is unknown."

He said claims made before March 16 would be managed by CMS until the beginning of May, and at that time Tristar would take over all claims.

"Initially when going with any new third-party provider, there is going to be a learning curve for everybody involved as far as the use of their process and forms and dealing with the various claims administrators," he said.

He said many of Tristar's forms are the same forms that have been used, with some additions and removals.

Embry said Eastern's cost for workers' compensation, including temporary disability payments, medical costs and settlements, averages about \$1 million per year.

"Tristar is not bringing any money with them, so nothing is going to be paid any faster until they get caught up," she said. "But hopefully they're going to bring a little bit of stability and maybe get some of the claims moved a lot faster and people back to work a lot quicker."

Enyart said the third-party provider he worked with at a previous university gave him the authority to determine whether medical treatment should be provided for each case, but under Tristar, employees could bring their claim directly to the representatives.

"There will be a difference in how this company operates because they indicated that the employee themselves can contact them directly, and that could basically undermine us from the standpoint of us not knowing when an actual injury takes place," he said.

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## CAMPUS FEATURE | PANTHER SHUTTLE



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John "Doc" Holliday, a Panther Shuttle driver, looks in the mirror at the Andrews Hall bus stop on Thursday. Holliday said the best part of driving the Panther Shuttle is, "the people" and "interacting with the students." Holliday has been driving the Panther Shuttle since it started four years ago.

## Driver talks about career

By **Bob Galuski**  
Entertainment Editor

As the doors to the Panther Shuttle slide open, students are greeted by the bearded, smiling face of John "Doc" Holliday — one of the night-shift bus drivers.

In charge of making sure students get to destinations such as Walmart or other parts of campus, Holliday is a vital part of the nightlife and has been driving the Panther Shuttle since before it was at Eastern.

"My brother, the first shuttle driver, was the contractor when Eastern took over," Holliday said, with his eyes focused on the road stretching ahead of him.

After his brother became too sick to drive the bus, Holliday took over, and has been on every leg of the transportation throughout his career.

"In one way or the other, I've worked every shift," he said.

Currently, Holliday is the Thursday and Friday night shift driver, and he said the busiest times during those days are between 3 and 7 p.m.

"You see the most transit during those times," Holliday said.

Although he drives during the nighttime during the weekend, Holliday said he never has problems with rambunctious students on the bus.

Instead, it is the students outside of the bus he has to worry about.

"It's the students who cross without looking that can be a problem," Holliday said. "You have to be careful, they'll walk off the given path without regard to the vehicles coming their way."

Even on a Friday night, with a crowded bus, Holliday takes the time to say hello to each of the students who

get on the bus.

He even makes sure to let them know that some of the stops are not happening during the time they arrive on the bus — giving them time to get off the bus.

"We won't be going off-campus right now, just want to make sure everybody knows that," he called out to the passengers before starting up the bus.

Even though most of the students nod politely as he speaks to them or jokes with them, Holliday said one of the most enjoyable aspects of driving the bus is witnessing the wide-variety of students board each night.

"I love seeing the students," he said, laughing. "You have to like people to be in this job."

He interacts with the students as they get on the bus; he smiles and says hello, or cracks a joke or two.

Holliday said one of his main goals is to make sure every student who wants a ride on the Panther Shuttle gets one.

"You have two students, both who want to go somewhere, and who is to say one person's money is better than the other? Everyone pays in their tuition, so if possible, I make sure certain they get where they need to go," he said.

Holliday said he will wait even if he sees a student who is barely late to the bus, because he values their service — the same way the students value his.

However, even Holliday said he knows he cannot make everyone happy. "You can't please all the people all the time," he said, shrugging.

His intention to make sure students get to where they need to go is heard in the regret in his voice as he has to tell students the bus is going on break for an hour.

"Sorry, guys, I have to take a break — I'll be back (in an hour)," he told a group of women waiting to get on outside of Pemberton Hall.

He said one of the biggest improvements made since he started driving the bus regularly was having the buses arrive and depart on time.

"You can tell everyone really tries to make sure the buses are on schedule," Holliday said.

The relationship between the passenger and the driver is one of give-and-take, he explained.

"You have to show respect in order to get respect," Holliday said.

Giving respect to each of the students is a way of maintaining interaction with them during the long nights of driving, he added.

Holliday said running the bus has become second nature to him, as he is constantly checking his watch to make sure the bus is running on time.

As he pulls up to each stop, he lets each of the students boarding know when they will be arriving at their destination — with accuracy.

Holliday also said safety is a big part of driving the bus, and he said he feels each of the bus drivers strives to make the transportation safer.

"We have top-notch buses, and committed drivers, and that helps to making sure each student gets there safely," he said, beaming with pride.

Holliday said he plans on driving the bus for at least a few more years, since it is something he enjoys immensely.

"I'll probably do this for as long as I can," he said.

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- On the briny
- Dope from a booth?
- Grocery bag option
- Narrow inlets
- 1944 invasion city
- Patient's therapeutic shriek
- For free
- Groundbreaking old Fords
- Multivolume ref.
- It's right on a map
- Mentalist's alleged ability, briefly
- Tiny data storage device
- Old-timey word of woe
- Cowgirl Dale
- Forest feller
- Garlicky spread
- Thinker Descartes
- Uprising at Leavenworth, e.g.
- Old name for Tokyo
- Sports pg. number
- St. Louis-to-Chicago dir.
- Open courtyards
- Warnings from a ticked-off tabby
- Comical sort, like the last word of 20-, 32- or 43-Across
- New Age pianist John
- Tavern flier
- "Nothing ventured, nothing gained," for one
- Aid in a caper
- Trees with split-resistant wood
- Himalayan land
- Optimistic
- Bacon buy

**DOWN**

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- G sharp equivalent
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**BREWSTER ROCKIT BY TIM RICKARD**

Panel 1: "I THINK WE'VE FOUND THE HIGGS BOSON!"

Panel 2: "WHAT'S THE HIGGS BOSON DO?"

Panel 3: "BASICALLY, IT GIVES MASS TO OTHER PARTICLES."

Panel 4: "CHOCOLATE CAKE GIVES ME MORE MASS!"

Panel 5: "UH, THAT'S NOT EXACTLY THE SAME."

Panel 6: "HEY, YOU THINK THE HIGGS BOSON IS MADE OF CAKE?"

# STAT ATTACK



**.408**

**SOFTBALL**

Sophomore utility Hannah Cole is second in the Ohio Valley Conference with a .408 batting average after 103 at bats this season. She also leads the Eastern softball team in hits (42), doubles (11), and walks (12). Cole is second in RBIs (25) and home runs (4). Cole holds a .488 on base percentage and a .631 slugging percentage.



**16.1**

**BASEBALL**

The Eastern baseball team's bullpen has allowed one earned run in the Panthers' current four-game win streak. The Panthers' bullpen has a 0.55 ERA in those 16.1 innings. In the 16.1 innings pitched, the bullpen has allowed 14 hits and has walked a total of three hitters, while striking out five batters.



**206**

**SOFTBALL**

Eastern softball pitcher Hanna Mennenga has struck out 206 batters this season. She is fourth in the nation in strikeouts and strikeouts per seven innings (11.1). She also leads the Ohio Valley Conference in each of those categories. Mennenga also sports a 16-4 record with 11 complete games. She has a conference-leading 1.30 ERA while opposing batters are hitting just .162.



**57**

**BASEBALL**

The Eastern baseball team has scored 57 runs during its current four-game win streak. Eastern has scored 45 percent of its runs this season in the last four games. The Panthers are also batting .403 in those four games — .143 higher than their season average — highlighted by a 20-2 win over non-conference foe Illinois State and a 16-6 win over Murray State Sunday.

» **BASEBALL**  
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Schmitz said the success comes from pitching coach Jason Anderson finally getting the time to see what all the pitchers are capable of doing.

Anderson was hired in late December — only a couple of months prior to the start of the season.

“The first four or five weeks of the season he was seeing what (the pitchers) could do, finding out what was good and bad,” Schmitz said. “(Anderson) has done a good job of figuring out when to put them in and when not to put them in, what works and what doesn’t.”

Eastern has lowered its ERA to 4.56, which is third best in the OVC.

After a 37-run performance over the weekend, the Panthers have elevated their batting average to .273, raising it 30 points in 11 games.

The Panther offense will head into Illinois facing an Illini pitching staff with a 3.34 ERA, fifth in the Big 10.

Illinois is coming off a 3-2 win over No. 16 ranked Indiana, which had previously won 18 games in a row.

The 19-9 Illini have a .297 batting average and are led by Justin Parr.

The senior left-handed hitter is hitting .433 and has a conference best 52 hits. Parr only had one hit in nine plate appearances in the two wins against Eastern a year ago.

Parr and the rest of the Illini will face freshman Jake Johansmeier on Tuesday night.

Johansmeier picked up his first save of the season in Friday's 6-3 win over Murray State. Johansmeier is 1-2 this season with a 3.93 ERA in 18.1 innings pitched.

First pitch is scheduled for 6:05 p.m. Tuesday at Illinois Field.

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## BASEBALL | GAME PREVIEW



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Junior catcher Jacob Reese prepares for the incoming pass to tag out senior infielder Dylan Wheeler of Murray State on Friday in Coaches Stadium. The Panthers swept Murray State in the series.

# Panthers to face rival Illinois

By Aldo Soto  
Assistant Sports Editor

The Eastern baseball team is currently riding its longest win streak of the season after sweeping Murray State at home and winning its first three Ohio Valley Conference games of the season.

The Panthers travel to Illinois Field on Tuesday trying to extend their streak to five against the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

After a 0-8 start to conference play by Eastern, which saw the team score 17 runs, the Panthers' offense erupted for 57 in their current four-game win streak.

Coach Jim Schmitz said the team executed in all facets of the game during the series, including getting hit by a pitch, which the team failed to do earlier in the year.

"Obviously we don't want guys getting hurt, but if there's a pitch inside we want them to not get out of the way; we need as many base runners as we can get," Schmitz said.

The Panthers had eight batters hit by a pitch, three of the occasions coming from sophomore Dane Sauer.

Illinois has hit 36 batters through its first 28 games, which is the third highest in the Big 10 Conference behind Minnesota (44) and Nebraska (46).

Despite the eight hit batters over the weekend, Eastern is still near the bottom of the OVC in the category with 27, eighth in the conference, with Southeast Missouri having the most, at 43.

Eastern and Illinois have played each other eight times in the previous five seasons with each side winning four games, but last year the Fighting Illini swept the two-game set with 10-3 and 5-2 wins.

The Panthers' offense was stymied in the two games, but three Eastern batters were able to have multiple-hit games.

Jacob Reese, Nick Priessman and Brant Valach accumulated seven of Eastern's nine hits in the 10-3 loss against Illinois last year.

The Panthers were plagued by errors in the two games they lost against the Illini, committing nine.

Fielding has been a concern this season for Eastern, Schmitz said. In the OVC, the Panthers are tied with two other teams (Jacksonville State and Southeast Missouri) for the third most errors at 47.

Against Murray State, Eastern made three errors, all coming in its 15-8 win on Saturday.

Although the errors are high, Schmitz said the fielding is getting better and the team is no longer dwelling on its own mistakes.

"I told (the team) earlier in the year that we found every way to lose," he said. "Either we didn't hit, we made a big error or didn't pitch; now we're finding every way to win."

What has helped out the Panthers' recent success has been the bullpen, Schmitz said.

In the current win-streak the Eastern bullpen has pitched 16.1 innings and has given up only one earned run.

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## TENNIS | MATCH PREVIEW

# Women to face tough test

By Al Warpinski  
Staff Reporter

The women's tennis team will begin a three-game home stand to end regular season play Tuesday.

The 10-4 Panthers will host the Tennessee-Martin Skyhawks in a match that will decide Ohio Valley Conference postseason seeding.

Eastern sits in fourth place of the OVC standings, right behind Jacksonville State, which it lost to on Saturday. The Panthers and the Gamecocks both share 5-2 OVC records, but the Gamecocks own the tiebreaker because of head-to-head record.

Tuesday's game will prove pivotal in the playoff seeding as Tennessee-Martin sits just below Eastern in standing with a 4-2 record in fifth place.

Much like last week, history is not on Eastern's side. The Panthers have not beaten the Skyhawks in the last four years.

Last year's contest featured a 6-1 loss in the home season finale. The Panthers lost all singles matches except for Merritt Whitley's second position win. Whitley won in straight sets 6-2, 6-1. The women also were swept in doubles play.

Whitley has experience winning against the Skyhawks, but she is the winner of five straight singles wins. Whitley also boasts the team's best OVC record at 6-1 and 10-3 overall.

Sephora Boulbahi is second on the team with a 10-4 overall record and 5-2 in OVC play.

This year's team also boasts impressive doubles teams. The duo of Janelle Prisner and Whitley have a team best 7-3 record.

Freshman Ali Foster and Senior Kristen Laird sport an 8-1 doubles record when paired together.

First serve against the Skyhawks is set for 2:15 p.m. Tuesday at Darling Courts. The women will continue OVC play this weekend against first-place Eastern Kentucky and eighth-place Morehead State.

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## SOFTBALL | GAME PREVIEW

# Eastern to carry win streak to Illinois

By Jack Sheehan  
Staff Reporter

After its undefeated weekend at home, the Eastern softball team will look to extend its winning streak to six games on the road Tuesday against the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

The Panthers have won nine of their last 10 games and are currently atop the Ohio Valley Conference West division, ahead of Southern Illinois-Edwardsville.

The Fighting Illini enter Tuesday's game on the opposite end of the spectrum, as Illinois sits at the bottom of the Big Ten Conference with a 1-8 record.

Eastern is 25-10 overall but has had less success on the road at times, with a record of 8-6, while Illinois sports a 4-6 record at home.

Hanna Mennenga earned her second straight Ohio Valley Conference Pitcher of the Week honors and fourth of her career on Monday.

The junior pitcher went 4-0 last week, which included a five-inning, one-hit, 12-strikeout performance in Eastern's 8-0 win over Southern Illinois-Carbondale last Thursday.

The Panther pitching duo of Mennenga and Stephanie Maday will look to slow down the Fighting Illini's leading hitter Alex Booker, who comes into the game batting .359.

Sophomore Shelese Arnold is the Fighting Illini's top pitcher this season with a 3.01 ERA and also has 53 strikeouts this season.

Arnold has had some problems with her control and has allowed 60 walks on the year.

Eastern infielder Ashleigh Westover said Panther hitters would be looking to be selective at the plate.

"Our approach at the plate is to find the pitch we want and to drive it, and to also lay off anything out of the zone," Westover said.

Sophomore Hannah Cole comes into the game with a blistering .408 batting average this season and is also one of the top run producers on the team with 25 runs batted in.

The single non-conference rivalry game starts at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Eichelberger Field on the campus of Illinois.

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Junior infielder Reynae Hutchinson catches a pitch from junior infielder Ashleigh Westover to get another out against Belmont on Saturday at Williams Field.