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“TELL THE TRUTH AND DON’T BE AFRAID”

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1 dead in Purdue shooting

By Bob Galuski
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Students at Purdue University received text message alerts and emails informing them of an on-campus shooting that resulted in the death of a one person Tuesday.

Andrew Boldt, a senior in the College of Engineering, was reported to be the one death, according to *The Exponent*, Purdue’s campus newspaper.

The Exponent also reported that the shooter was identified as Cody Cousins, a senior in the College of Engineering.

Purdue Police Chief John Cox and Purdue Provost Tim Sands released statements during a press conference Tuesday regarding the shooting. The press conference is on *The Exponent’s* website.

Cox said he did not believe Cousins was targeting anyone except for Boldt.

“This individual seemed to have intentions for the decedent,” he said during the press conference.

Cousins was working alone, Cox also said.

Cousins, who shot Boldt in Purdue’s Electrical Engineering Building, gave himself up outside the Electrical Engineering Building, Cox added.

He said the shooting occurred in a basement classroom of the Electrical Engineering Building.

“We immediately did a couple sweeps of the building, cleared the building,” Cox said during the press conference. “Kudos to the staff and the students – they did exactly as we trained and have been trained.”

Cox also said during the press conference that Cousins gave no statement to the arresting officer, and more than 20 police officers responded.

“Call came in about noon. Our partners in the community were listening to the scanners and they responded,” he said during the press conference. “We probably had 20, 25 police officers there within a minute or two.”

The shooting happened while a class was in session, however, Cox said he was unsure of how many students were in attendance. He said there were witnesses, however.

Sands said the incident was contained to the Electrical Engineering Building, which is why classes were still in session.

“Since the incident is confined to the Electrical Engineering Building and everything else has been secured, classes are back in session,” he said.

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Derick Ledermann, a junior English major took a break from his two-hour class. He said he was happy to get some fresh air- cold weather or not.

Campus prepares for winter weather

By Jarad Jarmon
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Since the start of the spring semester, cold winds and consistent snowfall have rocked Eastern’s campus.

Temperatures plummeted to single digits – excluding the negative degree wind chill – Tuesday from the 30s and 40s Eastern received Monday.

Cameron Craig, geographer and climatologist at Eastern, said the temperatures have been inconsistent in the Midwest.

“It is a rollercoaster effect,” Craig

said. “The Jetstream is weak, weaker than it should be, and so what happens is it allows cold air to plunge to the south, while at the same time, in other parts of the world, warm air plunges to the north.”

The snow has not been given up either. After receiving three inches of snow on Tuesday, Charleston has had more than 24 inches of snow between November and April, which is the 30 year average for the area, Craig said. He also added this was only the beginning.

“The winter is considered to still be

young,” Craig said. “February is like a winter hump.”

This is not necessarily bad, especially for the soil. Craig said the snow has been pretty dry but consistent making sure to keep the moisture in the soil up, which is promising for planting in the spring. Snow melting slowly into the ground is good for the soil as opposed to massive amounts of rain flooding the ground like in 2012.

Luckily, temperatures will rise until Saturday allowing students and faculty to walk between buildings for class or work.

Students were ready for the declining temperatures, however.

Some students were taking appropriate measures to avoid and ward off the weather for long periods of time like Quenton Anderson, senior family and consumer sciences major.

Anderson said he crossed between buildings to stay out of the cold when striding to his classes.

“I cut through Doudna. I cut through the library a couple of times. I usually don’t go moving around that much, especially during the winter,” Anderson said.

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Ike’s works with heath department to serve food

By Michael Spencer
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Ike’s owner Andrew Phipps said he is working with the Coles County Health Department to bring the bar’s ‘Ike Burger’ back to Eastern students and Charleston locals.

The thin burgers and sliders that were once a hallmark of the establishment’s menu were scrapped roughly 12 years ago, Phipps said.

“Originally, Ike’s started as a burger, fries and food joint with sun-daes and shakes and stuff,” Phipps said. “We’re kind of bringing it back to where it originally started. (That is where) we got the motivation to do it.”

Phipps, 24, is a Charleston na-

tive and Eastern alumnus. He said Ike’s was once a hotspot for lunch in Charleston.

“People were in here all the time for lunch and wanting an Ike Burger,” Phipps said.

He hopes to bring that business back to his door, but first the bar will have to obtain the right certifications and licensing from the health department before services can begin.

Phipps said he has been working closely with the health department to facilitate the process of getting the kitchen back in working order and meeting the sanitation standards of the regulations regarding the sale of food.

Dan Stretch, the director of envi-

ronmental health for Coles County, said Ike’s is in the closing stages of the process and is working to finish the last few objectives on the department’s checklist.

“They’ve gone through the plan-review process,” Stretch said. “They’ve installed some equipment and we’re just waiting for them to call when they have a few items they needed to care of and we’re just waiting to hear back from them that they have taken care of them.”

New or remodeling businesses that want to serve food must submit plans and specifications of the equipment that will go into creating its product. Those plans are subjected to a review to make sure they meet city code and sanitation re-

quirements.

Once the items on that checklist are completed, it will be down to the department to finalize the process.


“Once they do that we review it, make sure everything complies to code, then we give the OK to start the remodeling process or the building process,” Stretch said. “Then during that process we’ll conduct several inspections, and then we do a final inspection once we get everything done and give them the OK to start serving,” Stretch said.

Phipps said he expects the bar to begin serving food within the next couple of weeks.

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Council approves marijuana moratorium

By Michael Spencer
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The city council approved a one-year moratorium on applications for medicinal marijuana dispensaries Tuesday.

The approval of the ordinance came just hours after the Illinois Department of Public Health released the first 48 pages of the initial draft of regulations regarding the law that legalized medical marijuana in Illinois. The law went into effect Jan. 1 but cannot be implemented until the department's new codes are approved.

The proposed regulations would require patients to be fingerprinted, undergo a background check and pay a \$150 annual fee in order to receive a photo I.D. card that will grant them access to medical marijuana.

The council's moratorium will restrict those interested in opening dispensaries from applying in the

next year. However, the ordinance states that stricture may be lifted at the council's discretion once the regulations are completed and approved.

In the meantime, the ordinance

"The state has not yet released all the rules and regulations yet with respect to dispensaries and what authority cities' have. Obviously we can't do anything until we know what the rules are."

handling the applications properly.

"The state has not yet released all the rules and regulations yet with respect to dispensaries and what authority cities' have," Rennels said. "Obviously we can't do anything

-Larry Rennels, Charleston mayor

Eastern for the Geographic Information System Support Service. Eastern has GIS training built into its curriculum and the relationship allows students to gain practical experience with the software that is primarily used for mapping underground infrastructure such as sewer and drainage pipes.

The city will pay Eastern more than \$6,000 dollars over the next year for their services – something Rennels said will help both Charleston and the university.

"It turns out it really benefits both of us," Rennels said. "It gives their students the opportunity to work in a real-world type of environment and it gives us the benefit of getting some additional assistance from their students and their instructors."

The council will meet again Feb. 4 at City Hall.

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Professor to discuss writing process

By Katie Smith
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An Eastern professor will revisit her adolescence during "White Field, Black Sheep: A Lithuanian American Life" at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the lecture hall of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Daiva Markelis, is the subject for the 2014 Center for the Humanities Annual Faculty Speaker.

The English professor and creative writing instructor said she first began writing in the sixth grade, when she generated "very bad poems about love and thunder storms."

Since then, Markelis' work has appeared in *The Chicago Reader*, *Crab Orchard Review*, *Women and Language* and *Fourth River*, among others.

It was not until Markelis felt an urge to make public her unique heritage, that the idea to write a memoir came into full-focus.

"I felt that since no one had writ-

ten a memoir about growing up Lithuanian-American, I could fill a gap in the literature of immigrant memoir," she said.

Markelis will discuss not only her memoir, *White Field, Black Sheep: A Lithuanian American Life*, but also the inherent issues of autobiographical writing.

"I'll be talking about Cicero and Lithuania, and about how some Lithuanians don't like my book because they feel I portray them in a negative light," Markelis said.

She added the discussion will include talk of demons.

"There will be colorful and interesting slides," she said.

Potential topics of discussion include the struggles of adhering to both American and Lithuanian cultures – a task Markelis grew familiar with while growing up in Cicero in the 60s.

"I was born and raised in Cicero, a working-class suburb of Chicago famous for a number of shady and un-

pleasant reasons," she said. "My parents were immigrants from Lithuania, so I grew up speaking two languages."

Although the intention of Wednesday's lecture is for Markelis to share her writing process, she said her writing has grown the most during her time as a professor.

"I constantly learn from my students," she said. "They are my best teachers."

Despite being chosen as this year's speaker, Markelis said she rarely feels a sense of completion with her work.

"I do a lot of rewriting. I don't think I'm ever quite satisfied with what I write," she said.

Still, Markelis said she hopes to share with audience members what

DAIVA MARKELIS

she has learned through writing her memoir.

"Creative nonfiction can be more formal: a profile of a famous person can be creative nonfiction. A travel piece can be creative nonfiction," she said. "Memoir is very personal – you're writing about your own experiences."

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Student-run café opens in Klehm Hall

By Jack Cruikshank
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The Café, a small student-run restaurant in Klehm Hall, celebrated its spring opening Tuesday.

For Jim Painter, a family and consumer sciences professor, The Café represents the realization of a vision started ten years ago.

Painter, who advises the students overseeing The Café, said when he first came to Eastern in 2003, students were simply going into the dining halls for a very short time, and in the process they were gaining very little experience.

“If the students just went into the dorms, they just kind of work with a cook,” Painter said. “Here, they run it, they organize, they come up with menus, cost out the food.”

Painter sees The Café as a great opportunity for students to gain valuable experience.

“The goal is to give students hands-on, practical experience so that they can actually have business experience running a restaurant by the time they graduate,” Painter said.

The Café will operate under normal business hours this semester from 8:30 until 11:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday, as well as offering reservation catering from noon until 1 p.m. on the same days.

Karla Kennedy-Hagan, the chair of the school of Family and Consumer Sciences, said The Café allows Eastern to afford students great opportunities in the fields of management, hospitality and business.

“The neat thing about this experience is it is completely for the students, so when they go out to get a job, they have had experiences that many students don’t get to have.”

The student in charge of The Café this semester is Chris Starbird, a junior family and consumer sciences major double minoring in entrepreneurship and business.

For Starbird, transferring to Eastern last semester and immediately getting real-world experience was a great opportunity.

“Ultimately, I want to have my own café in the future and ultimately I see myself as a manager of one,” Starbird said. “I have always liked coffee and the culture of coffee, and that is a large part of my motivation for working (at The Café).”

Last semester, Starbird used The Café as an independent study program, and



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Top: A chalk menu announcing specials hangs in the cafe of Klehm Hall. **Left:** The Café serves coffee as well as an assortment of teas. **Right:** Students take notes in their Quantity Food Production class Tuesday in the Klehm Hall Café. Professors use the space in the morning to instruct their classes, although the Café is staffed by students working on independent studies.

he is acting as the manager of the coffee house this semester under Painter.

As well as The Café, Starbird works as a part of Panthera, which is a restaurant operated weekly as a part of an FCS class, FCS 3784, Commercial Quantity Food Production. Panthera is

in Klehm Hall near The Café.

Starbird said Panthera is a restaurant run every Tuesday night where students work with guest chefs to develop a menu, as well as collectively doing prep work and preparing food the day of the meal.

“I am really excited for this opportunity,” Starbird said. “It is kind of unreal how quickly everything is happening. As last semester was my first semester here, before I had even started classes, I met (Painter) and we quickly connected and became friends right away.”

The menu, as well as other information about The Café, can be found through the FCS section of the Eastern website.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Send support to Purdue

Tragedy struck Purdue University Tuesday in the form of an on-campus shooting, resulting in the death of one person.

At *The Daily Eastern News*, our thoughts and condolences go out to those at Purdue affected by this tragedy.

Sometimes it takes a crisis like this one to realize how close we all are. Despite being in Indiana, Purdue is Eastern's neighbor and we should do whatever possible to help the community through this time.

For Eastern students, it may not have been more than a tweet that showed up, or a passing conversation.

For Purdue students, it was a life-altering event. It was an occurrence that may have been earth shattering.

In times like these we often look at the victims or those related to the victims, but in reality, it is an event that affects a larger portion of people. It affects an entire community.

When a tornado devastated Washington, Ill., last semester relief efforts were enacted immediately. When a bomb exploded during the Boston Marathon last year, the Eastern community worked to send supplies and other materials needed for recovery.

However, for a tragedy such as this one, it might take a different kind of support from the Eastern community. It needs to work on a more individual level.

Eastern students come from different places – sometimes spanning the country – and undoubtedly students know someone at Purdue affected by this shooting.

Maybe just a phone call to a high school friend attending the university is all that is needed. Maybe just recommending a counseling service to someone you know is all that can be done. Maybe a text message, a Facebook message or even a letter is all that it takes.

But let the Purdue community know you are there for them. Let those you know who were affected know you care. Sometimes that's all it takes.

As great as the Eastern community can be, it is the relationships we build outside of the community that will also help us succeed in life. Those relationships start with maybe a simple phone call.

Times like these are rare, and when they do occur it is important to remember to support your neighbors, your friends.

Without the support of others, it is a hard world to live in.

And so on Wednesday, as Eastern students brave the cold temperatures to go to class, think twice before complaining about attending classes. Some people at Purdue have had their classes shut down for one of the worst reasons.

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Technology at a young age



SABRINA ANN DUNCAN | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Children using new technology can be positive

In the blink of an eye, the entire world has changed around us.

No longer do we dwell in the days of plastic toys and giant blocks.

Now we must navigate our way through a world where toddlers and tykes want the latest iPhone for Christmas instead of the newest toy in stores.

And that can actually be a beneficial thing, especially in today's society.

As the world changes on a dime, we too must adapt to the new ways.

It happens every generation, and just because this is a brand-new concept, does not mean it is one to fear.

A child using smart phones, Facebook profiles and Twitter handles is not a terrible thing.

In fact, many applications on these gadgets help further the learning experience.

It all comes down to responsible parenting. It starts with the parents and ends with parents.

Education by the parents matter, especially when it comes to social media.

Making sure your child knows what is



Bob Galuski

acceptable behavior online and what is not should be part of the parenting curriculum.

Much like knowing how to say please and thank you, children should learn from their parents things like cyber-bullying and its negative effects.

While children may be seemingly lost in the hustle and bustle of the Internet, swept away by having a profile and speaking to those through virtual reality rather than actual reality, the truth of the matter is that is the way of the world now.

Just like the way of the world has always been using manners, addressing adults by Mr. or Mrs. or Miss and always being respectful,

it should not change just because the reality changes.

It is still people on the other end of that keyboard, and if children can learn how to responsibly use this technology as a shield rather than a sword, the world might be a bit better off.

It all boils down to responsibility and good parenting – basic principles.

Without these, then all hope for a better future may be lost because, yes, children will succumb to the temptations of abusing this new technology.

We are not in a terrible or dark time. In fact, this is a new time of enlightenment, one that should be celebrated. Learn from whatever mistakes happened in the past, and figure out how to improve.

You never know how well it could turn out for your child.

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Children using technology can be detrimental

Today, it is normal for a 10 year old to have a smart phone, a tablet, a laptop and an iPod.

I remember the day I handed my 2-year-old nephew an old flip phone for him to play with.

He immediately swiped his finger across the screen and was confused when the phone didn't respond.

I am not sure what was more terrifying: the fact that he had no idea how to use a "regular" phone, or the fact that he knew how to unlock a smart phone.

Either way, that instance made me question quite a few things. What will our generation of children be like when technology is so easily accessible?

I fear that future generations who are consumed by technology will lack confidence and will be emotionally compromised.

Will our children grow up associating happiness with what they put on their profile online? Will they have any idea how to feel emotions when they are glued to a screen most of their life?

I understand that many of us watched TV as children, but it worries me to see how chil-



Liz Purcell

dren are brought up today.

Everywhere they go, there is a screen. There are televisions at home, in the car, at school, at gas stations and pretty much anywhere else you can think of. They are given tablets and cell phones to play with instead of something that can help them learn.

Call me weird, but I did this crazy thing as a kid called looking out the window during car rides. I preferred climbing trees and playing in dirt rather than watching a movie or playing my lovely Playstation 1.

Children can learn something by being outside and interacting with other humans, and I doubt they learn anything about life when they worry about how many likes their status

got on Facebook.

When we were young, at least we got in a few years of being technology-free. We played with toys and played outside and just had fun with other kids our age.

What's happening now is a crisis.

Children have to be entertained at all times and can barely leave their parents' side without having a fit. Instead of teaching them a lesson, parents will turn on some kind of screen to distract them. What are they learning from this?

Even though technology is a beautiful thing, especially for us college students, I think we need to think twice when children become a factor in our lives.

Turn off the TV and tell your child to go outside and learn something. Teach them that profiles and websites do not equate to happiness and success; human interaction and real experiences do.

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“Since the incident is confined to the Electrical Engineering Building and everything else has been secured, classes are back in session,” he said. “Everything is operating normally on campus, except for the Electrical Engineering Building, which is currently closed.”

Purdue President Mitch Daniels canceled Wednesday classes for Purdue, according to *The Exponent*.

Sands said he understands concerns from students who may feel the campus is unsafe, but during the press conference assured that the campus is safe.

“We feel like we have control of the situation, and we’re encouraging students to go about their usual business on campus, except for the Electrical Engineering Building,” he said.

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He also said he made sure he was moving as fast as he could to limit his time outside.

Building hopping was not the only way to beat the cold according to Kayla Tutor, a special education major. Tutor said she kept a cup of coffee with her to keep her warm.

“This is like my third cup of Star-

bucks today. It is so cold,” Tutor said.

For students like Dani Weine, a senior recreation administration major, the single digits have not affected her much. Weine said she has always enjoyed the winter and seeing snow on the ground.

“It is not a be deal. I guess people aren’t used to it,” Weine said. “I run outside when it’s this cold.”

The cold might cause more issues than just being cold though. Sheila Baker, the medical director of Health Services, said the weather can and might increase health risks.

She said other than viruses thriving in this climate, issues may arise because people are staying cooped up inside the heated buildings and houses, breathing the same air one who might be sick is breathing.

Students might also encounter ice patches causing falling injuries. Cold exposure is also a danger, especially at night when people might be

drinking. She said someone might get lost when coming home, intoxicated, and might endure severe skin and even mental damage from the frigid temperatures.

She added while the temperatures do raise the risk, there has not been a spike in clinic attendance from cold related injuries.

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CGS approves new health studies graduate degree, internship credit

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The Council on Graduate Studies approved adding a new graduate degree to the Eastern portfolio at its meeting Tuesday.

The new Master’s degree, titled Health Promotion and Leadership, will now go to the Illinois Board of Higher Education for approval.

As the CGS members approved the new health studies degree, it also heard proposals from Robert Bates, the chair of the health studies program, regarding each of the individual classes to be formed as a result of the new program.

Of the 12 new courses proposed, 10 passed unanimously, while the other two ended up with seven “yes” votes, no “no” votes and an abstention.

The tentative plan is for the Graduate School to begin offering the program in fall 2014, contingent on approval from the IBHE.

Bob Augustine, the dean of the Graduate School, said that when the program starts, he hopes five to seven students will be enrolled.

He said he hopes eventually the program will recruit 12-15 students annually.

In the Dean’s Report, Augustine talked about a higher-than-normal enrollment overall for the graduate school, and he hopes the new Health Promotion and Leadership degree will bolster the numbers of the Graduate School.

“This is the third new whole degree program recently approved, and the two previous degrees have exceeded enrollment goals,” Augustine said.

“I believe this program will show a similar pattern.”

Augustine said he sees successful graduate programs being based on strong undergraduate programs, and he said the current Health Studies undergraduate program will help the graduate degree thrive.

Augustine went on to congratulate the hierarchy of the Health Studies, specifically Bates, on his three-year work culminating in the acceptance of the new degree.

After acting on the items on the agenda, Augustine presented the spring 2014 calendar of events to the CGS, which details meetings, deadlines and ceremonies pertaining to the Graduate School this semester.

The CGS also unanimously accepted a revision to the requirements defining how many credit hours can

be accrued per hours of internship work.

For undergraduate work, 40 hours of work are required to equal one credit hour, whereas the current rule for graduate internship requires “30 to 40.”

The CGS changed the requirement for graduate internships to 40 hours of work in order for the week to be counted as a credit hour of work.

Augustine said the old requirements did not factor in time for “class time, homework and other activities.”

He went on to say many interns actually work many more than 40 hours a week.

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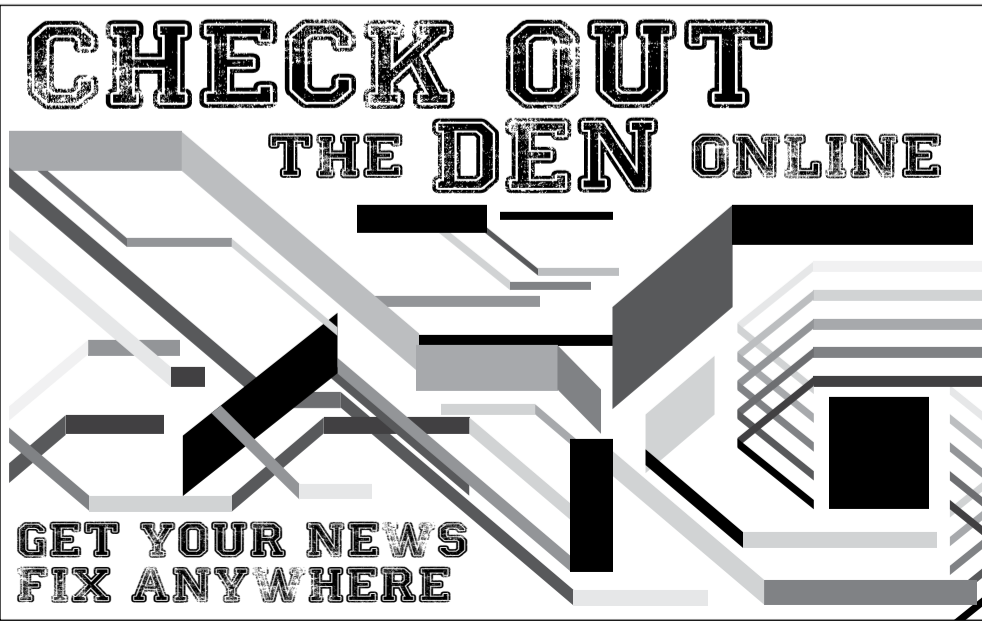
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STAT ATTACK



The Eastern men's basketball team is **averaging 69.4 points** per game since entering Ohio Valley Conference play, nearly a 10-point jump from its previous average of 59.8 points per game throughout non-conference play. However, the Panthers' 69.4 scoring average still ranks just ninth out of 12 teams in the OVC. The Panthers averaged only 60 points per game last season.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Former Eastern quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo completed 9-of-14 passes for **100 yards** and one touchdown in the East vs. West Shrine Game on Saturday in Mobile, Ala for the East. Garoppolo won the offensive MVP of the game, playing mostly in the second quarter. Garoppolo connected with former Eastern receiver Erik Lora for two pass completions. Lora would finish with two catches for 38 yards. The East won the game 23-13.



FOOTBALL



The Eastern women's basketball team's scoring offense is ranked last in the Ohio Valley Conference at **62.6 points per game**. In their eight wins, the Panthers are averaging 73.5 points per game, which would rank them third in the OVC. However, in their 10 losses, the Panthers are averaging just 53.9 points per game. The Panthers averaged 68.2 points per game last season.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Reggie Smith **took 28.2** of the Eastern men's basketball teams shots in its games against Murray State and Austin Peay Thursday and Saturday. Smith shot 8-of-23 for a career-high 27 points in the loss to Murray State. He then followed that with 15 points off 6-of-10 shooting in Eastern's win over Austin Peay. The red-shirt junior guard is taking 20.4 percent of the Panthers shots in Ohio Valley Conference play.



MEN'S BASKETBALL

Olson gives Eastern early spark

By Bob Reynolds
Staff Reporter | @BobReynoldsDEN

Taryn Olson's was one of five different players on the Eastern women's basketball team to score double-digit points in Monday's 80-74 win over Murray State.

Olson started the game, scoring Eastern's first seven points and finished the game with 10, which provided a spark to the Panthers' offense.

Monday was the first time all year that Olson has scored in double-digits. She made 4-of-5 field-goal attempts and was 2-of-3 from the free-throw line. She also corralled six rebounds.

Eastern coach Debbie Black said Olson set the tone for the team for the rest of the game.

"We've said to her directly at practice during film work that 'teams are going to lay off you, you have to look for the shot, if you don't like the shot, then attack the basket,'" Black said. "She went out, established it early, and kind of set the tone for us."

In Monday's games the teams combined for 47 points in the first half and 107 points in the second half.

In the first five minutes of the second half, the Panthers converted on their first seven shots and Murray State only missed one of its first 10 attempts, which included going 4-of-4 from the 3-point line.

Black said she was disappointed in her team giving up 55 points in the second half, but enjoyed her team staying with Murray State throughout the final twenty minutes of play.

"If we can stay with them and compete, I guess that it is a good thing," Black said. "We have to learn to lockdown and play better defense."

The Panthers currently rank second in the Ohio Valley Conference in free-throw percentage and Monday's game saw Eastern shoot 85 percent from the line, which included 24-of-27 in the second half.

Around the OVC

Tennessee-Martin senior guard Heather Butler became the conferences all-time leading scorer, putting up 26 points in Saturday's win over Morehead State.

She passed the mark of Tennessee Tech's Cheryl Taylor, who scored 2,526 career points, which was set in 1987.

The Skyhawks sit in first place in the OVC West Division with a 7-0 conference record.



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Senior forward Taryn Olson puts a shot up in a game on Tuesday in Lantz Arena. The Panthers lost to the Sycamores 53-65.

Also picking up a win over the weekend was Southern Illinois -Edwardsville after freshman Alexis Chappell hit four free throws in the final 13 seconds of Saturday's game to give the Cougars the victory over

Murray State.

Jacksonville State, Morehead State and Tennessee-Martin all won their games on Monday.

The Panthers currently rank third in the OVC West Division, 3.5

games behind the Skyhawks.

Eastern has two games against Tennessee-Martin.

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Panthers prepare for season

By Jack Sheehan
Staff Reporter | @JackP_Sheehan

Both the men's and women's Eastern tennis programs prepare for its first action this spring season.

Coming off of a 7-10 2013 campaign, the men's program will look to get this season started with a victory against Saint Louis University on Saturday.

The women's squad, on the other hand, had more success, sporting an impressive 13-6 record last season, as it will try to continue their success against Illinois State University this Friday. Last season, the women's team had its best record since the 2007-08 season when it finished 14-7.

Although both team rosters are comprised by majority of underclassmen, Eastern Director of Tennis and women's head coach John Blackburn said that is normal.

"Tennis rosters aren't very big, so it is normal to have underclassmen play a big role on the team," he said.

Blackburn also said the past is the past, and that the Panthers will be focusing solely on the season ahead of them.

"Last season is in the past," he said. "We have a clean slate for the spring and the teams are excited to get started in this weekend's matches."

With both teams facing tough non-conference and Ohio Valley Conference schedules this season, Blackburn said the teams will be ready.

"We have been prepping and practicing for this season, so everyone should be ready to come to play this weekend and all season long," he said.

Each team will play a slate of 18 matches this season before entering the Ohio Valley Tournament at seasons end.

After coaching both the men and women last season, Blackburn will relinquish men's coaching duties to Eric Stark, while still coaching the women and overseeing both programs.

The women's team kicks off the 2014 season at the Evergreen Racquet Club in Bloomington, 7:30 p.m. Friday.

The men get started 6:30 Saturday, playing in O'Fallen, at the St. Clair Racquet Club.

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2014 Home schedule

March 7 | Lindenwood | 1 p.m.

March 22 | Tennessee Tech | 1 p.m.
*Men's team only

March 23 | Jacksonville St. | 10:30 a.m.

April 3 | Tennessee-Martin | 11 a.m.
*Women's team only

April 5 | SIUE | 11 a.m.

April 6 | Southeast Missouri | 1 p.m.
*Women's team only

April 12 | Tennessee State | 10 a.m.

April 13 | Belmont | 11 a.m.

Home meets take place at Darling Courts, located on the west side of campus between 4th Street and Grant Ave.

Former ULM safety added to staff

By Dominic Renzetti
Editor-in-Chief | @domrenzetti

James Truxillo appears to be the next addition to Kim Dameron's Eastern football staff.

A Twitter account appeared online Jan. 19 under the handle @JamesTruxillo. The Twitter bio states he is a safeties coach for Eastern. He lists his location as Charleston and his website as eiupanthers.com, the official website of the Eastern athletic department.

Truxillo tweeted on Jan. 19 that he was showing defensive backs coach Tony Gilbert around the facil-

ities, along with a photo of the inside of the football office at O'Brien Field.

Rich Moser, Eastern's associate athletic director, and head of media and public relations for the athletic department, said the announcement would come shortly.

"Athletics has to wait for official paper work on campus before we can officially announce anything," Moser said in an email Tuesday. "I hope to have all that done Wednesday."

Truxillo spent two seasons as a graduate assistant with Louisiana-Monroe, assisting with the defense. In his playing days, he was a four-

year starter at Louisiana-Monroe, playing safety.

He was a team captain during the 2008 and 2009 seasons. He earned All-Sun Belt Second Team honors and was a nominee for the 2009 Danny Wuerffel Award for Academ-



JAMES TRUXILLO

ics, Athletics and Community during his senior season.

In 2008, Truxillo earned First-Team Academic All-American honors from ESPN The Magazine. He graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice in December 2009. He earned a Master's of Science degree in exercise science in December 2011.

Truxillo, 26, is a native of Jefferson, La.

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