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CAMPUS Seniors can use ACT as basic skills replacement

By Nike Ogunbodede
Associate News Editor

The Illinois State Board of Education will now accept a composite score of 22 or better on the ACT plus Writing exam in place of the Test of Academic Proficiency/Basic Skills as long as the education department approved the exam within five years of the test’s completion.

An SAT equivalent score of 1030 will also be accepted.

The timeframe was still being determined after the state board approved the change in late June because certain considerations could have left seniors majoring the educational field, who did not previously pass the required tests, out of luck, said Doug Bower, the associate dean for the College of Education and Professional Studies.

“It takes the stress out of the testing, but it’s also \$125 that they don’t have to pay,” Bower said.

Bower said students can still elect to take the \$125 TAP/Basic Skills test with the closest testing location in Terra Haute, Ind.

So far Bower said students and professors have been reacting positively to the new implementation.

Students will need to complete and turn in two forms—the Score Report Verification form and the EIU Request to use ACT/SAT Score form.

“We’ve already processed right around 40 (forms),” he said.

After the two forms are processed, the department will notify the student that they have been approved and the student will then have to send their score to the state board, Bower said.

“I have talked to quite a few of the freshmen who may have had a 21 on their ACT so they are trying to make the decision of ‘do I take the TAP or do I take the ACT,’” Bower said.

To help those students who are unsure, Bower said his department has a side-by-side comparison the two exams.

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HOUSING & DINING

Students to decide cereal options

Ryan Shea
Staff Reporter

Panther Dining is asking students which cereals they want in the dining halls. This is an attempt to avoid the inevitable buildup of unwanted cereal throughout the semester.

Students, or anyone with meal swipes, can vote at electyourcereal.com for their favorite breakfast cereals.

The website asks for personal information, such as name, address and university, along with their choice of 42 different popular cereals. People can choose three of their favorites, as well as three other cereals they occasionally enjoy.

Kori Daniel, a student manager at Thomas Hall Dining, said the only advertisements for this vote have been in the resident dining halls.

All posters come with a Quick Response Scan for smart phones.

“That way, students can vote on the spot,” said Daniel, a senior psychology major. “We want the students to have a say in what they want to eat around campus.”

Though this is a campus-wide experiment, it is unsure whether or not students can vote for certain cereals to be in specific dining halls because that is not an option when voting online.

The voting is online only, although some students said they would like the option of paper voting within the dining halls.

Connor Gulling, a senior family and consumer sciences major, agreed.

“I never remember to vote by the time I finish eating and walk back home,” Gulling said. “I do think it’s a really good idea, though. Especially for the people that have bigger meal plans and depend upon dining halls for all their meals.”

Emily Scheckel, a junior special education major, said she knows which cereals she wants to vote for and is also glad to finally have a say in her food options.

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Panther Dining is allowing students with meal swipes to vote at electyourcereal.com for their favorite cereal to help decided what will be included in the dining halls. Voting will continue through Oct. 1.

CAMPUS EIU Alert system keeps students informed, safe

By Elizabeth Edwards
Editor-in-Chief

As students receive emergency text messages about criminal activity on or around campus, one man is behind keeping students alert and safe.

Dan Nadler, the vice president for student affairs, controls and manages the Alert EIU system on campus and at home every day, no matter what the circumstances.

The system alerts students through text messages of emergency situations on campus and the community that concerns students’ safety.

Alert EIU started in March 2008, when students could opt into the program by submitting their cell phone numbers, Nadler said.

“Alert EIU is the piece of the puzzle when you look at emergency notification and crisis response,” Nadler said.

In order to receive the messages, students need to provide the university with a cell phone number and have texting capabilities on their phones.

“Alert EIU is considered of the highest alert on campus,” Nadler said. “The system is only for non-weather life-threatening situations.”

Nadler can send out Alert EIU, an emergency email, or both to the Eastern community from his laptop at home or work computer.

Text messages sent to students are only 160 characters and usually suggest students to access their Panther-mail accounts after reading the text

alert, Nadler said.

He said the university started the system because they were looking for better ways to communicate with the campus community and wanted to enhance Eastern’s alerting systems.

If a situation occurs on campus, Nadler said Chief Adam Due of the University Police Department will call him and tell him about the situation.

While if the situation is off-campus, the Charleston Police Department and University Police Department will communicate and Chief Due will call Nadler about the incident.

Sometimes students will be frustrated when there is time discrepancy between when a crime happens and when the message is sent out, but Nadler asks

students to be understanding.

“When situations are unfolding law officers can not drop everything they are doing and make a call,” Nadler said. “Sometimes there is some time between when an incident was reported and the text message.”

A host of reasons cause the discrepancies, Nadler said.

For example, a victim may not report the crime until later, or the officers may not report the incident immediately.

He said it is important for students to report crimes in a timely matter, which helps maximize the opportunity to alert others on campus.

The university is also working to improve safety and emergency response in

other areas across campus, too.

Recently, the university has added the additional sirens and public address systems in the residence halls.

For example, the university has added sirens to Old Main and the Booth library.


Right now, the university is still looking at expanding cameras on campus and they are also looking into electronic locks for all buildings across campus.

Students can go to EIU Alert webpage to sign up for the system if they have not received messages and sign up.

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UNIVERSITY BOARD

UB Teach Me Tuesdays opens with self-defense, karate class

By Amy Wywialowski & Ke'Ana Troutman
Assistant Daily Editor & Staff Reporter

The University Board began its semester-long series "Teach Me Tuesdays" with a look into the ancient art of karate and a class on self-defense.

Danny Turano, the chairman of the UB, said they wanted to start with this type of activity because it is important for students, especially freshmen, to know how to defend themselves.

"I hope students can gain ways to keep themselves safe, just in case, so they are never left defenseless," Turano said.

The presentation was led by Gustavo Albear, a secondary education professor who is also a seventh-degree black belt, has practiced the art of karate for 44 years. Albear practices the Okinawa form of karate, and demonstrated two styles of the form, the shorin ryu and goju ryu styles.

Okinawa karate began on the Okinawa Island in Japan.

Albear and his team from the Pyramid Karate Dojo in Indianapolis showed attendees how the multiple kodubo weapons can be used in combat.

The group went through the history of the different movements and how they were often hidden in dances of the Okinawa people as a defense mechanism.

"They hid the moves in their dances so the Japanese would not know what they were doing," Albear said. "Then the when the Japanese attacked, they still had the element of surprise."



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Gustavo Albear, a secondary education professor, uses Grace Massey, 12, to describe the point when it is too late to defend yourself from an attack. Albear said that once your opponent's hand is past their waist, you are too late to counter.

Albear talked about his philosophy concerning fighting and how there is one enemy and that is the one in front of you.

"If he is not down in three moves, then you will be," Albear said referring to the speed and technique of a confrontation.

Students, professors, and community members attended the event along with members of the Ekkin Kyo Kan Dojo of Eastern Illinois, a registered student organization focused on this type karate.

Vehyon Cartman, a junior sociol-

ogy major, has been a member of the RSO for two years and has a black belt in the weng chong form of karate.

"I love this style of karate (compared to others) because it very in defending oneself," Cartman said.

After demonstrating the different styles of the art for an hour, participants got the chance to try the art after signing a waiver for insurance purposes.

Many of Albear's students attended the event after hearing him talk about it in class.

Alyssa Baumann, a junior elementary education major, has Albear for

class and attended the event. She said has learned to be more aware of her surrounding just by hearing Albear talk about his martial arts training in class but that it was good to see him in action.

"I learned a lot just by observing him," Baumann said. "It is not very often people get an opportunity to see something like this."

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CITY

Graywood employee pleads guilty

By Elizabeth Edwards
Editor-in-chief

A former Eastern student and Graywood employee entered into a guilty plea on Monday in connection with the Jan. 19, 2011, death of a developmentally disabled man.

Marquis Harmon, 24, pleaded guilty for the beating of Paul McCann, which occurred at a Graywood group home in Charleston.

The victim, 42, later died at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center

and had lived at the now-closed home at 203 W. Grant Ave., under the care of Harmon.

State's Attorney Steve Ferguson said Harmon pleaded guilty to criminal neglect of a person with a disability and obstructing justice.

The charges of first-degree murder and criminal negligence/abuse of a developmentally disabled person and voluntary manslaughter were dropped, Ferguson said.

Ferguson said Harmon could receive three to seven years in prison

for the criminal negligent charge and probation or one to three-year sentence for the obstructing justice charge, though the charges would be served concurrently.

Former Eastern student and co-worker of Harmon, Keyun Newble was sentenced eight years for involuntary manslaughter on July 6 in connection with the beating of McCann.

The jury found Newble not guilty on the first-degree murder charge.

Ferguson said Harmon had testi-

fied against Newble and he believed Harmon was not the leader in the crime.

Harmon's defense attorney, Edwin Piraino, said he did not want to comment on factors of his client's plea bargain but said he completely trusts the judge and Ferguson with the deal.

The sentence hearing for Harmon is scheduled Nov. 9.

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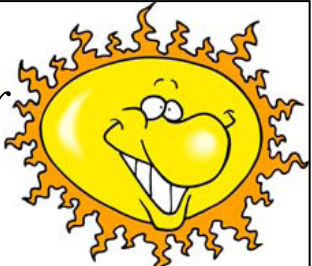
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ROTC



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Jammal Moore, a freshman undecided major and ROTC cadet, attempts the equipment drop exercise during an ROTC water combat lab Tuesday at the Charleston Rotary Pool. For the exercise, cadets jumped into the pool with a rifle and vest and had to drop both before their head broke the surface. The full story can be found at dailyeasternnews.com.



With a week until their first meeting, members and leaders of the Student Senate are finishing up the things they worked on all summer, planning for the new year and working to fill the 15 open students senate seats they have.

Mitch Gurick, a sophomore business education major, was elect-

ed speaker of the Student Senate at the end of the Spring 2012 semester and is now in charge of running the senate meetings, filling vacancies and dividing the group in committees.

The full story can be found at dailyeasternnews.com.

CONCERT

Gaelic Storm to play in place of Claddagh

By Samantha McDaniel
Daily Editor

After an abrupt cancellation, popular Irish band Gaelic Storm will be performing in replace of Celtic dance group Claddagh.

Dan Crews, the director of patron services of the Doudna Fine Arts Center, said Claddagh is a new group that has never toured before and is working out problems with their show.

Crews said they found out about Claddagh from one of the agents the Doudna works with to book acts.

"They talked about this new show being put together in Ireland," Crews said. "It is kind of a celebration of Irish music and dance."

Crews said the directors caught their attention because they worked on other Irish tours, like "Celtic Nights" and "Rhythm of the Dance."

Crews said the show was supposed to be ready by early September and they made it fit into the production schedule.

"We liked the idea that we would be one of the first to present it when it was coming out," Crews said.

In July, the producer called and said the show would not be ready in time, but did not specify the reason behind the delay.

Crews said the crew in Doudna wanted to have a show that was similar and could be around the same time.

Crews said they heard that Gaelic Storm would be in the area around the same time.

"They are doing us a great favor by coming and doing the show on the same day at the same time," Crews said.

Crews said the group is a popular Irish band that was most notably featured in the movie "Titanic." The band played in the scene where Rose was introduced to the underclass society through a party on a lower deck.

The group will be performing for the same price as Claddagh and the tickets will not cost extra.

Those who have already bought their tickets for Claddagh can either return their tickets for a refund or attend the Gaelic Storm performance.

Tickets will cost \$20 and the performance will take place at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 16 in the Dvorak Concert Hall.

"It was one of those things where you thank your lucky stars," Crews said.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Eastern's history gives our present context, helps us change the future

If you don't know the history of Eastern, now's the time to put in the effort to learn about it.

Here at *The Daily Eastern News*, we're not just all about the late and breaking news. While that's definitely important to us, we think it's also just as crucial to examine the past.

You may have noticed we have been running multiple articles about Eastern's history.

In Friday's edition of *The News*, we discussed Lake Ahmoweenah, which used to be located behind Old Main.

Did you know *The Warbler*, Eastern's yearbook, got its name because of a group of warblers used to nest at this lake?

In Monday's issue, we discussed how Old Main is being renovated with the hopes of eventually being restored to its look from previous years.

It's stories like this that give our present context and enrich our experience here, whether we realize it or not.

Knowing the history of a place gives you an idea as to why things are they way they are.

So what can you do to empower yourself? Start doing your research, even if it's small.

If you have a building to go to every day, find out why it's named what it is or why it was built. For example, Buzzard Hall was named for a president of Eastern.

The history of any place gives you a sense that things are constantly changing and gives you a broader mindset of the world. Eastern's history is no different. Things at our university aren't exactly how they were five, 10 and especially 100 years ago.

By studying the changes in Eastern's history, it gives you a sense that you can change the future with what you do now.

It wasn't always the same, and it will not always be the same. Eastern's current state will always be in flux.

Just think: generations of Eastern students to come may never know the legacy of Coach Bob Spoo or even our beloved President Perry. But that doesn't mean their effect on our school won't have been important.

There are plenty more former members of the Eastern community where this is also the case. You may not know them because they came long before you did, but that doesn't mean they haven't had an impact on your life here. Learning about these individuals and their actions will give us a greater understanding of our place at the university.

Eastern will probably be around a lot longer than will we be. Though future generations may not remember us, we can still make a difference and change things for the better.

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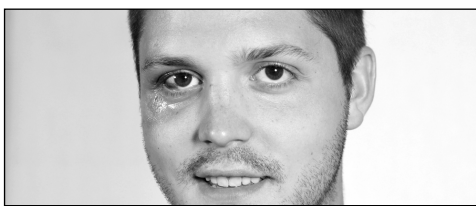
Voter ID law: a four-step plan to stop Obama

Step one: Understand how Obama won in 2008. This may be tough, because it means admitting that the man has actually done something right, but you'll live. Obama's 2008 campaign was inarguably genius, mobilizing both minority and youth voters to the polls at an historic rate, and one could reasonably assume that he still leads among both groups.

Step two: Unite behind a strategy that disenfranchises minorities and the youth (namely, college students) from voting. If they can't vote, Obama can't win, plain and simple. Voter ID laws should do the trick. Of course, studies show that voter fraud occurs about once in every 15 million votes, but that's not the issue. Blatantly ignore this fact; conjure fear among the GOP base that our electoral process is corrupt; lie, lie and then lie some more.

Step three: Enact legislation in battleground states to combat this completely unfounded and fake corruption. Make sure it infringes on the voting rights of both the youth and minorities, as they are the driving force behind Obama's reelection. Don't completely strip them of their rights, but make it financially and geographically difficult for them to obtain the IDs necessary to vote.

Step four: Sit back and relax—you may



Robert Downen

have completely disarmed and spat on the U.S. Constitution and our entire electoral process, but you did what was necessary. If you've been following this election at all, you've probably already noticed this plan at work.

In the last two years, six of the 11 swing states for the 2012 presidential election have enacted laws that require voters to provide photo IDs in order to vote. Quite unsurprisingly, Republicans control all six of those states.

Of course, voter suppression is hardly a new tactic—in the 2011 Wisconsin Senate election, Americans For Prosperity, a hard-right political group, were behind a massive effort to confuse Democrats by sending out newsletters with registration deadlines that made them ineligible to vote.

In Ohio, the Secretary of State, a Republican, has extended early voting in conser-

vative counties while simultaneously denying the same rights to more liberal areas.

And then of course there's Pennsylvania, which accounts for 20 electoral votes this year. The state just enacted ID laws, which complicate the voting rights of nearly 800,000 citizens, most of which are minorities or youth voters living in historically liberal areas.

This is hardly coincidental—just ask PA Republican Mike Turzai, who openly admitted that ID laws will "allow Governor Romney to win the state of Pennsylvania."

It's been openly acknowledged that voter fraud is a non-factor in elections, yet states like Pennsylvania and Virginia have worked tirelessly to enact and defend them simply because such laws disenfranchise young and minority Democrats by complicating their voting rights.

This is not campaigning, nor is it a new niche to reach voters—it's a complete trampling of our constitution, a disarming of our electoral process and a disposal of the basic ideals which America was founded upon.

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FROM THE EASEL



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COLUMN

Don't be clueless, don't be afraid to ask questions

I unwillingly spent a portion of my Saturday night last week at work. I can't complain too much as far as dining hall jobs go. I have one of the easiest as a checker but I still had to spend two hours on a Saturday night sitting at the stand in Stevenson working my life away.

Since I was already, clearly, having the time of my life, there could not possibly be anything that was going to make me happier than rude people. But rude people is what I had, all night.

I faced inward to the area of the dining hall where the food is served. I could see every person as they wandered around deciding what choice was the best.

It didn't take long to realize there were so many people that didn't have a clue what was going on. They didn't know where the food was, how to get it, what was offered or how much they could have. They were truly clueless.

I know these confused people were likely new to campus that made their ignorance a bit less frustrating.

But when I clearly explained the answer to them, in the nicest way I know, the person who asked the question should listen. They should not complain or assume they get special treatment just because they are new. This is not something that is going to happen.

I can't walk into a new restaurant and just because I have never been there before assume I can be rude, ask silly questions and get free things. That is not how the world works.



Brandyce Gordon

So a bit of advice: When going to a new place, you should try and learn about it in order to not look like you are in fact that clueless person.

Menus, hours and rules for every dining hall are online like most everything else you need to know about this campus and most places these days.

Look around, use common sense, ask questions and take what is told to you without complaining. Do not think you know better than a person who is answering your questions. They clearly know more than you since they work there and have been there longer. It will more than improve your experience in any new situation. It is ok to ask questions. Just listen to the answers without an attitude.

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Bust a move



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Glenn Hampton Jr., a sophomore applied engineering major, dances in a crowd during the Black Student Union Block Party Saturday on the South Quad. The block party, which featured "Meet the Greeks," where greek organizations introduced themselves and showed off their strolls, was hosted by the National Panhellenic Council.

CITY

Students can move around with Dial-a-Ride

By Samantha McDaniel
Daily Editor

Students who come to college without a vehicle can use the week and weekend services of Dial-a-Ride. The Dial-a-Ride program is available for all ages through the Coles County Council on Aging, Inc. Sherri Wilson, the operations director for Dial-a-Ride, said they provided door-to-door services. "There's a need for public transportation," Wilson said. "A lot of people could not get to their destination if they did not have public transportation, they would just be stuck at home." Wilson said the service is used for multiple reasons, including taking children to school in the morning. Students can call as late as 24 hours or as early as two weeks before hand, but services will be based on the availability of drivers and vehicles. Wilson said they have different types of transportation from a mini-van to a 22-passenger bus. The service will transport students anywhere within Coles County for \$4 each way. There are also select days where students can get rides to Effingham, Champaign, Urbana and Danville for \$5 each way. Rides to Urbana and Champaign will be given on Mondays and Thurs-

days, Danville on Tuesdays, and Effingham on Wednesdays. Wilson said they try to keep their fares inexpensive so more people can afford them. "We do travel on the weekends, which helps a lot of the students if they need to catch the Amtrak," Wilson said. "We provide later and weekend hours so they can do this." The service provides rides to the Greyhound bus station in Mattoon also. Wilson said they cannot book out a whole bus to one group, because they are not allowed to charter out buses. Services are available 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturdays, and from noon to 8:30 p.m. on Sunday. To schedule a ride, students can call 217-639-5169 or can click the link through the Coles County Council on Aging, Inc. website. She said the thing she likes the most about the Dial-a-Ride service is helping passengers get to where they need to go. "I like being able to help them because it gives them back their livelihood," Wilson said.

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"The students can make informed decisions on which is best for them," Bower said. In conjunction, the education department will also be starting a free new program in Buzzard Room 2303, where students can receive help preparing for either the TAP or ACT with several education professors as well as two graduate assistants no later than after Labor Day. The program will offer workshops, tutoring—individual and group—as well as walk-in assistance, Bower said. "We are really excited about the opportunities we are going to have to be able help students who are just that one step away (from teaching)," Bower said.

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"I hate having to eat what they have every time," Scheckel said. "There's variety once you're inside the dining halls, but never before you get there." Both Gulling and Scheckel said they think there should be similar votes for other food items in the dining halls. "There are dozens of different kinds of fruits and vegetables," Gulling said, "I see the same five or six every time I come in. Not that there is anything wrong with what is already there, but variety is nice and options are even better."

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31 Presently

32 Light classical pieces

33 Clog, e.g.

34 O, symbolically

39 Otto – cinque

42 Embassy worker: Abbr.

44 City whose name sounds like a fish

45 “____ the Conqueror” (Max von Sydow film)

46 Do well

47 Zone (out)

48 Blush stoppers

49 Almond ____ (candy brand)

50 “The Pregnant Widow” author Martin

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Garoppolo proved to be one of the more prolific quarterbacks in the OVC last season, throwing for 2,644 yards (240.4 per game) and 20 touchdowns. His 2,644 yards ranked second in the OVC and his 20 touchdown passes ranked third.

Although he posted good numbers across the board, Garoppolo is focused on cutting down on his turnovers this season.

“I need to cut down on the turnovers,” Garoppolo said. “I had way too many turnovers the last two years, and if I can cut that down we have a better chance for success.”

Southern’s quarterback, junior Kory Faulkner, will return as the starting quarterback in 2012. Faulkner took over the starting job for the last seven games of the season, averaging 188.6 yards in the games he started. Faulkner’s top performance came against Illinois State as he threw for 334 yards and one touchdown. He also proved to be a dual-threat quarterback, rushing for 241 yards and seven touchdowns, good for second on the team.

In the running game, the Salukis hold the advantage, rushing for 183.1 yards per game in 2011. Although the leading rusher from 2011, Jewel Hampton, is no longer suiting up for the Salukis, they will have a trio of running backs that will contribute this season.

“They have three great tailbacks and a veteran quarterback,” Babers said. “Their offensive line is huge with 300 pounders across the board, but the tailbacks are going to control the game for them.”

The Salukis lead returning running back, senior Steve Strother, rushed for just 277 yards (25.2 yards per game), but senior Mulku Kalokoh and former Iowa Hawkeye running back Mika’il McCall will help strengthen the Salukis rushing attack this fall.

For Eastern, it will be relying on Walker to do the majority of the work on the ground this fall. Walker is coming off of an injury-shortened junior year that had him rushing for 580 yards and 10 touchdowns. His 580 yards ranked first on the team and his 10 touchdowns ranked fourth in the OVC.

Walker’s best game of the 2011 season came against the Salukis as he recorded a career-high three touchdowns in the losing effort.

Although the Panthers new offensive scheme will have them relying more heavily on the passing game, it does not mean Walker will not have the opportunity to pile up the yards this season.

“Walker is one of our better offensive players and we need to find ways to get him the ball; whether it’s handing (the ball) off to him or throwing it to him,” Babers said. “We aren’t giving away any secrets here, to win the game the best players need to touch the football.”

Along with the passing attack, the Panthers also boast a receiving core that one-ups the Salukis. Senior receivers Chris Wright, Chavar Watkins and Von Wise will provide a dynamic passing attack that will rival the best in the conference.

“I think our senior wide receivers are really good,” Babers said. “Chavar Watkins and Von Wise have done a really nice job and Chris Wright is one of our top wide receivers.”

Wright is coming off of a breakout junior season that had him compiling 735 yards on 42 receptions. Wright also proved to be a deep threat as his 10 touchdown receptions ranked first in the OVC.

The Panthers’ host the Salukis at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at O’Brien Field.

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DOMINIC BAIMA | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Senior forward Kristin Germann dribbles the ball toward the goal Sunday at Lakeside Field. The Panthers won the game against Cleveland State with a score of 3-2. Germann had a hat trick during the game.

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“KG and I actually talked about it (the day before the match),” Perala said. “We were like, ‘Oh, you need to go, you need a hat trick tomorrow, you’re going to shine up that golden boot,’ and today she did it, so we’re talking about hat tricks every game now.”

Germann will get a chance to shine up her golden boot on Friday when the Panthers travel to Indiana State for a non-conference match.

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AC: What is the most challenging thing you’ve had to overcome?

RH: “Balancing between the fall volleyball season and having to do softball work once that season ends. Then, in the spring when softball season starts, I have to do volleyball work. Balancing that and my schoolwork is challenging, but I don’t know what I’d do without it.”

AC: Do you prefer volleyball or softball?

RH: “You know, everyone always asks me that, and I really can’t decide. I love doing both and I can’t choose just one.”

AC: Do you have any pre-game rituals?

RH: “For volleyball, I don’t like to practice in game socks or game knee pads. I don’t know why, but if they’re for the game, they’re for the game. For softball (laughs), I have to draw a panther in the dirt in front of the dugout before every game.”

AC: For volleyball, what do you hope to see out of your junior season?

RH: “Since my sophomore season wasn’t as memorable as I hoped it would be, I really want to come and make a huge impact. I want the opposing teams to say ‘That’s Reynae Hutchinson. You’re not going to be able to stop her.’ That’s really what I want.”

AC: Do you have any hidden talents?

RH: “It’s not really a hidden talent, because everyone I tell it to ends up doing it, but I can break an apple with my hands.”

AC: You can break an apple?

RH: “Break an apple in half with my hands.”

AC: As in, karate chop it?

RH: “Nope, just squeeze it.”

AC: How did you discover that?

RH: (Laughs) “My club volleyball coach said to me, ‘Hey, want to learn to break an apple in half?’ So, I said, ‘Sure, why not?’”

AC: For those who don’t know you, what do you want them to know?

RH: “I have heard that I look like a mean person. I’ve heard that from several people. (Laughs) I don’t think I’m that mean! I don’t know if it’s just because I’m a little taller than the average person or if I mean mug people when I see them, but I don’t want people to be afraid to talk to me, and I’ve heard that people are.”

AC: From your friends?

RH: “Yeah, from the people I’ve met here. They’ve said, ‘Yeah Reynae I was a little intimidated by you.’ I might be intimidating, but I’m pretty easy to talk to.”

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Q & A with...

Reynae Hutchinson, outside hitter

Hutchinson hyped for junior season

By Anthony Catezone
Assistant Sports Editor

Junior Reynae Hutchinson is an outside hitter and team captain for the Eastern volleyball team. The Mattoon native, a two-sport athlete in volleyball and softball, is a math major with a teacher's certification, interested in teaching and coaching grades anywhere from seventh to 10th. Hutchinson and the Panthers are currently at the beginning of a fresh season, where the mindset is on winning an Ohio Valley Conference championship. The Panthers are 2-1 after one tournament of competition this past weekend in the DePaul Invitational.

Anthony Catezone: Why Eastern? Why did you decide to stay local and so close to home?

Reynae Hutchinson: "I came on a visit to Eastern and coach Price was honestly one of the reasons I chose Eastern. I knew she had great experience as a player and I knew that she was going to be able to give me the tools to succeed as a volleyball player. Being around campus, it wasn't too small, but it wasn't huge to where I was going to get lost. Also, the girls that were here on the team when I was on my visit, their chemistry was a very positive influence on me."

AC: How does it feel to be a team captain?

RH: "Personally, I love having the responsibilities a captain has. That's partly why I want to become a teacher. The responsibilities I have as captain are to help my teammates through the tough times and help them get better as a player and as a person."

AC: What life lesson has the sport of volleyball taught you?

RH: "Coach Price really emphasizes the family aspect a lot. It's nice to have a coach (that says) 'Hey, your family and your academics are going to come first,' so if anything is wrong with that, you're able to take care of those things. It's a good balance and that is one of the biggest things."

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Junior Reynae Hutchinson gives a thumbs up. Hutchinson said that people sometimes see her as intimidating, but she describes herself as happy-go-lucky.

FOOTBALL

Team brings new offense

By Jordan Pottorff
Sports Editor

A new era of Eastern football is set to begin on Thursday night when the Panthers host Southern Illinois-Carbondale at O'Brien Field. The new era has the players, the community and the student fan base anticipating the start of the season with many — players included — having set high expectations for the upcoming season.

"I'm really excited to find out how these guys are going to react and how they are going to play," head coach Dino Babers said. "I think they are going to play well, and I think they are going to be excited and play with a lot of energy. I'm looking forward to see what happens."

The Panthers' offensive attack will be anchored by junior quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo, red-shirt senior running back Jake Walker, and senior receiver Chris Wright.

The up-tempo offense will have the Panthers creating a quick-hitting and balanced offensive scheme. Although they may be relying on the passing attack more than in recent seasons, the Panthers will also be providing their running backs with plenty of opportunities for big plays on the ground and through the air.

"You want to have a balanced attack," Babers said. "We are really pleased with what we have, and we feel that we have a balanced attack and that's what we are trying to get at Eastern."

Along with putting in the final preparations for the season opener against Southern, Babers will be making his debut as a head coach at the collegiate level.

"Personally, for me, it would mean a little validation for the players," he said. "I've been through a lot of wins and a lot of losses, unfortunately. I don't really look at it for me, I look at it for the players and starting this era off the right way for the community and the institution."

The new era also has students reenergized about Panther football, and Eastern is hopeful that O'Brien Field will see capacity crowds throughout the season.

"I would love for the football games at EIU to be the place to be," Babers said. "That atmosphere, that chaos, that energy and that excitement is what college football is all about. Whether you are an athlete or student, you should want to be apart of this. Let's make something special here at Eastern Illinois."

By the Numbers – Offensive Preview

On offense, the Panthers and the Salukis match up well, as both teams boast a fairly balanced offensive attack. The Panthers hold the advantage in the passing game, recording 240.4 yards per game compared to Southern's 194.7 yards per game in 2011.

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Top Cat

Kristin Germann, senior foward, women's soccer

Germann's hat trick ends Panthers' losing streak

By Dominic Renzetti
Staff Reporter

They say the third time's a charm. The Eastern women's soccer team was about to enter its third overtime match of the season on Sunday at Lakeside Field, tied 2-2 with Cleveland State. Just one day before, the Panthers found themselves in the same situation against Northern Iowa, but came up short, falling in double overtime, handing the team its third straight loss.

On a team with only a hand-

ful of seniors, team captain Kristin Germann had been having a relatively quiet start to her final season as a Panther. Germann had only registered three shots, one per match, in each of the Panther's previous losses against Iowa, Purdue, and Northern Iowa.

That all changed Sunday when Germann exploded with seven shots, three of which found the back of the net, giving her the hat trick, and the game-winning goal for the Panthers, and finally giving the team something to cheer about

for its first win of the season.

Germann, known around Lakeside Field simply as 'KG', saw her first goal of the match come 30 minutes into the first half. Teammate Caitlin Greene was ripped down by a Cleveland State player, setting the Panthers up for the penalty kick, which Germann made look easy.

After Cleveland State added two goals in the second half to take the lead, Germann responded immediately, scoring her second goal of the match less than a minute after

Cleveland State's second goal. Germann's goal would tie the match, sending it into overtime.

"(Samantha Roumayah) got the ball wide, and I was running in the middle and she crossed it, and I think it might have deflected off someone, and I just headed it in," Germann said.

Three minutes into the overtime period, Germann secured the hat trick, along with an assist from fellow senior Jessie Morgan.

"Jessie was taking the ball down the side, cut it back in, and the

goalie bobbled it, and then I was just right there to kick it in," she said.

The hat trick was Germann's first as a Panther, and now puts her as the team's leading scorer. Germann was also named Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Week for the first time in her career after her performance against Cleveland State.

Head coach Summer Perala said she and Germann had talked hat tricks before the match.

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