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LOOKING FORWARD

The 2013-14 Eastern women's basketball season is over, but coach Debbie Black looks to improve after her first season.

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The Eastern baseball team drops its third straight game, losing to Southern Illinois-Carbondale 3-2, Tuesday night.

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Cox, Rankin, Rauner win primary elections

By Michael Spencer
City Editor | @tmskeeper

Primary election results began to tumble in an hour after the polls closed at 7 p.m. Tuesday and in the end there was Darrell Cox, the new state representative, James Rankin, the Republican sheriff candidate and a failed sales tax referendum.

Cox, the out-going Coles County sheriff, won the Republican primary for General Assembly representative by 13 points over Reggie Phillips and Kevin Garner.

From the first tally, just before 8 p.m. Tuesday, Cox led in the polls. In the end, he won the election by carrying 50 percent of the vote. Phillips, a local businessman, and Garner, a service manager at Charleston's LD Mechanical, carried 37 and 11 percent, respectively. Cox will run unopposed in the November election. He will begin his term in January 2015.

Voters also decided to fail a referendum, which would have increased the countywide sales tax by 1 percent. The

measure was defeated 55-44.

James Rankin won the Republican sheriff's race, carrying 37 percent of the electorate. Randy Ervin and John Clough both fell to Rankin, winning only 33 and 28 percent of the voters, respectively.

Rankin will move on to face Gregory Voudrie in the November general election.

Cox, now representative-elect, ran unopposed in the 2010 Republican's sheriff primary and carried the 2010 November

election with relative ease.

Voter turnout for Tuesday's primary was 31 percent, slightly above average for primary elections in Coles County, according to data from the Coles County Clerk's office.

Bruce Rauner defeated state Sen. Kirk Dillard in the Republican governor primary and with that nomination will move on to compete with Democratic incumbent Pat Quinn.

Quinn defeated in-party challenger Tio

Hardiman in a landslide victory.

Meanwhile, Jim Oberweis carried the GOP primary for the U.S. Senate race with 55 percent of the vote, defeating Doug Truax.

Oberweis will take on Sen. Dick Durbin in the general election. Durbin, 69 and two years Oberweis' senior, is pursuing his fourth term in the U.S. Senate.

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County sees second highest turnout in 8 year span

By Jarad Jarmon
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Students and community members alike went to the polls in force Tuesday with 9,307 votes cast, the second-highest turnout in the past five primaries, to decide the county and state primaries.

Of the 29,736 register voters in the county, about 31 percent attended to fulfill their civic right.

The 2008 primaries have still kept the record though with the highest turnout in the past five primary elections with 10,180 votes.

The smallest primary turnout in an eight year span was in 2006 with 6,745 voters.

The 2008 primaries decided the presidential and vice presidential primaries leading to the higher spike that year.

June Griffin, the 18th precinct elections judge for the Republican Party, said students especially do not really vote in the primaries.

She added there are not many things students would want to vote on other than maybe the governor's ticket.

"We have a very small precinct, which is predominantly students," Griffin said. "We hardly see any real people."

She added they do still vote in the election.

"We will see a lot more in November," Griffin said.

She said she understood why many people, especially students, don't vote for the primaries.

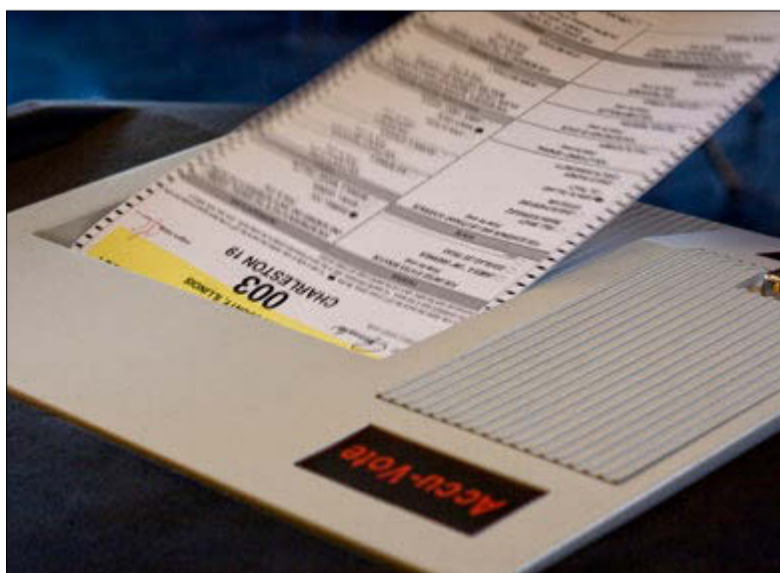
It is hard to know who to vote for in these primaries, she said. She added it was hard even for her to get a clear picture of the candidate's platforms and stances.

Despite the decent turnout, it still paled in comparison to the 14,447 who voted in the general election in 2006, which was the smallest turnout in the five major elections recently.

Sue Rennels, the Coles County clerk, said it is normal to have a small turnout compared to the general election.

"People just don't like to vote in these elections," Rennels said. "It has been a pretty standard primary (so far)."

The primaries are still important to people in the county like



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Top: Robert Ambrose votes Tuesday in the lobby of the Newman Catholic Center. "I think it is a right for every citizen," he said. "Everyone should vote."
Left: A voter submits their ballot. Although the machine counts the votes electronically, election judges must count them manually and make sure they two numbers are identical. **Right:** A voter submits their ballot. Although the machine counts the votes electronically, election judges must count them manually and make sure they two numbers are identical.

Jon Collins, the 19th precinct election judge for the Democratic Party, who said it was important to decide the representatives of each party, especially if multi-

ple candidates contest for the seat.

Griffin said she was disappointed by the turnout of the day as of noon with only four ballots cast.

"If we get four more, I will be

lucky," Giffin said.

The general election will take place Nov. 4.

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Former running back to serve jail time

Staff Report

Former Eastern running back Robert J. Pettis will face jail time after being sentenced for holding up a Jimmy John's delivery driver last year. Pettis pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor theft charge Tuesday. The charge accused him of stealing \$7 and sandwiches from a Jimmy John's delivery driver. The incident occurred on March 22 of last year.

He was placed on two years of probation and the felony charge of aggravated robbery was dismissed. Had Pettis been convicted of the felony charge, his jail time could have been from four years to 15, however, jail time would not necessarily be required. Pettis was also ordered to undergo counseling, along with a fine of \$825. His jail sentence will begin at 9 a.m. June 1 and he is ordered to

serve two months. Four months of his jail time was stayed, which means he does not have to serve it, but can be ordered based on future actions. Pettis is no longer an Eastern student, but at the time of the arrest he was a junior communication studies major. He was also a running back for the football team, but at the time of the arrest, was suspended for violating team rules. He was officially dis-

missed from the team after the arrest. Pettis implied to the Jimmy John's delivery driver he had a knife while the driver was delivering sandwiches to a customer. The arrest occurred in the 2000 block of Bostic Drive by Campus Pointe. Pettis was given a reduced charge because of no prior convictions and because while he implied he had a knife during the incident, Pettis actually didn't.

Council puts drug ordinance for public review

Synthetic drugs subject of new city ordinance

By Megan Ivey
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The Charleston City Council continued its efforts to battle the usage of synthetic drugs by opening an ordinance for public review during Tuesday's meeting. The ordinance is available online through the city website. The ordinance provides a looser interpretation of the compounds used in creating synthetic drugs, and will help police incriminate those who previously have been getting away with the crime. The ordinance divides the definitions of a synthetic drug into three categories: a synthetic cannabinoid, a synthetic psychedelic and hallucinogen and a synthetic stimulant.

All categories state that any compounds giving a similar effect to the type of drug defined can have grounds for being fined. A violation of the ordinance could result in fines of no less than \$750 for both sale or delivery and manufacturing, and fines of no less than \$500 and no more than \$750 for possession or use. Those in violation will also be fined no less than \$100 and no more than \$500 for costs of testing the substance. Mayor Larry Rennels said he hopes the ordinance will keep Charleston citizens safe. "The drugs can be much more powerful than marijuana," Rennels said. "We hope to not only protect people from themselves, but keep the city safe as well." The ordinance will be up for approval on April 1. The council also approved a resolution that will allow Charleston to assist Taylorsville through billing

the utilization of ambulance software and procedures. Rennels said some cities, such as Taylorville, do not have the funds or numbers to start up the software project. "The agreement saves Taylorville money, and it is worth the investment for Charleston," Rennels said. The agreement includes a \$25 fee per claim. The council also approved amending an ordinance for alcoholic beverages, and that will change the language of the ordinance. The amendment asked for establishments found to be operating out of the legal limits a suspension of the license for no more than 30 days, as well as the possibility of having the license revoked. The amendment also states the local liquor commissioner can levy a fine for violation of provisions. The fines can be anywhere from \$250 and a three day suspension on the first offense to \$500 and a sev-

en day suspension for the second offense to a \$1,000 fine and a 30 day suspension for the third offense, all within a 12 month period. The amendment also called to change the language of the liquor commission hearings. "Notice of said hearing shall be given by publication in a newspaper having general circulation within the city not more than 15 days nor less than seven days prior to the hearing date. Defects in the giving of such notices provided for in this subsection," the amendment states. The ordinance also called to extend the special permit limit from one day to two days. The council will meet again at 6:30 p.m. April 1 at City Hall.

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RHA to set nominations for executive board

By Jarad Jarmon
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With the Residence Hall Association executive board elections just a mere week away, nominations will be announced and available at the RHA meeting at 5 p.m. Thursday in Lawson Hall.

Students willing and interested to take up the helm of the president, vice

president, national and Illinois communications coordinator, treasurer and secretary positions have until 8 p.m. Thursday to turn in an application for a specific position.

Currently, only five had applied. To be officially nominated though, RHA President Patrick Morrow said the candidate must have an application turned in as well as a second nomination from an RHA representative. The

candidates can nominate themselves or be nominated by another.

Those interested do not need to have been a part of RHA to be nominated for one of the positions.

Morrow said the lack of applications so far is likely due to RHA representatives waiting and hoping for resident assistant positions. He said he expects more nominations at the meeting.

The RHA will also be reviewing the schedule for Social Justice and Diversity Week starting March 31 with the painting of bricks for the Diversity Wall and a showing of the documentary, "Fagbug."

The movie goes through the story of Erin Davis, who had her car vandalized with the word "fag" sprayed across the driver-side window of her car. Instead of cleaning it off, she "em-

braced it and has toured telling her story. She will be speaking later on in the week at 7 p.m. April 2 in the Coleman Auditorium.

The wall of painted bricks saying slurs and hateful words or sayings will then be torn down at 11 a.m. April 4.

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Faculty Senate speaks out on CAA syllabus policy

By Jason Howell
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Faculty Senate members took the opportunity Tuesday to voice their concerns with a pending draft of the syllabus policy revision presented by representatives of the Council on Academic Affairs.

Rebecca Throneburg, a communication disorders and sciences professor, and Stephen Lucas, the secondary education department chair, attempted to dispel fears of senate members and promote the need for

the policy change, which has not seen an update since 1995.

Questions were raised on whether or not the proposed changes take away power from the faculty in deciding how best to teach their classes.

"It makes me shiver when I hear the words 'learning objectives,'" said James Conwell a physics professor. "I feel like I'm in high school with a principal over me."

The senate asked the council members to add new language to the draft of the syllabus, which would al-

low faculty members some freedom in compiling their syllabi.

Blair Lord, the vice president for academic affairs, said that no matter what it is called, learning objectives or not, accreditors are looking for evidence that students are learning and are receiving a quality education.

Lord spoke on the ongoing admission director search.

Two candidates visited in hopes of securing the position with one person being the favorite.

Lord declined to name the man, who declined the position after an

offer was extended because of family issues.

Lord added the search for the new admissions director is still ongoing, with the search being extended, but did not say when the deadline would be.

The senate then moved on to the elections committee, where a bylaw was discussed which is supposed to prevent members from serving in different groups.

The senate also examined why the particular bylaw was created and whether it could be amended or sus-

pending for the upcoming elections in which two candidates currently serve elsewhere.

The senate also announced the winner of the distinguished faculty award, which was awarded to fellow senate member Andrew Methven, a biological sciences professor.

The senate will reconvene at 2 p.m. April 1 in the Conference Room of Booth Library.

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SPRING CONCERT: The spring concert act was finally announced and Thompson Square will perform at 8 p.m. April 24 at Lantz Arena.



GERAGHTY: Eastern pole valuter, Peter Geraghty, was named an All-American.



WORLD: The news of Fred Phelps' poor health has stirred debate in both good and bad ways.



VOTING: There could have been a larger amount of voters coming from the Eastern population.



WEATHER: Thursday, Friday and Saturday see a forecast at least 48 degrees with Friday at 64 degrees.



FOOTBALL: Robert Pettis, a former EIU football player, was forced to spend time in jail for admitting to taking money from a Charleston delivery driver last year.

Quote of the Day

"I write to discover what I think. After all, the bars aren't open that early."

-Daniel J. Boorstin

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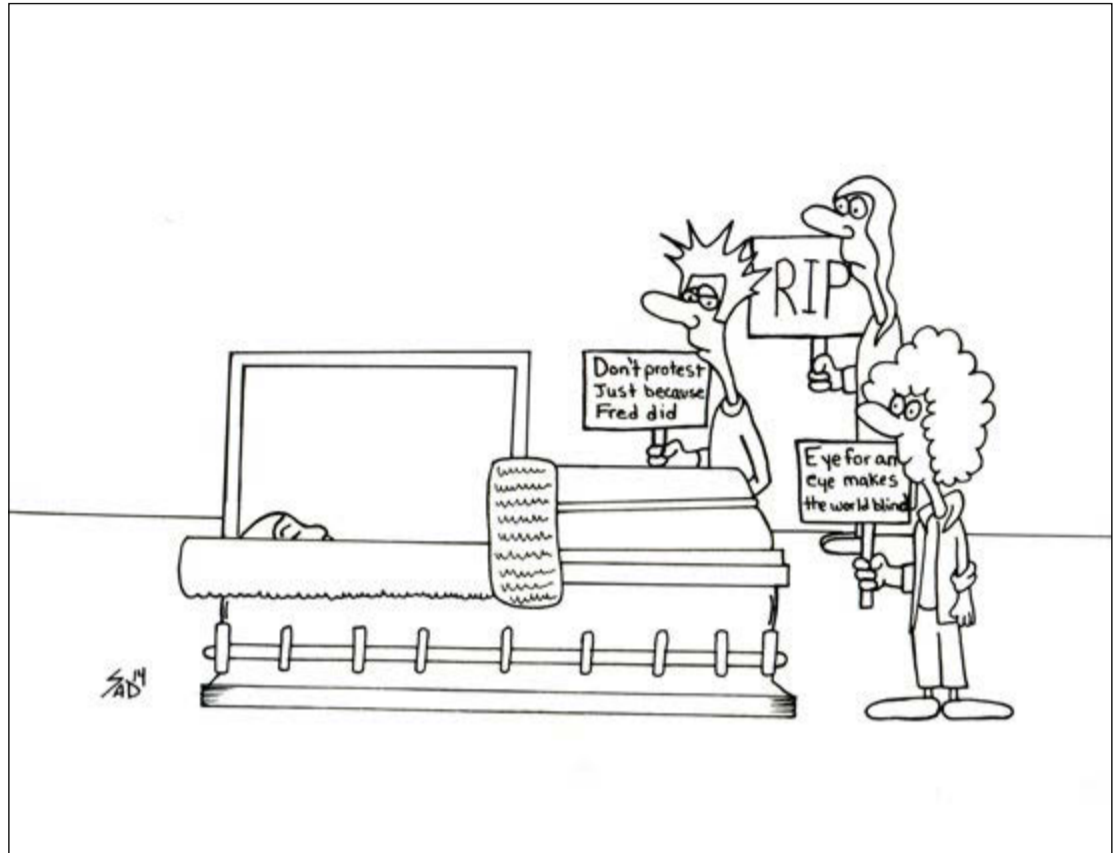
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STAFF EDITORIAL

Responsibility is key factor in voting

It may not have been the big daddy of elections – the presidential election – but Tuesday's election still mattered, and students should remember they have a personal stake in the voting process.

Frequently students lament the fact they do not know when to vote or where to vote, as detailed in Tuesday's article in *The Daily Eastern News*, "Students lack interest in primary elections."

With the vast amount resources available, none more significant than having the Internet available in your pocket, not being aware of any kind of election is unacceptable.

This may have not been an end-all-be-all of elections, but it is still important. At the very least, it places an opponent against Gov. Pat Quinn for the gubernatorial election. Since 2002 Illinoisans have elected a Democratic governor each election, however, this could be a big upset election.

And guess what? You missed it. Simply by not voting, not putting your say in who

helps shape our state, you have wasted a hard-fought right. And it's all because of a perceived lack of knowledge on where to vote, when to vote and how to vote.

At a certain point in the collegiate career of students, it is no longer about making decisions based on personal needs, but instead based on what is best. Voting should make a higher priority. This may have only been just the primary, but nonetheless it is still part of every American's hard-fought right to vote.

Resources such as newspapers, social media, TV channels and other online news outlets have been broadcasting the primary for weeks now, with the gubernatorial race taking center stage. No exception short of being without any form of technology can excuse not knowing about the elections.

While they may not be viewed as important, like the presidential elections, they still matter and you should still care. It's more than just receiving a sticker saying,

"I voted." It's more than just picking a random name out of a hat. It's more than just watching another election go idly by while doing nothing. It is about the fact that voting should be part of your lives as adults. College helps prepare you for the real world, and along with that comes taking responsibility for aspects of the world like voting.

And if you do not agree with anyone who is running, then write in the name of someone you would like to win. It's not a wasted vote.

Any vote placed sends a message – typically it says which candidate you like the best. Voting – in any election – should be an exciting time and not one to waste simply by excusing yourself.

Ignorance, especially in this day and age, is not an excuse.

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

Protesting Phelps' funeral not needed

It almost seems like a no-brainer that when former Westboro Baptist Church leader Fred Phelps ultimately dies, that it would only be right for we, the people, to protest his funeral.

Phelps, who was reportedly excommunicated from the Kansas-based church in 2013, rose to infamy over the years for his group's protests of military and celebrity funerals.

The message of the Westboro Baptist Church, founded in 1955, is that God hates you. God hates just about everything, and they want you to know that you are going to hell because of the sinful lifestyle you lead.

For years, people have tried to counter their protests. Some protest the protests, while others threaten them with violence or intimidation. Even former President George W. Bush signed the Respect for America's Fallen Heroes Act in 2006, which prevented the protest of military funerals within 300 feet of a cemetery for 60 minutes before and after a ceremony.

In 2010, when the Westboro Baptist Church made its way to Effingham to protest a breast cancer awareness benefit, Eastern students let Phelps and the church know that



Dominic Renzetti

they weren't welcome.

Now that Phelps, according to his estranged son Nathan, is nearing death, it would seem like his own funeral would be the perfect way to finally get even, right?

Well, maybe not.

The only reason Phelps, Westboro Baptist Church, or anyone like them, still hold any relevancy is because we allow them to. If we ignored them, I'm certain they'd go away.

When Jed Smock and his followers showed up on campus last semester, what did we do? We crowded around them, took pictures of them with our phones, texted our friends and said, "Hey, you've got to check this out." We gave them attention. We stood around them, and just like with the Westboro

Baptist Church, we ask them, "Why are you here?"

Well, look around you. The answer is obvious why they're here. They like the attention they're getting. If we all just walked right past them, and didn't acknowledge anything they had to say, they might eventually get it that they're wasting their time here.

The Westboro Baptist Church has already said that there won't be any funeral of Phelps for anyone to protest, as memorials are not in line with church policy.

Regardless, I'm sure people will find a way to let the world know of their approval of Phelps' death, but I'm urging you not to.

Just ignore them. You protesting Phelps' eventual funeral isn't going to make you a better person by acting like the exact despicable person he was.

Just ignore them, like we should have been doing all along.

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Reeves reads at Doudna



KATIE SMITH | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Roger Reeves, a visiting poet, signs a copy of his book "King Me" for English professor, Jeannie Ludlow, after a reading Tuesday in the Doudna Fine Arts Center. Reeves has been featured in "Poetry," "American Poetry Review" and "Boston Review." Aside from publishing his personal creative writing, Reeves is an assistant professor of poetry at the University of Illinois- Chicago.

Student Senate reviews budgets for Student Life

By Jarad Jarmon
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Student Senate will be reviewing the FY2015 budgets for all of the Student Life programs funded through student fees, which were approved by the Apportionment Board Feb. 28.

The senate will be reviewing the AB

approved budgets including the student government, the Student Recreation Center, the University Board and the Apportionment Board budget at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Arcola-Tuscola Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

AB was allotted \$500,000 to appropriate to the various groups, but the total of the

each of the proposed budgets was only \$498,918 leaving \$1,082 to be allocated into the emergency AB fund.

Student Senate Speaker Brandon Goodman said while there probably will not be much debate over the budgets; the UB's budget might be controversial especially with them being the only group to ask for an increase.

Much of the increase is because of a \$9,450 in the Ideas and Issues line item. This is to pay for Nev Schulman, the host of "Catfish," a TV show about exposing online dating falsities, to come speak at Eastern.

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Alyiah Gaines, a freshman guard, signals to a teammate in a game against Eastern Kentucky University on March 5. The Panthers finished 12-16 overall in Debbie Black's first year as head coach.

Panthers strive for future success

By **Bob Reynolds**
Staff Reporter | @BobReynoldsDEN

For the third-straight year, the Eastern women's basketball team started the season with a new head coach, after the sudden departure of former coach Lee Buchanan.

On May 16, 2013, Eastern Athletic Director Barbara Burke hired former Ohio State assistant and WNBA All-Star Debbie Black as the Panthers' head coach.

At the beginning of the season, Black wanted to find the identity of the 2013-2014 team and said before the season started she wanted to find out exactly who they are.

"Obviously being the OVC cham-

pions and losing four starters, six seniors, I think they are trying to find out who this team is, not who they were," she said. "It is the mindset of we're going to let everybody know who we are."

The season with a record of 3-6, as Black quickly noticed that there was not much depth on the roster and having players play bigger roles for the first time in their careers.

Eastern faced the challenge of only having one returning starter and five brand new players, which included four freshmen and one transfer.

Black was forced to start four players that had not had the experience of playing so many minutes in a season. Junior Sabina Oroszova, who started

last season, was obligated to play almost double the minutes she played in last year.

Jordyne Crunk and Katlyn Payne had their minutes jump up to almost double what they played in the previous season as well.

Morgan Palombizio's minutes more than tripled from last season, jumping from seven minutes played per game to 26 this season.

Black had the same starting lineup throughout all 28 games that included Taryn Olson, along with Palombizio, Payne, Crunk and Oroszova.

Oroszova and Payne ended the season as Eastern's leading scorers, averaging 16.9 and 13.8 points per game, respectively.

The Panthers did get contributions from Erica Brown, who was one of the first two players off the bench along with transfer Arnisha Thomas.

Brown and Thomas averaged 14.2 and 12.9 minutes played per game, respectively.

Brown said she was proud of the way her team came around with losing so much from the previous season.

"I wish we could have gone farther than what we managed," she said. "Our team did come a long way. We lost some good seniors last year and we did manage to come together as a team to play together."

The Panthers ended their season with a record of 12-16 and a 7-10 re-

cord in the OVC and played their last game in Nashville, Tenn., where they lost to Eastern Kentucky in the first round of the Ohio Valley Conference tournament.

After that loss, Black reflected on her first year being a head coach.

"I would like to think we can go a little further," she said. "We went through our ups and downs. I expected to go further and I expect to go further in the future. That's who I am, where I come from and what I believe in. We hope to make strides to do that."

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Softball team has OVC, home openers canceled

By **Kaz Darzinskis**
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Eastern Softball has been on the road for 25 straight games to begin the season, traveling throughout the South while compiling an 18-7 record.

Upon arriving at home for its home and Ohio Valley Conference openers, Eastern had to cancel its series against Southeast Missouri that was slated to begin Saturday.

Eastern softball coach Angie Nicholson said the games were canceled because of poor field conditions, which were caused by the weather.

"Our field was not playable as the ground just has not been able to thaw as the temperatures both during the day and overnight need to stay above freezing in order to get the ground to thaw," she said. "Our field was just way too soft to even try to walk on, so we had to cancel."

This has led to a scheduling issue,

in which both schools need to agree on a date for the makeup games.

"As of right now SEMO is not going to come to us to make it up," Nicholson said. "We were hoping to play a midweek double-header at least, but it looks like they cannot find time in their schedule to do so."

The conflict in scheduling because of weather has postponed the opening of OVC play for the Panthers, but it has not tempered their excitement.

Nicholson said the team is staying determined despite the canceled games.

"I am hoping that having to cancel the past weekend does not affect us this weekend, but only time will tell," she said. "We are just trying to remain focused this week at practice, so hopefully the break does not affect how well we have been playing."

The Panthers, after a grueling road-tested, out-of-conference schedule, feel prepared for OVC play, Nicholson said.

"The girls keep talking about how great they feel and are just full of confidence," Nicholson said. "For me as a coach that is exactly what I like to hear from my players."

Team leaders

Leading the team through a difficult non-conference schedule were senior pitchers, Hanna Mennenga and Stephanie Maday.

Mennenga is currently sporting a 10-2 record with a 1.95 ERA. She has pitched 89.2 innings, starting 13 games and 16 total appearances. Mennenga has struck out 90 batters, while only walking 30.

Maday is off to a 7-3 record with a 2.07 ERA. Maday has started nine games, appearing in 13, striking out 51 batters and walking 23.

Offensively, several players have led Eastern notably; Brooke Owens, Hannah Cole, Jennette Isaac, Reynae Hutchinson, Bailey O'Dell and April Markowski, as each of these players

have an average of at least .300.

Owens has paced the team with four home runs on the season, while Cole has 20 RBIs, followed by Hutchinson, who has driven in 19. The team has converted on 41-of-50 stolen base attempts (92 percent).

The team has relied on a stable lineup, as only Carly Willert has started in less than 20 games this season. Lineup consistency has helped this team tremendously, in that the team understands what is expected of them, Nicholson said.

The first-year coach at Eastern praised several players for their early-season success.

"Steph Maday and Hanna Menenga have really been pitching well which is nice to see," she said. "We have also seen different people step up in different ways, such as Jennette Isaac at the plate in the leadoff spot has been hitting the ball well, April Markowski has come up big with some great catches in the outfield as

well as some timely hitting."

Upcoming schedule

On Saturday, Eastern travels to Jacksonville State to play a double-header and then on Sunday, the Panthers will play against Tennessee Tech in another double-header to start OVC play.

Jacksonville State has the best overall record in the OVC at 17-5 and 3-0 in conference play. Eastern has the second best record in the OVC and is one of only two teams to have a winning record in the west division, as Murray State is at 11-10.

The Panthers will finally be able to play at home starting at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Williams Field against Valparaiso.

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TEAM	GAME STATS	SEASON STATS
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Southern scratches out victory

Daily's double puts Southern ahead of Eastern

By Aldo Soto
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Eastern pitcher Troy Barton was one out away from picking up his third save of the season, but the Panthers never got the third out in the ninth inning, as Southern Illinois-Carbondale won 3-2 Tuesday night at the Richard "Itchy" Jones Stadium.

After junior Adam Casson gave the Panthers a 2-1 lead in the top of the ninth inning with an RBI-single to left field that brought in senior Tyler Schweigert, Southern's Cody Daily delivered a game-winning double, which drove in Matt Jones.

Eastern's losing extend to three with the loss, putting the Panthers at 4-16 overall this season, while the Salukis' winning streak went to three, improving to 11-8 overall.

Southern pitchers allowed two hits all game, but they were enough to win on a day when the wind was gusting in from the outfield, Eastern coach Jim Schmitz said.

"The wind was gusting in at about 30 mph, so we knew it was going to be a low-scoring game from the beginning," he said. "We didn't hit well, but we scored enough to win that's what it's all about."

The Panthers had two outs in the ninth inning, as Schweigert stood at

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first base.

As he took his lead, Southern pitcher Kyle Pauly threw a wild pitch, which allowed Schweigert to advance into scoring position.

Casson then knocked in the go-ahead run for Eastern, as the left-handed hitter battled the left-handed pitcher to a full count.

The Eastern rally began with a two-out walk to Schweigert. Schmitz said Eastern was given breaks, but needs to learn how to protect leads.

"A ball in the dirt and a base hit – we got a lucky break, but we have to go out there and protect the lead," Schmitz said. "It would be different if it was young kids or whatever, but we just have to learn how to hold leads."

Barton entered the bottom of the ninth inning, following four Eastern pitchers that combined to throw eight innings, allowing one run to the Salukis.

Senior Ryan Rosthenhausler began the comeback for Southern, leading off the ninth with a single. He was then sacrificed over to second base on a bunt.

Barton then recorded an out via a groundout that resulted in Rosthenhausler advancing to third base.

On a 2-2 pitch, Jones hit a sin-

gle down the right-field line to tie the game at two. On the third pitch of the next at bat, Daily clobbered Barton's offering down the left-field line.

Jones raced around the bases, scoring the winning run on the Salukis.

"Troy wasn't making quality pitches – three hits in 0.2 innings, you have to just come in and close the game," Schmitz said.

Southern had 12 hits to Eastern's two, as the Salukis stranded 11 runners on base.

Eastern freshman Jake Haberer started on the mound for the Panthers.

He pitched two scoreless innings, allowing two hits and a walk.

The Panthers will play their first home games, hosting IPFW starting at 3 p.m. Friday at Coaches Stadium.

"We have to hold leads and we haven't been lately – we're going to be back at home and it's going to be fun and it's going to be fun to at least be at home," Schmitz said. "Hopefully we can start to figure this stuff out."

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Freshman right-handed pitcher Jake Haberer throws during a practice Monday at Coaches Stadium.

Panthers begin to prepare for outdoor track, field

By Blake Nash
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With the weather outside changing, so too has the Eastern track and field season.

The indoor season has come to a close, and starting March 29, the Panthers will be competing outdoors for the first time during their 2014 campaign.

The Panthers were unable to claim the 2014 Ohio Valley Conference title, but the season had its moments, which could serve as building blocks for the outdoor

season.

Despite a youthful roster, the women's team grew during the season, coach Tom Akers said, as it has left an impression heading into the spring season and seasons ahead.

"We have such a young team, the future could be bright, as long as they continue to concern themselves with the process that makes them all better athletes," he said.

Pole vaulter Peter Geraghty also left an impression on the men's team after just one season.

The red-shirt senior came into the season as a two-time Division III All-American from North Central College and ended his first year at the Division I level as a second team all-American and an 11th place finish at the NCAA National Championships.

Geraghty tied the school record for height in the pole vault last February with a height of 17-feet, 10.5-inches.

This tied the record also held by coach Kyle Ellis and teammate Mick Viken. That performance secured Geraghty a spot at the National Championships in

Albuquerque, Nm., where he finished 11th with a height of 17'8.50.

"To get to that level, it requires a lot of hard work, attention to detail and a little bit of good luck on the side to get there," Akers said.

Sophomore sprinter Calvin Edwards also received a postseason award as the OVC Male Track Athlete of the Year.

Edwards posted the conference's fastest 200-meter time in February at the University of Notre Dame.

His fastest time in the 60-meter

dash at 6.97, ranks in the OVC's top 10.

In hopes of regaining their OVC title, Akers feels his team needs more work in the area of preparation.

"We need to do a better job of preparation which includes training, technique work, competitive spirit and team unity," Akers said.

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