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CAMPUS | EVENT



CARRIE HOLLIS | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Runners stretch before participating in the fourth annual Run for Shannon McNamara in April 2007 at the Panther Trail.

McNamara's memory still alive

Registration continues all week for annual 4k run/walk on campus

By KRISTINA PETERS
Editor in Chief

Shannon McNamara's name continues to live on as the sixth-annual 4k run/walk in her honor will commence on April 26.

McNamara died on June 12, 2001, when she was raped and murdered by former Eastern student Anthony Mertz in her apartment near Eastern.

Mertz was convicted in February

2003, and received the death penalty, and is now sitting on death row.

The events of McNamara's life have since touched many people – including Amanda Morong, co-chair for the event that raises money for the Shannon McNamara Scholarship, which is awarded to an Eastern student majoring in kinesiology and sports studies.

Meaghan Clavey is the other chair.

"I honestly became sick to my stomach that someone would ever do that to someone else," said Morong, a senior physical education major with teacher certification, about when she first heard about McNamara.

She then knew the next thing to do was help McNamara's memory to never fade.

"I got involved, because what happened to Shannon is a horrible tragedy, and I wanted to try to make a difference by trying to involve as many people as I could," Morong said. "I get the chills every time because I know I am doing a great thing for her as well as her family to keep her memory alive. I can't speak for others, but if I had to, the people participating know how important this is every year and are glad to take part of it for Shannon."

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PARICIPATION IN THE 4K RUN/WALK FOR SHANNON MCNAMARA

- **What:** All proceeds go toward the Shannon McNamara Scholarship
- **When:** 2 p.m. April 26
- **Where:** Campus Pond Pavilion
- **Registration:** Registration is \$12 if done before the event by going to the Student Rec Center Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday between 4 and 6 p.m. or by going to www.active.com. Registration is \$15 the day of the run/walk.

CAMPUS | EVENT

Eastern recreates feel of 'Last Lecture'

Seven faculty members to give own lectures

By HEATHER HOLM
Activities Editor

Students at Eastern can find out what it is like to hear someone's last lecture – literally.

Randy Pausch, a computer science professor at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, was diagnosed with cancer and forced to retire; so the school decided to let him have his last lecture, which was a culmination of what he had learned over the years.

He also wrote a book titled "The Last Lecture."

"He was a really respected professor and was diagnosed with cancer and given a limited life expectancy," said Mike Hilty, the University Board lectures coordinator. "He had the opportunity to give his last lecture, which was a tradition on cam-

pus for retiring professors. It was going to be his last lecture in more than one way, though, since he was dying."

Hilty said after he gave the lecture, it was posted on YouTube, and Pausch appeared on the Oprah Winfrey Show.

"It became a significant thing that changed people's lives for the better," Hilty said.

Seven Eastern professors will give their lectures today and Tuesday at 7:15 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union with a viewing of the "Last Lecture" at 6 p.m. both days.

Each professor's speech ranges from 15 minutes to 45 minutes.

"They all came up with their own theme," Hilty said. "We have seven people that said for sure they would be willing to commit to make a lecture. The order is based on availability and we did not want to hinder anyone's opportunity to speak."

Some of the themes include "Surv-

LAST LECTURE SCHEDULE

Monday April 13th:
 • 6-7:15 p.m.: Viewing of the Last Lecture
 • 7:30-8 p.m.: "Surviving College in difficult times Never give up!" by Rigo Chinchilla
 • 8-8:30 p.m.: "Expectations and the Journey" by Diana Wyatt
 • 8:30-8:45 p.m.: "Whose Shoes?" by Lucia Schroeder
 • 8:45-9:15 p.m.: "On the Corner of Being and Broadway" by Rebecca Merten

living College in difficult times... Never give up," "Expectations and the Journey," "On the Corner of Being and Broadway," "Time," "The More I Learn the Less I Know," "The Adventure Begins with Me" and "Whose Shoes?"

James Havey, a psychology professor, will give the lecture "The More I Learn the Less I Know."

"Basically, it is a reflection on what I have learned and what I have

Tuesday April 14th:
 • 6-7:15 p.m.: Viewing of the Last Lecture
 • 7:30-8 p.m.: "Time" by Sandy Beherns
 • 8-8:30 p.m.: "The More I Learn the Less I Know" by Mike Havey
 • 8:30-8:45 p.m.: "The Adventure Begins with Me." by John Pommier

not learned from my career and education," Havey said. "The theme is the fact that what I've really taken away from education has not been a bunch of facts, but an understanding on how to learn and think."

Rebecca Merten, an assistant professor of nursing, will do the theme "On the Corner of Being and Broadway."

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TECHNOLOGY | SCAMS

Be aware with online job sites

By DAVID THILL
Senior Reporter

Necessity is the mother of invention, so the saying goes.

However, one would have to assume the originator of the saying was not referring to Internet scams and employment shams.

Though, given the current state of the economy, job opportunities seem to be coming at something of a premium.

In this digital age, some have found ways to use an inventive route to prey on others' need for a job.

Such as the need a college student preparing for graduation may feel. And there in may lie the problem.

Recently, Career Services sent an e-mail to Eastern students warning of fake job offers and scam companies attempting to use Eastern's online job recruiting service to prey on those college students' need for employment.

Linda Moore, director of Career Services, said students should be wary when receiving job offers from companies that appear "too good to be true."

"Really, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is," Moore said. "The types of offers that say you can work four hours a day and make \$100,000 a year."

When applying for jobs online or looking into a potential offer, students should be aware of "red flags" or signs that the company may be out to scam them, she said.

"When you go to the Web site, if the company name doesn't match the name on the Web site, that's a red flag," Moor said. "If the site talks about payment without actually saying when they really do, that is a huge red flag."

Moore said employees at Career Services are constantly on the lookout for such scam businesses in order to stop them before they get to Eastern's Web site.

One reference point is snopes.com, Moore said, where many people go to share information about potentially dangerous scams or ways to avoid scams that have already been perpetrated.

From 2005 to 2007, 23.7 percent of all people tricked by Internet fraud were between the ages of 20 and 29, according to consumerfraudreporting.org.

These companies are often trying to get free labor out of people or even steal their identity, said Moore.

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EIU WEATHER

<p>MONDAY</p>  <p>55° 42° Chance of T-Storms SE 10-15</p>	<p>TUESDAY</p>  <p>50° 38°</p>	<p>WEATHER BRIEF</p> <p>Chance of thunderstorms and rain showers today. Expect rain to continue through Tuesday morning. Daytime temperatures will rise into the upper 60s on Thursday.</p> <p><small>For current conditions visit EIU WeatherCenter at www.eiu.edu/~weather</small></p>
<p>WEDNESDAY</p>  <p>62° 40°</p>		

WORLD | PIRACY

Captain grateful to U.S. Navy

The Associated Press

NORFOLK, Va. — Capt. Richard Phillips surrendered himself to Somali pirates to save his merchant ship crew and later tried to escape his captors' clutches by jumping off a lifeboat and into the Indian Ocean, but still insisted after his rescue Sunday that U.S. Navy Seals and others deserve to be called heroes, not him.

"I'm just the byline. The heroes are the Navy, the Seals and those that have brought me home," the shipping captain told his boss, Maersk Line Limited President and CEO John Reinhart, who relayed the message to reporters hours after Phillips' rescue.

Phillips, 53, talked to Reinhart by phone after he was liberated from a lifeboat. Phillips came out unharmed following a brief firefight that killed three of the four pirates who were holding him off the coast of Africa, ending a five-day high-seas hostage drama.

President Barack Obama said the

courage shown by the captain of the Maersk Alabama was "a model for all Americans."

The U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet said Phillips was resting comfortably after a medical exam on the San Diego-based USS Boxer in the Indian Ocean off the coast of Somalia. Reinhart said Phillips was preparing to return home in the next couple days along with his crew.

He called it a good moment and a great day for the nation, the industry, the military and for Phillips' family.

"Richard exemplifies some of the best traditions and behaviors and skills of an American merchant mariner," Reinhart said. "He's a leader of men. He's a brave and courageous man. He persevered through difficult times and he's shown real heroism."

Crew members said as pirates hauled themselves on board, shooting in the air, Phillips told them to lock themselves in a cabin and offered himself in exchange for their safety.

The pirates held Phillips of Underhill, Vt., hostage in an enclosed

lifeboat while U.S. warships stood guard.

On Friday, the captain jumped out of the lifeboat and tried to swim to freedom but was recaptured, according to U.S. Defense Department officials speaking on condition of anonymity because they are not authorized to talk about the unfolding operations.

Reinhart said the 19-member crew was challenged with the order to leave the captain behind and head for safe harbor in Mombasa, Kenya, where they arrived Saturday night.

"But as mariners, they took the order to preserve the ship and they knew the Navy would preserve their captain, so they did that tough choice and they took the ship away," he said.

The company will arrange to bring the crew and captain home over the next couple days, Reinhart said.

"When I look at it, I think Richard has exhibited the true spirit of an American, and I'm proud today to be an American, as every day," Reinhart said.

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WHAT THE... | WEIRD, UNEXPECTED, BIZARRE NEWS

Feeling sinful? Get SoulWow, available now in NY

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Sinners, take heed: There's a product available now in parts of New York that will leave you with that "almost baptized feeling."

It's called SoulWow — with the cleansing power of confession.

In a YouTube parody of the popular ads for ShamWow absorbent towels, a priestly pitchman named Father Vic calls on Roman Catholics in Brooklyn, Queens and Long Island to partake. As Father Vic says, "Nothing soothes the soul like a true confession."

The ad campaign was launched before Palm Sunday by the dioceses of Brooklyn and Rockville Centre in an effort to increase the number of people who confess during Holy Week.

Church officials say they've seen an upsurge of followers seeking absolution.

Four injured after drunk drivers collide in Wisconsin

RACINE, Wis. — Police in Wisconsin say four people were injured after a drunk driver hit another drunk driver in Racine.

Police say one drunk driver was traveling at a high rate of speed on Main Street when he missed a turn and went the wrong way on another street around 2:40 a.m. Saturday. He hit two parked cars, rolled over and hit an oncoming car driven by another drunk driver.

Lt. Mike Polzin says none of injuries are considered life threatening.

ENTERTAINMENT | A DAILY LOOK

NASA to announce room name on 'Colbert Report'

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stephen Colbert is still clinging to hope that NASA will name a new room at the international space station after him.

The space agency said Friday it would announce the name of the module Tuesday on Comedy Central's "The Colbert Report."

Astronaut Sunita Williams will appear on the program.

The agency held an online contest, letting the public vote on a name for a future addition to the station. "Colbert" beat out NASA's four suggested options: Serenity, Legacy, Earthrise and Venture.

The comedian said in a statement: "I certainly hope NASA does the right thing. Just kidding. I hope they name it after me."

Billy Bob Thornton's band cancels Canadian tour

TORONTO — Billy Bob Thornton's band has canceled the rest of its Canadian tour after the actor compared the country's fans to mashed potatoes with no gravy in a testy interview that caused a sensation online.

The Boxmasters opened for Willie Nelson on Thursday in Toronto, where they reportedly were booed and met with catcalls of "Here comes the gravy."

A note posted on Nelson's Web site Friday said the Boxmasters were canceling the rest of their Canadian dates "due to one band member and several of the crew having the flu."

Woody Harrelson likens paparazzo to zombie

LOS ANGELES — Woody

Harrelson is likening a paparazzo he tussled with at a New York airport to one of the undead zombies he battles in his upcoming film.

In a statement released Friday, Harrelson jokingly compares the scrutiny of the paparazzi to the packs of undead he confronted in "Zombieland."

"I wrapped a movie called 'Zombieland,' in which I was constantly under assault by zombies, then flew to New York, still very much in character," Harrelson said. "With my daughter at the airport I was startled by a paparazzo who I quite understandably mistook for a zombie."

Celebrity gossip site TMZ posted a video on Thursday of Harrelson chasing one of their photographers who followed the actor and his 12-year-old daughter through LaGuardia Airport.

UNIVERSITY BOARD EVENTS

<p>Monday, April 13 Dr. Riggo Chinchilla Olana A. Wyatt Dr. Lucia Schroeder Rebecca Merten</p>	<p>Tuesday, April 14 Sandy Bohrens, M.Ed Mike Hovey John Henry Pommer Rebecca Merten</p>
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Job postings and more event information at www.eiu.edu/~uboard

CAMPUS | HEALTH

Vegetarians not necessarily healthy

By JESSICA LEGGIN
Campus Editor

Students interested in vegetarianism should educate themselves before making a promise to no longer include meat in their diets.

Sarah Allen, nutrition coordinator for the Health Education Resource Center, said people who want to become vegetarians should not do it on their own until they are mature enough.

"What a lot of kids do is that they stop eating meat," she said. "They don't replace it with anything and they eat a lot of cheese pizza and pretzels. They don't do it in a healthy way at all."

Allen said there are different levels of vegetarianism.

"There are some people who say they are vegetarians who still eat poultry and some vegetarians who still eat fish," she said. "Those don't really have names."

People who do not eat any animal products are known as vegans. Allen said vegans eat any plant-based products.

"They also substitute meat for things like tofu and beans. They are very, very strict," she said.

Allen said people come up with many reasons for becoming vegetari-

an. "Some people do it because they are concerned about the animals," she said. "Others do it for health reasons, because red meat has been linked to cardiovascular disease and stroke."

Allen said others who are interested in vegetarianism decide to try it to lose weight.

"I think they see people who are vegetarians to be thin," she said. "Vegetarians do tend to eat less calories. If they do it in a healthy way, it could be a way to lose weight, but it is not recommended."

"If one goes on a vegetarian diet, that means once they lose the weight, they are going to go off of it, and they are really not really learning anything in the process. The goal of weight loss is to create new habits that you are going to keep."

Allen said there could also be some side effects when one becomes a vegetarian.

"One theory is that your body likes to maintain homeostasis," she said. "So if you are usually 130 pounds then you start losing weight, your body can actually cause you to have cravings to try to get you back up to that 130 pounds."

Another major concern is the B-12 vitamin found in meat.

"In the past, it was not a problem

because B-12 used to be found in feces," she said. "So if you have dirty food or dirty water, you had B-12."

Because of America's strict forms of sanitation, B-12 could be a problem for vegetarians in the United States.

"So it is recommended sometimes they take a multi-vitamin," she said. "Protein and iron can be a problem, but you can get it from beans, soy and hemp."

Allen also said someone who starts out as a vegetarian could have gastrointestinal problems.

"If someone is used to eating meat and then decides to become a vegetarian, they can get a lot of gas, and you can also get a little bit of constipation, and this can go any way," she said. "If you have been a vegetarian for a while and decide to start eating meat, the same thing can happen too."

Allen said overall, students who want to become vegetarians should educate themselves.

"You need to look into how you



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY ERIN MATHENY

should be changing your diet," she said. "Look into recipes that include all the vitamins and minerals you need, and you can go talk to your doctor if you are concerned. Education is what they need to do."

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Auditions to be held for Pink Panthers

Auditions for the EIU Pink Panther Dance Team will take place April 17 to 19 in the Student Recreation Center with registration beginning at 4 p.m. in the Lantz main hallway. All incoming freshmen, transfer and current Eastern students with jazz, lyrical, kick and hip-hop dance experience are encouraged to audition.

Anyone with questions can contact Lisa Dallas at imdallas@eiu.edu or at 581-3716.

Asian phrases, table manners topic of event

The Asian American Association is presenting "Language and Manners" at 5 p.m. today in Coleman Hall, Room 2130 as part of Asian Heritage Month. Attendees will learn survival phrases and table manners that reflect Asian culture.

—Compiled by News Editor Matt Hopf

BLOTTER

Theodore Garibaldi, 18, was charged with possession of cannabis and possession of drug paraphernalia after a 9:58 p.m. Wednesday arrest in Carman Hall, the University Police Department said.

A silver Mitsubishi was reported damaged by an unknown vehicle Thursday while parked at Greek court, police said.

A silver Volkswagen was reported damaged by an unknown vehicle Thursday while parked in the S parking lot off 7th Street, police said.

CORRECTION

On page 3 of Friday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, the name of the award Jonathan Biss won was incorrectly reported. Biss won the Leonard Bernstein Award.

The DEN regrets the error.

CAMPUS | EVENT

Students face audience to win competition

By DAVID THILL
Senior Reporter

Edmond Gween once said dying is easy, but comedy is difficult.

Imagine the difficulty of standing in front of an audience, all of who not only hope but expect you to make them laugh.

The lights glare down on you, beads of sweat start to form on your brow, all as you wait for the roar of laughter to affirm your efforts.

Five Eastern students are preparing for just that challenge today. Not only that, they will all compete for the right to call themselves the Last Comic Standing.

The University Board will host its second Last Comic Standing competition at 9 p.m. today in 7th Street Underground.

Matt Caponera, UB comedy coordinator and winner of the first Last Comic Standing, said he thinks students will be surprised by "just how good these five comedi-

ans are."

"We had a great turnout last year," he said. "People want to see comedy; it's in high demand."

Each of the five competitors will be allowed 10 to 15 minutes of stage time and, as Caponera said, there will be no restrictions on the comedians' material or what they can say.

Such free reign could give competitors license to say whatever they like. For Andy McLaughlin, a junior communication studies major, it could give him a competitive edge — or land him in hot water with friends.

"(My comedy) is 'life experience testimonies' — an observation of daily life," McLaughlin said, "I'm not afraid to dissect myself."

"The point is to alienate myself from the audience," he said, "I've invited a bunch of my friends (to the competition), but they might not be my friends after the show."

For McLaughlin, this will be his second performance since being

signed up for Open Mic night at 7th Street Underground by a friend a few weeks ago.

"I accidentally performed — I didn't even know I was signed up," he said.

Caponera said the competition could prove quite the stepping-stone for an up-and-coming comedian.

"It's really hard to get stage time," he said. "College is the perfect time for (getting a start)."

Along with gift certificates for the top three performers, the winner will get the chance to open for comedian Aries Spears when he comes to Eastern to perform.

McLaughlin said he looks forward to the opportunity.

"It's really exciting," he said. "It could really open you up to a larger audience."

Four judges will watch the comedians. They will be judged on audience reaction, creative material and stage presence.

Caponera said he thought com-

edy in general is on the rise and the diversity of students, including the large number of those coming from the Chicago area, provides a better atmosphere for comedians.

"We do get a lot of Chicago people at EIU, and there is a lot of comedy that comes out of Chicago with Second City and stuff like that," Caponera said. "It's going to be one of the most unique events you are going to see on campus. It's going to be a lot of fun."

McLaughlin said while he is "confident" about his chances, for any of the competitors, it offers students a chance to see comedians early in their potential careers.

"It's kind of like — have you ever seen pictures of your mom when she was younger?" McLaughlin said.

Perhaps that type of comedy will give him a chance to win — or any of the other four comedians.

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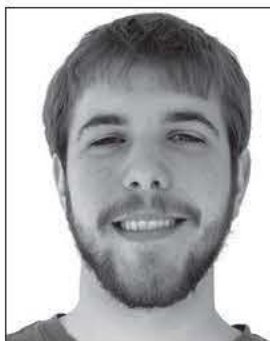
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CHRIS KROMPHARDT

Students should give back to Charleston

The students of Eastern have long held the power to transform the city of Charleston, whether for good, ill or otherwise, the presence of students affects those who live, work and raise their families here.

We patronize local businesses, and we bring vibrancy to what would otherwise be a standard rural central Illinois town, but we also do other things college students are known to do.

All those loud, obnoxious parties test the skill of the local police force, not to mention the patience of everyone else.

While some people may argue – given this tendency for nuisance – having a college in Charleston is more trouble than those tax dollars are worth, they're missing what else we're good at.

That same youthful energy, usually seen parading up and down Fourth Street into the early hours, could do some great things.

Unfortunately, most students see Charleston just as a temporary stop on their way through life. Coming from Chicago, Rockford or St. Louis – as many students do – they get to Charleston, see it doesn't have a Portillos or a shopping mall and start counting the days until graduation.

But they're missing what's good about small towns. They don't realize that having fewer people usually means less crime, which is what makes it generally safer to wander around at 3 a.m. All they see is a lot of corn and not a lot of bright lights, when what they should see is an opportunity.

Like I said, Eastern students help define Charleston as a community, but all too often the association is negative. We take much more than we give. If the students were to take a proactive approach to improving town-and-gown relations, there would likely be more of a willingness to give on the side of the town. A little goodwill could make a world of difference.

But I think it needs to start with us. Like it or not, it's easy for us to live up to all those bad stereotypes college students engender, so we need to be the ones to extend the olive branch. We need to prove to the town of Charleston that we care about this community.

The best way to do this is by giving back. Eastern doesn't have a community service requirement, but that doesn't mean students volunteering their time isn't important. Taking the time to help this home away from home is a great way to say thank you, not to mention a fantastic way to get to know Charleston better.

Every year, Panther Service Day is held for all of the reasons I've mentioned above.

Held one Saturday out of the year (this year it's April 25), the idea is to concentrate the collective energies of college students for the force of good.

Whether it's painting houses, spending time with senior citizens and children, or even donating blood, Panther Service Day is the perfect chance to give just a small amount of your time and energy to making this town – our home for nine months out of the year – a better place where we all can live.

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Drawn from the News | Dylan Polk



STAFF EDITORIAL

Communication with students reflected by voter turnout

Another year. Another student body president elected.

Only 733 votes were cast as Michelle Murphy, a sophomore representing the United Party of Students, won.

Compared to the more than 1,000 students voting in 2008, this year's voting turnout was most likely affected by the weather. Last spring, students could vote in the Library Quad. Ashlei Birch, officer of elections, said the polls would remain open until 5 p.m. Polling times would be the same on Tuesday. This year, the food court was a substitute for the Library Quad, Birch said.

"We had to know by Friday morning, because the university workers do not work on the weekend, so it is in those places regardless," Birch said. "The tent will not be put out because of the weather."

Another reason was the choice of only two options for president. Ron Jordan, a candidate representing Students for Change, was Murphy's only opponent.

Last year there were four candidates from different parties. United Party of Students, Students for Change, Students Wanting Action Today and Campus Action Party all had candidates.

During the spring 2007 Student Government elections, 498 students voted. During the Student Government elections in December 2007, 387 students voted.

While it's a good to see an increase, Student Government needs to make a strong commitment to actively increase student turnout and create more options for students.

The United Party of Students handed out candy in an attempt to connect with the voters, something that hadn't been done in past elections. The Student United Party went more traditional and handed out fliers, while the Students Wanting Action Today went with the combination of buttons and fliers.

"Although Student Government is an advisory board, let's see some change."

Dominic Capparelli, the student body president candidate from the Campus Action Party and lone person from that party running in the election, stood by the Library Quad and handed out fliers to people walking by.

To the 733 students who voted, thank you. You showed not all Eastern students are apathetic. To the newly elected Student Government representatives, prove to Eastern students that their votes matter.

Let's see Murphy follow through on her promises.

She wants to increase school spirit through more support for the EIU Band, Pink Panthers, cheerleaders and the Blue Crew. She wants to be an open president with the senate and her constituents. Murphy said she would resolve misunderstandings among the Student Supreme Court, Student Senate and student body president.

"The question of the president appointing court members and letting them do their jobs will be more clear," Murphy said.

Although Student Government is an advisory board, let's see some change.

EDITORIAL POLICY

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YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SEX APPROACHED POORLY

My colleagues and I were shocked to see Eastern's Student Government allow the "Masturbate-athon" to take place from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday in the University Ballroom. According to its Facebook group page, the Masturbate-athon is slated to be a host to a "number of forums, speakers, snacks and refreshments, silent auction and door prizes. Not to mention sex toys, sex toys, sex toys!"

There is a fee at the door, and guests are also encouraged to enter the raffle for

"our big sex toy." All monies will be donated to "raise money for an important and meaningful cause to help our region's low income families."

The tagline under the Masturbate-athon is "because masturbation is the only safe sex." Sex is also safe when it is within the confines of a faithful, monogamous marriage where each partner aims to be selfless in pleasing his partner.

Last time I checked, Eastern would probably get in hot water if they promoted anything abstinence-related, or heaven forbid, safe sex within the confines of a mar-

riage. Masturbation may not put a person at risk for an STD or unplanned pregnancy, but it definitely promotes hedonism to its fullest degree.

As an alumna of such a great university, I am starting to question the decisions Student Government is making in regards to extracurricular events that are being offered to current students. I urge Student Government to use discretion in the future when controversial topics are on the table.

Elisa Strange
Ashmore

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Mon Williams, a red-shirt junior running back, stiff arms senior defensive end Taylor Dunn during Saturday morning's intrasquad scrimmage at O'Brien Stadium.

NATION | FIRE

Christian centers burn on Easter

The Associate Press

ALTON BAY, N.H. — Authorities are on the scene of a massive Easter fire that's damaged dozens of buildings on the grounds of a Christian center in New Hampshire.

Firefighters tell the News 9 television station in Manchester that 52 buildings burned at the Alton

Bay Christian Conference Center, about 30 miles northeast of Concord. The buildings are cottage-type seasonal homes.

There are no immediate reports of civilian injuries. At least one firefighter has been hurt.

The center's Web site says its purpose is to change lives by "encouraging commitment to Jesus

Christ and offering opportunities to mature in one's Christian life style."

It says it tries to accomplish this through evangelism, encouragement of believers and equipping Christians to be effective leaders.

The center was founded in 1863. It sits along New Hampshire's biggest lake.

Scams

FROM PAGE 1

"It's pretty concrete when you go to (snopes.com) and find hundreds of testimonials about a particular company that misled them."

Sometimes, these suspicious companies will offer a job to someone while asking for a "small fee" in order to send them an application. And with that, the company has a person's money and there is no job

to be found.

"Companies like that want to hook you in," Moore said.

The problem is that certain job-posting sites, such as monster.com, often sell people's information to market research companies since the site has no other form of revenue stream.

One key item to keep in mind when filling out a personal profile on such sites is to never give up more information than necessary.

"Anytime you put information on the Internet, people can always

track that information back," Moore said.

While posting resumes offers little threat to personal security, one should always avoid revealing any information about their birth date, phone number, sex and race, she said.

The best way to avoid becoming the victim of such scams is to be aware, "do your homework and look into companies first."

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Lecture

FROM PAGE 1

"My whole concept of being has to do with the bigger issues of life, such as the meaning of life and relationships, and I'm actually using clips and characters from several Broadway shows," she said.

Merten will use the musicals "Les Miserables," "Lion King" and "Wicked."

"I am intertwining life lessons learned by the characters of Broadway shows with real life," she said.

Diana Wyatt, assistant professor at the school of technology, will speak about the journey and meeting goals in her speech "Expectations and the Journey."

He said he wanted to think of what he would say at his last lecture, if the clock was ticking, and give insight to students.

Several prizes are available to those

who attend, including two tickets to a Cubs vs. Cardinals game in St. Louis, two tickets to a White Sox vs. Indians game in Chicago, two three-day passes to Lollapalooza in Chicago, two tickets to see Dane Cook in Chicago, a skydiving gift card and more.

"I just took themes of things that I have always wanted to do and things I thought other people would want to do once in their lives," Hilty said. "I had to keep it within reason, though. For example, we could not

do a trip to Italy."

He said he has always wanted to go to a Cubs vs. Cardinals game and go skydiving.

"We will give people the extra push to do some of those things," Hilty said.

He hopes students will come out to support the faculty members.

"They did put a fair amount of time into these lectures," Hilty said. "Also, there are cool and interesting prizes that UB has not given out in

a long time and hopefully the biggest turn-on will be to view the 'Last Lecture.'"

Hilty said Pausch's lecture is inspiring and motivating to hear.

"It makes you feel like you can conquer the world and do anything," he said. "It's really cool to get that feeling and students should come to listen to it."

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McNamara

FROM PAGE 1

Morong got involved in 2006 with her sorority Alpha Phi.

"We did fundraising for her in the fall through my house and in the spring we always run for her," she said.

As the years go on, not many Eastern students know about McNamara, but professors continue to share their memory of the physical education major who was a member of the department's honors club, a student worker at the Student Recreation Center and a member of Alpha Phi.

"I unfortunately did not get the

chance to ever meet her," Morong said. "But my teachers, as well as Erin Weed and others in my house who did meet her, tell me amazing stories of how great of a person she was. I was always told it was a shame her life was taken because she would have been one of the few people in the world to make a great difference in the life of students she would teach."

Weed, a 1999 graduate, founded Girls Fight Back, which teaches women to live safe and empowered lives, in response to the murder of McNamara — a close friend.

McNamara fought back the night she was killed, and that is one thing Morong said people should take away from her story.

"Just be aware of your surround-

ings and do anything and everything possible to ensure your own safety," she said. "Granted how it happened to Shannon may be a little different, but just always make safety a No. 1 concern and to always fight back."

The 4k run/walk emphasizes that point.

"I think it is important for people to participate, and to donate, because this is the one chance every year everyone on campus and in the community can come together to honor the memory of a great person," Morong said. "She did a lot of great things when she was here. She was a hard worker and someone who was committed to changing the lives of young people today. She was a great role model for her peers and

teachers, and everyone should be reminded of that every year."

The run/walk will begin at 2 p.m. at the Campus Pond Pavilion.

Registration is \$12 before the event or \$15 the day of. Registration can be completed beforehand by going to active.com or by going to the Rec Center Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday of this week between 4 and 6 p.m.

Those who register prior to the event will receive a T-shirt.

Sonya Schuette, assistant professor of kinesiology and sports studies, said about 160 people have signed up so far.

Last year, more than 200 people participated in the run/walk, and this year, organizers hope to have more than 300 people.

"We've tried to contact a lot of the Greek community and kinesiology majors," said Schuette, who helps organize the run/walk and is the co-chair of the College of Kinesiology and Sports Studies Honors Club. "(However,) anyone can come. Everyone is welcome to come out."

Schuette did not know McNamara, but is a strong supporter of the event.

"I think it's important to keep Shannon's name alive," Schuette said. "I was shocked to know that could happen in a town like Charleston and a school like Eastern."

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» **Tourney**

FROM PAGE 8

"It's a testament to how much they've improved to be in this position even though we'd like to be a lot higher in the standings," said Eastern head coach John Blackburn.

Eastern freshman Juliana Frey won at No. 3 singles in three sets to pick up the lone victory for the Panthers Saturday.

The Panthers will play the No. 3 seed in the OVC Tournament Friday in Paducah, Ky.

"We're just going to play with the five people we have," said Eastern junior Hayley Homburg. "And I really think that we can do some damage even though we have only five healthy players."

The men's squad (10-11, 3-5), played without senior Jordan Nestrud because of an injury on Senior Day. The men's squad dropped the important doubles point. The Panthers won No. 2 doubles, but lost No. 1 and No. 3 doubles, 9-7 and 9-8.

"It's been up and down," Blackburn said. "We've played well in

spots, and not so well in spots."

Eastern senior Vuk Milicevic and freshman Drew Grimaldi were leading in the tiebreaker, but dropped the No. 3 doubles match and the point.

"We had good runs and bad runs," Blackburn said. "You'd like to play at one level at a time."

Milicevic, Eastern junior Jeff Rutherford and Eastern freshman Jamie Firth all picked up singles victories. Milicevic defeated his brother, Murray State sophomore Luka Milicevic, 6-3, 6-2 at No. 2 singles. Firth won in three sets 6-2, 3-6, 6-

4 at No.4 singles despite an injury timeout in the second set.

"We've been talking about mental and physical runs," Blackburn said. "He had a fast first set. It would have been easy for him to go away mentally and physically, but he didn't. He just played tough."

The men's squad, which tied for sixth place in the league, has reached the conference tournament for three straight seasons.

"It's a positive thing for them," Blackburn said. "They battled all year. That's always one of our big-

gest goals."

The men's tennis team will play No. 3 Jacksonville State Friday in the OVC Tournament.

Milicevic said it was a good achievement because when they came in, Nestrud and Milicevic finished seventh in the conference and did not make the tournament.

The men's team returns to action Tuesday at 3 p.m. at Southern Illinois Carbondale.

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» **Streak**

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"The girls were motivated already," Schuette said. "The tornadoes were a little bit more scary."

Eastern came out of the gates in the first game scoring all 11 runs in the first three innings.

Eastern freshman catcher Hallee Hanna started things off with a three-run home in the first. Menziona added a grand slam in the second, and senior second baseman Sarah Coppert added a three-run shot in the third inning as the Panthers coasted in a shortened game.

"I think the first game, we were ready to play," Menziona said.

While Menziona said Coppert and her have been struggling, the home runs were an added touch.

"We've been trying to get out of slumps," Menziona said. "She came into the dugout, and said, 'Finally.'"

Eastern junior center fielder Angie Danca added a single RBI in the second inning as well.

Eastern junior Amber May (17-9) pitched a three-hitter, walked one and struck out three.

The Panthers doled out seven hits in the victory, as all but two starting players had a hit.

In the second game, Eastern clawed out a 2-1 win. But the Panthers are 12-4 in one-run games this season, including a 5-1 mark in the OVC.

Despite being out-hit 4-1, the Panthers scored two runs in the top of the fourth.

Menziona, who had the only hit of the game, scored the game-winning run off a double steal with Coppert, and both scored on an error by the TTU catcher when the ball went into left field.

Eastern senior pitcher Kathleen Jacoby (6-5) picked up her second straight win. Jacoby walked none, gave up only four hits and struck out five.

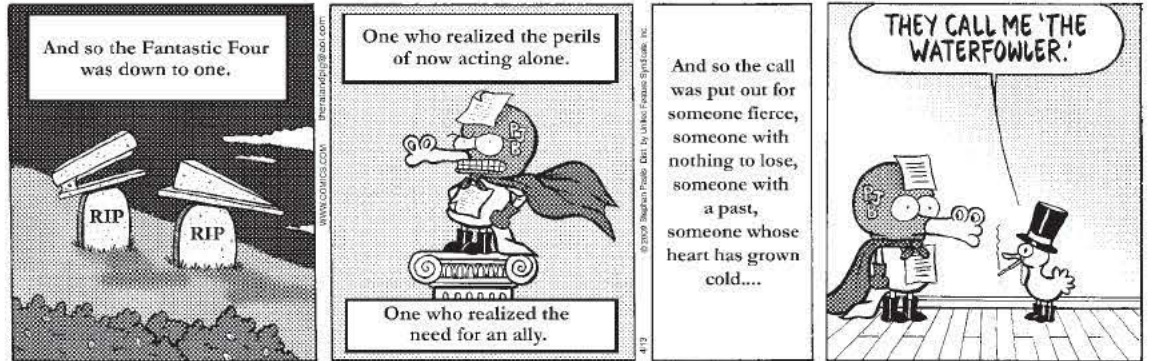
Schuette said that was the best game Jacoby threw all season.

Jacoby said she is feeling a lot more comfortable on the mound.

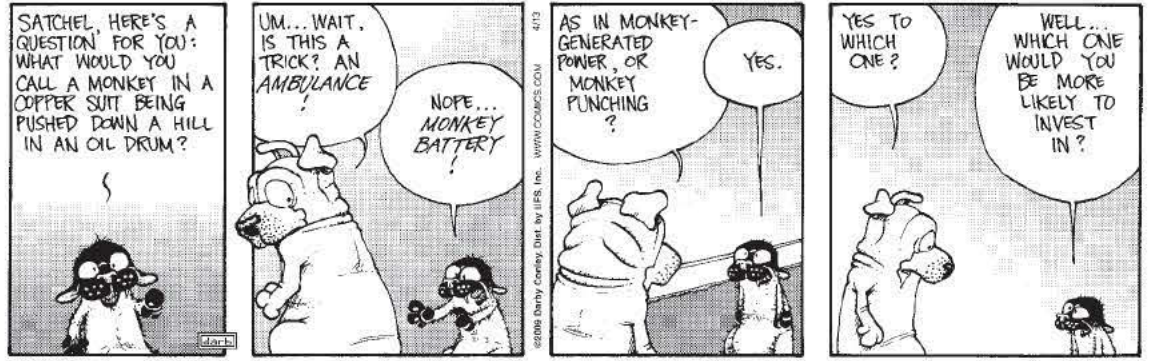
The Panthers return to action against Saint Louis in a doubleheader at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Williams Field.

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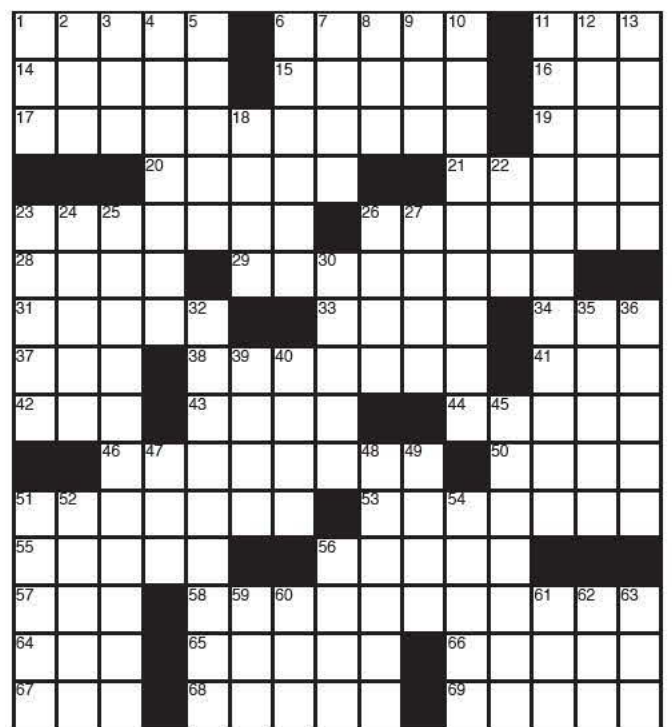


The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No.0309

- ACROSS**
- 1 What skunks do
 - 6 Oared racing shell
 - 11 Harley-Davidson, slangily
 - 14 Domed domicile
 - 15 Book after Daniel
 - 16 One-spot
 - 17 "Keep going!"
 - 19 Born: Fr.
 - 20 Workers just for the day
 - 21 Edgar who painted dancers
 - 23 "Sound off — one, two ...," e.g.
 - 26 Square cracker
 - 28 ___ about (roughly)
 - 29 Neighbor of an Azerbaijani
 - 31 Cheap seat cover material
 - 33 Pizazz
 - 34 Cough medicine amt.
 - 37 Superlative suffix
 - 38 Do impressions of
 - 41 Garden tool
 - 42 "I agree"
 - 43 Donated
 - 44 Erupts
 - 46 Coffee liqueur brand
 - 50 Nabisco cookie
 - 51 Bibliophile
 - 53 Playful puppies
- DOWN**
- 1 Use a stool
 - 2 Store head: Abbr.
 - 3 Bridge writer Culbertson
 - 4 Scratch-off game, e.g.
 - 5 Best Actress for "Two Women"
 - 6 Woodworking tool
 - 7 Gear teeth
 - 8 Where Springsteen was born, in song
 - 9 Floral necklace
 - 10 Noncellular phones
 - 11 "Keep going!"
 - 12 Atlantic or Pacific
 - 13 Fliers in V's



PUZZLE BY BETTY KELLER

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



- 15 Mumbai money
- 16 Baby food (whose name is an anagram of 55-Across)
- 17 Hostel
- 18 "Keep going!"
- 19 Prefix with tourism
- 20 Decorative upholstery fabric
- 21 Acquire information
- 22 Small number
- 23 Peevish states
- 24 Letters before tees
- 25 Villager whose title completes the line "It's fun to stay at the ..."
- 26 Seventh Greek letter
- 27 Small flock
- 28 Licorice-tasting seed
- 29 "Keep going!"
- 30 Actress Ward
- 31 Course related to physiology: Abbr.
- 32 Easily torn bands of tissue
- 35 Spreader of seeds
- 36 Mexican money
- 39 Papa's mate
- 40 "Terrible" czar
- 41 Popular chain of chicken restaurants
- 42 Dick was his running mate in '52 and '56
- 43 Hardens
- 44 Broadcasts
- 45 Succinct
- 46 1/16 of a pound
- 47 "Positive thinker" Norman Vincent
- 48 Seeming eternity
- 49 7, to Caesar
- 50 "___ Rheingold"
- 51 Wrath
- 52 Coast Guard officer: Abbr.

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KEVIN MURPHY

Exciting time for spring sports

After a lackluster fall season, the Eastern spring sports scene is running full-speed.

The Eastern baseball team (24-6, 8-1 Ohio Valley Conference) headlines the group of teams. Receiving votes in national polls, and ranked 27th in another, the Panthers had their 13-game winning streak snapped Friday against Tennessee Martin.

That's OK. They rebounded with a 30-3 win.

While they can't win them all, going on 13-, 14- and 15-game win streaks is certainly fine with the Panther Nation.

The Eastern softball team (24-14, 8-3 OVC) moved themselves into a prime position this weekend with a sweep of Tennessee Tech and now, the Panthers are in second place in the league. They also snapped an 11-game losing streak against the Golden Eagles and will play their next 11 games at home.

This includes hosting fourth place Morehead State and defending league and conference tournament champions – Jacksonville State. They will also play Illinois (22-12), a team that has received notes in national polls as well this season.

The Eastern women's tennis team (8-12, 4-5 OVC) reached the OVC Tournament without any controversy.

"They accomplished one of their biggest goals – to make it to their conference tournament," said Eastern head tennis coach John Blackburn. "It was settled on the court. They got in with their play, not anything else."

Last season, the Eastern women's tennis team finished in a three-way tie for fifth place with Tennessee Martin and Tennessee Tech. The Panthers were left out on a coaches' vote. The OVC coaches not involved in the tiebreaker were called to vote in the final two teams invited to the six-team tournament.

This season, the Panthers did not have to worry about a tiebreaker. It was a big sigh of relief.

This season, the Eastern men's tennis team did need a tiebreaker to enter the OVC Tournament. The Panthers (10-11, 3-5 OVC) finished tied for sixth place with Tennessee Martin (5-11, 3-5). But since the Panthers defeated Tennessee Martin, they made the league tournament.

The track teams, which are picked to win their conference meets, gained momentum this weekend by winning the team titles at the Western Illinois Lee Calhoun Classic.

We can only see what next weekend will bring for Eastern sports.

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MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS | WEEKEND RECAP



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Eastern junior Hayley Homburg returns a ball during a set against a Murray State player Saturday at Darling Courts. The Eastern men's and women's tennis teams lost to Murray State. Despite the losses, both Eastern tennis teams made the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament.

Both teams reach tourney

By KEVIN MURPHY
Sports Editor

The Eastern tennis teams are in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament again.

Despite dropping both matches Saturday to Murray State at Darling Courts, both the Eastern men's and

women's tennis teams have qualified for the OVC Tournament.

The men's squad dropped a close 4-3 match, and the women lost 6-1. But the women got the victory they needed Friday night in Danville with a 5-2 victory against Southeast Missouri.

The Panthers played with five

healthy players against SEMO at the Danville Tennis Center because of weather conditions. They took the doubles point and won four singles matches. The Panthers (8-12, 4-5 OVC) only lost at No. 1 singles and No. 6 singles.

They only lost at No. 6 singles loss because the Panthers have five

healthy players. Eastern sophomore Abby Allgire is out with an injury, and Eastern freshman Amanda Dibbs is out with a wrist injury.

The Panthers have now reached the tournament two of the past three seasons.

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Eastern sophomore Amber May pitches against Butler on April 2 at Williams Field. The Eastern softball team defeated Tennessee Tech 11-0 in five innings and 2-1 this weekend in Cookeville, Tenn.

SOFTBALL | WEEKEND RECAP

Streak ends against TTU as Panthers win

Eastern picks up first victory against rival since 2004 finale

By KEVIN MURPHY
Sports Editor

The Eastern softball team had to wait one day longer to play Tennessee Tech.

Despite tornadoes and torrential downpour Friday in Cookeville, Tenn., the Panthers came away with their first win against the Golden Eagles since 2004, and snapped an 11-game losing streak to TTU.

"We've waited a long time to beat TTU," said Eastern head coach Kim Schuette as the Panthers swept TTU 11-0 in five innings and 2-1 Saturday.

"They had waited all weekend to play," she said. "Things just went our way."

That includes being able to get two games in. Both teams were supposed to play a doubleheader Friday, but during warm-ups, they put the tarp on the field because of the rain and had to leave the campus because of severe weather conditions in the area.

After lunch at Fazoli's, Eastern's teams were in their hotel rooms on the second floor when the sirens went off. The Panthers then moved down to a first-floor suite as they watched the Weather Channel and waited out the storms.

Eastern junior right fielder Denee' Menzione said the Panthers were ready to play after the ordeal.

In Saturday's win against TTU (21-23, 9-6 Ohio Valley Conference), the Panthers (24-14, 8-3) vaulted themselves into second place in the OVC.

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EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

WOMEN'S GOLF
Today at Loyola of Chicago |
All Day – Wilmette

MEN'S GOLF
Today at Missouri |
All Day – Columbia, Mo.

MEN'S GOLF
Tuesday at Missouri |
All Day – Columbia, Mo.

MEN'S TENNIS
Tuesday at SIU-Carbondale |
3 p.m. – Carbondale

SOFTBALL
Tuesday vs. Saint Louis |
4 p.m. – Williams Field