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CAMPUS | DEPLOYMENT

## Eastern students ready to deploy

By **BOB BAJEK**  
Student Government Editor

In a few months, three Eastern students will be deployed to Afghanistan.

On Monday, Dave Holzrichter, Jon Austin and Matt Blount have orders to travel to Effingham.

From there, they will leave for Fort Benning, Ga., on March 20, where the three will join the rest of their battalion to work on active-duty training, weapon skills and medical training.

The students will be stationed at the fort for two to four months before their battalion is shipped to a base in Kuwait. A week there will prepare them to finally be deployed to Afghanistan.

"We've been told we're going to be gone eight months, but it's not set in stone," said Holzrichter, a sophomore journalism major.

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CAMPUS | PHOTO OF THE DAY

## DESTRUCTION FOR A GOOD CAUSE



ERIN MATHENY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Evan Williams, a sophomore pre-engineering major, swings at a BMW for the Lambda Chi Alpha "Car Smash" Wednesday morning in the South Quad. Money collected from the event will go to the Coles County Animal Shelter.

UNIVERSITY | BUDGET

## Traveling for school donations

About \$13,300 spent in fall for fundraising

By **STEPHEN DI BENEDETTO**  
Staff Reporter

Eastern has more than 70,000 alumni, and Jill Nilsen expects development directors in the Office of Philanthropy to visit as many of them as they can.

To do this well, the development directors are expected to travel in preparation for Eastern's \$40 million fund-raising campaign, which developed after President Bill Perry put emphasis on fundraising in his January 2008 letter to the university.

The campaign is the largest attempted at Eastern.

"We need staff out there," said Nilsen, vice president for external relations.

The campaign, which would address needs of students, faculty members, academic programs and facilities, is currently in a silent phase and has not been launched.

The silent phase is where major gifts are arranged. To come out of a silent phase, half of Eastern's goal – or \$20 million – must be met.

"That is when you are trying to raise your major gifts," Nilsen said. "That requires a lot of face-to-face contact."

Four major people on campus, including Perry, spent about \$13,315 toward travel for fundraising trips from Aug. 1 to Dec. 15, according to travel vouchers obtained through the Illinois Freedom of Information Act.

Ultimately, those fundraising trips will contribute to the campaign, which addresses four areas of the university.

Money toward students entails scholarships and financial aid. Money toward faculty would go to professional development, such as conference trips and research opportunities.

Money toward programs would go to academic programs, such as general improvements to the nursing program. Money toward capital would go to improvement projects for Eastern's facilities.

From Aug. 1 to Dec. 15, Perry spent \$3,834 for fundraising trips.

The other three major people in fundraising are Karla Evans, director of the Office of Philanthropy; Jackie Joines, development director of philanthropy for the Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences; and John Schmitt, development director of philanthropy for Chicago.

Evans spent \$4,122 on fundraising trips between Aug. 1 and Dec. 15. Joines spent \$3,597. Schmitt spent \$1,762.

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LOCAL | CRIME

## Door was unlocked during robbery

By **JOE ASTROUSKI**  
City Editor

Two men responsible for a reported armed robbery Tuesday walked into the victim's apartment at 950 Fourth St. through an unlocked door, according to the apartment building's management.

Property manager Melissa Phillips said the apartment complex is equipped with video surveillance cameras, which filmed the robbery.

"According to the video footage, the tenants' door was unlocked and two males walked right into the apartment," Phillips said. "We cannot stress enough the importance of simply locking both the bottom lock as well as the deadbolt."

Phillips said the building's owners are not updating their security measures because of the robbery.

"We are not taking any extra precautions because every precaution is currently in place with security camera, alarm systems, doors with both bottom locks and deadbolts, ... peepholes and aggressive lighting in all common areas," Phillips said.

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NATION | BUSINESS

## \$500 million error in FutureGen analysis

By **MATT HOPF**  
News Editor

The U.S. Department of Energy made a \$500 million math error when it decided to pull support from the proposed FutureGen experimental power plant in Mattoon, according to a report released by the Government Accountability Office on Monday.

The GAO did not state what FutureGen might cost today.

Angela Griffin, president of Coles Together, said the report confirms the integrity and validity of the project.

"It also confirms our steadfast contention that the abandonment of the project by the DOE was not based on sound science or rationale arguments," she said. "We're hopeful this report and others like it will lead to a release of the Record of Decision and that the mismanagement of this important internationally-supported project is a thing of the past."

Illinois Sen. Dick Durbin said the report was more evidence the Bush administration had erred in stopping the project.

"We always knew the DOE's logic was flawed," Durbin said in a statement. "Now it turns out their math was wrong too."

Energy Secretary Steven Chu acknowledged that when the plant

was canceled, a faulty cost analysis put the price of it at \$1.8 billion.

Chu recently said he would consider restoring FutureGen. He indicated changes would need to be made, but did not address specifics.

He said that because of commodity costs and other factors, some estimates now put the price of the plant at \$2.3 billion.

The technology is worth testing, Chu said.

"I'm looking at how do you bring down the cost so we can go ahead," he said.

Michael J. Mudd, the chief executive officer of the FutureGen Alliance, welcomed an evaluation from the DOE.

"We look forward to an objective evaluation by the Energy Department," he said in a statement. "Once they review the project, we believe they will conclude FutureGen at Mattoon is shovel-ready and will deliver carbon capture and sequestration technology the fastest in the world."

The Illinois' congressional delegation has urged the Obama administration to revive the project, arguing it would boost economic development in coal-rich, east-central Illinois.

"But for the unwavering and resolute support of the Illinois' congressional delegation, led by

Senator Durbin and Congressman (Tim Johnson, R-Urbana), and the patience and fortitude of the FutureGen Alliance, we wouldn't be in a position today, with the release of this report, to make the most of the prospects and potential it affords," Griffin said.

The near-zero emissions power plant in Mattoon would use a coal-gasification process to convert coal into hydrogen and carbon dioxide. The hydrogen created would power a turbine that would create electricity. A second turbine would create electricity from the steam from the first turbine.

The plant will capture and store 90 percent of the carbon dioxide emissions in the deep geological reservoirs more than one mile underground in the Mt. Simon Sandstone reservoir.

Creating 175 megawatts of electricity, the plant would be able to provide electricity to 150,000 homes.



Mattoon was selected as the site in 2007 rather than Tuscola and two proposed sites in Texas.

The DOE pulled funding last year after investing \$174 million.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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## EIU WEATHER

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### WEATHER BRIEF

Cold and mostly sunny today with a gentle northeasterly breeze. Daytime temperatures will begin to rise tomorrow and reach into the mid 50s by Sunday with pleasant skies.

For current conditions visit EIU WeatherCenter at [www.eiu.edu/~weather](http://www.eiu.edu/~weather)

## CAMPUS | EVENT



ERIN MATHENY | DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Death From Below members Dan "Sully" Sullivan, left, and Alvin Lau, right, perform a slam poetry piece at the Open Mic Night Wednesday in 7th Street Underground. The duo performed poems influenced by their Chicago upbringing and other life experiences.

# Group brings stand-up

## Open Mic Night opens with pair Death From Below

By MARINE GLISOVIC  
Staff Reporter

The pair describes their act as stand-up poetry, a cross between performance and poetry.

Dan "Sully" Sullivan and Alvin Lau met in the youth poetry community of Chicago and have been performing and writing poetry for about 10 years, but have only been performing with each other since 2004.

Sullivan and Lau are part of Death From Below and performed before Wednesday's Open Mic Night in 7th Street Underground.

Sully described Death From Below as poetry that is family-themed with working-class undertones. Mostly all their performances are personal narratives.

"The best way to preach to people and to relate to people is by sharing a part of yourself," Sullivan said.

He found his calling for poetry when he attended Columbia College in Chicago.

After almost never attending and not turning in homework, a teacher reached out to him by taking him to poetry events for extra credit.

"Utilizing poetry out(side) the classroom turned everything around for me, and I have been writing ever since," Sullivan said.

Lau once had stage fright, but after his friend played a prank and signed him up for a poetry-slam team, he could not get off the stage.

After competing in local competitions and winning the national championship twice, he realized he should perform more often.

Before the tour started, Sullivan taught a poetry program at a high school for the past eight

years, and Lau continues to be a professional poker player when he finds time.

Their tour ends April 26. After taking the summer off, they plan to continue performing.

About 50 students attended the performance.

Annie Burke, a junior sociology major, has come to Open Mic Night a couple of times.

She said she mostly attends for the music, but always enjoys other performances such as stand-up poetry.

Lauren Phillips, University Board Mainstage coordinator, found Death From Below at a convention in Peoria and brought them to Eastern's campus.

Phillips has been in her position for two semesters and plans to continue organizing Open Mic Nights and hopes someone else takes over after she graduates.

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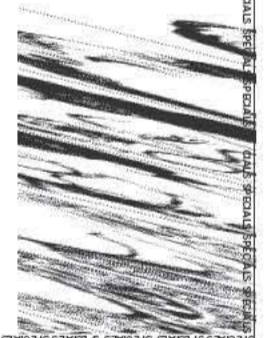
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CAMPUS | EVENT

# Peace planter shares experiences

**Kathy Kelly, Nobel Peace Prize nominee, wants peace, end to wars**

By **HEATHER HOLM**  
Activities Editor

Kathy Kelly, peace activist and Nobel Peace Prize nominee, opened her speech Wednesday with the story of how she once planted corn on a nuclear site in 1988 and then was caught and sentenced to a year in prison.

Kelly presented a speech titled "There are No Good Wars: Women, Children and the Scars of War" at 7 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

"We were 14 people called Missouri Peace Planting," Kelly said. "We were trying to say that land was meant to grow corn and wheat and not harbor weapons of mass destruction. We went onto nuclear bomb sites, which were located outside of Kansas City, Kansas, that were buried under the ground."

Kelly said she and the 14 others then went over the fences protecting the site and planted corn there.

She said her arresting officer was kind to her though, and offered her water.

"I will never forget the kindness of that man," she said.

During her year in jail, she learned that she never wanted to be a prison warden and has applied that to her past work as a teacher.

Kelly has taught religion and English at Saint Ignatius College Prep in San Francisco and Saint Augustine College in Charlotte, N.C. She also taught at Prologue High School in Chicago.

"In my teaching, I never wanted to treat students as a number," Kelly said. "Students already feel trapped anyway."

Kelly also spent time in Iraq and told of stories in her speech about a young boy who said he wanted to be a fighter pilot and how he wanted to

be able to bomb the United States.

She also told another story about a young girl in Baghdad who wanted to know what the difference was between a 16-year-old in the United States and one in Baghdad.

Kelly said the girl wanted to know why people in Baghdad had to watch their families die.

"The girl said 'our emotions are frozen, we cannot feel' and I will never forget that," Kelly said.

She also mentioned the 422 children that have been killed from Iran and Gaza.

Kelly then had a question-and-answer session among the audience.

When asked about what she thought about the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, she said she was in Brooklyn, N.Y., and wondered what the reaction was of regular Iraqi citizens.

She said she did end up getting faxes from a number of these citizens wondering what was going to be done.

"I think she told her lecture as a collection of stories that were very personal and connected to the audience through these heart-wrenching stories," said Christopher Mitchell, professor of theater and women's studies. "You could tell she really held the audience."

Jeannie Ludlow, coordinator for the women's studies program, thinks her favorite part is the way that Kelly makes strangers human for people.

"I wouldn't think I would have anything in common with an 11-year-old boy in Iraq," Ludlow said.

Kelly ended her speech with a song called "O Finlandia" with the quote "We are not unafraid, but courage is the ability to control your fears."

Janell Wargo, a senior communications major, thought Kelly's speech was moving.

"I liked the main quote about courage," she said.

The committee for Women's History and Awareness Month helped bring Kelly to campus.

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AUDREY SAWYER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Kathy Kelly, co-coordinator for Voices For Creative Non-Violence, tells stories of her trips to Iraq at the "There Are No Good Wars: Women, Children and the Scars of War" keynote lecture for Women's History and Awareness Month Wednesday night in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

**"We were trying to say that land was meant to grow corn and wheat and not harbor weapons of mass destruction."**

— **Kathy Kelly,**  
peace activist

CAMPUS | TECHNOLOGY

# Students more cautious with updates

**Facebook users evaluate profiles in regards to recent expulsion**

By **JESSICA LEGGIN**  
Campus Editor

Statuses on Facebook seem to be the backbone for the social-networking Web site.

Sometimes these statuses reveal vague information about someone's whereabouts, or gripping details of someone's state of mind.

Facebook statuses have been at the center of attention on Eastern's campus because of the alleged threats against Eastern, posted by student Robert Walker.

According to an e-mail sent out by President Bill Perry on March 3, Walker was banned from campus because of a status he posted on Facebook.

Vicki Miller, a freshman speech pathology major, said she feels the university should not step in with regards to students' statuses on the

social-networking Web site.

"I don't think it should be any of their business," she said. "Your status could mean anything."

With the issues surrounding Walker, Miller said some students might think twice about the information they let out onto their Facebook status.

"Now if you mention Eastern, you are probably just going to be putting yourself out there," she said.

Miller said Facebook statuses on the Web site could be a way to blow off steam for some students.

"Because, if I'm stressed, I'll put on my status that 'I'm stressed,'" she said. "Sometimes that can make me feel better."

Sarah Friestad, a sophomore early childhood major, said she can sometimes be seen on Facebook numerous times of the day to inform her friends of what she does on a day-to-day basis with her status.

"I change my status to inform people of just what I'm doing," she said. "They are just fun, and it

allows you to just keep in contact with everyone."

Friestad said to a certain extent, Eastern should be able to step in on some issues when regarding Facebook.

"If it is clearly written out that 'I'm going to bomb Eastern,' then yeah, steps should be made, but not for something like 'in five days things are going down,'" she said. "That could have meant anything."

Eric Rusk, a senior graphic design major, said he thinks Facebook statuses are unnecessary.

"I think it is a joke," he said. "I pretty much do not care about people's lives."

Overall, Rusk believed the university went too far in regards to the actions they took against Walker.

"They take things way too far," he said. "They should investigate a lot more before acting on anything."

Elizabeth Couger said when she first heard of the alleged threats toward Eastern, she thought it was worse than what it really was.

"Well when I first saw everything, they made it sound worse than it

really was, but I understand they did this for protection," she said. "I like that they sent out the e-mail, but they should have went into detail about what the status was, because that is how rumors get started."

When it comes to statuses on Facebook, Couger said she has nothing to worry about.

"I try to be appropriate, for one, because I am an education major and also to keep it vague so people won't dig into my life, but I see why some people should be cautious," she said. "I feel uncomfortable reading things when people put themselves out there way too much."

Couger said she thinks if someone puts something on their status that poses an initial threat to the university, then administration should step in.

"If it looks harming to the school, then they should step in, because you are protecting everyone on this campus," she said.

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## CAMPUS BRIEFS

### Lab alters hours for spring break

Gregg Computer Lab will be closed Saturday and Sunday. The hours for Monday through Friday will be 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The lab will be closed March 21.

Regular hours will go into effect March 22.

### Food court to stay open for spring break

The hours for the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union's food court will change for spring break.

The court will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, and closed Saturday and Sunday.

The Monday through Friday of break, the food court will be open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., but Subway and Panther Grille will be closed.

The court will be closed March 21, and open from 4 to 11 p.m. March 22.

Regular hours will resume on March 23.

### Homecoming committee picks theme for fall 2009

The 2009 Homecoming Committee has picked the theme "EIU Back to BLUE" for Homecoming week 2009, Oct. 11 to Oct. 17.

The committee still has a few positions open. Pick up an application at the Student Life Office on the second floor of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

—Compiled by Associate News Editor Emily Zuz

## ON CAMPUS

### Sunday 2009 All-Student Show

Time | 1 to 4 p.m.

Location | Tarble Arts Center

More info | 581-2787

A variety of Eastern undergraduate art work will be presented as selected by an independent jurors' panel. Featured are works in sculpture, photography, painting, drawing, print-making, metals, weaving, graphic design, digital art and other media.

This event is free and open to the public.

## BLOTTER

A burglary was reported on Sunday in Thomas Hall, said the University Police Department.

A green Chevrolet was reported damaged Saturday while parked near Thomas Hall, police said.

Two thefts were reported on Sunday in Taylor Hall, police said.

### COMMENTS, CORRECTIONS, OR EVENTS

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## Help Student Senate help you

Participation is an important part of government at every level, and the Student Government at Eastern is no exception.

As a member of the Student Government, I've watched as the senate has made a conscious effort to make itself more visible and more involved in campus life.

In addition, we've taken major strides in making the Student Government more accessible for all students.

At the beginning of the semester, the senate decided it was important to build ties with its constituents.

That way, when election time rolled around, we would have developed a relationship.

Members of the senate have visited registered student organizations, talked to people in their classes and approached people on campus.

In an attempt to be non-intrusive, we just throw out the question, "Does anyone have any questions or concerns about campus or Student Government?"

If people don't have anything to say, that's completely fine.

The idea is to let them know the opportunity for them to comment, compliment or complain is always on the table and that we are always willing to help.

I've visited many groups and said the same thing: "If there is a puddle that you're stepping in every morning, I want to know about it. I can't help you if I don't know where the puddles are."

We want to help you and we have numerous resources at our disposal, but we need to know where help is needed.

As election time creeps up, the senate members are working in overdrive to make their name and their ideas known.

As the party system takes place, senate members who are up for reelection have chosen their parties and are ready to see their names in print on the ballot.

Now the choice is in your hands.

The students are in a position to decide the direction the Student Government will go.

So I invite you to track down the candidates, drill them on the issues, ask them why they're qualified and make your decision.

There will be a debate at 7 p.m. March 26 in the Buzzard Hall Auditorium.

All students are invited.

Also, if you see someone wearing a party shirt, passing out party flyers or asking for your vote, don't be afraid to ask them questions.

Your voice matters.

In fact, the Student Government has worked tirelessly to make that known.

Don't leave the decision to be left to the few.

Make it a mass preference. Let your voice be heard.

Vote in the Student Government elections on April 6 and 7 and help us, help you.

Michelle Murphy is a sophomore communication major. She can be reached at 581-7942 or at DENopinions@gmail.com.

## Drawn from the News | Chris Lee



## STAFF EDITORIAL

# If you want to avoid scams, delete the spam

Spam is arguably the most annoying thing about the Internet.

It clutters e-mail inboxes, it's hard to get rid of and it can even rob people of thousands of dollars.

Two Eastern students found out the hard way by falling for e-mail and online scams that cost them heavily.

Whether it's through Craigslist or some made-up Nigerian prince, the University Police Department is warning all students to beware of such schemes.

In Wednesday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, university police officer Ryan Risinger said he thought avoidance of online scams would "be common sense."

Despite two students falling for it, Risinger is right.

These types of scams have been going on for years, and still more people fall into the trap and lose large amounts of money.

Let's face it: No deposed African royalty is going to reward you for giving out your friends' e-mail addresses, nor will you find a brand new car for sale on Craigslist at a ridiculously low price.

As the saying goes, it's too good to be true.

If such offers appear, one should look at them with intense scrutiny to determine whether the offer is legitimate.

The Nigerian prince scam is easy: Just delete the e-mail.

That's it.

You won.

Congratulate yourself and your checkbook.

But Craigslist scams are harder to trace because they are cleverly disguised as legitimate advertisements.

If you're shopping for a vehicle and you come across a questionable ad, just look for a hyperlink.

Risinger said a hyperlink in a Craigslist article is a dead giveaway of a scam and such ads should be avoided.

**"Whatever the case, people need to be aware of the dangers that may lie in their inboxes and should understand the threats involved in online scams."**

The media and law enforcement warn people over and over not to fall for these schemes, yet some people slip through the cracks.

How is this happening?

In an age where the Internet is at the forefront of nearly every component of everyday life, how are some people still naïve to the idea of "bad people" on the Internet who just want to scam them out of some cash?

Are people in denial?

Do they not think something like this could ever happen to them?

Do they really believe the ludicrous opportunities offered by online messages?

Whatever the case, people need to be aware of the dangers that may lie in their inboxes and should understand the threats involved in online scams.

Knowing how to defend yourself against online scammers could literally save you thousands of dollars.

### EDITORIAL POLICY

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## YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### EASTERN ACTED POORLY REGARDING 'THREAT'

I felt I had to respond to the "threat" from Robert Walker.

My response is very simple.

What a stupid situation.

It looks like Eastern has a shoot first, ask questions later policy.

Did anyone happen to check his Facebook for information before banning him from campus?

Since "things are going down" is a rather common term, it seems to be just

stupid of Eastern to take such drastic measures.

I know, someone will give me the "we live in such scary times" line, but, honestly, this just means people are wasting time instead of looking for real threats.

What's even dumber about the situation is there was nothing in particular that said it involved Eastern.

It only involved some paranoid person who, honestly, I'm more worried about than poor Robert.

If you think every time someone plans anything it is a threat, you should

have your head examined.

Eastern has shown that they can't handle things discretely and maturely.

I'd be singing a different tune had he threatened Eastern, but he didn't.

He's been railroaded by a bunch of paranoid lunatics.

Sorry, but you'd have to be crazy to take every common term for doing something and believe it's a threat.

That's my two cents anyway.

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Charleston business owner

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## CAMPUS | STUDENT SENATE

# Senate ends fight for library hours

## Emergency bill passed for elections

By KAYLEIGH ZYSKOWSKI  
Staff Reporter

Chris Kromphardt announced during Wednesday's Student Senate meeting that he is officially ending the Library Hours Initiative for his term as chair of the Academic Affairs Committee.

Kromphardt's decision was in response to the lack of student participation through the library hours research.

"I won't push an issue just

because I feel strongly about it," he said. "I'm supposed to be a representative of the students, and the students have spoken, both actively and passively."

The research the Academic Affairs Committee collected will be held for future senators to use for future reference on the subject.

Also, an emergency legislation was passed unanimously to fund the Student Government Elections on April 6 and 7.

This bill included funding for a tent, sound system, ballots and ballot printing, as well as balloons and stickers to help raise awareness on election day. This will cost \$973.

In other business, Executive Vice President Eric Wilber announced the bill for the Renewable Energy Center will be presented this morning to a committee in Springfield.

Sen. Dale Righter, R-Mattoon, will present the bill, and anyone in attendance will be able to speak for or against the bill.

Wilber plans to attend this meeting and voice his opinions on why this is necessary for Eastern.

"If they vote yes on it, it then goes to the State Senate," Wilber said. "If they vote no, the bill dies in committee."

During the meeting, the five members presented information

they gathered from the Conference on Student Government Association hosted by Texas A&M Feb. 28 through March 3.

These members included Mike Hilty, Isaac Sandidge, Tyson Holder, Jarrod Scherle and Speaker of the Senate Drew Griffin.

Of that information, ideas to improve campus were discussed, including possibilities for improvements of the landscaping, the "beautification" of campus and safety issues that could be addressed in the future.

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## » Deploy

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He said he has heard from some military officials and veterans that the western and northern regions in Afghanistan are docile right now, but the south is intense. However, Holzrichter said fighting might pick up throughout the country when winter ends.

Both Holzrichter and Austin, a sophomore finance major, have been training for three years and are ready to go.

"It's an honor to do it because less than 1 percent serves in the military," Holzrichter said. "It's a dangerous job and someone's got to do it, and I don't look down on others for not serving."

Austin said he had been thinking about deploying for a while.

"The main reason why I want to go there is to strengthen my future and get on the right track," Austin said.

Both Holzrichter and Austin completed basic training with their National Guard battalion, Bravo 21 130th Infantry.

Austin said he is confident to deploy after receiving basic training and advanced individual training with his battalion.

In order to better prepare and not waste money, Austin and Blount, a sophomore communication studies major, left this semester.

Austin said he did so to be safe because he did not know the time of deployment until too late.

Holzrichter and Austin both said they want to come back and finish school.

Holzrichter stayed in school, which was a risk. He had to pass the halfway point of the semester in order to gain credit without grades. If not, the classes would not have counted.

Holzrichter and Austin have been active in Eastern's Army ROTC program, but are not official members.

The ROTC is a college program that can pay for school and prepares students to be officers in either the Active, Reserve or National Guard component of the U.S. Army upon completion of their college degree.

Lt. Col. Larry Coblenz Jr. said Illinois National Guard or Reserves only deploy, not people contracted with ROTC.

Students entering the Advanced Course in the ROTC program sign a contract with the government and earn \$450 to \$500 tax-free each school month during their last two years of college.

Holzrichter, Austin and Blount are not contracted with ROTC, Coblenz said.

"You could not deploy if you are contracted," he said. "These individuals are participating, taking our classes while in college, but they have not signed the contract with ROTC."

The impending deployment is weighing on the students' families.

As an only child, Holzrichter's active service makes his parents a little anxious.

"Dad wants me to do what I want and supports me, but I know he is scared and won't admit it," he said.

"My mom is taking it in stride, but no mother wants to see their only child go to war."

Austin said his family also has mixed emotions.

While his dad Tom is excited and happy for his deployment, his mom Judy and sister Amelia are a little nervous. Although, Austin said his sister thinks it's cool that he's serving.

His family already has experience with kin going to war.

Gordon Creek, his uncle, served in Germany during World War II. Another uncle, Joe Creek, served during the Vietnam War.

While Holzrichter has not had family members who have been deployed, 1st Lt. Jared Southworth was a good friend of his for five years. Southworth was killed Feb. 8 while attempting to disarm a roadside bomb in Afghanistan.

When Holzrichter was in Oakland High School, he described how Southworth would talk to him and his friends frequently about the armed forces and how important it was to serve.

He said Southworth was the one who persuaded him to join the National Guard.

"Jared opened my eyes to the military," Holzrichter said. "He was a role model and told us stories in the town square."

He remembers Southworth telling him to use his head in combat and apply everything from the Army's training manual, which has the skills and strategies a soldier needs to know.

Master Sergeant John Boxrucker, who also served overseas, said the

new soldiers have to remember their training.

"They need to pay attention to everything they do in train up," Boxrucker said. "They are going to go somewhere and do more focused, preparatory stuff. If they pay attention to that, they will be good."

Boxrucker said the students' techniques, tactics and procedures will be developed well before deployment.

If they serve a year or have an honorable medical discharge, they will be eligible for the Illinois Veteran's Grant.

The grant is available for active duty in the Armed Forces, National Guard and the Reserve.

The money provided would go toward tuition and mandatory fees. This financial assistance could be for undergraduate or graduate work while the veteran has to maintain the college's minimum GPA requirement.

"We have kids here that come from basic training and then decide they want to go overseas," Boxrucker said.

"Deployment gets them more benefits and makes them more well rounded and better when they return. They could apply their leadership tools acquired to their officer training."

Boxrucker said veterans who receive the Illinois Veterans Grant and sign a contract with ROTC are in good shape financially, having all educational expenses paid for.

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## » Robbery

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The building's video surveillance footage has all been turned over to the Charleston police, Phillips said.

Police chief Mark Jenkins said Tuesday that one man had been home alone when two men entered his apartment and forced him to the floor and added that the victim claimed one of the suspects had a gun.

Jenkins said after the alleged robbers left, the victim reportedly found a video game system missing.

Campuswide alerts were sent out about the robbery Tuesday night.

Alert EIU, Eastern's emergency text-message system, sent subscribers a message around 9:30 p.m.

The message reported an armed robbery, described two suspects and directed recipients to check their university e-mail accounts.

Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs, also sent an e-mail to students, faculty and staff reporting the robbery, describing the suspects and listing safety tips.

Mark Hudson, director of University Housing and Dining Services, said his department took extra safety measures Tuesday night.

"We locked the outside doors earlier ... and we had our night assistants come in earlier," Hudson said.

He said his department is not taking any new precautions.

"We have things in place that are safeguards," Hudson said. "(We're) waiting to see what the investigation uncovers."

The Student Recreation Center also closed early, shutting its doors at 11 p.m. Tuesday night instead of midnight, said director Ken Baker.

"Other buildings on campus closed at 11," Baker said. "So, if they close part of the union and the dorms are closed ... where are (the robbers) going to go?"

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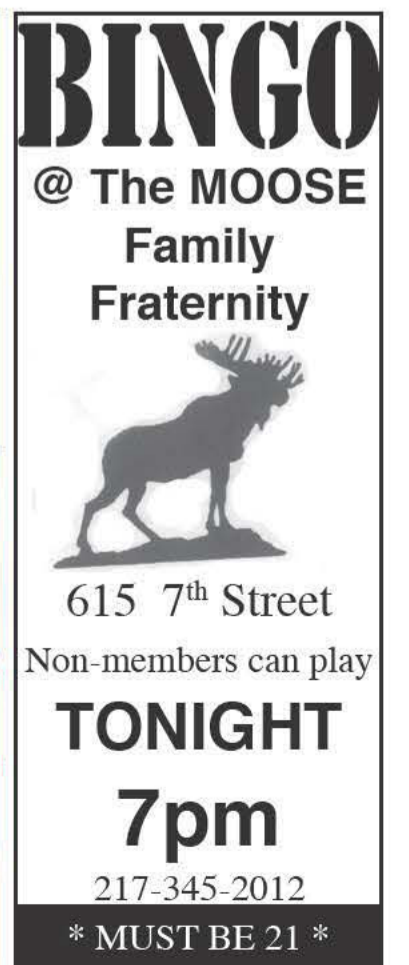
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» Travel

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Another major person for fundraising, Nilsen, devoted all of her trips in the fall semester to legislative and lobby work. Nilsen spent \$523 for those trips in the fall.

Perry said travel allows the university to establish and sustain contacts for potential gifts during fundraising.

One of his trips during the fall semester included a visit to Tony Romo, Dallas Cowboys quarterback and alumnus, and Mike Shanahan, former Denver Broncos head coach and alumnus.

That trip, which took Perry from Charleston to Denver, Colo., cost the university about \$354.

Perry said travel does not comprise a large portion of the university's overall budget. He said, on average, he makes a fundraising trip once a month. He gave the external relations department three to five days a month for fundraising travel.

Destinations visited by the four people varied from Las Vegas to Durham, N.C., to Chicago to St. Louis to Monticello.

Money for fundraising trips can also come from a variety of budgets on campus.

Perry said his office has an overall travel budget, while the Office of Philanthropy has a travel budget specifically for fundraising.

He said on certain occasions, he visits alumni while on a personal development trip, such as a convention.

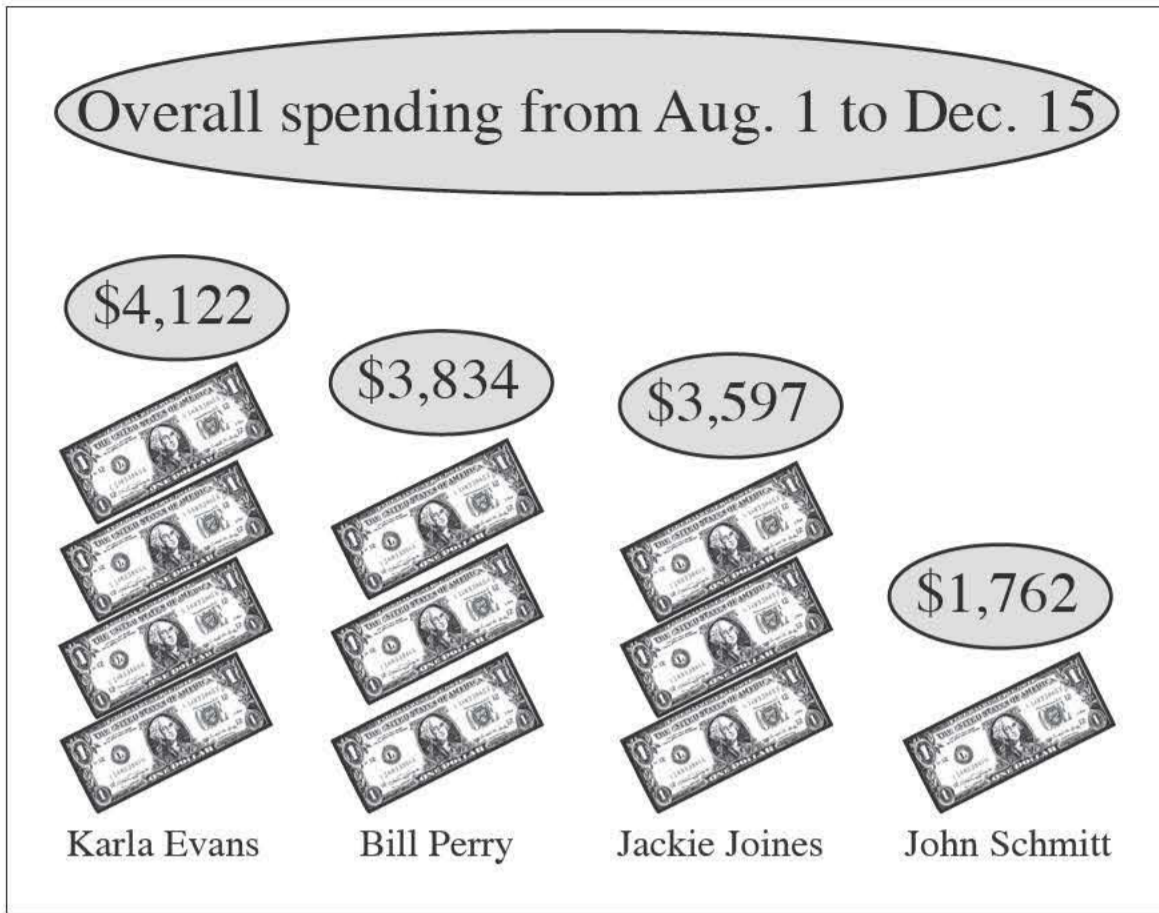
"I just roll that in with it, so that we are able to get more impact with our travel dollar," Perry said.

Evans said her office has \$71,500 allocated for total travel for fiscal year 2009. Most of the travel dollars are for fundraising trips.

Joines said her primary duty is to acquire major and planned gifts for Lumpkin College. She said her donor list is comprised mostly of alumni. She also receives \$6,000 to \$8,000 a year for travel from the college.

She also said Nilsen could supplement her travel funds if she uses all of her travel budget.

"It doesn't take very much to go through my budget, but I still need to function to do my job," Joines said. "You can only e-mail, call and write letters to a certain extent."



GRAPHIC BY ERIN MATHENY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

President Bill Perry and three other major people on campus spent more than \$13,000 for fund-raising trips to meet with alumni face-to-face. The fundraising trips will help raise money for scholarships and financial aid, professional development, academic programs and improvement projects for Eastern facilities.

Perry said Eastern officials always try to take the lowest hotel rate and lowest airfare in an area and be as economical as possible.

"By a combination of resources, we are able to make the kind of contacts and the kind of visits we need to do," Perry said.

**Doing a lot with a little**

Eastern historically has always had a smaller philanthropy office compared to other public universities.

Although that trend is changing slightly, the philanthropy staff will be expected to raise \$40 million in the next five years with limited resources.

Nilsen said Perry and former President Lou Hencken made fundraising a priority.

"The more people you have meeting folks, the better it is in terms of raising money," she said.

In fact, to provide more resources for the major campaign, the university hired three philanthropy directors in the fall semester. The three people equal two full-time positions.

Nilsen said, combining all part-time and full-time directors, the Office of Philanthropy has four-and-a-half full-time fundraisers. Each director can receive anywhere from \$2,000 to \$10,000 for travel.

Conversely, Western Illinois University has eight full-time directors who annually receive \$12,000 to \$15,000 for travel.

Dan Hendricks, vice president for advancement and public services at Western, said the directors devote most of their time to fundraising and are each responsible for a different college.

Western has five colleges and an enrollment of 10,785.

The University of Illinois Foundation has nine regional directors, each responsible for a geographic area. The directors represent three campuses: Urbana-Champaign, Chicago and Springfield.

Donald Kojich, assistant vice president of marketing and communications for the U of I Foundation, said each college on each campus has a chief developer officer that might have two to three people devoted to fundraising.

Because the foundation is in a \$2.5 billion campaign, Kojich said the its travel budget is essentially limitless in order to raise such a large amount of money.

"I couldn't begin to give an answer," Kojich said.

The Urbana-Champaign campus has an enrollment of 30,935. The Chicago campus has an enrollment of 25,000 and the Springfield campus has an enrollment of 2,889. The colleges on the three campuses total 31, including two graduate colleges.

Eastern has five colleges and an enrollment of 12,040. Joines is the only person to represent a college, while three other directors are responsible for the athletics department, Chicago, Springfield and Florida.

Many retired alumni live in Florida.

Eastern's small philanthropy staff, however, could receive additional help in the future.

Evans said her office is in the process of aligning the directors not assigned to a region with deans and vice presidents of the university.

She said more donors from the different colleges would be covered once the directors are assigned to working with deans and the vice presidents because communication would be streamlined.

**Travel necessary for relationships**

In order to develop relationships, fundraising directors are expected to travel.

Evans said a full-time director receives \$10,000 a year for travel. A part-time director, who devotes 80 percent of his time to fundraising, receives \$8,000 a year for travel. A part-time director, who spends 60 percent of his time to fundraising work, receives \$6,000 for travel, and so forth.

By applying that model to the 10 development directors in the Office of Philanthropy, one director in the office receives \$10,000 for travel, three receive \$8,000, three receive \$6,000, two receive \$5,000 and one receives \$2,000.

Evans said each director also has a portfolio of potential donors who belong to either a region or an academic program.

Evans expects the directors to cultivate those potential donors to acquire major gifts. Cultivation can take from 18 months to two years, she said.

In order to cultivate donors, the directors need to maximize their travel budget.

Evans gave a hypothetical example. If a full-time director makes \$60,000 a year on a \$10,000 travel budget, they are expected to raise \$600,000 for the university. The general standard is a director is expected to earn 10 times his salary, she said.

"I could never justify putting \$10,000 on a director and then not having them produce," Evans said.

When on the road, Evans expects her directors to be busy. She said, in general, directors should visit five different donors per trip. In early February, Evans went to Phoenix during a weekend. She had three scheduled visits on that Friday.

From 10 to 11:30 a.m., she met an individual donor. From 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., she attended a lunch meeting with donors. From 5 to 8 p.m., she visited donors for dinner.

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"That is about eight hours of face time, which is a lot," Evans said. "It's more about listening than talking, but it's exhausting. That same thing happened Saturday. It's an intense process."

Perry, likewise, said he wants his days busy during fundraising trips.

Many times, the director who knows the donor or alum will accompany Perry on a trip. That director is in charge of compiling background information on all the people Perry will visit.

"You have two or three, four days sometimes, of these meetings," Perry said. "At the end of the day, I'll jot down notes from my meetings or in between meetings."

Perry said that while traveling, many one-on-one meetings with multiple donors take place during one day. In those instances, Perry said he could meet donors and alumni dur-

**"Giving back is supposed to be fun. That's why they call them gifts."**

**— Jackie Joines, development director of philanthropy for the Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences**

ing a breakfast, mid-morning lunch, an afternoon meeting and an evening meeting. He said sometimes he has four personal meetings in a day. Other times, he has five.

Alumni events are another way the president meets potential donors. Those gatherings, Perry said, usually take place during a social event. For example, during the summer, Perry met a group of alumni for lunch in Wrigleyville and then they all went to a Chicago Cubs game.

Evans said travel is vital to developing relationships with potential donors because sitting in an office and making phone calls to raise money is not enough.

"When people give to people, they want that face-to-face interaction," Evans said. "They want that eye contact and the ability to gauge non-verbal communication."

Joines enjoys the process of developing relationships with donors. She said she enjoys hearing donors' stories about what led them to Eastern. Joines has been involved in philanthropy at Eastern for 10 years and was the first person hired to represent a college. She said the key when meeting with a donor is to listen. She added that with her job title, donors know why she is visiting.

"That's no big revelation," she said. Joines said sustaining a relationship

is no different from a person keeping in contact with friends. She said the more time a director spends with donors, the more time the director gets to know them. Because of this, Joines knows when certain donors are busy during a particular time of year, or she will send condolences to a donor when the anniversary of the death of a family member comes around. She said she makes sure donors understand she is not simply trying to take money from them.

"To me, this is a relationship," she said. "Giving back is supposed to be fun. That's why they call them gifts."

When Joines cultivates donors, she said she educates donors about the needs of Eastern, the mission of Eastern and the news surrounding Eastern. When she has to make an offer, she said the trust between her and the donor already exists.

"They know it is important," Joines said. "They don't question the need. Trust is very, very important."

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The Associated Press

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PANTHER BRIEFS

# Men's soccer adds seven

Needing to replace an accomplished seven-member senior class, Eastern men's soccer head coach Adam Howarth announced Wednesday the signing of seven recruits who will join the Panthers in the fall.

Those signing National Letters of Intent to play at Eastern includes: Kyle Bullock (Champaign/Champaign Centennial), Alex Koch (Belleville/Belleville West), Trevor Kohlrus (Chatham/Parkland Community College), Jerry Maddi (Naper-

ville/Naperville Central), Kendal Spurgin (Geneva/Geneva), Shailer Thomas (Bloomington/Bloomington) and Ryan Warren (Colorado Springs, Colo./Liberty). Koch, Spurgin and Warren are all projected midfielders, Kohlrus is a defender, and Thomas is a goalkeeper. Bullock and Maddi could see action as either a midfielder or a forward.

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## Schneider

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While the Panthers certainly began to show their batters' power, they have also remained disciplined at the plate. They currently have an on-base percentage of .410, while tallying 71 runs with 44 walks.

As a team, Eastern has a .329 average, while holding opponents to an average of .259. The Panthers have hit 11 home runs, while having a team slugging percentage of .503. They have also shown their discipline at the plate by not striking out on a consistent basis.

The Panthers have only struck out 54 times in 10 games, which comes out to about one hitter striking out every other inning of the game.

In comparison, the pitching staff has struck out 73 batters, while only allowing a .368 slugging percentage.

So far, the Panthers have found many ways to put runs on the board, whether it is by stealing bases or simply getting base hits.

Junior pitcher and designated hitter Richie Derbak is currently leading the team with two sacrifices to move runners along. Derbak also leads the team in doubles with four and base hits with 17. Along with

Derbak's consistency, senior center fielder Brett Nommensen and senior second baseman Jordan Tokarz have also provided the Panthers with an offensive threat.

With the season only 10 games in, both Nommensen and Tokarz have already stolen two bases on three attempts, while Eastern as a whole has eight steals on the season.

In addition to his steals, Nommensen is leading the team with four home runs, including a two home-run performance against Indiana State Tuesday. Nommensen is also leading the team in total bases taken with 30.

Aside from the individual statistics, the Panthers have done a good job of out-hitting their opponents. On the season, the Panthers have totaled 117 hits, while only allowing 84.

They have also tallied 23 doubles, while only giving up 15, which shows they cannot only hit consistently, but can hit with power.

Heading into the rest of the season, the Panthers will look to continue their strong hitting efforts, while also remaining aggressive on the base paths.

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## Future

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A 2002 Western Illinois alumna, Perala coached her high school alma mater, Rockford Guilford, in 2003. She is a Rockford native.

Perala is aware of the struggles the Panthers faced last season, specifically on the offensive end of the field where they managed only nine goals the entire season. She said she plans to stress the basics early on in hopes to cure those woes.

"It's probably going to get back to the fundamentals of basic run options in attack and basic shooting technique," she said. "We'll try to get the players more comfortable playing in front of the goal. We'll have some opportunities coming up in the spring games and, hopefully, we'll be able to open up the floodgates."

Like Nowak, Perala is a former goalkeeper with a defensive background. However, she stressed that her coaching mentality will be more well-balanced.

"I plan on having a nice, structured defense, but still be able to bring creativity and flair on offense," she said. "As a coach, you learn to be

fluid in how you approach things. One system might not work for a particular game, and you have to adapt."

Perala said she felt really comfortable with the players and administrators she met during her interview process, and her main focus is getting Eastern women's soccer back to the level of perennial conference contender.

"I hope to bring the passion and competitiveness I've seen in Eastern in the past," she said. "I have a desire to get to the top of the conference and bring championships. I'm excited to get there and get working."

Only three seniors graduated from last season's team and 17 letter-winners are expected to return next season. This includes red-shirt freshman defender Sam Balek, who earned Second-Team All-OVC honors and was named to the All-Newcomer squad. Eastern junior midfielder Alexis Miller also returns. Miller earned 2007 OVC All-Tourney Honors. Eastern junior goalkeeper Jenny Williams is also set to return. Williams was named to the 2007 All-OVC Newcomer Team.

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## Holtz

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May said one of the biggest reasons she did so well was that she was having fun. May also said being at home helped.

Holtz said she knew May could hold the final three batters down after the Panthers took the lead.

Schuetz said the team had been playing too tight and not as a unit, and she said that had changed with-

in the past week and was exemplified Wednesday.

"We took it one pitch at a time," Schuetz said.

Eastern red-shirt junior Angela Danca helped the Panthers with a 3-for-3 performance.

Indiana State senior pitcher Darcy Wood (3-4) held the Panthers to six hits. Eastern junior second baseman Megan Nelson was the only other Panther to register a hit.

She walked only one and struck out eight.

Despite the 35-degree day, the Panthers will play more games at home.

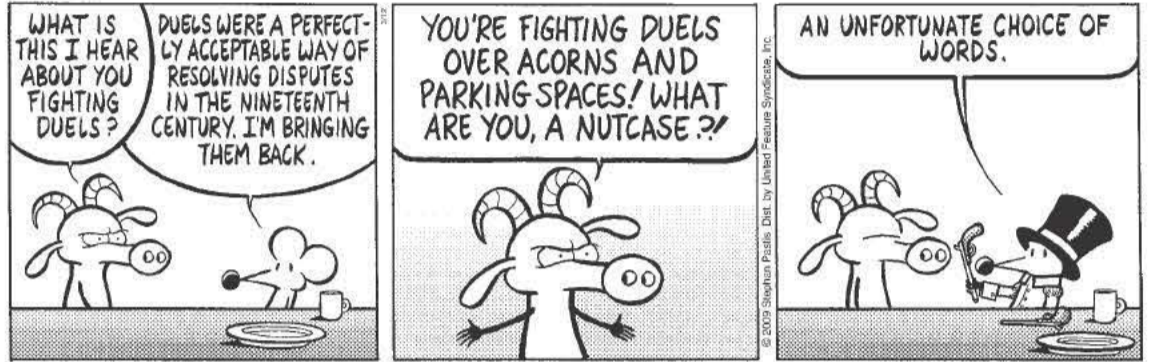
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They play a doubleheader against Tennessee State at 4 p.m. Friday at Williams.

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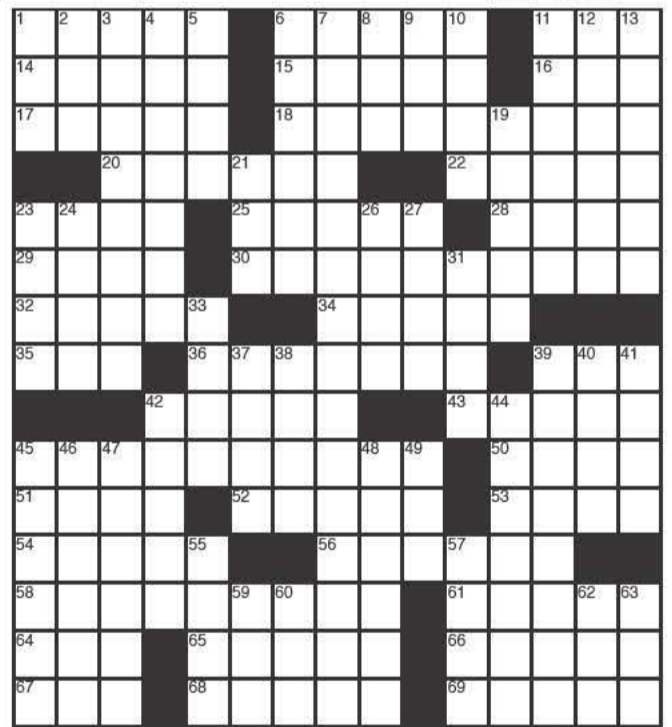
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- Accomplish lots of things
  - Not fitting
  - Year St. Pius I died
  - Sister of Clio
  - Subject of the 2007 documentary "An Unreasonable Man"
  - "Norma \_\_\_"
  - Belief
  - Actor who received a 7-Down (1998, 2002, 2005-06)
  - Popular breath mint
  - Bovine in old ads
  - \_\_\_ material (sturdy fabric)
  - More red, maybe
  - Field in which things are looking up?: Abbr.
  - Orient
  - Singer/songwriter who received a 7-Down (2002, 2004-06, 2008)
  - Some jazz combos
  - One with a long face?
  - Hot tub
  - Singer who received a 7-Down (2003)
  - Tofu source
  - Moviemaking lamp
  - Pigment used in drawing
  - Singer/actress who received a 7-Down (1996-2002)
  - Difficult sort
  - Extract from a French bean?
  - Party list
  - Terrier type
  - From the top
  - "Steamboat \_\_\_" first Mickey Mouse cartoon
  - Comedian who received a 7-Down (2003-06)
  - Amalgam, e.g.
  - One-dimensional: Abbr.
  - Bob Cratchit's occupation
  - To a great extent
  - Switch positions
  - "It takes all \_\_\_"
  - Benders?
- DOWN**
- Acquire
  - It's found in veins
  - Singer who received a 7-Down (2005)
  - Eroded
  - Drillers' org.?
  - Next to Connecticut Avenue, say, on a Monopoly board
  - Annual entertainment honor
  - Navy chief: Abbr.
  - Bank of China Tower architect
  - Logician's drawing
  - Piece of equipment used in a national sport of Canada
  - Looseness
  - Annoying types
  - Bit of snow
  - Song syllable
  - Spurts from fountains
  - O.K. Corral fighter
  - Sch. course with graphs
  - Comedy standout
  - Unchanged
  - Hacienda room
  - Letter start
  - Achilles' weakness
  - Director who received a 7-Down (2007)
  - Like some hair
  - Columbia rival
  - Funnyman Robert
  - Fraternity letter
  - Spanish devil
  - Enter cautiously
  - Gets to know
  - Boonies
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# ALL ACCESS WITH JORDAN TOKARZ

## Senior second baseman finishing final season

Senior second baseman Jordan Tokarz is helping the baseball team as it seeks a second consecutive Ohio Valley Conference Tournament Championship. Tokarz wants to play baseball after college and teach physical education. Staff Reporter Richard Morse sat down with Tokarz to talk about baseball, his older brother, road trips and who ultimately wins - the Cubs or the White Sox.

### Why did you choose Elgin Community College?

Basically, it was because Elgin was the only school that really recruited me and gave me any scholarship money. I don't regret going there. I had a great two years there, but it was the only choice that I had.

### What are your favorite things at Eastern?

Just hanging out with my friend is a blast. Whenever we have our days off from baseball, it's just fun to kick back and hang out with each other. It's what I love about it. Everyone is so close, it's just fun to kick back and relax with everybody.

### What do you do on the road trips?

When we have the long trips like the one to Florida coming up, that's a real, real long drive. A lot of people sleep, people bring their PSPs, just play some games. People are messin' around with their laptops and watching movies. We play some cards with some of the teammates too. There's a lot of stuff you can do on a long drive but it's not as bad because you're talking with everybody or you're playing a game so it doesn't seem as long as it is.

### What are your plans after senior year?

After college, I'm hopefully still playing baseball, but you never know if that's going to happen. If not, I am going to be student teaching in the fall. I'm a (physical education) major, so I'm going to be getting that all complete. So hopefully I'll be getting a job teaching PE and coaching baseball.

### Why is your brother, Ryan, your biggest influence?

I look up to him with a lot of things I've done in my life. When I see him play baseball, he plays so hard, I just wanted to be like him.

Everyone wants to be like their big brother and it's no different with me. So, what he did, he pushed me to be the player I am today. Everything he has taught me has made me who I am.

### How close of a relationship do you have with him?

Pretty much like most brothers, we've been going out a lot more since we've both been in college. We have similar friends. We hang out and talk a lot. We share a room at home too, so it's hard for us to be separated. We share a lot of things in common.

### What is a favorite memory of your brother?

One thing I always remember is one time when we were playing football with a bunch of the neighborhood kids. One of the kids was getting a little rough with me and he, as an older brother, came over to protect me and he threw the football at the guy and hit him in the nuts. It was pretty funny. He was there to protect me, but we also had a lot of fun growing up.

### Have you ever played on the same team with him?

We played on a fall league team, a Bulls/Sox Academy fall league team. It was actually the best team that they've ever had in the league. It was a fun fall. It was him playing (short-stop), and me playing second. It was real fun to do that with him.

### Is there any significance to wearing the No. 3?

I've been No. 2 my whole life until I came here. (Junior outfielder) Curt Restko was No. 2, and I asked him if I could have that. My mom actually makes a bigger deal than anyone that I don't have No. 2 anymore. I really just take No. 3 because it's close to No. 2. When I got it, it was because I liked (Alex Rodriguez),



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Senior second baseman Jordan Tokarz was the only player to start in all 57 games in the 2008 season. Following graduation, Tokarz wants to teach physical education and play professional baseball.

but now that he's on steroids, I don't really want to say that anymore.

### You come from the Chicago-land area, Cubs, or Sox?

Sox, definitely. I don't know why. My whole family likes the Cubs, but somehow I turned out to like the Sox. Growing up I just liked more

of the players on the Sox so it just turned into me liking the White Sox more.

### Has that turned into a brother rivalry?

Yeah. We've exchanged the words sometimes. It wasn't too good for him in '05 when the Sox won the

World Series. And then with the Cubs losing every single year, it's just kind of fun sometimes.

### Do you follow any sports other than baseball?

Oh yeah, I follow football. I'm a big (Chicago) Bears fan. Every Sunday I watch them. It's good that they're on down here. We've got the whole family, all Bears fans.

### Why is Christmas your favorite holiday?

It's not just all presents, it's just that being a college student I don't get to see all the family and cousins that I used to. It's just fun to see all my family members, as well as my girlfriend's family members. It's fun to hang out with them because I don't really get to see them that often, either. It's just a good time of year.

### What's the best Christmas present you've received?

My girlfriend got me Blue Man Group tickets. That was a real fun show. It was one of the best shows I've ever seen. It was fun. We went down to Chicago and had a great night.

### How does it feel to be the reigning OVC Tournament Champions?

That was a huge win, and we all have the confidence that we're going to do it again. We're not too overconfident that we're going to look past everything and not be able to do it. We're good, and we're playing with a real good confidence this year so far. I'm real happy with the way that everyone is playing, and I think we have a great opportunity to win our conference and do something at (Regionals) too. I'm real excited with how this year might turn out.

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WOMEN'S GOLF | SEASON PREVIEW

# Maintaining momentum

Panthers want to improve from fourth-place conference finish

By **DAN CUSACK**  
Sports Reporter

The women's golf team has not played competitive golf as a team since Oct. 28, when the team finished off a solid fall campaign with a second-place finish at the Dayton Invitational out of 10 teams.

Sunday, the women's team will begin its spring campaign at the Samford Invitational at the Limestone Spring Golf Course in Oneonta, Ala.

Junior Jaymie Voorhees said the team has looked solid so far in the fall, and although it is early, they have been hitting well. She hopes the team can continue the pace they set in the fall (one first-place, three second-place finishes) with them this spring.

The Panthers finished fourth at the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament last season, which was its best finish since the 2003 season. During the 2003 season, the Panthers finished second.

"We have to continue to keep that drive to win," Voorhees said. "Our first goal is to go Regionals, and we want to win in conference."

She said she would obviously like to come in first every tournament, but she would be happy finishing in the top 10 and maintaining her scores to a level she knows she can perform.

Good weather last week and early this week allowed the team to play a couple of full rounds.

Senior Michelle Anderson said she was able to play 18 holes last Monday and Friday.

"We are all out there getting back into it," Anderson said. "But so far, as a group we look good."

The Panthers return Anderson, Voorhees, seniors Katie Imburgia and Carrie Riordan as

a group that finished fourth last season.

Riordan said it has been rough training this spring because her schedule does not allow her to practice with the rest of her teammates.

"It can be tough because when you're struggling," she said. "You look to the other girls or coach for help."

She is excited for the tournament this weekend because she will get to take time out to be with her team and have fun.

Riordan earned First Team All-OVC honors last season and finished ninth at the OVC Tournament.

No one on the team has played this weekend's course in Alabama, but they said they have talked to players who have.

A number of players said they talked to the men's golf team who played at the course this past week for the Samford Invitational.

Anderson said her boyfriend plays golf for Southern Illinois Carbondale, a team that played in the tournament, and he told her about the course.

"He said it was a straight course, but there were a lot of pine trees," Anderson said. "He said it can be really tough because the greens are fast, but a lot of courses in Alabama are like that."

The men's team said it was a hilly course, so it was important that they got used to walking 18 holes again with the rounds earlier this week, Riordan said.

Voorhees said she has a simple goal for the tournament this weekend.

"We want to start off the season with our first No. 1 finish," Voorhees said. "We want to set the tone for the rest of the season."

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Eastern junior golfer Jaymie Voorhees follows through after driving the ball on the fourth hole during women's golf practice Monday at the Mattoon Country Club.

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# Perala secure about future

Alabama-Birmingham  
assistant coach wants  
to get back to basics,  
compete right away

By COLLIN WHITCHURCH  
Assistant Sports Editor

The new head coach of the Eastern women's soccer team is confident about the possibility of a quick turnaround.

Summer Perala was hired Tuesday to replace Tim Nowak, who left the program in late January to take an assistant coach job at Arkansas. She thinks a team that went 3-14-2 last season can start competing right away.

"With the girls returning and that are coming in, I think this is a good opportunity to step in and make a run at a conference title right away," she said during a phone interview Wednesday.

Perala is the third head coach in Eastern women's soccer history after spending the past six seasons as an assistant at Alabama-Birmingham.

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COURTESY OF ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM SPORTS INFORMATION

Eastern head women's soccer coach Summer Perala was hired this past week to take over the program. Perala was an assistant coach at Alabama-Birmingham for the past six seasons and also coached at Western Illinois.

## NATIONAL SPORTS

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL  
**Big East Tournament** |  
11 a.m. on ESPN

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL  
**Big 12 Tournament** |  
11:30 a.m. on ESPN2

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL  
**Big East Tournament** |  
1 p.m. on ESPN

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL  
**Big 10 Tournament** |  
1:30 p.m. on ESPN2

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL  
**Pac-10 Tournament** |  
2 p.m. on FSN Midwest

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL  
**Big 10 Tournament** |  
4 p.m. on ESPN2

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL  
**Pac-10 Tournament** |  
4:30 p.m. on FSN Midwest

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL  
**Big East Tournament** |  
6 p.m. on ESPN

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL  
**ACC Tournament** |  
6 p.m. on ESPN2

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL  
**Big 10 Tournament** |  
7 p.m. on Big Ten

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL  
**Big East Tournament** |  
8 p.m. on ESPN

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL  
**Big 12 Tournament** |  
8:30 p.m. on ESPN2

## SCOREBOARD

### SOFTBALL

\*E. Illinois 3, Indiana State 0  
\*E. Kentucky 6, Yale 5  
\*Ohio Valley Conference team



ERIC HILTNER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Eastern sophomore pitcher Amberly May winds up during Wednesday afternoon's home opener against Indiana State at Williams Field.

## SOFTBALL | EASTERN 3, INDIANA STATE 0

# Holtz goes deep

May comes close  
to no-hitter in  
team's home opener

By KEVIN MURPHY  
Sports Editor

Kiley Holtz was not ready for her first at-bat.

Holtz, Eastern's sophomore third baseman, struck out in the bottom of the first inning.

After that, Holtz saw the ball clearly and capped off her adjustment with a three-run home run in the bottom of the sixth inning that proved to be the difference as the Eastern softball team defeated Indiana State 3-0 Wednesday at Williams Field.

Holtz finished 2-for-3 in the Panthers' home opener.

"I was thinking base hit - up the middle," Holtz said of the home-run pitch, which was the first pitch of the at-bat.

Her shot to left field was also her fourth home run of the season. She leads the team in home runs as the Panthers snapped a two-game losing streak.

Holtz had not capitalized in the

first inning when the Panthers had the bases loaded.

"I didn't have my head on the ball," she said.

But Holtz was able to bring her teammates for her 13th, 14th and 15th RBI of the season.

She leads the Panthers (10-7) in RBIs.

Holtz was able to complement Eastern sophomore pitcher Amber May's performance.

May allowed only one hit as she struck out seven and walked only two Sycamores (4-8).

May was throwing a no-hitter until the fifth inning.

Indiana State junior left fielder Amber Paz landed a bloop hit just outside of freshman first baseman Amanda Bilina's reach between first base and the pitcher's mound.

May (7-4) said although the call was questionable, she liked the win. May was also glad she reached her goal of getting seven strikeouts a game. She said hitting the corners really helped on a cold day.

"She was getting ahead of the hitters," said Eastern head coach Kim Schuette.

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NEIL SCHNEIDER

## Well- rounded approach

The Eastern baseball team is currently 6-4 on the season, and one of the main reasons for their early success is the production they are getting from the offense.

They are currently averaging more than seven runs a game, including having a season-high 16-run performance against Wisconsin-Milwaukee on Sunday.

In the past two games against Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Indiana State, the Panthers have combined to put up 25 runs, while hitting a total of 15 extra-base hits during the two game span.

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## EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

MEN'S TRACK  
Friday at NCAA Championships |  
All Day - College Station, Texas

TENNIS  
Friday vs. Western Illinois |  
1 p.m. - Darling Courts

SOFTBALL  
Friday vs. Tennessee State (DH) |  
4 p.m. - Williams Field

BASEBALL  
Friday vs. South Florida |  
6 p.m. - Tampa, Fla.

MEN'S TRACK  
Saturday at NCAA Championships |  
All Day - College Station, Texas