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FLOATING ON 'CLOUD 9'

Check out a review of the student-directed and student-run play, 'Cloud 9,' taking place in the Doudna Fine Arts Center until Sunday.

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THE SWEDISH SLINGER

Sophomore javelin thrower David Johansson shows a passion for and excellence in track and field events.

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CAMPUS | OVERCOMING HARDSHIP

Student creates scholarship from struggles

By Bob Galuski
Entertainment Editor

The trials and tribulations of Timery Jackson's life have led her down a path to Eastern's campus, where she has created her own scholarship to help out students.

"I came from a single-parent family," she said. "I didn't know my father until I was 8-years-old. There were periods of time where my mom was absent, and periods where my dad was gone."

She said from the struggles she had to face growing up, an idea formed about a scholarship to help out people who might work hard, but might not be able to break through the barrier to receive a scholarship.

"I didn't have the easiest life," she said. "I know what it's like to work hard, but never seem to be enough."

Her scholarship, the "Walk My Journey" scholarship, came to life after Jackson spent time looking back on how hard it was for her to succeed.

"It was crazy," she said. "I was reflecting on my life."

A sixth year senior, Jackson will be graduating in May, and said the scholarship will be a way to help somebody who works hard, but might not get recognition.

"I knew I didn't have a 3.0 GPA or above to qualify for scholarships," Jackson said.

She said the fact that she worked hard, but could not qualify was discouraging.

"It doesn't mean I don't deserve it," she said. "I work just as hard for my grades."



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Timery Jackson, a senior general studies major, created the first Walk My Journey Scholarship. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. hosted the Jabberwock Scholarship Banquet located in the MLK Union on Sunday where the winner of the scholarship was announced.

The money for the scholarship comes from her job at Wal-Mart, and she deposits money every week or so.

Jackson said she hopes to con-

tinue the scholarship on in the future, long after she has graduated from Eastern.

She said the scholarship is based on applicants, and any-

body – regardless of age, sex or gender – can apply.

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CAMPUS | STUDENT VOTING

New senate executive board announced

Four positions have been filled for fall semester

By Samantha McDaniel
Student Governance Editor

The 2013-14 school year student body president was officially named at the Student Senate meeting on Wednesday.

Kaylia Eskew, a junior journalism major, was elected as the new student body president.

According to the election results, Eskew received 461 of the 908 students who voted.

The other members of the Student Senate executive board were also officially elected.

Current Student Senate Speaker Mitch Gurick, a sophomore business major, was officially elected as the executive vice president.

Gurick received 632 votes.

The student vice president for student af-

airs will be Darnell Tyms, a junior communication studies major.

Tyms received 454 votes.

Kathryn English, a sophomore mathematics major, was elected as the student vice president for academic affairs.

English was elected with a vote of 457.

Current Student Body President Kaci Abolt, a senior communication studies major, said these results were read at their last meeting, but were not official until the other candidates had the opportunity to file grievances.

The Student Senate members also elected a new Student Senate speaker.

The Student Senate Speaker elections did not conclude by the time of publication.

The Student Senate also approved the four student-fee funded budgets for Fiscal Year 2014.

Jenna Mitchell, the student vice president of student affairs, said the budgets equal \$480,556, a \$19,050 decrease from last year.

The Student Senate members also approved \$4,323.77 in expenditure request.

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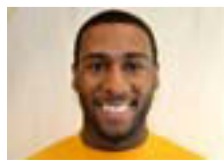
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for Academic Affairs



Darnell Tyms
Student Vice President
for Student Affairs

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CAMPUS | STATE AUDIT

Audit reveals 24 missing computers

By Chacour Koop
Special Projects Reporter

Eastern had 16 findings on its 2012 audit report released last week — which included 36 missing computers and failure to implement a policy requiring all university-owned vehicles to undergo regular service.

The 16 findings in Eastern's audit is third-most of any Illinois university this year — behind the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with 30 findings and Chicago State University with 29 findings.

In the previous three years, Eastern had anywhere from five to eight findings. Three of the findings this year are repeats from the 2011 audit.

Overall, the university's financial statements were fairly stated in all material aspects — meaning no significant amounts of money were incorrectly recorded. However, some adjustments were made to the ledger, including about \$2 million added to the university's bottom line for 2012.

Missing Computers

The state of Illinois valued the 36 missing computers, five external hard drives, and one flash-drive at \$58,432. Auditors noted Eastern had not encrypted its software, which increases the risk that confidential information could be leaked. Since the report, Eastern found 12 of the 36 missing computers. They are still looking for the 24 missing computers.

Paul McCann, director of business service and treasurer, said the machines may have been stolen, lost or sent to Springfield to be recycled — but recycling cannot be proven unless destruction records are found. One of the 12 newly found computers was found after an employee manually looked through destruction records and found the computer was already destroyed.

During audit testing, Eastern was unable to determine if the missing computers contained confidential information. McCann said the missing machines could contain information.

"For the most part, there is no information on most machines that even is sensitive information," McCann said. "A lot of them were computer lab machines that don't store any information. We always have concern if we have any missing computer."

In March 2012, Eastern moved to a computerized tracking system of inventory, which McCann said is much better at identifying the location of inventory. He said this partly contributed to why more computers showed up missing on the inventory report.

Eastern must track down about 30,000 "red tag" bar-coded inventory items — those valued more than \$500 — every year.

"With the new computerized system, we'll be better at keeping track of this," McCann said.

Keeping up the vehicle fleet

Auditors also indicated that Eastern failed to implement a policy that keeps university-owned vehicles in a road-worthy and safe operating condition. Eastern agreed to improve the regular service and repairs.

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CHARLESTON | CHARITY

Bingo to support Habitat for Humanity

By Bob Galuski
Entertainment Editor

Two Eastern seniors will be blending a game and a charitable organization to raise money for Habitat for Humanity.

The bingo night will be at 7 p.m. Thursday.

The Charleston Moose Lodge, located at 615 Seventh St., will be home base for a bingo game night, with all proceeds going to Habitat for Humanity.

Participants need to be 21-years-old because alcohol will be served during the bingo night.

The bingo night costs \$10 for a page with six bingo cards and \$12 for a page with nine bingo cards.

Through the competition, contestants will have the chance to win anywhere from \$50 to \$500.

Ashley Copple, one of the organizers, said every round of bingo play would have a cash-prize winner.

"It's two hours and you have a chance to win money every round," she said.

Copple, a senior marketing major, said she wanted to donate to Habitat for Humanity since she had worked with the organization before.

"With Habitat, you're actually there, getting dirty," she said. "It's rough around the edges, and you find people who genuinely want to help."

Copple co-organized the game night with Cori Hilton, a senior marketing major.

Hilton said Copple had connections with the Moose Lodge presi-



FILE PHOTO | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Bianca Tomlin, a junior history major, tries to hammer in a nail as fast as she can on April 10, 2012. Members of Habitat for Humanity challenged students to hammer a nail in as fast as they could as a part of Act! Speak! Build! Week, which raises awareness about Habitat for Humanity.

dent while she was in charge of fliers.

Hilton said one of the things she wanted to get across with the bingo night was letting students know about different organizations they can help out with.

"There are so many organizations students don't know about," she said. "It's good to know."

The idea to help out a charity came from a class assignment.

"We had to find an organization and find a way to help it out,"

Copple said.

The current bingo night is not Copple and Hilton's first attempt at helping Habitat for Humanity out through a bingo night in the Moose Lodge.

"We had one last semester," Copple said. "But there was a huge snowstorm that night."

Copple said they still were able to get people to the bingo night, but that was not enough for them. "We can't control the weather,"

Hilton said. "It's not about a grade anymore."

Even though both women are graduating this year, they said they still want to try and continue helping out Habitat for Humanity after they have left Eastern.

"We have so many ideas we want to implement," Copple said.

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CHARLESTON | CLASS

Dogs to learn swimming safety, form

By Bradley Merkle
Staff Reporter

Dogs will be able to improve upon their dog paddling form in a swim class for dogs.

The class will introduce dogs and their owners to principles of water safety and recreational retrieving.

Ellen Johnson, a certified dog trainer, will begin hosting the dog swim class 6 p.m. Thursday.

For \$45 dog owners can attend classes that will take place once a week until May 2. The first class will meet at the Dog Training Facility, 318 17th St., and then at Charleston Lake for the remaining three classes.

"The class isn't intended to teach dogs

how to swim, because most dogs already know how to do that," Johnson said. "All we are doing is introducing dogs to the water so that their first experience is positive and safe."

The dogs will learn through what Johnson refers to as imitative learning.

This is where a demonstration dog, in this case Johnson's golden retriever, goes out into the water and fetches a "dog bumper" or toy and brings it back, dropping it at her feet.

All dogs are welcome just as long as they are at least 5-months-old and have a collar and leash. The class may also be split into groups based on the dog's age and size.

The times of the class may be switched depending on how many dog

owners enroll in the class.

Kennel cough immunization is required to enroll in the class, and dog owners will be need to have a copy of all their pets' vaccine records on hand the first day of class.

Johnson said she enjoys when Eastern students enroll in her classes because of their ability to listen and follow directions.

Ethan Shimer, a senior education major, said this class sounds ideal for him and his yellow Labrador, Scooter.

"I hunt ducks and other live game throughout the year," Shimer said. "This class sounds like a good way to keep Scooter sharp for hunting season."

Johnson also explained how the class provides a good bonding experience for

dogs and their owners while getting exercise in a way that feels natural for the dog.

Emily Weinberg, a senior family and consumer science major, said she would be interested in enrolling her pit bull/bulldog mix, Sophie, in a dog swim class.

"The class sounds like it would be a good exercise and a good way for me and Sophie to get outside and spend some quality time together," she said.

For more information, those interested can visit the Charleston Parks and Recreation Department website or call Ellen Johnson at 217-345-3576.

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CAMPUS | PUBLICATION

Student fabricates *Fresh!* article

Staff Report

A senior journalism major fabricated a story in Wednesday's edition of the bi-monthly publication of *Fresh!*

The information in the article "Students overcome disabilities at EIU" was proven false Wednesday morning after receiving concerns from readers, said Megan Johnson, the editor-in-chief of *Fresh!* and a senior journalism major.

"He has been fired and will no longer be writing for us," she said. "We plan to print a retraction in the next addition of *Fresh!*"

The next edition of *Fresh!* will be published on April 25.

John Ryan, the director of Student Publications, said an article was found to be fabricated in 2004 in *The Daily Eastern News*, and a column was plagiarized during the 1994-1995 school year.

The students were suspended from the university in both cases, he added.

"We may make errors from time to time, but we have had really very few breaches of ethics over the years," he said.

Johnson, Liz Viall, a journalism professor and adviser for *Fresh!*, and James Tidwell, the chairman of the journalism department, plan to speak with the student Thursday to further investigate the issue.

Student Publications encompass four individual student-run publications, consisting of *The Daily Eastern News*' newspaper and website; *Fresh!*, geared toward the interests and issues of minorities; *The Warbler*, the yearbook released every April; and *The Vehicle*, the yearly publication of a collection of student literary work.

ENTERTAINMENT | REVIEW

'Cloud 9' shocks, entertains

Play combines sexual humor, time shifting

By Rachel Rodgers
Editor-in-Chief

A British colonial man grabs the widow who is also the governess and dips her for a kiss, causing his wife, who is a man, to trot over in pure hysteria with an empty bottle in hand and tussle with the widow. The audience erupts in laughter.

It sounds confusing and complicated, and it is. That was part of the charm of "Cloud 9," a play co-directed by Miranda Buob and Andrew Swanson, both senior theatre arts majors.

"Cloud 9" explores sexual tension, discovery and experimentation topped with bouts of hilarity.

In the Black Box Theatre of the Doudna Fine Arts Center, the show began in 1880 at a British Colonial estate in South Africa revolving around the dysfunction and inner sexual turmoil of a family, its employees, an explorer and a widow.

The first act parodies the classic love-triangle conflict and blows it up into more of a pentagram, challenging the audience to keep up with who loves whom, or at least who wants to sleep with whom.

Once the viewer finds some level of footing dissecting the chaos of the characters and their struggles, feeding on their unraveling, it is 1980 in London with only 25 years having past.

No, this is not a terrible mathematical error. It serves as a continuation in the motif of the play, that

being spinning the audience's attention in different directions and letting it go to walk a jagged line.

In the second act where the time shift has occurred, all of the actors play different characters, and a new batch of sexual conflicts erupt.

Many factors contributed to the entertainment value of the play, but the acting is what kept the audience interested in the complexity of it all.

Dakota McDaniels, a freshman theatre arts major playing the role of the British colonial in the first act and switching to his grown son in the second act, gave a strong and dominant performance, projecting his voice and characters smoothly.

Even though McDaniels gave a solid performance, he did not have to switch genders or run in 3- to 4-inch heels like Jacob Cole, a sophomore theatre arts major.

Cole reveals himself as Betty in the introduction of the first act after removing his signature fan that covered his face. He provided most of the comic relief in the first act and fluidly transitioned into a promiscuous homosexual man with racy monologues in the second act.

The buildup of the ridiculous love maze in the first act caused much of the second act to seem to fall short at first, but it is saved by the humor provided by William Stinde, a senior theatre arts major, who played the outspoken young girl Cathy sporting a dress and pigtailed.

The lights and sound effects accented the students' acting well with a surprise here and there to jolt the viewer.

The audience stayed in high spirits throughout the show, but



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Clive, played by Dakota McDaniels, separates Mrs. Saunders and Betty, played by Shelby White and Jacob Cole respectively, during the opening theater performance of "Cloud 9" in The Black Box Theatre in the Doudna Fine Arts Center on Wednesday. The production is set to run through Sunday.

the play would not be suitable for children. Spurts of obscene language and sexual description occur throughout the play, but it is not overdone to the point of distaste; it is integrated well to keep the audience shocked and guessing at what might come next.

Showings of "Cloud 9" are available at 7:30 p.m. Thursday,

Friday and Saturday along with a 2 p.m. showing on Sunday. All performances will take place in the Black Box Theatre, and tickets cost \$5 for students, \$10 for seniors and \$12 for the general public.

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I would love it if it banned such products and offered fruit juices.

Roger Perkins



I had to retire because EIU did not have coke products.

Barbara Poole



I do not drink pop, but when I do I prefer Pepsi products.

Corey Norton

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"LET'S GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT"

Should Eastern have canceled tugs on Wednesday? Why or why not?

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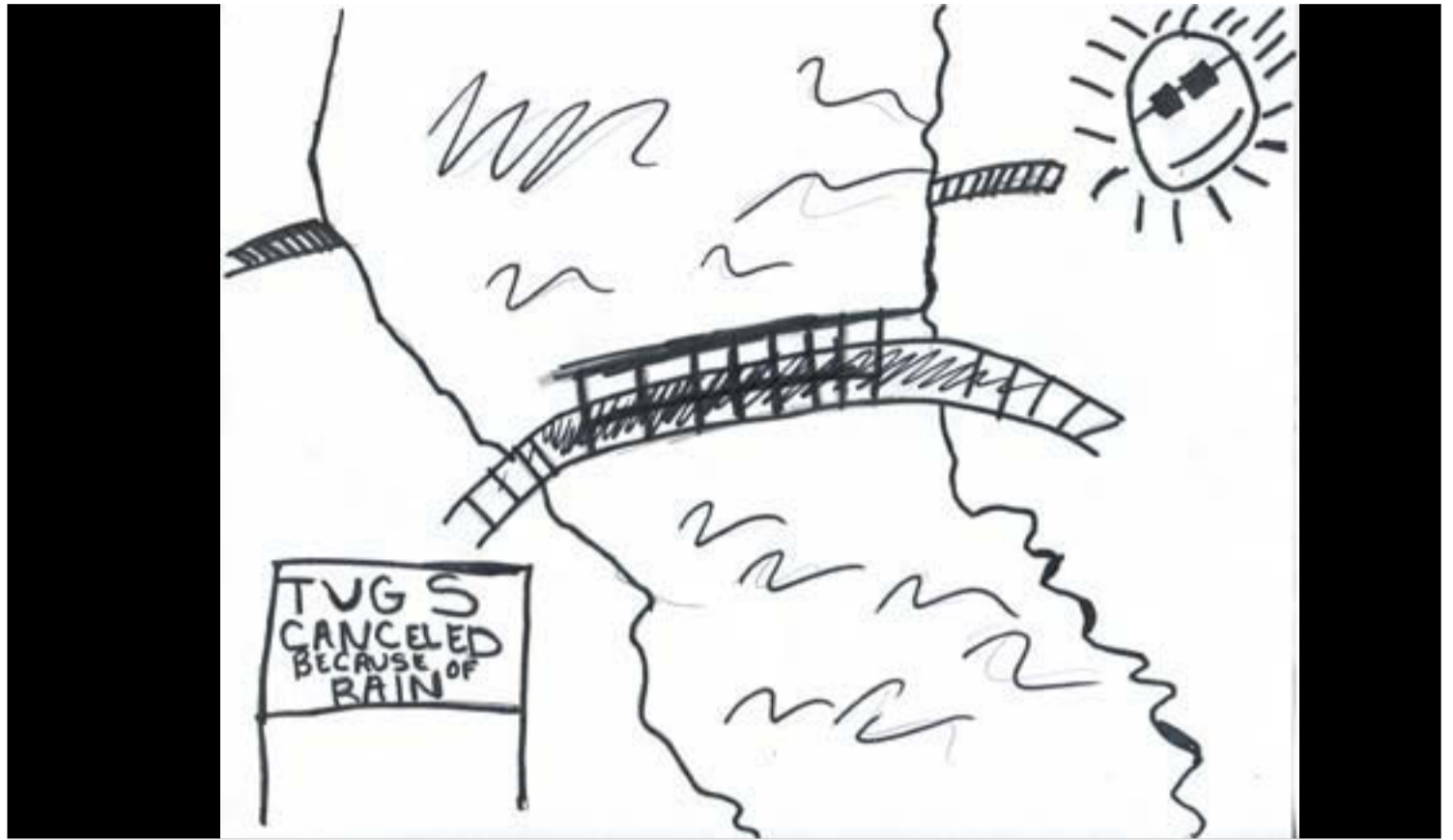
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STAFF EDITORIAL

Charleston has a new mayor; you should care

In case you didn't know, (which by the looks of the voter turnout, not very many people knew) Charleston has a new mayor.

Even if you don't live here permanently, you do live here for most of the year for about four or five years, so whether you know it or not, local politics do affect you.

Precincts 16 and 17, located in the Bridge Lounge of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, saw an increase of 30 people voting there, a rise from the 17 who voted in the last election, Jarrod Scherle, executive vice president of the student government, said in the April 10 edition of *The Daily Eastern News*.

While it's difficult to say how many of these people who voted at Precincts 16 and 17 were Eastern students, come the next election (and not just Charleston election; student government elections too) hopefully that number will be even bigger, and include some more Eastern students.

Eastern students should have a good idea of what is going on in Charleston, so they need to be at least somewhat knowledgeable about local politics and elections.

So what do you need to know about the new mayor of Charleston?

OUR POSITION

- **Situation:** Charleston elected a new mayor on Tuesday.
- **Stance:** Eastern students should be informed about local politics.

You should probably know that it doesn't look like the bar-entry age is changing anytime soon, so don't get your hopes up.

Larry Rennels won the race to be the new mayor of Charleston with 1,355 votes on Tuesday.

Rennels beat out Brian Myerscough and Troy Richey for the mayoral seat.

He will be sworn in as the new mayor at the May 7 city council meeting.

Of all the candidates, Rennels had the most experience and said he doesn't want to make a lot of big changes.

He wants to stay fiscally sound and continue with infrastructure improvements.

He also said he wants more citizen involvement in decisions, and guess who is a citizen?

You are.

The mayor and the student body president are elected for a reason: to help you.

If you have something to say, get involved and say something.

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

This column is legen-wait for it...

Dary. Legendary.

It really is no secret my favorite TV show right now is "How I Met Your Mother," and one of the best characters on there is Barney Stinson – a guy who knows how to live life to the fullest.

Whether it is licking the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia, or dressing up in eccentric costumes to hit on women, Barney goes out of his way episode after episode to make sure his friends have good memories.

I think Barney's method to his madness is an admirable one, and one that should be reflected.

While I am not saying to try and mimic everything Barney does on the show – I'm pretty sure death would be inevitable – I am saying the idea behind his craziness is a solid one.

As Eastern's campus ramps up for the last few weeks of school, it is going to be a whirlwind of tests, papers and quality time with Mary J. Booth.

But, what we should keep in mind is that this is the last few weeks of whatever year we're



Bob Galuski

in. Be it freshman or senior, these are the last few weeks.

This is a time we will never get back.

I remember my freshman and sophomore years went by in a blur, and junior and senior year look to be heading that same way.

What we'll have left, long after we're gone from Eastern, is the memories we hold dearly. And to make those memories, I turn to Barney Stinson for advice.

Barney's method of creating absurd memories is an applicable one – an incredibly exaggerated one, yes, but an applicable one.

Some of the best times I've had at Eastern – and will continue to have here – are

hanging out with friends, and not really doing anything.

So many episodes of "How I Met Your Mother" take place around the core group of friends hanging out with each other.

These are memories we'll have for a long time, and they should be cherished.

Barney's actions might seem like a rollercoaster of absurdity, but at the heart of it, they are ideas engrained in all of us.

His ideas of friendship and hanging out with his "bros" are values I take to heart, not only because I love the TV show, but because I know how important these memories will be after it is all said and done.

In the end, this is the only time we have here, so might as well make as many memories as possible.

So, suit up, high five your best bro, and enjoy these last few weeks of school.

Bob Galuski is a junior English and journalism major. He can be reached at 581-2812 or denopinions@gmail.com

» **SENATE** CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

The requests included \$2,500 for Panther Service Day supplies and T-shirts. Mitchell said the money will buy 300 T-shirts, marketing cards and other project supplies like paint and brushes. The expenditures also included \$375.73 for Student Senate inauguration, \$149.99 for a Student Senate pop-up canopy, \$500 for summer travel expenditures and \$213.05 for the Distinguished Professor Award Reception. They also allocated \$80 for the Student Senate officer transition dinner, \$352 for Student Senate members to attend Lobby Day in Springfield and \$200 for "Blue Madness" and "BLUnite" planning travel expenses. The Student Senate members also voted on two bills that would allow Eskew to allocate funds at the beginning of next semester. Abolt said the money has to be

allocated this semester. "This is coming out of next year's budget," Abolt said. "The same thing is done every year." The money allocation would be for First Night and Pantherpalooza. First Night is scheduled for August 18 and Pantherpalooza is scheduled for August 22. The Student Senate also heard a presentation by biological sciences professor Dan Johnson about a sustainability committee. The committee would be made up of students who allocate money for different sustainability projects around campus. Students can look for an update on the new Student Senate Speaker tomorrow at thedailyeasternnews.com.

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» **AUDIT** CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

McCann said the fleet garage for the university's 208 vehicles maintained records all repairs and maintenance as required by law. He said he does not believe that any of the university vehicles are "death traps," but there is no way to prove this without proper documentation. If vehicle users used other shops such as Midas, they could have failed to record the maintenance or oil change, and this led to the auditor's finding, McCann said. "We're going to try and maintain those records, and make sure they understand it's everyone's responsibility to maintain those if it's not done on campus," McCann said. The auditors also noted Eastern did not maintain odometer readings regularly, identify the vehicles with special registration plates, or update the vehicles in the fleet. Two vehicles the university sold in 2009 and 2010 were still on the inventory list.

\$2 million more revenue
Eastern's auditor's report noted that Eastern should have capitalized interest costs of \$2 million

and added this to the construction cost of the Renewable Energy Center. This amount in cost will be spread over the next 50 years. In the initial financial statement, McCann considered it an operating expense in 2012, which means the university would owe this amount right away, rather than putting it off to future years. McCann said that though the Renewable Energy Center was still under construction in 2012, it was supplying all the heat and steam that Eastern needed for energy. "If you're going to say the rules are black and white, then we did not follow the rules," McCann said. "Even that is the way generally accepted accounting principles are, I think it overstates our income for 2012." Though McCann personally disagreed that the \$2 million was a construction cost, he made the change to the financial ledger. Now, Eastern's bottom line has increased by \$2 million for 2012.

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"I go through the applications and based on them, I decide on which person I think deserves it," Jackson said. Jackson is the first in her family to attend college and said that added to her desire to help others succeed. She said she wants students to know they should try and take the first step to bettering their lives. "Even if it is just applying," Jackson said. "Walk My Journey" is based on the idea that each person's life is his or her own, and it is their own path they must walk down. "My path is my journey," she said. The scholarship helps to solidify the idea that everyone goes through rough times, Jackson said. "I'm not the only one who has struggled," she said. Jackson said her experiences growing up and creating a scholarship have taught her that life is a long road. "It's definitely a journey," she said. "Everybody is walking their own path."

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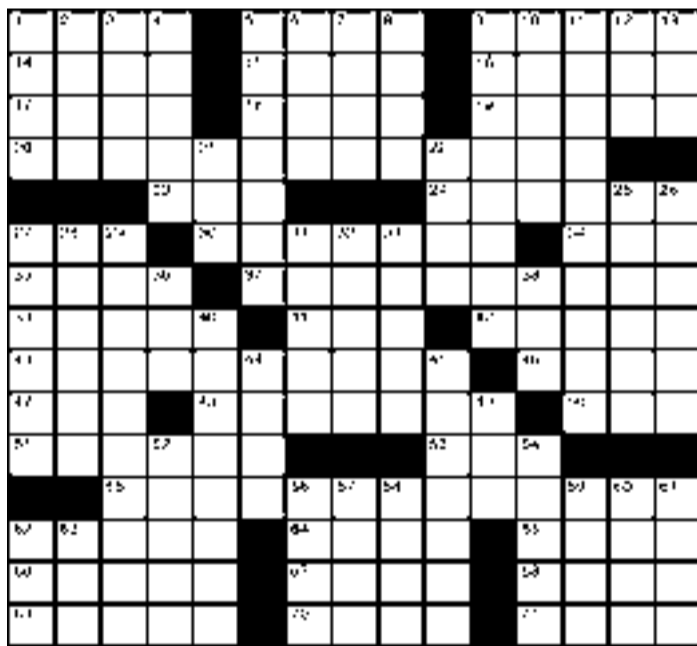
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BASKETBALL | STAFF

New coach, game plan bring same success

By **Alex McNamee**
Staff Reporter

High expectations were pinned on a veteran Eastern women's basketball team three months before the season even started, as the players were just starting workouts under a new coach.

"So many people talked about our senior class," said Lee Buchanan, the new head coach.

The senior class was on the team that won the Ohio Valley Conference regular season championship in 2010 and were close two more times, entering their senior season.

"You have to do it for those seniors," Buchanan recalled.

Buchanan had to win the regular season title, conference tournament, etc., for the seniors, even though they were going through a lot of changes — a new coaching staff and expanded conference, to name two.

Expectations from people close to the program had Eastern lifting the OVC tournament trophy before the season even started, even though the Panthers weren't picked to win their division in preseason OVC polls.

So, Buchanan faced the task of keeping his team away from the media hoopla, using a strategy he learned from his predecessor, Brady Sallee — taking the season one game at a time.

"Many times in the locker room I'd say to players, 'This is the most important game of the year,'" Buchanan said. "You can't get caught up in, 'Oh man, we're off to a great start this season.'"

It was difficult, even though Buchanan had been a head coach before arriving as an associate head coach at East-



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Lee Buchanan, head coach of the women's basketball team, speaks to some of the players during a time out during a game against Southern Illinois Edwardsville on Mar. 2.

ern, because he was now coaching at the top division of basketball and had a lot of distractions.

"There was one time I had like seven media requests. In, like, a day," Buchanan said. "Holy smoke."

It was difficult for the players, too, Buchanan said, because they had so much pressure being put on them to succeed.

"I felt like the expectations of the whole team were probably a little bit too high," Buchanan said. "Probably a little too unrealistic, at times. I felt bad for the players."

Even so, Eastern won a share of the OVC regular season championship and Buchanan won OVC Coach of the Year, but it couldn't end there because they were expected to go the OVC tournament in Nashville and win.

They didn't, but the team perse-

vered by winning the program's first postseason game in the first round of the Women's National Invitation Tournament against Missouri — led by the seniors.

Now, Buchanan will have to find a way to replace those four seniors — two of which hold all-time records and three of the four scored more than 1,000 points in their careers.

"We've lost four phenomenal, phenomenal players," Buchanan said.

But he's confident he will find a way, with this year's role players stepping into major roles next year and because he enjoys the challenge.

"I've never looked at coaching as work," Buchanan said. "To me, that's all fun."

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He participated in the men's shot put and the weight throw and placed seventh in the latter event, throwing a distance of 50-feet, 4.75-inches. In the shot put he took 11th.

The javelin is an event that is excluded from indoor competition, and Johansson said that put him out of his comfort zone.

"I felt like I was limited the whole season because I couldn't compete in my signature event, but now I feel like I'll do better," Johansson said.

The outdoor season has been different for him.

Johansson won the men's javelin throw at the past two meets, but he said he is not content with his performance yet.

He is currently ranked No. 1 in the OVC, and his performance at the team's opening meet at Southern Illinois-Carbondale makes him the only javelin thrower to have thrown more than 200 feet in the conference this season.

Under throwing coach Jessica Sommerfield, Johansson said he has become more vigilant about the way he performs.

"She watches every throw I make and comments on it, because track is sport that is very technical," Johansson said.

Johansson said he has to watch his posture, his side steps and his entrance.

"It's a sport where you need to have adrenaline, but you need to be relaxed," Johansson said. "We have a lot to work on, but we take it day by day."

The sport is demanding, and it affects the whole body, Johansson said, and the weather also plays a part in his success.

"Side winds can ruin a throw, and that's something that you have to work through," Johansson said.

Johansson wants to compete at regionals — even make it as far as nationals — and plans on improving his personal best by 10 feet.

"Nationals are in eight weeks, and I have a lot of time to work on it," Johansson said. "If I do (well) the rest of the season, I'm set."

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After a 3-14 start to the season, the Panthers have gone 9-4 in their last 13 games.

Eastern scored six of its eight runs in the third inning after Illinois College took a 1-0 lead in the second.

The Panthers showed their patience at the plate with the first five batters walking in the third, leading to two runs.

After a sacrifice-fly hit by junior Trey Russell that drove in senior Nick Priessman, giving Eastern a 3-1 lead, Devito capped off the rally with a triple hit to right-center field. Devito then scored on a wild pitch to extend the Panther's lead to five.

"John Devito really had a good game," Schmitz said. "Today was all about getting guys playing time who don't normally get to play and (Devito) came through today."

Devito drove in his third RBI of the game in the seventh, hitting a single down the right field line.

The right-handed hitter has played in nine games this season and the start behind the plate was

only his third through Eastern's first 30 games.

Both of Devito's hits came to the opposite field, which is a reason Eastern has been on a win-streak, Schmitz said.

"We've had so many hits go the other way and guys are driving in runs with two strike on them," Schmitz said.

The Panthers walked four batters and also a hit seven in the win. Schmitz said the pitchers were not as sharp as they have been recently, but added that the walks and hit batters are something they can take into the series against Tennessee Tech and work to get back on track.

Illinois College scored three runs in the eighth to make it an 8-5 game, but ultimately fell short leaving eight runners on base, including three in the final inning.

Jaden Widdersheim started for Eastern and won his third game and now stands at 3-3.

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with David Johansson,
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Aiming for success, ranking with best

By Jaime Lopez | Verge Editor

David Johansson, a sophomore javelin thrower, was introduced to track and field when he was 7 and briefly flirted with different events in the sport, ranging from distance running, sprinting, long jumping and high jumping.

When he turned 11, he tried his hand at the javelin, but was discouraged by the nature of the sport and quit.

He said that in Sweden and most of Europe, most boys are introduced to the javelin at an early age.

He decided to pursue his interest in table tennis, a sport he has enjoyed since the age of 7.

Five years ago, he decided to pick up where he left off in the javelin, coaching himself and finding competition opportunities through various track clubs in Sweden.

"I found that I had a pretty good arm for it," Johansson said.

Johansson decided to travel to the States and compete in track after listening to his friends' stories about their time here, and enlisted in a program that helps students study abroad.

His initial goal was to compete at the University of New Mexico, but when those plans soured, Johansson found an opportunity at North Park University in Chicago, a Division III school.

Johansson managed to place eighth in men's javelin at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships among Division III athletes while he attended North Park University.

He threw a distance of 208-feet, 2-inches at that meet, his best throw in the javelin to date.

After noting his performance in the javelin, Johansson said the track coach at North Park notified Eastern's track and field program about him and sparked interest among the coaches.

He transferred to Eastern in the fall and earned the opportunity to compete at the Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Championships, something Johansson did not foresee for himself.

"Only 25 guys and girls get a chance to compete at the meet, and I made it as the last guy," Johansson said.

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Sophomore thrower David Johansson coached himself for the majority of his athletic career in Sweden and traveled all around the country, competing for clubs until settling down with a team in America. Johansson is currently ranked No. 1 in the OVC and was the only javelin thrower to throw farther than 200 feet this season at the team's opening meet at Southern Illinois-Carbondale

BASEBALL | WIN STREAK



MARCUS SMITH | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Derek Page, a freshman outfielder, hits a long one Wednesday at Coaches Stadium. The Panthers won 8-5 against the Blueboys of Illinois College.

Blue Boys leave bases loaded, Panthers win sixth straight

By Aldo Soto
Assistant Sports Editor

Eastern pitcher George Kalousek began the ninth inning by hitting three Illinois College batters.

Andrew Morris, who had already driven in two runs in the eighth for the Blue Boys, represented the go-ahead run Wednesday afternoon.

Kalousek picked up his second save of the season after striking out Morris and retiring Josh Krumwiede, stranding the bases loaded for the 8-5 win at Coaches Stadium.

The Eastern baseball team's pitching was not sharp in Wednesday's win over Illinois College, but John Devito's two hits and three RBIs led the Panthers to their sixth-

straight win.

Coach Jim Schmitz said the team is playing well at the moment, which is important heading into a weekend road series against Tennessee Tech.

The win against Illinois College improved Eastern's all-time record to 5-0 against the Division III Blue Boys and raised its season record to 12-18.

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GOLF | INVITATIONAL

Panthers gearing up for final OVC tourney

By Cody Delmendo
Staff Reporter

Eastern's men's golf team travels to Hermitage Golf Course in Nashville, Tenn., for the Tennessee State Invitational for their last regular season tournament starting April 14.

The Panthers finished in sixth place out of 10 teams last spring, a finish that the Panthers are hoping to improve on, senior Tommy Ponce said.

Ponce finished with the best score among Eastern participants last spring by finishing with an even-par score.

This year the tournament will be held at a different golf course, so none of the current roster including Ponce has any experience.

"Even though it's a different course, I feel like I can finish better this year and end up having a better finish," Ponce said.

A big problem for the Panthers this spring has been the lack of practice time, but the weather has become very spring-like.

Ponce said the weather has cooperated so the Panthers have been able to practice a lot lately and are feeling good coming in to the next event.

"Tommy (Ponce) and I have practiced every day this week, and the

other guys have been getting good practice too, so we're excited about this weekend," senior Kevin Flack said.

Flack said the Panthers will have a good feel for the course after the practice round on Sunday.

In the last tournament at the ASU Red Wolf Intercollegiate, the Panthers finished in last place out of 20 teams. Ponce said the last place finish motivates the team to play better.

"I feel that the lineup we are taking this week is very solid, so we were motivated for sure," Ponce said.

This tournament is the last regular season tournament for Ponce and Flack.

"It hasn't hit me like I thought it would," Ponce said. "I plan on going into the tournament with a positive attitude and letting the rest fall in place."

The other teams from the Ohio Valley Conference at the Tennessee State Invitational include Belmont, Morehead State, Murray State, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, Tennessee Tech, Tennessee-Martin and host Tennessee State.

Play starts at 8 a.m. on Sunday.

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