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CAMPUS | PROFESSORS

## Eastern to cut faculty workforce

Student enrollment by Academic College from 2008 to 2012

Reduction to match low enrollment

By Chacour Koop  
Special Projects Reporter

Eastern will reduce its faculty workforce by approximately 3 percent — equal to about 17 faculty positions — by the fall 2013 school year in an effort to match the lowering student enrollment.

All cuts will be handled through attrition — not replacing faculty members who retire or leave — and not rehiring or reducing the work hours of annually-contracted faculty members. No layoffs are planned.

Blair Lord, the provost and vice president of academic affairs, said he is still unsure of the exact reduction in full-time equivalency needed for next year, but he gave college deans a reduction target for planning purposes. He would not release overall target number of reductions.

Now Lord is working with the deans of each college to deliver the required curriculums while reducing the faculty workforce.

### Working in the dark

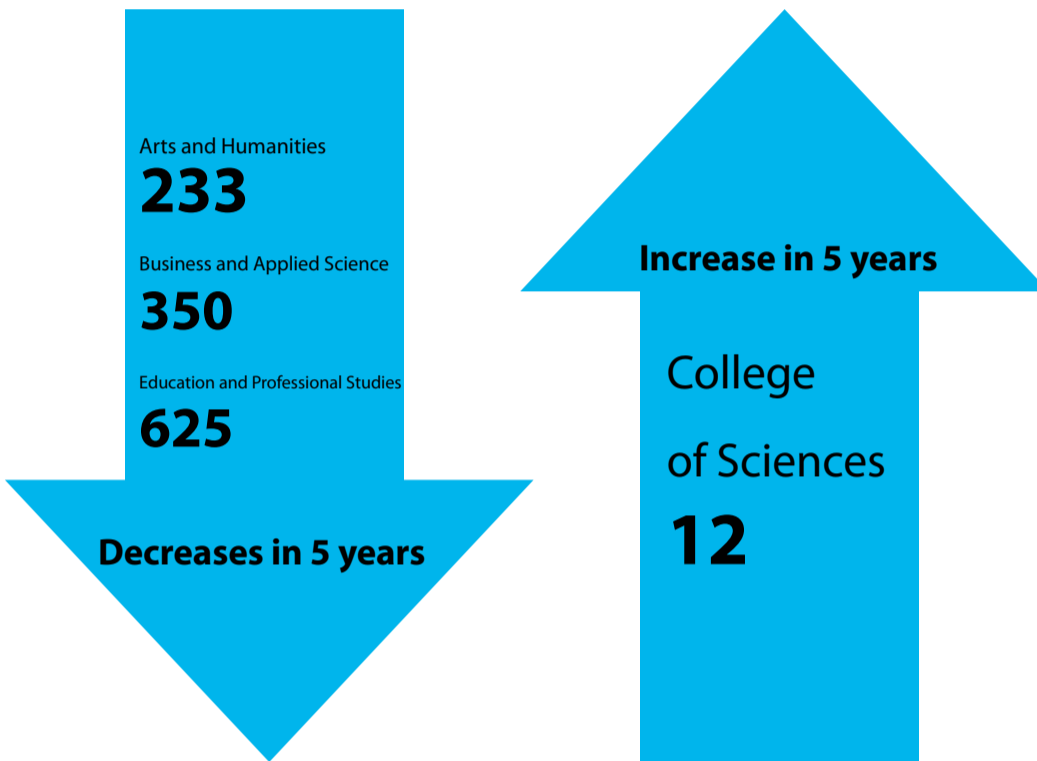
Lord began planning for the 2014 fiscal year faculty workforce cuts at the beginning of the current fiscal year, which was six months ago in July.

Until budgets, enrollment and retiring or exiting faculty are finalized, the deans of each college will not know exactly where cuts in the workforce will come from.

Lord said that was before he hardly knew the budget for the current year, six months before the Illinois state legislature convened to talk, and before Eastern received all the money for the previous fiscal year 2012.

The State of Illinois still owes Eastern about \$36.6 million of the \$44.6 million appropriated for education and general expenses.

"I'm working in the dark," Lord



Academic College	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Arts and Humanities	1,855	1,869	1,824	1,744	1,622
Business and Applied Sciences	2,652	2,591	2,502	2,439	2,302
Education and Professional Studies	3,529	3,505	3,427	3,222	2,904
Sciences	2,539	2,671	2,647	2,574	2,551
Other	1,465	1,330	1,230	1,199	1,038
Total	12,040	11,966	11,630	11,178	10,417

said. "There's a certain amount of science to it, but in the end, it's judgment calls."

There is another source of cash Lord looks at to determine revenue: tuition dollars from a declining student body enrollment.

Though freshmen commitments are up for next year, Lord is anticipating a modest decline in enrollment and therefore had to plan a modest decline in total full-time equivalency.

This has all the deans looking for ways to minimize full-time equivalency within each college.

Harold Ornes, the dean of the College of Sciences, said that he will look at majors to track enrollment in order to streamline his workforce.

"I have, like the stock market, some gainers and losers," Ornes said. "You hate to think of higher education as a business, but there is that element."

For his college, Ornes said some faculty may take on more courses next year while increasing class sizes. He said the average class size could increase from about 15 to 18 students this year to about 19 to 20 students next year.

Then there is the possibility that annually-contracted faculty members may have their hours cut or are not rehired next year.

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RESIDENCE HALL

## Carman to close in June

By Rachel Rodgers  
Editor-in-Chief

Carman Hall will be closed to residents for one-to-two years in order to assess the condition of the building and make renovations in anticipation of increased enrollment.

The closure will begin June 1, and University Housing and Dining Services will pair with the Facilities Planning and Management Office to evaluate the condition of the piping system that pumps heat and air conditioning in the building, said Mark Hudson, the director of housing and dining.

"Both cold and hot water have ran through the same pipes for 43 years, which has resulted in some corrosion in the pipes," he said.

Normally, the university makes renovations during the summer, but Hudson said the size of Carman Hall will make the assessment last at least a year. It could extend to two years depending on the amount of maintenance needed.

In addition to the heating and cooling system, they will check the condition of all mechanical systems to see what changes are necessary.

Another goal to accomplish with Carman Hall during the closure will be to install wireless Internet throughout the building.

The university began installing wireless Internet on campus about five years ago, and Greek Court, Carman Hall and Pemberton Hall are the only buildings left on the housing office's list, Hudson said.

Housing and dining started discussing the assessment of Carman Hall several months ago, he added. Low enrollment along with Carman Hall's low retention of residents gave them the opportunity to close the hall without disrupting the placement of students.

"Most people think that Carman houses all of the freshmen, but that is not true," Hudson said. "About 20 percent of freshmen live in Carman, which is the highest percentage on campus, but we can infuse those students across campus."

About 90 percent of residents who live in Carman Hall their first year choose to live in a different hall their second year, he added.

For incoming students next fall, Carman Hall will not be listed on the housing options.

Those who currently work in the hall, which consists of about 15 full-time staff members and 75-100 student staffers, will be transferred to other locations across campus without having to layoff any staff, Hudson said.

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CAMPUS | GUEST SPEAKER

## Reverend challenges abortions in religion

By Bob Galuski  
Entertainment Editor

Despite being raised Christian and ordained as a minister in the Christian church, Rev. Rebecca Turner said there are times when she wants to denounce her faith.

"I feel disgusted and shameful," she said.

However, the only thing that stops her from completely rejecting her faith

comes from stories in the Bible about Jesus — specifically about Jesus and women.

Brought in by members of the Women's Empowerment League, Turner visited Eastern Tuesday to lead a discussion on how it is acceptable for religious women to have abortions in "Body and Spirit: Religious Women Have Abortions."

She said most people assume they know how they would react if confront-

ed with an unexpected pregnancy.

"My experience with counseling says no one knows what to do," Turner said. "We have values we hold, but we can't imagine unless we're in that situation."

Turner also gave out statistics to the audience about women and abortions, including the fact that one-in-three women get an abortion during their reproductive years.

"Are you shocked by this number?" she asked the audience. "What you

should be thinking about is why is this number so shocking?"

The women that come to have an abortion are good women in difficult circumstances, Turner said.

Turner has been the executive director of Faith Aloud for 12 years, after leaving her congregation over differing views on topics like gay marriage and abortions.

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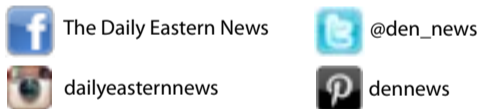
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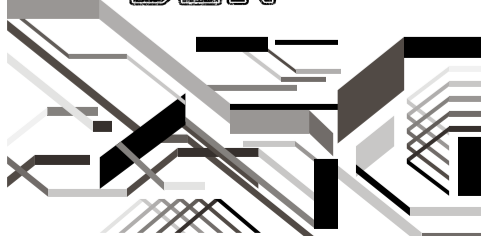
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## HEALTH | SEX

# Condom Day to promote awareness

By Amanda Wilkinson

City Editor

Sexual health specialists urge everyone to stay smart and stay safe on Valentine's Day.

A holiday marked by the AIDS Healthcare Foundation was created in conjunction with Valentine's Day.

International Condom Day is used so AHF can spread safe-sex awareness and give out free condoms to different locations around the world.

In 2012, AHF distributed more than 1 million condoms and conducted about 10,000 free HIV tests.

While AHF hosts events in only four locations in the U.S., sexual health specialists in Charleston said it is easy and simple to stay safe.

A study reported by ABC News and conducted by Men's Health and Women's Health magazines stated that 43 percent of women and 50 percent of men expect sex on Valentine's Day.

Madison Dailey, the sexual health coordinator at the Health Education Resource Center, said in an email that she assumes people are more likely to have sex with acquaintances or people they just met on Valentine's Day.

"The advice would be the same on Valentine's Day as any other day of the year," she said. "Be smart and be safe."

Shan Brown, a nurse practitioner at the Coles County Health Department, said people should be cautious about their partners every day of the year, not just during holidays.

"I don't know about Valentine's Day," she said. "Just routinely, you of course you want to limit your partners. That's very important."

Brown said she has seen people come into the department who have had more than 20 partners in one year.

"The more partners you have, the higher chances you have of getting an (STI)," she said.

There are a few simple ways people can prevent contracting an STI including abstinence, protective barriers and monogamy, Dailey said.

STIs can be transferred from oral, vaginal and



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY MIRANDA PLOSS

According to Madison Dailey, the sexual health coordinator at the Health Education Resource Center, by the age of 24, one-third of college student will have contracted an STI. Condoms can help prevent pregnancy and the spread of STIs.

anal sex, Dailey said, so even the use of dental dams can make a difference.

She said wearing a condom correctly could prevent an unplanned pregnancy or contracting an STI.

"There are some STIs that are curable, some that are treatable and some that are non-curable," Dailey said. "The most common symptom of an STI is no symptom."

Brown said she had someone come into the department who had no symptoms.

"She probably had it for a year without having symptoms, so that's why it's so scary," she said.

When people do not have symptoms, they will not get tested, so they end up spreading the STI, Brown said.

"Let's just say you contract chlamydia, and then you go on and don't have any symptoms," she said. "You don't think you have it, and then you have four or five partners and then those

partners go out and each of them have four or five. Think of how many people have chlamydia from one person."

Dailey said by the age of 24, one-third of college students will have contracted an STI.

Brown said people think it's not going to happen to them, so they do not practice safe sex.

"We do have people who do test positive, and they're shocked then they've had like five or six partners in the last year," she said. "I'm thinking, 'I don't know why you're shocked. I'm surprised you didn't get it sooner.'"

Brown said besides using condoms and limiting partners, people should also get tested for STIs twice a year and use birth control.

"Why put yourself at risk when it's that simple to be careful?" she said.

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## CITY | LIBRARY

# Charleston public library renews loan

By Amanda Wilkinson

City Editor

Charleston Carnegie Public Library renewed a loan to pay off the construction that had expanded the building three years ago.

Jeanne Hamilton, the director of the library, said the construction to the library was completed in 2009.

The construction included an overall expansion of the library and renovations to the original building.

Hamilton said the project tripled the size of the original library.

Michael Macky, a project manager at PSA-Dewberry/BCA, said when the company designed the addition to the library, the size in-

crease was dramatic.

She said the library was built in 1904 and was partly funded by the industrialist Andrew Carnegie.

"He donated to 2,000 libraries in different states and helped them get started," Hamilton said.

She said even more than half of the library is new, the former director and board of trustees wanted to keep the building exterior and interior consistent.

"We tried to keep a lot of the original feel and restored some of the woodwork," Hamilton said.

Macky said the company designed the building to match the original.

"I think in terms of the scale of the different elements, it does a nice job and fits in

with the original," he said.

The many columns in the newer parts of the library fit into the style but also serve a purpose, Mackey said.

He said libraries have different requirements on how much weight they can hold per square foot.

"Requirements for the structure, they are much greater than other buildings," Mackey said.

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## CAMPUS | FORUM

# Committee assesses retention data

By **Stephanie Markham**  
Administration Editor

Faculty and staff members expressed their concerns about the retention of at-risk students during a forum led by the Committee on Retention Efforts Tuesday.

According to the CORE data, about 46 percent of the incoming class are transfer students.

Kimberlie Moock, the director of orientation and co-chair of CORE, said the committee has increased focus on transfer retention, even though the federal government only requires a report on freshmen.

"We want to have a very intentional conversation about transfers because they're automatically at risk for not graduating," she said.

She said the committee is also

paying close attention to students with a zero expected family contribution, or EFC.

The CORE data indicates that 78 percent of students rely on financial aid.

Jerry Donna, the director of financial aid, said the number of students with high financial need has increased in recent years.

"Five years ago, 16 percent of students had a zero EFC; now that number is 27 percent," Donna said.

He said the percentage of entering freshmen with a zero EFC has increased over the last five years from 15 percent to 30 percent.

"We've found that typically families haven't saved for education, but at same time they feel higher education is very important," he said.

Moock said it takes some stu-

dents nine or 10 semesters to graduate, which is another factor influencing retention.

"We're starting to look at where students are losing credit," she said "One less semester here is one less semester they have to afford to be in attendance."

Ethnic minorities comprise about 22 percent of students and are another group at risk for not graduating, according to the CORE data.

Mona Davenport, the director of minority affairs, said incoming minority students are offered peer mentors and various programs to encourage retention.

She said incoming students in the Gateway program next fall would be required to live in residence halls for two years to increase

their chance of graduation.

Karla Sanders, director of the Center For Academic Support and Assessment and co-chair of CORE, said an early alert system began in Fall 2011 allowing professors to send alerts to students who stop attending class.

Patricia Poulter, the associate dean of the College of Arts and Humanities and a member of CORE, said it often only takes one alert for the student to start returning to class.

Cecil Smith, a professor in the school of continuing education, said some of his students were surprised to receive the alerts.

"Some students who received feedback were shocked and acted as if they were unaware they are being watched," Smith said.

Michael Wilson, a business professor, said some of his students have been unresponsive to the alerts.

"It really worried me that out of 12 submitted, 10 could not be reached, and then the case was closed," Wilson said.

Michael Cornebise, chair of the geology and geography department, said he would be more diligent in following through with the early alert system after attending the forum.

"What struck me is the importance of faculty development," he said. "That translates to how to help students on a broader level."

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## CAMPUS | HONORS

# RHA receives five awards at conference

By **Samantha McDaniel**  
Student Governance Editor

The Residence Hall Association won five awards for programs and students during the Illinois Residence Hall Association conference at Western Illinois University on Friday and Saturday.

Calla Summers, the RHA National Communications Coordinator, said RHA bid on six awards at the IRHA conference, a conference where RHA chapters meet and discuss different programs and ideas with other schools.

Eastern's RHA chapter won Program of the Year for the Residents on Campus Festival held in the fall semester.

ROC Fest is a competition between on campus residents and Greek Court. At the end of the week different halls receive different awards.

The chapter also won Program of the Year for the Breast Cancer Awareness week in the fall semester, where the National Residence Hall Honorary sold breast cancer shirts across campus and donated the money to Mills Breast Cancer Institute at Carle Foundation Hos-

pital in Champaign.

NRHH Member of the Year was awarded to Elizabeth Burbatt.

"She was nominated because she is an outstanding NRHH member who always goes above and beyond in her duties," Summers said. "She is very dedicated to service for our NRHH chapter and we felt she was deserving of the award."

Burbatt said she was surprised when she was nominated and when she won.

"I just started getting text messages saying congratulations and didn't know what for," Burbatt said.

Jacob Deters, a NRHH member, was awarded NRHH-Communications Coordinator of the Year.

As NRHH-CC, Deters said he is responsible for attending all conferences as an Eastern representative.

Deters said he was honored to receive the award, and it made him feel more prepared to recruit more members for NRHH.

"It's a very prestigious award for all of the CCs statewide," Deters said. "I was very honored that they felt that way about me."

Summers won Illinois Communication Coordinator of the Year.

Eastern's RHA was also acknowledged for having the most IRHA points, which were awarded for presenting programs, giving reports and writing bids, Summers said.

"We had over 1,000 points, so we won for the state of Illinois," Summers said.

There were about 17 other state schools.

Deters said he was happy that Eastern won as many awards as they did.

"I feel like I really won the award for the school," Deters said.

RHA Vice President Amanda Krch and Secretary Dawn Howe attended and presented about a diversity program called "Jumping the Hurdle of Diversity: Tearing Down the Barrier" which was ranked in the top 10 out of 40 programs.

Krch said the presentation was about the wall RHA builds during Diversity Week. Students can write derogatory words on bricks and at the end of the week, they tear down the wall.

During the presentation, delegates from other schools made a fake wall to demonstrate the program.



SUBMITTED PHOTO (LEFT TO RIGHT)

Michael King, Calla Summers, Jacob Deters, Amanda Krch, Dawn Howe represented Eastern at the Illinois Residence Hall Association conference on Friday and Saturday. RHA won five awards including Program of the Year and NRHH Member of the Year.

About 14 members attended the conference.

Krch said the delegates attended the different presentations about social programs, time management, games and a variety of programs they can implement on their campus.

She said the conferences usual-

ly revamps her belief in RHA and gives her new ideas.

"It's like going to a gas station and filling up your tank," Krch said. "You are ready to go on."

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Brandon Makovic

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## STAFF EDITORIAL

# Website update good, but only if maintained

Registered student organizations rely on many different methods to spread the word about their work and mission.

For many people seeking a certain type of RSO on campus at a time when there's no Pantherpalooza in the near future, the RSO website should be the perfect resource.

However, the RSO website has not been up-to-par in the past few years.

There are many current RSOs that are not listed on the website, and ones that have disbanded still deceptively remain on the site.

Though this can be frustrating, it has been announced that the RSO webpage will undergo a transformation at some point in the next few weeks.

The upgrade is projected to be more user-friendly and will provide the accurate, timely information students need to get in contact with an RSO of interest.

Ceci Brinker, the director of the Office of Student Life, has said the site will be modeled off social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter, and it will feature extras such as a Powerpoint presentation on how to start an RSO.

If all these features hold true when the update is complete, this page could be quite a success — if it's done right.

We are glad the Office of Student Life has realized the need for an upgrade, along with all the potential an accurate, informative RSO webpage could have.

However, the responsibility does not lie with the Office of Student

### OUR POSITION

- **Situation:** The website for RSOs is set to be updated.
- **Stance:** It's great that the website is being updated, as long as it continues to be updated.

Life entirely.

It is the duty of the members of the RSOs themselves to give updates of their officers, missions and contact information so it can be portrayed appropriately on the website.

Denise Love, the administrative aide of the Office of Student Life, said there are more than

225 active groups and clubs that are not registered for the RSO webpage.

This is a huge number, and it needs to be reflected correctly on a page that is supposed to keep the community informed.

After all, who doesn't want to come to a school with a huge variety of clubs and organizations?

This is the perfect opportunity for those who run the page to not only give the page a makeover, but to update the content as well.

This content is crucial to the student life of Eastern, along with prospective students who could be searching the website at any time for clubs they'd like to join when and if they come to Eastern.

The website gives students the opportunity to see a wide range of organizations online 24/7.

While this is a great idea, we hope that those in the Student Life Office who run the page work to maintain it in a way that reflects the constant dedication Eastern's students have to their respective organizations.

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

# Skipping class is for suckers, not me

I know skipping class is awesomely tempting. I remember the first time I skipped a class freshman year — a huge lecture where the professor didn't know anyone's names and never took attendance. It was always the most boring 75 minutes of my week. So I made it happen one fewer time.

I felt so tough as I strutted back to my room and snuggled in for a comfy nap while my peers nodded off in uncomfortable auditorium chairs.

But then I couldn't sleep. I flipped from side to side, the guilt overwhelming me and forbidding me to sleep. I ended up taking out my textbook and reading what we would have covered in class that day. Yeah, I'm really cool.

I usually spend a half hour in bed before the potential skip thinking, "OK, are the next 50 extra minutes of sleep really going to make a difference in my day?" And then I get up and go to class. Otherwise, the guilt sets in.

And then when I go to the next class meeting, I'm embarrassed for having skipped. I'm ashamed to have to ask classmates if I missed anything major, so I don't. I don't ask to borrow the notes I missed, because I don't feel I deserve them.

Of course, that hasn't stopped me from playing hooky since then. I've had those days (or weeks or months or semesters) where it's been a struggle to



Ashley Holstrom

trudge over to Coleman Hall a few times a day, so I didn't. But it's not like I brag about blowing off classes.

See, there's a lot of psychological business that goes on when I skip a class.

I could go into that whole "if you skip a class that meets twice a week for 75 minutes, you're flushing \$5 million down the toilet, so good job" thing, but I don't want to. Because who cares?

I look at missed classes as missed opportunities — missed life lessons, missed jokes, missed book recommendations. That weighs heavier on me than the monetary price of each meeting.

One of my resolutions this year was to not skip class unless I'm actually sick. Otherwise, the way the universe has it, I blow off a class and then I get sick a few days later, go to class sick because I can't skip again, and then I spend the remain-

der of my sickness wanting to beat myself up. It's great.

But something magical happened this semester: Each of my classes is my favorite. I can't even pinpoint which one I like a teensy bit more than the others. I don't want to skip, because I'll be missing out on something I only get to enjoy for the next few months.

And I think there's something deeper there: If you hate your classes, you're probably not taking the right ones. I know each major has those few mandatory classes that everyone dreads, but if that's how you feel about every class, I'd suggest spending some time soul searching.

After all, you only have four years to enjoy this place. Is it really worth it to miss out on potentially intelligent lectures and debates to get an extra hour of sleep?

I could be playing hooky and celebrating my birthday all day today, but instead I'm looking forward to attending all of my classes. Not because I have to, but because I want to.

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FACULTY | PUBLISHED

# English professor publishes book about Antebellum American literature

By **Stephanie Markham**  
Administration Editor

Years of researching historical literature has helped one professor make the connection between pre-Civil War and current times with his students.

Chris Hanlon, an English professor, said he spent about five to six years visiting libraries, archives and galleries throughout the U.S. and England to research for his new book, "America's England: Antebellum Literature and Atlantic Sectionalism."

"When I talk to students about issues connected with Antebellum America, at some level I'm encouraging them to think about the politics of their own time and the aesthetic pleasures open to them today," Hanlon said. "I'm also encouraging them to think about the subjects by way of stepping outside of their own experience."

He said analyzing literature is one of the best ways to understand history because it demands readers to think from a different perspective.

"I'm a literary historian because I believe that literary language allows us access to historical realities that we cannot access through other means," he said.

Hanlon's book, which will be published by Oxford University Press in March, focuses on how Americans related their perceptions of England

to the disagreements between the North and South during the period before the Civil War.

Hanlon said he has taken groups of students to England to help them understand cultural aspects of both English and American literature, and he has visited places like the British Library and the University of Manchester.

"All of that is not only helpful to my research, but it helps shape the experience that my students have in my classroom, whether that classroom is in Britain or in Charleston," he said.

He said some Americans' changing perceptions on race have led them to reconsider their thoughts on the Civil War.

"I think we are living through a period right now during which Americans, as they adjust their attitude toward race in the United States, find themselves reconsidering what they thought they knew about the Civil War," he said.

He said funding from the Council on Faculty Research and resources at Booth Library were essential in completing research for the book.

"Many people at Eastern simply don't understand the extent to which Booth Library puts to shame libraries at institutions that are approximately the same size as Eastern," he said.

Jocelyn Tipton, a librarian at Booth Library, said the library has 120 different databases, 4.7 million



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English professor Chris Hanlon spent five to six years visiting libraries, archives and galleries throughout the U.S. and England to research for his new book, "America's England: Antebellum Literature and Atlantic Sectionalism." The book will be published in March.

volumes and can get any book it does not have from any other library in the world.

She said each librarian is proficient in a certain subject and can help professors to identify particular topics.

"The primary focus really is to help the students, but we do in terms of our collection try to do what we can to support faculty research," she said.

Hanlon said Eastern's support of faculty research is important to the academics of the institution, and

it ultimately benefits the students' learning.

"I think one of the things that separates a university from a local college is the notion that in order to do that job effectively, I have to be engaged with the conversations and the problems that constitute my academic field," he said.

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CAMPUS | GUEST SPEAKER

# Specialist to explore Chinese activism

By **Marcus Durbin**  
Staff Reporter

An environmental communication specialist is coming to Eastern to discuss the effects of social media and Chinese activism.

Kevin DeLuca, an associate professor from the University of Utah, is making his first trip to Eastern and will be showing a multimedia presentation at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

The presentation will be about how China is changing the way social media websites are being handled, how the government is managing the rapid Chinese population growth and how the environment is being affected by the industrialization.

DeLuca, a frequent visitor to Chi-

na, has been giving lectures for 15 years now and has given speeches at Indiana University, Syracuse University, and even China and England.

Once a year, a guest speaker has been booked to give a presentation about environmental issues, and this year DeLuca squeezed Eastern into his schedule after being booked last fall.

Marita Gronnvoll, a communications professor, said that instead of other nations telling China to clean up its environmental issues, there is activism within China about these issues.

Gronnvoll said she was the one responsible for inviting DeLuca to Eastern.

"China has become this really, really terrible polluter," said Gronnvoll.

Since the rapid growth of population in China, cars have become the

major polluter and the government has gone as far as charging citizens up to \$5,000 for license plates, said DeLuca.

He compared China's rapid population growth and environmental issues to America's history of industrialization from 1860 to 1960.

However, China has had to deal with similar circumstances in the past 20 years.

He said a small town in China grew so much in two decades that it is comparable to Charleston's population overtaking New York City's.

The Chinese government has tried to hinder the pollution by handing down edicts to citizens telling them they can only drive every other day and they have to take mass transit, DeLuca said.

Knowing it would never work in a place like America, DeLuca said jokingly that Americans would revolt if told they had restrictions on their driving.

Gronnvoll, who attended the University of Georgia with DeLuca, said she has never had a boring time with DeLuca, whether it is sitting in a class with him or listening to one of his talks.

"Students should be excited to learn," DeLuca said. "(Students) are drowning in a sea of distractions."

DeLuca has given more than 20 talks over a broad range of subjects including the Seattle protests of 1999, Green Peace, Earth First, and how Yosemite National Park was founded.

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HOUSING

# Roommate matching to change

By **Krysten Wharton**  
Staff Reporter

University Housing and Dining Services will soon implement a new program for matching roommates.

Housing administrator Lindsay Partlow said the matching process starts when the student is admitted to the university.

Once students are admitted to the university, they have access to the MyEIU portal and must pay a \$50 application fee for housing.

A person's age, year in school, bedtime habits, study habits and whether or not a person smokes are the major factors in how roommates are matched typically, Partlow said.

Starting in March, applicants will be able to find their roommates in a new way through the housing office.

Jeremy Alexander, coordinator of residential communications, said the office will contract a new program called RoomSync.

He said the decision was prompted by the experience of other schools implementing similar processes.

Portlow said the new program will allow students to search for a roommate before the school year starts.

"Starting in the fall, students will be able to go onto the application and put in their habits and preferences for what they are looking for in a roommate," Portlow said.

Portlow said the program will give recommendations for matches based on compatibility.

"It is kind of like online dating, but for roommates," Portlow said.

Lindsey Hunter, a housing representative, said making sure both people have made the request on their actual room and board contract is extremely important.

Room and board contracts are due at the beginning of March, when the matching begins, and students are notified in May of their roommate and room assignments.

Portlow said the original roommate setup process is vague and the new application should make it more fun for students.

In addition to who students will be living with, they also figure out where they will be living.

Hunter said the new program will be a good thing, but wants students to not rely solely on the site.

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Shiloh Trowbridge, a senior kinesiology and sports studies major, walks around dressed up as a heart with Jessica McGath, a senior organizational and professional development major, who was handing out candy and flyers about University Village housing. Trowbridge was dressed as a heart in the spirit of Valentine's Day.

CAMPUS | ONLINE

## Student Life to upgrade RSO website

By **Brittany Bryant**  
Staff Reporter

The Office of Student Life is in the process of updating its registered student organization webpage to make it more similar to a social media site.

The office has evolved over the years by incorporating a website directory for student organizations.

Denise Love, the administrative aide of the Office of Student Life, said the process of forming organizations has transformed the website from being basic into a structural management tool.

However, Love said she still keeps

paper files from five years ago.

She said a registered student organization's job is to provide structure within the group by verifying them as an Eastern sub-organization.

It also sets standards and codes of conduct for the clubs on campus.

Love said there are more than 225 active groups and clubs that are not registered on the site.

Both Ceci Brinker, the director of the Office of Student Life, and Love said they are going for a new look for the site.

The new website will be a mock of social media websites, Love said.

"A lot of young people resort to social media to find out things," Love said. "The RSO website is becoming more user-friendly."

Love is in charge of updating the site regularly, and Brinker oversees it.

The Office of Student Life will add a bulletin board layout to the website similar to Twitter and will have a Powerpoint manual to help with starting a campus organization.

The website will rely on Facebook and Twitter to inform the campus and Charleston residents of daily activities.

The Office of Student Life will

also offer leadership workshops for registered organizations starting Feb. 21, Brinker said.

These workshops will be helpful to students who are a part of these organizations, she said.

Brinker said they will give students advice on how to be good leaders of the organizations they are a part of and how to work well with others.

Brinker and Love agreed that the goal of the RSO website is to constantly make improvements in the best interest of the students.

The website's upgrade will help the Office of Student Life face the challenge of paper costs and move

toward becoming paperless in the future, Brinker said.

She said they are hoping to provide a way for organizations to re-register by this spring in order to avoid the pressure of rushing to register a group during that school year.

The goal is to have organizations prepared and set up before the next semester.

Brinker and Love said they hope to have the webpage upgrade available to the Eastern community in the next two weeks.

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Ornes said under the best circumstances, an annually-contracted faculty member may be reduced to a three-quarter time appointment and return to full-time if enrollment goes up again.

"The worst-case scenario is that they would continue to be three-quarter time or half-time with us. And then an even worse scenario would be they can't afford to do that, so they have to go elsewhere," Ornes said.

If annually-contracted faculty must be cut, deans look at a list to see who has been at Eastern the longest.

Those at Eastern the longest are likely to be rehired. However, that is not always the case because some annually-contracted faculty members teach courses that no one else can. Bonnie Irwin, the dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, said department chairs across campus have told annually-contract faculty members at the bottom of the list — the newer employees — that there may be cuts.

Irwin said she is waiting on natural turnover like retirements to occur before cutting annually-contracted faculty members, but she realizes they need to know soon if they have a job next year.

"This is probably one of the hardest things deans have to do because it's

complex, and we know people's livelihoods are at stake," Irwin said.

**Uneven enrollment, uneven cuts**

Cuts between the colleges are unequal because some colleges are experiencing larger decreases in enrollment than others, Lord said.

For instance, enrollment in the College of Education and Professional Studies decreased by almost 300 students from last year, while the College of Sciences enrollment dropped by 23 students.

That does not mean, however, that the College of Education and Professional Studies has the largest workforce reduction target from Lord.

In fact, the College of Arts and Humanities will need to reduce its faculty workforce by more than any of the four main academic colleges, Irwin said.

"I think the departments that are most affected are those that have a substantial number of majors in the teacher certification programs," Irwin said. "If we have fewer students coming to EIU for teacher certification, it tends to affect those programs first."

In her college, those departments are English, history and music.

She said if Eastern's overall enrollment declines, then her college

will directly feel the effect no matter which majors are decreasing.

At one point, Irwin said, about 90 percent of the freshmen classes took English 1001 and 1002 — a general education course within the College of Arts and Humanities.

So, when the first-time freshman enrollment decreased by about 600 students between 2008 and 2012, colleges with the most general education classes feel more effects.

That is why even the College of Sciences — which has actually increased its enrollment over the last five years — will need to slightly reduce its workforce next year as it has the last three years.

Ornes uses headcounts instead of enrolled majors to plan his faculty workforce for the next year.

Headcounts are the total number of students that take the classes in his college — including those not majoring in the sciences.

He said the headcount is more accurate to determine the number of teachers he needs to cover all the various courses.

The College of Sciences headcount decreased more than 1,000 students from last year — the largest percent decrease in the last five years.

**Workforce cuts but still hiring**

The deans in each college received authorizations from Lord to conduct searches for new faculty back when the planning process began last July.

But hires are not happening at a one-to-one ratio compared to retirements or faculty who leave.

So, even though the overall workforce is getting smaller, departments still need replacements for faculty whose absence cannot be covered by current colleagues.

This includes department chairs or faculty teaching in specialized areas.

Despite the largest overall reduction in full-time equivalency, the College of Arts and Humanities is adding six new faculty members next year and maybe two annually-contracted faculty members; two of the new faculty members will be department chairs. When the personnel take up 89 percent of the academic budget, it is hard not to make reductions in faculty, Irwin said.

All faculty combined will earn about \$38.7 million this fiscal year.

Irwin said she is two-thirds of the way to meeting her target set by Lord. She said she expects to have all the cuts finalized within a month.

The Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences is adding three

faculty members and one department chair for next year, Dean Mayhar Izadi wrote in an email. He expects two or three retirements and said more may leave before the end of the fiscal year.

The College of Education and Professional Studies, the school with the largest decrease in enrollment, was authorized to hire five faculty members for next year while the dean, Diane Jackman, knows of three retirements for next year.

Ornes said the College of Sciences will hire six or seven people next year, but in the past year his college has had 10 to 12 vacancies occur.

"It's an odd situation to people outside of education. You look at the number and say we're expanding, but we're really not expanding," Ornes said. "I'm not down at all because some of my numbers are declining."

Lord said he will continue to meet at with the deans to ensure they can reach their targets while still delivering the curriculum.

"At the end of the day, you still need to get your courses," Lord said.

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» **ABORTIONS** CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Faith Aloud is a clinic that helps women with abortions and offers guidance, Turner said.

"Many of the women who come here have deep religious questions," she said.

Members of the clergy do all of the counseling at Faith Aloud, Turner added.

Turner said she would hear stories from women who were battling with religious beliefs over getting an abortion that broke her heart.

"I am aware that it's the first time they've probably told anybody about this, and I hear their pains of life and sorrows of the heart," she said.

Turner said a problem with the Christian faith comes from the idea that physicality and spirituality are kept separate.

"These two things are not supposed to meet," she said.

Turner said one of the biggest reasons women do not tell anybody they are considering an abortion is that they

do not want to be labeled.

"Dirty, bad, sinful, selfish and promiscuous," Turner repeated over and over during her lecture. "These are how we describe good women in a tough situation."

Turner also said that the Bible portrays women in bad light because of the culture.

"There are scores of unnamed women in the Bible, and they classify them as prostitutes," she said. "Why? It's the culture's way of showing how bad women are."

God is not in heaven, Turner also said.

Instead, religion should come from within every person's body and the earth itself.

Turner said she turns to the stories in the Bible relating to Jesus because when he interacts with women, it portrays them as working as part of the Earth.

She pointed out during her lecture different cultures that used religion to give thanks for earthly objects — such as

Native Americans who pray for the spirit of the animal they are about to eat.

"God is in the dirt, the blood we wipe from our brows, the egg that is delivered from us and in the tears for the children we bury," Turner said.

She said the best solution to coming to peace with the battle between religion and abortion is to place spirituality in real-life aspects and not the intangible.

"If we didn't think that we would be placed higher than everyone else after we died, we might be less judgmental," Turner said.

She also said people need to start having honest discussions with one another in order to be happier.

"We get scared about anything relating to sexuality, and then we do things that are in nobody's best interests," Turner said. "We need to find a way to be more honest."

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» **CARMAN** CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Lisa Walker, the resident director of Carman Hall, said the staff and residents were informed of the closure prior to the university's press release, and Resident Assistants were prepped to answer questions their residents might have.

"This is our community, and I am excited that Carman will be taken care of and maintained for the next wave of residents," she said. "This is just part of the natural process for improving the housing experience."

Even though students will not be living in Carman Hall, the building will not be completely shut down.

The building will still maintain a level of heating in the winter so the pipes do not freeze and burst, but that could mean having the temperature at 50 degrees instead of 72 degrees, Hudson said.

He estimated the university will save about \$1 million in a year with the closure.

"By saving that \$1 million, we can

reinvest that back into the structure," he added. "The assessment will allow us to use our resources in a way that will serve the students well."

In addition to the hall renovations, the university might bring in a dining consultant to assess the condition of the Carman Dining Center. Hudson said with the dining center unavailable, they will relocate "grilled cheese Wednesday" to a different hall.

Hudson also mentioned looking into other housing projects in the future such as possibly transforming Pemberton Hall into a residential college after the new home of the Honors College is completed in order to enrich the environment.

The residential college would have apartments for faculty to live in the same building as residents and might have seminar rooms.

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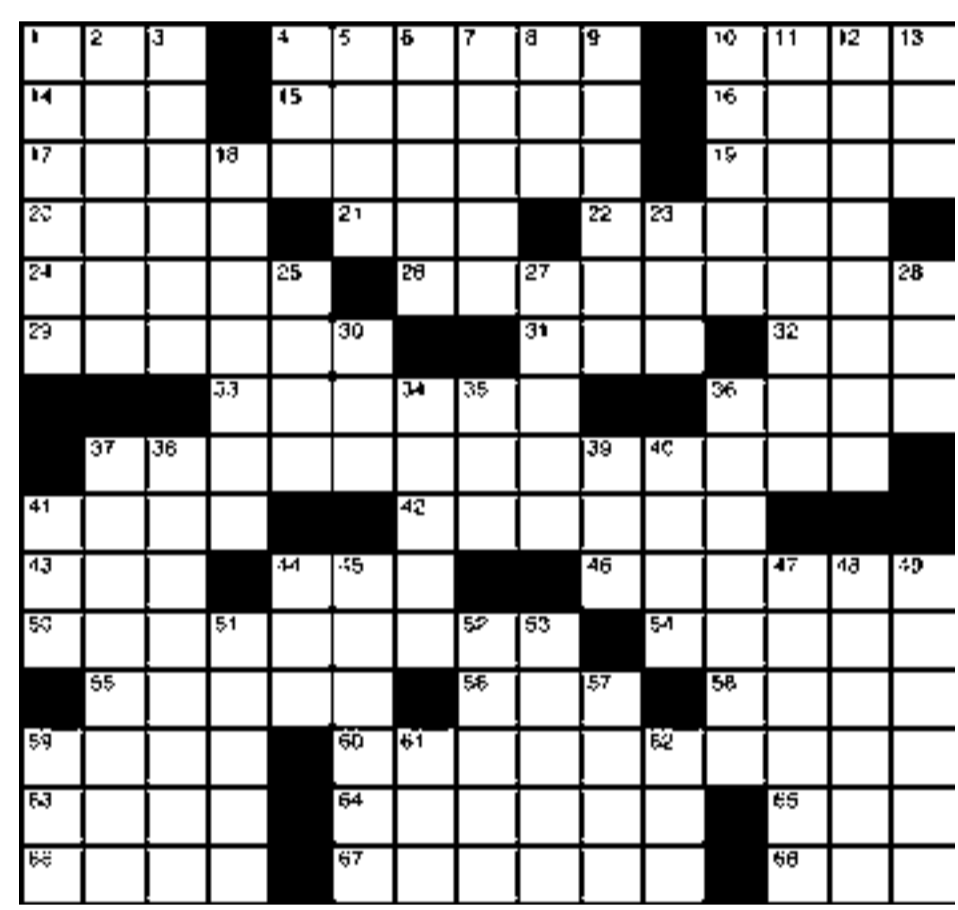
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  - 4 Be accountable (for)
  - 10 Remove, as coupons
  - 14 Ernst collaborator
  - 15 Electronic music genre
  - 16 Spherical opening?
  - 17 Titanic compartment on the lowest level
  - 19 "All \_\_\_": 1931 tune
  - 20 Height: Pref.
  - 21 Lord's Prayer opener
  - 22 Arterial trunk
  - 24 \_\_\_ León: Monterrey's state
  - 26 Setup of a sort
  - 29 Okay
  - 31 Okay
  - 32 Project, with "out"
  - 33 Mediterranean capital
  - 36 Farm female
  - 37 Drive-in offering, and what 17-, 26-, 50- or 60-Across has, in more ways than one
  - 41 1% of a cool mil
  - 42 Lethargic
  - 43 Stein filler
  - 44 Poet's contraction
  - 46 Discography entries
  - 50 Country kitchen design option
  - 54 Wash softly against
  - 55 Words after "What a coincidence!"
  - 56 Muppet friend of Elmo
  - 58 Poet's preposition
  - 59 Italian carmaker
  - 60 Verify
  - 63 "Poppycock!"
  - 64 Find, as a frequency
  - 65 Whopper, e.g.
  - 66 Very dark
  - 67 It has its ups and downs
  - 68 Family guy



By Janice Luttrell and Patti Varol 2/13/13

- DOWN**
- 1 Poolside structure
  - 2 Springtime bloomer
  - 3 Tapering tops
  - 4 Wore (away)
  - 5 Fiery emperor?
  - 6 Clean with effort
  - 7 Fingerprint ridge
  - 8 Ambient music pioneer Brian
  - 9 Parmesan alternative
  - 10 A minor, for one
  - 11 Didn't quite close
  - 12 Childish
  - 13 Slapstick prop
  - 18 Film Volkswagen with "53" painted on it
  - 23 Singular
  - 25 Mark on an otherwise perfect record?
  - 27 Place in the earth
  - 28 Hot time in France
  - 30 Dawn-dusk link
  - 34 Like the '80s look, now
  - 35 Tabloid subj.
  - 36 Spa treatment
  - 37 Aspect of paranoia
  - 38 Person in the know
  - 39 Therapists' org.
  - 40 Cultivate
  - 41 Smidge
  - 44 Unit of resistance
  - 45 Official orders
  - 47 Defended, as family honor
  - 48 Brady Bunch girl
  - 49 Fed the fire
  - 51 Cartoonist Guisewite or her title character
  - 52 Depleted layer
  - 53 Blooms for lovers
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Michael Sorrentino became president of the Eastern hockey club in the second semester of his sophomore year of college. After he graduates this year, junior Andrew Maronich will take over as the next president.

» **REBUILDING**, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 12

The team recently named junior Andrew Maronich as its next president and Sorrentino said he likes the direction Maronich can take the team.

"I see really big things," he said. "(Maronich) has been helping me a lot. I've been showing him the ropes

this past year. I think with his ideas and his work ethic and the rest of the executive committee of the team, the sky's the limit from here on out."

With the season coming to an end last weekend against Robert Morris, the Eastern hockey team

now has its sights set on next season.

The team will hold open skates and recruiting for the next season of Eastern hockey.

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» **STEP UP**, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 12

Injuries happen, all you can hope for is that you can overcome them and have players step up.

That will be exactly what will need to happen for the Panthers.

With the absence of Barton this year, Schmitz will turn to junior Christian Slazinik as the number one starter spot. What will be interesting to see will be how pitchers Joe Greenfield and Jaden Widdersheim will handle their new roles.

Greenfield, now a junior, was supposed to be the closer this season but will now be the team's third starter and Widdersheim has now been placed as the closer.

If you can find any solace in the Barton injury it would be that the injury happened before the season started and the pitchers who have been moved around in the pitching staff will have time to adjust into their new roles.

It looks bleak at the moment, but the season is yet to start and who knows, the Panthers might have their own Aramis Ramirez moment that propels them to a better fate than the end of last year.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL | AWAY GAME



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Austin Akers, a senior guard, moves the ball down the court during the game on Jan. 24 at Lantz Arena. The Panthers face Austin Peay on Thursday.

# Panthers look to defeat Governors

By Anthony Catezone  
Sports Editor

The last time the Eastern men's basketball team saw Austin Peay, the Panthers snapped their 12-game losing streak on the road.

This time around, the tables have turned.

It is Austin Peay that is on the season-long losing streak, having lost eight straight games, and 16 of its last 17.

But the last time the Panthers and the Governors met, was on Jan. 19. That game was only six games into the Ohio Valley Conference schedule.

While that was still a significant game, basically salvaging the Panthers' season, Thursday's meeting between the Panthers and the Governors may be more significant — seeing as Eastern has four OVC games remaining.

With a 7-18 overall record and a 4-8-conference record, the Panthers are currently the No. 8 seed in the OVC.

And the Panthers cannot return the favors of ending the Governors' losing streak, as Austin Peay once did earlier this season for Eastern.

Despite a 5-20 overall record and a 1-10 conference record, Austin Peay has an offense that ranks among the OVC's best in shooting percentages.

A large part of slowing down the Governors' offense starts with guard Travis Betran, something the Pan-

thers managed to do in their road win, holding him six points below his season average.

Betran has been a recipient of the OVC Newcomer of the Week award six times this season, which is more than any other player.

He is third in the OVC in scoring with 20.5 points per game during conference play, and 12<sup>th</sup> in the OVC with 3.3 assists per game.

He leads a team that ranks second in the OVC in 3-point field goal percentage, as he is shooting 39.8 from behind the arc.

Eastern is last in the OVC in 3-point field goal percentage defense, as conference opponents are shooting 42.7 percent from 3-point range against the Panthers.

Meanwhile, inside the 3-point line, Austin Peay forward Will Triggs is shooting an OVC-best 61.5 percent from the field.

Along with Betran, Triggs and fellow forward Anthony Campbell are all averaging double figures in points this season.

The high shooting percentages and offensive efficiency do not stop there for Betran and the Governors.

Averaging about five free throws a game, Betran is second best in the OVC shooting 92 percent from the free throw line.

Tip off is at 7 p.m. Thursday in Lantz Arena. The game will begin a three-game home stand for Eastern.

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SOFTBALL | PREVIEW

# Team ready to prove itself

By Jack Sheehan  
Staff Reporter

The Ohio Valley Conference office has released its preseason predictions for softball, ranking Eastern right where they finished last season, in second place.

The Panthers return nine of their 10 starters from last season's 28-26 overall record team and head coach Kim Schuette said she is excited for the improvement of several returning players.

"We feel we are in a good spot right now after having a lot of hard work at practice, and feeling confident now while knowing we have to continue to improve each day," Schuette said.

The Panthers are predicted to finish behind defending OVC champion Tennessee-Martin, but coach Schuette said she believes the Panthers leadership and depth will help them have a great deal of success this season.

"We have a great core returning to this team which gives us good experience and depth when making line-ups before the game and strategizing during the game with pitching changes, pinch runners, and pinch hitters," Schuette said.

Schuette said junior transfer Janele Robinson will have an immediate impact for the Panthers this season on the mound, providing depth and options for the pitching staff to go along with junior standout and first team All-OVC award winner last season, Stephanie Maday.

Although the Panthers are predicted to finish near the top of the OVC this season, Schuette doesn't want to get hung up on preseason predictions.

"The preseason predictions really don't mean anything, except I believe they give the media an opportunity to hype up the upcoming sports," Schuette said. "We have the most experience and the biggest core of our team returning in the OVC. We also have the best pitching staff when you look at last year's numbers."

Senior outfielder Melise Brown and sophomore infielder Bailey O'Dell join Maday as players to watch this season for the Panthers. Brown and O'Dell earned spots on the All-OVC second team for their performances last season.

Schuette said she believes one game is no more important than another.

"Every game is a big game," she said. "Every game counts as one win or one loss. Each time we step on the field we have an opportunity to be great and to perform. Our job is to prepare, perform and to play with confidence."



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Hannah Mennenga, a junior pitcher, pitches during the alumni game on Sep. 8 at Williams Field. The Panthers travel to Montgomery, Ala. Saturday for the Alabama State Hornet Invitational.

After the success the Panthers have accomplished in the OVC over the past two seasons, winning the OVC in 2011 and placing second last season, Schuette is extremely confident in her team going into the 2013 contest.

"I would vote us up on preseason rankings," Schuette said. "I think we have the best team here at EIU in the OVC."

Eastern will begin its season on Saturday, playing at the Alabama State Invitational.

"Now that all of the predictions are over, it's time to get our job done on the field this weekend," said Schuette.

The Panthers will play a 54-game regular-season schedule this year, opening up the season on February 16-17, playing both Alabama St. and the University of North Carolina Greensboro twice.

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## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | GAME

# Panthers outplay Oakland City for 56-point victory

By Alex McNamee  
Staff Reporter

The Eastern women's basketball team was the big sister in charge of the show Tuesday night against a smaller Oakland City team in Eastern's 56-point win.

The Panthers, in what was their final non-conference game before the season's final stretch run, knew they had a physical advantage going into the game.

Eastern senior guard Ta'Kenya Nixon knew they were under pressure to exploit the advantage early and often.

The Panthers showed their strength, size and length during a 31-second offensive sequence, grabbing four offensive rebounds to keep possession of the ball.

The possession was one example of the Panthers' dominance that led to 23 offensive rebounds in the game and 65 total boards.

What is not forgotten during the 31-second sequence, though, is that the Panthers didn't come out of it with points — missing five shots.

Three of those shots were 3-pointers — three of the 17 attempts total from beyond the arc in the first half. That did not sit well with Eastern head coach Lee Buchanan.

"Everybody wanted to be a 3-point shooter," Buchanan said. "I wanted to execute some offense."

Nixon said it was difficult to pass up those shots early in the game because they were open looks, or the shooter could see over the smaller defender.

The Panthers made three of their first four from three-point range, but ended the half on a 2-for-13 dry spell.

It did not hurt the Panthers, though, because

Oakland City was 3-of-19 from three-point range in the first half and only made 19.4 percent of their shots in the first half.

"There were a lot of missed shots," Buchanan said. "Maybe that's a tribute to our size. There were 95 rebounds and we had 65 of them."

Oakland City was outplayed in most aspects of the game. Eastern outrebounded the Division II school, 65-30. Eastern made seven more free throws than Oakland City even made in shots. Eastern had 17 steals on 19 Oakland City turnovers.

The Panthers' offense also came out ready to play, grabbing a 10-point lead in the first 2:11 of the game. Later, the Panthers strung together a 14-2 run in the first 4:30 of the second half.

The Panthers took the game seriously, said Eastern senior forward Sydney Mitchell, even though a win or loss wouldn't affect the Panthers' Ohio Valley Conference standing.

"Fear none, respect all," Mitchell said. "I didn't come in thinking we had this game. I still looked at it as if we were playing Murray (State), SIU-E or another top school."

The win extended the Panthers' win streak to five games, but all that matters is that it's another step in the right direction.

"Everything is a building block to a championship run we're trying to put together," Buchanan said.

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Ta'Kenya Nixon, a senior guard, passes the ball to Kelsey Wyss, a senior guard, from the ground after stealing it from an Oakland City player Tuesday in Lantz Arena. Eastern defeated Oakland City 86-30.



## TopCat

with Erika Ramos, middle distance runner

# Ramos revives running career with new record

By Jaime Lopez  
Verge Editor

Erika Ramos thought she had peaked during the fall cross country season.

Ramos said she felt like she could have had a much better season, though her times were faster, and she made some improvements.

She said she always felt tired and sometimes unmotivated during competitions.

With the indoor track season right around the corner, the senior middle distance runner was worried that her troubles in cross country would continue into her final indoor track season.

"It kind of scared me because I thought it was going to carry over into track," Ramos said. "I wasn't sure what was going to happen during the indoor season."

Despite her training and experience, Ramos said all of her progress seemed to have been derailed, and that she was moving backward instead of moving forward.

Though her fears continued to haunt her, Ramos said she was able to settle back into competing, like the bumps in the road she ran into during the fall had never happened.

"Everything was back to the way it was before," Ramos said. "The overall atmosphere of being in the track just changes you."

In the past five indoor meets, Ramos placed in the top 10 in all of the events she raced in.

This past weekend, at the Grand Valley Big Meet, she broke the school record in the women's 1,600-meter dash, a feat she had already accomplished before.

Two weekends ago, at the Notre Dame Meyo Meet, teammate Britney Whitehead had snatched the record from her when she ran a time of 4:53.59.

This past weekend Ramos reclaimed her record, running a time of 4:47.16.

Ramos had not planned on reclaiming the school record in the 1,600-meter dash; she said she just wanted to improve on her time in the event.

When the gun went off, Ramos and the rest of the pack was led by a rabbit runner who, she said,

set them up at a pace where they would most likely hit 4:40 pace.

With about 800 meters left in the event, Ramos and the runner ahead of her (Gina Valgoi from Loyola University) separated themselves from the rest of the pack.

Ramos said she chased after Valgoi persistently, ignoring the scoreboard as the race was coming to a close.

Valgoi won the event, but Ramos also had something to celebrate about.

Ramos brought the record down to 4:47.16.

Ramos said that during the race, she had no physical barriers that prevented her from doing well.

However, right before the event, Ramos' fears had overwhelmed her, until her coach, Erin Howarth reminded her of what she was capable of as an athlete.

"I was a little scared, but my coach came up to me and reminded me about the success I've had in the 800-meter dash," Ramos said.

Not only has Ramos had newfound success, but she has also experienced drastic changes during practice.

Ramos said she now trains by herself, as she has surpassed her younger teammates.

"It's good to know that you have reached a certain level, but you're left by yourself to train," Ramos said.

Sometimes Ramos has been forced to train with the men's middle distance team to see some more intense results in her training.

When she runs, Ramos said she lets her body take control; she lets go of all of her worries.

Though she has a new record under belt, Ramos said that some of her biggest disappointments have come when she is so close to inching toward a victory and fails in the process.

When she ran at Indiana University earlier this season, Ramos was close to tasting victory in the mile and the 800-meter, but lost in the final moments leading up to the finish line.

At Notre Dame, she said she almost had the school record in the 800-meter in her grasp, but missed it.



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Erika Ramos, a senior middle distance runner, reclaimed the Eastern record for the mile run Friday at the Grand Valley Meet. Britney Whitehead had taken the record from her on Feb. 2.

"That felt like a slap in the face," Ramos said. Last outdoor season, Ramos was just seconds off from being the school title holder in the 1,500-meter dash.

However, her shortcomings have not kept her from pursuing success.

Ramos has set goals for herself for the remainder of the season.

She is vying for a spot on the indoors-national team, though she explained that making the squad is a lofty goal.

She said she wants to get to regionals during the outdoor season, where she wants to compete in the 800-meter dash.

Even if she does not make her target goal, she said running faster times would be a blessing.

She said she is always worried that running may no longer play a big role in her life as she inches closer and closer to graduation.

Ramos reflected on her career at Eastern and said that in the past, she would have never imagined her-

self breaking records or running the times she has ran.

"If I were to go back in time, I would never think that in the future I would be running 2:08 or 4:47," Ramos said. "It's kind of like, 'what am I going to do after this?'"

She said it doesn't feel like she has been running for 12 years, but her victories have kept her striding for success.

"I think success is what really drives, because, I mean, if you don't have success in something, why would you want to keep doing it?"

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## All Access with Michael Sorrentino



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Michael Sorrentino, a senior forward, has played for the Eastern hockey team since the 09-10 season. Sorrentino tore his ACL during the game against Iowa on Jan. 21, in which he scored three goals.

# Rebuilding from the ground up

By **Dominic Renzetti**  
Opinions Editor

When Michael Sorrentino took over as president of the Eastern hockey club in the second semester of his sophomore year, he had his work cut out for him.

Sorrentino, along with the help of teammate Brad Bartosz, helped rebuild an Eastern hockey program that's reputation with the university and with its own league, the Mid America Collegiate Hockey Association, was rocky at best.

A lack of communication by the team's former president to the university, along with some unpaid bills led to the university conducting an investigation of the team regarding its unpaid debts.

The Panthers did not even have an advisor when Sorrentino first arrived at the university. Today, the

Panthers have an advisor in business professor James Sysko. Sorrentino said the team would be nothing without his loyalty and support.

When the tides turned over to Sorrentino, he and Bartosz helped draft a 40-page constitution to submit to the university, as well as getting readmitted into the MACHA.

After countless hours of hard work and dedication, Sorrentino saw a team that could barely keep the lights on turn into a team that covered the homepage of Eastern's website as it's inaugural Registered Student Organization of the Month in Sorrentino's senior season.

As president, Sorrentino is in charge of being in direct contact with other teams, finding rinks for the teams to play, scheduling games, busses, renting hotels and ordering equipment.

Though Sorrentino's final season

with the Eastern hockey team may have come to an end, he says he's still not done with the team.

"I'm not going to say I'm done with the hockey team," he said. "I'm probably going to help them out as much as I can, give back as much money as I can when possible, hopefully maybe get a position on the executive board of the league and get our name out there even more."

As for Sorrentino, he landed an internship at 4strong Sports Performance, a strength and conditioning program based out of Chicago.

After that, Sorrentino said he just wants to have a job somewhere, just like anybody else out of college.

"We'll see what happens, but I just look forward to the future," he said.

Sorrentino said hockey has helped turn him into the person he is today.

"It's given me the qualities of hard work, dedication, leadership," he said. "You basically learn probably the best time management out there. You have your workouts, your practice, then you leave on the weekends for games, you may only have a few hours a day to do whatever you have to do."

Sorrentino said by working as president, he learned how to juggle all the things he needed in order to excel not only in school, but in the sport as well.

Sorrentino not only leads the team as president, but also on the ice as team captain.

Despite missing the last five games to a knee injury, Sorrentino still ranked as one of the team's top point scorers.

And even in his last game, Sorrentino went out strong, scoring three goals before things took a turn

for the worse in the third period.

"My next shift, I went out and there was a collision," he said. "As I was skating away, my knee just went straight in and I tore my MCL. That was kind of a bummer for me."

Even with the unfortunate end to his season, Sorrentino said he was still proud of the Panthers, who finished with a record of 9-15-3.

"The team has been doing really good," he said. "The whole year, we competed. We beat ranked teams. We beat No. 5 ranked Northern (Illinois), we beat U of I, we almost beat Missouri State and they're probably one of the best teams in the nation."

Though the Panthers won't have Sorrentino on the ice next season, he's still confident in the team's abilities and likes what he sees in the remaining roster.

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# Team needs to step up after Barton injury

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I sat on my couch, staring at the TV, watching Brewer hitters foul pitch after pitch in the first inning, leading to 45 pitches thrown by the Cubs' Rich Hill on June 29, 2007.

It was painful to watch, but despite the five-run first inning from Milwaukee, the Cubs came back to steal the game.

Aramis Ramirez hit a two-run home run on a first-pitch change up, thrown by Francisco Cordero with

two outs in the ninth inning, to give the Cubs a 6-5 win.

I jumped out of my seat, and simultaneously pumped my fist in the air as Ramirez did the same while he stepped on first base. The Cubs won and I was excited, maybe a little too excited if you ask my mom.

Yet, with the win, the Cubs were still seven-and-a-half games behind the central division-leading Brewers, but it didn't matter. The win was something greater; it made me believe that something special could happen.

The Cubs actually made it to the playoffs that year, but were swept by the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Typical.

Being a Cubs fan (OK, I get it, stop laughing) you get used to having high expectations and ending up with disappointment, so as I prepared to cover the Eastern baseball team this year, I was excited.

Despite a 29-29 record in 2012, the Panthers ended up with a 15-11 Ohio Valley Conference record, after starting slow against conference opponents. The Panthers led the OVC

with the lowest ERA (4.14) and made it to the conference tournament championship.

They lost to the No. 1 seed Austin Peay, but coming into this season head coach Jim Schmitz said the team was ready to carry over their success from last year into this season.

The Panthers lost their two power hitters in Ben Thoma and T.J. McManus, but Schmitz said he felt good about his current lineup and especially his pitching staff, with senior Troy Barton returning as the team's number one starter.

But, get ready. Here comes the disappointment.

Sometime around 11 a.m. on Monday the Panthers found out that Barton, who led Eastern in wins with nine in 2012, was going to be out for the year with an elbow injury.

Maybe I'm overreacting, but let's face it, the Panthers didn't just lose a middle relief pitcher, they lost their best starting pitcher. Imagine the Yankees finding out a week before their season started that C.C. Sabathia would be out for the season.

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