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LOOKING GOOD

The Eastern baseball team has been playing better compared to their early season six-game losing streak. The Panthers have a 3-2 record over the last five games.

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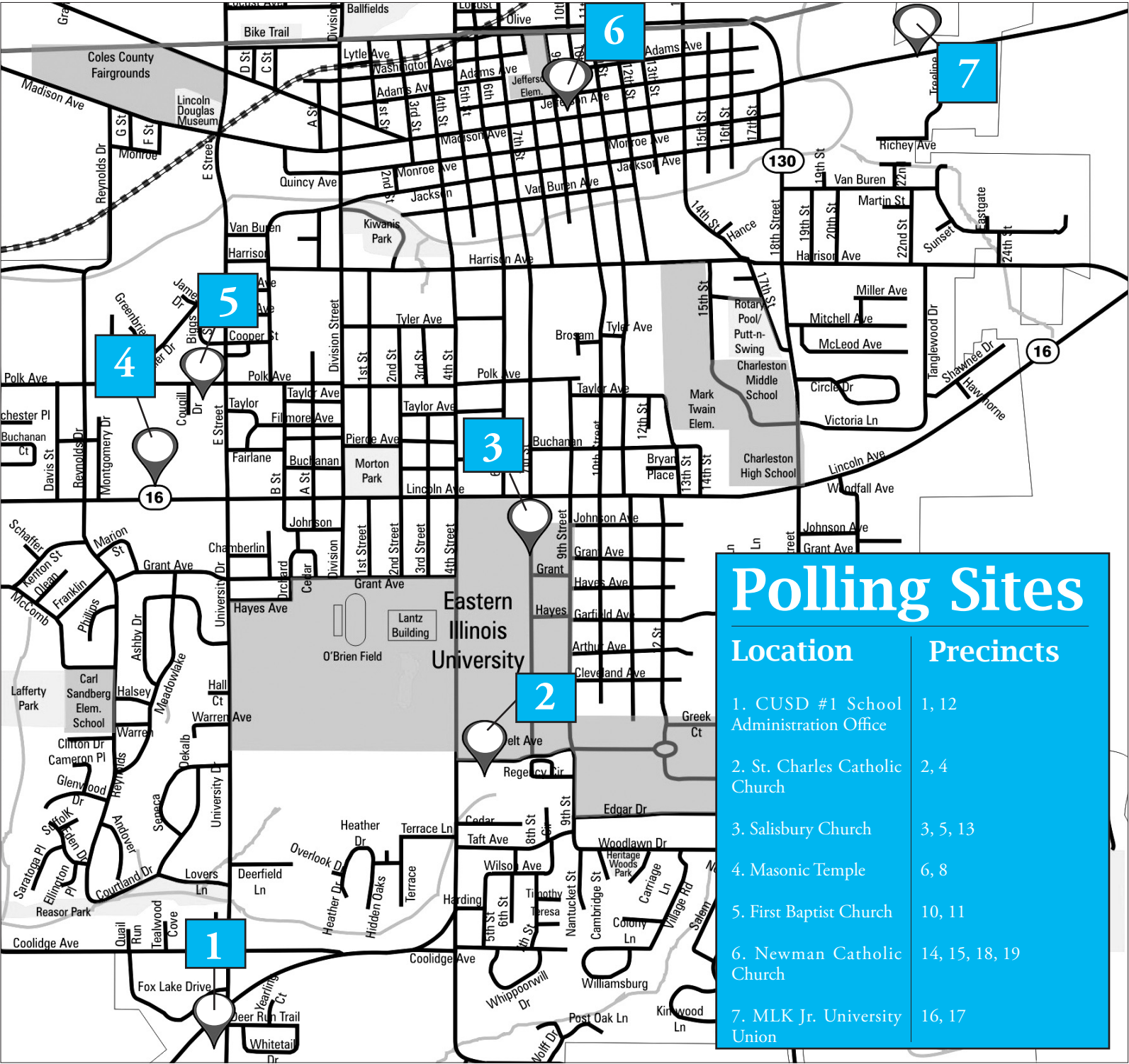
Logan Charbonneau, a freshman men’s tennis player, shares his story on how he came to play tennis at a Division-I university, such as practicing until 2 a.m. on some nights.

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Senate to discuss final resolution language for EIU Signature Experience

Staff Report | @DEN_News

The Faculty Senate will discuss the final resolution language it will use concerning the “EIU Signature Experience” document from the Workgroup Review Committee as passed on March 6. The resolution, among other things, endorsed the recommendations made by the Workgroup Review Committee to establish an ongoing committee tasked with identifying current and future challenges and trends affecting higher education. The Workgroup Review Committee looked at recommendations made by vitalization project Workgroup No. 8 and 9.

Workgroups No. 8 and 9 looked at ways to reorganize the university’s colleges and new programs, among other things, during the vitalization project. The resolution acknowledged that the senate discussed the findings of the Workgroup Review Committee and, although not all items were agreed upon, the senate was appreciative of the proposals. Also on the agenda is a draft resolution to support the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Lincoln-Douglas Debates. The meeting is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in room 4440 of the Booth Library.

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Lecture, movie to look at ‘Chile’s Woodstock’ Wednesday night

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Visiting lecturer Patrick Barr-Melej of Ohio University will give a talk at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Lumpkin Hall. The talk is co-sponsored by the departments of history and political science, the Humanities Center and Latin American Studies. Barr-Melej’s recent monograph on Psychedelic Chile is about “Chile’s Woodstock,” which is the landmark Piedra Roja music festival from 1970. The presentation leads up to a showing of retired biological sciences professor Gary Fritz’s film Piedra Roja, Chile’s Woodstock on Wednesday. Fritz combined 1970s footage of the festival with interviews of participants to create the film. It was chosen over one submitted by director Martin Scorsese to open the In-Edit International Film Festival in Santiago, Chile. The film is in Spanish with English subtitles.

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Know before you vote: Last minute Election Day tips

Staff Report | @DEN_News

The General Primary Election for 2018 will be on Tuesday. Each voter must vote at his/her precinct polling place. (See map) Voting starts at 6 a.m. Tuesday and ends at 7 p.m. that evening. To register to vote on Election Day, voters have to:

- Appear in person at one of the designated locations for registration and voting
- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be 18 or older
- Have been a resident of the precinct for 30 days
- Provide two forms of ID, one of

which has the voter’s address Electioneering is not allowed in any polling places or any area within 100 feet of any polling place. In this case, electioneering is defined as “working in support of, against or in opposition to, or in the interest of a candidate, party, or proposition” according to Illinois State Board of Elections. Electioneering includes any political discussion, wearing a campaign shirt, button, hat, or displaying or distributing any political literature or brochure. However, sample ballots may be taken into the polling place.

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 - Chris Kennedy with running mate Ra Joy
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 - Tio Hardiman with running mate Patricia Avery
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 - Sharon Fairley
 - Aaron Goldstein
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- Jesse White


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Students mobilize in marches

NEW YORK (AP) — Students from the Florida high school where 17 people were fatally shot last month expect more than 1 million participants in upcoming marches in Washington and elsewhere calling for gun regulations, students said Monday.

More than 800 March for Our Lives demonstrations are planned around the world Saturday, sparked by the Feb. 14 shooting in Parkland, Florida.

Since the massacre, Stoneman Douglas students have been at the forefront of a push to tighten gun restrictions and protect schools.

They have led rallies and lobbied lawmakers in Washington and Florida's capital, Tallahassee. Last Wednesday, tens of thousands of students around the U.S. walked out of their classrooms to demand action on gun violence and school safety. Stoneman Douglas students fanned out Monday to discuss the marches with media outlets in New York, including NBC's "Today" show and "CBS This Morning."

The National Rifle Association didn't immediately respond to an inquiry Monday about the upcoming marches.

The group has said any effort to prevent future school shootings needs to "keep guns out of the hands of those who are a danger to themselves or others, while protecting the rights of law-abiding Americans."

Amid the wave of activism, Florida passed a law curbing young peoples' access to rifles; the NRA has sued to try to block it. Some major U.S. retailers decided to curb the sale of assault-style rifles or stop selling firearms to people younger than 21.

But, Congress has shown little appetite for new gun regulations. President Donald Trump at one point proposed raising the minimum age for buying an assault rifle to 21 but then backed off, citing a lack of political support.

The Republican president has since released a school safety plan that includes strengthening the federal background check system and helping states pay for firearms training for teachers, while assigning the buying-age issue to a commission to study.

A petition associated with Saturday's march calls for banning sales of assault weapons and large-capacity ammunition magazines, as well as tightening background checks.

The suspect in the Parkland shooting, 19-year-old former student Nikolas Cruz, used an AR-15 assault-style rifle, according to authorities. His lawyer has said Cruz will plead guilty in return for a life prison sentence, rather than possibly facing the death penalty.

The Associated Press reported Sunday that documents show some officials recommended in September 2016 that Cruz be involuntarily committed for a mental evaluation, though the recommendation was never acted upon. Such a commitment would have made it more difficult, if not impossible, for Cruz to get a gun legally.

Beyond making a statement, Saturday's marches aim to make political change by registering and mobilizing people to vote.

But the students insist their aim isn't partisan: "We're just trying to make sure that morally just people are running this country," Stoneman Douglas senior Ryan Deitsch told the AP.

As soon-to-be voters, the students say they're here to stay in the public debate.

Early voting for Illinois primary far exceeds last midterm voting

CHICAGO (AP) — The number of voters casting early ballots for the Illinois primary has far exceeded the number who voted early four years ago.

Information compiled by the Illinois State Board of Elections shows more than 330,000 people had voted as of Sunday, and election officials say thousands more were casting ballots on Monday. The total in 2014 was just over 200,000.

While some of the increase may be due to increased awareness of and comfort with early voting, election officials say it's also because of the large number of competitive contests on the ballot.

Voters are choosing nominees for governor as well as congressional, attorney general and other races.

In Cook County, a Democratic stronghold that includes Chicago, the number of early votes cast is almost three times the 2014 number.

Putin considers term limit removal

MOSCOW (AP) — Now that President Vladimir Putin has overwhelmingly won reelection for another six years, some are wondering whether he will try to stay in power in Russia for life.

Chinese leader Xi Jinping recently managed it, scrapping term limits — and was among the first world leaders to congratulate Putin on his victory Sunday. Leaders across the former Soviet Union also have guaranteed themselves lifetime presidencies.

Putin has faced this question before. In 2008, he had reached his limit of two four-year terms and couldn't run again. So he anointed loyal associate Dmitry Medvedev as his approved candidate for president, and Medvedev named Putin to the post of prime minister, where he continued to call the shots for the next four years.

When his new term expires in 2024, Putin may find a malleable successor and create a new role for himself to keep running Russia from behind the scenes.

Whatever happens, he's not likely to do away with elections. Although he has stifled serious opponents, Putin likes elections because they give him democratic legitimacy in the West.

Austin still wary of bombings

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The hunt for the serial bomber who has been leaving deadly explosives in packages on Austin doorsteps took an even more sinister turn Monday when investigators said the fourth and latest blast was triggered along a street by a nearly invisible tripwire.

Police and federal agents said that suggests a "higher level of sophistication" than they have seen before, and means the carnage is now random, rather than directed at someone in particular.

"The game went up a little bit — well, it went up a lot yesterday with the tripwire," Christopher Combs, FBI agent in charge of the bureau's San Antonio division, said in an interview.

Two people have now been killed and four wounded in bombings over a span of less than three weeks.

The latest blast happened Sunday night in southwest Austin's quiet Travis Country neighborhood, injuring two men in their 20s who were walking in the dark. They suffered what police said were significant injuries and remained hospitalized in stable condition.

The three earlier bombings involved parcels that were left on doorsteps and blew up when they were moved or opened.

Authorities repeated prior warnings about not touching unexpected packages and also issued new ones to be wary of any stray object left in public, especially one with wires protruding.

Authorities said they are looking at a range of possible motives, including domestic terrorism or that the bombings were hate crimes.

Local and state police and hundreds of federal agents are investigating, and the reward for information leading to an arrest has climbed to \$115,000.

While the first three bombings all occurred east of Interstate 35, a section of town that tends to be more heavily minority and less affluent, Sunday's was west of the highway.

Also, both victims this time are white, while those killed or wounded in the earlier attacks were black or Hispanic.

That made it harder to draw conclusions about a possible pattern, further unnerving a city already on edge.

Fred Milanowski, agent in charge of the Houston division of the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, said the latest bomb was anchored to a metal yard sign near the head of a hiking trail.

Milanowski said authorities have checked over 500 leads. Police asked anyone with surveillance cameras at their homes to come forward with the footage on the chance it captured suspicious vehicles or people.

Spring break ended Monday for the University of Texas and many area school districts. University police warned returning students to be alert and to tell their classmates about the danger, saying, "We must look out for one another." None of the four attacks happened close to the campus near the heart of Austin.

TODAY ON CAMPUS

Yoga Strength | 8:00 AM - 8:45 AM | Student Rec Center

Secretary of State Mobile Unit | 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM | MLK Union, Bookstore Lounge

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Managing Your Online Faculty Profile | 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM | 4440 Booth Library

Werk! | 6:25 PM - 7:00 PM | Student Rec Center

Special Presentation by Dr. Patrick Barr-Melej | 7:30 PM | Lumpkin Auditorium

Come and enjoy a special talk by visiting lecturer Patrick Barr-Melej of Ohio University, whose recent (2017) monograph on Psychedelic Chile delves into "Chile's Woodstock," the landmark Piedra Roja music festival that took place in 1970.

Dining halls prepare for themed meals

By **Scotty Gilkey**
Contributing Writer | @DEN_News

Eastern’s dining halls “keep things fresh” with celebratory meals for holidays according to Gail Abrams-Aungst, associate director of Housing and Dining.

Abrams-Aungst said these celebrations keep students excited and engaged.

Director of Housing and Dining, Mark Hudson, said every two years, the office conducts a 175-question survey for students. Some of the questions are about student’s experience with the dining halls and what they like best.

“They give us suggestions, as well saying the things they would like to see more of, which is great,” Hudson said. “We really try to listen to our customers’ suggestions closely.”

Both Hudson and Abrams-Aungst said planning themed meals are worth the extra time they have to put in and keep students out of routine and from getting bored of the same food each week.

“The most hit spot on Eastern’s website is the dining menu. Students will visit this page multiple times a day to figure out what’s

going to be for breakfast, lunch or dinner,” Hudson said.

Workers in the dining halls take extra time to set up the props and prepare the food. The marketing team makes sure to get the word out months before the holiday special starts.

Hudson said students look forward to the holiday food because it gives a sense of a home cooked meal.

“It’s great for visiting new buildings other than the one you’re already at. I definitely think (students) look forward to it,” Hudson said.

One part of themed meal events on campus are Jell-O molds and cookie shapes for different holidays.

The most recent event held was for St. Patrick’s Day in Taylor Hall, where they served corned beef. Next up is the Jimmy Buffett dinner from 4:30 to 8 p.m. March 21 in Taylor Hall. They will be serving non-alcoholic margaritas.

Housing and Dining will be a part of the Spring Job Fair on March 21 and 22 in Booth Library from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Daja'Nay Brown, a senior psychology major and a student worker at the Thomas Dining Center, hands a student his pizza during Late Night Pizza in February 2018. Brown said though she is ready to graduate, it will be bitter-sweet.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Take time to stay active

Whether it is at the Student Recreation Center or off campus, students are finding ways to keep exercising despite their busy schedules.

A recent article in *The Daily Eastern News* interviewed students about their preferences on this topic and where they like to go to get their workouts in.

However they do it, though, we like to see that students are staying active. It is an important part of one's mental and physical health, and should not be overlooked, even during a stressful semester. This does not necessarily mean exercising to lose weight or gain muscle, although some might be looking to do that. It means taking some time to yourself to get up and get your body moving and your mind on something other than schoolwork, your job or personal problems.

According to The Mayo Clinic's website, exercise combats health conditions and diseases, improves people's moods and boosts their energy. This is all beneficial in the long run and can only help in all aspects of one's life. If you haven't been able to make it to the gym in a while, or at all, take small steps. Stay for a shorter amount of time, or don't lift as heavy of weights or go on the highest setting of the treadmill. But don't give up. As you keep going, it will get easier. All it takes is some perseverance and time.

Of course, certain things need to be prioritized over exercising sometimes, which is understandable. If you have a mountain of homework, two papers and a full-time job on top of that, you might not make it to the gym some nights. And in all honesty, sometimes a bowl of ice cream and Netflix binge-watching session seems more appealing than a run on the treadmill. But as long as you make a conscious effort to get out of your room and do something active when you can, you will find yourself a happier, healthier person overall.

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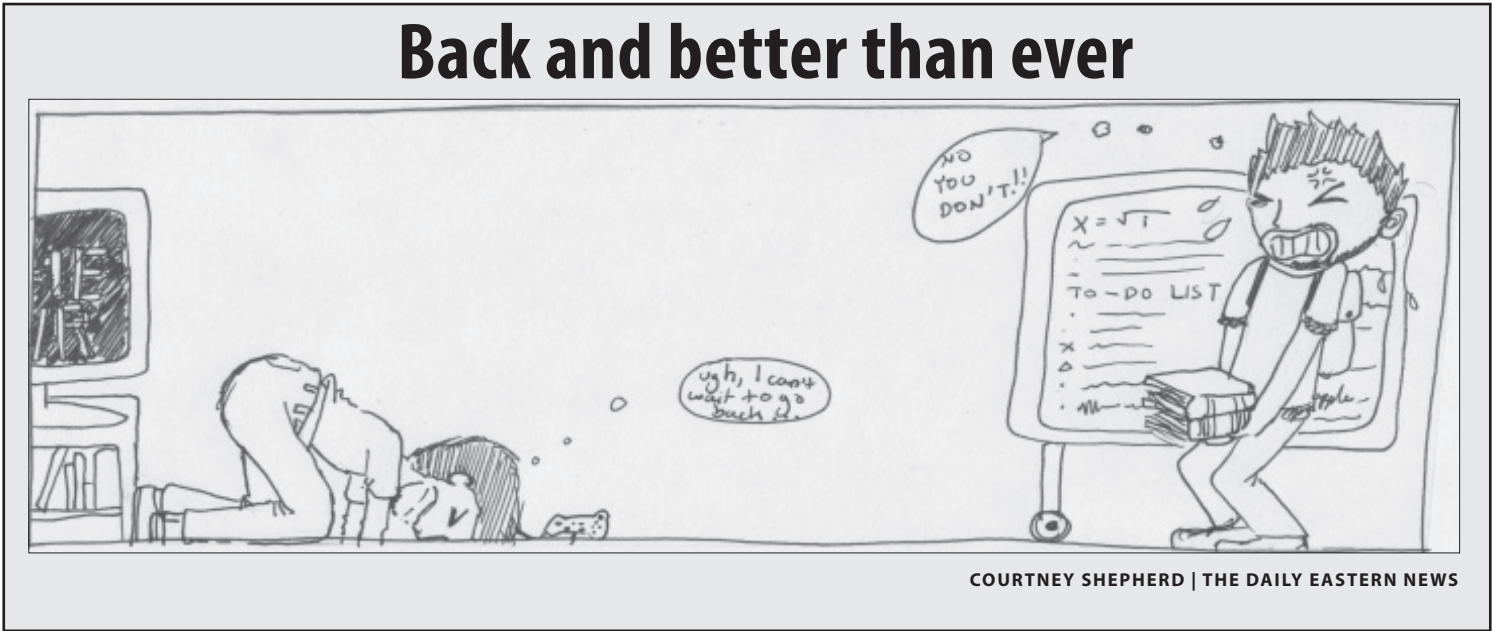
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Hypocrisy can be a form of growth

We live in a world of hypocrisy. All around us are double standards, and far too often we find ourselves doing what we tell others not to.

Just like those of us who swear we will not become our parents, we find out when it is too late; after working so hard to run from who they are, we often stumble right into a mirror where we can see them in our reflection.

This is not always a terrible thing, and it does not mean we are identical to who we never wanted to become.

I like to think, and hope, people have some sliver of good in them and that passed-down character flaws can transform into some sort of decency or at least something tolerable.

We cannot help what passes on when our parents condition us with their behavior during the early, developing moments of our life.

From the beginning we have written and ingrained our moral standards to guide us through life, but we have not yet gotten to test the beliefs written for us or by ourselves. Many view the title “hypocrite” as an in-



Abbey Whittington

sult, but I think hypocrisy could be reinterpreted as denial or the state we find ourselves in after we realize our assumptions or beliefs about something are wrong.

We are all hypocrites. It is one of humanity's many flaws.

But, people hold their moral high grounds close to their hearts because it is the very foundation of who they have built themselves up to be.

Whether we like it or not, we prove ourselves wrong because we do not always write our morals with experienced hands.

We speak from the standpoint of others, even though the truest way to find where we stand is to go there ourselves.

The moral guidelines that we write are based off ethical scenarios. This is where we pick up our pencils to write a prediction of how we would face our issues, a draft to our moral handbook.

But, when we tackle our dilemmas head on, we often refer to this draft and see much of the content needs revisions.

This is because until projected into a situation, we could not have been ready for what is really the unknown.

We blindly write our beliefs without seeing the setting. Defining a human being with a one-track set of beliefs is limiting in a world with infinite possibilities.

Rather than going into defense or pointing out hypocrisy like it is a crime against humanity, we can become aware of the personal, moral promises we broke and view this as a lesson to what we all are: learning.

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Nudity is a representation of freedom

We live in a society where men can freely prance across the beach in their swim trunks while women must feel insecure about having a slight wardrobe malfunction, such as a nip-slip.

Campaigns such as “Free the Nipple Movement” strive to “raise awareness, and affect change in areas of the inequality of men and women that are still being experienced in the world today.” The movement began in 2012, when a woman initiated it by creating a documentary where she exposed her breasts and Facebook removed teaser clips she posted for violating its guidelines.

Women can't expose small portions of their bodies without them being inadvertently sexualized or potentially acquiring public indecency charges.

Even those who consider themselves “radicals” or “liberals” may chastise women for getting too comfortable with their own bodies.

After all, it's only orthodox to be open-minded if one conforms to partisan views of what it means to be progressive. Women are forced into a state of constant oppression where covering their bodies is neces-



Olivia Swenson-Hultz

sary even on a hot summer's day.

Nudity can only be justified for those who are soaring with self-confidence or promiscuousness. In order for us to live in a free society it must be acceptable for all to be comfortable in their skin, regardless of physical appearance. We'll always live in isolation if we can't be comfortable revealing who we really are without fear of judgement.

Men are often known for radiating confidence. This is in part because flaunting all aspects of their bodies is viewed as “macho” instead of “slutty.”

Although still seen as an attempt to drum

up sexual libido, which is completely nonsensical as we see our own bodies every day, regardless of appearance, men can flirt with the idea of total nudity and still be seen as humorous.

Women, on the other hand, are forced to cover up and shave and then somehow regain their sense of self-worth and flush out a fake aura of perkiness and congeniality to a deprecating society. Police, teachers, church leaders and other authoritative figures are trained to search for flaws and systematically punish those who try to breathe a gasp of freedom. This has created a culture of insecurity and sadness that can only be masked by make-up and drugs, which are also illegal.

If only someday society will allow people to step outside of themselves and uncover their true potential of walkers of this earth, without being forced carry the constant burden of social acceptably. In the meantime, I suppose we'll continue to ridicule each other just for being human.

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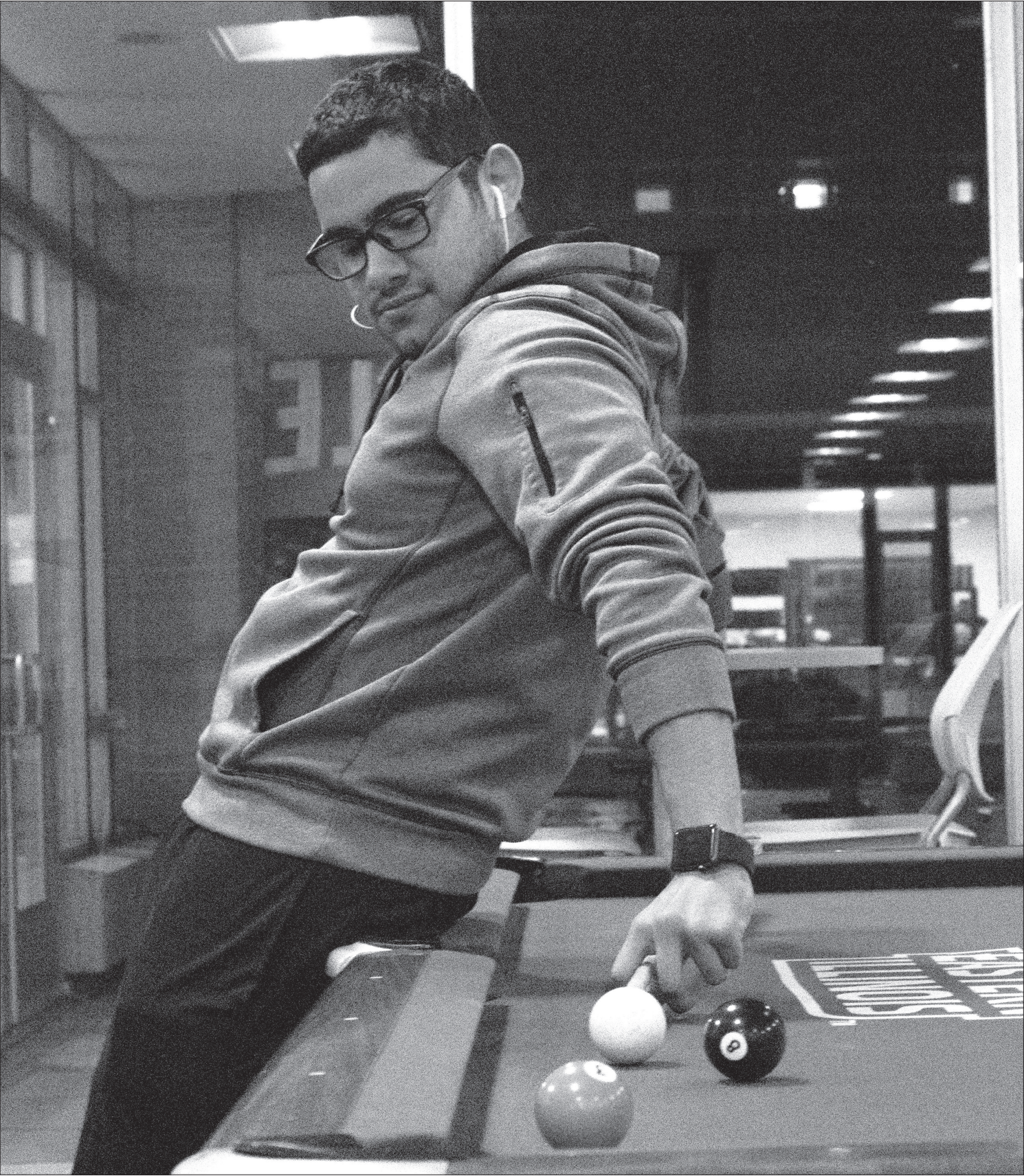
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Tarryn Monti, a freshman elementary education major, promotes The Panther Pub event that is going to be on March 28 and organized for Taylor Hall. Monti said there is free Jimmy John's sandwiches and drinks for students that attend the event.

The New York Times Crossword

- ACROSS**
1 Unwanted email
5 Series of courses?
10 "Buenos días!"
14 Actress Polo
15 Top Trappist, maybe
16 14-time M.L.B. All-Star, to fans
17 Beginning, datewise
18 "Yes, that's my opinion"
20 Like skim milk
22 Takes to the station house
23 Wolf (down)
26 One-named singer with the 2016 #1 hit "Cheap Thrills"
27 The "O" of NATO: Abbr.
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36 Intrinsically
- 38 Lived like a single guy
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41 With 44-Across, Valentine's Day gift ... or a hint to the shaded squares
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Eastern baseball team hosting Indiana State

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Despite the Panthers' 8-10 record, putting them ninth in the OVC, the team has been playing better compared to their early season six-game losing streak. Over the last five games, the Panthers have a 3-2 record even though they have been outscored 26-29.

The Eastern baseball team will have a chance to bounce back from a shutout as the Panthers have a non-conference game Tuesday against Indiana State at home.

The Panthers are not lingering on their 7-0 loss Sunday against Jacksonville State. With three wins out of the four games prior, the team believes they are returning to form from the beginning of the year.

“We are back on the right path that we are trying to get to,” said senior pitcher Michael Starcevich. “Sunday wasn’t what we were looking for, but in terms of whole team mentality, we are back on the right track and looking to move forward.”

Starcevich, the team’s closer, has had a successful season, compiling an OVC leading four saves, now putting him sixth most in the Eastern record book.

Location, velocity, and commanding all three pitches for strikes has helped a lot, Starcevich said.

As a team, the pitching rotation has been one of the best in the OVC this year. The Panthers rank third with a 4.95 team ERA and allowing 88 earned runs, the second lowest in conference.

“As a staff in general, we are pretty solid,” Starcevich said. “If we are in the game toward the end, we have a solid bullpen to finish things out.”

During those five games, the Panthers' offense has been inconsistent. In those three games won, the team has scored all of their 26 runs and have been shutout in those two losses. As for the pitching, the Panthers have allowed those 29 runs the past four games.

The offense has the potential as the Panthers have five batters hitting above .300. Once the offense begins to find a rhythm, as well as the pitching staying consistent, the team will be set for conference games.



Senior Dougie Parks throws out Illinois Springfield's Ben Schanding in the sixth inning of the Panthers 18-11 win April 2017 at Coaches Stadium. The Panthers host Indiana State Tuesday at Coaches Stadium.

“Our offense just needs to click,” said redshirt junior pitcher Hunter Clark. “Obviously when they score first, the pitching gets on their back and we let them ride because we are a high-powered offense.”

Indiana State is having a successful season with an 11-5 record, most noticeably the past two weeks as they have won six straight.

Junior Second Baseman Jarrod Watkins has been a consistent leadoff batter for the Sycamores this season, leading the team in multiple offensive categories.

In 68 plate appearances, Watkins leads the team with a .382 average, 26 hits and eight doubles.

The Sycamores have been reliant on junior pitch-

er Triston Polley this season and his dominant starts. Through 33.1 innings, Polley has a 2.16 ERA, giving him a team high 4-1 record and 26 strikeouts.

Tuesday’s game will start at 3 p.m. at Coaches Stadium.

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Following dreams helped Charbonneau

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Starting practice after school at 3 p.m. and practicing on his own until 2 a.m. is how freshman Logan Charbonneau became a Division-I tennis athlete at Eastern.

He said he would go through 1,000 to 2,000 balls a day from a ball machine, and turn up the speed to see how fast he could get it. And for Charbonneau, that made all the difference.

"A lot of nights I can remember it was just pitch black, 2 a.m. had the lights on to myself, get home, get a little bit of sleep, go back and do it the next day," Charbonneau said.

Charbonneau said starting at 14, he never played for a good tennis team. The players never took matches seriously, and there was no competition.

He said ever since then, he has had a "tennis bug" and wanted to play 24/7.

When he met his high school coach, he took Charbonneau to various tournaments around North America, such as South Carolina, Las Vegas, Seattle and Vancouver.

Charbonneau competed against higher level competition, and he wanted to learn from better players to improve his game any way he could.

One challenge he faced throughout high school was balancing his time between tennis and being the captain on the high school baseball team.

In tennis, Universal Tennis Ratings is a tracker on how tennis athletes rank. Charbonneau knew that not playing tennis a full calendar year would hurt his chances of finding a school to play tennis.

And during that time when baseball season was going on, that was when big tournaments were happening for tennis and Charbonneau could not compete in them, which worried him that coaches would not look at him because of a low rank.

That eventually changed.

Sam Kercheval, the interim tennis director at Eastern, and Charbonneau knew each other from Charbonneau competing in a tournament in Indiana against IUPUI, where Kercheval was the tournament director. He said that helped him make his choice.

"I came here because of Sam," he said. "Your coach at a D-I level is like your second dad. When I asked everyone in Indiana that I knew what was bad about Sam Kercheval, I just couldn't find anything. He's an A-1 guy, he's honest, he won't cheat you and he's a really good guy."

Charbonneau said making the transition to Eastern was easy because he was on the same wavelength as his coach and the two were close.

When Kercheval first met Charbonneau, he liked what he saw right away, he said.

Kercheval said Charbonneau was a



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Logan Charbonneau, a freshman men's tennis player, stayed on the tennis courts till 2 a.m. following a 3 p.m. tennis practice to ready himself for a chance at playing at the college level. His 2 a.m. "partner" was a machine that fired thousands of balls at him until he decided it was time for bed only to wake up and do it the next day.

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- Logan Charbonneau, Eastern freshman

player who loved the game and after watching him play extra matches after he was eliminated in a tournament, he said he knew Charbonneau was a player to watch.

"This happened four times and that told me to watch this kid, because that's what you want from a player who loves the game," Kercheval said.

One of the biggest things Charbonneau encountered when coming to Eastern is his teammate and roommate Kai-sei Kuroki.

Kuroki is from Tokyo, Japan and has been training for seven years in France with the Mouratoglou Academy, the actual coach of Serena Williams.

"He's been training in France for seven years, and that's tennis heaven for me," Charbonneau said. "I have a guy that can beat me all the time now, which

I didn't have in high school, it's a dream come true for me."

And for Charbonneau, this helps motivate him to have intensity on the court and he said he knows he can succeed.

"His high school's mascot is a bulldog, and that's truly what he is, he loves the game and keeps going after it," Kercheval said. "Having that Indiana connection briefly before that really helped Logan."

Something he never had in high school was a support system by his side and teammates lifting him up when he has a bad match, Charbonneau said. Now being here at Eastern, Charbonneau said he has that support system from all his teammates.

He said he knows he always can ask for advice from the guys, and Charbonneau said he could not be happier to have this by his side.

"You can see the fire in my teammates' eyes and that helps me a lot, because back at home I was known as the most-fiery guy and having the biggest heart, and now having this at the college level, it helps so much more," Charbonneau said.

While Charbonneau is struggling to find wins this spring, Kercheval said the competition is much different.

"The level is so different, so it's going to be important not only does he have it, but keeps it," Kercheval said. "He's pretty angry when he loses but the way he channels it and gets back on the court, if he keeps that throughout college and beyond, he'll be in good shape."

Something that will stand out for Charbonneau in his growing process is having teammates with different styles.

"He's becoming a little more well-

rounded because he can't just have a forehand and be super competitive," Kercheval said. "A big stride has been volleys at the net, but this offseason a big thing will be to work on his footwork and speed, and he now has the knowledge to know what it takes."

Kercheval said he always reminds his team to be on time and communicate, but he said after every match, Charbonneau is always reminded of something.

"Logan is known for leaving something at practice or in the van, I mean every single time, you ask him 'is this your water bottle' and (Charbonneau) responds 'yep,'" Kercheval said.

But, for Charbonneau, he describes sophomore Freddie O'Brien's game as all about intensity, and redshirt sophomore Marko Stefan Janjusic is so mentally tough, that he uses this as a learning experience.

"Me being in the middle of these guys, if I need help with anything that O'Brien and Janjusic do, I have every resource possible on this team, and that's one of the best things I could've ever wished for here at Eastern," Charbonneau said.

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Women's tennis team meet moved to Terre Haute

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Just because its first match on its home courts was moved to Terre Haute does not mean the Eastern women's tennis team is any less excited to face Southern Illinois — Edwardsville Tuesday.

Due to weather concerns in Charleston, the match will be played indoors at the Wabash Valley Tennis Center in Terre Haute with a new start time of 12 p.m., two hours earlier than the originally scheduled time.

After starting OVC play with a 4-3 win over Jacksonville State on Friday,

Eastern (7-9, 1-0) has a chance to create a win streak while maintaining a perfect OVC record in its first two conference matches.

Junior Abby Carpenter said the Panthers are looking forward to Tuesday's match and playing their best, especially since the Cougars (0-12,0-1) won the conference championship last year.

"Improving to that 2-0 (conference record) will just make us even more confident for us to face (Eastern Kentucky) on Friday which will be a critical match for us," Carpenter said.

Senior Grace Summers said she wishes the match could be played in Charles-

ton, but she and the team are excited for the match tomorrow against the Cougars.

Summers added that Friday's victory gave the team some momentum for Tuesday's match.

"Getting the first win in our OVC season is definitely a confidence boost because it's always nice winning your first match of the season," she said.

Summers is coming off a good match Friday, in which she defeated Jacksonville State's Alessia Locati in straight sets in their singles match to give Eastern a needed team point. Summers' singles win in the No. 2 spot improved her record to 4-3 in that spot in the lineup this Spring.

Summers also teamed up with sophomore Stella Cliffe for the doubles portion of the match to defeat Jacksonville State's Elena Tendero and Genevieve Ulanday 6-2 to help Eastern get the doubles point.

Eastern's opponent Tuesday, Southern Illinois — Edwardsville, has had an opposite start to its conference play thus far, losing its only OVC match 6-1 to Jacksonville State. In the overall spring season, Southern Illinois — Edwardsville has been shut out eight times and has scored five total team points.

The most the Cougars have scored in a single match this spring was two points on March 2 against Western Illinois Uni-

versity in a 5-2 loss.

Last year, Southern Illinois — Edwardsville defeated Eastern 6-1 in Edwardsville, but Summers said the Panthers have not gone back and looked at that match to prepare for Tuesday because the teams are different from last year with freshman coming in and seniors leaving.

She added that except for the drive to Terre Haute, there is nothing different about Tuesday's match, and the Panthers have not had to prepare any differently for it.

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