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### INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

## New program used to recruit international students

By Kayleigh Zyskowski  
News Editor

The International Students and Scholars Program has started a new form of recruitment with its program International Student Ambassadors.

Bria Phillips, a graduate student in student affairs and graduate assistant for the program said this is something they have never done before.

"But it makes sense because a lot of times students often hear about Eastern through their friends and other peers," Phillips said. "A big part of our job is recruitment, so why not have a band of students on board with us."

The first meeting for the program was last week, Kevin Vicker, the interim director of the International Students and Scholars Program.

"We talked about their love for Eastern and how they could help grow international population at Eastern," Phillips said. "We also discussed their ideas and plans about what they could bring to recruitment."

Many of the students have plans to visit universities and colleges when they travel to their home countries for summer break, Vicker said.

People have shown interest even if they are not traveling home, but by networking online.

Each student had to bring a plan of action to promote Eastern to discuss with Vicker and Phillips.

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### ART FESTIVAL

## Celebration will go on rain or shine

Staff Report

As classes wind down and finals week approaches the Celebration: A Festival of the Arts has come to campus again.

The event will begin at 11:30 a.m. on Friday in the Library Quad and will continue throughout the weekend.

"During the course of the three days the festival will feature various musical performances, dance programs, an international fair, a children art tent and a fine arts fair on Saturday and Sunday," said a press release from Dan Crews, the festival director.

The art show will feature potters, jewelers, photographers, painters and sculptors. The music will take place on the stage in the Library Quad with university bands as well as blues and international-themed groups.

The Leone Refugee All Stars will perform at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday in the Dvorak Concert Hall in the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

The press release said the festival will continue even if it rains.

"We tend not to worry about it too much because even if the weather isn't the best, a lot of people still come out and enjoy themselves," Crews said in the press release.

Crews said he thinks at this time of the year many people are tired of being indoors and look for a reason to get outdoors.

### HOUSING AND DINING SERVICE

## 'We're Stuffing the bus' for Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week

By Kayleigh Zyskowski  
News Editor

A yellow school bus 33-feet in length was parked on campus Wednesday and "stuffed" with canned goods and clothing for a committee's fight against poverty.

The Housing and Dining Service collected more than 1,000 items for local shelters in the event Stuff the Bus.

Zuri Thurman, the chairwoman of the Social Justice and Diversity Committee and the Resident Director of Andrews Hall, said this was the community service event for the spring semester focused on the war on poverty.

"We're stuffing the bus," Thurman said. "We wanted to do something outside the box to get everyone on campus involved."

A school bus was parked between the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union and the Doudna Fine Arts Center to be filled with canned goods and clothing for shelters in the Charleston area.

"We're accepting canned goods and clothing for the local shelters," Thurman said.

"We always try to focus on raising awareness about the members of the population who are under-represented, and the homeless and the hungry are certainly underrepresented," Thurman said.

Individuals do not realize the high rate of homeless and hungry people in the Charleston area, Thurman said.

Nationwide, one in six people do not know where they will get there dinner tonight she said.

As people donated items they were given wristbands that said, "WINNING the fight against homelessness and hunger" with a fact about homelessness and hunger attached to each one.

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Vanessa Payne, a junior psychology major, sorts donated items Wednesday during Stuff the Bus, an event put on by the social justice and diversity committee of housing services, outside the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

### EIU INK

## Tattoo culture unveiled among faculty

By Seth Schroeder  
Activities Editor

It can be difficult to tell who has tattoos and who does not.

During the EIU Ink event Monday night in 7th Street Underground of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union students will get the chance to guess which Eastern faculty members have a tattoo.

Dave Arnold, a graduate student in college student affairs and associate resident director at Carman Hall, is co-sponsoring the event with the Carman Hall council. Arnold said 10 Eastern faculty members will be at EIU Ink and students will get the chance to guess

**"People love to show their tattoos and share their story. For our generation it has become normal."**

Dave Arnold, a graduate student in college student affairs

which faculty member has tattoos.

"By culture it's still tabooed and not talked about a lot," Arnold said. "Normally it's out of sight out of mind. That's why we integrated the faculty as a sort of surprise element. You may not see it, but that doesn't mean they don't have (a tattoo)."

Arnold said while the event is not to promote tattoos, it is to promote diversity as well as tattoo safety.

"This is something often not addressed," Arnold said. "We want students to be safe with their first

tattoos."

Katherine Johnson, a freshman psychology major, is helping with the event through Carman Hall council. She said EIU Ink will be a place for people to talk about tattoos and the meaning behind them.



"Things are going really well," Johnson said. "A lot of people have expressed interest."

The event will also include guests from Poor Boy's Tattoos & Piercing at 820 Lincoln Ave. The guests will tell stories about tattoos they have been asked for and why people get some tattoos.

Arnold said the guests will add a comedic element to EIU Ink.

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# EIU weather

<p><b>TODAY</b></p>  <p>Mostly cloudy High: 71° Low: 45°</p>	<p><b>FRIDAY</b></p>  <p>Thunderstorm High: 63° Low: 49°</p>
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# what's on tap

<p><b>THURSDAY</b></p> <p><b>5 p.m. Free film</b> "The Wedding Banquet" will be shown in the Lumpkin Hall Auditorium as part of Asian-American Heritage Month. Audience members will be invited to stay for a discussion after the film.</p> <p><b>6 p.m. Battleship Tournament</b> Thomas Hall will be hosting a Battleship tournament in its lobby.</p>	<p><b>FRIDAY</b></p> <p><b>7:30 p.m. Celebration Concert</b> The Eastern Illinois University Symphony and Concert Band will be performing in the Dvorak Concert Hall in the Doudna Fine Arts Center.</p> <p><b>All Day t- Basic skills test tips</b> Learn relaxation techniques to help reduce test anxiety for the Basic Skills Test. Registration is required. To register stop by 1420 Buzzard Hall or call 581-2524.</p>	<p><b>SATURDAY</b></p> <p><b>Noon - Kickball Tournament</b> This adult kickball tournament will raise money for local children. The deadline to register has passed. The tournament will take place in Baker Field on 100 Maple Ave.</p> <p><i>If you want to add to the tap, please e-mail <a href="mailto:dennewsdesk@gmail.com">dennewsdesk@gmail.com</a> or call 581-7942.</i></p>
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### CORRECTION

In Wednesday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News* an error was reported in the article "Relay for Life strengthens hope." Colleges Against Cancer is the host for the event.  
*The DEN regrets the error.*

### ONLINE



**Photo gallery: Fair Trade**  
There was a Faire Trade Sale in the South Quad Wednesday as part of Global Justice Week. See photos of the sale in the latest photo gallery at DENnews.com.

**Photo blog: Frisbee**  
With all the nice weather we've had it's hard to stay indoors. See what students are doing out on the quads in the latest photo blog at DENnews.com.

## Don't look up



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Brent McCullough, tree surgeon for the university, prunes a tree Wednesday outside the Doudna Fine Arts Center because of damage to some branches by winter storms. McCullough also cut down a neighboring tree earlier in the day that had been dying from construction damage.

## EVENTS

### CUPB meeting rescheduled for next week

The Council of University Planning and Budget meeting, which was originally scheduled for Friday, has been canceled due to scheduling issues for several council members.  
"We polled the members and found an alternate date that would accommodate the majority of the council," said Karla Evans, the CUPB chair. "It is Legacy Weekend, it is Outstanding Graduate Alumni Weekend, Celebration and people are involved with those other activities."  
The meeting has been rescheduled for April 22.

## EVENTS


### Relay for Life now at fieldhouse

The Relay for Life has been moved to the Fieldhouse in Lantz Arena because of the weather forecast. The event will begin at 6 p.m. Friday and end 6 a.m. Saturday.

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## EIU History Lesson

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**2006** Two sisters from Eastern reopened their grandfather's business, the Flesor's Candy Kitchen. During their first two weeks in business, Devon Nau said she pulled every muscle in her chest from stirring candy with a paddle in the same copper kettle her grandfather used.

**1994** There were not many issues distinguishing the student Impact and Reality parties for the upcoming student government elections.

**1982** The Board of Governors approved Eastern's application to the Federal Communications Commission for a low-power television station license. At the time some of the station programming ideas included early live and late evening news shows five days a week, a weekly evening magazine, computerized news shows and cultural and instructional programming for Coles County.

PRIDE



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Jordan Rozycki, a junior kinesiology and sports studies major, introduces himself to the crowd at "The Big Gay Panel" Wednesday in the Physical Science Building. The panel was hosted by Pride and allowed the audience to ask questions after the six members of the panel told their coming out story.

## LGBT community shares stories

By Elizabeth Edwards  
City Editor

During the "The Big Gay Panel," Wednesday, members of the LGBT community said one of the hardest things they have to do is "coming out" to their families.

Each member of the panel described their "coming out story" before opening questions to the public.

Nick Canaday, a junior English major, said he has not talked to his family in five years after telling his mom and step-dad he was a homosexual.

Canaday said he was kicked out of his house in high school and was forced to leave with a friend to finish his high school career.

He said his sexuality did not coincide with his family's Christian beliefs.

Also, students were allowed to ask the panel about their sexuality or political and religious beliefs.

For example, the panel was asked questions regarding their position on homosexuals in the military, if they considered themselves Christian, and what sexuality transgender individuals consider themselves to be.

Aiden Ethington, a graduate political science and transgender, does not self-identify as male or female, and instead thinks of sexuality or gender as

an ongoing spectrum.

On this spectrum, Aiden was self-described as a feminine male.

Amanda Mead, a freshman family and consumer science major, asked the panel its opinion of Christianity and homosexuality.

Alison Sinadinos, a resident director and member of the panel, said that she believes God loves all his children.

Mead said she is open to the LGBT community and is Christian.

"I am a strong 100 percent Christian and open to gay relationships," Mead said.

Jono Craig, a junior kinesiology sports studies major, said he attended the panel because he wanted to support some close friends.

"The panel helped shine a positive light on Eastern's view of diversity," Craig said.

He said the panel helped shed light on misunderstandings people have.

Kirstin Bowns, a senior sociology and the vice president of PRIDE, said she hoped the panel would give people knowledge about the community and answer any questions they may have.

"Hopefully people get a sense of knowledge about the community," Bowns said.

Ian Wozny, a junior communica-

tion studies major and action director of PRIDE, said PRIDE wanted to educate people on the LGBT issues.

"I think the panel will educate me on things I don't know a lot about," Craig said.

Caitlin Garstkiewicz, a freshman elementary education major, said she is a lesbian who was interested in what people would ask the panel and how they would respond.

Before questions were allowed, the panel stressed that students were to be respectable with their questions.

The panel consisted of two bisexuals, one homosexual, a transgender, and ally. An ally identifies as straight but is supportive of the LGBT community.

LGBTQQAAPIE stands for lesbians, bisexuals, gay, transsexuals, queer, questioning, asexual, ally, pansexual, intersex echosexual individuals, Bowns said.

Molly Serrif, a freshman communication disorders and sciences major, Erin Williams, a junior psychology major, Jordan Rozycki, a junior kinesiology and sports studies major, were also part of the panel.

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CHARLESTON SQUARE

## Community rallies toward revival of historical theater

By Desiree Morris  
Staff Reporter

The Will Rogers Theatre, a historical building in the Charleston community for more than 70 years, was named to the Landmarks Illinois most endangered historical places April 6.

Since submitting the application in January, and learning that the Will Rogers Theatre was placed on the Landmarks Illinois' "Ten Most Endangered Historic Buildings" list, the Charleston Historic Preservation Commission along with community members are hoping this would bring state-wide attention in order to revive the theater where so many memories were made over the years.

"The feeling that Charleston residents had toward this building played a major role in us putting it on the list," said Jim Peters, the President and CEO of Landmarks.

The local community has rallied behind this theater and showed its support by creating a Facebook page called "Save the Will Rogers Theatre," where members post current updates about the theater and even share memories.

Karen Jennings, a Charleston resident, is one of the 615 members on the Facebook page. Her father was a projectionist and she said she remembers when she was about six years old her father used to take her to the projection room located up the staircase. She said another one of her favorite memories was her father's jacket always carried the scent of theater popcorn.

"I don't care how many times mom would get it cleaned; it would still smell like popcorn. The best smell in the world was that popcorn," Jennings said.

The huge portrait of Will Rogers, the popular actor for whom the theater was named after, seemed to be one of the things the community members remember most about the theater.

Jennings recalls seeing the portrait of Will Rogers. She said the picture was huge and she explained how his eyes glare back as if he was actually looking at the customers.

David Coy, an Eastern alum, mentioned the huge picture of Will Rogers as one of the things he remembered most about the theater. He said it was about a three or four feet framed portrait of him hanging in the theater just a little past the entrance.

Coy also recalled seeing the first Star Wars movie at Will Rogers in 1977. He said he remembered most vividly the scene where all the stars came up on the gigantic screen. He said back then before all the technical advancements this was very impressive and even startling.

The theater is also best known for its historical architecture.

Peters said he believes that out of all of the theaters across the state, this is one of the best theaters done in the art deco style.

Deco style is a style characterized by geometric shapes, sharply defined outlines, and sometimes bold colors.

Kit Morice, said the local tradition was reflected in the building's original color palette. The exterior glazed brick in crimson and yellow are the Charleston High School colors, and the blue and gray ceiling in the auditorium echoed the colors of Eastern, she said.

**"The feeling that Charleston residents had toward this building played a major role in us putting it on the list."**

Jim Peters, President and CEO of Landmarks

"It's a pretty unique building. I don't know how far out of Charleston to find anything even similar to that style," Coy said.

In addition to making the Landmarks Illinois list the commission also filed a nomination form on March 25 for the theater to be added to the local ordinance as a landmark. The Charleston City Council will vote on this at its public hearing on Wednesday.

With so many spotlights on the theater, the commission hopes to attract a potential buyer who will continue the legacy of the historic theater, Morice said.

The theater is already included on the National Register of Historic Places and the federal tax credit program; so local tax increment fund dollars could be used to help restore the building.

The revival of the theater could be beneficial to the community in more ways than one. If the theater is revived, its stage could also be used as a theater space for performing arts, lectures, meetings, banquets or an art gallery. This could be a space where local non-for-profit organizations could use for their activities, as well. There is also 4,600 square feet of attached storefronts that could also attract people and additional income.

"Although it is disappointing, I don't feel like it's a final sentence," Coy said.

Morice said the Will Rogers was closed on Nov. 28, 2010 and has been vacant ever since. She said according to the *Times-Courier*, the theater was not adequately effective in the marketplace and was shut down. It is owned by AMC Theatres.

"It's just so close to the heart of downtown. Imagine that gone, what a hole that would create in the center of Charleston, Peters said.

Landmarks Illinois received about 40 nominations for this year's list. The board of directors made the final decisions on which landmarks would make the list. They travel across the state working with community groups and potential developers.

Since the inception of Landmarks Illinois' "Top Most" list in 1995, more than a third of the listed properties have been saved, less than a quarter have been demolished and the rest remain threatened or are being rehabilitated, said the press release from Landmarks Illinois.

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HEALTH COMPETITION

## Students second in competition

By Rachel Rodgers  
Campus Editor

Two Eastern students were awarded second place in the American Association of Health Education Case Study Competition in San Diego.

Emily Schumacher, a senior health studies major, and Megan Flynn, a senior health studies major, gave a 12-minute presentation about implementing a hypothetical program for a specific health issue scenario.

"The purpose of the competition was to create a program that would reduce health risk related incidents, but also it was to see how well we could put together a program in such a short amount of time," Flynn said.

Flynn said they were the only two-person team at the competition and the other seven universities each had three

people per team.

Schumacher said they received their case study topic two weeks before the competition.

"Our case was skin cancer and melanoma and they chose a focus group which was San Louis Obispo in California," Schumacher said. "Then we had to research the county and find out what is going on there like what their lifestyle is, what their attitude is and then we developed a program that would be specifically tailored to that county."

Schumacher said the direction they took for the program was two-fold.

"Our first part was in schools to start changing policies in like mandating that they wear hats and sunglasses out at recess, that there would be sunscreen dispensers around the school like we do with hand sanitizer and the school would have to put shading structures

on the playground," Schumacher said.

Schumacher said the second part of the program was geared toward athletics such as having soccer players wear long-sleeve jerseys and to have a skin care fare for spectators including umbrella stands, sunscreen dispensers, and hat and sunglasses vendors.

"Together we combined our different skills," Flynn said.

Schumacher and Flynn were in San Diego from March 29 to April 2 and they found out they won second place on April 1.

"Our program would be the key to action to get people to realize the seriousness of the situation because that area has the highest cancer rate in the nation," Schumacher said.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

## DEN endorses no candidate for president

Jarrold Scherle  
for executive VP

Student government is supposed to be the voice of the student body, but it has become the norm for student executive candidates to renounce substantive political platforms in favor of listening to the students.

While we agree that having open and honest communication with the student body is important, without direction nothing will get done.

Every spring semester, *The Daily Eastern News* endorses a candidate for student body president who we feel has the most potential to take office, but this year will be different.

An endorsement for student body president will not be given this semester. Try as we might, we could not find a good reason to back any of the three candidates. When *The Daily Eastern News* asked Ed Horwagner, Alex Boyd and Tommy Nierman about their platforms, each responded with platitudes.

The blanket response was a promise to have better communication between student government and the student body. There is little evidence in their time with student government that they can achieve this goal.

This year, student government passed resolutions that only seemed to affect it internally, while maintaining an audience of five.

The question has quickly become not who to vote for, but if voting will change the foundation of student government at all.

They hired a graphic designer and Webmaster, re-did the election process and tabled a resolution to reform executive tuition waivers that would have put a cap on the amount of compensation received. Eastern needs a student government led with clear purpose.

If the student body president is the face of student government, then student executive vice president is its hands.

The student executive vice president is actually charged with two jobs: the duties of the chairperson of the Student Action Team and the duties of the Student Trustee; and the single student voice on the Board of Trustees.

It is the only executive position that Illinois law mandates a university to have.

We endorse Jarrold Scherle to take the place of departing senior Christy Anderson because of his ability to take a stance on controversial student issues. We do not always agree with Scherle, but we respect the passion with which he represents the student body.

Scherle has a history of taking a firm stand on issues he feels strongly about. His ability to persuade and take action makes him the best candidate for one of the most important positions on campus.

When the online election begins Monday and Tuesday, go vote, because trying to affect change and wanting to affect change are two different things.

The student body deserves better.

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COLUMN

## We must change how we train the brain

In my last column I discussed the way technology has changed the way we think and interact with our world.

I concluded that the fast-paced nature of the Internet and mobile communication has re-wired our brains to be able to concentrate on several shallow tasks at once at the expense of our ability to concentrate on longer tasks like reading a book or writing a column.

I based my theory on my own difficulties concentrating, and the writing of Nicholas Carr, whose article in *The Atlantic*, "Is Google Making us Stupid?" I highly recommend.

In the past week, I've thought a lot about this new 21st century brain—though, obviously not for long periods of time—and have realized it explains one of the things I'm most ashamed about in my generation: our inability to learn.

A recent study by University of Virginia professors found that more than a third of college students do not exhibit an increase in learning comprehension throughout their college years. This could be the result of the 21st century brain's inability to concentrate. How can a brain that can barely concentrate long enough to read this entire column ever hope to learn skills at the college level?

The answer may come in the form of changing the way children learn. An article in the



Doug T. Graham

March 29 issue of the *Chicago Tribune* titled, "Taking school to the next level," outlined Quest to Learn, a school whose curriculum is designed by video game designers and is set to open in Chicago in the fall.

Quest to Learn reinvents middle school's emphasis on traditional learning and focuses on critical thinking and exploration. My favorite example from the article was of a dozen students learning about the Egyptian and Mesopotamian civilizations. They did this by standing by a digitally projected river and using game controllers to pull out images of ancient artifacts, which they then had to quickly sort to the Egyptian or Mesopotamian side of the river based on its characteristics.

"The students had already studied the differences between the societies of ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia with reading materials, a film

and a trip to a local history museum," the article said. "But the lesson on this day — demanding split-second decisions about which relics belong to which society and why — held the students transfixed in a way teachers at more traditional schools might only dream about."

The Quest to Learn program has been going on for two years in New York, where its students have exhibited improved test scores over their traditionally educated peers.

This is all very encouraging to me. If education, one of the most important components to our society, is willing to change to better teach its students how to learn, then there may be hope for our future yet.

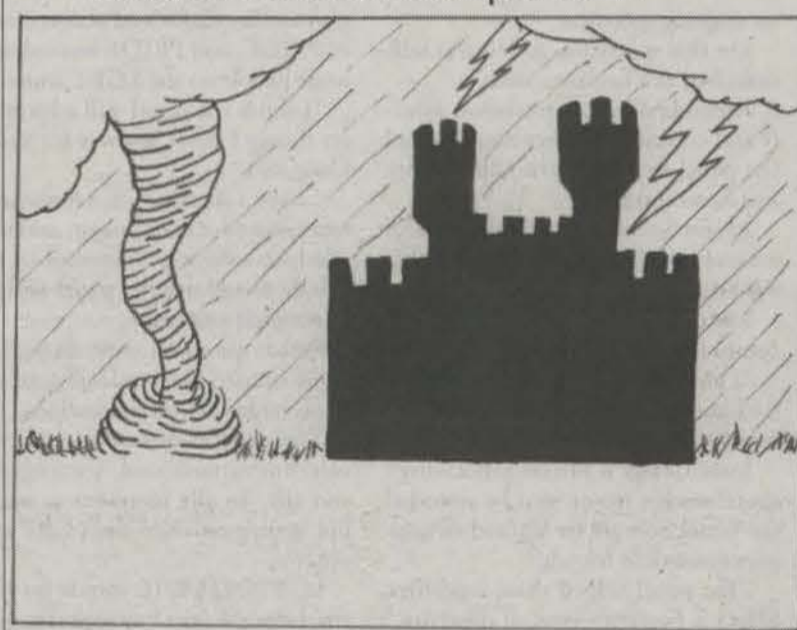
However, education is a two-way street. There have been plenty of brilliant schools that have been unable to help students who are unwilling to learn. We are currently a part of the best-entertained and least-informed public, so it's no wonder students will give up studying to watch "The Jersey Shore."

But if the future of education is designed by video game makers, who would ever want to stop learning?

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FROM THE EASEL

### Weather Forecast for April 15-17



Just a normal Celebration weekend.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Decision to censor 'Breast Ballet' sexist

This letter is in response to the ridiculous and uncalled for censoring of a beautiful, pro-feminist "Breast Ballet" performed by Annie Sprinkle at the Sex Positive Fair on Monday, April 11. As a 22-year-old student who not only researched Dr. Sprinkle before she came to Eastern but also paid to see her lecture, I am resentful that certain members of Eastern's administrative staff (you know who you are) forced the ballet to end prematurely because of the provocative nature of her piece.

I find it disturbing that there are staff members at our university who believe that they are entitled to make decisions about what is appropriate viewing material for students and other university employees. If these staff members were actually concerned with the well-being of students, they would have taken into consideration that over 300 people paid to see Dr. Sprinkle, that every person present was an adult and capable of determining what is appropriate for him/herself, and that, by censoring Dr. Sprinkle, they were inhibiting valuable and positive learning experiences.

Furthermore, telling Dr. Sprinkle that she could not expose her breasts within an educational context is downright sexist. You can't tell me that, had a shirtless man been on stage, he would have been asked to cover himself up (take, for example, our annual Mr. EIU contest). These staff members have proven themselves to be nothing short of hypocritical, sexist, archaic fear-mongers whose actions on Monday were counterproductive to the goals of this university and flat-out cowardly.

Sincerely,

Nick Canaday,  
Junior English Major

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## Cancers survivors: Relay gives hope

We would like to acknowledge the wonderful efforts of the Eastern students and staff involved in Relay for Life this year. My husband and I have been active as cancer survivors and caregivers for each other and were guests at the annual "survivors dinner." We were treated to a very enlightening program prior to the meal, gift bags with our official Relay shirts and numerous other goodies, shared our backgrounds and types of cancer. Both young and old were represented and made to feel very welcome by our hosts.

So many times we only hear of the "troublemakers" on campus and I felt it was necessary to give light to the wonderful, caring students who volunteer their time and efforts for the greater good. With each passing year since its inception, the students, faculty and staff at Eastern have outdone themselves in fundraising, educating and advocating for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Through Colleges Against Cancer, it has grown into numerous teams with fundraising goals, projects, games, etc., and an overnight relay, either out on the track around the campus pond or, in bad weather, the indoor track. This year's event starts on Friday, April 15, at 6 p.m. and lasts until to 6 a.m. Saturday, with the luminary ceremony around 9 p.m.

Come out and see the outpouring of love and support for cancer patients, survivors and their caregivers as they wage the battle of their lives. It will give you hope that the next generation is well prepared to take the world by storm and accomplish great things. This year they received a well-deserved national award for their great efforts

Neil and Kathy Bradford  
Charleston

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GRADUATE SHOWCASE



KIMBERLY FOSTER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Peter Foster, a graduate candidate in the department of political science, laughs while answering a question Wednesday about his research on media framing during the Graduate Showcase Series for the college of sciences in the Doudna lecture hall.

# Graduate school candidates give presentations on studies

## Graduate students present science theories, research

By Brian Krull  
Staff Reporter

Graduate students presented their work at the 2011 Graduate Showcase of the College of Sciences.

The showcase consisted of potential graduate school candidates in the School of Sciences Wednesday afternoon.

The beginning of the showcase consisted of a video that showed the students and their professors presenting their research on the specific theories that they were studying.

After the video, there was a question and answer period where the audience asked the students questions on their studies and what their potential goals were going to

be. Two of the presentations had to do with cyber bullying and communication disorders in children.

Meredith McDermott, a graduate candidate for psychology, discussed cyber bullying and its effects on children.

McDermott found in her data that young children do not feel comfortable reporting cyber bullying. Students feel that what is online should stay online, McDermott said.

McDermott based her study on how cyber bullying leads to depression and why this was happening.

During the question and answer portion after the presentations, McDermott explained the difference between cyber bullying, which she covered in her study, and traditional bullying.

"Traditional bullying is done at school and then the student gets to go home, but cyber bullying doesn't just stop at school, it occurs

after school when the student goes on his or her computer," she said.

McDermott said she feels that there needs to be strict policies in schools so that cyber bullying can be put to rest.

Lynne Barcus, a graduate candidate in communication disorders and sciences, focused on children with autism.

Barcus used fast mapping, which is a cognitive psychological concept that studies children's comprehension levels.

The audience mostly consisted of professors in the sciences departments.

Other presenters included Md Khan a biological sciences major, Keerthi Chandra, a chemistry major, Adam Stokes, a economics major, Peter Foster, a political science major and Laura Brauer, a natural sciences major.

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IN THE CLASSROOM

# Students, professors annoyed with behavior

By Samantha McDaniel  
Staff Reporter

The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines a pet peeve as "a frequent subject of complaint."

And everybody has them. Whether it is an annoyance with people who smack gum, people who snore or talk too much – there is always something that makes a person tick and members of the Eastern community are no exception.

A common pet peeve for professors is disruptive sounds in the classroom. Chemistry professor Yuhua Lu said her pet peeve is when students talk in class, especially when they are coming in late. These students disrupt the other students who are there to learn, Lu said. She added there is no special way to handle this peeve.

"Just try to be professional," Lu said.

In her book "Complaining, Teasing, and Other Annoying Behaviors," psychology professor Robin M. Kowalski and her students at Clemson University, South Carolina, studied pet peeves extensively.

"When people are called upon to think about all of their pet peeves, they seem to have no difficulty generating a list," Kowalski said in her book.

In her study, Kowalski placed pet peeves in different categories including health, social behavior, personality, hygiene, manners, disrespect, unconscious annoyances and acting out in public. Many of the behaviors Kowalski studied can be seen in a classroom everyday. And in a classroom often with fewer than 20 students, professors are not the only ones who get "peevied."

Elizabeth Mahannah, a freshman graphic design major, said she hates when her peers talk while the professor is speaking. Mahannah said she would tell them to be quiet if they are close. If not, she tries to ignore it.

Mahannah said she thinks the professor could ask the people to be quiet more often in lecture halls and classes.

Molly Clark, a freshman nursing major, is annoyed when people text in class and make noise during lec-

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Melanie Mills, communication studies and women's studies professor

tures, but she tries to ignore them. Clark said the professor can either address the problem, or try to ignore it.

Donta Williams, a sophomore sociology major, said she gets annoyed when she takes a test and "random sounds go off."

Williams agrees with Mahannah and Clark that the professor should ask these students to leave, or give them a warning if it is their first time.

Another classroom pet peeve is when students do not take notes. English professor Lucinda Berry said when her students do not write things down, she will nag them.

"I don't think students can remember all that they need to remember without taking notes," Berry said.

Melanie Mills, a communication studies and women's studies professor, said her classroom pet peeve is when a student asks a question about something that is on the class syllabus. Mills said her peeve developed when she realized how often she repeated herself.

"I'm a lot more likely to tell them to look it up themselves on the syllabus," Mills said. "Since your education is preparation for good living, I think it's important to be aware of how to find things for yourself."

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## STUDENT SENATE

# Tuition waivers reduction bylaw change proposed

By Nike Ogunbodede  
Student Government Editor

The student government discussed a second executive compensation bylaw change that would reduce the tuition waiver given to student government executive members.

The senate tabled the bylaw change.

The senate passed three resolutions and tabled nine items of new business.

If the bylaw change is passed it would limit the student executive tuition waivers to only cover nine credit hours instead of the current 12 hours. This currently takes up 64 percent of the student government budget.

Student Body President Michelle Murphy said she is not in support of the bylaw change.

"I will fight this until there is no breath in my body," said Murphy, a senior communication studies major.

Murphy, who said she spends 15 hours a day in her office, said a tuition waiver is not only necessary, but also deserved.

Student Senate Speaker Jarrod Scherle said executive compensation should be considered a scholarship, not money in the student executives' pockets.

"The (student executives) that are truly doing their job—it does take a hit to your academics," Scherle said. "It's a thank you for giving your time to the students."

It gives the student executives an incentive to excel, Scherle said.

"(Murphy) phrases it best in which she said if she was expected to put out the quality of work that she does to not help her pay for tuition would be not fair," Scherle said.

Student Senate member Miriam Torres, a co-writer for the bylaw change, said the student government should willingly cut the compensation for the betterment of the senate and the student body.

Eastern's smoking regulations were also a topic of discussion when three Free Air Initiative supporters came to the meeting asking for support.

The Free Air Initiative wants Eastern to become a "smoke-free campus" by only allowing the smokers to smoke at the already 60 designated smoking permitted locations scattered around campus.

Sheila Baker, the medical director of Health Service, is one of the writers of the resolution and said she took the idea from Ball State University in Indiana.

"We would like to further the healthy environment for our univer-

sity by making smoking allowed only in designated areas," Baker said.

Baker does not plan on enforcing these regulations with fines.

This would make Eastern the first Illinois public university to be smoke-free, Baker said.

Student Senate member Ryan Larimore said there is no difference between people who drive cars that emit carbon dioxide and those who smoke.

"If you sit in a garage that fills with car exhaust you are going to die before you sit in a room with cigarette smoke," Larimore said.

It is hypocritical for those who drive cars to try and initiate a smoke free area, Larimore said.

"Maybe smoking isn't the worst thing going on, on Eastern's campus," Larimore said. Baker said she conducted a survey before coming to the student senate and 694 people completed the survey, and the majority was in favor of the smoke-free campus.

"We also did a survey to make certain that it was still in the best interest of the faculty, staff and students," Baker said.

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## NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK



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Anna Broughton, a freshman theatre and English major, browses through the selection Wednesday at the Celebration book sale outside Booth Library. The event was one of many activities put on by Booth in honor of National Library Week.

## BUDGET MEETING

# Apportionment Board ends budget cut disputes

By Nike Ogunbodede  
Student Government Editor

Members of the University Board and the student government met last week to discuss and modify their budgets on April 7 before the Apportionment Board's last meeting of the semester.

Ashley Hoogstraten, the chairwoman of the AB, said she was glad the two fee-funded boards could come together in a mutually beneficial way.

"I didn't know that (the student) government and (the) UB had worked together until 6:30 (p.m.) on Thursday and the AB meets at 7 (p.m.),"

Hoogstraten said.

The meeting came after the student government and the UB both made numerous complaints about the combined 24 percent budget cuts.

"I think it cut the tension a lot—everyone seems to be back to their normal self," Hoogstraten said.

The student government decided to give the UB \$1,600 to put back into its overall budget.

Hoogstraten said the AB still has about \$17,367.74 left in the AB's reserve account that will rollover for next year's AB.

"It's kind of like a reward for being responsible with your money," Hoog-

straten said. "Every year we budget out to spend it all."

Both organizations credit Christy Anderson, the student executive vice president, as the person who initiated the meeting.

Alyssa Anderson, the vice chairwoman of the UB, was one of the people present at the meeting and said she was glad the discussion finally happened.

"(Anderson) approached Krystina (LaMorte, the chairwoman of the UB,) and I to talk about a collaborative meeting where we could go through our budgets together," said Alyssa Anderson, a senior psychology

major.

Anderson, a senior communication sciences and disorders major, said the meeting seemed logical to her.

"We both serve the students and we work in the same office," Anderson said. "We could make a lot better programs if we just worked together."

Ceci Brinker, the adviser for the UB and the student government, said she thinks the two boards should have been meeting long before this.

"You have to find how to do more with less—especially when it comes to money," Brinker said. "It was a win-win."

Because Hoogstraten will be grad-

uating this year, she had some advice for the next senate member who will be taking her position.

"Make sure everyone is appointed—even if you can get people at the end of this year willing to do AB," she said.

The AB should try to have an orientation and official meeting before October, Hoogstraten said.

The student vice president for business affairs for next year should start looking for people to appoint as soon as they are elected, Hoogstraten said.

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BRIEF

# Future teachers to learn about student teaching

## Staff Report

As the end of the semester approaches, large amounts of education students prepare for their own student teaching positions at schools across the country.

The Education Scholars program will have a campus-wide presentation

at 7 p.m. today in the Buzzard Auditorium.

The "What to Expect During Student Teaching and Practicum", lecture will provide students the chance to hear what student teaching is like from current Eastern student teachers, cooperating teachers, and student teaching coordinators.

# TATTOO, from page 1

Arnold said the guests will add a comedic element to EIU Ink.

"It will bring some life to something that was very jailhouse or tribal that is now mainstream," Arnold said.

One of the guests will be Trison Moss, a sophomore art major and tattoo artist at Poor Boy's. Moss said he has been a full-time employee at Poor Boy's for half a year, but he has been tattooing with the same group for three to four years.

Moss said he became a tattoo artist because he has had a general interest in art since childhood.

"It's an awesome feeling to see your work walk around," Moss said. "I've had a lot of good luck and gone after the opportunities that have been presented to me."

He said he has seven tattoos but he has them in conservative places where he can easily hide them.

"There are companies out there that do judge based on what you look like unfortunately," Moss said.

For this reason and others, Moss said getting a tattoo is a serious decision.

"It's something that's forever," Moss said. "It is something that needs to be planned and referenced. It can do you some good and raise your self-esteem or it can be something to be ashamed of."

Johnson agreed with Moss.

"For me, (tattoos) have to have some serious meaning that will last the rest of your life," Johnson said. "I don't know if everyone can decide that so early in

**"I don't know if everyone can decide that so early in life."**

Katherine Johnson, a freshman psychology major

life."

Johnson said Carman Hall council will be selling T-shirts at EIU Ink for \$7.

Arnold said there will also be two \$25 gift cards raffled off, one for Poor Boy's and one for Wal-mart.

He said feedback from EIU Ink's Facebook page has been positive with more than 190 people saying they will attend the event.

"Within an hour we had 50 people; it took a day to get 100," Arnold said. "We keep communication up without it being annoying."

Arnold also said the page is interactive. He said students and faculty were asked to post pictures of tattoos if they were appropriate. More than 40 tattoos have been posted so far.

"People love to show their tattoos and share their story," Arnold said. "For our generation it has become normal."

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# STATE

# Education readied for Ill. Senate test

## By The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD— Illinois teachers would find it harder to strike and easier to lose their jobs for poor performance under an agreement announced Wednesday by lawmakers and education groups.

Two major teachers' unions called the deal historic. It would result in "the best teachers with the most experience teaching our kids," said the Illinois Education Association and the Illinois Federation of Teachers.

Sen. Kimberly Lightford, who led months of negotiation, said the legislation could see a Senate vote as early as Thursday.

She said the deal would make it harder for teachers to strike, protect instructors from layoff based on performance instead of seniority, make it less cumbersome for school boards to fire underperforming teachers, and raise the bar for teachers to attain job-protecting tenure.

"If you have more highly qualified teachers, then your students have better opportunity to receive

a highly qualified education," said Lightford, a Democrat from Maywood.

The final roadblock to an agreement was over teachers' right to strike.

Teachers' unions held tightly to the option if contract negotiations break down, but reformers, such as Stand for Children, a group that burst on the scene last fall with heavy campaign contributions in the fall election, said even the threat of strikes hamstring school districts.

# RECRUIT, from page 1

Each student will receive recruitment material and a nametag to formalize the efforts.

"And after the summer we will meet with them again to see how their plans panned out," Vicker said. "This gives the students an opportunity to build their skills. This is a chance for them to build their relationships and networks, as well."

Emails, Facebook, and Skype are some of the ways the students plan to use with their recruiting process.

"What better way to reach people than to have students talking to individuals in their own language?" Phillips said.

One student is a transfer student from Lake Land College, and is familiar with the international program over there, so she plans to use her connections to promote Eastern, Phillips said.

Eight students showed initial interest in the program.

"But we are still waiting to see how many students will end up showing interest. It's still a work in progress," Vicker said.

This program was created with a dual purpose in mind, Vicker said.

"We want to give the students experience to build their resume and skill set, and it is helpful for us to get the word out," Vicker said.

Phillips said this is great with the current budget situation on campus.

"We have our own coordinator who visits people, but sometimes students are the best recruitment tools," Phillips said. "They have experienced the campus, they love Eastern and they talk to their friends about it."

After the summer break, the students will meet back with the program coordinators to evaluate how the efforts worked.

"We'll decide what worked out and what needs to be changed for next

time," Phillips said. "It's great to have them build their skills and use this as basically a volunteer internship. That is my job, but it is great to have them get the experience."

The Global Ambassadors is the recruitment organization for alumni and people who have left Eastern, Vicker said. The group meets every two years, and September is the next time they will meet.

"It is good we are getting this program off the ground now, because we are hoping the International Student Ambassadors can meet with them and may be Global Ambassadors in training," Phillips said.

This is another vision for the program, Phillips said.

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# HUNGER, from page 1

For the awareness week the committees hosted a lunch and lecture called Food for a Thought, and today the groups will host a jeopardy game to raise awareness about the issues of hunger and homelessness.

The Housing and Dining Service,

the Cultural Arts Committee from the University Board, and the Student Community Service were the groups co-hosting the events.

By 1:30 p.m. more than seven organizations had donated goods including Sigma Kappa, Alpha Phi Alpha,

Alpha Phi Omega, The Daily Eastern News, PRIDE, Beta Theta Pi, and Taylor Hall.

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## SHUTOUT, from page 12

The two wins improve the Panthers' overall record to 29-7 and 16-1 in the Ohio Valley Conference. May remained perfect in the OVC, as she is now 11-0 in conference games and 15-3 overall. Maday improved her

freshman record to 11-3 this season. The two wins also extend the Panthers' current winning-streak to six games.

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## THRASHING, from page 12

Sophomore right-hander Troy Barton got the start for the Panthers, working two hitless innings and struck out two while walking none.

The win was given to freshman left-hander Christian Slazinik, who relieved Barton with his own two-inning stint, allowing two hits while striking out three.

Senior right-handed reliever Matt Miller pitched the final inning, setting the Blue Boys down in order and recording a pair of strikeouts. The appearance was Miller's first action since allowing two runs on three hits in 1.1 innings at Morehead State last weekend.

"We were going to maybe go with Miller (Tuesday) night but (se-

nior right-hander Brent) McNeil was just so good," Schmitz said. "Matt (Miller) pitched well against Morehead. The game was out of hand, it's hard to focus, we just said 'Hey, get in there and finish the game, get us out of here.' It was good to see him go 'bang-bang-bang' just getting them out like that."

The Panthers' next action will be at home this weekend as they return to Coaches' Stadium to host Ohio Valley Conference foe Tennessee Tech with a double-header Saturday and a single game Sunday each set to start at 1 p.m.

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## TOURNAMENTS, from page 12

"There are only 3-4 people who consistently play," Ponce said. "I feel like I can be one of those people. I just haven't proven it yet."

Ponce had the most consistent tournament on the team, shooting 2-over par each round. Ponce shot three birdies in each round to partially erase his three bogeys and a double bogey in the first round and his five bogeys in the final round.

Junior Gino Parrodi, who led the team in last week's tournament, finished with a 4 over and tied for 62nd along with junior David Lawrence and several other players.

Lawrence also had an uneven tournament, although he did better in the first round than the second. He said his problems were in his putting stroke.

"It all came down to putting the ball in the hole," Lawrence said. "Rather have that now than at conference."

Lawrence failed to tally any birdies while shooting five bogeys Tuesday, giving him a 5 over round and a 6 over tournament.

The finish is among the team's worst on the season, a season that has seen the team finish in the bottom half of the competition 6 times out of 9 tournaments.

"We're closer than the finish shows," Lawrence said. "We have the scores we need, we just don't have them in bunches."

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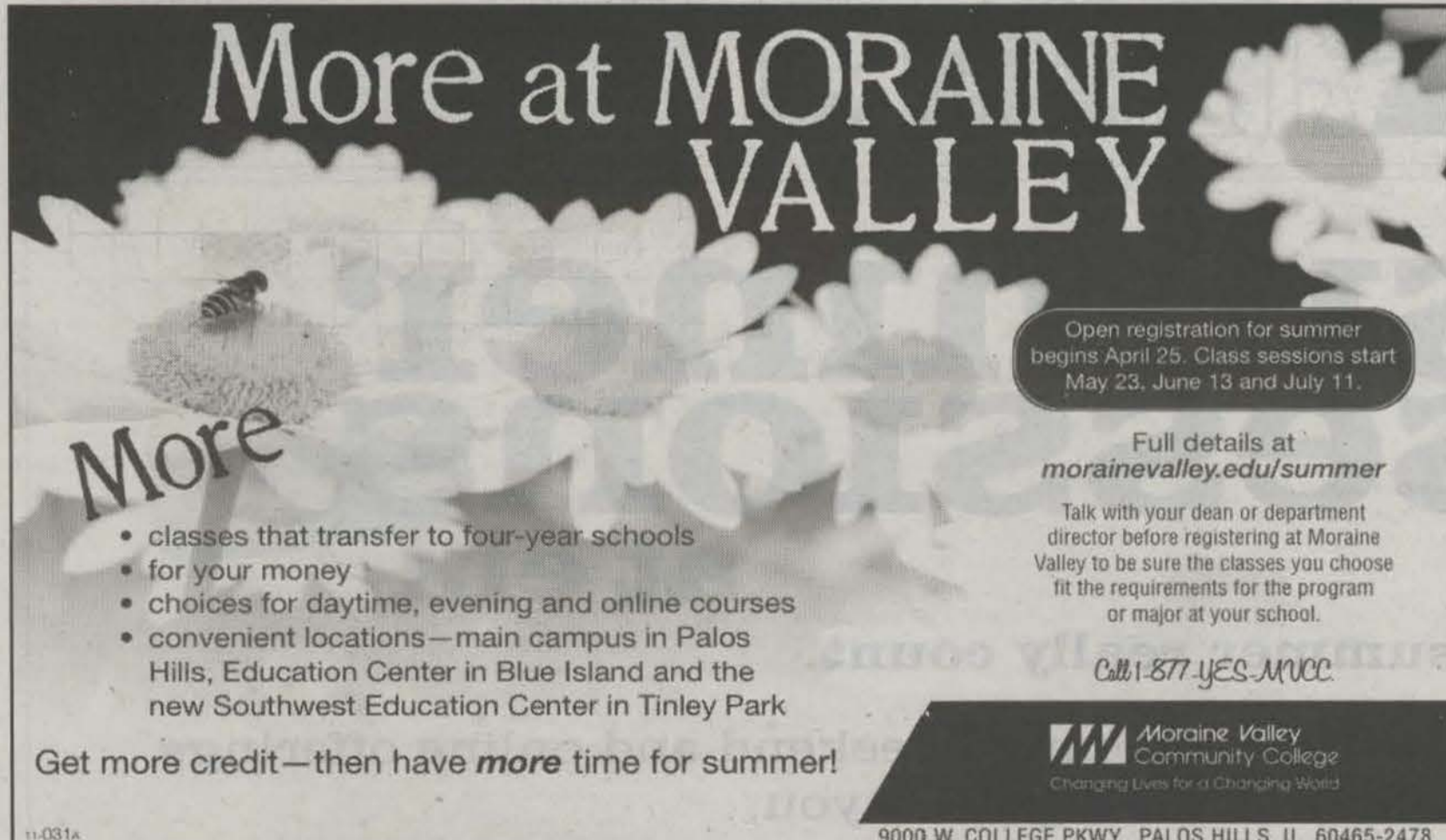
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**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

# Eastern signs junior college point guard Wednesday

**Staff Report**

The spring signing season began Wednesday with the Eastern men's basketball team has signed point guard Austin Akers.

Akers, who stands at 6' 2" and 195 lbs., played two seasons at Olney Central College, where he led the team in scoring with 13.5 points per game. Akers was a member of the All-Great Rivers Athletic Conference where he earned NJCAA All-Region 24 honors. As a sophomore at OCC,

Akers averaged 3.9 rebounds and 1.1 steals.

Akers played 62 games for OCC in his two-year career with the Blue Knights. He was ranked 53rd in the nation with 4.7 assists per game, as well as making 76 career three-pointers.

In high school, Akers scored more than 1,000 points at Northview High School in Brazil, Ind.

Eastern head coach Mike Miller said in a press release Akers fills a need at guard for the team.

"We feel that he not only fills a need as a guard in our program but also brings leadership, character and a strong work ethic," Miller said in a press release.

Morris Woods was Eastern's first recruit when he signed with Eastern in November. Woods played at Moraine Valley Community College where he averaged 14.9 points a game.

The Panthers finished the season with a record of 9-20, missing the Ohio Valley Conference tournament.

**TRACK & FIELD**

# Track drops two positions in regional poll

## Boey and Viken rank among nation's best

**By Dominic Renzetti**  
Assistant Sports Editor

The Eastern men's track and field team has fallen two spots in this week's Midwest Regional poll, falling from No. 7 to the No. 9 spot.

The first six spots in this week's poll remain unchanged, with Missouri making the jump of the week, moving up five spots to No. 7. Kansas State also moved up one spot from No. 9 to No. 8. Moving down two spots in the rankings, Iowa State fell from No. 8 to No. 10, and Oklahoma State, last week's No. 10, has fallen out of the top 10.

Eastern remains the only Ohio Valley Conference team in the Midwest Regional top 10, with the Big 12 Conference still leading the way with five teams, followed by the Big 10 with three teams.

A team outside the Midwest Re-

gional top 10, but still climbing the rankings, is Oklahoma, who jumped five spots from No. 17 to No. 12.

Individually, red-shirt junior Zye Boey is tied for fourth in the nation in the 100-meter dash with junior D'Angelo Cherry of Mississippi State. Both runners hold a time of 10.15 seconds. Senior Gerald Phiri of Texas A&M leads the nation with a time of 10.06 seconds.

Boey also holds the fourth best time in the nation in the 200-meter dash with a time of 20.66 seconds. Junior Maurice Mitchell of Florida State holds the nation's top time at 20.36 seconds. Boey set both of his top times at the EIU Big Blue Classic last month.

After breaking his own school record last weekend, red-shirt freshman Mick Viken currently holds the No. 4 pole vault mark in the nation at 17-feet, 7.75-inches. Sophomore Jack Whitt of Oral Roberts holds the nation's top jump at 18-feet, 4.5-inches.

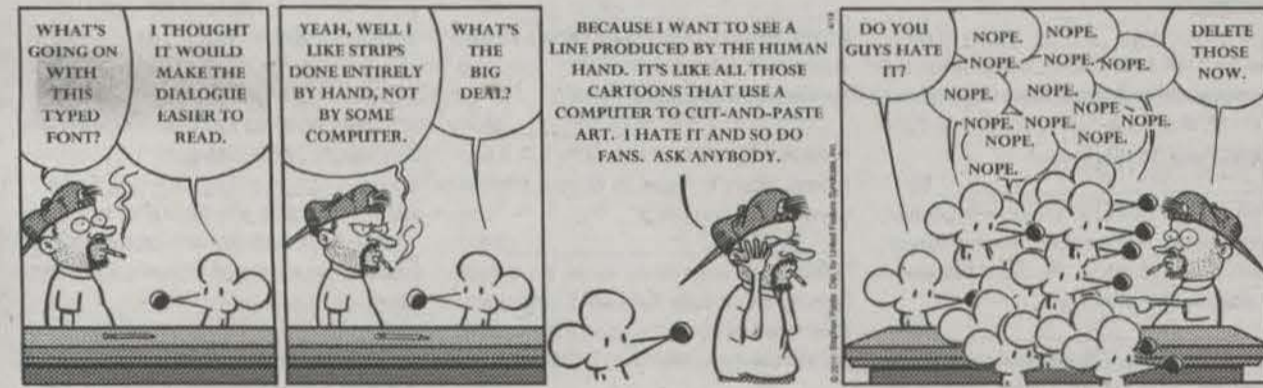
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**Midwest Regional track team ranks**

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**Top Cat**  
with Mick Viken, red-shirt freshman pole vaulter

# Sounds like broken record

Viken vaults over school record in consecutive weeks

By Dominic Renzetti  
Assistant Sports Editor

After red-shirt freshman Mick Viken broke the Eastern record for the men's pole vault last weekend, he followed it up with another record-breaking performance this weekend.

Viken topped his previous record of 17-feet, 4.5-inches with a jump of 17-feet, 7.75-inches at this weekend's Hilltopper Relays at Western Kentucky University.

The jump marks a new personal best for Viken, who also holds the Eastern indoor record for pole vault. He also won the event, as Eastern pole vaulters swept the top three places, with sophomore Scott Mammoser and junior Joe Noonan following Viken. Mammoser jumped 15-feet, 7-inches, and Noonan jumped 15-feet, 1-inch.

Viken attributes much of his success to head pole vault coach, Kyle Ellis.

"Me and coach Ellis, we're just really clicking," Viken said. "What he's telling me, I'm trying to do it. He really knows what he's talking about, and it's just working out a lot better than I figured."

Viken transferred to Eastern from Wisconsin after discrepancies between Viken and the Wisconsin coaching staff.

"My coach at Wisconsin was never a pole vaulter. He understood weight training and how to make people

stronger and faster, but with the pole vault, which is such a technical sport, it's really hard to get really drastic improvements without a real technical coach," he said.

Viken said Ellis, being an experienced pole vaulter, was just what he needed to excel in the sport.

"Kyle, being a pole vaulter for pretty much his whole life and just studying the event so much, is now just far beyond any coach I've ever had," Viken said.

For Viken, the field conditions were not exactly to his liking, but he made the most of it.

"We got to the track on Friday and the pole vault runway actually ran east-west, and very few places have their pole vault runways going that way, so we were all kind of bummed out about that," he said.

Viken topped his previous school record by more than three inches in the event, which also saw competition from Western Kentucky, Bellarmine and Kentucky State.

Viken currently ranks among the nation's best, as the No. 4 pole vaulter in the country. He said holding one of the top spots is a confidence booster that puts a chip on his shoulder come time for the competition.

"This past weekend I jumped pretty well in not that great of conditions, and there's two guys ahead of me who jumped this weekend at Tex-



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Red-shirt freshman pole vaulter Mick Viken broke his own school record by vaulting 17 feet, eight inches at the Western Kentucky Hilltopper Relay Saturday at Bowling Green, Ky.

as with a really big tailwind, so it's exciting to (get a personal record), but at the same time it's kind of a bitter-sweet taste to still not be the best," Viken said.

Viken said he knows he still has a

lot of work to do in order to be the best, but said he can compete with those ahead of him.

"I feel like given good weather and a meet head-to-head against those other guys, I feel like I could compete

with them and potentially win against anybody."

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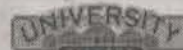
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## GOLF

### Men, women finish play at tournaments

By Doug T. Graham  
Staff Reporter

Both Panther golf teams finished their regular season tournament schedules Tuesday.

The women's team finished fifth out of nine teams at the Loyola University Invitational at the Evanston Country Club. The team shot a combined 69 strokes over par, which was 27 strokes shy of the first place Western Illinois University Fighting Leathernecks.

The women's fifth place finish was accomplished despite not being able to count the first round score of freshman Emily Fitzgerald, who was disqualified for not signing her scorecard.

"Usually, whenever you turn the scorecard in, the people reporting the scores make sure you double-checked and make sure there's two signatures, but they didn't do that yesterday," junior Kathryn Koester said.

Fitzgerald's first round score, an 85, would have been the third best on the team and ended up costing the team two strokes on their overall total.

The Panthers were lead by senior Veronica Bernier, who shot three over in the second-round, which tied her with two other golfers for the day's lowest score.

Bernier's second round was a seven stroke improvement over her day one result. Bernier said it was no mystery as to why she did better on the second day of play.

"The first time I played the last three holes five over. This round I actually kept it together," said Bernier, who said bad shot led to bad shot during her day one collapse.

Besides Bernier, two other Panthers finished in the top 20 of the field. Koester tied for 18th with an 18 over par. Sophomore Lauren Williams tied for 20th with a 19 over par.

Both Koester and Williams had a distinctly good and a distinctly bad round, though neither at the same time.

Koester shot a 5 over par, just four strokes off of the best round of the day, on Monday, but shot 13 over par on Tuesday.

"It's nice to see I can finally shoot in the 70s again," Koester said of her Monday finish.

Williams shot just two strokes off of Tuesday's low round with a five over par, but it wasn't enough to make up for her Monday result, where she shot 14 over par. Williams said putting was what determined her scores. Williams said her putting got better when she stopped worrying about whether it was perfect. She hopes to maintain that mindset for the rest of the year.

The men's team finished 15 of 18 teams at the Arkansas State Intercollegiate at RidgePointe Country Club in Jonesboro, Ark.

The competitors were scheduled to play two rounds on Monday and the final round Tuesday, but the weather changed the scheduled plans. Heavy storms postponed the start of play on Monday for several hours. Play also had to be stopped abruptly due to lightning in the area for an hour. They were able to finish the first round before nightfall, so the second round was canceled.

For the first time this year, the Panther with the best tournament was sophomore Tommy Ponce. He finished with a four over par, which put him in a tie for 50th place among individuals.

Going into the tournament, Ponce had the second worst average round total on the team at 79.7 in just 10 rounds played all year. In collegiate golf, only the players with the top four scores are counted toward the team's total, and Ponce said feels he is on the cusp of making that cut more regularly than he has so far this season.

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Jen Saucier, a junior infielder/outfielder, loses her helmet as she slides safely to home plate Wednesday during the first game of a doubleheader against the SEMO Redhawks at Williams Field. The play increased Eastern's lead to 2-0, which went unchanged throughout the rest of the game. Eastern won the second game against SEMO 4-0.

### May, Maday shutout SEMO

#### Team extends winning streak to six games

By Rob Mortell  
Sports Editor

Senior pitcher Amber May and freshman pitcher Stephanie Maday threw a pair of complete game shutouts to propel Eastern's softball team to two wins against Southeast Missouri.

May pitched game one, giving up two hits and striking out eight

batters. May had troubles early on, allowing runners on first and second with one out in the second inning; however, she was able to strike out the next two batters to get out of the jam.

"The beginning of the game was a little 'iffy. We didn't have any energy," May said. "But we pushed (runs) across and a win is a win."

The Panther offense was held in check until the fourth inning when freshman infielder Ashleigh Westover drove in two runs on an RBI-single. The two runs would be the only two runs of the game, as the Panthers escaped with a 2-0 win.

Maday showed why she is one of the best young pitchers in the nation in game two. In seven innings she allowed six hits and struck out six.

"(Maday) did awesome tonight," May said. "She has been throwing great and tonight she came out throwing heat again and making the ball move. I think we compliment each other very well with our pitches."

The Panthers offense was a little bit more prolific in the game two, as they scored a pair of runs in the third inning.

Freshman infielder Carly Willert and freshman infielder Reynae Hutchinson excited the Williams

Field crowd with back to back home runs in the fifth inning to extend the lead to four.

"We are all so connected and so close to each other and when someone does something good, it gives us all confidence with each other," Willert said.

The four run lead would be more than enough for Maday, as the Panthers won 4-0.

"(The pitchers) are being aggressive and it helps to know that your defense is behind you and that you don't have to do it all by yourself," head coach Kim Shuette said.

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## BASEBALL | EASTERN 20 - ILLINOIS COLLEGE 0

### Team scores 20 runs in thrashing

By Brad Kupiec  
Staff Reporter

Panther baseball had a field day at home yesterday, as they crushed the Blueboys of Division-III Illinois College by a score of 20-0.

The story of the day was the Panther performance on both offense and defense. They scored six runs in the second and third innings, leading by a score of 15-0 after the first five frames. The Panthers then slowed down to post five runs in the seventh inning to reach their final total of 20.

Head coach Jim Schmitz used the home game against Illinois College as an opportunity to play some players at home who normally do not get a chance to start. Schmitz said he was particularly pleased with the performances of sophomore Nick Priessman, who notched five hits, and freshman Cameron Berra, who picked up four.

"Nick (Priessman) was supposed to lead off this year," Schmitz said.

"He struggled and we made a decision. I don't know if that was the right or wrong decision, him and Cam Berra obviously did a phenomenal job right there."

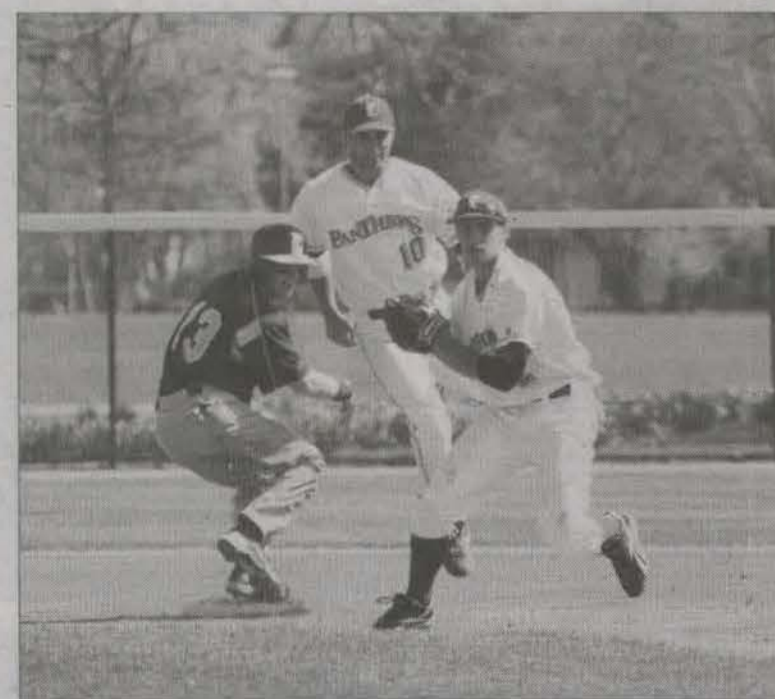
Priessman had only six hits in 33 at bats coming into the game before going five-for-six, also extended his season RBI total from three to six by the time the game ended.

"I just stayed in my approach all year," Priessman said. "Just tried to do what I did all year in (batting practice)."

Schmitz said it is a comfort to him to have all 10 guys who batted pick up hits going into a conference weekend against Tennessee Tech.

"It's a good feeling knowing if you want to call off the bench on this weekend if I need to do that," Schmitz said. "That's the key. Priessman was good, Berra was good, Tyler Schwegert was good, (Gerik) Wallsten moved the runner and then smoked a ball, (red-shirt junior) Ciaglia really got it started with a home run."

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Tyler Schwegert, a freshman second baseman, makes the catch and throws the ball to Cameron Berra to get the out at first Wednesday afternoon during the game against Illinois College at Coaches Stadium. The Panthers beat the Blueboys 20-0 improving their record to 11-19.

## EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

**Baseball**  
Saturday vs. Tennessee Tech  
1 p.m. - Coaches' Stadium

**Softball**  
Saturday vs. Tennessee-Martin  
1 p.m. - Williams Field

**Softball**  
Sunday vs. Tennessee-Martin  
Noon. - Williams Field

**Baseball**  
Sunday vs. Tennessee Tech  
1 p.m. - Coaches' Stadium

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## NATIONAL SPORTS

**PGA**  
Valero Texas Open  
2 p.m. on GOLF

**NHL**  
Canadiens at Bruins  
6 p.m. on Versus

**NBA**  
Harlem Globtrotters  
6:30 p.m. on ESPN2

**NHL**  
Kings at Sharks  
9 p.m. on Versus

**MLS**  
Portland at Chicago  
10 p.m. on ESPN2