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#### SPRING FLING EVENT



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Calla Summers (left), a sophomore psychology major, laughs a turn before she falls over during a game of Twister held by the Residence Hall Association allowing Erika Foster (right), a senior business management major, to win the game Monday in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union's University Ballroom. The game was the first event during RHA's Spring Fling, which continues for the rest of the week.

## Twister gets big twist

By Olivia Angeloff Staff Reporter

The Residence Hall Association took the classic childhood game Twister and multiplied it by six.

As a part of the RHA's Spring Fling event, a giant game of Twister was hosted Monday at the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Ballroom.

Six regular twister mats were set up side by side making one huge Twister game.

Andrew Lilek, a sophomore graphic design major and the RHA on playing Twister because it was something different for students to be apart of.

Lilek said the event did not have the turn out the RHA was hoping for, seeing that only five students came to participate in the game.

The playing field went from six to two mats making a slightly larger than normal Twister game but not as large of a game that the RHA planned on playing with.

The winner of the game was Erika Foster, a senior business major.

Foster said she came out to the event just for fun and that she

the game even started.

Foster said she prepared for the event a head of time.

"I even have a Twister board in my car right now," Foster said.

The first player to take a tumble and be kicked out of the game was Dondre Keeler, the RHA Vice President and a sophomore Family and Consumer Science major.

Unlike Foster, Keeler said he went into the game knowing he was not going to win.

Lilek was the second player to be eliminated from the game.

Lilek said even though he cantreasurer, said the RHA decided knew she was going to win before not call himself the winner he still

had a good time participating.

"It's not about winning or losing it's about having fun," Lilek

Ashley Marshall, a senior management major and Calla Summers, a sophomore psychology major, were the last two players to loose making Foster the winner.

After the game Foster said she had fun playing and winning was simple for her because "winner's never quit."

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#### NEW LAW

## Untested rape kits bring new law to Illinois

By Steven Puschmann and Elizabeth **Edwards** 

Staff Reporter and City Editor

After 4,000 untested rape kits were found in storage, an Illinois law was passed that will force law agencies to submit DNA evidence for test-

The new law, Public Act 96-1011, will require law officials to submit any DNA collected in sexual assault cases within 10 days of the crime and the rape kit then must be tested within six months of the crime.

A rape kit is used in sexual assault and rape cases and used to gather any DNA evidence from the victim and are a better way to find and charge the abuser, said Bonnie Buckley, the executive director of Sexual Assault Counseling Information Services.

The new law will help solve more crimes and help the victims, Buckley said.

The kit collects DNA that will be kept in a database that could show a connection with another crime.

"Its important to get all that data into the database," Buckley said.

Jeannie Ludlow, a professor of English and coordinator of the women studies program, said 71 percent of rapist would rape more then once.

Ludlow said a rape kit is a 15-step process that will usually take up to four hours to com-

"The experiment is very traumatic for the victim," Ludlow said.

The rape kit starts with the consent form from the victim that allows the doctors or nurse to conduct the procedure, Ludlow said.

"The victim is brought into a room where the nurse opens the box and lays a sheet on the ground, the victim then must remove his or her clothes which is then placed in a bag which is sealed, labeled, and placed in the box," Buckley

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#### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

## EI&U reaches 84 percent

By Kaylia Eskew Staff Reporter

The "El&U" capital campaign has continued to grow and gain support as it comes closer to its goal of \$50 million.

Thus far, the campaign has raised \$42.7 million, 84 percent of the total campaign goal, said Karla Evans, executive director of philanthropy.

The campaign was officially launched on Oct. 22 of last year.

The capital campaign had a general goal of reaching the \$50 million mark by three years from Oct. 22, 2011 said Bob Martin, the vice president for university advancement, in the Jan. 26 issue of The Daily Eastern News.

Evans said there is no set end date, the campaign wont end until everyone has been invited to participate in the campaign.

"We've been so grateful for the tremendous outpouring of support," Evans said.

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#### UNIVERSITY

## Strategic Planning Steering Committee enters second phase, data gathering

By Amy Wywialowski Staff Reporter

The Strategic Planning Steering Committee will discuss the next step of the ongoing process for university improvement today at 7 p.m. in the Arcola-Tuscola Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Tuesday's meeting will be a working meeting at which there is no set agenda, said Bill Weber, the vice president for business affairs.

However he encourages anyone who is interested in the process to

attend as the committee is always looking for people to help.

At the end of the calendar year this process will have helped the committee generate goals for where Eastern wants to be five to 10 years from now, said Weber, the committee co-chair.

This process has five stages. The first stage was getting organized and consisted of selecting a 24-member committee that reflects the diversity of the university community. This organization stage started in October 2010 and it ended mid-January.

As of February 2011 the commit-

tee is officially in the second phase of the process known as the Data Gathering and Engagement Phase. "In the next two months we will

begin gathering data and engaging as many people as possible in the process," Weber said. "We will be talking to and gathering input from people both on and off campus, we hope to engage anywhere from 500 to 1,000 people within the two

The committee's website reinforces this idea by saying the phase is "designed to meaningfully engage stake holders both on and off cam-

Weber said in order for this phase to be successful the committee broke into groups of three to lead discussions with the various groups on campus about what future challenges the university may face in the future as well as engage the groups in the process of planning for these challenges. "Our goal is to go out and have

as many as possible heartfelt, meaningful conversations with campus stake holders while talking to and listening to them," Weber said.

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## **EIU** weather

TODAY

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# what's on tap

TUESDAY

2 p.m. EIU baseball game

7:30 p.m.

The Panthers baseball team will play Chicago State at Coaches Stadium. This is a non-conference game.

4:30 p.m. National Nutrition Month Thomas Hall Dining Center will be serving healthy food samples and having giveaways in order to honor National Nutrition Month. The event will last until WEDNESDAY

4 p.m. 60-minute clinic

Get information on why internships matter and how to find the right one for your career. Reservations are required through Career Services.

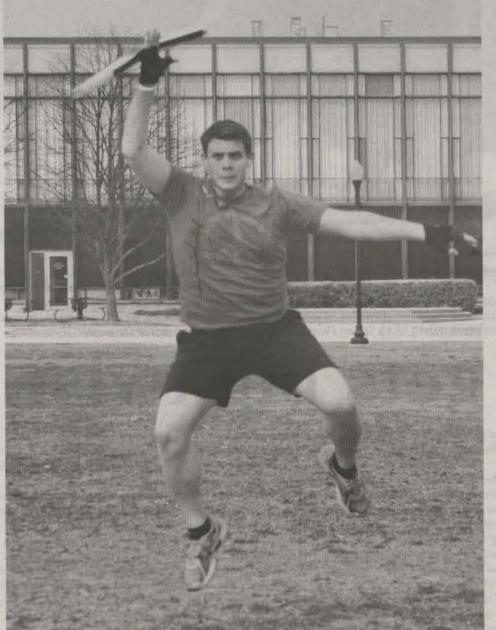
7 p.m. Student Senate meeting Student government will have their weekly meeting in the Arcola-Tuscola Room in the MLK Jr. Union. Students are encouraged to attend.

5 p.m. EIU softball game

The Eastern softball team will host the University of Illinois at Williams Field.

If you want to add to the tap, please e-mail dennewsdesk@gmail. com or call 581-7942.

## Color guard takes practice



KIMBERLY FOSTER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Kayne O'Brien, a senior secondary education major in geography, jumps while practicing color guard moves with a prop rifle Monday in the Library Quar

#### ONLINE



#### Sound slide: Nutrition

Join Panther Dining in celebrating National Nutrition Month. Go to DENnews.com to see a sound slide of the event focused around healthy food samples, giveaways, games and nutrition education.



## **Blog: Running halted**

Barbara Harrington, the online news director, has been blogging about her road to running a marathon since the beginning of the spring semester. Read her latest blog at DENnews.com to find out why she may not reach her goal.

I'm totally bummed.

Over spring break, I had a checkup with my doctor. The past month and a half, I've been having complications from a heart condition I have, so he wanted to make sure everything's working right.

While the rest of my body is fine, he advised me against running the half-marathon in April because of some of the irregularities that have occurred recently with my heart beat.

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## **EIU History Lesson**

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2007

Sophomore Natalie Martin started her way to having the best record at Eastern by gaining a record of 12-1.

After the gas pumps were shut down at the Super K Food Mart in Charleston, the owner said the business in his food mart decreased tremendously.

1983

After six years as Eastern's president, Daniel E. Marvin turned in his letter of resignation.

TOO DUNY MISOSHI

SCULPTURES

## Lack of funding may shorten sculpture program

By Seth Schroeder Activities Editor

One of the features of Eastern's campus has been the sculptures between the Doudna Fine Arts Center and the Tarble Arts Center but it is possible some or all of these sculptures will disappear.

Jeff Boshart, a professor of sculpture in the art department, is the head of the Eastern Illinois University Summer Sculpture Residency. Boshart said the residency commissions emerging student sculptors.

"This is a phenomenal program," Boshart said. "We are one of the only universities to do this."

Boshart said that four of the sculptures will be removed by May 15. This is part of the residency, however, and normally new sculptures would replace them. But this might be the last summer the residency commissions new work. Boshart said a lack of funding might cut the program short.

"There are a lot of things up in the air with the program. Everyone is reluctant to tell you what funding will be available next year," Boshart said. "(The residency) is not inexpensive."

Boshart said that the program pays \$1,000 to each artist as well as \$500 dollars for living expenses. The artists live on Eastern's campus for two weeks and construct their sculpture while they are here. Four artists are chosen each year. The students must have 30 hours of graduate study in sculpture and live within 300 miles of Charleston.

Boshart said the program has other expenses as well such as informational

folders and binders that are often sent out to other schools. He said that this helps get Eastern's name circulating. The information also helps the creators of the sculptures.

"The sculptures belong to the artists that make them. It is up to them what they do with them (after they are displayed.) Sometimes they go to other schools, sometimes they go to other sculpture parks and some have been purchased because they have been seen here," Boshart said. "We can't really do enough for these young folks, because they are the best."

One of the sculptures called "Archeological Jig (Mammuthus eiugenius)" by Erik Peterson will be removed 9 a.m. Saturday from its location outside of Buzzard Hall.

Peterson described the sculpture in his artist statement as similar to a toy puzzle of mammoth bones. The piece appears to only be partially uncovered from the ground. Peterson said that this way the sculpture turns Eastern's campus into an archeological dig site.

Boshart said when "Archeological Jig (Mammuthus eiugenius)" is removed the area will resemble a dig site even more as they will have to dig up the remainder of the sculpture.

Despite the potential end of the program, Boshart said he has several goals for sculpture work at Eastern. One goal includes the new green space that is being developed between Klehm Hall and the Life Science Building.

"I'm so excited those construction fences are gone. The new green space that will be there might be a good place



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"Archeological Jig (Mummuthus eiugenius)" by commissioned artist Erik Peterson is displayed outside of Buzzard Hall. The sculpture will be removed 9 a.m. Saturday and will later be replaced by a new sculpture.

to display student work," Boshart said.
"I just know one student is going to say I miss the construction fences, and they'll make a sculpture using construction fence."

Boshart said he would also like to start a sculpture contest between Eastern alumni. He will also revitalize a piece that used to be displayed at Eastern.

"Bolder" by Kathryn Armstrong used to be displayed outside of Buzzard Hall. Boshart said that while it was displayed, high school students visiting. Eastern for band camp would sit on the piece. This eventually changed its shape.

The sculpture resembles pink rocklike structures. Armstrong said in her artist's statement that "Bolder" caused people to question what is real and what is artificial in their environment.

Boshart said that he will place "Bolder" on a wheeled platform so that next semester the piece can be moved to different locations. He said that the first person to report where "Bolder" is after it moves will win a prize.

Boshart said that the residency will

likely take requests from different colleges as to where "Bolder" will travel. "We involve as many people as possi-

ble," Boshart said.

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DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR AWARD

## Student nominations available for professor award

By Phillip Melton Staff Reporter

Each year Eastern offers the Distinguished Professor Award to a professor who has gone above and beyond. Faculty members will be nominated by the Eastern student community and will be selected by a panel of students.

Three different sections are available for students to nominate a professor. The sections are distinguished academic support, distinguished service and distinguished subject.

Ed Hotwager, a senior math major, said it is a good way to give teachers recognition and show appreciation.

Students can nominate a professor by filling out an application that is available now online through the student government's website.

Holly Henry, a sophomore political science major said this is the first time the application is available online. In the past, students had to come to staff to get the application.

Students will be asked their names, year in school, and phone numbers among other things on the application.

A box on the application asks: "Why should this professor be recog-

nized?" This is where students can explain why a certain professor at Eastern has done a great job and should be honored.

Jennifer Prillaman, the student vice president of academic affairs, said before spring break they had received 40 to 50 applications.

A Student's Distinguished Faculty Award Banquet will take place for the nominees and the recipients of the Student's Distinguished Faculty

"Anyone can go to the banquet. I highly recommend they go, plus there's free food," Henry said.

The banquet will be take place at 5 p.m. April 12 in Room 1859. The nominators will have to debate about why their professors deserve the

"The award is (a) 7 inches by 9 inches, engraved plaque with their name," Hotwagner said.

Prillaman said the award has been offered for at least the last two years.

Craig Eckert, a professor and chairman of sociology and anthropology, is a previous winner of the award.

Andy Ehrich, a junior psychology major, said the award really gives us something to strive for and that he's going to nominate Christina Yousaf of the family and consumer sciences de-

"She is really understanding, and goes out of her way to help students," Ehrich said.

Applications are due on March 23, and can be submitted online or can be put in the Student's Distinguished Professor Award Return Box located in the University Food Court of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

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# Spring break is over, get back to work

So, spring break is over and now it is time to get back to work.

After having a week off, it is hard to sit down and focus on your school work. It is even harder when you come back to this great weather.

Many students are just ready to be done with the semester, whether it is their first or their final year of college.

It happens every year after spring break: everyone gets a taste of the nice weather and then they cannot stop thinking about the summer.

As you unpack your bags and think about how relaxing, entertaining and carefree the last week was, try opening that book bag and wiping the dust off that syllabus that has not been looked at in 10 days.

It is an ugly site, but it is true; there are still papers to be written and tests to be taken.

But you cannot give up now; you have already made it this far and have worked so hard. You have been going to class since August, studying and doing homework to earn a good GPA. So, what is another six weeks?

Don't let this beautiful weather take you away from your studies. Choose to do the right thing, when your friends are going to play a game of catch- go to class, when their going to the bar- go to the library.

Getting back in the swing of the school year can be difficult after a relaxing spring break. Something that can be difficult is getting up for that 8 a.m. class when all you have done for the last week is sleep until noon.

Getting to bed early and getting plenty of rest will not just help you stay healthy, it will also help you get that desired grade.

So do not procrastinate and tell yourself you have plenty of time to study for that final exam, or plenty of time to finish that final project, because April is just around the corner and you don't want to be stuck doing work at the last minute.

When the temperature drops on Thursday, maybe that will be a harsh reminder that it is no longer spring break and that summer is not quite here yet. Hopefully it will put you right back to where you were before the break.

Getting started on papers and readings early can help because after a week of doing nothing, the brain needs to refamiliarize itself with the subjects.

Now is the time to either keep your grades in good standings, or pick them up if you had been slacking for the first half of the semester.

So whether you just got back from an amazing break in Panama or just took time to relax over your break now is the time to strap yourself in and finish these last six weeks strong. Take a deep breath and keep your eye on the prize.

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Cherokee language fights to save dying words

O si yo. From the moment I read the sign after pulling into Tahlequah, Okla. last Sunday, I knew I was out of my element. The sign welcoming me with a simple "hello" was in Cherokee.

Over spring break I went on an Alternative Spring Break trip to work with the Cherokee Nation Head Start program for children.

Tahlequah is in the Cherokee Nation and approximately 34 percent of the population is Cherokee.

Everywhere I went I saw road signs and pamphlets in Cherokee and, to my relief, English.

Like other Native American languages, after decades of children at boarding schools being punished for speaking Cherokee, the language is now endangered.

Countless times last week I heard stories from people who wished they could speak Cherokee, but did not because their grandparents had been afraid to teach it to their children.

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization estimates that since 1950 1,907 world languages have gone extinct, become endangered or are now vulnerable.

The U.S. has 191 of those endangered languages, one of which is Cherokee. Cherokee has an estimated 12,000 to 22,000 speakers, most of whom are in Oklahoma or North Carolina.

In other words, the number of people who speak Cherokee in the world is equal to the population of Charleston, either with or without students.



**Emily Steele** 

Everywhere I went in Oklahoma I saw evidence of poverty and a community struggling. Billboards along the main roads discouraged elder and domestic abuse. Posters in the classrooms I worked in provided information on shaken baby syndrome and fetal alcohol syndrome.

Despite, or maybe because of, all of these social issues, people in the community are fighting for and intensifying efforts to recover their language. Local schools have initiated an immersion program where elementary school children speak only Cherokee in school.

Since 2003, Apple computers come installed with a Cherokee font and in 2010 Apple developed Cherokee language software for the iPhone, iPod and iPad.

Many other communities are not able to take such intense measures to preserve their language. Around the world, languages are dying out because of oppression or lack of alternatives for the native speakers.

Loss of language is more dire than people think; it is like the loss of a species. When a lan-

guage goes extinct, not only does it mean a loss of cultural diversity, the global community loses whatever cache of information is stored in that language.

The week before break I watched the film "The Linguists" in the Doudna Fine Arts Center, followed by a question and answer session with the director and one of the linguists.

The film, which was featured at the Sundance Film Festival, follows two linguists as they travel around the world attempting to record endangered languages before they went extinct.

The overarching message I took from the film and discussion is that there is knowledge encoded in every language that is lost when the speakers die. The linguist David Harrison pointed to the examples of indigenous South American languages that have thousands of words for medicinal plants located in the surrounding forests. When those languages die out, we lose the knowledge, and any resulting benefits, about those plants.

Before last week I had never been anywhere where I did not know the language being spoken around me. When I was younger I had always assumed everyone spoke English. As I grew up it was easier to want everyone to speak English. But now I've realized that a world where everyone can understand everyone is not necessarily the world we should be living in.

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FROM THE EASEL



COLUMN

## Traveling abroad made me appreciate U.S.

It is true, you don't realize what you have until it is gone.

I experienced this phenomenon first hand over spring break. I traveled to a beautiful country with even more beautiful climates, the Dominican Republic.

The gorgeous beaches, sunshine, palm trees, 80-degree weather and turquoise water were a complete paradise. The vacation to this Caribbean island could not have been a better choice!

However, during my time there, I realized how glad I am I was born in the United States and how much I appreciate this country.

Upon arriving, I was warned to not drink the water. I could not even use the water at the hotel to brush my teeth. I had to use bottled water. This shows

how poor of water quality these people live

with.

The food was also lacking in quality. I was cautioned from not eating the tomatoes since they are homegrown. The meat quality was also questionable.



#### Abby Allgire

The meat was edible, but it tasted and looked different.

Here in the United States, we are pretty spoiled as to the quality of our food and meat, but in some countries, there is no sense of quality.

For most of the trip, I lived off bread and fruits. Maybe the food really wasn't that bad, but I am so spoiled here and used to food being a certain way that the food there was hard to eat.

The water quality and food quality were not even the saddest part. Vendors roam the beach looking for people to come buy things from their shops. They will take almost any amount of money for one of their products.

But what was most disturbing was the 5-year-olds approaching me to buy hand-made hats. These children are already working at such a young age.

Even worse, they will probably be doing that same thing for most of their lives, if not all of their lives.

It really made me see how lucky we are here in the United States and all the opportunities that come with being born in this

We have the world at our fingertips because we were born here; we just have to take advantage of it.

I would recommend the Dominican to anyone, not only for a great vacation spot, but to realize how lucky and fortunate we are to be in such an opportunity-filled and highly developed country.

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GOVERNMENT

# Faculty Senate to discuss security across campus

By Samantha McDaniel Staff Reporter

Improvements to campus security and safety will be discussed during the Faculty Senate meeting today.

The Faculty Senate will hear presentations on the topic of safety on campus and discuss improvements that can be made to increase the safety of Eastern's

The group will meet at 2 p.m. in the Booth Library Conference Room.

During the evaluation of campus safety, the Faculty Senate will look at what has happened on campus the last year and see what improvements can be made, said John Pommier, the Faculty Senate chair.

Dan Nadler, the vice president for student affairs, will be providing an update on the upgrades the university has made in the area of campus safety and responding to crises.

"We hope to educate the Faculty Senate on the very important topic," Nadler said.

Other speakers include the University Police Chief Adam Due, Eric Davidson from the Health Service, Safety Officer Gary Hanebrink, Katie McCarthy from the counseling center, Rob Miller from the General Counsel, and Heather Webb from the Office of Student Standards.

The speakers deal with areas that encompass what safety is, Pommier said.

The senate hopes to inform everyone what the protocol for an emergency is, and where to go if something happens on campus, he added.

"There is a lot to gain from the discussion," Pommier said.

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Weber said almost all on-campus organizations will be visited. He said as a push to engage the rest of the community, committee members will meet with local schools as well as the Charleston City Council.

Weber encourages the people of campus to get involved in this important process by going to the commitree's website

He said the website allows people to see where in the process the committee is as well as find out who is on the committee and how to contact them.

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## EI&U, from page 1

The \$50 million goal is not the amount that the university will have in cash, but what amount is achieved from pledges and planned gifts. This can also include a bequest in someone's will to pledge money to the university.

After the goal has been reached, the money will be spilt into four very specific areas, Evans said.

"The money will go to student support, capital improvement, faculty support and program support," Evans said.

The campaign website goes in depth to explain what each area specifically supports.

The money going to the student support area will help to create new scholarships for full and part time students. The goal is to help reduce financial burden.

The capital improvement funds will help Eastern progress through the 21st century.

Some of the proposed ideas for this fund are a new science center, including state-of-the-art classrooms and laboratories, a Lantz Arena Gateway and a grand Courtyard space to create additional greenery across campus.

These locations could also serve as gathering places for students and faculty, while commemorating individuals with ties to the university.

The faculty support funding will help support faculty research, creative projects and service activities.

The program support funds will go towards some of the propose development centers focusing on specific subjects, such as autism, ethics, financial health or humanities.

The money would also go towards helping existing programs like women in math and sciences, Eastern reads and bringing the arts to East Central Illinois.

"(The campaign) is doing better then we hoped," Evans said.

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## LAW, from page 1

The clothes are taken in case there is any evidence on the clothing.

The victim then goes through several procedures. The doctor or nurse combs the hair and pubic hair, scraps the fingernails, swabs the mouth for any bite marks, and the doctor completes an internal examination to extract any sperm.

"Anything taken will be placed in a bag, labeled, and put inside the box, after the entire procedure is done, the nurse will close the box and sign off," Buckley said.

Jeff Ashley, the chairman of the political science department, said that the untested rape kits, which is in no way political will become another political argument.

"The rape kits that are sitting there un-

tested are the end result of budget battles in Illinois," Ashley said. "There are other things that are being cut such as child welfare; and work loads are not changing because everything is going to take longer with not that many people there to do the job."

Ludlow said she does not believe this new law will persuade women to report a rape.

"Victims do not report rape because of two reasons, fear and shame," Ludlow said

She said she believes this new law will not help women with the shame part because she believes that has to do with the organization of our society.

Buckley said SACIS does not perform rape kits on campus.

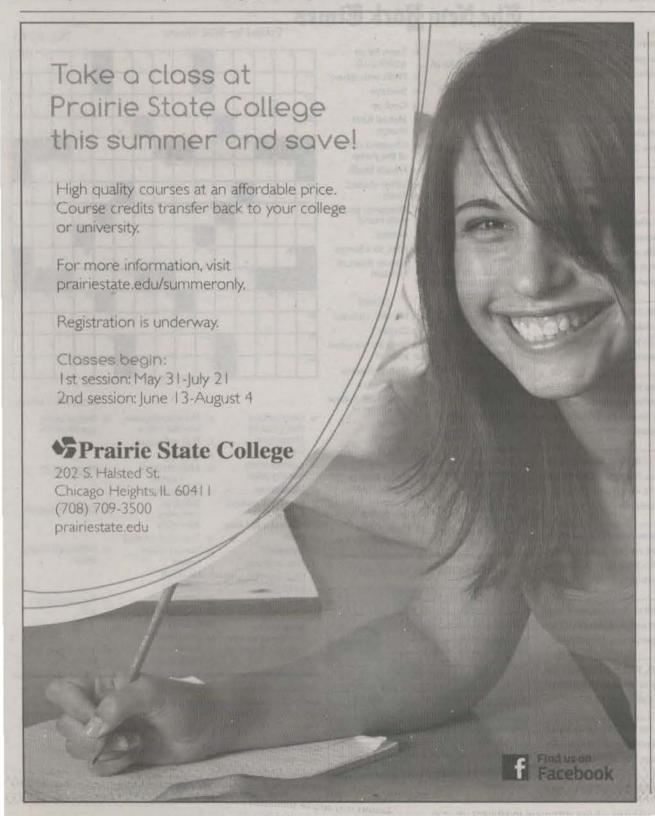
"If an Eastern student has been a victim of a sex crime, then the student must go to Sarah Bush Hospital to have the rape kit procedure done," Buckley said.

SACIS will provide advocates to help the victim and will give information of what the victim can do in the future.

According to the Chicago Tribune, a \$276,000 federal grant will help pay for the cost the crime lab will face testing all the kits.

The Illinois government goal is to have all of the rape kits tested before the year 2015.

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## Panthers just now starting to hit their stride

Panther baseball has momentum on their side for the first time this season. Now they need to keep it.

The Panthers took two games out of three from Conference USA opponent Memphis to close out their spring break road trip. The trip included four losses before the back-toback wins.

With two consecutive wins under their belt, the Panthers lost Sunday, but that does not change the fact that they played three tough, close games against a tough Memphis team. And on top of that, they won two of those games.

The Panthers won the games they



#### **Brad Kupiec**

did because of resiliency, and even in the loss to Memphis they kept scrapping until the final out. They need to keep this quality about them in every game they play as they start their conference schedule this weekend at home. But the win gave the Panthers something even more important than an improved record. It gave them momentum. The Panthers' top starter red-shirt junior Mike Hoekstra pitched a complete game for the win on Friday, and between Saturday and Sunday the team hit three home runs after not hitting any in their first 16.

Now the team needs to hold on to this momentum however they can, and they will have a perfect opportunity to do just that as they open up their home schedule today and tomorrow before opening their conference schedule this weekend against Eastern Kentucky. The Panthers will play Chicago State and Southern Illinois in non conference match-ups at home this week, and home-fan support can only help the Panthers improve their 3-12 record.

The only problem with the midweek home games is that they are afternoon games, starting at 2 p.m., so many Eastern students will be in class during those games.

I believe I speak for baseball fans across campus and the country when I say that whoever is responsible for setting start times should have taken this into account. Start weekday games later to avoid conflicts with classes, and kill two birds with one stone. You can increase student attendance in class as well as at the games, making both teachers and coaches happy.

Getting back to the baseball though, the Panthers just need to continue to hit the ball with authority and pitch well as they head into their Ohio Valley Conference schedule. Now that their pre-conference schedule is wrapping up, they look to be hitting their stride at just the right time.

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Schmitz said his biggest disappointment with his offense has been the amount of strikeouts they have had.

"You should have one per 10 atbats; there's only two or three guys who are doing that," Schmitz said. "At this particular point, it's nothing to be said other than it's a huge sore spot that needs to be corrected, and the only way to do that is to hack away and get on base."

Schmitz said over the weekend he was pleased with how red-shirt junior Mike Hoekstra pitched against Memphis. Hoekstra was named Ohio Valley Conference Pitcher of the Week for his complete game performance in Memphis where he walked none while striking out five and allowing only one run.

"Pitching overall has been very good," said Schmitz. "I know we've had some guys that have not gone out and done a great job, but it's great knowing we have him (Hoekstra) to start game one. I told the team we just can't count on him to go out there all the time and throw a shutout or only allow one run, seasons are up and down. I'm more concerned about the 24 other people besides him."

Schmitz said sophomore righthanded pitcher Troy Barton and freshman left-hander Christian Slazinik will start the mid-week home games in an effort to get them back on the horse after having rough outings in Memphis.

Games begin at 2 p.m. today and Wednesday against Chicago State and Southern Illinois, respectively.



FILE PHOTO

Mike Hoekstra, red-shirt junior pitcher, looks to throw the ball to second base during the game against Morehead State April 11, 2010. Hoekstra was named the adidas\* OVC Pitcher of the Weekend.

The Panthers then begin their OVC schedule at 1 p.m. Saturday at home against Eastern Kentucky.

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## READY, from page 8

After the EIU Big Blue Classic on April 2, the Panther head across the midwest to schools such Western Kentucky, Kansas, Vanderbilt and Drake, following with the OVC Outdoor Championship at Murray State, then Indiana, Louisville and the NCAA Regional at the University of Oregon.

After his successful indoor season, red-shirt junior Zye Boey is already

excited about the outdoor season.

"I'm ready to go. I'm fired up already," Boey said.

With the team in shape and injury free, Boey said the team is ready to get the ball rolling on the 2011 outdoor season.

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## WINNING, from page 8

In Sunday's final game against Murray State, freshmen Morgan Biel went a perfect 2-for-2 in the batters box, while sophomore Ally Seplak, junior Ashley Anderton, and freshman Ashleigh Westover each added an RBI in the win.

The weekend sweep not only avenges Murray State's regular-season 2-1 series win, but also gives the Panthers a 5-2 all-time advantage in the series history between the two league foes, as Murray State falls to 4-15 overall and winless at 0-5 in league

play.

Eastern will return to the field this coming week, playing instate rival Illinois in the Panthers' home opener at 5 p.m. on Thursday. That will be followed by a home three-game OVC weekend series with Tennessee State.

"We still have a lot of work to do and a long season ahead, but this was a good step in the right direction," Schuette said.

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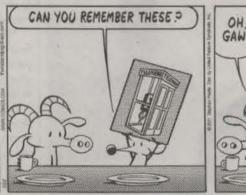
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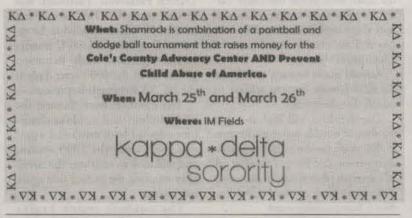
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## Winning continues through Murray State

Panthers' streak grows to 11 games over spring break

By Lenny Arquilla Staff Reporter

The Eastern softball team swept Murray State this weekend, giving the team a new program record as it won its 11th straight game.

Eastern head coach Kim Schuette said this team was not a .500 team and they proved it.

"I'm pleased how focused and determined this group was these past 10 days" Schuette said. "They played some good ball and through this experience they are becoming a team. They are beginning to figure out their identity as a group. We played a lot of softball this past week and we feel it was a good trip."

The Panthers opened conference play on Saturday in Murray, Ky., and won both games in the doubleheader by scores of 5-2 and 4-0, respectively. The team won again Sunday, 5-0.

Sophomore outfielder Melise Brown led all players with a twogame, .667 batting average Saturday. The leadoff hitter went 4-for-6 at the plate, walked twice, and also recorded both her third double and eighth stolen base of the season.

Freshman Carly Willert had an impressive offensive showing this

weekend as she recorded a teamhigh, six-RBI performance Saturday and hit her first career home run Saturday, following it up with one each game this weekend.

Also performing well this weekend was senior infielder Kiley Holtz, who had a 2-for-5 day in the batter's box Saturday, while freshmen Morgan Biel and junior Maria Sorrentino finished 3-for-6 and 2-for-5, respectively in the doubleheader.

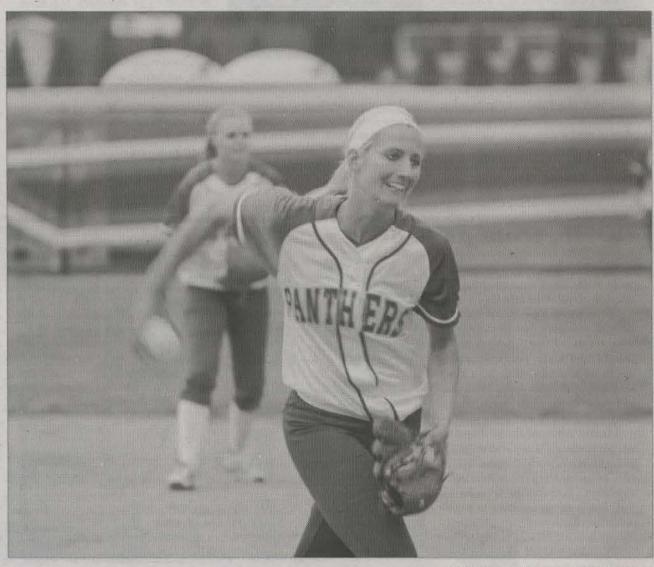
Coming just one strikeout away from tying her career high of 14 strikeouts Saturday, senior pitcher Amber May retired 13 Murray State batters, all by strikeout. She finished the first game with just one walk and allowed just two hits in the win.

Sunday, May upped her record to 6-3 with the complete game shutout, her third of the season, as she fanned four hits, while walking four and striking out four.

In game two, freshman pitcher Stephanie Maday picked up her third shutout of the season off eight strikeouts and two walks, while scattering five hits. The win moved her team-high record to 7-1 overall.

Naturally, the Panther's dominating duo of Amber May and Stephanie Maday also led the twogame stat totals thanks to an advantage in team ERA (1.00 to 4.00), earned runs (two to eight), walks (three to seven), and strikeouts (21 to seven).

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Sophomore Natalie Wunderlich pitches in a April 24, 2010, game against Austin Peay at Williams Field. The softball team is currently on an 11 game winning streak.

TRACK AND FIELD

## Panthers 'ready to get ball rolling'

By Dominic Renzetti **Assistant Sports Editor** 

With the indoor season coming to a close last week, the Eastern track and field team will look to move things from Lantz Fieldhouse to O'Brien Field for the start of the outdoor track and field season.

Last year's outdoor season was a great success for the Panthers, as the team took home the Ohio Valley Conference championship and sent then senior thrower Kandace Arnold to the NCAA National Championships.

the first female Eastern athlete to the NCAA Regionals last season. qualify for the event.

The Panthers will look to top a number of notable accomplishments in this year's outdoor season, as redshirt junior Zye Boey is coming off of a seventh place finish in the men's 200-meter dash in the NCAA Indoor Championship meet.

In last year's outdoor season, Boey was named OVC Male Athlete of the Championships after winning 100-meter and 200-meter dash championships.

He finished his season by placing 32 in the NCAA Regional.

Leading the women will be red-

shirt junior Megan Gingerich, who was an All-OVC athlete in last year's outdoor season for he performances in the 800-meter dash and the high jump.

She set a school record for the 800-meter dash, while finished her season with a 16th place finish at the NCAA Regionals.

Entering the last outdoor season of his Eastern career will be senior Darren Patterson. Patterson was second team All-OVC last season in the 200-meter dash, while he received first team All-OVC honors in the 400-meter dash. Patterson Arnold made history, as she was placed 39 in the 400-meter dash at

The Panthers have claimed the OVC indoor and outdoor championships on both men's and women's levels since the 2009 season, and will look to continue the streak after winning the indoor title again last month.

The outdoor season begins March 26 with the SIU Edwardsville Quad Meet, with the Panthers returning home for two home meets the following weekend.

The two home meets will be the only competitions taking place at O'Brien Field for this outdoor season.

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FILE PHOTO | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS Sophomore sprinter Steven Clark runs during track practice April 22,

## **Team ready** to host first home game

By Brad Kupiec Staff Reporter

Eastern's baseball team opens up its home schedule today as they host Chicago State at 2 p.m. in Coaches' Stadium.

The Panthers are coming off a weekend in which they took two games out of three from the University of Memphis.

Head coach Jim Schmitz said he was pleased with how the team kept fighting throughout their three games with Memphis, especially coming off four losses earlier in the week.

"You've got to feel good, especially coming off four hard losses, two of them in particular not very pretty," said Schmitz. "We felt really good about going in there with a game plan and they stuck to the game plan and came away with two wins."

Schmitz said one strength of his team is through their pre-conference schedule has been their resiliency and ability to remain focused on the game even when they fall behind.

"It's one thing this team's done really well," said Schmitz. "Even when have put a big number on the board we come in and it's no big deal, we go back out. This team does a pretty good job of not getting too flustered."

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#### EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

Baseball

Tuesday vs. Chicago State 2 p.m. - Coaches Stadium

Thursday vs. Illinois 5 p.m. – Williams Field

Men's Tennis

2010, at O'Brien Field.

Wednesday vs. Jacksonville State 10 a.m. - Jacksonville, Ala.

M&W Track

Saturday - SIU Edwardsville Quad Meet TBA - Edwardsville, III.

Sunday - Western Illinois Invitational All day - Macomb, Ill.

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NATIONAL SPORTS Boston at Philadelphia

1:05 p.m. on ESPN

NBA Boston at New York 7:30 p.m. on NBA TV

NHL Pittsburgh at Detroit 7:30 p.m. on Versus