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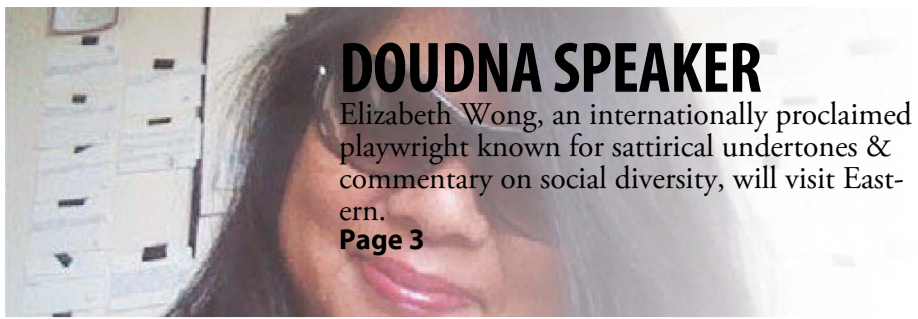
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## Brrrr, it's cold out here



KATIE SMITH | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Allison Kroch, a junior elementary education major, and Jody Shultz, a senior elementary education major, try to stay warm while walking to class Monday behind the life science building. The temperature at the time was a brisk nine degrees.

## 'Polar Vortex' returns to campus

By **Brian Hartman**  
Staff Reporter | @DEN\_News

The "Polar Vortex" which visited parts of the Midwest last week has returned to Charleston as Eastern students walked to class in temperatures just a few degrees above zero.

Recently, students braced themselves for another round of bitter cold. Temperatures dropped to single digits and lows have fallen well below zero with the wind chill figured in.

Cameron Craig, a geographer and climatologist, said students should not pack their winter clothes away just yet, as this cold weather could make more appearances in the coming weeks.

Anyone who checks the weather has probably heard the term Polar Vortex. Craig explained that the vortex is, "a scientific term...[for] a mass of cold arctic air that plunges to the south."

The cause of this cold weather is the weak Jetstream has brought down the cool air that normally occupies the Canadian provinces.

"[The] Jetstream will meander and it will take time for it to slow down," Craig said.

Despite a few warm days here and there, the vortex could still bring more cold snaps and dangerously low temperatures. Craig added that in the previous weeks where the temperatures rose, they were followed by cold air afterwards.

"That piece of evidence right there...when you warm up significantly, but you started out with extremely cold air at the start of the month is indicative of a very active (Jetstream)," Craig said.

With all this activity and the "roller coaster effect" with the temperatures, Craig said there might be a very active severe weather season just around the corner.

Despite the low temperatures, Eastern continued classes as normal, while students were left to find ways

to stay warm when walking to class.

Craig suggests that students plan ahead and avoid shorts and sandals. He said that simply dressing appropriately for the weather could help prevent frostbite from occurring.

"When you have extremely high wind speeds and extremely cold temperatures, that creates a very low wind chill value, and it only takes a few minutes for frostbite to develop," Craig said. Signs of frostbite are discolored patches on the skin and numbness. If left untreated, it could lead to nerve damage and possibly amputation.

Craig said the best way to prevent frostbite and combat the cold weather is to not go outside unless it is absolutely necessary. And for those who are tired of this winter weather, Craig said, "Don't look forward to spring anytime soon."

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## School closures affect Eastern student teachers

By **Jack Cruikshank**  
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### SNOW DAYS



GRAPHIC BY **JOANNA LEIGHTON**

Local school closures because of weather are forcing elementary majors to reschedule or entirely cancel their observations and student teaching sessions.

Throughout elementary and secondary schools, a total of approximately 150 students are throughout Illinois student teaching.

Doug Bower, the associate dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies, said some student teachers have already missed five days this semester because of the weather around the state.

"When (the student teachers) have only been in the schools for ten days, and they have missed five days, it starts becoming an impact," said Bower. "It is a bigger impact for the K-12 kids, but they will be able to make them up at the end of the year."

Christina Lauff, a sophomore early childhood education major, said the weather has caused her an inability to observe local classes.

As a result of the school cancellations, Lauff and other Eastern students are responsible for re-scheduling observations.

"Closing the schools puts us in a time crunch to complete our hours as the semester goes on," Lauff said. "There are a lot of us who are becoming teachers, and scheduling times that correspond with our class schedules is difficult."

While observations must be completed in their entirety, Bowers said the students who are student teaching will not be penalized by the cancellation of the school days if they can prove mastery of student teaching by the end of the semester.

"Our students are excited about being out there, so they hate not being in the schools," Bower said. "In terms of how it will impact our students in terms of completing

their program and graduation, generally, we have already made the decision that it will not affect graduation."

Bower said students will not have to add more days to their student teaching schedules contingent on appealing the local student-teaching coordinator who is responsible for critiquing the Eastern students in their endeavor to become teachers themselves.

Bower said student teachers will not need to go beyond the end of finals week to make up days unless the coordinator does not believe they have not yet mastered the competencies necessary for student teaching.

"If, by the day before graduation, they have met all the competencies and they have been doing a great job, the coordinators will be able to say, 'You've demonstrated what it means to be successful,'" Bower said.

Bower also said the education department, as a whole, will discuss the matter further at a faculty meeting Thursday.

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## Senate to review publication of theses

Perry scheduled to meet with faculty senate Feb. 11

Staff Report

The Faculty Senate will hear a proposal regarding student theses from Bob Augustine, the dean of the graduate school, at their meeting at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Booth Library conference room.

According to the meeting agenda, Augustine will specifically talk

about the mandatory publication of student theses.

At their meeting Tuesday, the Council on Graduate Studies heard the proposal from Augustine requesting feedback about the mandatory publication of student theses.

Kraig Wheeler, a chemistry professor, will also present to the Faculty Senate regarding the requirements for theses publication.

At the senate meeting Jan. 14, senate members expressed a desire to learn more about the school closure policy in regards to weather.

As a result, President Bill Perry is scheduled to meet with the Faculty Senate at its Feb. 11 meeting in regard to the weather-closing policy.

## Local weather

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# Council member appreciates community, gives back

By Michael Spencer  
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Matthew Hutti was born and raised in Charleston.

He graduated Charleston High School in 1998 and after completing his undergraduate work at Fontbonne University, went on to receive his master's degree in Sports Management from Eastern.

In May 2013, Hutti was elected to the city council.

Hutti's life has been that of a man unhindered by any disadvantage. However, he has suffered from muscular dystrophy his entire life.

MD is an umbrella term for a group of 30 different genetic diseases that are typified by progressive weakness and degeneration of the muscles that control movement.

Hutti is the first to admit that he needs help in order to do certain things and the Charleston community has been more than willing to do just that, he said.

The helping hands Hutti found in Charleston led him to search for a way that he could affect positive change.

"I wanted to give back to the great city that had been so nice to me," Hutti said. "So, I decided to run for city council."

Having dealt with his disability since birth, he said there is very little that he cannot find a way to handle.

"I've dealt with it my whole life," he said. "It's never stopped me from doing anything."

It has stopped frustrating the Charleston-native who said it is all

about changing the way one thinks about the issues at hand.

Hutti said he likes to travel around town and sometimes, for example, he struggles to find a way to get over a curb in his wheelchair.

"If I get on a sidewalk and I can't get out, I find another way to get around it," Hutti said. "I could get frustrated but there's not much I could do about it."

This ingenuity is something Hutti applies to all other aspects of his life, not just when making his way down the road.

"I want to see Charleston grow," Hutti said, adding that he thinks there are a lot of great opportunities already, but his job on the council is to ensure that continues into the future.

Apart from his work with the city council, he also serves as a substitute teacher for the Charleston school district where he covers for teachers in a full range of subjects.

Hutti said he still feels like he is learning the ropes on the city council but he does have a good idea of what he wants to do during his four year term.

He hopes to ensure job creation in Charleston in the long run but in the immediate future he hopes to work with Eastern student transportation managers to diversify the stops on the Panther Shuttle route to include places like the Rotary Community Aquatic Center during the summer months.

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## Theft, Burglary hit campus

- On Saturday at 12:28 a.m. illegal possession of alcohol by a minor was reported at Lawson Hall. This incident was referred to the Office of Student Standards.

- On Saturday at 2 a.m. an attempted burglary was reported at Douglas Hall. This incident was referred to the Office of Student Standards.

- On Saturday at 8:30 p.m. a theft was reported at Lawson Hall. This incident is under investigation.

- On Sunday at 12:40 a.m. Stephen Davis, 19, 14415 S. Woodlawn, Dolton, Ill., was arrested at Taylor Hall. He was charged with illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor and released with notice to appear.

- On Sunday at 3:37 a.m., a disorderly conduct was reported at Greek Court. This incident was referred to the Office of Student Standards.

- On Friday at 2:46 p.m. a private property accident was reported near Coleman Hall. No citations were issued.



# Renowned playwright to speak at Doudna

By Katie Smith  
Photo Editor | @Den\_News

Internationally proclaimed playwright, Elizabeth Wong, will visit Eastern to share her experience as an award-winning writer and theater director at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the Lecture Hall of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Wong's work is best known for its satirical undertones and commentary on social diversity.

Kevin Doolen, a theater professor and chair, said his basis for hiring Wong was rooted in previous encounters. Doolen had invited Wong to speak as a guest at three separate universities in the past.

"Each time, she was an inspiration to the students and got them writing and creating in a way other artists couldn't," Doolen said.

Despite having been mentioned on Oxford's "Who's Who of American Women Writers," as well writing titles such as "Letters to a Student Revolutionary," "China Doll" and "Kimchee & Chitlins," Doolen said she maintains a humbled disposition.

"She has a connection to students and young artists," he said. "If she takes you under her wing at a workshop, she will be in your network for life."

Doolen can recall certain students enthusiastically keeping in contact with Wong, and even sending her some of their own seeking constructive criticism from the pro-

fessional.

Although Wong said she doubts her own humor in person, she appreciates the feedback she receives from students.

"I'm a comedy writer, but I'm only funny on paper or in the classroom, which is why I adore students," she said.

She added that the workshop experience often offers her insight on her own writing.

"Seriously, students ask insightful questions that challenge me to prove I knew what I was doing when I wrote 'China Doll' or 'Dating & Mating in Modern Times' or 'Kimchee & Chitlins,'" she said. "Everything in my plays has a reason for being; students help me appreciate my own writing and often I learn something about my characters and my process thanks to their questions."

Doolen said students should expect to meet a charming, vivacious, L.A. girl Thursday.

One of his fondest memories of Wong is the time he hired her at the University of Albany/State of New York City, to direct her own play, "Letters to a Student Revolutionary," which he noted was inspired by a true story.

The play is a political and social commentary about both the events leading up to the 1989 Tiananmen Square Massacre and the public's understanding of those events.

In order to create a true-to-life cast, Wong reached out to the uni-



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versity's Asian-student population for open auditions.

"If you reach out to different communities they respond positively," Doolen said. "Real diversity is about inclusion."

Diversity is a topic Wong understands. Doolen said that as a Chi-

nese-American woman, Wong tends to speak to diversity and different cultures through her writing.

He added that Wong's writing differs from that of a screenwriter or novelist, because becoming a playwright requires a different medium as well as a different aesthetic.

"You can go deeper into the psychology of characters in theater," Doolen said. "She loves the tapestry of humanity and she writes about it."

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## Student Senate to examine new lobbying efforts

By Jarad Jarmon  
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Student Senate will be looking over future lobbying plans, which were brought up at the Illinois Board of Higher Education- Student Advisory Committee meeting, during their next senate meeting.

The meeting will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Arcola- Tuscola Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

At the Student Advisory Committee, the representatives from various state schools talked about different tactics to improve and fix issues regarding higher education such as higher education and

Monetary Award Program grant funding.

Kaylia Eskew, the student body president, said the institutions, who are a part of the committee, thought it would be beneficial to get state legislators to pay attention by taking a social media approach to show the importance of the funding higher education.

"We are trying a new tactic, to help encourage legislators to increase MAP grant (funding) or at least not cut it anymore," Eskew said.

Eskew added with the help from of Eastern and other schools, there will be a twitter and Facebook up and running by Saturday. Currently, they are gathering data to figure out how to make the

pages more successful. The twitter handle will be Reviveil.

"When all of the Illinois schools go to lobby or if they have any information on it, (legislators) can get that," Eskew said. "We want to get this trending so that it gets noticed by legislators."

Social media has shown to be an effective tool to promote awareness of issues, Eskew said.

"(Legislators) are getting a lot more responses that way and they are getting them faster," Eskew said.

Yazmin Rodriguez, a sophomore sociology major, will be setting up the Revive IL Facebook page to try and reach all platforms. Tweeting and Posting to these sites is not exclusive to student

government though. Eskew said she wanted those representing the state to understand the Eastern student's interest in the matter.

The Illinois Board of Higher Education- Student Advisory Committee lobby day, on Apr. 30 will also be mentioned at the senate meeting. Executive Vice President Mitch Gurick said it is still "up in the air" whether Eastern participates in the lobby day. In the future, the Student Action Team, a group focused on Eastern lobbying efforts, will deliberate on whether to go with the committee or to go separately.

Gurick said he, as well as student government members from other schools like Northern Illinois University, believes

the date is unreasonable for students.

"It's too late in April to participate in the lobby day," Gurick said. "The focus towards the end of the semester is really more on academics and worrying about your classes."

The team might instead go on a joint group lobby day with a couple of schools earlier in April.

Senate will also be appointing the spring 2014 committee chairs. They have currently not been finalized though, Student Senate Speaker Brandon Goodman said. He said it would be finalized before the meeting though.

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"I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everyone."

- Bill Cosby

## The Newest Trending Vine



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## STAFF EDITORIAL

# Hashtags don't always catch on

Once students at Eastern caught wind of the impending winter weather forecast, they let their desire for canceled classes show up on Twitter in the form of tweets hashtagged, "#CloseEIU".

A cursory search on Twitter came up with tweets too numerous to count with the clear majority in favor of a day off from classes and a few wondering why their fellow students were making a big fuss over it.

The hashtag never trended.

The Daily Eastern News created a Storify story to compile the tweets and photos (mainly screenshots of weather apps) which gave a timeline of when the tweets first began appearing to when it became clear that the school would not cancel classes. Once the morning hit, people stopped using the hashtag.

Students tweeted Eastern's official Twitter account, @EIU, with various reasons why classes should be canceled. The windy conditions and freezing temperatures were at the

forefront of the tweets, even though the wind was expected to die down by morning. This meant student's fears of blowing away weren't going to happen. Other reasons were that universities like Illinois State, and Illinois Wesleyan, and the Lakeview College of Nursing decided to cancel classes, and that the Charleston and Mattoon school districts canceled classes as well.

Eastern was not the only school in the area to hold classes. The decision was also made to hold classes just 45 minutes north on I-57 at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Students at U of I were vehemently not happy about having to go to school in the cold, as they began tweeting racial slurs, sexist remarks, and threats hurled at U of I's chancellor, Phyllis Wise, an Asian American of Chinese descent.

The tweets coming out of unhappy U of I students were hashtagged, "#F\*\*\*Phyllis". It is unknown if the hashtag trended on Twitter.

The racially insensitive tweets, as well as captioned photos and a parody account, made it onto social website Buzzfeed where it has more than 540,000 views and has been making the rounds on social media.

While F-bombs were tweeted here and there by Eastern students, nothing racially insensitive or threatening was found to have been tweeted at the administration and that tweets from Eastern students were kept tame in comparison.

Ultimately, while the weather was cold, it was not the "day after tomorrow" scenario that many had feared and life on campus continued as normal. The student body, while wanting a day off from classes, should use their own discretion on whether to attend classes during inclement weather.

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

# "Knockout" is not a game to be played

This past summer I started to hear the media cover stories about this so called, "knockout game."

The point of the game is for you and your buddies to go out in public, point out random person, then one of you goes up to that person and attempts to knock them out with one sucker punch. This is all while being videotaped so it may be posted on the Internet.

Somehow I do not feel like the old, "boys will be boys" cliché fits the mold in this case.

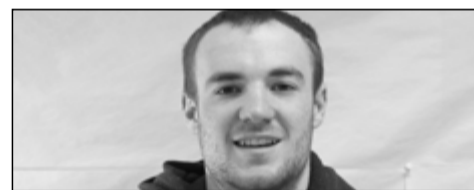
The "knockout game" has not only led to several injuries but has also resulted in several deaths dating back to 1992 with the murder of MIT student, Yngve Raustein.

According to a 1992 *New York Times* article, Raustein was walking home and was punched in the face by a 17 year old man and then was stabbed in the heart by another man.

The Assaultants were reportedly playing the "knockout game."

Since the murder of Raustein, numerous other instances have surfaced around the country including in Illinois in areas surrounding Decatur and Chicago.

I personally do not understand the point of the game.



Mike Wolbers

What if the person you are trying to assault has a weapon or is fully prepared to fight back?

In Michigan, 17 year-old Marvell Weaver was shot attempting to play the "knockout game." Weaver approached a man and stuck a Taser in the man's side. The man then turned around and shot the teenager twice, once in the leg and once in the back.

Weaver would later admit to having played the "knockout game" several times.

This is where I fail to understand. What does one gain out of this game? Why risk being shot or severely injured and potentially have to serve jail time?

Maybe the point is to prove one's toughness and masculinity to their friends. Maybe, they

are just bored. Maybe, the reason I do not understand the "knockout game" is because I know the difference between right and wrong.

Having done several stupid things in high school myself, I understand that sometimes kids do dumb things when they are growing up, but this goes beyond that.

Living in the digital age, the average man or woman has enough to worry about without having to worry about some random person approaching them and knocking them unconscious.

To the attackers, why not find a hobby that does not involve causing injury or death?

I have always believed that all of us are on this planet just trying to do the best we can with what we have. Why complicate it further with senseless acts of violence?

Instead of punching a stranger, hold the door open for them. Perhaps, I have a romanticized vision of how the world should work but it sure does sound better than being randomly knocked unconscious.

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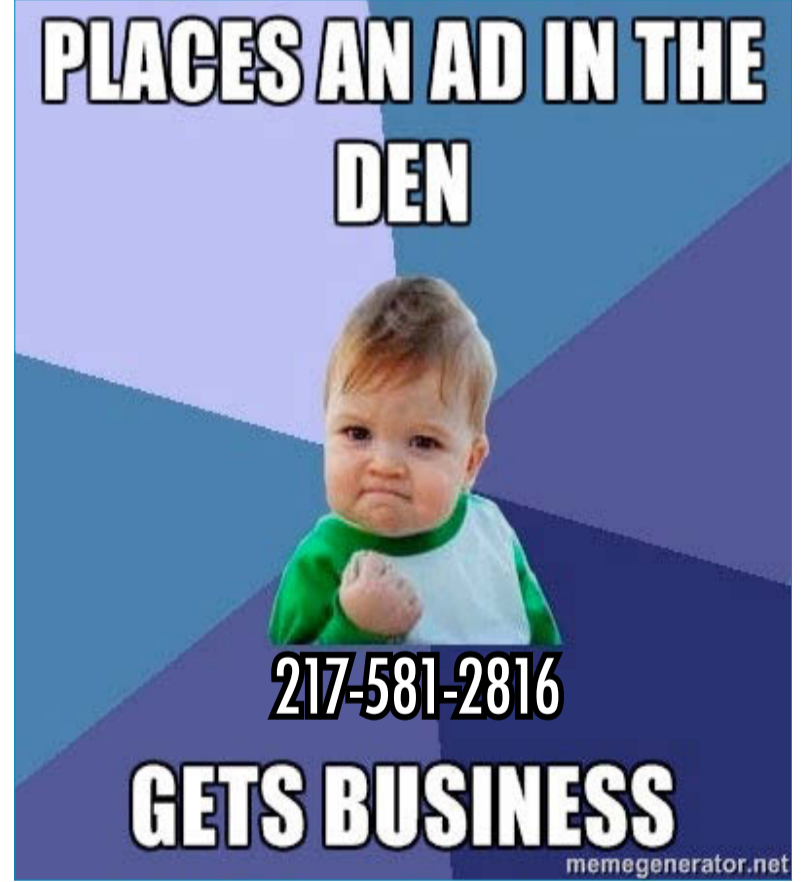


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Kelsie Abolt, a freshman pole vaulter throws herself over the bar during Saturday's track meet in Lantz arena. Abolt is a Charleston resident.



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# Panthers host Vikings in non-conference matchup

By Anthony Catezone  
Sports Editor | @AnthonyCatz

The Eastern men's basketball team will host Cleveland State in

a non-conference game at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Lantz Arena.

Cleveland State, a Horizon League team, appears to have a balanced team that ranks third in its

league in scoring defense with 66.5 points per game and fourth in its league in scoring offense with 73.6 points per game.

The Vikings have four play-

ers that average 10 or more points per game, led by Bryn Forbes' 15.8 points per game.

Defensively, Anton Grady and Jon Harris combine for 12.5 re-

bounds per game, as Cleveland State averages 5.8 steals per game and 3.5 blocks per game.



**Last Game:**

Eastern is coming off a 77-74 win against Southeast Missouri on Saturday. The Panthers had a 70-58 lead with 2:41 left to play and halted the Redhawks' 16-7 run with late free throws by Josh Piper and Dylan Chatman.

With nine seconds remaining, after making a 3-pointer on the previous possession, Southeast Missouri's Jarekious Bradley missed a 3-point attempt this time around with the Redhawks trailing by four.

Guard Reggie Smith led the Panthers with 23 points on 8-of-16 shooting. Eastern shot 50 percent from the field, accomplishing that feat for the third consecutive game.

**NUMBERS TO REMEMBER:**

**149...** Coach Gary Waters is tied for the Cleveland State program record for most career wins with 149, with the possibility to break the record against Eastern Tuesday night in Lantz Arena.

**20...** It has been 20 years since Eastern and Cleveland State last played each other. The Vikings beat the Panthers 81-75 on Feb. 14, 1994. Cleveland State leads the all-time series 19-9.

**16.5...** Junior forward Chris Olivier averaged 16.5 points and six rebounds per game coming off the bench last week. He shot 14-of-27 in the Panthers two games.



**Last Game:**

Trey Lewis scored a game-high 17 points as Cleveland State rolled past Valparaiso 69-50 on Saturday.

The Vikings shot 46 percent from the field, while managing to hold the Crusaders to 36 percent.

Anton Grady added a double-double of 13 points and 11 rebounds with Marlin Mason and Bryn Forbes adding 12 and 11 points apiece, respectively.

Cleveland State took a 31-20 lead into halftime large in part to a 10-0 run to close out the first half.

Much of the same was seen in the beginning of the second half, where the Vikings scored the first points and cruised to the victory.

**PROBABLE STARTING LINEUPS**

**EASTERN (7-13, 4-5)**

**PROBABLE STARTERS:**

G Zach Dickerson	2.8 ppg	1.3 apg
G Reggie Smith	13.4 ppg	3.3 apg
G Dylan Chatman	5.3 ppg	40.3 3fg%
F Sherman Blanford	11.3 ppg	6.7 rpg
F Chris Olivier	10.5 ppg	4.2 rpg

**KEY RESERVES:**

C Luke Piotrowski	4.6 ppg	50 fg%
F Josh Piper	4.0 ppg	3.0 rpg

**PROBABLE STARTING LINEUPS**

**CLEVELAND STATE (13-9, 5-3)**

**PROBABLE STARTERS:**

G Charlie Lee	8.1 ppg	3.7 apg
G Trey Lewis	14.0 ppg	3.5 apg
G Bryn Forbes	15.8 ppg	3.4 apg
F Marlin Mason	6.1 ppg	59 fg%
F Anton Grady	10.6 ppg	6.1 rpg

**KEY RESERVES:**

G Jon Harris	11.0 ppg	6.4 rpg
G Sebastian Douglas	8.4 ppg	3.4 rpg

# Garoppolo forever with Eastern

## NFL prospect began legacy with Panthers



**Anthony Catezone**  
@AnthonyCatz

Garoppolo — you heard it here first. Before the big-time Chicago reporters were asking Eastern quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo how to pronounce his last name, the enunciation of it was made famous for four years in Charleston.

The Eastern football team reveled in its small town with its big kid quarterback at the helm.

Garoppolo, under former coach

Dino Babers, led the Panthers to back-to-back Ohio Valley Conference titles, their first postseason win in more than two decades and the No. 1 offense in the country.

Meanwhile, Garoppolo had a few individual accomplishments to show for himself, too: try the No. 1 spot in nearly every passing statistic among Eastern's and the OVC's all-time list.

Oh, yeah, and the 2013 Walter Payton Award, given to the best football player at the FCS level.

And now, he is seen "Stealing the show" in the Sun-Times or "Gathering believers" in the Tribune.

But long before that, Garoppolo was in The Daily Eastern News where he was heralded as "Perfect 10," or "Dime piece," or "Jimmy Football."

On Eastern's campus is where such praise for Garoppolo originated, where he became seemingly as iconic as the castle that is Old Main and launching his stardom to unrecognizable heights.

Still, even with all the major media outlets drooling over Garoppolo, the

thing they will find hardest to believe is that there is even more to marvel as he soaks up more of the spotlight.

For instance, Garoppolo's modesty. Perhaps his modesty is the best part.

Past all of the accolades and records it is Garoppolo's family values that among what resonated most for him off the field at Eastern.

"When I was a little kid, my parents always stressed to never be arrogant," the Rolling Meadows product said. "No one ever wants to be around an arrogant person. I really have to be thankful. Everything I have is really a blessing."

While little-old Eastern will seemingly become obsolete to most people

north come this time next year, it will still remain just as valuable to Garoppolo as the day he arrived.

And Eastern will remain equally as grateful, if not more, for the four years Garoppolo spent as a Panther.

Because of Garoppolo, Eastern's football program is as relevant as it ever has been; at least since the years Tony Romo was quarterbacking the Panthers.

So remember, Garoppolo started here first. Eastern won't forget it; he won't forget it and neither should you.

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# Razorbacks roll through hockey club

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The Eastern hockey club surrendered two losses on its road trip to Arkansas during the weekend, losing 9-3 on Friday and 14-1 on Saturday.

The Razorbacks opened the first period with two goals from freshman forward Mason Browner, but Eastern would respond with less than a minute with a goal from freshman Sam Turk. Senior Chris Gallagher was credited with the assist on Turk's goal.

Entering the second period with a 3-1 lead, Arkansas added to that lead with a goal from freshman forward Ryan Machos.

The Panthers again responded, this time with an unassisted goal

from senior Andrew Maronich. The Razorbacks brought the game back to a two goal lead with a score from junior Martin Sundstedt. Machos then added his second goal of the game to end the second period, making the score 5-2.

Sundstedt added another goal in the third period, followed by a goal from sophomore Marcel Toure.

Sundstedt then completed the hat trick early in the third period, scoring his third goal of the game, adding to the Razorbacks' lead.

Eastern finally got back on the board with a goal from senior Joe Salazar.

Sundstedt closed the game with another goal, his fourth of the game, bringing the final score to 9-3.

On Saturday, it was all Razor-

backs, with Arkansas scoring five goals in the first period.

Machos opened the scoring, followed by two goals from Sundstedt. Sophomore Logan Drake scored the Razorbacks' fourth of the first period, followed by a fifth from Toure.

The Panthers scored first in the second period, with Steve Kinnison scoring five minutes into the period.

Freshman Brenden Terbrock and senior Tim Shannon were credited with assists. It was the only goal the Panthers scored in the game.

Machos scored again in the second period, followed by a goal from freshman Erik Robinson and sophomore Luke Seibold.

Arkansas scored six goals in the final frame.

Sophomore Taylor Jones scored

first, followed by senior Tyler Bynum, graduate student Justin McDowell and junior Johnny Stromp. Brower and Bynum both added goals in the final minutes of the game to bring the final score to 14-1.

Senior Andrew Teske started both games for Eastern.

Sophomore Kevin Sheer started Friday's game, while junior Spencer Mulgrew started Saturday's.

The pair of victories for Arkansas brings its winning streak to eight games, dating back to Jan. 10.

Eastern's losing streak now stretches to eight games, dating back to Nov. 9.

The 14 goals on Saturday were the most given up by Eastern in a single game so far this season. It is a season-high for Arkansas.

**NEXT ON SCHEDULE**

**What:** Eastern hockey club vs. Central Missouri

**Where:** Springfield, Mo.

**When:** Friday & Saturday 7 p.m.

Eastern will take on Central Arkansas on Friday and Saturday in Springfield, Mo. Both games start at 7 p.m.

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Erica Brown, a freshman forward, looks for an open teammate against Murray State on Jan. 20 in Lantz Arena. The panthers will play Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville at 4:15 Feb. 2 in Lantz Arena.

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## Garoppolo firmly on NFL radar

By Aldo Soto  
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Eastern quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo made his Senior Bowl appearance during the first quarter of Saturday's game in Mobile, Ala., and showed off his accuracy completing six consecutive passes.

Despite his good start, Garoppolo failed to connect with a receiver following his first two possessions running the South's offense.

Having to split time with two other quarterbacks in Fresno State's Derek Carr and San Jose State's David Fales, Garoppolo had to wait until the third quarter to step back onto the field.

After a 6-of-6 start to his day for 32 yards, Garoppolo missed on his next five pass attempts. Garoppolo did lead the South to six points, as both of his ensuing drives ended with field goals from Auburn's Cody Parkey.

Following an impressive performance at the East-West Shrine Game a week earlier in St. Petersburg, Fla., where Garoppolo was named Offensive MVP, the hype around the Eastern quarterback began to rise during Senior Bowl week.

Despite finishing 6-of-11 for 32 yards without any touchdowns, Garoppolo's stock has remained steady, if not rising even more.

Although Garoppolo was not as sharp as he was at the Shrine game, NFL.com's Bucky Brooks said Garoppolo has moved his way onto the radar of every NFL executive, mainly because of his practice performance while in Mobile.

"Garoppolo showed exceptional footwork making throws inside the pocket, while also displaying remarkable athleticism and body control tossing the ball on the move," Brooks wrote Saturday following the game.

As Garoppolo's name has been tossed around in NFL circles there has always been one reoccurring positive that comes up — his quick release, which Brooks said continued in Mobile.

"Garoppolo has made quick, decisive reads with the ball, showing a compact delivery and quick release," he wrote.

Dan Hope, who is a featured columnist for bleacherreport.com recently updated his mock draft on Sunday. Hope has Garoppolo going to the Jacksonville Jaguars in the third round with the 70th overall pick.

Garoppolo was invited to the Senior Bowl to be on the South team, which was led by the Jaguars' coaching staff. Jacksonville's offensive coordinator Jedd Fisch and quarterbacks coach Frank Scelfo worked the closest with Garoppolo in Mobile.

Jacksonville drafted Missouri quarterback Blaine Gabbert in 2011, with the 11th overall pick. Since then Gabbert has played 28 games for the Jaguars in three seasons, including only three games last season.

Jacksonville has given former Michigan quarterback Chad Henne the opportunity to play, as he played in 15 games in the 2013-14 season and 25 games during his two years with the Jaguars.

With no stronghold on the quarterback position in Jacksonville, Garoppolo could be a good fit for the Jaguars.

Garoppolo's next chance to impress scouts and general managers will be in Indianapolis at the NFL Scouting Combine, which starts on Feb. 22.

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## Skyhawks soar past Panthers

### Eastern shoots 60 percent in road loss

By Bob Reynolds  
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The Eastern women's basketball team shot 60.4 percent from the floor (29-of-48), but fell to Tennessee-Martin 103-84, Monday night in Martin, Tenn.

The 60.4 percent was the highest shooting percentage on the season and the 84 points scored was also the highest scoring total for the Panthers this season.

This was the fourth time in the past five games that the Skyhawks scored more than 100 points.

The Skyhawks started off the game on a 9-0 run and kept building their lead from there.

In the first half, they shot 65 percent on 20-of-31 shooting from the floor, including 6-of-11 from the 3-point line, which was good enough for 51 points.

The Skyhawks would go on a 29-17 run to give them a 21-point

lead at the seven minute mark of the first half, capped off by a jumper from Jasmine Newsome.

Newsome finished the game with 13 points on 4-of-7 shooting from the floor.

After the Skyhawks had their largest lead of 23 points, the Panthers would end the first half on a 12-5 run, capped off by a couple of free throws by Arnisha Thomas.

Thomas had an impressive first half, which provided a spark for the Panthers.

She scored 16 points on 4-of-5 shooting and was 6-of-8 from the free-throw line.

In the second-half, the Panthers had no problem scoring the basketball, but stopping the Skyhawks was a problem.

The Panthers cut the lead down to 15, three times in the second-half, but as soon as that would happen the Skyhawks would score on the other end of the floor.

Panther guard Katlyn Payne said the Skyhawks were very athletic and they struggled to keep them in front.

"When we would help, they would kick it out and knock down 3's," Payne said.

### Eastern Illinois vs. Tennessee-Martin

84

8-12, 3-6 (OVC)

Elam Center  
Martin, Tenn.

Attendance: 1600

103

16-6, 9-0 (OVC)

The Skyhawks shot 11-of-24 from the 3-point line for the game.

Eastern shot a staggering 70 percent in the second-half, on 17-of-24 from the floor.

Payne broke out of her shooting slump in Monday's game.

After starting the game 2-of-9 from the floor, she finished the game 7-of-11.

She scored 26 points in the game, which were mostly from the 3-point line, where she shot 7-of-16.

Payne tied a school record for 3-pointers made and attempted in a game.

Payne credited her teammates for her shooting performance, because they told her to keep shooting.

Her teammate Sabina Oroszova, who had 22 points on the day on 10-of-14 shooting, was impressed

by the way Payne played in Monday's game.

"She did a great job with recognizing a good shot and when it was time to slow down," she said. "She definitely stepped up for our team and gave us confidence we can compete with this team."

Oroszova added with both her and Payne on the floor, it is hard for teams' to guard them both.

"If I'm on the block and they are doubling me, I can rely on her to be ready to shoot the ball and make points for us," she said.

Ohio Valley Conference scoring leader and Skyhawk guard Heather Butler scored 28 points on 10-of-24 shooting and 4-of-11 from the 3-point line.

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## 2 men's basketball players arrested

Staff Report

Dennis Green, a guard on the Eastern men's basketball team, has been suspended for a violation of the Eastern Student-Athlete Code of Conduct.

According to police, on Sunday at 2:43 a.m., Green, 20, 2619 Vega Ct., Raleigh, N.C., was arrested at Douglas Hall on an in-state warrant for unlawful possession of another's credit card.

He was released at 3:26 a.m. after posting 10 percent of \$5,000 bond.

Green played in 16 games this season for the Panthers. He averaged

5.4 points and 2.1 rebounds per game as a red-shirt freshman.

Also according to police, on Saturday at 11:33 p.m. Alexander Austin, 20, 4113 N. Kenmore St. of Chicago, Ill., was arrested on an in-state warrant for theft.

He was released at 12:12 a.m. after posting 10 percent of \$3,000 bond.



DENNIS GREEN

Austin is a sophomore guard for the Eastern men's basketball team and has played in 18 games this season.

He is averaging 7.6 points, 2.3 rebounds and one assist in 23 minutes per game.

Austin missed Eastern's last two games against Tennessee-Martin on Jan. 23 and Southeast Missouri on



ALEX AUSTIN

Jan. 25. He played only seven minutes against Austin Peay on Jan. 18.

As for Green, he has not played the Panthers' last three games against Austin Peay, Southeast Missouri or Tennessee-Martin.

Eastern coach Jay Spoonhour said both players were out because of a coach's decision and simply that other players were more deserving on the court.

He added that Alex Austin should play Tuesday night against Cleveland State.

Eastern will have no further comment, according to a press release.