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EYES ON THE SKIES

Two Eastern geography professors set out during spring break to document the changing weather throughout the winter season.

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A grand slam in the seventh inning leads to a win against IPFW for the baseball team Sunday.

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Sergeant Mike Elam and Officer Seth Howell draw up a search warrant to be able to search rooms at a house on Greek Court early Saturday morning.

Officers work night life of campus

By Jason Howell
Online Editor | @thejasonhowell

University Police Officer Seth Howell’s night started with locking a door and peaked with requesting a search warrant to open another.

For the officers on duty during the third shift, the night begins with an equipment check of all the tools of the trade: flashlights, batons, mace and computer software to run checks on license plates and driver’s licenses. This software allows officers to see where other units are – not only within Eastern’s boundaries, but also in all of Coles County. These officers have the ability to update the information themselves, but prefer to communicate to the dispatcher where they are and the situation they are in so the information goes over the radio for other units to hear in case assistance is needed.

Howell’s final call of the evening required such assistance.

The officer had noted a drop in call volume regarding the area around the university recently and attributed it to the drop in enrollment.

The most urgent call Howell can remember was a recent one. Howell was



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Howell makes his way to buildings around the South Quad to make sure they’re closed and locked just after midnight Saturday morning.

a responder to the “Barn Party” incident the morning of Sept. 15.

He said the report was an adrenaline pumping experience because of the sheer amount of people in attendance as well as the shots fired and those who had to be transported to the hospital.

His first call of the night was an innocent one, a call to the Doudna Fine Arts Center, where an exterior door would not lock for the maintenance men.

After some fiddling with the door

and the lock, Howell and one of the maintenance men were able to get the door locked and they went on their separate ways.

Soon enough, Howell began making his way around the bars, which is something he said he usually does to observe the size of the crowds and make a sort of estimation as to how busy the night may end up.

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CUPB review ways to speed up process

By Jarad Jarmon
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The Council on University Planning and Budgeting looked for other ways in which to find recommendations quickly.

With the looming April 25 Board of Trustees meeting, where their recommendations are expected to be announced, slowly but surely approaching, concern grows throughout the council on how to weed out the less important and potentially fruitful cuts and revisions.

Allen Lanham, an executive board committee member, brought up an idea from the executive meeting to have a ballot format to decide which ideas to focus on. Each member would vote in favor or not in favor of the ideas posed from each committee.

From the list of recommendations, they would vote on if a recommendation were popular throughout the committee. Those who proposed the idea would speak up and present their case.

Through majority rules, they could then zero in on what is more important and also set aside ideas, which everyone might already agree with. Lanham, the dean of Library Services, said there is no point in discussing something everyone already agrees with.

“In order to save time for this committee, we could take those items off the table,” Lanham said.

He said he was worried about having a massive list of recommendation with little time to look at each and agree on them.

This idea was not well received and was shut down by many of the members in the committee.

Katherine Shank, a council member from the Business Affairs, President’s Area and University Advancement subcommittee, said she thought it might more inefficient but that it was not the point on the council. She said there is a lot of reasoning that would be lost if just thrown into a list.

“This is not about voting. I see this as discussion,” Shank said.

She said she was also uncomfortable with the lack of equal representation between the subcommittees. Her subcommittee holds smaller representation in the overall council.

Jennifer Sipes, a council member serving on the Student Affairs subcommittee, agreed with Shank. Sipes said it felt wrong to her to vote in this format on things that could and likely will affect students. She added there would be uneducated opinions on each list item if there were a ballot.

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Eastern prepares as Windows XP support ends

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Informational Technology Services is preparing for the inevitable end to the support for Windows XP April 8.

Jason Hamilton, the desktop manager for ITS User Services, said the technicians across campus have been working diligently for a last big push to have all of the computers running XP changed before the looming the date hits.

He added they have already been working on switching all of the computers to more updated software like Windows Vista, 7 and 8.

“Much of the effort happened naturally over the past years at already scheduled maintenance and replacement timeframes,” Hamilton said.

Hamilton said they had optimal time to get ready because Microsoft had stated when support would be dropped for all of their operating systems early in its lifetime.

This will not add additional costs to the campus per an agreement made with the university and Microsoft.

When starting preparation for the lack of support, more than 200 computers on campus were still running

XP. Hamilton said so far, most of the computers have been switched except for computers with special software or have hardware, which can only work with XP.

Most of the campus computers run on Windows 7. Hamilton said it was the most “popular” product on the campus. They also have Windows 8.1, which is given out to employees when and if requested.

Microsoft will be ending support of Windows Vista April 11, 2017, and Windows 7 will lose support Jan. 14, 2020.

Hamilton said it was understandable that Microsoft has these end-dates because it is costly to keep support of ancient operating systems.


“One must also remember that Microsoft is running a business,” Hamilton said. “I think at some point Microsoft would have to pull the plug on their products in order to move forward and invest in new products.”

He added it was also difficult for it to keep up with a growing support for new technology being incorporated with each system.

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Amelia Missavage, a junior biology major, takes a blind shot in Bra Pong when her best friend convinced her to attend the "Purple Party," in the Andrews Hall basement. Melanie King, the Andrews Angel relay team captain and a freshman psychology major, said because of last semester's purple event, her team put together another one this year. The next relay event will be in April in McAfee Gym.

‘Community comes first’ for Rankin

By Blake Warman
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JAMES RANKIN

Tearing a rotator cuff and an abdominal muscle this past February didn't stop James Rankin from winning the GOP nod for Coles County Sheriff.

Rankin, in his first time running for the Coles County Sheriff position, made it very clear that he wants to initiate changes but not before putting his community first.

Among many of Rankin's credentials, he has had overall 11 years of law enforcement experience. He is also a United States Army Airborne Veteran.

Rankin said it is easy to achieve many things with the great help and support from his community.

Rankin wants to insure the safety of the Coles Community and in doing so one of his first things he would like to focus on is "direct transport."

Rankin said this transport system would work so an arresting officer would transport a convict directly to the Sheriff Station. In doing so this would allow for officers to detain convicts fast and get officers back on the road to do there job.

Including the "direct transport

plan" Rankin wants to also expand on the neighborhood watch program from "100 eyes to 1,000." In doing so this will increase the safety of the community and help out officers in doing their jobs as well. Rankin also wants to also have an open door policy for him specifically to help many voices be heard so he can successfully help to solve many different problems and tasks.

One of the biggest things Rankin wants to focus on past his campaign is that "community comes first."

Rankin has lived his whole life within Coles County and emphasized his love for community and his comparison to them as his own family.

In doing this, Rankin plans to ex-

pand on many current projects he is involved with in small communities to help other townships within in Coles County. One of these projects is D.A.R.E., or Drug Abuse Resistance Education. Rankin's plan is to hopefully incorporate D.A.R.E. within the school system so many students are informed in the one place where they spend most of their time.

Rankin was also involved in helping with the Jumpstart Program with Eastern. While involved with Jumpstart, Rankin, Eastern students and multiple community members helped to fix the Oakland Park District in two days.

One other big program Rankin is also involved in is the Ashmore Mentoring Program. This program has 60 to 90 kids involved and is self sustained through donations. This past year the Ashmore Mentoring Program received the 2013 Hometown Governors Award. Rankin said that since the incorporation of the Ashmore Mentoring Program there has also been a 20 percent decrease in crime in that area.

Rankin is also involved with fitness and has done multiple triathlons and tries to bring students and kids from the program to be involved in fitness as a way to keep them active. While

active with many physical triathlons Rankin also has 28 different community sponsors.

Looking forward to the election in November, Rankin said it's all about preparation but none of that will be useful in the end without support. Rankin added that getting this far was through a lot of support from the community and many others and the same formula will be needed in November.

"As a community we are a family and if we work together like a family we can bring real positive changes for the better of our community," he said.

Out of all of the things he has done, Rankin said he never dreamed of getting the sheriff nod. Rankin said he's always loved his job, and made a lot of choices as an officer in order to become more rounded. Continuing this trend, he plans to go back to school to finish his masters. One of his bigger plans after his masters is to at some point and time after retirement in the future is to teach criminal justice.

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Eastern professors to host weather ‘video magazine’

Craig, Laingen to present weather issues like ‘polar vortex’

By **Jarad Jarmon**
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Record breaking snowfall and erratic temperatures throughout the Midwest has made the weather a big topic for people and media alike, with phrases like “Polar Vortex” to be popular in the public eye.

Two Eastern geography professors, Cameron Craig and Chris Laingen, planned to use this interest in the skies as an opportunity to have a video magazine focused on weather produced and aired to better inform the public on the hot topic issues regarding weather, primarily in Illinois.

“Illinois Sky,” will have five segments where either Laingen or Craig will be talking about problems regarding weather as well as tips for community members to do their own forecasting. The program will air at 7 p.m. Tuesday on WEIU.

During the 30-minute pro-



SUBMITTED PHOTO
Eastern geography professors Chris Laingen and Cameron Craig plan to host their first weather documentary on WEIU at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

gram, Craig said the two would be talking about cloud types and what each might mean for the day helping people forecast when rain might come.

He added they will also be talking about Fresno, Calif. and the cautionary tale that has come from the California area.

As of now, unless there is large amounts of money to gain access to Saint Louis Reservoirs, farmers in Fresno have been cut off from the water necessary to grow the tomatoes and other fruits grown mostly in that area.

Craig said all the water farmers are getting are from the sky, which is not much.

They were closed off from the water to save the dwindling population of fish in the delta where the water from the reservoir comes from.

Craig said it is important Illinoisans know of the environmental problems affecting other states as to be prepared and to not follow in their footsteps.

He added prices will assuredly go up across the country on fruit from California.

Craig and Laingen also wanted to make sure people are educated on common misconceptions, which prompted them have a segment discussing what a polar vor-

tex is.

“Polar Vortex’s have always existed,” Craig said.

Many media outlets have skewed what a polar vortex to excite and misconstrue have big a deal it really is, he added.

Laingen said it is important the public is aware of weather processes in their area.

This is excluding the five minutes taken to watch the news.

Craig agreed. He said the information they talk about have a crucial effect in everyday life.

It is their landscape, he said.

Laingen said these types of programs also are necessary to clueing people in to the science of what is happening around a person.

“Academics are bad at bringing information to the public,” Laingen said.

Craig said he hopes questions will be raised to him after the broadcast and wishes it will be fruitful enough for a second episode, which he said would focus on climate and art.

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Newlyweds find love over music, instruments

By **Aaliyah Stephen**
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Erick Shockley sauntered onto the dimly lit stage holding one of the largest and lowest pitched brass instruments: the tuba. The gold shell of the tuba shined and the lights bounced off of the instruments frame. Erick moistened his lips as he began his “Sonata I in F” by Benedetto Marcello.

Ashley Shockley began the recital by playing a medium-sized silver wind instrument called the oboe, in

the song Benedetto Marcello’s Adagio. The clear and penetrating voice of the oboe grabbed the audience’s attention and left them wanting more.

Though they played separately, the two musicians are married in reality.

The couple married on Dec. 28, 2013.

“We met in the marching band. It was love at first sight, we both love tubas and we immediately caught one another’s eye,” Erick Shockley said.

The couple has been performing

together for years, but decided to take a separated toll for the tuba recital.

“We love performing together. I especially love working with him over others because we have a connection that is unbreakable. We communicate so well with one another when we perform and that is always great,” Ashley Shockley said.

Erick Shockley, a senior music major, and Ashley Shockley, a junior music major, performed their recital on Sunday in the Doudna Fine Arts Center Recital Hall.

Throughout the entire recital there were more than 10 different melody elements that had been performed. Erick went on to execute Pietro Mascagni’s Prayer from Cavalleria Rusticana and Guy Earl Holmes with Emmett’s Lullaby. Ashley went on to perform the selections of Waltz, Op. 39, No. 15, by Johannes Brahms, Sonata Classica by N. Troje-Miller and Basso Tomaso by Arthur Frackenpohl.

After each musical selection was implemented, the crowd roared, cheered and whistled to explicate their prevailed excitement of the two

artists.

Although tubas are not the only instruments the couple plays, they said the tubas are what helped them find each other.

Ashley Shockley and Erick Shockley have love for tubas that will never go downhill as long as they have each other, they said. Their tubas brought them together and will always remain an important aspect in their lives.

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Summer classes can help future

If you are planning on sticking around this summer, you can have some entertainment. Recently, Mattoon announced that this year's Bagelfest main stage will feature David Nail as he will perform on July 19.

The night before Nail, the Swon Brothers, who broke onto the country music scene via NBC's "The Voice" under coach Blake Shelton, will take the main stage. This doesn't even include who is performing at Charleston's Red, White, and Blue Days during the Fourth of July.

These bands shouldn't be the reason for sticking around to take summer classes though.

If you are not considering taking summer classes, re-examine some of the possibilities that could help you in the future.

Summer classes are great for students who want to catch up on coursework, or who are taking double majors and want to finish in a greater time. Eastern offers a variety of summer classes.

Keep in mind that you do not even have to take classes on campus here necessarily. There are plenty of classes that are offered online. There is sometimes the chance that your class meets at another location. Champaign, Rantoul and Danville have been some meeting spots for some classes if that option is intertwined.

If you are completely against taking summer classes through Eastern, then look up an alternative. This especially goes out for you freshmen and sophomores.

Chances are that you live near a community college back home. Talk to your department, and ask what classes could possibly transfer to Eastern. Do not just register for classes at a community college without consultation because there is no point in wasting your money and time on a class that does not transfer to Eastern.

Community colleges are an exceptional option for knocking out general education courses. Community colleges are cheaper compared to universities.

If those classes cannot transfer, then you will just have to stick to Eastern's listings.

So, take a look at the upcoming schedules. There might be a class you can knock out this summer with an ample amount of country music to keep you occupied.

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- William Gaddis

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NSA story unfolds another chapter

National Security Agency contractor, Edward Snowden did not expose to the world that the U.S. government had been spying on its people. He merely confirmed it.

According to a *New York Times* article, those near two million documents that Snowden leaked are still revealing secrets about the NSA. The NSA was recently ousted as spying on the Chinese telecommunications company, Huawei.

The *Times* articles says that American officials have had suspicions about Huawei being connected to the People's Liberation Army of China.

Officials believe that the PLA could use Huawei as a way into the United States in order to spy and gain intelligence on the U.S. government.

Huawei has been blocked from business transactions within the United States due to a fear of "back doors" being created for Chinese Intelligence.

The documents that were released by Snowden a little less than a year ago reveal that NSA has indeed created its own "back doors" within Huawei's network, hypocrisy at its very



Mike Wolbers

finest.

The NSA operation codenamed, "Shotgiant," was aimed at spying on top level executives at Huawei as well as conducting surveillance on phone and computer networks.

"Many of our targets communicate over Huawei-produced products," the NSA document said. "We want to make sure that we know how to exploit these products, to gain access to networks of interest."

American officials come out and denied Huawei on several business deals because they did not want them to be used as a front for surveillance for the Chinese.

Then, one of our intelligence agencies finds out about the inner workings of Huawei's serv-

ers and actually hacked its way into the company's system and uses for its own surveillance.

The one thing the officials said that was suspicious about Huawei is that their founder, Ren Zhengfei, was a PLA in the 1970's.

Senior Huawei Executive, William Plummer, was surprised that they were an NSA target.

"The irony is that exactly what they are doing to us is what they have always charged that the Chinese are doing through us," said Plummer.

With little to no evidence to prove that the company has any ties to the PLA one would tend to think that the NSA would back off.

This goes to prove that the NSA is hell bent on sticking its hands in whatever cookie jar they feel necessary.

Yes, I believe that Huawei should have had its business dealings in the U.S. blocked, but I do not believe that we should turn right around and spy on them.

The United States intelligence community should practice what it preaches.

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We should not take rights for granted

No country on Earth has as much freedom as the United States of America. Yet, no country seems to have as much apathy for a right that other nations cherish and hold dear. One of those rights is the right to vote. Granted, it took over a century for tradition to change and full suffrage to be enacted for half the population, but any adult U.S. citizen not convicted of a felony has the right to vote in today's world. Some would even argue that we have a responsibility to vote.

Part of the problem in America is the feeling many have that we will never lose our rights guaranteed to us by the Constitution, but rights are rarely taken away in one fell swoop. Consider the old metaphor of the frog in boiling water. While not literally true, it demonstrates how we will react instantly to a drastic attempt to take away one of our freedoms, but if that same freedom is gradually undermined over many years, the majority of the population will be oblivious to it happening until we wake up one day to find that freedom is gone entirely.

Blatant violations of our free-speech, like campus speech codes, are challenged instantly, and ruled by the courts to be unconstitu-



Brian Weaver

tional. There has been an incessant demonetization over the years of certain issues to the point that speaking out on some of those hot-button issues will get you accused of hate-speech. Once that view has been pushed on the public long enough for indoctrination to take hold, activist groups begin to petition the government to make the voicing of those now politically incorrect ideas illegal. Gradually, free speech is eroded and most don't notice.

Another factor is the tactics employed by the Democratic and Republican parties to protect a majority of seats in the House of Representatives through the use of gerrymandering. This involves drawing up congressional districts along observed histor-

ic voting patterns. These districts snake their way across each state to include communities with a high percentage of one political view or the other. The result being that fewer and fewer incumbents are challenged and remain in office for decades. Voters recognize this and figure that their vote does not matter.

In a state like Illinois, many voters outside the major urban areas feel their votes don't matter because Chicago always votes for the Democratic party. Although, with the utter incompetence that our state government has demonstrated that tide may begin to turn.

The moral of this story is if Americans don't bother to educate themselves about the issues and then use that knowledge to vote, why should we listen when they complain about the outcome. Pay attention, America. Learn about the issues, speak out, and vote, or you may one day wake up to a country where your rights have been so marginalized that they effectively don't exist.

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Officer Seth Howell responds to a finicky door that would not lock Friday night at the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

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One minor consumption offense later, Howell received a cannabis complaint and made his way to Greek Court. As he entered one of the houses the reason why he was there hit him hard. Officer Howell and Sergeant Mike Elam proceeded to shine their flashlights into one of the two rooms leaking a familiar and incriminating scent to see if anyone was inside. Before long, a dark figure darted over to a nearby couch in the room. Not knowing what was happening, the officers began pounding on the slightly ajar door, ordering those inside to show themselves.

A male student who eventually made his way out, made it clear he would not cooperate with the police or let them search the rooms, and told them to get a search warrant. The door pounding began again and four more students slowly made their way into the hallway. After being questioned, the officers announced that they were seizing the rooms and a guard would be posted until the search warrant – the first one Howell has written – could be executed. Before long, Coles County State’s Attorney Brian Bower made an appearance and discussed the specifics with Howell

and Elam back in the University Police Department while the two men worked on the warrant. The investigation is currently ongoing and no arrests have been made. All that was able to be released was that the officers found contraband. Howell said while search warrants were uncommon in Charleston, in the first hours of Saturday morning, he received his search warrant and continued his shift with opening the door.

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“While Windows XP was very stable after a few updates, it is starting to show its age in today’s world,” Hamilton said. “Different form factors like tablets and ultrabooks create a new environment.” He said the change might have an impact for students who personally have XP. They have made sure to tell students who come in for technology

support to mention support for the system will end soon. “Unfortunately, many individuals cannot afford to upgrade or replace their computer,” he said. “Most students seem to be running new versions of Windows as they have purchased their computers since Microsoft stopped selling Windows XP” Microsoft originally released XP

in 2001 and stopped selling it in 2009. “An incoming freshman might have been 5 years old when the operating system made its debut,” Hamilton said.

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CAA works with critical thinking

By Jack Cruikshank
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The Council on Academic Affairs continued its series of learning goals workshops by presenting an overview of critical thinking goals to faculty and staff on Friday. Jill Fahy, a communication disorders and sciences professor, conducted the first half of the two-hour meeting presenting information the critical thinking CAA subcommittee has compiled over the last year. “Any entity evaluates itself,” Fahy said. “Any entity, organization, business, university, we evaluate what we are doing, how we are doing it well; we want to know what the end outcome is.” After presenting the overview of the goals of critical thinking, Fahy then presented to the attendees why critical thinking is a major step in the learning process at Eastern. “To that end, Eastern also does engage in all manner of different type of assessments and there has been some long-term concern regarding what it is we are seeing in some of our patterns and trends,” Fahy said. “Our electronic writing portfolio and the ability to construct and analyze arguments has been a fairly consistent area of weakness so this is worrisome.” Fahy continued by saying about one-third of the electronic writing portfolio

papers “appear to only be asking their students to summarize information.” “If that is the level of demand that we put forth, it perhaps doesn’t offer that much of an opportunity for a student to practice high levels of thinking,” Fahy said. Fahy said critical thinking is important for Eastern students because of trends on recent Watson-Glaser Critical Thinking Appraisals conducted over the “past numerous years.” “Our students perform at about, I don’t know what you want to call 24.9 out of 40 on a composite score—high levels of mediocrity, I might say,” Fahy said. “And this bothers me personally.” Rebecca Throneburg, a communication disorders and sciences professor, added that the score of 24.9 is not much above the level of chance. The next in the series of CAA learning goals workshops, highlighting responsible citizenship, will be at 2 p.m. Monday in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

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“We have each become experts in our subcommittee areas. We have not become experts in the subcommittee areas we did not serve on,” Sipes said. “I don’t know that we could even make an educated vote on the ideas brought forward.” Grant Sterling, another Student Affairs subcommittee member, said it is still imperative those on the council realize they are on a deadline. He said he was worried so much discussion would only yield \$1 million instead of the \$7 million needed. Shank suggested each group make a priority list of some kind, but criticism arose over what might be on the priority list for discussion. Many from the council agreed dollar figures on ideas were not necessary to making informed decisions on where there might be money to squeeze out of each area. Shank said in some cases, a dollar amount cannot be but on the recommendation but there is a sense there is money to be found in certain areas such as the various technology departments across campus, which each of the subcommittees agreed needs to be researched in case of redundancies. Pam Naragon, another Business Affairs, President’s Area and University Advancement subcommittee member, said it is going to take those experts in these specific areas to implement and find cost analyses from these recommendations.

She added it is not the duty of the council to do these analyses. Questions were also raised to when their deadline is. Anita Sheldon, an Academic Affairs subcommittee council member, said she thinks the deadline she be moved later especially with the cushion from the life sciences building money. Sterling said it will take time to execute these ideas so they need to be recommended as soon as possible. Sterling also mentioned the two proposed resolutions he planned bring to the table to voted on. Because it was not on the agenda 48-hours prior, the motion will officially be put to discussion at their next overall council meeting. The two motions clarified that the subcommittees would heed President Bill Perry’s instruction to follow the mission statement. Sterling said it should be in writing and clarified to those who might not realize the council’s goal. “I thought it was obvious, but it is not,” Sterling said. The Student Affairs subcommittee will meet at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Room 4440 of Booth Library. They will also meet at 2 p.m. Friday in Room 3108 in Blair Hall. The Business Affairs subcommittee will meet at 8:30 a.m. Friday in Lumpkin Hall.

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Panthers split doubleheaders to open OVC play

By Kaz Darzinkis
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The Eastern softball team split its two doubleheaders at Jacksonville State and Tennessee Tech going 2-2 in its opening weekend of Ohio Valley Conference play.

On Saturday, the Panthers beat the Gamecocks 3-2 in the first game, and then lost 6-5 in the second game.

On Sunday, the Panthers won the first game 5-4 before losing the second game 10-2 in six innings.

Senior pitcher Hanna Mennenga would take the mound in the opener with Jacksonville State.

She pitched seven innings, allowing eight hits, surrendering only two runs in the outing.

Early on in a scoreless game Mennenga allowed a run-scoring double, in the second inning, but her teammates rallied to help her pick up the victory.

On offense, the Panthers were paced by the power hitting of Hannah Cole and April Markowski, each hitting a solo home run in the game.

Before Cole's home run in the fourth inning, Jennette Isaac had stolen third base, and advanced to home on a throwing error.

In adhering to coach Nicholson's aggressive approach, Eastern has continued to manufacture runs throughout the season.

When asked about coach's style, Bailey O'Dell agreed that it has helped the team score runs.

"Coach has instilled in us the desire to get on base, and be aggressive," O'Dell said.

In the nightcap, Eastern would lose a close offensive battle 6-5. Senior Stephanie Maday started the game, but struggled early on. She pitched 1.2 innings, giving up five hits, to go with five earned runs.

Maday was then substituted for freshman Hannah Rachor, who would pitch the remaining 4.1 innings, allowing only two hits, and one earned run, while walking one



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Senior pitcher Stephanie Maday throws out a pitch during a doubleheader against Lakeland College on Sept. 29, 2013 at Williams Field.

batter.

Offensively, the Panthers started out slowly, falling behind early in the contest. By the fourth inning the Panthers trailed Jacksonville State, 6-2, but in the seventh

inning, they mounted a comeback that fell just short of tying the game.

Carly Willert paced the team offensively, going 3-for-4 at the plate, with an RBI double in the seventh.

In the opener against Tennessee Tech, Eastern would earn its second OVC victory. Hanna Mennenga would start the game for Eastern, but ran into trouble midway through.

Mennenga pitched four innings, giving up nine hits, with four runs, three of them earned. She also struck out five batters while walking one.

Stephanie Maday entered the game in relief, and would pick up the victory for the Panthers. Maday pitched three scoreless innings, allowing no hits, while also striking out five and walking one.

Hannah Cole continued her power surge, hitting another home run on the weekend. She was 2-for-3 on the day with two RBIs, and helped lead the Panthers to victory offensively.

Reynae Hutchinson was also 1-for-3 with two RBIs in the game. Her lone hit came in the sixth inning with Eastern trailing 4-3.

Hutchinson doubled which scored Willert and Brooke Owens as the game-winning runs, capping off a four-run inning.

In the second, game Eastern fell to Tennessee Tech 10-2. Stephanie Maday started the contest, throwing 3.2 innings, giving up six runs on seven hits.

Rachor again pitched in relief, as she pitched 2.1 innings, giving up four runs on three hits.

Offensively, the Panthers were quiet compared to Tennessee Tech. Willert continued her hot streak going 2-for-3 in the game, but the rest of the team could only muster two more hits.

Eastern will bring its 20-9 overall record back home to host non-conference foe Valparaiso at 4 p.m. Thursday at Williams Field.

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Track motivated heading into new season

By Blake Nash
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The Eastern outdoor track and field team did not have the benefit of a home meet last season until March 3, 2013, almost two months into the season, because of track renovations being postponed, as that was its only home meet.

This season, the track surrounding O'Brien Field will be more than ready for the Panthers, as they have three home meets, giving the defending Ohio Valley Conference champions an added bonus heading into this season.

Director of track and field Tom

Akers is looking forward to seeing his team compete at home for an entire schedule.

"It'll be great to perform at home this season," Akers said. "Not being able to use it much before the OVC championships gave us a challenge for outdoor training."

Akers said he along with the other coaches have been trying to get all of Eastern's track and field athletes practicing outdoors as much as possible. With the spring semester having many days with cold temperatures and also with snow on the ground, Akers has had a challenge trying to get as many practice days outside.

The cold, wet, and windy elements are not the only changes to the track season, Akers said.

"For the outdoor season, additional events are added, such as the 400-meter hurdles, steeplechase, the 10K, 4x100-meter relay and throwing events like the javelin and the discus," he said.

The steeplechase is 3,000-meter long and includes barriers that the athletes have to leap to continue the race. These barriers include hurdles the runners must leap over and a water jump, which involves the runners briefly leaping onto then into a shallow water puddle, before continuing on. Women run 3,000 meters,

but their hurdles are shorter than the men's.

Eastern has been hard at work in the past week, trying to improve upon their indoor season, which resulted in a second place finish at the OVC championships.

"For the past few weeks it's been back to the basics and strength work," Akers said. "It's never fun losing a championship, but hopefully we can use this as motivation to get better outdoors."

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Despite the six-run inning, Greenfield ended his outing with three shutout innings.

"Joe pitched well the last three innings – he wasn't sharp early, but he found his groove," Schmitz said.

The Panthers responded IPFW's third inning, with a solo home run by Gasbarro to leadoff the Eastern half of the third inning. Then with the bases loaded and no one out in the fourth, junior Caleb Howell hit a single to right-center field, driving in a run.

Eastern could only muster one more run after Zach Mishler came in to pitch, replacing Steve Danielak.

Gasbarro grounded into a 4-6-3 double play that resulted in a run for Eastern, cutting the deficit to 7-4.

Eastern is scheduled to play Saint Louis at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Coaches Stadium, but cold temperatures could prompt a cancellation.

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Caleb Howell, a junior outfielder, and Mitch Gasbarro, a sophomore infielder, congratulate each other on scoring a run Saturday during the game against IPFW at Coaches Stadium. The Panthers won the weekend series 2-1 with wins on Friday and Saturday.

7, 11th: Panthers rally to win series

By Aldo Soto
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Senior Cameron Berra hit a grand slam to cap off an 11-run seventh inning for the Eastern baseball team, who beat IPFW 15-8 Sunday in Coaches Stadium.

The Panthers won the weekend series, after winning the opener 10-5, Friday. Eastern improved to 6-18, while IPFW dropped to 5-15.

After falling behind 7-1, following a six-run third inning for IPFW, the Panthers stormed back to score 14 unanswered runs.

Berra walked up to right side of the batter's box, with the bases loaded and Eastern leading 11-7.

On the second pitch of the at bat, Berra barreled up a pitch from Kevin

Kimball over the left-field fence, giving Eastern a 15-7 lead.

"Coach said if he throws it inside you're going to hit a double or home run," Berra said. "It was kind of a you blank out type of deal. You see that pitch in and you don't really know what happens. I put a good swing on it and I let my hands work and it went out."

It was Berra's first home run of the season and with the four RBIs, upped his total to 12.

The comeback effort in the seventh inning started with Montana Timmons lining a double to right-center field that drove in Jason Scholl and Demetre Taylor. Still down by one, Tyler Schweigert reached on a fielding error by Kristian Gayday, which allowed Tim-

mons to score and tie the game.

Following a sacrifice bunt by Jacob Reese, Dane Sauer delivered the go-ahead run with a batted ball that traveled no more than 20 feet.

Eastern coach Jim Schmitz decided to call a bunt, with Sauer at the plate.

"We did the suicide, which I haven't done much early in the season," Schmitz said. "A run is a run and it could lead to bigger runs."

As Sauer squared his bat and bunted, IPFW catcher Caleb Fenimore rushed out of his catcher's stance and chased after the ball, which had only rolled about 20 feet up the first-base line.

Sauer said he did one thing wrong on the play.

"I was looking at the ball on the

line, which I probably shouldn't have been doing, but I saw it stay fair and I looked up and I had a chance to get a hit because there was no one at first," Sauer said. I was surprised I got a hit out of it."

The onslaught followed as the Panthers scored seven more runs to close out the seventh inning, taking a 15-7 lead.

IPFW scored a run in the eighth, but that's the final run it would manage.

Ben Kennedy received the win for Eastern, pitching two innings, giving up IPFW's run in the eighth inning.

Senior Joe Greenfield started his first game of the season and began the afternoon allowing a run in the first inning off of a wild pitch.

In the third inning, the senior

rightly ran into some difficulties.

Greenfield intentionally walked Gayday to load the bases for IPFW in the top of the third inning.

Trailing 2-1, the Panthers walked Gayday, who entered the series-finale at Coaches Stadium hitting .385 with eight home runs and 13 RBIs, to face Kevin Wirth with two outs.

Greenfield induced a groundball off the bat of the right-handed hitter. Eastern shortstop Dane Sauer dove to his left, finding the ball in his glove and then flipped it over to Mitch Gasbarro at second base. Unfortunately Gasbarro could not hold on to the ball and all runners were safe, while two others scored. The third-inning rally continued, as three more runs scored in the inning, giving IPFW a 7-1 lead.

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Eastern men top Tennessee Tech in road match

Skolik provides straight set win for Panther lead

By Anthony Catezone
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The Eastern men's tennis team beat Tennessee Tech 5-2 in its home opener Saturday to improve to 5-5 overall and 2-1 in the Ohio Valley Conference.

The Panthers converted the doubles point with identical 8-5 wins at the No. 1 and No. 3 spots in the duo line up to earn an early 1-0 match lead.

Then, behind his sixth consecutive win, sophomore Robert Skolik with a straight set win at

the No. 4 spot in singles match to give Eastern a 2-0 lead.

However, Tennessee Tech would pull to within 2-1 of in the team scores following wins by Oleksiy Arovin over Moritz Kandt (6-1, 6-2) and Alberto Esteban over Grant Thompson (6-1, 2-6, 6-3) at the top of the lineup.

But Eastern would counter with back-to-back wins by senior Kevin Bauman and sophomore Ryan Henderson in their respective No. 6 and No. 3 spots, respectively, to ultimately earn the win with a 4-1 advantage.

"I thought Robert (Skolik) and Kevin (Bauman) did a great job of setting the tone of the match with their win in both doubles and singles," said Eastern associate tennis director and men's coach Eric Stark in a press release.

Henderson beat Alvaro Cintas in two sets (6-4, 6-4)

The Panthers and the Golden Eagles would split the remaining final action at the No. 2 and No. 5 spots in singles play.

Sophomore Rui Silva nabbed the final Panther point off his three-set comeback win at No. 5 over Gagan Jain (6-7 [8-10], 6-3, 6-2).

"I am proud of the way Ryan (Henderson) and Rui (Silva) were able to take both the matches from two very good opponents. I thought our doubles play was once again very solid today. We just went out there and played hard."

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Sophomore Moritz Kandt and freshman Grant Thompson high five teammates before the start of the match against Tennessee Tech Saturday at the Charleston High School tennis courts. The Panthers defeated Tennessee Tech 5-2.