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STUDENT FUNDS **FAFSA deadline** pushed to Friday

Grant applications available online

By Emily Steele Editor-in-chief

Students now have a few extra days to possibly get a little more money for school next year.

The Free Application for Federal Student Assistance (FAFSA) forms are now due Friday after a surprise extension announced on Monday.

By filing a FAFSA, students are eligible for the Monetary Award Program grant. Currently, 3,096 Eastern students are MAP grant recipients.

Jerry Donna, the director of the office of financial aid, said an email went out to all students Monday informing them of the extension, but the office has not had a lot of feedback

"If you haven't filed your FAF-SA just get it in, whatever it takes to get it in by Friday because it could make the difference between a \$4,700, \$4,800 award from the state and not getting that award," Donna said.

A notification went out March 17 from the Illinois Student Assistance Commission stating forms would be due Monday. The financial aid office sent out an email that day, hoping to reach students over spring break.

On Monday the ISAC extended the application an extra five days

because of the amount of early applicants and recent calculations of available program funds. Last year the application cut off was April 15.

Donna said he was surprised to hear about the extension, but said he thought it was because they had more funds available and because the online application system was not working.

"Apparently people who were trying to get in so frantically over the weekend couldn't get in because it was out of service," Donna said. "So probably a combination of those two things made them think we really need to do is extend it so people can get their FAFSA in on time."

Earlier this year the state cut 5 percent from the MAP grants, but Eastern covered the difference for students. Donna said next year another 5 percent will be cut, which will come out to about \$248 per student.

Donna said the process to file a FAFSA form takes 45 minutes at the most. Applications require information from last year's tax returns and can be filed online at FAFSA.ed.gov.

Donna encourages students to take the time to apply.

"We never want someone to think they can't come to school because the funding is not there, we always like for them to at least call and talk to us and see what their options might be," Donna said.

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KIMBERLY FOSTER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Kaitlyn Martin, a junior special education major, checks out prize options Tuesday after winning a round at the Spring Fling bingo night hosted by the Residence Hall Association in the basement of Lawson Hall.

RHA puts on bingo night

By Jennifer Brown **Staff Reporter**

Residence Hall Association sponsored Spring Fling bingo night and awarded the guests with prizes that had a spring theme.

Bingo games ranged from "L" shapes, regular bingo and blackout bingo, where each player had to cover their entire bingo card.

Andrew Lilek, junior art major, said last semester the bingo event was packed.

"So far we have a good turnout," Lilek said.

Some of the prizes awarded to players included popcorn bowls with a movie, a kite with bubbles and Easter candy.

Dondre Keeler, vice president of RHA, directed the players by calling out each of the bingo numbers.

Keeler helped plan the event with the committee of community development.

Alison Sinadinos, co-adviser of residence hall association, said Spring Fling is a way to celebrate the spring and promote the community through the buildings.

"It's a fun program that brings

people together," Sinadinos said. "It brings a good crowd." Brandon Dawson, a senior indus-

trial technology major, said it felt amazing to win at bingo.

"I came last semester and never won a single thing," Dawson said. "I had a full board and I was just waiting for that last one."

The winning play for Dawson was O-73, but the crowd became excited each time a bingo number was called.

"This is my first time I came this semester," Dawson said.

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FACULTY SENATE Campus security issues addressed

ROADS 'Pothole Alert' app. a possibility for Charleston

By Jennifer Brown Staff Reporter

The faculty senate meeting covered issues on campus security, covering how students are affected and what faculty can do to address the issues.

Dan Nadler, vice president of student affairs, spoke on the campus security and what progress it is making on a university level.

Nadler spoke of how the university has made progress over the prior three years in efforts to make security and safety better for students and faculty.

"We actively participate in one emergency drill per year which (often) includes the university and Charleston police and fire departments," Nadler said. "It helps us prepare for emergencies, manage emergencies and recover from emergencies."

Nadler and Bill Weber, vice president of business affairs, share respon-

"Our stats are pretty stable. The things that will change

are alcohol citations."

Adam Due, chief of the university police department

sibly of campus safety and security.

Weber focuses more on the facilityside of campus safety, which may include drills involving a fire or flood, while Nadler focuses on the safety and security of the student and faculty of the university.

SECURITY, page 5

By Elizabeth Edwards City Editor

A new iPhone application could allow citizens to report potholes in Charleston on their phones, said an inventor from Virginia.

Minh Tran, a dentist from Springfield, Va., invented an application for the iPhone and Android that allows individuals to report potholes to the appropriate local officials in their communities.

When a driver hits a pothole, they pull the car over and tap the icon twice on the iPhone or Android screen, then the potholes' GPS coordinates are then sent out to the transportation officials, Tran said.

The free application is called "pothole alert," and Tran said he hopes the application will help street officials spot all the holes. When a person is driving they do not necessary know who to report a pothole to and the application will solve this problem, he said.

Tran said he came up with the idea for the pothole application after the severe snowstorms in the northeast last year and the many potholes he encountered.

Currently, Tran's pothole application is being used in 20 different states, and he is trying to implement his program in other communities in Illinois.

"I want to implement my pothole application nationwide," Tran said.

He is interested in computer programming and invented iPhone applications in his spare time.

Tran said all he needs to implement the application is verification from the street superintendent in Charleston.

Quincy Combs, Charleston street superintendent, was not available for comment on Tran's invention

Wednesday afternoon.

In the past, Combs, said the severe winter storms have taken a toll on Charleston streets. If anyone would like to get more information about the pothole application, they should go the savemytire.com, Tran said.

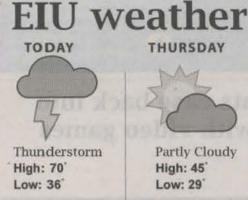
Soon, the website will also allow people to report potholes in their community.

If a student wishes to report a pothole currently, a student should email Combs at the Charleston Public Works Department at qcombs@consolidated.net.

Potholes are caused by many different factors such as moisture or freeze-thaw action, Combs said in an earlier interview.

Once a pothole is reported, the city will fix the hole within two business days Combs said.

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what's on tap WEDNESDAY

4:30 p.m. Cupcake decorating Decorate a birthday cupcake in Taylor Dining Center during regular dining hours.

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

Who cut the ducks?

THURSDAY

11 a.m. National Nutrition Stevenson Tower Dining Center will be celebrating National Nutrition Month with healthy food samples and giveaways.

7 p.m. Fashion show

The African Student Association is hosting a fashion show to showcase African beauty in the Grand Ballroom of the MLK Jr. Union.

FRIDAY

All day- Kicks for kids Adult registration for the kickball tournament to raise money for children in Charleston and Mattoon is due by Friday. The cost is \$10 per player.

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

ONLINE



Video: Going to class

Online news director Barbara Harrington shares some research about the benefits of internships and hands-on experience compared to classroom lectures. Check out the video at DENnews.com.



Blog: Please shut up

Do you find it difficult to listen to your teacher because of students around you talking? Does your teacher not stop? What about you? James Roedl shares his experiences and tips on how to solve your problems with them in the latest Relationships Blog: Please shut up at DENnews.com

"So apparently the kids from Chicago who sit behind me in my math class just discovered how to pirate music. One was instructing the other how to download torrent software and where to get full discographies of bands. Great for them, only I am hard of hearing, my teacher has an accent, and they were talking louder than the teacher right behind me. I snapped I turned around and said, "can you two shut the **** up". Thankfully one of them did because I was about to go Old Testament on them.

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Erika Collier, a senior early childhood education major, cuts out paper ducks to be used in a pond-themed unit for the class she is student teaching in the Instructional Technology Center of Buzzard Hall. Collier said she would like to work with kinder-

garthers of first graders when she graduates

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EIU History Lesson

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The Apportionment Board cut \$77,000 from the over-2007 all budget. The University Board was only able to receive \$37,000.

A mountain bike valued at \$700 was stolen from outside 1996 of Taylor Hall. The bike was parked in the handicap ramp.

1983

Eastern's English department sponsored an essay contest for local high school seniors and juniors. The purpose of the contest was to encourage writing among high school students.

CAMPUS

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Students ease back into work with video games

By Seth Schroeder **Activities Editor**

Returning from spring break, students often get bogged down as they get back to their work and responsibilities.

The University Board staff tried to ease this transition with a video game tournament in the Carman Hall lobby.

Alyssa Anderson, a senior psychology major and vice president of the UB, said the tournament was originally organized to have participants register and work their way up in a bracket.

Because there were fewer participants than expected, Anderson said the games were organized for students to play more freely.

(The tournament is) just kind of like a way to ease your way back into school," Anderson said. "Just come out and play, just to have fun. What's kind of cool about this event is you have a lot of freedom. People can come and go as they please, like if they wanted to go get something to eat."

Some of the games available were "Madden NFL 12" and "Call of Duty: Black Ops" on X-Box 360, "Super Smash Bros. Brawl" on Wii, "Dance Central" on X-Box 360 Kinect and "Marvel vs. Capcom 3: Fate of Two Worlds" on PlayStation 3.

Most of the games and systems available were released within the last few years. But Graham Sauser, a freshman marketing major and a member of the UB special events committee, said the UB also included several older game systems for later in the event.

We wanted to change it up," Sauser said. "A lot of people have all the current games. Not a lot of people still have an older game system. We wanted to draw more in.'

Anderson said the majority of the game systems available are owned by the UB for these types of events and the UB special events committee donated some of the games. She also said some games were purchased for the tournament so the committee did not have to rely on anyone to provide them.

An X-Box 360 and Wii were raffled off. Anderson said other prizes including several \$75 Visa check cards and other video games were given away to participants who scored the most points in various games.

Justin Jones, a sophomore sociology major, said he came to the tournament specifically to play "Marvel SETH SCHROEDER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Tania Stanford, a sophomore pre-nursing major, dances to Madonna's "Music" while playing "Dance Central" on X-Box 360 Kinect as part of the Spring Fling video game tournament in the lobby of Carman Hall.

vs. Capcom 3." He said he has played the game since its release on Feb. 2. He also said he has played the two previous "Marvel vs. Capcom" games since he was in second grade.

"I wouldn't say I'm a gamer, but I like video games," Jones said. "I'm not a diehard gamer."

Even though the tournament was reorganized to be less competitive, Jones was able to play "Marvel vs. Capcom" with his friends.

Sauser said the event was a good way to increase student awareness of the UB.

"One thing is to show (the students) that a lot of the events are free," Sauser said. "That's why we did it in Carman, to show the freshman who we are."

Sauser said one thing that could have been better was how hot it was in Carman's lobby.

"We are changing seasons and we have a lot of machines in here," Sauser said. "It's definitely out of our control."

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UNIVERSITY **Committee narrows** improvement options

By Jordon Pottorff Staff Reporter

The Strategic Planning Steering Committee began the data-gathering phase of its campus improvement project Tuesday night. It raised a number of questions about what would benefit the Eastern community, but decided on five major questions to focus their improvement on.

The committee narrowed the options down to what can be done to improve academic quality and scholarship, what is the hope and vision for Eastern over the course of the next five to 10 years, what would make Eastern the first choice for future students and faculty, what are the most vital core values, and what can be done to increase pride and loyalty among the Eastern community.

Among other topics of discussion were state funding, integrative learning and affordability.

The committee is dedicated to making improvements to the university and the community.

Tuesday's meeting focused on brainstorming for ideas on how to make a better and more efficient school. The committee divided into groups of three to gather ideas and came up with questions that would be beneficial to the university and its students.

We don't know what improvements will be made yet," said Assege HaileMariam, one of the heads of the committee. "We have not yet gone out to the community and the campus to figure out what the community wants. All we want is to engage the community and figure out the answers from them."

The committee is looking for answers from the campus community and the community of Charleston.

"Right now we are in the process of asking questions and gathering information. This whole process will last another six months," said Bill Weber, another head of the committee.

The committee is planning to contact as many campus stake holders as possible during this process.

Ken Baker, another head of the committee, will address the student government this week to talk about strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats.

The committee is comprised of 24 members: 22 faculty and staff and two students. The committee heads have been meeting for three months, but the committee began meeting as a whole every week since Feb. 8.

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CAMPUS Revisit prom at R.O. dining

By Seth Schroeder **Activities Editor**

Students will get the chance to experience high school memories Thursday at Stevenson Hall. The reservation only dining at Stevenson Grill, Etc. will be having a prom night-themed meal.

Jamie Huckstead, assistant director of dining at Stevenson Hall, said the customers attending are encouraged to dress up as if it is their prom night. The serving staff at Stevenson will also dress up in formal wear.

Huckstead said Stevenson does not really have decorations to put up, but will have a photographer to take photos of customers who are interested, just as if it was their prom night. She said dining services will also put the photos on their Facebook page.

Huckstead also said while formal wear is encouraged, actual prom clothes are not necessarily expected.

"I think it would be great if someone really went all out and decked themselves out in full prom wear, but I doubt that will happen," Huckstead said.

Just as normal reservation only dining; Huckstead said students should register online by 3 p.m. Thursday.

Huckstead said she expects a full house for the event, which would be 260 reservations. However, she said after 4:30 p.m. Thursday they will take walk-ins if possible.

She said this is the second year Stevenson Hall has done a prom night-themed dinner. Last year, 25 percent of customers dressed up for the dinner.

Huckstead also said reservation only dining will have more theme nights in the future, including a '70s theme on April 7.

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STAFF EDITORIAL Lawmakers finally help rape victims find justice

An Illinois law was passed that will enforce law agencies to test the 4,000 unexamined rape kits that are currently sitting in storage.

Are we supposed to applaud the Illinois General Assembly for finally taking steps to take sexual assault seriously and have these kits examined?

Behind these 4,000 rape kits are victims that have never received justice for what has happened to them.

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

A rape kit is used in sexual assault cases and used to gather any DNA evidence from the victim and is a way to find and charge the abuser.

Some of the victims have waited many years to receive justice for the crimes against them.

One of the rape kits dates all the way back to 1978.

These victims have undergone the rape kit procedure, which can be a traumatic experi-

The rape kit procedure is a 15-step process that takes up to four hours to complete.

The doctor or nurse combs the hair and pubic hair, scrapes the fingernails, swabs the mouth for any bite marks, and the doctor completes an internal examination to extract sperm.

After undergoing the rape kit procedure, some victims will deny submitting their kit for testing.

The Illinois General Assembly has made a positive step forward in taking sexual assault cases seriously, yet there is much more work to do,

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.

This grant will finally give the crime labs appropriate money to test the rape kits.

The act affects only the 30 percent of women who have reported a rape. How about the rapes that go unreported each year?

Only about 30 percent of rape is reported to law enforcement agencies; some researchers believe the number is even lower.

The untested rape kits and the many unreported rapes show that sexism still exists in our society. As a society, we need to continue passing laws that show that rape is never OK, and we will never tolerate such crimes.

Victims should be encouraged by our legal system to report rapes and justice should be received for the victims.

If a student is a victim of sexual assault, the student should go to the Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center for the rape kit procedure or go to the Sexual Assault Counsel Information Services for counseling and information. Help is always available for those who need it.

COLUMN In Libya, U.S. doing things right for a change

So here we are in yet another military action. At the moment, it is unknown just how long President Obama plans to keep the U.S. involved in military action against Libya and Qaddafi, although he claims it won't be for long.

Nonetheless, it is nice to see that for once in the past decade the U.S. is taking what many consider to be justifiable action. U.S. action in Libya is nothing short of a showmanship of what it means to be a world leader with the desire to prevent tyrannical injustices overseas.

While many people are up in the air on how they feel about the war in Afghanistan, a large portion of citizens and returning soldiers feel that Iraq was clearly and ultimately a mistake.

On numerous occasions, I have spoken with soldiers who have toured Iraq and many of them cannot honestly tell you why they were there.

This blame isn't meant to fall into the laps of our uniformed men and women; after all, they are simply following orders. Once you wear that outfit, you go wherever the hell you are told with the hopes that your leader sending you there is doing so over a "just cause.

FROM THE EASEL



Julian Russell

More than once, former President Bush made references to freeing the Iraqi people. As time has shown, many citizens of Iraq did not share the same sentiment. Saddam Hussein may have been a tyrannical dictator; most evidence has shown that he was exactly that. Still, like the folks in Libya, it is up to the people of that country to holler revolution when the time comes. Not ours.

There are roughly 194 to 196 countries in the world-depending on which country is tallying the points-and upwards of 70 of them are dictatorships with leaders who exercise absolute authority over their citizens and cannot be removed by legal means. Most suppress freedoms of speech, religion and the right to a fair trial.

We're talking about countries that ac-

tually have positive relations with America. Iraq was never about the installment of freedom

So what happens now? Obama says control over military action in Libya will be left to European forces rather soon.

It really doesn't matter what Obama says about the situation because he shall be crucified despite his opinion. The left will accuse him of fleeing from his policies and personal stance during the election. The right will accuse him of not doing enough.

On a positive note, a small majority has labeled the situation as Obama's first demonstration of true political courage. Obama has fortunately repeatedly stated that the action is about protecting civilians and not removing Qaddafi from power.

This may sound like blowing smoke at the hornets rather than removing the nest, but to me it sounds like drawing a respectable line between helping and acting as power hungry dictators desiring to impose democracy on others. It's your country, you decide.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR Human brain wired for extinction

In order to understand, collectively, one must know about the dialectics of pre-social psycho mental organization of all living species on earth as we know them now. Since, just now, it is impossible to have an articulate discourse with any except our own homo-sapiens species.

Homo-sapiens, obviously, have evolved above grunts, snarls and whining into multifarious speech that can be and is both vociferous and muted. What then are the origins of its paradigms that separate insects from homo-sapiens? In a word it is the tri-partite brain possessed by our species, having evolved from homin-id to homo. Universal brain function and dialectics are common among our species. When a given species has only two of the dialectical motums, and lacking the synthetic component cannot plan ahead to avoid extinction possibilities, e.g., no species, including homo-sapiens can meaningfully exist off this planet nor on it when the basal tripartite brain has become so discombobulated that the definitive process of mental dialectics cannot, no will not function properly i.e. to avoid extinction. Now we must examine our psychic apparatus. The homo-sapien's brain, divided into three organic parts, one, left hemisphere, two, right hemisphere, three, cerebellum, function is also divided into three psychic realms, one, the "ego", two, the "super-ego" and three, the "id" AKA as idiot. The ego i.e. the self, "super-ego" i.e. internalization of taught moral standards, "id", instinctual impulses; next is power!

AROUND THE STATE What Facebook status would Jesus post?

By Beth Clothier Western Courier - Western Illinois

The recent earthquake in Japan has left many in the world openmouthed in shock and sadness. Initial reactions were exacerbated as news outlets continually replayed images of the destruction, fear and dire emergency facing the small island nation. Added to the recent earthquake in New Zealand and the uprisings and war in the Middle East, it's not hard to feel like the world, to quote the proverbial, is going to hell in a hand basket.

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Of course, in times like these, humanity turns to religion, that age-old balm certain to heal all of its wounds. If that's what it takes to get you through the day, then more power to you. However, it's when people take this same faith and use it to their own ends that I take umbrage.

For example, since the earthquake hit, this piece of fine literature has been sweeping the statuses of people all over Facebook: "Sept.11th-New York, Jan. 11th-Haiti, March 11th-Japan Luke 21 10-11. Then Jesus said to his disciples: 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, famines, and pestilences in various places, and fearful events are great signs from Heaven.' Jesus says for behold I come quickly so ask yourself, are you ready? I bet many won't repost this!"

I am going to grant you that in the grand scheme of things, Facebook and its statuses don't matter at all, but the intent and the individuals behind them do. After all, these are real thinking and acting human beings, people we live and work with, people who make decisions that affect others. Because of that, serious questions must be raised.

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SENATE **Resolution asks for trip funding**

By Erin Riedl Staff Reporter

The Student Senate will discuss a resolution this week that will help the Student Action Team in preparation for lobbying in Springfield; the senate will also be discussing new business.

Christy Anderson, the student executive vice president, and Tommy Nierman, a Student Senate member, are introducing a new resolution at the meeting.

"Since leaders from all over the state will be at IBHE - SAC I believe it is necessary for us to attend so that we can plan for lobbying in Springfield," Anderson said.

This resolution is asking for money out of the student government's budget so Anderson, and Brad Saribekian, a junior accounting major. and an Illinois' public sector chair, can go to an Illinois Board of Higher Education - Student Advisory Committee conference in DeKalb during April.

There are certain things that universities do that have to go through board approval and (the Student Advisory Committee makes) recommendations to the board," said Saribekian, according to The Daily Eastern News's Feb. 7 issue.

The resolution is asking for money for one night lodging, 450 miles of travel, other minor expenses and food

The IBHE-SAC is made up of Eastern students who meet six times a year in an effort to better higher education.

According to the IBHE website,

the IBHE analyzes the needs and requirements of Illinois higher education and modifies the master plan that guides development of the state's system of public and private colleges and universities.

The tabled distinguished professor banquet resolution will also be discussed.

The resolution is asking for money from the student government's budget for the cost of the banquet.

At the banquet, awards will be given to the professors who have been nominated by Eastern students.

The Student Senate meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

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BINGO, from page 1

Kaitlin Martin, a junior special education major, won a kite and bubbles after getting bingo when N-44 was called out.

"This is my first time playing at Eastern," Martin said. "I'm excited about winning a kite so I can enjoy the outdoors."

Martin also won bubbles when she won bingo, but she plans on giving those to her students.

Priscilla Gonzalez, a freshman chemistry major, read about bingo night in the newspaper and decided to come out and play.

"I wanted to do something fun on a Tuesday," Gonzalez said. "I had two labs and I wanted to do something different."

Gonzalez played last semester at Residents On Campus Fest, and this semester was her lucky play when B-2 was announced.

She chose the movie "Definite-

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Kaitlin Martin, junior special education major

ly Maybe" and a popcorn bowl because she has never seen the movie.

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SECURITY, from page 1

Adam Due, chief of the university police department, said the police department on campus serves as a active resource in response to panic alarms.

"We don't have some of the issues some universities have," Due said. "Our stats are pretty stable. The things that will change are alcohol citations.

Nadler said the counseling center does events such as "No more secrets" posters or booths at events. They also have one counselor available in the morning and one available in the afternoon for on-call emergencies.

We have a safe community, on and off campus." Nadler said.

Nadler said there are police officers who patrol Eastern 24 hours, seven days a week. Police officers are in vehicles, bicycles and on foot.

"Being visual is a proactive measure," Nadler said.

Katie McCarthy, assistant director of the counseling center, deals primarily with the health emergencies of the campus.

McCarthy said parents and students are advocates for helping address the behavioral problems of students.

We do a lot of identification of students, sometimes a lot of consultation of faculty and staff with students

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"We're working on a fiber optic system to bring the voice-activated system into 16 new buildings on campus."

Gary Hanebrink, safety officer III for Eastern

when there's a concern," McCarthy said. "We do some intervention when we have to help facilitate to help reduce the negative consequences of the emergency.

If the student is displaying bad behavior in class, the student may be breaking the code of conduct, McCarthy said.

Heather Webb, director of student standards, focuses on the behavior of students, which could take place either on or off campus.

"It's important for people to observe what they see in student papers or emails they send," Webb said. "If it makes you feel uncomfortable, there are many places on campus you can call-the police department, academic advising, counseling.

When students are no longer wel-

come, or have been suspended or expelled from campus, Webb said the student is red flagged if there is any possibility the student may go after Eastern.

We help identify students that may be a threat to our campus community," Webb said. "We intervene when appropriate."

Gary Hanebrink, safety officer III for Eastern, spoke of how he has worked with emergency agencies in Coles County.

'In the last three years, we've improved the outdoor siren systems, programmed them with some pre-recorded messages and live-voice systems which can be activated by the patrolman out on the beat," Hanebrink said.

can signal and the radio will play the message, Hanebrink said. This makes it simple for law enforcement to make direct messages to the outside community, Hanebrink said.

"Many of the buildings have a new fire alarm system which have a speaker system in it," Hanebrink said. "We're working on a fiber optic system to bring the voice-activated system into 16 new buildings on campus."

These fire alarm systems can be activated through the campus police department, Hanebrink said.

In 2012, there is plans to be a statewide exercise on Eastern's campus during the second week of June.

"Many of these specialized law enforcement and fire department teams will be on campus and the exercise will be based around the old steam plant," Hanebrink said.

The exercise will also include the buildings of Lawson, Stevenson, and some auditoriums on campus.

Nadler then moved on to discuss the basis of Alert EIU and what it means to the campus. Alert EIU is the capability for students and faculty to subscribe to text messages in the event of a campus event.

We treat it as imminent danger, The police officer has a radio they highest danger," Nadler said. "We

would send an alert out via text message in addition to the email and sirens. Our goal is to send a once-a-year test message."

If the campus has to send something out in the case of an emergency, it has the option to send messages through the system within a few seconds through emergency mode, Nadler said.

Nadler said his team has to be proactive by sending an email out to faculty.

"Always report," Nadler said. "We find a lot of crossover. If a student is acting a certain way in the residence hall, the more likely that behavior is acted out in the residence halls."

The counseling center often receives calls about students that are missing classes.

"Sometimes they just left town and forgot to tell someone," Nadler said.

Nadler said there are benefits from sharing concerns of students with faculty.

We have to be intrusive we have to be," Nadler said. "We have to get the student on the right path successfully."

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SOFTBALL | NOTEBOOK May snags yet another pitcher of the week award

By Lenny Arquilla Staff Reporter

Senior Amber May won her fifth career Ohio Valley Conference Pitcher of the Week Award as she came one strikeout away from her career 14 strikeouts Saturday.

May went 4-0 in four starts and earned her first save of the season last week. She also posted a pair of shutouts. She struck out 34 batters and walked only five over 28.2 innings of work. May held the opposition to a .168 batting average. May's record now stands at 6-3.

Freshman Carly Willert had an impressive offensive showing this weekend as she recorded a team-high six-RBI performance Saturday. Not only did she hit her first career home run Saturday, but followed it up by hitting a home run in all three games this weekend. So far this season, May has a batting average standing at .235, while recording 13 RBIs.

Around the OVC

Eastern Kentucky swept a conference series from Austin Peay last week, improving their record to 16-9 overall and 3-3 in the OVC. In the series finale on Sunday, Eastern Kentucky head coach Jane Worthington earned the 500th victory in program history. Worthington, in her 19th season, is the only head coach in program history. Eastern Kentucky now has an all-time record of 500-479. Diane Gallagher led the way with a .500 average, three runs, three RBIs and three stolen bases. She tied the school career record for steals on Saturday. Ashley Dollins hit .455 with two runs, three doubles, a home run and four RBI in the series.

Senior pitcher Noelani Esperas picked up two wins against the Lady Govs., holding opponents to a .186 batting average.

Jacksonville State took both ends of a doubleheader with Samford before sweeping a three-game series with Morehead State to improve their record to 19-6 overall and 6-0 in the OVC.

The Gamecocks' 6-0 OVC start is their second-best start since joining the conference. The 22 runs scored in Saturday's doubleheader against the Eagles were the most by the Gamecocks in a doubleheader since scoring 22 against Morehead State in 2007.

Junior Abbey Stepp hit .786 over the five games with one double and three home runs. She recorded 12 RBI and scored five runs. She posted a .788 on-base percentage and a 1.500 slugging percentage. Freshman pitcher Tiffany Harbin picked up three wins and a save last week. She struck out 24 batters in 18.0 innings of work.

Lenny Arquilla can be reached at 581-7944 or lrarquilla@eiu.edu.

By Seamus Riley Staff Reporter

The Eastern men's tennis team has had a tough season thus far, as it had to endure a seven-game losing streak.

After its first home match and a victory on March 8 and a strong road win at in Nashville, Tenn., the team

The tennis team had a tough road

The Jacksonville State team is hav-

The Gamecocks are led by Eric

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defeat on Sunday, but will travel to Jacksonville, Ala. to face Jacksonville State and an attempt to secure a victory.

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Matthieson and Igor Santos who both have .500 records and will try and turn their records around against the Panthers.

team would be followed by a home stretch versus Eastern Kentucky on Saturday and Morehead State on Sunday. The home stand could serve as launching pad for the men's team for the latter half of the season and championship.

The team will have to lean on performances by both Kevin Bauman and Matyas Hilgert. Bauman, who is cord, has served as the backbone for the struggling team. Hilgert, who

SETH SCHROEDER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS Warren Race, sophomore, misses a serve against Kaskaskia College March 8 at Rex Darling Courts. The panthers take on Jacksonville State today at Jacksonville, Ala.

has shown flashes of brilliance on the court, will have to play strong.

The Panther team will also have to face a familiar foe in the shape of the cooling weather that will encompass the campus later this week. The their first home performance with an impressive 7-0 victory.

weather seemed to have no effect on

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The amount of access parents and family have on one's life differs from person to person. For Parrodi, it is not a question of if his family is too involved in his life, largely because they all live in another country.

Parrodi was born and raised in Mexico, where he goes to live with his family during long breaks. His family visits him whenever they can, but like Parrodi himself, have reservations about spending time in the cold.

The last time Parrodi said he saw his family was a week ago in Florida when they came to watch him play with the team. Even though he is in his third year at Eastern, Parrodi said the weather has not gotten easier to bear.

"Not really. I never get used to this weather," Parrodi said. "In Mexico, it is 70 degrees and sunny every day of the year. Then you get here and you are pretty much hibernating for five months.

Despite never taking to the climate and the difficulties of balancing all he has to do, Parrodi says he has not once regretted his decision to venture north to play college golf.

'I like the people here, they have been really friendly. Nice coach, nice friends, nice teachers and, despite the weather, everything's been prime."

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Miller came into the game with runners on second and third with nobody out in the seventh inning and got a pop out, strikeout, and ground out to get out of the jam un-scored upon.

Miller got the save in the game, pitching three innings of perfect ball, while striking out five of the nine Cougar hitters he faced.

The Panther offensive attack saw them running and playing more small ball, including a bunt by sophomore second-baseman Daniel Rowe, which lead to the only Panther run.

Senior Cam Strang was also caught stealing twice and the lineup was a bit shaken up from the usual, with freshman Cameron Berra playing third base and junior Gerik Wallsten catch-

"In the mid-week games, as much as you want to win and all that, we've got to do something," Schmitz said in response to Strang's pair of failed steal attempts. "If you're not swinging the bats that well you want to do other things. We're not just doing it foolishly, we're trying to get some guys to run, and hopefully we'll get that part of the game going a little better."

The Panthers have not been swinging the bats as well as they would like, and junior leadoff hitter and center fielder Zach Borenstein had a pair of strikeouts in four at bats to bring his

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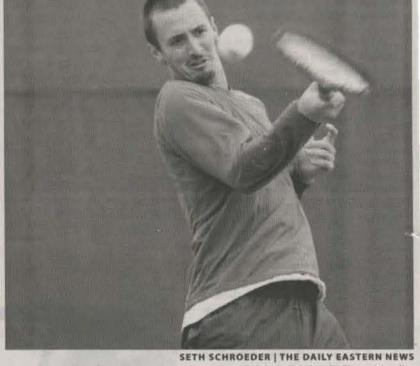
season total to 13 in 64 at bats, more than double the 1:10 ratio Schmitz had said his players should shoot for.

"I'm really, at this particular point, not happy with (Borenstein)," Schmitz said. "He's guessing, he says he's not guessing, I know he is, and his approach is something we talked about. You don't guess in a two-strike situation and he did."

The Panthers will finish their pre-Ohio Valley Conference schedule today as they host in-state rival Southern Illinois, with the game set to begin at 2 p.m. in Coaches' Stadium.

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All Access with Gino Parrodi, junior golfer

Finding balance on and off the course

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All student-athletes strive to find a balance between committing time toward their team and committing time toward their education. It is a balancing act performed under a high amount of scrutiny from their coaches, professors and fans.

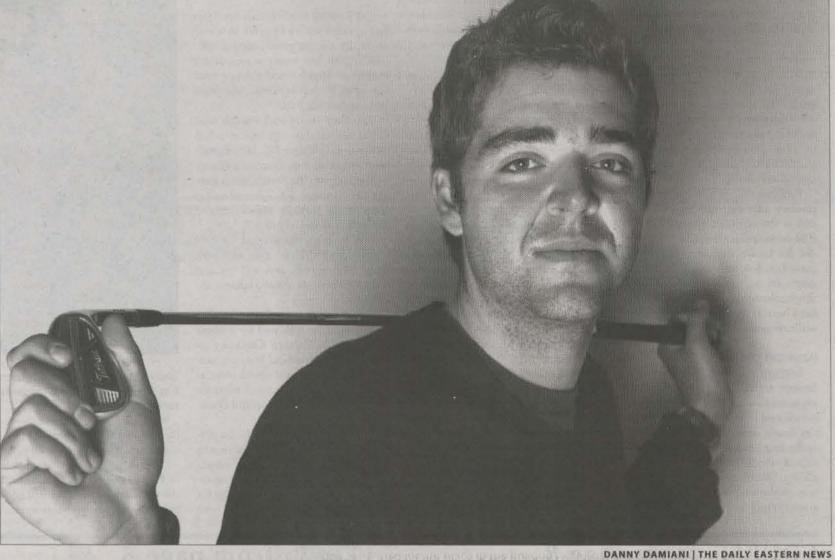
No one knows this better than junior golfer Gino Parrodi.

"I always look for balance," Parrodi said. "I just try my best being a student and golfer at the same time. It isn't easy, it's something that you gotta do."

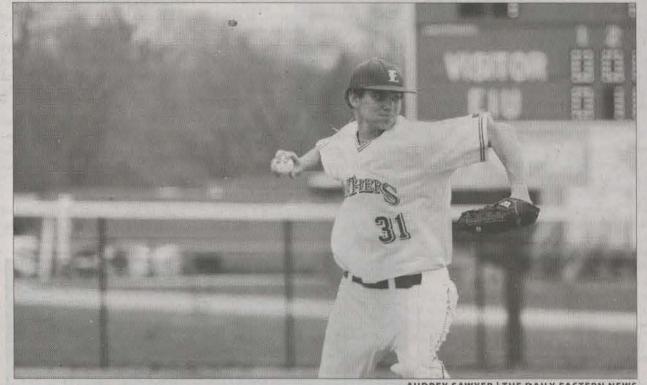
This time of year makes Parrodi's balancing act all the more difficult with the team in the midst of tournament season. Next week's Western Illinois Invitational in Macomb is the first of four tournaments in the next five weeks. Because the tournaments take place on Monday and Tuesday, Parrodi said it is so much more difficult to have time to focus on studying.

"I think we are the sport that misses the most class, and it's just ridiculous the amount of workload we have to come back to," Parrodi said. "We miss every Monday and Tuesday class when we are in season, so you have to start the week on Wednesday, and it finishes on Friday, and then you leave for the next tournament on a Saturday or a Sunday. You don't have a lot of time, but we all know what we signed up for."

Family life is something all college students must find a balance in as well. COURSE, page 7



Gino Parrodi, a junior marketing major and member of the golf team, tied for 8th place in the Bulldog Florida Invitational at Windsor Parke Golf Course in Jacksonville, Fla., over spring break.



Panthers win three of four in opener

By Brad Kupiec Staff Reporter

The Panther baseball team has won three out of their last four games after winning in their home opener against Chicago State.

The Panthers beat the Cougars 1-0 on a day where the wind was blowing steadily and a slight drizzle caused some concern for fans at the game.

The skies did clear and stayed that way long enough to get the entire game in, and it was a game dominated by pitching for both teams. The Panthers and Cougars each tallied five

"I told them a win's a win." Jim Schmitz, head coach

ed pitchers, sophomore Troy Barton and senior Matt Miller, who combined to throw a shutout in a game where Eastern notched the only run in the second.

"I told them (the team) a win's a win," Schmitz said. "You've just got to talk about Troy Barton and Matt Miller.

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Troy Barton, a sophomore pitcher, throws the ball to first during the game against Chicago State Tuesday afternoon at Coaches Stadium. Barton earned the win for the Panthers beating the Cougars 1-0. hits against the respective starters, and none against the opposing bullpens.

Panther head coach Jim Schmitz said the lack of hitting was not even that big of an issue compared to the performance of Eastern's right hand(Pitching Coach) Skylar (Meade) did a great job, saw the game was going to be close and we had other pitchers we were maybe going to put in, but you've got to win the game."

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Pratl leaves team after disappointing season

Staff Report

Sophomore forward Shaun Pratl has decided to end his basketball career as an Eastern Illinois Panther. Pratl played in 28 games this season, starting 21 games. He averaged nine points and 4.5 rebounds this year, helping the Panther to a 9-20 season. Unfortunately, the Panthers 4-14 record in the Ohio Valley Conference was not good enough to make the post-season tournament.

Pratl had progressed from his freshman year where he averaged 5.7 points and three rebounds in 12 minutes of play. Pratl almost doubled his playing time as a sophomore as he averaged 23 minutes a game. "We wish Shaun the best in his future endeavors and appreciate his contributions to the Eastern Illinois program," said head coach Mike Miller on Pratl's departure.

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