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LIFE GIVES LEMONS

Despite the rain, Eastern students volunteered to sell lemonade to raise money to fight childhood cancer.

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COMBINING TALENT

Junior Cam Berra plays football and baseball but still finds time to focus on school.

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ENTERTAINMENT | CONCERT

Phillip Phillips: ‘Gone, Gone, Gone’

‘Idol’ winner fires up crowd at Lantz Arena

By **Bob Galuski**
Entertainment Editor

Guitar in hand, smile on his face, Phillip Phillips stepped up onto the blue-light-engulfed stage and asked the audience “What’s up?” in a rushed voice.

And the audience began screaming, their cheers echoing throughout Lantz Arena Tuesday as the Season 11 “American Idol” winner began crooning his opening number for Eastern’s spring concert.

Performing numerous songs from his album “The World from the Side of the Moon,” Phillips blasted his guitar to a crowd gathered in front of his stage, as others looked onward, perched in the seats surrounding the arena.

Phillips was constantly getting the audience to participate as he sang his second single from his album, “Gone, Gone, Gone,” which he described as a love song.

“We all deserve to love somebody,” Phillips told the audience in his southern drawl.

Continuing to have the audience participate, Phillips let everyone finish the last few lines of “Gone, Gone, Gone” as he pumped his fist toward the crowd.

Along with “Gone, Gone, Gone,” Phillips serenaded the audience with other songs from his album, including the fast-paced “Drive Me Crazy” and the slow, bluesy “Tell Me a Story.”

Phillips described “Tell Me a Story” as a song about life.

“Maybe you’ll like it,” he said. “If you don’t, I’m sorry.”

While he did sing songs from the album, Phillips also graced the stage with cover songs from artists like Lil Wayne and Eminem.

Phillips covered the song “Lollipop” and a rendition of Eminem’s “Lose Yourself.”

Smiling the whole time, Phillips danced around the stage – from tight, concentrated steps in front of the microphone to kicking and jumping all over the stage – Phillips was in constant movement throughout the show.

His constant movement on stage was reminiscent of his opening act, the band Churchill.

Churchill performed their set before Phillips stepped on the stage.

All the way from Denver, the band shook Lantz Arena with songs like “Not Another Night.”

Tim Bruns, the guitarist and vocals for Churchill, was also constantly moving on stage, and even going off stage to interact with the audience.

In the middle of their final song, Bruns snuck out the back of the stage, only to reappear, singing



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Phillip Phillips performs in Lantz Arena Tuesday during the spring concert. The band Churchill opened for Phillips.

without missing a beat, behind the audience.

As he snaked his way through the crowd, Bruns gave high-fives and waved at the audience members.

Audience interaction was key to this show, with both acts going out of their way to show the mass of fans a good time.

During the show, Phillips brought a baseball hat on stage with him and wore it throughout the song “Get Up Get Down” from his album.

Just as the band hit the last note of the song, Phillips tore the hat from his head and whipped it out over the audience.

Chants of “Phillip” and “Bring it home” filled Lantz Arena in between songs as Phillips changed out his guitar each time.

Phillips played what was thought to be his final song to an audience stomping their feet and shaking the ground that lay before Phillips’ stage.

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ADMINISTRATION

Eastern renews vendor contract

Chick-fil-A behavior to be monitored

By **Stephanie Markham**
Administration Editor

Chick-fil-A’s contract with Eastern is being renewed for another year, President Bill Perry told the Faculty Senate Tuesday.

“We decided to go ahead and continue the relationship for another year, continue to monitor the corporate behavior of Chick-fil-A and continue on a year-to-year basis to look at that situation,” he said.

Perry said he looked at an analysis of all four vendors in the food court comparing things like quality of food, quality of service and price.

“It didn’t appear to be a difference in most of the categories between the different food shops there in the food court,” he said.

The Faculty Senate sent resolutions to Perry during the fall semester to renegotiate Chick-fil-A’s contract so that it would not automatically renew every year and to allow student workers to opt out of being assigned to Chick-fil-A.

Perry said student workers already have that option.

“There hasn’t been an issue come up in respect to that,” he said.

The Faculty Senate also discussed the research being done by the Electronic Learning Materials taskforce on the logistics of offering electronic textbooks.

Stephen Lucas, chairman of the taskforce, said the Faculty Senate created the taskforce a year ago in response to the School of Business calling on Textbook Rental to reinvent itself.

“We all acknowledged that the shift will happen over time; the textbook industry is obviously changing,” Lucas said. “The question is how quickly will we get there and what are we going to keep in mind as we make those shifts.”



Lucas said Eastern’s situation is complicated because students pay a fee for Textbook Rental instead of having to access the material on their own.

“We’re a rental institution, and that changes everything in terms of making change,” he said.

He said the taskforce was concerned with a potential increase in costs for students to access material electronically, and requiring platforms like Nooks, Kindles or laptops would incur costs that would be unrealistic for some students.

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Wishing for a bigger umbrella



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Students stand in the rain outside of East Hall because of an activated fire alarm. Charleston Fire Department and the University Police Department responded. A UPD officer said there was no fire.

CHARLESTON | MEETING

Council approves new city budget

By Amanda Wilkinson
City Editor

The Charleston City Council approved the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 city budget, water and sewer rates and ambulance rates Tuesday.

Two public hearings were hosted before the regular meeting to discuss the annexation of 1101 Loxa Road and to consider the proposed city budget.

Steve Pamperin, the city planner, said the property, owned by Zachary Lawson, is approximately 1.6 acres and is under construction.

He said there have been no objections to the annexation, which would make the property part of the city.

The council authorized the annexation agreement and the annexation itself later in the regular meeting.

Comptroller Heather Kuykendall spoke at the public hearing to consider the proposed city budget.

She said the whole budget comes to \$24.7 million with all the funds and expenses.

The general fund is balanced at about \$11.5 million, Kuykendall said.

"The water and sewer fund has revenues exceeding expenses of \$910,000, which sounds like a lot but when in reality that will go towards retiring debt through the past improvements on our facilities," she said. "The estimated debt payments for the year are actually \$974,000."

In the next fiscal year's budget, there are large capital spending projects and expenses such as two new squad cars for the police department, two new docks at Lake Charleston, a new ambulance and monitor, a new fire engine, concrete patching for streets, street and sidewalk improvements and the painting of the water tower.

The city budget for the new fiscal year was approved.

The council also approved the water and sewer rate and ambulance rate increases.

Inyart said the water and sewer rates will increase by 2.5 percent.

Residents who use 1,000 gallons or less per month will pay a minimum of \$12.36, which is a 30-cent increase from the current fiscal year.

Eastern will also be billed an extra 29 cents per 1,000 gallons used.

"It's safe to say it is the smallest increase we've had since I've been in office," he said. "I don't know if that's anything to be proud of, but we've at least worked it down a little bit each year."

The council approved the one percent increase of ambulance rates.

The council also approved the amendment of the city budget for FY 12-13.

Mayor John Inyart said they have to change the budget so it matches what

really happened.

He said there were no dramatic changes.

The council also granted tourism funds for paying expenses for Charleston's Red, White & Blue Days and EIU's Celebration: A Festival of the Arts.

Inyart said the city will give \$1,500 to Eastern for the festival.

He said \$5,000 will be given to the branch of the city that handles Red, White & Blue Days.

Tuesday also marked Inyart and Council Member Jim Dunn's last city council meeting and Larry Rennels last meeting as a council member.

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Eastern students fight cancer with lemonade

By: Jarad Jarmon
Staff Reporter

Despite the storms on Tuesday, Eastern students volunteered to help fight cancer by having an Alex's Lemonade Stand sale.

Kristen Webber, one of the Alex's Lemonade Stand coordinators, said they made \$407, which will all be given to the Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation.

The money will go toward helping find treatments and cures for children with cancer.

"We are so proud of what we made just because it will make someone smile," Webber said.

Allison Sheehan, the other event coordinator, said they needed to move the lemonade stand inside Stevenson, Carman, Thomas and Taylor halls because of the weather.

"We woke up this morning, and we just decided to call it and put it inside, which is a good thing because it rained all day," Sheehan said.

One cup of lemonade cost \$1.

The group's goal was \$1,300, a \$200 increase from the amount they raised last year, Sheehan said.

Webber said students and facul-

ty donated most of the money that was raised without purchasing a cup.

"It just wasn't a lemonade kind of day," Webber said. "People just want to help."

She said one person even donated \$20 at Stevenson Hall.

Around 40 volunteers came out to work the stands across campus.

Webber said when organizations ask for volunteers, people will want to come out and help.

This will be Carman's seventh year of fundraising for the Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation.

"For us, it is a Carman tradition, so this is something we will be doing for a while," she said. "We didn't want to let them down."

Alex Scott, a young girl with can-

cer, started the stands because she wanted to raise money to find a cure for cancer by having a lemonade stand sale.

She raised \$2,000, which sparked the idea for the Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation.

Her parents, Liz and Jay Scott, were inspired by her and fully developed the foundation that has raised more than \$1 million to donate to cancer research.

While the weather was unfortunate, Webber and Sheehan said they were still very excited about the day and what they accomplished.

"This might seem insignificant to some people, but this was the most important thing this year to us," Webber said.

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CAMPUS | ART

Artist to speak on unique works

By Jack Sheehan
Staff Reporter

A guest lecturer will be speaking and showing a short movie about her unusual style and methods of artistry this week at the Tarble Arts Center.

Artist Cindy Tower will present her lecture "Process as Performance" Wednesday in the atrium of Tarble at 7:30 p.m.

Michael Watts, the director of Tarble, said the center is happy to assist the art department in the presentation of Tower's lecture and that viewers are in for an interesting night.

"I think it will be a real eye-opener when people see what Tower goes through to get to and paint at the abandoned industrial sites that are the subjects of her current series of artwork," Watts said.

Eastern's art department sponsored Tower's lecture, and Chris Khaler of the art department nominated Tower to come to Charleston.

Khaler said Tower has done paintings, sculptures, photos, installations and video performances throughout her career, and that the art department is pleased to have her come to Eastern's campus.

"We love her work, and as an artist who investigates so many different means of making art, she is very relevant to many of our students, regardless

of what area of concentration they are," Khaler said.

Khaler said that Tower's talks are organic, just like her style of painting.

According to Tower's statement on her promotional poster, she has found interests in all areas of art.

"For years I've been almost as interested in the process of making art as in the product itself," Tower said.

Tower said since the 1980s, she has been performing while going about making artwork, and in 2000, she switched from painting building installations to ones that already exist.

"Today I am performing as I paint highly articulated works in raw conditions with encyclopedic detail in hopes that I can provide evidence of their making in site and engage the viewer in a visceral, otherworldly experience," Tower said.

Tower's "Workplace Series" provides commentary on disappearing American industries because of outsourcing.

She said while painting these different locations she was required to hire a bodyguard at times because of some of the dangerous locations she painted in.

Tower said she will be making a movie on "painting from life" to go along with her lecture on the same topic and "process as performance."

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Book sale rescheduled
Staff Report

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The Booth Library book sale has been moved to next Wednesday, April 24.

The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. near the Alumni Clock Tower in the Alumni Quad south of the library.

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"LET'S GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT"

Who should be the artist for next year's spring concert?

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Take time to know your professors outside of class

For students and professors, respect for time and talent should go both ways.

All too often, students and professors both take for granted the time they spend doing homework, grading homework and completing school-related tasks.

Students should respect that their professors have lives outside of the classroom.

They go home to families, hobbies, grading and other activities completely unrelated to Eastern.

Oftentimes, students have difficulty picturing their professors outside of the classroom – not bothering to get to know them on a personal level. However, professors are usually pretty cool people.

They are funny, insightful and are full of tons of stories on how they got to where they are today.

They can provide a viewpoint to many aspects of life outside the classroom students cannot fathom until they get out in the workforce.

Recently, *The Daily Eastern News* has been publishing a series about the "secret lives" of professors, hoping to shed light on some of the interesting things professors do when they are not teaching.

Our entertainment editor has written about professors who work with record labels, collect toy soldiers and wear straw hats for a good cause.

OUR POSITION

- **Situation:** *The DEN* has been doing a series on the lives of professors outside of class.
- **Stance:** Get to know your professors outside of just going to their class.

These professors have stories to tell.

They are so much more than just the authority figures of the classroom.

They have been through many years of schooling in order to be the people they are today – the people that care so much about their students, though it may be difficult for

students to understand from time to time.

As a student body, we should give them a lot more credit than we do.

They are not just the people that determine your grade and try with all their might to fill our brains with everything we will need for the "real world."

They are here for a reason: they love to teach and see their students grow. Get to know your professors. Find out who they are as people, not just as teachers. Who knows?

They might have super cool hobbies, great advice for career paths and even connections with prospective employers.

Getting to know them and understand them can only be beneficial and make you a more well-rounded student. It really is a two-way street.

Respect your professors, and chances are, they will respect you, too.

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

Disney College Program has benefits

We've all seen the Disney College Program flyers sitting on the tables around campus, right?

I saw them and decided to apply just to see if I was Disney material, and it turns out they thought I was.

I spent last semester in Florida working at Walt Disney World, and so far, doing the college program has landed me a seasonal job working in the same restaurant I did while I was in the program.

Disney is exactly what it is known for, magic. Being at Disney for an entire semester was one of the best things I ever chose to do. It put me a little behind in my college career, but it was worth it.

I was a hostess in what Disney calls full service food and beverage at Tony's Town Square Restaurant, and it is on Main Street, USA in Magic Kingdom. It has a 1900s theme and is the same restaurant from the movie "Lady and the Tramp."

By working for Disney, I got to see the behind the scenes workings for one of the most successful corporations in the world.

There are thousands of "cast members" work-



Emily Provance

ing in each park everyday, and as a guest you don't see half of them.

It is mind blowing how those thousands of people work together to make your vacation the best you will ever have, and to make those family memories whether it be a just-married couple to a family reunion.

Some things my job required were to entertain guests while they were waiting on their tables. This helped me grow conversation skills.

As a journalism major, this is going to be a big help since interviews are a key part of my job, and being so far from home also helped me be OK with being far away from my family.

After I graduate, a job could take me anywhere in

the world, and working in Florida has helped prepare me for that.

Not only was the college program fun, but I also took two Disney classes, Creativity and Innovation and Corporate Communication, which transferred back to Eastern.

Since coming home, I have applied for internships and jobs, and they have recognized my work at Walt Disney World. Something that is always said to me is "You worked at Disney World?" and then I have fun telling them all about what I did and how it has helped me. I even landed an internship this summer, partly because of my work at Disney. It was a great resume builder for me and it continues to be. I am going back in May to work for a month.

This could be a good internship to do for a resume supporter, and you can develop life skills while doing it, so don't you think next time you pass a flyer maybe you should pick it up and see what the program could do for you?

Emily Provance is a senior journalism major. She can be reached at 581-2812 or denopinions@gmail.com

» **CONCERT**

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As Phillips belted out coronation single, "Home," different landscapes were projected behind him.

Railroad tracks, countrysides, streets lit up in the nighttime all appeared behind the Georgia native as he sang his first-released song after "American Idol."

As the song ended, Phillips gave his obligatory goodbyes before stepping off the stage, the screams and chants of the audience echoing after him.

But the lights stayed off, and soon Phillips was back to give an encore performance that included a cover of the Phil Collins song "In the Air Tonight."

Phillips also met with fans in a meet and greet before the show.

Andrea Sierra, a junior psychology major, was one of the fans able to go and meet with the singer.

She said she was given a meet and greet pass because she is a friend with one of the University Board members.

From the opening act of Churchill to Phillips' encore performance, the audience continued its cheering throughout the show as Eastern's first spring concert in two years boomed through Lantz Arena.



Bethany Kelly and Tim Burns of Churchill performs at the spring concert in Lantz Arena Tuesday. Churchill opened for "American Idol" winner Phillip Phillips. **DOMINIC BAIMA | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS**

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» **VENDOR** CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

One of the taskforce's recommendations was for professors to refer to the supplementary materials policy, which limits the fees for additional materials to \$75 per course.

Lucas said the taskforce sent a survey to faculty and students asking what they thought of electronic textbooks, and responses ranged from enthusiastic to no interest at all.

"There really isn't any strong push for or against it campus wide," he said.

He said art professors complained that the electronic textbooks contained no artwork, while business professors commented that electronic textbooks could be updated more easily.

Lucas said most students com-

plained about straining their eyes and losing their attention span to the Internet while reading a textbook on a computer.

"You would think that these youngsters would be whole-hog, but that's not the case at all," he said.

The taskforce also recommended the Academic Technology Advisory Committee develop and guide a

three to five year framework to work by and for the university to fund innovative efforts by programs.

"The further we went along with this process, the further complex and amorphous and less defined it became," Lucas said.

The Faculty Senate also elected its executive members for next year.

Grant Sterling, a philosophy pro-

fessor, will be Faculty Senate chairman; Jon Oliver, a kinesiology and sports studies professor, will be the vice chairman and Kiran Padmaraju, an education professor, will be the secretary.

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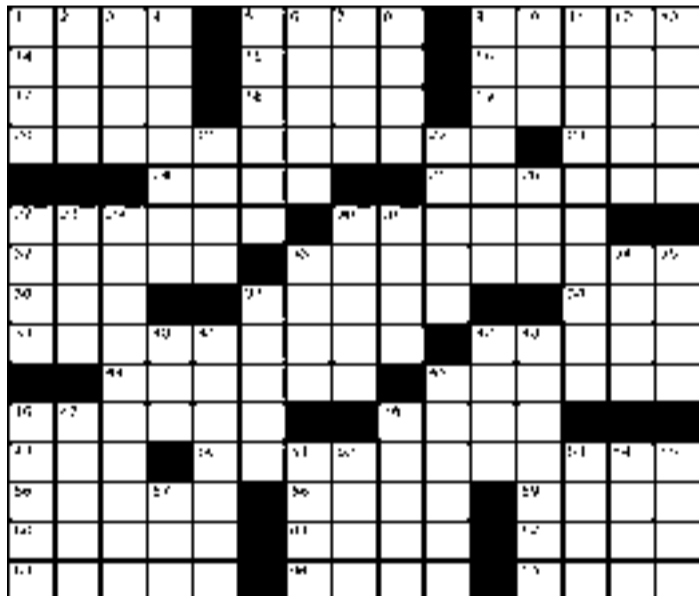
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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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- Insectivore's meal
 - Topped tyrant
 - Circus chairman?
 - The "Aeneid," for one
 - Squeegie, e.g.
 - Layer to worry about
 - Cutting-edge brand?
 - Yoked team
 - Spa wear
 - "Jolene" singer
 - Tax shelter, briefly
 - Place for a date
 - Hibiscus plant's family
 - Once in a blue moon
 - Little bit
 - Weight Watchers meeting need
 - Software with crop and marquee tools
 - Vintner's vessel
 - Illicit exam aids, and places where the first parts of the answers to starred clues can be found
 - Egg cells
 - Baked snacks often dipped in hummus
 - Bond-Bond link?
 - Easter flowers
 - Death Valley, for example
 - Oscar winner Charlize
 - Salty seven
 - Though
 - *Rush hour jam spots
 - Medicare insurance segment
 - Breakfast chain
 - Many a blog post
 - Backspace through text
 - Word heard in 37-Across
 - Low card
 - On the say-so of
 - Furry sci-fi creature
 - Glasses, in ads



By Howard Barkin

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- DOWN**
- Abacus slider
 - the-minute
 - Miss
 - "Grey's Anatomy" prop
 - Like more absorbent paper towels
 - Workday alarm hr.
 - Copycat
 - "La Vie Bohème" musical
 - Carrier to Oz
 - ___ dye: food-coloring compound
 - *Residence in a park, often
 - Start of el año
 - Sat through again
 - New Haven's biggest employer
 - Skips
 - Some cellphones
 - Invitation abbr.
 - Trendy berry
 - *Rickety wheels
 - Uses FedEx
 - "Flash" gatherings

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- "Je vous en ___": "Please"
- CBer's "Your turn"
- Former time
- Sturdy material
- Go public with
- Knock into next week
- Composer Sibelius
- Strongly maintains
- "Spiritual Solutions" author Chopra
- Go-go personality
- Pays heed to
- NFL highlight reel technique
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TENNIS | RECAP

Women face Governors in postseason rematch

By Al Warpinski
Staff Report

The women's Eastern tennis team clinched the No. 4 seed of the Ohio Valley Conference tournament berth for the second year in a row.

The Panthers finished the regular season with a 12-5 record and 7-3 in conference play to gain the fourth seed.

For the second consecutive year, Eastern will face fifth-seeded Austin Peay in the first round of the OVC tournament. Austin Peay finished the season 9-12 overall and a 5-5 OVC record. The Governors beat out Tennessee-Martin and Belmont for the last fifth spot because of their head-to-head record against both teams.

This would be a rematch of last year's tournament. The Panthers lost to the Governors in a disappointing 4-2 contest. The Panthers finished last season with a 9-11 record, but won

four of their last five matches before losing to Austin Peay in the post season.

In last year's playoff game, the women dropped the doubles point and found themselves in an early hole down 1-0. But the Panthers came back and won the fifth and sixth singles matches to go up 2-1. Sephora Boulbahaem and Kristen Laird took those victories, respectively. Boulbahaem won in straight sets 6-4, 6-2. Laird did the same and defeated her opponent 6-3, 6-2.

However, after those two wins, the women fell one by one until Austin Peay went up 4-2 and claimed the win.

The women continued last year's regular season success this season by starting out 10-3.

One of those wins came against the Governors back in March where the women won 4-2 in Terre Haute. Janelle Prisner, Merritt Whitley, Ali Foster and Laird all picked up singles

wins to secure the 4-2 win. Boulbahaem dropped a tight three-set match that could have gone either way.

Jennifer Kim was the other Panther to lose her match. She lost in straight sets 6-4, 6-1.

The Panthers look poised to defeat Austin Peay for the second straight time this season, but going beyond the first round will be difficult.

If the No. 3 seed Murray State defeats sixth-seeded Belmont, then Eastern will take on the No. 1 seed in the OVC, Eastern Kentucky.

This will be a difficult match-up for Eastern as Eastern Kentucky is undefeated in conference and dominated the women last Saturday 7-0.

The OVC tournament will take place in Paducah, Ky.

First round action will take place at 10 a.m. Friday.

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Junior Cam Berra is a utility player for Eastern's baseball team and the kicker for Eastern's football team. He is hitting .312 this season, third best among Panther baseball, and he made 12-of-13 field goals for the football team in 2012.

Playing dual roles

Berra balances baseball, football while juggling student responsibilities

By Aldo Soto
Assistant Sports Editor

Editor's note: This is the second installment in a series about two-sport athletes.

Junior Cam Berra finished his third season as the kicker on Eastern's football team last fall and is currently in the middle of his third baseball season for the Panthers.

Berra said managing his time between school during both the football and baseball seasons can be overwhelming, but Berra is no stranger to playing more than one sport in a school year.

The St. Louis native attended Parkway Central High School in Chesterfield, Mo.

In his four years at the school, Berra not only played football and baseball, he also played soccer and golf.

Berra said he is fortunate that the football and baseball seasons are not at the same time in college, but he was not so lucky in high school when dealing with football and soccer.

"Sometimes I would have to go straight from a soccer game to a football game in high school," Berra said. "I was actually late to a few football games because of that."

Now, Berra said he has to structure

his daily routine in order to get all his schoolwork done and also handle his athletic responsibilities.

Berra said that during the football season he attends practice for a total of three hours plus an additional hour of weight lifting. The major difference between the football season and the baseball season is the amount of practice time, he said.

"It gets hard during the baseball season because there is less practice time during the week," Berra said. "Obviously, in football there's one game a week and baseball we play as many as five. With more games, we have less practice time."

The hardest task Berra deals with is preparing for exams during the spring, when baseball is in full swing. "I feel overwhelmed every night before a test," he said. "I feel I have so much stuff going on that I don't have time to study, which I know I do, but you have the sense that you don't have the time."

Berra said he attributes this to playing sports and not always having school as his only priority.

"When you're playing sports, your focus is not on school Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday; your focus is on the games," Berra said.

Aside from facing challenges between school and sports, Berra has also dealt with challenges balancing football with baseball.

Every year in the fall semester, baseball coach Jim Schmitz has the team practice. Schmitz is able to see the new transfer players and freshmen and evaluate them to see where they can fit into the team for the start of the season in February.

Berra said because of the football season, which ends in November, he is not able to fully prepare for the baseball season like the rest of his teammates.

Schmitz said for a player to come right into the baseball season with little to no preparation is impossible, unless you're a player like Berra.

The start of the 2013 baseball season began slowly for Berra, who was re-

placed at one point because of his hitting struggles. Berra went 6-for-39 to start the year, a .154 batting average.

"I wouldn't say I'm at a disadvantage, but I do feel I'm a little behind the other batters," Berra said. "Everyone else has that time in the fall to get their swing in sync and their timing down, and I don't see live pitch until after winter break."

Schmitz said only an athlete like Berra is capable of playing two sports.

"An old coach many moons ago said that you can't play two sports unless you're really, really good," Schmitz said. "One of Cam's best qualities is he knows the game. He knows how pitchers are getting him out; he knows so many things that you cannot teach."

Berra was put back into the starting lineup a couple weeks ago. Since then, Berra has raised his batting average to .312 — third highest on the team.

"It's so much fun playing and meeting your teammates," he said. "These are the guys you're going to talk to the rest of your life. They're the guys you love to hang out with and the guys you'll be with your entire college career."

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-Jim Schmitz, baseball coach

GAME | RECAP

Panthers finish last in golf season finale

Staff Report

Eastern's men's golf team finished its regular-season finale with a last-place finish out of 14 teams at the TSU Big Blue Intercollegiate in Nashville, Tenn., at Hermitage Golf Course Tuesday.

The Panthers finished with an overall score of 922 (+58).

It was the second consecutive week

that Eastern recorded a last place finish.

Eastern's top individual performer was Kevin Flack with an overall score of 224, and Flack tied for 58th place individually.

"Not good at all," Flack said about the Panthers' performance.

Flack said he had a good final round Monday, but he needs to work on his game before the Ohio Valley

Conference championship.

"I was inconsistent with my ball striking and putting," Flack said. "If I can sharpen a few things up, I know I'll be able to compete."

Flack added that winning conferences has been one of his goals since the beginning of the season so he will be motivated for his final collegiate golf tournament.

Other notable Panthers who per-

formed were Tommy Ponce, James Jansen, Oscar Borda and Austin Sproles.

Ponce finished with an overall score of 228 and finished in 74th place. Jansen tied for 77th place with an overall score of 231.

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OVERVIEW

Softball continues hot streak

By Jack Sheehan
Staff Reporter

The Eastern softball team has had its best start to the season since 2011.

Currently at 28-11, the Panthers boast a first place Ohio Valley Conference standing.

With a .718 winning percentage this season, the Panthers are on pace to win upward to 40 games this spring, a feat that not many college programs can say they have accomplished.

Although some of their home games have been affected by inclement weather, the softball players have been stout on Williams Field this season with an undefeated record of 8-0.

On the road, the Panthers are currently 20-11.

Eastern may be leading the OVC overall, but they will be in a heated race down the stretch to beat out fellow OVC west division foe Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville as the top team in the conference.

Edwardsville is currently sitting half a game behind the Panthers in the OVC west with a record of 14-2 in conference play.

The highpoint of the season for Eastern thus far was its seven-game win streak in a span of time where the team won 10 of 12 games over the course of three weeks in March and April.

A great deal of their success stems from the career-season that pitcher Hanna Mennenga has put together this spring.

This week, Mennenga received her third straight OVC Pitcher of the Week honor, marking the fifth time she has won this award this season.

"It's nice to see that hard work has not only paid off for me, but also for the team," she said.

Mennenga leads the team in practically every major pitching category this season. She sports a 1.30 ERA, a record of 19-4 and has thrown 14 games.

With 237 strikeouts this season in 150.2 innings pitched, she has the second-best strikeout average per seven innings in the entire NCAA with 11.4 strikeouts per seven innings.

She is also ranked fifth in the nation for total strikeouts, 39 behind national leader Andi Williamson of Marshall.

Eastern has outscored its opponents 180-79 this season in an offense that showcases power, contact and speed on the bases.

Sophomore Hannah Cole has been the team's leader at the plate this season with a team-best .419 batting average in 39 games played, junior Carly Willert following right behind Cole with a .351 average of her own.

With 22 home runs on the season, the team's power has been spread out between a couple of players that can hit home runs, with sophomore Bailey O'Dell leading the team with six.

Mennenga leads the team in steals with 13, while Brooke Owens and Janelle Robinson are each perfect on the season with a 6-6 mark for Owens and 4-4 for Robinson.

The Panthers' next game action comes at Williams Field this weekend with two doubleheaders against Jacksonville State on Saturday and Tennessee Tech on Sunday, respectively.

The games begin at noon and 2 p.m. on both days.

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