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## FACING THE BEST

The Eastern baseball team travels to Southeast Missouri for a three game series starting at 5 p.m. Thursday.

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Eastern softball pitcher Stephanie Maday finds dominance in senior season.

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"TELL THE TRUTH AND DON'T BE AFRAID"

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Members of Eastern's Women's Empowerment League explain to participants the meaning behind the Satirically Lessening of Unfair Theories (S.L.U.T.) Walk Wednesday in front of Stevenson Hall.

## Students walk to spread sexual assault awareness

By Kayla Pryce  
Staff Reporter | @DEN\_News

Alaysia Mitchell's motivation came from an incident that occurred in 2011 while attending a convention in Toronto when a man stated, "Stop dressing like sluts to be raped."

Mitchell is one of the founders for the first time walk on Eastern's campus, called the "S.L.U.T. Walk." "S.L.U.T." stands for Satirically Lessening Unfair Authorities.

Jenny Greenberg, another founder of the walk and a junior English major, said the word "slut" had a negative connota-

tion, and the point was to address why it was negatively looked at.

It was brought to campus because of the amount of people that are survivors of rape on the campus and don't speak up about it.

While wearing a mini skirt and cropped shirt she and about 40 other participants walked around the campus yelling "How we dress does not mean yes," and several other chants to get their message across.

Greenberg said it did not matter what people wore, that should not be the focus of the real crime.

"It doesn't matter what you wear, I can dress like a slut but you can't touch me,"

Greenberg said.

The walk started at Stevenson Hall, and continued down Lincoln Ave.

"We decided to walk down Lincoln to get the community's reaction," Greenberg said. She believed that some of the community was supporting the walk for the wrong reasons, and that the message to get across was ending the rape culture.

Several people were honking and somewhat supporting the walk.

Along the route, the march picked up several students who were joining after the march went by.

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## League members asked to leave Union

By Bob Galuski  
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Members of the Women's Empowerment League were asked repeatedly to vacate the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union food court after handing out fliers promoting the SLUT Walk event Wednesday.

Gail Abrams-Aungst, the associate director of Housing and Dining, said she asked the members to leave because they were in violation of the food court's rules of no solicitation, peddling or distribution of materials.

"While we do not catch everyone that comes into our establishment, the ones that do are told the same thing," she said.

Abrams-Aungst also said there were signs posted stating "No Soliciting, Peddling or Distribution of Materials Allowed."

She added that to leave materials on tables outside of the food court, there must be written permission from the Office of Scheduling and Food Court Management.

Jenny Greenberg, the president of the Women's Empowerment League, said they while they were told it was solicitation, they were also told the material being handed out was offensive.

She said members were asked to leave three times, with the final time being within five minutes of them returning.

Greenberg said they were brought to one of the backrooms where it was explained that the "S.L.U.T. Walk" had a negative connotation, even after Greenberg explained what it was.

"S.L.U.T. Walk," or Satirically Lessening Unfair Theories, is aimed to help bring awareness about sexual assault and to stop victim blaming and to end rape culture.

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## Next school year's student senate speaker named

By Jarad Jarmon  
Associate News Editor | @JarmonReporter

After seasoned or old senators had said their goodbyes and finished official ended their terms, new senators, as well as some returning, sat at the table to nominate and elect the student senate speaker for the 2014-2015 year.

Courtney Sage will act as the liaison to the student government executive board for the upcoming school year as the student senate speaker.

Despite being the only one nominated, the entire senate was in full support with all 16 senators, including Sage voting for herself. This was after a revote was called when Sage abstained during the first vote.

It is required that 51 percent or 16 senators vote in favor of a candidate. With their only being 16, the entire senate in attendance had to vote in approval of her.

Sage said she would focus much of her at-

tention on recruitment and making sure the campus knew what student government does. According to a survey she conducted prior to the meeting, 66 out of the 85 students she surveyed had no idea what student government did. She added there should have been 85 surveyed students who had some knowledge of student government and the senate.

"It is a problem that they don't know what we do on campus," Sage said.

She said she would have more outreach tables during the summer and especially during the first few weeks in the fall semester. She said it was important to get them early when they are more active. She added she will encourage senate members as well as herself to go to university foundation classes and make sure the freshman know student government exist.

Sage also said she hopes to get the senate to return to a more professional and accountable environment. She accounted the frequency of senate members leaving before meetings

were over. It is also important to follow Robert's Rules of Order, she said.

She said she would enhance the mock meetings at the beginning of the school year by making sure they would be like actual meetings instead of being in a small room and talking about what to do during each part. They would vote and discuss resolutions that have already been passed for practice for the future when handling resolutions.

While she admitted to being a naturally quiet person, she promised, especially during meetings, she would be heard.

The Executive Vice President Mitch Gurick said her status, as a young senate member, should have no bearing on deliberating her qualifications for the position.

"You don't need a title to do great things," Gurick said.

They also announce the official election results for the senate members and executive board members. With no grievances filed, no

changes were made to the results. Reggie Thedford, a former student senate member will be the student body president. Lauren Price, a former student senate member will be the executive vice president. Shirmeen Ahmad, a former student senate member will be the student vice president for academic affairs; and Yazmin Rodriguez, a former student senate member, will be the student vice president for student affairs.

Before ending their terms, the old senate voted and approved the budget expenses for Pantherpalooza next semester. They approved \$300 from next year's approved budgets. Pantherpalooza is a student government run fair in the South Quad in which registered student organization are given the ability to recruit new members and inform people of upcoming events.

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## Talking about art



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Emma Kropp (top), Hannah Freeman (left) and Danielle Muzina (right) speak during a gallery talk for graduate art students in the Tarble Arts Center on Wednesday. Kropp talked about her method of layering images onto a single drawing or etching, giving the piece more depth and adding to the viewing experience. Freeman, who bases her paintings from still life and observation, chose what amounts to tabletops as her medium of choice to do her painting. Muzina's art represents an abstract take on color and is akin to poetry than fiction.

# CUPB to finalize recommendations

By Jarad Jarmon  
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Months after reviewing program analyses, the Council on University Planning and Budgeting will be making their final decisions on what they recommend could be cut or areas that should be looked at more intricately.

They will be meeting at 2 p.m. Friday in Room 4440 of Booth Library.

Last week, each of the three subcommittees presented their recommendations to the council general body, but these will not officially be the decided final draft of the recommendations as a whole. With Summer Break mere weeks away, they must have these recommendations ready for the Board of Trustees meeting on April 25.

With most of the council leaving for the break, Allen Lanham, the di-

rector of Library Services, has said it is imperative they make these decisions now, instead of finding out they are not ready when it counts.

President Bill Perry had tasked the council with recommending \$8 million in cuts that need to be made and implemented within the next two years.

These will not be the definite end-all be-all cuts that will be made in the future though. Perry will review the

recommendations and provide his own approval or disapproval of them.

While attrition is still being looked as a means to cut costs, the council has been looking at other options outside of relying on attrition to save money.

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Students took advantage of the Booth Library book sale Wednesday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. featuring a large selection of books in all subject areas with hundreds of paperback fiction titles will be available for sale. All of the books were donated by the campus and local communities.

# Run to help suicide prevention programs

By **Bob Galuski**  
Managing Editor | @BobGaluski

Eastern community members will be running to bring attention to suicide and mental illness Thursday.

“Just A Mile” will be at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Panther Trail. Put on by members of Sigma Phi Epsilon

fraternity, the run is commemoration of a brother who died in 2008.

The run, which is a mile long, will have teams running, with each team donating at least \$25 to the Just A Mile foundation.

Christian Sammons, the president of Sigma Phi Epsilon, said the event came to Eastern’s campus because

the members were looking into another philanthropy to be part of.

He said it was also out of a desire to keep the brother who died in the hearts and memories of the fraternity members.

“We didn’t want the gentleman who passed away to be forgotten,” he said.

Sammons said he reached out to all Greek Life organizations to help participate. Along with the different fraternities and sororities, alumni will also be coming to show support and donate.

The donations will be going to the Just A Mile foundation, which raises money to go toward supporting

mental health and suicide prevention programs.

Sammons said there would be roughly 15 teams in total running.

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## STAFF EDITORIAL

### Warning for Tugs shotgun needed

On the first days of Greek Week, there was a certain amount of chaos on the east side of campus.

Law enforcement officers were racing to Klehm Hall with guns drawn and ordering staffers of *The Daily Eastern News* away from an unknown threat.

All of this was caused by a caller who mistook the shotgun used to start Tugs matches for a real threat.

The situation ended as quickly as it had started. And it was back to business as usual on the South Quad.

But, with intentions to bring back the gun to start Tugs matches next year, adequate prior notification must be done for all staff, students and Charleston residents who live close to campus.

While it is understood that there may not be many resources available that can overcome the fanfare and screams that a Tugs match, unnecessarily causing a panic in even a small percent of the campus population does not make all things equal.

Instead of the shotgun, police sirens and compressed air horns were used.

The sirens were not able to break through the noise, but the air horns could, and were used for the other matches.

Once the horns sound, those watching can just let loose, but not before, so the sanctity of Tugs can be maintained.

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

### Quote of the Day

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- Christopher Morley

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## DRAWN FROM THE EASEL



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## Dr. Tidwell was everything to journalism

After the journalism department chair, Dr. James A. Tidwell, passed away this weekend, it left me recalling the handful of conversations and interactions between Tidwell and me.

I remember as a junior when I was set to take his Communication Law class, I was scared.

Comm. Law was known as the hardest class in the department and Dr. Tidwell was known to be a stern grader.

The semester before I took Comm. Law Dr. Tidwell had gotten sick and took a leave of absence.

At the time I did not think much of it, as that was nearly two years ago, but looking back I always regret not taking Comm. Law a semester earlier.

I wish I could have had the chance to converse with Dr. Tidwell about the first amendment and the rights of journalists, after all he did write the book on that subject in the state of Illinois.

From what I heard from students who did take him, his class was brutal to those who did not put the time in.



Mike Wolbers

Dr. Tidwell put in hard work to pass off some of his knowledge to his students and he expected the same effort from his students.

Having worked for one of the student organizations within journalism I would have interactions with Dr. Tidwell every now and then.

We would always talk about how certain stories were going and what our student run PR firm was up to that semester.

Dr. Tidwell said one thing that truly stuck with me.

One day as we were talking about the journalism departmental alumni newsletter, -30-, “If there is anything you need you let

me know and I can make sure we do that for you,” Tidwell said.

In that moment I realized that this man had dedicated his whole life to make sure that every single person in the journalism department was successful.

Tidwell was an avid sports fan and some close to him believed that he would devote his career to sports writing.

When I found this out, I said in my head “thank goodness that he came to Eastern.”

I once interviewed Tidwell about a panel he participated in regarding the First Amendment.

I remembered when I asked him certain questions his face lit up and he was excited to inform me on every single detail regarding that topic.

Having only spoken with him a few times, the memory of Dr. Tidwell smiling as he answered my questions on the First Amendment is how I will remember him.

*Mike Wolbers is a senior journalism major. He can be reached at 581-2812 or DENopinions@gmail.com.*

## Relax, enjoy last few weeks before graduation

Graduation is something all of us will face here at Eastern. It is the end of our careers here and it's what kicks us in the butt, telling us we have to get out and join the real world. If this is about to happen to you, don't panic, you will figure it out.

Writing this, I realize that I graduate in 23 days. Graduation also happens to be on my birthday, and although some would think this is a great thing, I am over here thinking that May 10 is going to be a long day on top of worrying what will happen in the days that follow.

I am a transfer student and it has taken me longer to graduate than most because I went to two other colleges before I landed at Eastern. I also changed my major twice before deciding on journalism.

I have had six years to figure out what



Emily Provance

my goals are and where I wanted to accomplish them. As I think about these last few weeks I have at Eastern, I am looking back on all of the accomplishments I have made, all the people I've met, all the things I should and shouldn't have done and the ultimate question every graduate thinks, “What am I doing after college?”

For me, I have pretty solid plans, even though I have not secured a job yet. I am

moving to Texas to start a new life in a new place. I have some things figured out, but others do not, and that is okay.

I know people keep asking you what are you going to do, where are you going and all the other questions that make your heart thump a lot faster than it should. Hopefully, you have a support system, whether it is your family, friends or neighbor.

Don't worry about the “what if” so much that you put yourself in pain. Relax and go with the flow. Good luck, everything will work out in the end.

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# CAA to vote on new course

By Jack Cruikshank  
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The Council on Academic Affairs will vote to approve a new journalism course at its meeting at 3 p.m. Thursday in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Sally Renaud, a journalism professor, said the new journalism course, JOU 4000, Investigative Reporting, is derived from a current course taught within the journalism department, which is offered as a special topics course.

The current course, JOU 3950, Computer-Assisted Reporting, has been offered as a special topic and must now be submitted to the council in order to make it a full course in the catalog.

Currently, the journalism catalog has JOU 3950 as "Special Topics" in the catalog.

If the council approves the new JOU 4000 course, the JOU 3950 designation will return to "Special Topics."

Joe Gisondi, a journalism professor, taught the current Computer-Assisted Reporting course. Renaud said Gisondi will tentatively continue to teach the JOU 4000 course.

According to the course proposal form, the new JOU 4000 course "provides advanced reporting techniques, such as computer-assisted reporting, to find, evaluate and report on public issues, data, and documents." The course will also assist students in understanding the process for Freedom of Information Act requests and "to write objective news stories in accepted journalistic style across several media platforms."

The CAA committee on general education and university learning goals will meet the hour before the main council meeting, and will then present findings to the council after the regular council meets in regular session.

Mona Davenport, the director of minority affairs, said she is preparing to present her revision to the Gateway program admission policy to the council.

"I am gathering statistic, but I have no idea yet when I will get it done," Davenport said.

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Gina Wiley, a junior health studies major, was a participant of the walk. She said she joined in because of social media advertising about the walk.

"I believe this walk is good because we're too quick to judge," she said.

"Rape can happen to anyone not just someone in revealing clothes."

Ari Bakke, a senior communications major, said events like the "SLUT Walk" helped bring attention to the campus, especially since the chalk writing on the steps of the

Doudna Fine Arts Center.

The writing on the Doudna steps began in January 2013, when somebody wrote in block letters, "My rapist still goes here... Will someone please listen to me?"

The writing prompted university

officials to re-examine sexual assault procedures on campus, and a task force was set up.

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## » UNION CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Greenberg said she was told the content she was handing reflected poorly on the food court.

According to Eastern's website, distribution of non-commercial literature is permitted outside of buildings, subject to reasonable time and place, and manner re-

strictions. Distribution of commercial handout literature is prohibited on campus without prior permission from the Campus Scheduling Office.

Abrams-Aungst said while she supported what the members of the Women's Empowerment

League were doing, it came down to the rules stating they could not solicit.

"I support, understand and commend these young ladies for standing up and making a great point," she said. "This misconception has been around for gen-


erations and their support to change that is invaluable."

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# Eastern travels to OVC-leading SEMO

By Aldo Soto

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After the Eastern baseball team lost 8-3 to Tennessee Tech on Sunday at home, the Panthers dropped to 5-10 in the Ohio Valley Conference – 10th ahead of only Tennessee-Martin.

Eastern coach Jim Schmitz said the Panthers needed to find different ways to win games, following their second home conference series loss.

“We have to find other ways to win other than what we did (Saturday,” he said following Sunday’s loss to the Golden Eagles.

After winning the middle game of the series Saturday against Tennessee Tech, the Golden Eagles took away the Panthers’ bunt offense Sunday and also took advantage of an error and of pitcher Joe Greenfield before he settled in after walking four batters in the first inning.

Following the loss that dropped the Panthers to 5-10 in the OVC, he wanted to see his hitters make adjustments during Eastern’s game Tuesday against Indiana State.

“A hitter came in the other day and pinch hit in the ninth inning and asked another guy, ‘what does he got,’ and I said to the team, ‘you’ve been watching him pitch for three innings in the dugout. You don’t need to ask a hitter,’” Schmitz said.

Against Indiana State Tuesday, Eastern faced Indiana State left-handed pitcher Ryan Keaffaber, who pitched into the eighth inning and allowed a total of three earned runs.

Schmitz said he did not think the Panthers made the proper adjustments soon enough.

“We got to make a little better adjustments to the left hander,” Schmitz said. “Sometimes you just have to say ‘he did a good job’ and sometimes we do not recognize what the guy is doing and we have to do a better job of going the other way.”

Now, following its 6-4 loss against the Sycamores, Eastern has to travel to Southeast Missouri, which is atop the OVC standings with a 15-3 conference record.

“SEMO is playing as hot as you can play right now,” Schmitz said. “They’re hot as fire right now and they’re playing on all cylinders.”

In their last 12 games, the Redhawks have gone 11-1, losing only to Austin Peay in their series opener Friday before winning the final two games of the series.

At home, Southeast Missouri is 11-3 and overall the Redhawks are 25-11 this season.

Following the 2013 season as the Redhawks’ interim coach, Steve Bieser has seen his team lead the OVC in batting average, (.326) RBIs, (148) runs scored, (171) hits (218) an stolen bases, (46) in his first year as the full-time coach.

Southeast Missouri also has the third-



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Junior infielder Dane Sauer tosses the ball over to first against Tennessee Tech Sunday at Coaches Stadium. Sauer had three at bats and had one run and one hit. The Golden Eagles won the weekend series 2-1. The Panthers are 11-25 overall and 5-10 in the Ohio Valley Conference.

best ERA in conference games at 4.31. Eastern is ranked seventh with a 5.72 ERA in 15 OVC games.

Schmitz said he wants Eastern’s offense to stay aggressive like it did in its previous series against Murray State and Tennessee Tech.

The Panthers tended to take a lot of swings early in their at bats against Tennessee Tech pitchers, keeping the Golden Eagles’ pitch counts low, but Schmitz said the way Eastern wants to get into the other team’s bullpen is by getting hits, not walks.

“I just want to be really consistent with what he have been doing,” he said. “For me, to kind of change up what we’re doing – to take pitches – that’s not what we do. If

a pitcher lays it in there I want our hitters to be aggressive.”

Southeast Missouri pitchers have allowed the second most walks in the OVC at 78. Eastern has walked the most with 84.

In Eastern’s last nine conference games, it has knocked out the opposing starting pitcher five times before heading into the sixth inning. The problem for the Panthers has been scoring off relievers.

Eastern has gone 3-6 during that nine game stretch.

“The biggest thing is that the other team might bring in a reliever and he might shut us down in his first inning, but we have to figure out what he’s doing,”

Schmitz said.

On Sunday, Eastern knocked out Tennessee Tech starter Jacob Honea in the third inning, as the Panthers got within 5-2 of the Golden Eagles. Ross Spurgeon came in relief and pitched 2.2 innings without being charged with a run and allowing only one hit.

Kyle Keatts then pitched the final four innings against Eastern and allowed only one run.

“You have to finish the game,” Schmitz said. “You have to score against the relief pitchers.”

The Redhawks’ top three relief pitchers with the most appearances in the OVC have allowed a combined 18 runs (14

earned) in 33 innings.

First pitch is set for 5 p.m. Thursday at Capaha Field in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Game two and three of the series start at 5 p.m. and 1 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, respectively.

Eastern has five OVC series left this season, including its trip to Southeast Missouri.

“Hopefully we can keep hanging in with our young players and get over the hump and like I’ve said five weeks is a long way to go,” Schmitz said.

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## Men’s golf finishes in 12th place

By Bob Reynolds

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The Eastern men’s golf team wrapped up its regular season at the Tennessee State Invitational at the par-72, 7,157-yard Hermitage Golf Course in Old Hickory, Tenn.

The Panthers finished 12th out of 14 teams in the invitational and were paced by freshman Daniel Hughes, who finished tied in 40th place individually.

Hughes carded a three-round total of 228 and had his best round in the second round of the tournament, when he shot a two-over-par 74.

Hughes’ brother, Ryan Hughes, finished 10 strokes behind, shooting a 238 for the tournament.

Austin Sproles tied for 45th overall, with a 229 and Marcus Dahlin shot even par in the first round, but ended up finishing 17 over par for the three rounds as a whole.

Ohio Valley Conference foe Tennessee-

Martin earned the team title with a score of 870 for the tournament.

Individual winner Brendon Caballero, who shot six-under-par for the tournament, led the Skyhawks to the win.

In the second round of the tournament, Caballero shot a five-under 67 and in the first round shot a three-under 69, but in the final round he shot a two-over 74.

He did have the lowest round of any golfer in the tournament with the second-round 67.

Instate-rival Southern Illinois-Carbondale placed second in the tournament with a team total of 875.

They were led by individual runner-up Caleb Harms who was six-under par for the first two rounds, but finished the event shooting a five-over 77 and finished the tournament one over par.

Rounding out the top three teams is Belmont, which finished with a three-round score of 884, but did not have a player in the top-10 finishers.

Scott Barnhart was the Bruins top finisher in 12th place, with a three-round total of 220.

The Bruins had all five players shoot under a 230 and all players were within eight strokes of each other.

For the individual part of the tournament, also tying for second was Missouri State’s Mitch Mather, who shot two rounds of under par with a 70 and a 68 for the first two rounds.

Coming in fourth place was Trevecca Nazarene’s Stephen Williams, who shot a three-round total of 216, which was good for even-par for the tournament.

His three rounds were 71, 73 and 72. The Panthers will finish up their season in the OVC championship, which will start on April 24 and ends on April 27, at the Shoals Golf Club in Muscle Shoals, Ala.

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### Men’s matchup

In late March, the Eastern men’s team lost 5-2 against Austin Peay in Clarksville, Tenn.

They will meet again, as the Governors finished their season with a 7-2 conference record, entering the OVC tournament with the No. 3 seed.

Despite winning the team point, taking the doubles portion of the match against Austin Peay on March 29, the Panthers were only able to win one of the six singles matches against the Governors in their previous match this year.

Senior Kevin Bauman won his match at the No. 6 flight, beating his opponent in straight sets 6-1, 6-1.

In the other five matches, Eastern lost four of them in straight sets, as sophomore Robert Skolik was the only Panther to take his match into a third set before los-

ing at the No. 4 flight.

Eastern finished 27-26 overall in singles matches during OVC play this season, while Austin Peay went 36-16.

The Panthers and Governors will be playing at the same time as the other first-round match begins between No. 4 seed Southern Illinois-Edwardsville and No. 5 seed Morehead State.

Jacksonville State and Belmont received a first-round bye after ending the season as the No. 1 and 2 seeds, respectively.

Eastern starts the tournament at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Heflin Tennis Center in Paducah, Ky.

The Eastern women begin their match at 2 p.m. at the same venue.

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Senior pitcher Stephanie Maday has won five straight games for the Eastern softball team. In that span, she has pitched 30.1 innings, 33 strikeouts and given up 7 hits and three runs.

## MIND OF MADAY

### Senior pitcher finds inspiration in coach's approach

By Anthony Catezone  
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Prior to the season, first-year Eastern softball coach Angie Nicholson had her team read the book *Mind Gym: An Athlete's Guide to Inner Excellence* by Gary Mack.

"You fail so often in softball, that it takes time for players to realize how much they actually accomplish, which is what I wanted the players to get out of it," Nicholson said.

Senior pitcher Stephanie Maday took particular interest in *Mind Gym*, making it the basis for why she is as confident as she has ever been.

The book talked about the different experiences athletes have had throughout their careers and how to

overcome them, such as how to approach weaknesses and use them as an advantage.

"You have to look at every situation in a positive way," Maday said.

So Maday has done just that this season.

"If somebody gets a hit against me, I don't stress out about it as much as I used to," Maday said.

But very few people have managed to get a hit against Maday when she is in the circle as of late.

In her last five games, Maday has pitched a five-inning no-hitter, for the second time in her career.

Also, her last two outings, Maday has pitched two complete games, while giving up one hit and zero walks in each game.

The book also taught Maday to

visualize the performance she wants before each game, something she has done more than ever during her current five-game winning streak.

"I just look at the game I pitched before," Maday said. "I've been throwing really well and I have been really confident lately. I go back to those games because I know that I've done it before and nothing is stopping me from doing it again."

Maday has logged 30.1 innings pitched during the last five games, which she has used to record 33 strikeouts, give up just seven hits and lower her season ERA to 2.13.

In the last 30.1 innings pitched, Maday has a miniscule ERA of 0.89.

With just 12 games remaining, Maday said she has used the final

stretch of her final season to motivate her.

"I've just been thinking that the season is coming to an end," Maday said. "This is my last opportunity to play softball, really."

In her last season, Maday was subject to having an entirely new coaching staff entering Williams Field.

That's where Nicholson comes in — with an entirely new coaching style.

Nicholson's coaching style has been described as more aggressive as opposed to former coach Kim Schuette, who was at the helm of Panther softball for eight seasons.

Nicholson's new aggressive style led to more trying workouts and taking more chances whether it is at

the plate or running the bases.

"I knew we were in good hands having the pitching that we did," Nicholson said. "So the goal we had was to improve our offensive power, so we weren't solely known for pitching."

Though, the newly revised offensive approach has not directly affected Maday, it has still greatly influenced the starting pitcher in her senior season.

"We're no longer stressing that, 'oh, if we give up one run, we're not going to get it back,'" Maday said. "The offense is there to pick us up now."

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## Men's, women's tennis teams head to OVC tourney

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The Eastern men's and women's tennis teams both enter the Ohio Valley Conference tournament together for the first time since the 2008-09 season.

After starting their OVC schedule with a record of 3-5, the Eastern women hit past their final two opponents in the closing weekend of the regular season to advance into the postseason tournament.

Following 7-0 and 5-1 match wins against Tennessee State and Belmont, respectively, the women's squad earned the No. 6 seed in the OVC tournament, drawing

No. 3 seed Morehead State in the first round.

The Eastern men needed at least one win in their last two matches of the season to get into the conference tournament and they did, beating Tennessee State 7-0 on Saturday. The Panthers lost the following day, finishing their season with a 4-2 defeat against Belmont, but still qualifying as the No. 6 seed, with a 4-5 OVC record.

Thursday's first-round match for the Eastern men will be their first appearance in the conference tournament since 2009, when they also entered postseason play as the No. 6 seed.

The Panthers will play No. 3

seed Austin Peay to kick off the tournament on Thursday.

This year's tournament is the Eastern women's second straight appearance. Last season the Panthers won their first-round matchup against Austin Peay, as the No. 4 seed, but then were eliminated by the eventual champion Eastern Kentucky in the semifinals.

Like in 2009, the last time both Eastern teams went to the tournament, the Eastern women head into the postseason as the No. 6 seed as well.

### Women's matchup

In its only meeting this season, the Eastern women's team lost to

Morehead State 4-3 to start the OVC season.

The Panthers began by winning two of the three doubles matches to gain the team point, but were unable to split the six remaining singles matches.

Morehead State won four of the six singles matches, giving it the match win over Eastern. The Eagles finished their regular season with an 11-10 record, but went 8-2 in the OVC, finishing behind Murray State and Eastern Kentucky in the conference.

Eastern enters the first-round matchup with three players who have winning records in singles play against conference opponents.

Sophomore Ali Foster leads the way for the Panthers, going 6-4 during Eastern's conference schedule in singles play. Freshmen Kelly Iden and Maria Moshteva also have winning records, as Iden was 5-4 and Moshteva won her only singles match of the season against Tennessee State.

The other first-round matchup in the tournament pins No. 4 Southern Illinois-Edwardsville up against No. 5 Tennessee-Martin. Murray State and Eastern Kentucky received a bye in the first round, earning the No. 1 and 2 seeds, respectively.

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