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# The DAILY EASTERN NE

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**CAMPUS** | EVENTS

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## REMEMBERING A LIFE CUT SHORT

Annual run honors Shannon McNamara, an Eastern student murdered in 2001

**By Emily Zulz** 

**Activities Reporter** 

Shannon McNamara was a model student with a great attitude and

The faculty who knew the kinesiology major described her as a bubbly student who was happy, smiley, outgoing, athletic and involved.

"She's the type of person that you'll never forget," said Larry Ankenbrand, professor of kinesiol-

On June 12, 2001, McNamara's life was tragically cut short just before her 22nd birthday.

Charleston resident and former Eastern student Anthony Mertz raped and murdered McNamara in her apartment near Eastern - but not before she fought back.

In February 2003, Mertz was convicted largely on the DNA evidence found because of the struggle.Mertz was sentenced to the death penalty.

The fifth annual 4K Run/Walk for Shannon McNamara will honor McNamara and the person she was.

The event begins at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Campus Pond Pavilion. Check-in begins at 1 p.m. The cost is \$12 for those who have preregistered and \$15 for those who haven't.

#### An empty seat

Brian Pritschet, professor of kinesiology and sports studies, remembers the day he found out McNamara had been murdered.

He had McNamara in a class that summer.

Pritschet said she came to the because she didn't miss class very



FILE PHOTO | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Members of Alpha Phi sorority watch as the runners begin the fourth annual Run for Shannon McNamara on the Panther Trail in April 2007. McNamara was an Alpha Phi member who was killed in 2001.

#### **WANT TO GO?**

- WHAT: The fifth annual 4K Run/ Walk for Shannon McNamara
- WHERE: Campus Pond Pavilion
- WHEN: Check-in starts at 1 p.m.
- HOW MUCH: \$15 if you haven't registerd, \$12 if you have. All proceeds go to the Shannon Mc-Namara Outstanding Physical Education Student Scholarship.

first day of class, but was not there the second day.

"You just wondered about that

much at all, and especially the second day of class - nobody misses that," he said.

Later that afternoon, Pritschet received a call from the department chair telling him one of his students had died.

Pritschet said he was shocked and couldn't believe it was true.

"She's one of those students that every faculty member likes to see their name on their roster at the beginning of the semester," he said.

She always sat in the front and was attentive, he said.

"She'd always give you a little encouragement if the rest of the class was kind of out of it," Pritschet

Ankenbrand had McNamara in class the semester before, and he said McNamara wasn't afraid to take a chance.

Ankenbrand said he is the type of professor to draw information out of students and have them participate.

"She was always willing to say something whether it was right or wrong, and usually it was always right, which was nice," Ankenbrand

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**CITY | CRIME** 

## Woman allegedly assaulted **Thursday** morning

Alleged attack on Ninth Street; advisory issued by university

**By Jordan Crook** 

Senior City Reporter

A female student was allegedly attacked by a group of men while walking early Thursday morning. The incident occurred in the 2200 block of Ninth Street, near Carman Hall.

The woman stated at least three male subjects knocked her to the ground and pursued her when she tried to run away.

The woman said the men made verbal threats of sexual assault during the alleged attack.

She had never seen the assailants and did not remember anything in regards to features that would help identify the suspects, the woman said.

Charleston Police Chief Mark Jenkins said the only information they have on the assailants is that they were a group of three to four white males.

Jenkins said detectives investigating the case plan to look at video footage from Carman Hall security cameras.

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**CAMPUS | EVENTS** 

## Stepping outside her comfort zone

#### **Brenda Edgar speaks** about her time as First Lady of Illinois

#### By Jessica Leggin

Staff Reporter

Former Illinois first lady Brenda Edgar found her comfort zone in PJ Funny Bunny.

Thursday night in the Buzzard Auditorium, Brenda Edgar, wife of former Gov. Jim Edgar, presented "Her-story on His-story: Conversations with Brenda Edgar," the second part of the Edgar Speaker

During the lecture, Edgar talked about PJ Funny Bunny, a bunny from a children's book who is sick of being a bunny but eventually realizes "bunnyhood" is for him.

"I feel that if it is important, then I will step out of my comfort zone and do what needs to be done," Edgar said.

In addition to the children's book, Edgar spoke about the ups and downs of campaigning.

"Happy, sad and mad many



KEVIN KENEALY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Brenda Edgar is presented with a bouquet from a number of current Sigma Kappa members. A former Sigma Kappa member, Edgar spoke Thursday night about her experiences in public service. The women and Edgar shared a laugh in the Buzzard Hall Auditorium following her speech, which was part of the Edgar Speaker Series.

times in just one day," she said.

Edgar has lived in 27 different homes, including the Illinois Executive Mansion in Springfield, the official residence for Illinois gover-

"It was a home where I grew,"

Edgar said she met famous peo-

ple, helped the poor and the forgotten, and visited the best and worst of places.

She also spoke on her relationship with her husband, Jim.

"He gave me the opportunity to serve my dreams of becoming a missionary to the world," she said.

Edgar received her first experi-

#### **MORE ONLINE**

· Watch a video of former First Lady of Illinois Brenda Edgar's speech on her life in politics.



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ence as first lady at Eastern.

In 1966, Jim ran for student body president of Eastern.

"I remember knocking on doors of Pemberton Hall and reminding the girls to vote for Jim Edgar for student body president," Bren-

Edgar said when she returned to her room one night, there was a sign on her door that read "First Lady of Eastern Illinois Universi-

"25 years later, I was introduced to First Lady of Illinois," she said.

During the program, Jim introduced Brenda as the speaker for the

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**CITY |** CORONER'S REPORT

#### **Heart condition** ruled cause of Schwartz's death

By Stephen Di Benedetto

Associate News Editor

Eastern student Mark Schwartz's death was from natural causes, said Coles County Coroner Mike Nichols.

Schwartz, 22, was pronounced dead at about 7 p.m. on Feb. 29 at the Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center Emergency Room.

Nichols said a heart complication that probably existed at birth led to Schwartz's death.

Nichols referred to it as the "tunneling and bridging of the heart." He said that every time Schwartz's heart would beat, it would squeeze a vein and cut off blood from entering the

No alcohol or drugs were found in his bloodstream at the time of his death, Nichols said.

No inquest will be held because his death was medically related, Nichols added.

Stephen Di Benedetto can be reached at 581-7942 or at sdbenedetto@eiu.edu.

#### **EIU WEATHER**



66° 45° **Mostly Cloudy** 

SUNDAY 66° | 54°

SATURDAY

48° 44

#### **WEATHER BRIEF**

During the day today, skies will be mostly cloudy and the temperature in our area will reach as high as the mid to high 60's. Tonight, the temperature will drop into the mid 40's.

For current conditions visit EIU WeatherCenter at www.eiu.edu/~weather

#### **ENTERTAINMENT |** A DAILY LOOK

#### E Street Band member Federici dies at 58

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Danny Federici, the longtime keyboard player for Bruce Springsteen whose stylish work helped define the E Street Band's sound on hits from "Hungry Heart" through "The Rising," died Thursday. He was 58.

Federici, who had battled melanoma for three years, died at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York. News of his death was posted late Thursday on Springsteen's official Web site.

According to published reports, Federici last performed with Springsteen and the band last month, appearing during portions of a March 20 show in Indianapolis.

Springsteen concerts scheduled for Friday in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Saturday in Orlando were postponed after news of Federici's death.

It was Federici, along with original E Street Band drummer Vini Lopez, who first invited Springsteen to join their band.

#### Spears ordered to pay nearly \$375,000 to lawyers

LOS ANGELES — A Los Angeles County Superior Court commissioner has authorized the lawyers who represent Britney Spears and her family in various legal cases to be paid more than \$372,500 for their services through March 31.

Commissioner Reva Goetz on Thursday also delayed action on a motion to put Spears' companies and business entities in her trust. It will now be heard on July 31, the same day a probate court is scheduled to decide on a permanent conservatorship for the troubled pop singer.

#### Hasselhoff, ex-wife reach settlement on money

LOS ANGELES — David Hasselhoff has agreed to pay \$25,000 a month to support his ex-wife and

Court documents released Thursday show the former "Baywatch" star's divorce settlement calls for him to pay \$21,000 a month to ex-wife Pamela Bach and another \$4,000 to support their daughters, 17-year-old Taylor and 15-year-old Hayley.

Hasselhoff and Bach have joint custody of the children.

The couple also agreed to joint ownership of their San Fernando valley home and will divide the family's cars, bank accounts and Hasselhoff's pensions from acting and directing guilds.

#### **SAG** agrees to interim pact with film company

LOS ANGELES — The Screen Actors Guild has cut a deal that would let its members work for an independent film company regardless of a future strike against the major studios.

The deal with The Film Department guarantees completion of nine movies that haven't started filming yet. One of them, a romantic comedy called "The Rebound," stars Catherine Zeta-Jones and is scheduled to begin production Monday in New York City.

#### PHOTO OF THE DAY

## A watchful eye



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Senior family and consumer sciences major Tamsyn Smith observes children playing outside Buzzard Hall on Thursday.

#### WHAT THE... | WEIRD, UNEXPECTED, BIZARRE NEWS

## Teen arrested in drug sting set up by principal

The Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. — A high school senior who was charged in a drug sting set up by a rival school's principal is suing district officials because of his lengthy

Concord High School student John Huckins, 17, was arrested last month on a charge of possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute. He has not entered a plea, but school officials suspended him for the rest of the school year. Bishop Brady High School Principal Jean Barker set up a meeting with Huckins on a cell phone she confiscated from one of her students, according to police reports.

She received a text message from Huckins stating, "Yo, you need a bag?" according to police reports.

Barker pretended to be the phone's owner and told him to meet outside the back door of her Catholic school, then called police.

When Huckins showed up March 6, he was arrested with a quarter-ounce of marijuana, police said.

Barker did not return phone messages to The Associated Press. She defended her actions to The Concord Monitor, saying Huckins' willingness to bring drugs onto school property placed her school at risk.

Huckins' attorney, Mark Howard, disagreed.

"It is a crime in the state of New Hampshire to elicit a drug offense if you are not either a police officer or working under the direction of a police officer," How-

Police refused to comment.

Huckins is attending classes until a judge reaches a decision. The lawsuit alleges the school district neglected to provide the written charges against him and inform him he could bring a lawyer to his suspension

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**CAMPUS** | RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION

## **University Board asks for volunteers**

UB's 'Parti Gras' event to take place today in the North Quad with free food and events

By Heather Holm

**RHA Reporter** 

University Board came to the Residence Hall Association meeting Thursday night looking for "Parti Gras" volunteers.

Spring Fling Parti Gras is taking place today from noon-3 p.m. It will be in the North Quad by the library and is free to students.

Andrew Hubbard, University Board president, came to ask RHA members to help with setup for the event any time between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Parti Gras will have free rib-eye sandwiches, hamburgers, bratwurst, cake, and lemon and orange shake-

There will also be a silhouette artist who will draw portraits, Hubbard

The event will include a live Mardi Gras band, airbrush tattoos, bingo, photo postcards and a bungee run where students will race while a bungee cord is pulling them back.

"I hope everyone can come out and enjoy the activities," Hubbard said. "It is all just a part of UB."

Also at the meeting, it was announced that volunteers are needed for Panther Service Day, which



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Development director Alison Mormino speaks at the Residence Hall Association's meeting Thursday, requesting volunteers to sign up for Panther Service Day on Saturday. The meeting also was visited by University Board members requesting volunteers for its 'Parti Gras' event today.

will be held Saturday.

At the meeting, it was announced that exam kits are finished and will be distributed in the halls during finals week for RHA members.

Brittany Kraft, National/Illinois Communications Coordinator, said the spring retreat last weekend for

the Illinois Residence Hall Association went well

A few new executive board mem-

bers attended the retreat. "It was really refreshing for the

new committee members," she said. "They enjoyed it a lot."

There will be an RHA banquet 7942 or at haholm@eiu.edu.

Wednesday evening in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union

This was RHA's last meeting of

Heather Holm can be reached at 581-

**CAMPUS | FACULTY FEATURE** 

## Service to country continues at university

#### **Lieutenant Colonel** Coblentz helps shape tomorrow's leaders with ROTC program

**By Sara Cuadrado** 

Campus Reporter

Lieutenant Colonel Coblentz Jr. is the only member of his family to serve in the military beside his grandparents, who were drafted for World War II.

Coblentz, chairman for the department of military science, said he originally decided to join the Army to make extra money while doing something respectable, but he decided to stay because he enjoyed

Coblentz said the ROTC program at Eastern helps students with their academic planning and ensures that a four-year plan is possible and

He said the program teaches leadership skills and builds confidence that will not only be helpful in military science, but also in any business or managerial jobs.

"It builds sense of service to nation and community," Coblentz

Eastern students who participate in the ROTC program have no commitment for their first two years of the program.

This gives them a chance to try the program before signing up for the Army.

Once students accept a federal scholarship or enter advanced courses, they are required to serve in the Army before graduation for



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Lieutenant Colonel Larry Coblentz Jr., originally from southern Maryland, has served the United States through the military since 1988. Today, he serves as department chairman for the department of military sciences and works with the ROTC program at Eastern to help guide students to success.

up to four years. Coblentz, originally from southern Maryland, enlisted in the Reserves in 1988 as a Military Policeman.

While attending Frostburg State University, he joined its ROTC program because he said he enjoyed what he was doing in the Reserves and wanted to become an officer.

He graduated with bachelor's degrees in both physics and mathe-

Coblentz then received his commission in the Signal Corps in 1990.

Coblentz served in Okinawa, Japan, and Fort Knox, Kentucky, before heading to Southern Illinois University at Carbondale in 1997.

While working with the ROTC program at Southern, he received master's degrees in curriculum and instructional design.

Coblentz continued his service in Heidelberg, Germany, in 2001. In 2003, he served at Fort Leav-

enworth in Kansas before going to Mannheim, Germany, in 2004.

Coblentz came to Eastern in May 2006 to work with ROTC.

He said he thinks Eastern offers a great university experience.

"It is big enough to have everything, but small enough to keep students from disappearing," Coblentz

He said he teaches senior cadets and oversees the operations of the

Lauren Schuman, a freshman physical education major, said Coblentz makes sure the students are

"He helps the students by making sure our grades and PT (physical training) is in check," Schuman said.

She said if students have trouble in class, he helps find a tutor for

Coblentz said many financial opportunities are within the ROTC program, from scholarships, tuition waivers and monthly stipends.

He said their relationships with the National Guard and Reserves also allows for dual service in ROTC and the service with dual pay.

"I have learned from Coblentz that you can do anything you want, if you stick with it and work hard," Schuman said.

Sara Cuadrado can be reached at 581-7942 or at slcuadrado@eiu.edu.

#### **CAMPUS BRIEFS**

#### Live music, local art featured at SACIS event

The Sexual Assault Counseling and Information Service is hosting "Unmasking Sexual Violence: A Night to End Violence Against Women" today from 5-9 p.m. at Jackson Avenue Coffee.

SACIS, which is celebrating its 30th year of service, will have live music and a silent auction, featuring masks made by local artists, as a part of the event. The event will also include an open mic segment.

Contact SACIS at 348-5033 for more information.

#### **Pink Panther dance** auditions begin today

Students interested in dancing for the Pink Panther dance team can audition today in Lantz Arena.

Registration will start at 5 p.m. in the main hallway of Lantz. Auditions will continue through Saturday.

Any students with jazz, lyrical, kick and hip-hop dance experience are encouraged to audition. Contact Lisa Dallas at 581-3716 for more information.

#### **Last day for Textbook** Rental's book sale

Today is the last day students can purchase discarded textbooks.

The sale, which started Monday, will feature a "Friday Special" that allows students to get a \$5 discount for every box of textbooks they purchase.

The sale is being conducted on the sidewalk near Textbook Rental.

Students can also return their textbooks to Textbook Rental any time during the semester.

The final deadline to return Spring 2008 textbooks is 3 p.m. on May 2.

Visit http://www.eiu.edu/ ~textbks/ for more information.

— Compiled by Associate News Editor Stephen Di Benedetto

#### **ON CAMPUS**

**RELAY FOR LIFE Time** | 6 p.m. **Location** | Campus Pond More info | eiu.cac@gmail.com

#### CORRECTION

On page 6 of Thursday's edition of The Daily Eastern News, Kraig Koch was misidentified.

The DEN regrets the error.

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#### A CALL TO ARMS

**Duke** – Sixty-eight percent of eighth graders are not proficient in math. Eighty-five million people in this country have no or inadequate health insurance. Thirty-two percent of black men spend time in prison. In Afghanistan and Iraq, 4,507 Americans have died.

But the state of the Union is strong. There's a way to fix our broken schools, to diffuse the health care crisis, to eradicate the influence of racism and to teach the average American what it means to maintain our desired way of life. In addition, we can alter the path of global warming and clean up our

neighborhoods.

The solution: a national service program. Not compulsory service, of course. The incentive to join: a free ride in college. Before going to college, participants would sign a contract with the government guaranteeing a certain number of years of service after graduation in return for paid college tuition. Service projects would include road construction, medical research, teaching, law enforcement – you name it. At the end of the contract, the student is released into the general workforce with applicable skills and considerable experience.

It's time for a leader to stand before the nation once again and ask us to save our country. A call for environmentalists to save the planet from global warming. A call for medical analysts to determine how to provide medical care to the impoverished American. A call for chemists and physicists and engineers to get us off fossil fuels. A national service program.

We are always told that children are our future. It's time for that future to become a present. But, program or not, the solution to the problem will always be the same. The solution is you.

Elad Gross
The Chronicle

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#### Drawn from the news | Dylan Polk



#### **STAFF EDITORIAL**

## Does voter increase really matter?

e asked, and a few people on campus delivered.
Well, more than a few, but definitely

not a majority of Eastern students. Student Government elections were held Monday and Tuesday this week in the South

Quad near Mary J. Booth Library.

The location was an upgrade compared to years past, and the added benefit of nice, spring

weather only helped get more students out to vote.

Of the 11,302 students enrolled at Eastern this semester, 1,058 cast ballots in this week's

this semester, 1,058 cast ballots in this week's elections. This is an upgrade compared to past years, including last year's spring elections, which only had 498 students vote – less than five percent of Eastern's total enrollment.

While the 1,058 students who voted should

While the 1,058 students who voted should be commended for exercising their democratic right, that's still less than 10 percent of the actual student enrollment.

So what needs to be done in order to increase it even more and make students actually care about Student Government elections?

Campaign strategies varied from the past. The United Party for Students handed out candy in an attempt to connect with the voters, something that hadn't been utilized in past elections.

The Student United Party went more traditional and handed out fliers, while the Students Wanting Action Today went with the combination of buttons and fliers.

Dominic Capparelli, the student body president candidate from the Campus Action Party

t's time for Panther Service Day again.

day to make a difference in Charleston.

It's not asking much.

signing up only at 9 a.m.

and yard work.

It's time for Eastern students to show they

Students who participate in Panther Service

Erin Volk, the overall co-chair for Panther Ser-

Student Government is trying to make it easi-

So, if you're not a morning person, that's OK.

They'll be picking up trash around campus,

many volunteers sign up, maybe doing a clean-up

If enough volunteers show, the crew plans to

said Panther Service Day should last no later than

go to Kiwanis Park on Harrison Avenue. Volk

3 p.m., so there's plenty of time to participate.

Panther Service Day shows the Charles-

up near the courthouse and, depending on how

er for students to join the clean-up by letting par-

ticipants trickle in instead of limiting them to

You can still join the clean-up crew later.

in the recreation area of Lake Charleston.

Day usually spend their time painting houses.

vice Day, said that instead of painting houses,

volunteers can expect to do more street clean-up

really care by taking some time out this Satur-

#### **OUR VIEW**

- **Situation:** While Student Government election votes are up from last year, only 10 percent of the student population voted.
- Stance: Student Government should continue to be creative on election day for support.

and lone person from that party running in the election, stood by the North Quad and handed out fliers to people walking by.

This year's election featured an enticing Student Body President race, with four candidates instead of a lone candidate, like last year's spring elections. Not to mention two of the candidates, Levi Bulgar, who ended up winning the election with 354 votes, and Bobbie Mitchell, are part of Eastern's Greek Life. This is an added bonus for any candidate running for a position in Student Government just because of the sheer size of the Greek community.

In order to make more students interested in Student Government, some changes need to be made. This year, UPS tried to reach out to more students than just their immediate social circles.

More parties should follow suit next year.

Vague campaign promises need to end. Tell us exactly what you plan to do and, more importantly, how you plan on doing it.

To the students that voted, thank you. You showed that not all Eastern students are apathetic

To the newly elected Student Government representatives, prove to Eastern students that their votes actually mattered.

## lean up is the least we can do

- **OUR VIEW Situation:** Panther Service Day is Saturday, so get out your rubber gloves and garbage bags.
- **Stance:** Student Government is trying to make it easier to participate in the clean-up and we should try our best to volunteer.

ton community that some students actually care about how the campus community is perceived. It's our opportunity to make a good impression. It's a chance to clean up the places in Charleston that everyone enjoys – not just students.

Eastern has made it clear that protecting and cleaning up the environment is one of its top priorities. Even if it's just to say "thanks" to the university for being so conscious about saving more energy and pushing students to recycle, Panther Service Day will be a wise investment of your time. Eastern's recycling efforts even save us money because they don't have to spend money disposing of so much trash. So a "thanks" is in order.

To participate, all we have to do is sign up in the Buzzard Hall atrium. We should clear some time on this Saturday – even if it's only an hour – to come out and help clean up Charleston.

It's the least we owe the city of Charleston and the university we represent.

## CONTINUE THE DEBATE ONLINE



Visit DENnews.com to see Seth Miller's vlog, "Spending summer vacation."



"If you thought winter was bad, prepare for those spring finals. They make everything you've done in the fall semester look like nothing."

-Seth Miller



# Please, just do something

My father worked for Jays Foods, a Chicago company that sells pretzels and potato chips. Snyder's of Hanover, a national competitor based in Pennsylvania, bought Jays and consolidated jobs in both companies.

Just this week, he became another one of the many people who have been laid off work. After driving trucks for decades, he is without a job and scared for his future. Not many jobs are available for 60-year-old men without a college degree. In a way, I feel guilty when I help him fill out job applications or search the Internet for information that prospective employers want him to know.

Corporate buyouts and industry monopolization are returning threats. I wrote a column on April 4 about voting for the Green Party to protest ineffective governance, and my father's situation is yet another social trend I plan to oppose throughout my life.

The point was to show fellow college students how simple making a difference can be. Our generation continues to constantly complain without seeking action.

I spent the majority of April 9 in Springfield shadowing Student Government while members lobbied for higher education state funding. During the day, we encountered hundreds of people who traveled a lot longer than our 90-minute drive. The published article failed to mention the Chicago residents who chanted for stricter gun control and higher minimum wage for teenagers under the age of 18. Others marched for continued education support.

Groups of people engulfed the walk-ways of the capital building. The tiny clusters of Eastern representatives were swallowed whole by these devoted citizens of democracy. As college students, we have obscene resources to utilize in our quests – yet most of us fail to embark on a quest.

While some of these issues are somewhat extreme examples, most Eastern students cannot even attend sporting events, Student Government meetings, forums or University Board events.

The Daily Eastern News' Web site usually gets a few comments each day telling us how bad we are at our jobs. Yeah, we make a lot of mistakes and some of them are inexcusable. We occasionally do good work, as well – if people can bear to admit it. My March 21 column talked about how journalism still has a lot of room for improvement, but also that the readers have a responsibility to tell us. You can still keep your anonymity by not telling us your name when you visit our newsroom to open a dialogue.

The DEN is a public forum that serves you and we will continue to be irresponsible or vague if you continue to dismiss our flawed reporting or not compliment us. Whether you're lobbying against corporate conglomerates or *The DEN*, just do something with your ambitions. To be blunt, stop playing Guitar Hero 10 hours a day and make a difference if you think something needs to be changed.

One voice can inspire another, and something that seems trivial could become a campus wide issue if only today's college students had courage.

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#### » Advisory

They hope to find footage of a group matching the description given either near or in the residence

Jenkins said this might prove fruitless because the cameras are focus on covering the area close to and surrounding the hall and might not have caught any of the attack, which happened south of Carman Hall.

"With the victim unable to identify the suspects, we're hoping some witness will come forward," he said.

Jenkins said this case is a textbook illustration of why female students should be cautious.

"I think this is a very good example for why female students need to be careful in walking around campus alone at night," Jenkins said.

He recommended that all female students should take a friend as an escort when walking around campus after dark.

Eastern issued a crime advisory to students, faculty and staff Thursday afternoon via Panthermail.

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**LOCAL | EVENTS** 

## A bigger, better Service Day

Volunteers to engage in greater variety of community efforts

By Michael Schwader

City Reporter

Panther Service Day is chang-

Rich Higginbotham, student vice president for student affairs and chairman for Panther Service Day, said this year they're taking a different approach to the event.

What we're doing different this year from last year is that, in the past, we just painted houses, but what we're doing this year is going around the community cleaning streets, going around raking leaves behind people's yards and just cleaning around the fences," Higginbotham said.

Higginbotham said these efforts help to give a greater degree of actual help in serving the commuJUSTIN BARRETT | PANTHER SERVICE DAY MARKETING CHAIRMAN

"You get to do, of course, community service, but you also get to help people."

The fifth annual Panther Service Day will be taking place Saturday. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. in Buzzard Hall with registration.

There will be a second chance to register at 12:30 p.m.

With pre-registration, 60 people have signed up to participate in the event, Higginbotham said. But he said he expects 100-200 people

"A lot of the organizations come last-minute to the event, and they just come in. That's why we have that little fluctuation of 100 to 200 people," he said.

Last year, 80-100 people participated, Higginbotham said.

Justin Barrett, marketing chairman of Panther Service Day, said

the goal was to get as many students involved as possible.

"For marketing we have signs throughout the dorms," he said. We also have them in all the buildings on campus, as well as some of the fraternities."

Barrett said volunteers will receive more than just a sense of helping the community. They may also make new friends by partici-

"You get to do, of course, community service, but you also get to help people," Barrett said. "You get to clean up houses, and you get to hang out with people you might not have hung out with before."

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#### >>> Edgar

FROM PAGE 1

"I've been waiting a long time for this, and I have to be careful because we are going home tonight together," Jim said.

Jim wanted the audience to realize the important role of the spouse in politics.

"The spouse is the confidante and the chief adviser," he said. "She is my chief adviser."

For Edgar's presentation, old photos, video clips and a conversation-style interview were set

Throughout her speech, Edgar talked about the different programs she opened up to help children and women.

The PJ Huggabee Bear was one of them.

This program created and donated stuffed bears that would give foster children a sense of comfort and security.

"It (PJ Huggabee Bear) was created to give comfort to hurting people," Edgar said.

Edgar is also an advocate for adoption, women's health care and Christian women's groups.

Eastern President Bill Perry said he was pleased to have Edgar tell her story.

"Students and others can see the relationship between a husband and a wife in public service and how it works," he said.

Paige Cavalieri, a sophomore Spanish major, said she enjoyed the lecture.

"This is the best extra credit I have came to," she said. "It was really refreshing and different."

Edgar said she completed her overall goal, which was receiving her degree in 1998 from Eastern. She received a bachelor of arts degree in general studies.

Edgar said she felt happy when she finally walked across the stage.

"It was like, 'I did it," she

Edgar said to achieve goals in life, people have to overcome

"It's not easy, but take a chance - and if it doesn't work, then try again," she said. "Whatever it is, step outside your comfort zone."

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## » McNamara

FROM PAGE 1

He said he could not believe McNamara had been murdered but said that it showed that anything can happen at any time.

'You always think it's someone else or someone that you don't know," Ankenbrand said.

Pritschet said McNamara's death was particularly noticeable the next day of his summer class.

"There was just this big hole there because she had picked her seat in the front as usual, right front and center," Pritschet said. "Now, there was nobody sitting there, so it was a reminder every day that something like that had happened."

He said she was so far from the type of person to even be remotely involved in a situation that would put her in danger. He said the whole department was affected.

'We just kind of wandered around in a daze because it just seemed impossible," Pritschet said.

Ankenbrand said everyone on campus was a little scared after the

"I think everyone was a little edgy, not believing that something like that could happen right here on campus," he said.

Now, most of the students who knew McNamara have left the cam-

#### An annual remembrance

Ankenbrand said the 4K run/ walk allows the physical education department to remind people who McNamara was and what happened

McNamara had been gone for a couple of years when Meaghan Clavey, a junior kinesiology and sports studies major, came to Eastern. She found out about McNamara's death her freshman year when she saw fliers around campus advertising the run/walk.

Now, as the physical education honors club president, Clavey is organizing the event.

"I thought it was terrible because she's the kind of person that is such an outstanding individual that it shouldn't happen to people like that. Not to say it should happen to anybody," Clavey said.

She said she hopes people value

life. The run/walk shows the importance of knowing self-defense and how to protect oneself, Clavey said.

If McNamara had not fought back against her murderer, Mertz's DNA might not have been found, and he wouldn't be on death row right now, she said.

"Thank God she fought back, even though she didn't survive,"

Pritschet said having the run/ walk brings McNamara's tragic story to people's attention every year and reminds them to think of safety.

"People get to this campus and to Charleston and they think, 'Oh, this is just some sleepy little town. You don't have to be careful here," he said. He said if it can happen to someone like McNamara, then it can happen to anyone.

#### A high honor

The money raised from the run/

"She's still living along by the

He said her legacy carries on through the physical education department and especially for those

walk is used to fund the scholarship in McNamara's name.

scholarship," Ankenbrand said.

who win the scholarship. The scholarship was founded in part to honor her memory, Pritschet said. The scholarship isn't just about

getting good grades, Pritschet said. It requires work ethic, attitude and personality all in one, he said. "It's considered one of the highest

honors that we give in this department," Pritschet said. All the attention McNamara has

received since her murder might

have embarrassed the modest stu-

dent. Pritschet said McNamara was not the type of person to draw attention to herself. "I think she'd be pleased that what happened to her is ongoing enough ... to help a new set of students that come in be aware of what

can happen," Pritschet said. He said if time passes and people do not talk about McNamara or know about her murder, they might have a tendency to let their guard

"Something good has come out of this terrible tragedy," Pritschet

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**CITY** | HOUSING CONTROVERSY

## Lake residents determined to stay

Council's decision maintains that leases will expire in 2009

**By Rob Siebert** 

Staff Reporter

Residents who live on the Lake Charleston loop will not be leaving without a fight, despite the fact that their leases will expire in less than a

"It will take the sheriff to get me out," said resident Sandy Patterson. "I will not leave voluntarily."

Patterson lives on one of the 22 properties whose leases will expire during 2009. The decision to lease the properties until 2009 was made by the City Council in 1992.

On April 3, 2007, the council opted not to take a vote on whether or not to renew the leases - effectively not altering the 1992 decision.

The council's decision in 2007 came with much protest from the



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Lake Charleston resident Sandy Patterson, 62, reflects on the lakefront property where he has lived for more than 16 years Thursday afternoon.

lake island residents.

"The leases are set to expire next year, and this council saw no reason

to step in to change this timeline," Mayor John Invart said.

The city council has no plans to

revisit this issue.

Patterson, who has lived on the lake front for more than 16 years, believes the 1992 decision was made so the property leases would expire at the same time, and that the leases were always intended to be renewed.

"The city council has totally blown it out of proportion," Patter-

Inyart said he could not attest to the intentions of the 1992 city council. Last year, all but one of the lake island residents decided that they would not leave their residences willingly, and that the city would have

"I'm going to let them throw me out," said resident Gale Poteete. "It's going to cost the city to get us."

Inyart was not prepared to comment on whether the city would be prepared to evict people.

Patterson said he has not made a decision about his living arrangements if he is evicted from his home.

"I worry about it daily," he said.

"I'm retired, and this is my only res-

Inyart maintains that the city made the right choice in opting to let the leases expire. He said it is still too far in the future to determine what the city will use the land for.

"Proper study and planning for the use of the area will need to be done," Inyart said. "But I would expect the outcome to be recreational use for all citizens/taxpayers of Charleston."

Property owners hired an attorney, but no legal action is planned

Dave Durham, who owns two properties on the lakefront, hopes the city will keep the Lake Charleston controversy in mind when making future leasing decisions.

"Maybe they'll come to their senses next time and have leases be up on a yearly basis," Durham said.

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**CAMPUS | MAKING SPACES** 

## Parking availability a growing concern this semester

Doudna's opening prompts the development of new committee

By Stephen Di Benedetto

Associate News Editor

President Bill Perry wants people to have ample room for parking.

But with the Doudna Fine Arts Center scheduled to open this fall, the availability of parking could become an issue.

'We need to have a rational way to show people where to park and have space for them to park very

close to the building," Perry said.

Because of this, Perry asked the Council on University Planning and Budget to start a parking committee like the committee to address. that would address Eastern's parking

The committee started meeting at the beginning of March and posted a survey on Eastern's Web site on April 15, asking for students' input on the issue of parking. An e-mail was also sent to every Eastern student's e-mail address Thursday.

"I'm not going to even begin to guess what kind of response we are going to get," said CUPB Chair Pat Fewell. The deadline for the survey is

Fewell said the parking committee, which works with CUPB, has not put together any formal recommendations yet, but added that the survey will help the process begin.

In a memo earlier this semester, Perry outlined a few areas he would

Among them were the location and operation of visitor parking lots, the advisability of the use of parking garages or other structures and their financing from parking fee revenues, and the structure of parking fees for parking privileges on campus.

Perry also stated in the memo he would like CUPB and the committee to submit recommendations by the end of May.

"I'm not sure if we are going to get it done by May, but we'll do our best," Fewell said.

Perry said there is some leeway on the deadline, and that the administration would look at the recommendations in the summer. The discussion then would broaden to campus constituents in the fall, he said.

The parking committee's proposal

does not have to be finalized before the start of the fall semester, Perry

As far as wanting more parking, Perry said it would need more analysis. He said those plans might move forward after the survey results are in and additional research is gathered. The committee plans to analyze how many cars will be on campus with the opening of Doudna, which is expected to attract more off-campus visitors.

"We'll just have to see how that goes," Perry said.

He said if the committee's plans are not finalized by fall, the university will think of a temporary solution for parking when events in Doudna

The committee comprises faculty and students, and Charleston's assistant city planner, Steve Pamperin.

Fewell said the committee will discuss the recommendations with CUPB, but Perry and the President's Council have the final approval on the recommendations.

'We're trying to figure out how we make parking available for people that come to campus that aren't normally on campus," Fewell said.

Perry said he realized parking was an issue when he met with a variety of constituents last fall. The survey allows for everyone to have input on parking on campus.

"Everyone can bring forward their ideas, concerns and suggestions," Perry said. "We'll take them under consideration."

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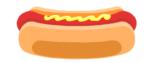
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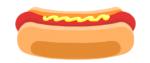


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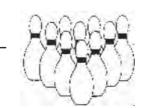






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MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK | VANDERBILT INVITATIONAL

## Track heads to Nashville this weekend

#### Some athletes also to compete at Wheaton

By Dan Cusack

Sports Reporter

The Eastern men's and women's track teams will compete against one of the most talented fields they'll see this year at the two-day Vanderbilt Invitational on Friday and Saturday in Nashville, Tenn.

"Vanderbilt is more competition than we see all year," said sophomore distance runner Justin Helpingstine. "We are going to go against some guys who are definitely faster. It is important to definitely go out there and get a (personal record) and just going out and competing.'

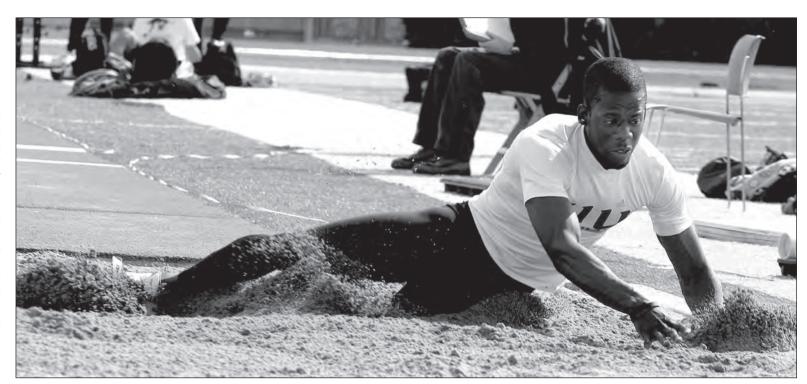
Helpingstine said he will run the 800-meter run and wants to run in the 1 minute, 52 seconds range.

The two-day event will feature 14 different teams, including two Ohio Valley Conference opponents: Austin Peay and Tennessee State.

The meet will also feature three Southeastern Conference teams, including Alabama, Tennessee and Vanderbilt.

The men's team is coming off a second-place finish at the Lee Calhoun Classic in Macomb, while the women are coming off a third-place

The Panthers are two weeks from the OVC Outdoor Championships, and freshman sprinter Ebone Ashford said she thinks the team will be



FILE PHOTO | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Senior Obe Eruteya competes in the men's triple jump in late March at the EIU Invitational at O'Brien Stadium. The men's and women's track teams will compete at the Vanderbilt Invitational this weekend, and send some athletes to the Wheaton College Twilight.

ready come conference time.

"We did minimum but hard work at the beginning of the week," Ashford said. "And we were steady at the end of the week near the actual competition, so it is getting kind of harder."

Helpingstine said the team is getting stronger.

We have been focusing on speed during workouts instead of bulk," Helpingstine said. "We are definitely heading down the point where we are starting to peak. When we want to peak is the conference meet, so we are definitely getting there."

Helpingstine said the Panthers are expecting better weather than they experienced in Macomb, where it was cold and sleeting.

He said they expect some rain, but he said as long as it wasn't windy they should be OK.

The Vanderbilt Invitational will begin at 4 p.m. today with the men's high jump, and the first day will conclude at 9 p.m. with the women's 3,000-meter run. The meet will resume Saturday with the women's hammer throw beginning at 9:30 a.m. The final event of the meet is scheduled to begin at 3:45 p.m. with the men's 4x400 relay.

In addition to competing at Vanderbilt, Eastern athletes will also participate in the Wheaton College Twilight on Saturday in Wheaton.

That event will begin at 1 p.m. with the women's javelin and conclude at 9 p.m. with the 5,000meter run.

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#### First Round

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This is the first time Eastern has finished third in the conference since it did in 2003 and 2004, and it is the highest finish in Eastern head coach John Blackburn's three-

Additionally, Eastern will be looking to avenge a close 4-3 loss to Jacksonville State on April 6 at Darling Courts.

Junior Jordan Nestrud said they know they can beat JSU because of the results of the last meet.

"We were right there with them," Nestrud said. "I felt we were the better team that day."

Nestrud also said the doubles point would be valuable and that it could once again be the difference in Friday's match.

If Eastern defeats JSU, it will play top-seeded Tennessee Tech (18-4) at 10 a.m. Saturday.

The women's team had more at stake in its tiebreaker, and the result ended the Panthers' season.

Eastern Illinois, Tennessee Tech (8-16) and Tennessee-Martin (7-10) all finished 5-5 in conference and tied for fifth place in the league.

The OVC coaches not involved in the tiebreaker were called to vote in the final two teams invited to the six-team tournament.

The coach's vote left the Panthers

(13-7) out of the tourney and ended their postseason aspirations.

The Panthers had six more wins than the Skyhawks and five more wins than the Golden Eagles.

"I think the conference needs to take a look at how they do these tiebreakers," Blackburn said. "I think there are a lot better solutions."

Junior Natalie Martin said she felt the team did everything in its power this season to advance, and the cards simply didn't fall in East-

We had a great season, and we hoped for the best, but it just didn't work out for us," Martin said.

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#### **2008 MEN'S OVC TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

No. 1 Tennessee Tech (18-4 overall, 9-

Top Singles Player: Borja Zarco (21-1) Player to watch: Tiago Gilioli (17-5)
Top Doubles Pairing: Dean O'Brien/ Giovanni Vaglietti (11-6)

No. 2 Samford (13-8 overall, 8-1 OVC) Top Singles Player: Jordan Delass (9-5) Player to watch: Renan Silveira (7-7) Top Doubles Pairing: Sam Huffman/ Hank Grant (11-5)

No. 3 E. Kentucky (16-11 overall, 6-

Top Singles Player: Alex Das Izquier-

Player to watch: Johannes John (16-

Top Doubles Pairing: Vadzim Ivanis/ Mel Segota (11-13)

**No. 4 E. Illinois** (13-6 overall, 6-3 OVC) Top Singles Player: Jeff Rutherford

Player to watch: Jordan Nestrud (16-4) Top Doubles Pairing: Chris Thomas/ Robert Stedman (8-8)

No. 5 Jacksonville State (11-8 over-

Top Singles Player: Eduardo Saratt (12-7) Player to Watch: Steffen Solomon (13-5) Top Doubles Pairing: Adres Amores/ Steffen Solomon (11-2)

No. 6 Tennessee-Martin (6-11 overall,

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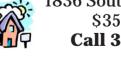
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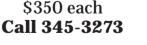




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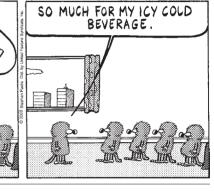
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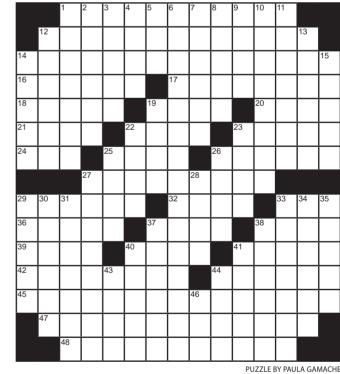
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**BASEBALL** | EASTERN VS. JACKSONVILLE STATE

## Fifth conference series proves true test

#### Panthers face No. 2 team this weekend

By Scott Richey

Sports Editor

Eastern's first four opponents in Ohio Valley Conference play have combined for a 14-31 league record.

Three of those teams - Murray State (eighth), Morehead State (ninth) and Tennessee-Martin (10th) - are the three worst teams in the

The Panthers, who are third in the OVC, will face their toughest conference test of the season when they host second-place Jacksonville State for a three-game series this weekend with the first game of Saturday's doubleheader set to start at 1 p.m. at Coaches Stadium.

The Panthers (17-16, 8-4 OVC) won eight of nine games against the bottom three league teams, but lost a three-game series at Tennessee Tech (fourth in the league) on March 29-

Jacksonville State (18-16, 9-3) has won its past five games and has done so in dominating fashion. The Gamecocks have outscored their opponents 54-28 during their winning streak and scored in doubledigits in four of the games.

Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz said the key to a series victory against the Gamecocks would come from the Panthers' strength this season: pitching.



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Freshman infielder Cameron Strang throws across the diamond to get an Illinois runner out during the Panther's game against the Fighting Illini on Tuesday at Grimes Field in Mattoon.

"We feel great going into a weekend," Schmitz said about Eastern's weekend starters. "We went to Tech, and Tech was the hottest hitting team in America, and they get one run in two games."

Freshman Josh Mueller will start the first game of Saturday's doubleheader against JSU. Schmitz said he is amazed at how well Mueller has pitched in his first collegiate season.

"I thought Josh, against Tennessee-Martin, seemed a little nervous," Schmitz said about Mueller's first start as the team's No. 1 pitcher. "Against Murray he didn't. He's been able to command the zone. When he commands the fastball, he's someone that will be really hard to handle."

Mueller said the biggest change

in moving to the No. 1 pitcher in league games is not being able to scout the opposing team during the first game. Mueller was the Panthers' second-game starter at the beginning of the season.

"It's kind of different, I guess, because I don't get to see how the team bats," Mueller said. "I'm the first guy out there instead of watching the first game and going out the second game with a set approach."

Schmitz said Mueller's success on the mound has boosted the confidence of his teammates behind him on the field.

"It's kind of a nice feeling; no matter who we put out there, our guy is going to do his job," Schmitz

He said a successful pitcher gives hitters the feeling they don't need to press to score several runs a game, but Schmitz said big-run innings are good because they put pressure on the other team.

Despite leading the team in strikeouts (42), Mueller said his approach on the mound is to keep the ball low in the strike zone and induce ground balls.

He said he is confident in the defense behind him, but when he needs a strikeout, a fastball away is his go-to pitch.

Eastern has had success against ISU since the Gamecocks entered the OVC in 2004. The Panthers hold a 7-5 series advantage and have won the season series every season

**Eastern Probable Starters** B. Nommensen .345 LF C. Restko .312 J. Tokarz .306 R. Derbak .327 J. Kreke .261 Z. Skidmore .281 T. Facer .305 C. Strang .250 R. Lindquist .216 **Starting Pitcher** 2.87 ERA J. Mueller (4-3)

JSU Probable Starters							
Pos.	Name		Avg.				
LF	T. Cunning	ham	.359				
2B	B. Smith		.309				
RF	C. Whitten	nore	.356				
DH	B. Piazza		.295				
C	A. Edge		.275				
1B	S. Leach		.381				
3B	M. McLaughlin		.244				
CF	D. Adamson		.221				
SS	J. Sharrock		.250				
Starting	Pitcher						
J. Zylstra		3.12 ERA					

except for 2007. Eastern has outscored the Gamecocks 76-59 during the past four seasons.

Schmitz said the Panthers' success has to continue against the Gamecocks this weekend.

"We've got them at home, which we feel really good about," Schmitz said. "We do well at home and we feel good about the situation."

Scott Richey can be reached at 581-7944 or at srrichey@eiu.edu.

**SOFTBALL** | EASTERN AT JACKSONVILLE STATE

## Panthers need full-force against league leaders

#### Pitching will be key in conference series

**By Kevin Murphy** 

Associate Sports Editor

Eastern head softball coach Kim Schuette was pretty close when she said she had to use the entire dugout during Wednesday's second game against Saint Louis.

Schuette used 14 of her 15 players against the Billikens.

We used everybody in our dugout," Schuette said Wednesday. "The girls are fired up. The kids in the dugout were like caged animals."

Eastern will need that fire this weekend when the Panthers get back to Ohio Valley Conference play. Eastern (14-18, 7-4 OVC) plays first-place Jacksonville State with

Eastern Probable Starters			JSU Probable Starters			
Pos.	Name	Avg	Pos.	Name	Avg	
SS	M. Nelson	.292	CF	C. O'Neal	.295	
RF	R. Mackie	.315	LF	R. Fleming	.348	
2B	S. Coppert	.351	1B	N. Prier	.367	
CF	D. Menzione	.293	2B	C. Underwood	.309	
3B	K. Holtz	.226	C	A. Barker	.284	
1B	M. Jackson	.288	DP	K. Collins	.301	
Р	K. Mackie	.224	3B	W. Elder	.245	
C	A. Nolte	.123	RF	J. Jarman	.291	
LF	L. Brackett	.175	SS	M. Ledbetter	.207	
Starting Pitcher			Startin	ng Pitcher		
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Saturday's doubleheader scheduled for a 1 p.m. start in Jacksonville,

Schuette said she hasn't seen that fire from her team in a long time. And it came from individual players, not just the team as a whole.

pitcher Kathleen Jacoby.

Although Jacoby is seventh alltime in Eastern victories (34) and third in strikeouts (305) in Eastern history, she's struggled the past two seasons.

Jacoby went 21-12 during her

ference honors, but she has a 13-21 record since.

"(Jacoby) wants the ball," Schuette said. "She has the confidence. She's not afraid. I'm so glad

Jacoby said the intensity has helped her pitch through games where she was hurting.

"You forget about all the aches and pain," Jacoby said.

Jacoby pitched 11 innings in two games on Tuesday and will be key to the series against JSU (27-12, 14-3).

Senior pitcher Ashley Robison is recovering from a twisted ankle suffered one week ago against Butler, and senior pitcher Karyn Mackie has only pitched 7 1/3 innings in her past three appearances.

Schuette said Eastern fresh-

to returning after hand surgery to remove a blister.

Eastern's pitching will be key against JSU, which leads the OVC with 52 home runs.

We might walk them," Schuette said. "We can walk if we need to."

Eastern will counter with its small-ball tactics by stealing bases. Eastern sophomore Megan Nelson leads the team and the conference with 20 steals and is ranked 18th in the country in steals per game. Nelson said Wednesday night's win against Saint Louis motivated the

"It's a good team win," Nelson said. "It took all of us (that night), and it'll take all of us this weekend."

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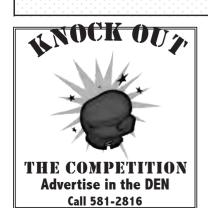
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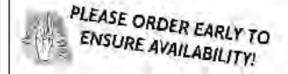




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**FOOTBALL** | FORMER PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

## From defensive line standout to coach

Kelly prepared to join Illinois Wesleyan staff as graduate assistant

**By Scott Richey** 

Sports Editor

Tim Kelly spent the past four years of his football career on Eastern's defensive line. The Chicago Heights native started all four years at and did not miss a single game during his college football career.

Kelly won't even miss his final game. He is a volunteer assistant for Eastern during spring practice, working with the same defensive line he once led, and will be on the sidelines at 1 p.m. Saturday for Eastern's Spring Game.

Kelly graduates in May and will leave Eastern, but his football career will not be complete.

The start of the 2008 football season will mark the beginning of Kelly's career as a Titan. He is set to join the coaching staff at Illinois Wesleyan, a Division III school in Bloomington, as a graduate assistant.

Kelly said he saw an advertisement online for the opening as the Titans' graduate assistant and applied because he had a good relationship with Illinois Wesleyan head coach Norm Eash - who recruited Kelly out of Marian Catholic High School.

"Football, I guess, is something that has defined me for 16-17 years now," Kelly said. "I just don't think that after the four years I've played here that I'm ready to give it up yet. I love the game so much. If I can't play, I might as well be around it as much as possible."

Kelly's volunteer coaching work was a mutual decision among himself and Eastern's coaches.

"(Eastern's coaching staff) knew I had an interest in it, and I think we

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Senior physical education major and former Eastern football player Tim Kelly works with junior defensive end Ryan Bennett on a defensive line drill in March at O'Brien Stadium. Kelly is volunteering with Eastern's spring practice to prepare to be a graduate assistant coach at Illinois Wesleyan this fall.

TIM KELLY | SENIOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION MAJOR

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both know that me helping here will help me out so much next year with experience," Kelly said. "I've actually run somewhat of a practice."

Eastern assistant head coach and defensive coordinator Roc Bellantoni said Kelly is in charge of directing the defensive line's practice when he works with special teams.

"When I'm helping do special teams, I'll give him a plan for the D-line," Bellantoni said. "When I go away, he takes over the drills. We

had an individual rotation (Monday), and he had a station in that for the whole defense."

Kelly said he's had to adjust to the switch from being on the field involved with the drills and practices as a player - to a coach on the sideline, leading those drills and directing those practices.

"It's much more cerebral," Kelly said about coaching. "You pay way more attention to detail."

But that shouldn't prove to be

difficult for Kelly. He was named to the Academic All-District team his junior season and will graduate from Eastern with a bachelor's in physical education and a minor in business administration.

"He's smart; he knows the game," said Eastern head coach Bob Spoo. "He has the answers. He can tell the guys what went wrong and how to fix it. That's what coaching is all about. It's making guys do the right thing."

Bellantoni agreed.

"He's really intelligent," Bellantoni said. "So he's going to pick up whatever scheme (the Titans) do easily. He's always been a guy paying attention not only to his job, but to the whole group."

Both Spoo and Bellantoni said Kelly would make a good coach because of his knowledge of how the game is played.

Spoo said Kelly always did everything asked of him as a player at full speed and he would have that same kind of work ethic when he coach-

"He's got a quality character, and he's a guy that you want young guys to be around because he knows what the game is all about," Spoo said. "He knows how to motivate people because he's motivated himself.'

Bellantoni said having Kelly volunteer at spring practice has made his own adjustment easier this spring. Bellantoni now coaches the defensive line in addition to his duties as defensive coordinator since former defensive line coach Shannon Jackson took the defensive coordinator position at Indiana State. He said having Kelly around has helped find the differences between what was coached last year and what is being coached this year on the defensive line.

"There's subtle differences in the way we're doing things," Bellantoni said. "For him to be able to tell me what we have done, and what the differences are between what those guys are being told now opposed to last year, has definitely helped my transition."

But Kelly is not the only former Eastern defensive lineman volunteering during spring practice. Michael Torres and Nick Kray -Kray will remain as a volunteer in the fall - are also Bellantoni's assistants with the defensive line.

"It's very, very encouraging to see all these former players want to get into coaching," Bellantoni said. "I get a sense of pride about it that we're doing the right things around here that these guys want to get back into that business."

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#### Sullivan

FROM PAGE 12

We've been through preseason workouts, three-a-days, 6 a.m. running and 9 p.m. practices.

While those are the grueling factors that we've had to endure, there have been just as many positive factors to balance it all out.

We've practiced, played, traveled, eaten, lived and bonded together. Through tears, laughs, good times, bad times and more, we have been there at one another's side.

I would be lying to myself if I tried to say that each and every person in the Eastern soccer program hasn't affected my life in one way or another.

My teammates, my coaches and the athletic trainers have instilled a little something in me, helping to build my overall character today.

But let's get back to soccer.

Some people would look at our losing record in the fall (8-11-1) as something to be ashamed of.

Others would be hesitant to train and invest so much time again with the possibility of failure.

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My teammates and I, however, look at it as something to overcome. We have experienced the downside. We have fought hard and still lost.

Now it's our turn to experience success. Now it's our turn to end somebody's season.

Now, at the end, is when we begin to turn it around.

We all know what it takes to be a successful team, and we all know

what it takes to get us to that point.

The work we put forth during the summer is what will give us the advantage on the field in the fall, and all of us are going to make sure we come prepared to not just play our best, but to emerge from the field victorious.

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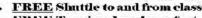
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**Andy Roddick** 

The United States recently competed in a preliminary round of the Davis Cup. The U.S. defeated France, 4-1, in the quarterfinals with two wins by Andy Roddick (above).

The Eastern men's tennis team is also in a team tournament with the Ohio Valley Conference Championships this weekend. While the Panthers will finish their tournament in a few days' time, the U.S. team won't play its semifinal round against Spain until September.

Here are three other Davis Cup participants to watch this fall.

1. Rafael Nadal — The clay-court specialist helped Spain into the semifinals of the Davis Cup. Nadal will have an advantage on the clay court when Spain hosts the United States in the semifinals. Nadal is only 10-5 in Davis Cup appearances, but he is 8-2 on clay courts.

2. James Blake — The Yonkers, N.Y., native is another top singles player for the American team. He is ranked eighth in the world and is 20-9 in Davis Cup ap-

3. Marat Safin — Safin is one of the most experienced tennis players in the Davis Cup. He is 30-19 for his career and helped lead Russia to the 2006 and 2002 titles. Safin has competed in the Davis

-Kevin Murphy



**KAITLIN SULLIVAN** 

## Looking back, and forward

I never thought I would see the day when I could see the end of my freshman soccer season drawing to a close.

With one spring game remaining, I have mixed feelings about the idea of ending the year.

Ever since reporting in early August, soccer has been all that any of us on the team have

We've been through a hell of a lot in the course of nine months and have become considerably close as a team.

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#### MEN'S TENNIS | OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Junior tennis player Jordan Nestrud outlasted Southern Illinois' Anton Leonenko during the Panthers' last home match at Darling Courts last Wednesday. The Panthers will play No. 5 Jacksonville State today in Nashville, Tenn., in the first round of the Ohio Valley Conference tournament.

## **SEEDING PUTS PANTHERS IN FIRST ROUND**

#### Men seek revenge against No. 5 JSU

By JC Clark

Staff Reporter

The Eastern men's tennis received its seed for the Ohio Valley Conference tournament in a most unusual way.

The Panthers, along with Jacksonville State and Eastern Kentucky, finished in a three-way tie for third place with identical 6-3 records in the conference. Eastern Illinois beat Eastern Kentucky but lost to JSU. And JSU

The teams remained in a dead heat after the initial tiebreakers, and each team's seeding came down to drawing names out of a hat.

EKU's name was drawn first, giving them the No. 3 seed, then Eastern Illinois, then the Gamecocks.

The Panthers (13-8) will be entering the tournament at 10 a.m. Friday as the No. 4 seed and will face No. 5 JSU (11-8) in Nashville, Tenn.

The men's team is confident headed into the tournament.

Senior Chris Thomas said he is excited about his final opportunity to compete for Eastern and likes the Panthers' chances.

We've got a lot of momentum going into the conference tournament," Thomas said. "It's been a special year for Eastern."

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MEN'S GOLF | OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE

## Team heads into OVC Championship

#### Momentum builds coming off tie for third place at Illini Invite

**By Dan Cusack** 

Sports Reporter

The Eastern men's golf team is confident going into the Ohio Valley Conference Championships, which start Sunday.

The team recently finished in third place at the Illini Spring Classic on Sunday and will use the momentum from Sunday in the first round of the OVC Championships at the Paducah Country Club in Paducah, Ky.

Four Eastern players finished in the top 10 at the Illini Spring Classic. Eastern's third-place finish was a season best.

Senior Mike Imburgia said the team has four players hitting the ball

"I feel as a team we are pretty strong coming into conference," Imburgia said. "Me, (senior) Matt (Imburgia), (sophomore) Matt (Bird) and (freshman) Francisco (Cherizola) are all hitting strong right now.'

Mike Imburgia said he had played the Paducah Country Club Course the past two years.

"I played pretty well on it," Imburgia said. "I remember it did take some time to get used to because it was a difficult course."

Imburgia said he thinks the team has enough talent, and the players

#### The 2008 OVC Men's Golf Championships **Team Top Players Average** Eastern Illinois Senior Mike Imburgia 75.2 Senior Matt Imburgia 75.2 Senior Phil Hendrickson Eastern Kentucky 71.8 **Junior Trey Bowling** 72.3

Senior Grant Leaver

Sophomore Erik Barnes

Senior Barrett Steakley Tennessee Tech Junior John Fox Jacksonville State Senior Julian Colmenares Freshman Gonzalo Berlin

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Junior lan Cutting 76.3 Sophomore Jeffrey Pierce Morehead State 76.8 Freshman Alex Wright 77.0 Freshman Drew Bobo Tennessee State 76.9

Sophomore Chris Seibel

want to put a good score together this weekend.

"I think we can win it all," Imburgia said. "The talent is there. I have seen it in spurts out of guys. If we can put it all together for three straight days, I think we have a good shot of winning

the tournament."

Mike and his brother Matt are tied for the lowest team average, as both have an average score of 75.2 through 20 rounds already this season. This is the 20th best in the OVC.

Bird has the team's next lowest



Matt

72.1

73.6

73.1

73

73.2

73.3

73.3

73.9

74.4

76.9

76.7

**Imburgia** Senior golfer is the team with lowest stroke average (75.2)

"I think right now we have the momentied for first on tum going and we are playing our best golf," Cherizola said. "It will be hard to win the tournament

close to the Imburg-

aging 77.3 strokes

per round and said

the Panthers are

playing well at the

Cherizola is aver-

ias' at 75.8.

right time.

because we are playing some top 50 teams, but if we all play our best we

Cherizola said the big difference for the team is the fact that they can practice outside now. Poor weather in the Charleston area made it difficult for the team to practice outside at the start of spring. Coming into the tournament, the Panthers have the sixthbest team average with 301.4 per team round. Eastern Kentucky is the best in the OVC with 287.6 per team round.

The Panthers are looking to improve on their finish last season when they finished in sixth place out of 10 teams. Round one will begin Sunday as players tee off at 8 a.m. Fans can follow live action of the rounds through the OVC Web site at http://www.ovcsports.com.

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Eastern/Lake Land band gives the inside scoop before playing at Relay for Life

By Sarah Jean Bresnahan Verge Reporter

Learn to Fly seems to be living up to their motto of "Music for the Greater Good."

The quartet, made up of three Eastern students – Andy Masters on guitar and vocals, Adam Schneider on bass, and Bryant Fritz on drums and one Lake Land student, Caleb Francis on guitar and backup vocals, will be playing Relay for Life at 6 tonight at the Panther Trail.

"Last year, I had some friends

who were involved in the American Cancer Society, and they knew we played in a band," Schneider said. "They set us up to play at the actual Relay for Life.'

The band was asked to play the relay again this year.

The ACS also asked the band to play the first Rock for Relay, a benefit concert to raise money for the ACS, on April 4.

"(They) knew that we had a little bit of popularity around Charleston and knew that we could bring some people in to raise money for the concert," Schneider said.

Learn to Fly compares its sound to Radiohead, The Mars Volta and Chicago band, Wax On Radio.

Although their sound is very specific when they play as a group, each member has his own set of personal influences that comes out in his playing.

Francis, for example, is influenced by Stevie Ray Vaughn, which explains the bluesy riffs whenever he plays solo.

"I probably like more harder stuff," Fritz said, comparing his taste in music to that of the rest of the group. "I don't really like drummers that are really technically good. I would rather listen to a drummer that sets up the music really good."

Learn to Fly came together last year when Schneider, Masters, and Fritz were living in Carman Hall, and Schneider was trying to start

He saw Masters walking around with a guitar one day, and asked him if he wanted to play.

'We met Bryant because I was friends with his RA (resident assistant)," Schneider said. "He

would pack up his drums every day, put them on the elevator and take them to the basement of Carman to the piano room, set them up, play for a couple hours, and then take them down again."

Masters and Schneider thought if someone was that devoted, they would be willing to be in a band. The band had been together for

about a year, then in 2007, added Francis.

Learn to Fly considers their education as top priority, but the band comes as a close second. They joked, saying that they

balance school and the band with "really big muscles," Schneider said. "We work out a lot," laughed

"It's kind of an emotional roller

coaster sometimes," Masters said. "If you want to do something, make time for it."

Although they each have busy schedules, they make time to practice three times a week.

"I rarely pay attention in class; I just think about music," Fritz said. "I go to class all day Tuesday and Thursday, and as soon as I get out of class, I get back to the dorm and we take off to go practice."

Although the thought of the rock star life style is tempting, the band doesn't let it get to their

"There are so many great bands that nobody knows about, and it's really too bad. No matter how good we are or how much we do. if you're not heard by the right person, you're not going to make it," Schneider said. "I know for me, and I'm sure the guys can probably echo this; it's not really about that. It's more about playing for people and having fun.'

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Verge Reporter Tyler Angelo teaches you something new

## ...learn chords on a guitar

If you always wanted to learn the guitar, below are some tips to help get you started

1

Stretch out your fingers. Get the cobwebs out and get some finger exercises in. Pretend you are making a claw or know how to play guitar. Also, if you can, learn some easy scales like the pentatonic to help you get a feel for it.

2

Make sure the guitar is in tune. If you don't know how to tune a guitar, ask a pro or use a tuner. The tuning goes from thickest to thinnest stings, E, A, D, G, B, E.

3

Get your handy chord book out and learn the chords. Unless you already know them, then why are you reading this?



Practice the chords one at a time. My personal favorite is the E chord. Simple, yet arguably the most powerful in music. When learning the chords, make sure you know when to leave some strings open and when to mute other strings, or not play it during a chord.



After getting the hang of the chords, practice chord progression. Going from one chord to another. There are a ton of ways you can go from one chord to another. Find what progressions you like. A progression I love is C, D, Am, G, D, C, Am, G. Can you guess what classic song this is?

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- 5. Mix with Parma Rosa sauce.
- 6. When chicken is finished, cut into bite-size pieces, mix with pasta.
- 7. Combine diced tomatoes and stir.
- 8. Sprinkle with parmesan cheese.

#### THE COOK'S TAKE

The process Verge Editor Stacy Smith took for this week's recipe

If you're cooking to impress, this is your meal.

The product looks like restaurant quality and tastes just as great.

It's easy to prepare and doesn't need a lot of ingredients.

It's something to make when showing your parents you learned more than how to learn chords on a guitar.

This recipe is also perfect if trying to impress your significant other.

Although this entree may be difficult to prepare if living in the dorms, it is worth the effort if a stove and oven are available.

I've never grilled anything before, so I was a little nervous about burning down my house. But it's a lot easier than I expected

Although the chicken took a little while to cook, it gave me enough time to start the other ingredients. And by the time everything was ready, the chicken was finished.

But make sure to check up on it every couple of minutes so it doesn't burn.

Even if you don't like spicy food, the Cajun spices gives this simple meal a little extra flavor without burning your throat.



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## **GET IT WRITE WITH VEALE**

Hot shot of the week poet finds her passion in between the verses

#### **By Sam Sottosanto**

Verge Editor

Amanda Veale started writing songs and poems when she was about six-years-old.

As she got older, she started to dabble into fiction.

The junior English and psychology major is currently stuck on poetry because it fits her voice the best.

Still, she hopes to start writing fiction again soon.

Veale said she likes to convey a lot of truth in her poetry.

"My goal in writing is to take my current truth and turn in into this art," she said.

It sometimes takes her five minutes to write a poem, but other times the process can last weeks.

She never stops editing her poems.

Veale has also experienced

writer's block during highly emotional times.

The best way for her to cure it is to write anyway, even if it turns out bad.

"After that I can usually get beyond the surface of whatever's on my mind, and write something meaningful," she said.

It won't be a surprise to find her name in the upcoming issue of 'The Vehicle," which will come out later this month.

"The Vehicle" is a literary magazine created by students and is published once every semester.

There are usually up to three winners who submit the best poems and they receive an award and prize money.

Veale was chosen as a second prize winner of spring 2007 and her work has been published four times in "The Vehicle."

The first time she was in "The Vehicle," she was surprised.

She didn't know her work had been made known until her boyfriend found the literary magazine and brought it to her

attention, she said.

English fraternity Sigma Tau Delta judges write "The Vehicle," as well as the award winners, said Leslie Hancock, junior English major and editor of "The Vehicle."

Veale's work was also included in Eastern's first "Chapbook," which was published this fall.

Hancock said this is a miniature chapter book that features a bunch of different selections from one author.

In order to be considered for "Chapbook," the person must be an award winner of "The Vehicle."

Currently, Sigma Tau Delta as well as Writer's Ink, another club in the English department, gets to decide who will get to be in "Chapbook."

It is a big honor to be in "Chapbook" because Veale has gotten a lot of attention from professors, she said.

In fall 2007, she had a chance to read from "Chapbook" to the public in Coleman Hall Auditorium.

Veale doesn't think she will ever

be able to stop writing.

"Writing is an essential form of catharsis for me," she said. "And without it I feel creatively dead." Another part of writing she likes

is that it cannot be tamed.

"It's about language, which is, in that wild way, a very zebra-like force," she said.

Veale said she gets her inspiration from personal experiences.

The last poem she wrote was called "Dining at the Mortuary."

The poem was about a man embalming a body while casually eating his lunch.

Veale got the idea when she and her boyfriend were looking for a place to eat in St. Louis, and upon seeing a mortuary he said, 'We could dine at the mortuary.'

"I knew there was a poem in that," she said.

Although she enjoyed writing that poem, most of her poetry is not morbid.

Veale writes mostly poetry now, but has written other things in the past.

Letitia Moffitt, assistant professor of English department, said Veale is different from other poets because she has a sense of humor.

"Amanda Veale is already an extraordinary poet with a unique vision and voice," she said. "In ten years, I envision going to Barnes & Noble to hear her read from her second volume of published poetry, and hoping that she'll remember me when I get in line to have her autograph my copy."

Moffitt is also the Writer's Ink and "The Vehicle" adviser.

Writing is not just a matter of sitting alone in a room with your computer; the desire to write reflects not just a need for selfexpression, but the need to connect with others," she said.

Moffitt said work published in "The Vehicle" was not created to boost resumes, but to become part of a community of readers and writers.

(These) people care about their words as well as their world," she said.

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#### MUSIC



#### **By Jason Duarte**

Associate Verge Editor

When I heard the word Groovatron I immediately pictured a machine of some sort that, very systematically, grooves.

A look at the album cover, and

it became a bit clearer to me what a Groovatron might be.

The album cover, a human head with a multitude of gears within, led me a bit closer to an understanding.

I decided a Groovatron is not just one's own brain, but one's capability to groove.

This album does just that. "In the Machine" immediately reminded me of The Police's "Ghosts in the Machine," but put it to sound, and it's quite different.

There isn't a word from start to finish, but the album's pure instrumentals reminded me of other bands or groups I am familiar

In "Scuff Muffin," the first minute and a half sound straight

#### **FYI** ......

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off the Crystal Method album. Although Groovatron is a bit funkier than The Crystal Method, the influence was there.

But after looking at Groovatron's make-up, it's all made up of 'real' musical instruments, meaning guitar, bass, drums, saxophone, etc ..., whereas groups like The Crystal Method use turntables and electronics to make sound.

The album opens with "Star Biscuit," the initial sounds making me feel as if I am being abducted by aliens, which would be way awesome.

As the track plays on, the uses of saxophone make me think immediately of a band called Sweep The Leg Johnny. Much

like Groovatron, they are a unique band, almost untimely and awkwardly using things where one wouldn't expect, but it works and it fits well with everything else going

On "Seizures Salad," there is a more defined example of the band's jam tone, as it starts out with a steady, constant jam.

I'm no expert on jam bands, but it's a train of sound you may know it if you heard it.

By the time I reached track seven of the total nine, I already gained a good sense of what Groovatron was all about.

But it was during "MacGyver" that I really picked up on the Primus influence, via Tony Qualls' pounding bass lines.

I consider myself a Primus fan, and hearing their influence turned me on to their stuff even more.

All in all, Groovatron is a funky band – no bones about it.

The only thing I would like to know at this point is how they came up with the song titles.

For example, listening to "MacGyver" made me think of Primus, not the awesomely innovative "I-can-get-out-of-anysituation-with-a-paper clip-andchewing-gum" TV character.

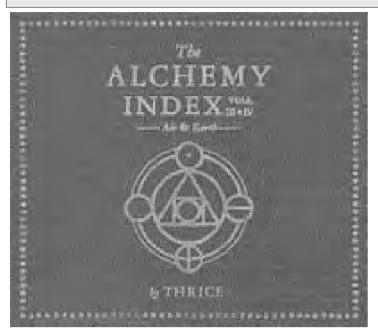
If you're into funk, groove, jam bands, electronica or even mellower, older groups, I'd give Groovatron a shot in the CD player.

It's different than anything I've

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#### **MUSIC**



#### **By Tyler Angelo**

Verge Reporter

The final installments of Thrice's "The Alchemy Index" find the band expanding its horizons even further.

"The Alchemy Index" is a collection of four extended plays and extended plays, EP, that sonically and thematically explore each of the four elements of

nature: fire, water, air and earth.

Singer/lyricist Dustin Kensrue wrote English sonnets for the last song on each EP.

He writes it from the element's point of view as if it is speaking to mankind about the ways it has been used or misused.

Air, is a conglomeration of the "elements."

The fast, upbeat rock song "The Sky is Falling" holds many influences in it.

#### The band donates proceeds from each album to charities

This is a standout track for Thrice because of how upbeat it is, though the lyrics may differ.

It reminds me of an upbeat Radiohead at points, with bits of saxophone and hand claps added in. The songs flow well on this disc and give a spacey feel at

This is most apparent in the epic "Daedalus," a heartfelt song about the Greek myth of Icarus told from the point of view of Daedalus, his father.

The two guitars, bass and drums work together so well. As it climaxes, Kensrue's vocals escalate and cry out emotionally for his lost son.

The next song is a light acoustic song, a la The Beatles' "Blackbird." It is a bit short to go anywhere other than what it is, and I think it could have been stretched further for more effect and emotion.

The final air song and sonnet "Silver Wings" is my favorite on the disc.

It is easily the most colorful and beautiful song of all EPs and adds excellent beats, soaring keyboards and light vocals.

Earth, is the most consistently produced of all the discs.

#### **THRICE** THE ALCHEMY INDEX **AIR & EARTH VOLUMES** III AND IV, MAKE BUYING

**MUSIC WORTH IT** 

I love the fact it was recorded in the same wooden room, making it all sound like you are in the room listening to a performance.

It is a more laid back atmosphere with influences drawing from folk, jazz and blues.

The most fascinating track the band has made is "Digging My Own Grave."

The song is obviously influenced by Tom Waits, along with jazz and lounge acts, and used many instruments including a dancing piano, accordion and stand up bass.

The only song on this EP that is not all acoustic in some way is "Come All You Weary" which features some words taken from the Bible.

It has one of the most powerful choruses, and gives me chills every time I hear it.

The real deal on this disc however is the closing sonnet "Child of Dust."

The song, a funeral procession for the discs has the epitome of an emotional vocal performance. The chord progressions on the disc and the lyrics are truly the most powerful and really make a strong statement.

"Now safe beneath their wisdom and their feet, here I will teach you truly how to sleep," the last couplet plays.

When I first heard this, along with the brilliant effect that occurs simultaneously, I almost cried. It is so haunting yet beautiful at the same time, I felt a smile creep across my face.

This was the most memorable song and a perfect way to close out this ambitious project.

Overall, "The Alchemy Index" Volumes III & IV deliver inspiring and eclectic music.

This set of EPs has something for every music fan.

The diversity found on each disc makes it hard for anyone not to be satisfied in some way.

For the most part, this album has many great songs and only a few that lack the full substance of the rest.

Thrice said they wanted this produced the way they like to listen to music, and it is really different than anything you've heard on the radio.

After creating a musical project like "The Alchemy Index," Thrice can really go anywhere from here. I am incredibly excited to see what they will do next.

## his weekend.



#### **TODAY**

#### **Music: DJ Dance Party**

**Time:** 10 p.m. Place: Canopy Club, 708 S. Goodwin Ave., Urbana Cost: TBA 344-2263

#### **Event: Relay for Life**

Participants help raise money to help fight cancer Time: 6 p.m. **Place:** Campus Pond– rain location is Lantz Arena Cost: free 618-972-5251

#### **Music: EIU Percussion Ensemble**

The Percussion Ensemble performs a variety of chamber works ranging from standard repertoire to the avant-garde Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: South Gym, McAfee Cost: TBA

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#### **Music: Islands**

Indie/rock band from Montreal Time: 7:30 p.m. Place: Canopy Club, 708 S. Goodwin Ave., Urbana Cost: \$13 in advance, all ages 344-2263

#### **Music: The PMG with The Fuz**

Jam/rock/blues music **Time:** 9 p.m. Place: Friends & Co., 509 Van Buren Ave. Cost: TBA 345-2380

#### **Music: Elsinore**

Indie/rock from Charleston **Time:** 10 p.m. Place: Mac's Uptowner, 623 Monroe Ave. Cost: 345-4622

#### **Event: Sock Hop**

Country music, prizes and food **Time:** 5 p.m. Place: Moose Lodge, 1001 Exit 210 Rt. 150 West, Danville **Cost:** \$8 442-7339

#### **SATURDAY**

#### Play: "S-e-x-oh!"

A story of relationship between gender, sex and culture by Teatro Luna Time: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Place: Plym Auditorium, Temple Hayne Buell Hall, 611 E. Loredo Taft Dr., Champaign Cost: TBA 333-3137

#### **Music: Power N Soul Pro** presents 'LIGHTWORKS: The Fashion Show

Fourth annual charity fashion

**Time:** 7 p.m., doors at 6:30 p.m. Place: Canopy Club, 708 S. Goodwin Ave., Urbana **Cost:** \$15, \$12 in advance 344-2263

#### **Lecture: 'Pilgrimage:** Heritage Travel in Cold War America'

The lectures focuses on major corridors through central Illinois, including the National Road, the IC Railroad and I-57 Time: 1 p.m. Place: Tarble Arts Center

**Cost:** free 581-2787

#### **Music: Safe Haven and** Whore of Babylon

American Rock'n Roll/acoustic/ folk **Time:** 10 p.m.

Place: Mad Hatter's, 1419 4th

**Cost:** \$2 345-5135

#### **Music: Wild Trees with Uncle Boogie Pants**

**Time:** 9 p.m. Place: Friends & Co., 509 Van Buren Ave. Cost: TBA 345-2380

#### **SUNDAY**

#### **Music: Eastern Symphony** Orchestra

Richard Rossi, conductor Time: 4 p.m. Place: McAfee South Auditorium Cost: TBA 581-3010

#### **Event: Fifth Annual Shannon** McNamara 4K Run/Walk Check in 1 p.m.

**Time:** 2 p.m. Place: Campus Pond Pavilion/ Panther Trail **Cost:** \$15; \$12 for those who pre-registered 581-6065

#### **Music: UFLive! presents Grass Roots Revival**

Michael (Homer) Jones and Jamie Lou Carras perform bluegrass harmonies. Time: 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Place: Urbana Free Library front reading rooms, 210 West Green, Urbana Cost: TBA 367-4405

#### CONTINUOUS **EVENTS**

#### Art: 2008 Graduate **Exhibition** Art from 11 different graduate

students on display through April 27 **Time:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 4

p.m. Saturday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Closed Mondays Place: Tarble Arts Center Cost: free 581-2787

#### **Octave Chanute Aerospace** Museum

Feature exhibit: 99th Pursuit of Chanute **Time:** Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and

Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Place: 1011 Pacesetter Drive, Rantoul

Cost: adults \$7 893-1613

#### **Art: "The View From Here** to There: The Aesthetics of Travel in the Rural Midwest" **Opening Reception**

The exhibition examines the landscape of mobility from 1820-1960

**Time:** 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Place: Tarble Arts Center Cost: free 581-2787

#### **Art: Heartland Gallery**

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Hyon Joo Kim solo show Time: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday Place: 112 W. Main St. Urbana Cost: \$5, seniors \$2 and children free