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UNIVERSITY | HIRING

Starting from scratch

Search committee will have to restart biology chair search

By **STEPHEN DI BENEDETTO**
Staff Reporter

The same search committee will have to restart its hunt for a new chair of the biological sciences department.

Mary Anne Hanner, dean of the College of Sciences, said the five biology faculty members who conducted this year's search would comprise the committee again, along with Diane Hoadley, dean of Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences, who will head the committee for the second time.

Hoadley said she was pleased all committee members agreed to partake in the new search.

"They understand the process and procedures, and are aware of the difficulties associated with hiring for mid-career positions," she said.

The five faculty members — Janice Collins, Kip McGilliard, Jeff Laursen, Karen Gaines and Gordon Tucker — could have many challenges finding an applicant.

After the committee selected finalists for this year's search, one candidate declined an offer because of a depreciated real estate market around his home in San Francisco.

Others accepted different offers at other universities.

Hoadley said the greatest challenge for the committee is selecting someone willing to change positions midway through his career.

She said that if the candidate has children, schools become a factor in the decision to switch jobs, along with employment opportunities for a spouse.

"It's not just the economy that has an impact on recruiting strong candidates to our area," Hoadley said.

She said, despite these challenges, the committee will conduct a national search with an emphasis on generating a larger and stronger applicant pool.

The committee will plan to review applications starting at the end of September and create a list of finalists by the end of October, Hoadley said.

The committee will also look for particular qualities when deciding on a new chair.

Hoadley said the committee is looking for an established scientist who has a genuine commitment to teaching.

So far, the committee had its first meeting on April 13, where the members reviewed position descriptions and discussed a timeline for the search.

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CAMPUS | FUNDS

Emergency fund meeting held

Student Government has more than \$40,000 in additional allocations to be spent elsewhere

By **BOB BAJEK**
Student Government Editor

Student Government had an emergency meeting at the Thomas Hall Classroom Monday night to discuss how to use the Student Activities Reserve Account before fiscal year 2009 ends.

The meeting was in response to Thursday's Apportionment Board Meeting. An additional \$40,346 was allocated from the fee-funded

board to spend before June 30, the end of the fiscal year.

Student Senate Speaker Drew Griffin said while there was a quorum, no voting would take place because there was not enough time to notify the public of the meeting.

Griffin said since there was a quorum, minutes would be kept as a regular meeting in accordance to the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

During the meeting, Griffin said Eastern's administration, through the Budget Office, suggested Thursday that Student Government spends from the Student Activities Reserve account.

If the money is not spent, Griffin said it would go back to the state because the reserves account would

be too high. He said the account is above the threshold; however, he did not know the monetary amount.

According to Appropriation Board adviser Ted Hart, the Student Activities Reserve Account has \$75,000 that would not be touched.

Tiffany Turner, AB Chair and student vice president for business affairs, said the AB approved spending for nine additional Frisbee golf holes (\$15,000), new equipment for the Student Recreation Center (\$16,190) and the University Board (\$7,447), and a new computer (\$1,500) for Laurel Fuqua, secretary for the Student Activities Center.

Griffin said the last time Eastern was above the threshold was 2002.

During questions, Student Body President-elect Michelle Murphy asked why the AB did not ask enough questions last meeting. She also asked why Student Government could not table the decisions since June 30 is the deadline.

Turner said there is no time. Griffin said the last day for additional allocations is May 15. However, he wants to make a decision before the semester ends and get decisions done before the last meeting of the year.

Student Government also will decide how to spend about \$5,500 to \$6,000 from its own budget.

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LOCAL | RALLY



KAROLINA STRACK | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Bradley Gobert, a Charleston resident, holds up a flag with a marijuana motif while standing in front of Old Main during a march in favor of legalizing marijuana Monday afternoon. The march brought a crowd of about 20 people, who marched from the South Quad to Old Main.

Students march for marijuana

20 students protested in front of Old Main to try to legalize pot

By **MATT HOPF**
News Editor

A group of about 20 Eastern students marched across campus in support of the legalization of marijuana Monday.

"The March for Cannabis" began at 4:20 p.m. in the South Quad.

Students marched around cam-

"If we could get each honk as a signature, before we knew it, it'd be legalized."

— **Matt Brax, The March for Cannabis organizer**

pus stopping at Lincoln Avenue in front of Old Main to inform passing vehicles about their cause.

The protestors had "legalize" and "honk to legalize pot" signs, as well as signs claiming that a majority of drug arrests were for marijuana and that legalizing the

drug could help the economy.

As the students marched, they encouraged others to join, telling them "regulate, don't discriminate" and "feed the need, smoke some weed."

March organizer Matt Brax, a sophomore advertising and mar-

keting major, said he hoped for a turnout of 200.

"Twenty is fine too, as long as we get the point across," he said.




Many vehicles that passed the group of protestors offered support by honking their horns.

"If we could get each honk as a signature, before we knew it, it'd be legalized," Brax said.

He said he thought that many people do not support legalization because they are scared of the government or worried about their jobs.

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EIU WEATHER

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CAMPUS | PHOTO OF THE DAY

Built up discrimination



ALYCIA ROCKEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Bryan Sink, a senior career and organizational studies major and vice president of the EIU Construction Club, helps the Residence Hall Association build "Writing on the Wall" for Social Justice and Diversity Week in the Library Quad Monday. Students painted the bricks last week with discriminatory words. The wall will be on display until Thursday at 12:15 p.m. when it will be torn down to represent tearing down the barriers of diversity.

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ENTERTAINMENT | A DAILY LOOK

'Grey's Anatomy' actress pregnant

NEW YORK — Paging Mc-Dreamy: Do you know your fiancée is pregnant? Not really – just the actress who plays her.

Ellen Pompeo – who plays Dr. Meredith Grey, the future bride of Dr. Derek "McDreamy" Shepherd on "Grey's Anatomy" – and her real-life love, Chris Ivery, are expecting their first child together.

Pompeo's publicist, Jennifer Allen, did not give a due date.

The 39-year-old actress and Ivery, a record producer, are one of Holly-

wood's low-key couples. After three years of dating, they quietly tied the knot in November 2007.

No word on paparazzi in Madonna fall

BRIDGEHAMPTON, N.Y. — A police report on Madonna's fall from a horse in the Hamptons is silent on whether paparazzi scared the animal, as her spokeswoman has said.

The Southampton Town police report says only that the pop su-

perstar "was a victim of a fall from a horse" Saturday in Bridgehampton and was taken to Southampton Hospital with "unknown injuries." It's unclear whether she told police anything about the circumstances surrounding the accident.

The 50-year-old singer was treated for minor injuries and bruises, according to her spokeswoman, Liz Rosenberg.

Rosenberg has said paparazzi started the horse Madonna was riding.

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CAMPUS | EVENT



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Historian and biographer Richard Norton Smith will be speaking about Abraham Lincoln and politics at 7 p.m. today in the Theatre of Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Speech celebrates Lincoln's birthday

By **HEATHER HOLM**
Activities Editor

Richard Norton Smith thinks there is no excuse for a dull book, dull museum or dull speech — especially when it comes to history.

The historian will present his speech “The Triumph of Politics: Abraham Lincoln at 200” at 7 p.m. today in The Theatre of Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Smith will discuss Lincoln and how he grew over the years.

Smith, a scholar-in-residence at George Mason University in Washington, D.C., has appeared on ABC, C-SPAN and the “NewsHour with Jim Lehrer.”

Smith was the director of the

Hoover, Eisenhower, Reagan, Ford and Lincoln presidential libraries and worked as executive director of a revitalized Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation.

He graduated from Harvard in 1975 and is the author of eight books. His book “Thomas E. Dewey and His Times” was a finalist for the 1983 Pulitzer Prize.

Jill Nilsen, vice president of external relations, said Smith was chosen to visit campus because he is known nationally and internationally as a Lincoln scholar.

“We picked Smith because of his expertise and because it tied to Lincoln’s 200th birthday,” Nilsen said.

Smith is brought to campus as part of the Jim Edgar Lecture Series.

Former Gov. Jim Edgar and his wife helped create this series at Eastern.

The Edgars’ gave Eastern a grant of \$150,000, and Eastern invested this money. The Edgar Speaker Series is interest off of the investments.

Edgar and Smith met while Smith worked as the director of the Gerald Ford Museum in Grand Rapids, Mich.

“The governor got to know him there,” Nilsen said.

Nilsen, Charleston resident Tony Sunderman, Charleston resident Fred Edgar, who is also Jim Edgar’s brother, and Al Grosboll served on the committee that brought Smith to campus.

“These were three individuals identified by the governor,” Nilsen said.

Richard Wandling, chair of Eastern’s political science department, and Anita Shelton, chair of Eastern’s history department, were also on the committee.

Eastern’s history department and the Office of External Relations help coordinate the series.

“Smith is certainly a well-known and respected author and speaker,” said Michael Watts, assistant dean of the College of Arts & Humanities. “It was a real coup for Eastern to schedule him to speak.”

There will also be speakers next fall and spring, who are yet to be determined.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Asian Heritage Month events continue

The symposium, ‘Crossing in North Korea’, will feature three panelists: Young Hoon Kim, Jin Heon Jung and Jinhee Lee. The event starts at 3 p.m. today in the Effingham Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The film “Seoul Train” will be shown as part of Asian Heritage Month at 5 p.m. today in the Effingham Room.

Both events are free.

Energy center design to be presented

President Bill Perry will present the updated design of the proposed Renewable Energy Center from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Rotary Room of the Charleston Carnegie Public Library, 712 Sixth St.

The meeting will include a report on the status of the project. The new design for the Renewable Energy Center was created after receiving community input at public meetings earlier this year. Plans call for the Renewable Energy Center to be built near the intersection of 18th Street and Edgar Drive.

Jazz ensemble to present spring concert

The EIU Jazz Ensemble will perform traditional and contemporary pieces at their spring concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in The Theatre in the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

The band released its first CD, ‘Eastern Time Zone’, in 1994, and its latest recording is ‘In The Pocket.’

Tickets are \$5, \$3 for students.

For more information, contact the box office at 581-3110 or at doudnatix@eiu.edu.

Textbook return deadline May 8

Textbooks may be returned to Textbook Rental Service early in order to avoid long lines. Textbooks must be returned by 3 p.m. May 8. Students may visit eiu.edu/~textbks/ for more information.

—Compiled by Associate News Editor Emily Zuly

CAMPUS | ISSUE

Organizers continue support of Masurbate-athon

By **DOUG T. GRAHAM**
Staff Reporter

Despite concerns regarding the educational merit of the Masturbate-athon/Sex Positive Fair, the organizers of Tuesday’s event stand by it calling it informational and academic.

Will Kendall, a sophomore art history major, and Laura Wussow, a junior physical education major, also refuted Mikki Meadows’ statement comparing “displaying sex paraphernalia at a sex education event to teaching students how to play drinking games at an alcohol-education event” that was reported in a recent *Daily Eastern News* issue.

“At Safety Week, there was a mock kegger where they played drinking games with root beer,” Wussow said. “I’m sure there was at least one person at that event who learned a new drinking game.”

Kendall said resident assistants at Taylor Hall have put on root beer

pong as an event, and he said he was sure students who have never played beer pong before learned how to play it then.

She said like the mock kegger and root beer pong events, the Masturbate-athon/Sex Positive Fair was also a safe event.

“It is much better to learn about these acts and activities when you are not in a pressured environment,” Wussow said.

Meadows, an assistant professor in the School of Family and Consumer Sciences, was scheduled to be the speaker at the Masturbate-athon/Sex Positive Fair.

She canceled her appearance because she believed the event had become less about education and more about “controversy and titillation.”

Jim Painter, chair of the School of Family and Consumer Sciences, said he showed Meadows the advertising for the event, which Meadows said

was the deciding factor in her backing out.

Painter said he talked to Kendall before the event and urged him to postpone it until more school organizations could sponsor it.

Painter did this because the only academic sponsor visible on the first flier was the Health Education Resource Center, which Painter said was unusual.

“To put out an advertisement that says ‘EIU’s first masturbate-athon,’ it looks like EIU was sponsoring it,” Painter said.

English professor Terri Fredrick and women’s studies professor Jeannie Ludlow both had displays at the fair. Fredrick is the adviser to Pride and helped set up the Masturbate-athon and Sex Positive Fair. Ludlow was the replacement speaker for Meadows.

Kendall said the presence of Fredrick and Ludlow “shows that there are faculty at this school who are willing to step up and actually not be afraid

of controversy.”

“I don’t shy away from controversy at all,” Meadows said in an article. “I believe that people need information. On the other hand, having a sex toy party and learning how to do oral sex, to me crossed the line past an academic activity.”

Kendall said the event was important because it provided an open environment in which students could talk about their sexuality.

“One girl that came to the sex positive fair was so excited because she finally found a place that she could be sexually open,” he said. “She actually expressed a great deal of anger at people who were protesting this event because she was a victim of molestation. She felt like if she could find a place like this, and feel great about it, that she was just so offended that people would protest that.”

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BLOTTER

Zachary Akers, 20, of Charleston, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, blood alcohol content of more than 0.08 and illegal possession of alcohol by a minor after 2:05 a.m. Thursday arrest at 2150 Seventh St., said the University Police Department.

A student reported on Wednesday to receiving harassing messages online by an individual who is not an Eastern student, police said.

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BOB BAJEK

The nasty truth about alcohol abuse

The context of vomiting has changed as I have grown older, especially in a college atmosphere where alcohol consumption is an everyday occurrence.

My mom reminded me how as an infant, I would have a difficult time holding down my food and would often spit some of it out. She lovingly wiped away the chunks of smashed food from my mouth. This was perceived as cute.

At 5, throwing up would be associated with sickness and a big mess. I would not be close to a bucket or toilet when I puked across the floor. My mom and dad cleaned the mess and did not enjoy the activity much.

Early adolescence had me running quite a bit. Running long distances made me feel nauseous and made me upchuck a little in my mouth. Swallowing the regurgitated matter was essential to avoid embarrassment. Barfing at this stage was gross, but controllable.

Spewing finally had an advantage in high school. When frumpy young lasses vied for my affection, simply saying I slightly barfed in my mouth turned them away.

Then, college rolled around and I was ready for some "fun." As I was slapping on some cologne and a stylish shirt last weekend, I wondered if there were any good parties around town. Suddenly, a little angel resembling me pops out of nowhere on my shoulder. He scolds, "Remember what happened last time!" and poofs away.

Then a red guy with a pitchfork and a better goatee than I could ever grow says, "What is the harm in a little fun?" and vanishes faster than Rod Blagojevich's friends.

What they were referring to is my overindulgence of alcohol. The holy guy reminded me of my last episode of alcohol abuse, which was one of many.

Beer pong and Jell-O shots screamed my name that evening. Time raced by as I was drinking, and soon my sense of balance quickly followed. I spewed outside for a while then I passed out and have almost no idea how I got home. I have not gotten dangerously drunk since that night, so I listened to the halo man, who in turn kicked the little red devil in the behind.

Sadly, some college students never learn from previous bad experiences with booze. According to College Drinking-Change the Culture's Web site, 1,700 students, aged 18 to 24, die from alcohol abuse annually while 559,000 are injured. Our mothers tell us not to drink and drive, but us college students know better. We in turn drive from parties intoxicated. A couple of my friends are part of the 2.1 million students who drive under the influence yearly.

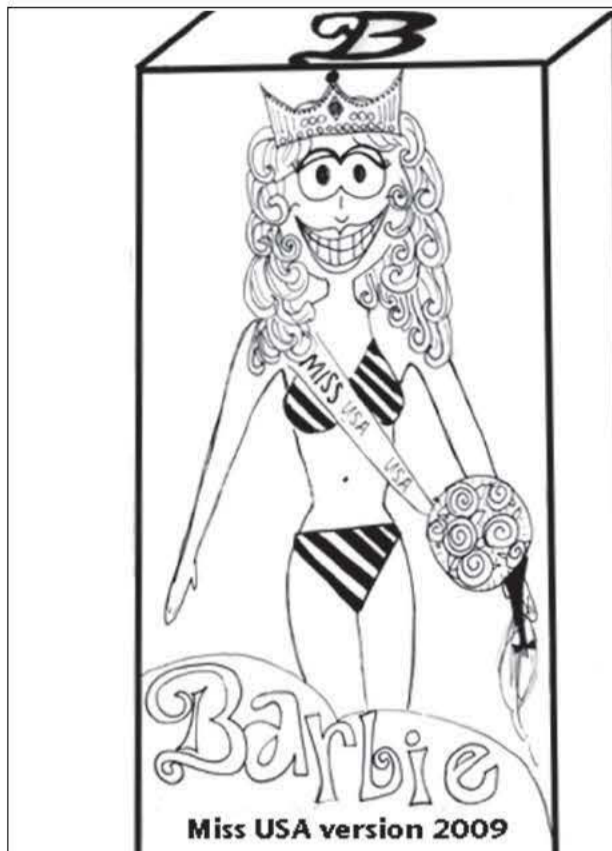
A friend of mine was raped while she was intoxicated — one of the 97,000. Overindulgence hurts students' bodies with 150,000 getting alcohol-related health problems.

And the dreadful statistics go on...

Drinking is not a bad thing in itself. I still have some drinks here and there. However, I stop if I think I will vomit and lose control. Remember, vomiting is your body's way of saying, "you had too much to drink." And unless you're here on a college visit, vomiting would not be cute because I don't know of any infant college students.

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Drawn from the News | Alycia Rockey



Barbie beauty wins the crown

STAFF EDITORIAL

Student body should join in letter-writing campaign

In a democracy, participation by the constituents is a vital part of how the government operates.

By lobbying state or federal lawmakers, one can achieve a given goal, granted enough support is there to support the issue at hand.

With that in mind, Student Government has lobbied the Illinois General Assembly in the past months for the proposed Renewable Energy Center.

Citing the current plant's aging technology and its inability to keep up with modern needs, Student Government has sent more than 1,624 letters from students across campus to state legislators pleading Eastern's case for a new source of energy.

Their efforts aren't going unnoticed.

At Wednesday's Student Senate meeting, state Sen. Dale Righter, R-Mattoon, visited with senate members, urging them to keep sending letters to their local legislators in order to spread awareness of Eastern's growing need for a new source of energy. A bill currently sits in the General Assembly that would amend the Public University Energy Conservation Act.

If successful, the bill will provide \$40 million of the \$60 million needed to construct the Renewable Energy Center and would allow Eastern to construct it without the Illinois Capital Development Board.

Righter said while university administrators carry some clout in the General Assembly, the true voice of the university is its students.

"We're asking for a green light from Springfield, and even though we are not asking for money, we still need 'grass-root' support from the students," Righter said.

Without student feedback, Righter said, the cause will not have nearly as much impact and will likely be pushed to the

"We're asking for a green light from Springfield, and even though we are not asking for money, we still need 'grass-root' support from the students."

— Sen. Dale Righter, R-Mattoon

wayside. Righter urged Student Government to keep sending in letters pushing for the Renewable Energy Center, but the student body can't just sit idly expecting Student Government to handle most of the work.

This is a job for the entire student body.

Student Government has made abundantly clear in its letters that Eastern truly needs a new power plant, that the 83-year-old plant is rapidly declining in its efficiency and its ability to provide Eastern with the proper amount of energy.

Letters sent from a fairly large group of student legislators and their constituents is a good start, and it's obviously caught the attention of state legislators, but more needs to be done if the General Assembly is to be won over.

Write to your local representatives and let them know your university needs a new power plant.

EDITORIAL POLICY

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YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GIVE CREDIT WHERE IT'S DUE

For those of you who claim Student Government hasn't done anything for the student body, perhaps you may want to take a look at this.

Let's start from the top.

Problem: Our steam plant has seen better days. It was built in the 1920s. We need a new one badly. Currently, there is a bill in the Illinois Senate that would approve special funding to build a brand new, state-of-the-art steam plant. But if this bill fails, the funding might have to come out of the students' pockets. This is

not good.

Enter Student Senate:

Solution: For the past week, Student Senate has spearheaded a letter-writing campaign. These letters will be sent to Springfield in the hope of persuading legislators to vote in favor of this steam plant bill. Student Senators and executives have been sitting outside the food court asking students to sign these letters.

Because of Student Senate, more than 1,500 letters will be sent to Springfield this week.

Still not impressed? Did you know that Student Government regularly sends

student lobbyists to Springfield to lobby for the needs of Eastern? It's called Student Action Team. This Wednesday, Student Action Team will travel to Springfield to lobby for the steam plant bill, face to face with legislators.

All of this is for the good of the student body. This is so you don't have to pay higher student fees to pay for this steam plant. So please, show some respect and give credit where credit is due.

Jarrod Scherle
Student Senate member

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» **Cannabis**

FROM PAGE 1

"If it wasn't frowned upon, I definitely think more people would be out here marching," Brax said.

The protestors were looking for the legalization of marijuana, not other drugs, such as cocaine or heroin.

"I don't have a problem with them being illegal," said Michael Boline, a junior geography major. "They are more dangerous than alcohol and marijuana."

Brax agreed with keeping cocaine and heroin illegal.

"I don't think any of that should be legalized," he said. "I think marijuana should be legalized because it's not a dangerous drug. It's plain and simple."

Brax said people should not smoke marijuana and drive.

"Everyone has the choice to get behind the wheel at the wrong time, whether it's not having enough sleep, drinking and driving, smoking or whatever," he said.

Mary Sheffler, a junior foreign language major, observed the event while her friend took video of the protest for class.

She said it was encouraging to see the group. "They are thinking about the facts," she said.

Sheffler said marijuana should be regulated because many people are arrested because of the drug.

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KAROLINA STRACK | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS
Mike Boline, a junior geography major, gestures at cars to honk their horns as he protests for the legalization of marijuana Monday afternoon on Lincoln Avenue outside of Old Main.

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About 1,000 gather to remember Columbine

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LITTLETON, Colo. — With words of hope and healing, Coloradans on Monday marked the 10th anniversary of the Columbine High School shootings that left 12 students and a teacher dead.

About 1,000 people gathered for a sunset memorial service

at Clement Park, next to the school, where survivors, relatives and current students reflected on the massacre.

A dove was released for each of the 13 victims as principal Frank DeAngelis read their names.

Addressing the survivors, DeAngelis said: "You were forced to grow up far too quickly."

» **Biology**

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Hoadley said the committee appears to be willing to conduct another search. The original search lasted from the end of spring 2008 to January 2009.

"We all have had a chance to regroup since the last search," she said. "We had a lively discussion at our first meeting, suggesting that the members are engaged and focused on a successful search."

While the search develops, Godson Obia, associate dean of the College of Sciences, will continue to serve as interim biology department chair until July 1.

Hanner said the college is in the process of naming another interim chair, which would start the job after July 1. She expects the new interim to serve until June 30, 2010, which means a permanent chair is likely to start July 1, 2010.

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CAMPUS | AWARDS

Faculty receive student-nominated awards

By **KAYLEIGH ZYSKOWSKI**
Staff Reporter

Daniel Carter was honored with the Overall Teacher Award during the Student's Distinguished Teacher Awards Monday evening.

"One of my greatest fears is having a student come to my class and not be inspired and not be motivated," said Carter, an instructor in the early childhood, elementary and middle level education department.

Carter is a former graduate of Eastern and taught the fifth and sixth grade before moving into an administrative position.

After deciding to return to the classroom, he came back to Eastern to teach and is now in his eighth year as a professor.

Three other professors were also acknowledged during the ceremony.

Steve Benner, from the accountability program, won the "academic support" category; Sally Turn-

er, from the journalism department, won the "academic service" category; and Ryan Hendrickson, from the political science department, won the "academic subject" category.

Forty-four applications were handed in and more than 30 professors were nominated, while four awards were handed out.

Jackie Alexander, student vice president for academic affairs, started this project during winter break. One of her duties is to hold a teacher-student interaction program.

Alexander said the basis for this program came from the "Golden Apple Award" for excellent teachers on a national level, as well as other awards different universities conduct.

"There are awards on this campus that professors and faculty get that students help decide, but there is not an award where only students get to decide, so this kind of gives them the opportunity to," Alexander said.

This is the first year for the awards,

and Alexander said she is looking forward to these awards becoming a yearly event and growing each year.

Lauren Lipine, a senior elementary education major, was one of the six students who nominated Carter for these awards.

"I feel like he really cared about us as a whole and encouraged us to get to know each other to bounce ideas off of each other," Lipine said. "He encouraged us to pursue the field of education and expand our horizons by trying different techniques with the students and really thinking outside the box."

Mike Hilty, Student Senate member, also presented awards to the four professors who participated in the Last Lecture Series: Rebecca Merten, Rigo Chinchilla, Lucia Schroeder and Diana Wyatt. The Last Lecture Series took place on April 15.

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Godson Obia, associate dean of college of sciences, congratulates Chris Kromphardt, a senior political sciences major who nominated Ryan Hendrickson, political science professor, in 7th Street Underground Monday.

CITY | MEETING

Water, sewer rate increases up for council vote

By **JOE ASTROUSKI**
City Editor

The Charleston City Council will vote on a proposed water and sewer rate increase at today's meeting.

The proposal would increase rates by 7 percent, and would raise the minimum rate from \$9.96 per 1,000 gallons to \$10.65 per 1,000 gallons.

Mayor John Inyart said the increases are long overdue.

"We went through a number of years where there were no adjustments to the water/sewer rates,"

Inyart said.

Council members postponed the measure at the last meeting on April 7 to allow public review.

Along with the proposed rate increase, council members will also vote on a proposal to keep the current water/sewer tap fee and cut procedural costs, said City Manager Scott Smith.

The council will also vote on the proposed budget for the new fiscal year, which begins May 1.

In anticipation of a drop in city revenue, the proposed bud-

get includes spending cuts at all city departments, said Comptroller Heather Kuykendall.

"Our department heads are responsible for their own budget," Kuykendall said. "The city manager mandated not to present anything that hadn't been reduced."

But, Kuykendall said the proposed budget also funds new street repair projects and a proposed upgrade to the city's wastewater treatment plant.

Council members will also vote on proposals to spend \$15,000 of city tourism funds.

The funds include \$12,500 for entertainment at the city's annual Red, White, & Blue Days in July.

Also included is \$1,000 to fund the Illinois High School Association's State Track Meet and \$1,500 for the association's Girls State Badminton Championship, both at Eastern in May.

City council members will also vote on two proposed grants from the city's Tax Increment Finance Fund.

Money in the fund comes from increased tax revenue from business-

es in Charleston's downtown TIF district. That money, in turn, is used to fund improvements to businesses in the district.

The proposed grants, to be used by businesses to improve their properties, include \$5,000 for World Finance Company at 406 Sixth St. and \$1,000 for the Sewing Salon at 718 Jackson Ave.

The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall, 520 Jackson Ave.

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CAMPUS | EVENT

Diversity week event segregates to integrate



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Omar Solomon, a senior communication studies major, pleads with the "sheriff" after getting arrested during Archie Bunker's Neighborhood, a Social Justice and Diversity Week event, Monday evening in Taylor Hall's basement. The event is meant to teach students how to build a community and the struggles that come with accomplishing such a goal.

Focus on racial, gender discrimination

By **KELSEY BARTELS**
Staff Reporter

The Social Justice and Diversity Committee brought together both men and women – black and white – to show stereotypes still exist and how they impact daily lives, with the Archie Bunker's Neighborhood program, held Monday in Taylor Hall.

Each person was put into a group of two or three, and given a colored piece of paper representing a demographic in society.

The groups were deemed gay, white, black, Hispanic or female. The goal was to get a building permit and supplies to create a community for the group. However, in order to get a permit or supplies, groups needed the cooperation of the "police," as it was required to be escorted to the supply table.

Cooperation was the easiest for the white group to achieve.

They were given everything they asked for, including candy. By the end of the activity, the group had four times more supplies than any other group.

When the black group asked for any assistance, they were denied because the police assumed they stole money, sold drugs and had weapons. They were called "gang bangers," and got sent to the jail for standing in line.

Stereotypical remarks were made at each of the groups with the gay group being accused of having AIDS, while the women were told to sit at home because their husbands should be building the community for them.

Quiana Stone, complex director of Carman Hall who ran the event, stressed the importance of diversification and open-mindedness.

"There's a lot of different people who could teach you a lot of different things," Stone said.

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» Reunion

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Overall, there were 11 players from each squad present for the ceremony.

The 1999 team, which went to the NCAA Regionals, included current Eastern assistant coach Sean Lyons, and current head coach Jim Schmitz, who also coached the team.

"It's really cool, especially with the team they have now," said Keith Laski, a left fielder for the '99 team who attended the ceremony. "They're very, very good. We were never ranked as high as they were. They can go far. I hope they go past regionals."

While the honors for the 1964 and 1999 Panther teams were a proud moment for the program, the day belonged to Pattin.

Most of the crowd was there to see the Charleston native and namesake behind Marty's Bar, which was called Walt's before Pattin came along.

"This (1964) team was a non-scholarship team," said Bill McCabe, coach of the '64 squad. "The owner of Walt's, before it became Marty's, put some of our athletes to work bussing tables and those were our scholarships right there."

Both Kidwell and Burke

acknowledged it is a rarity for a number to be retired, with Pattin's No. 19 being only the fourth in the history of Panther athletics.

Burke said retiring numbers of more athletes is something that will be looked at in the future.

"We just want to make sure we do it right because it's a great honor," she said. "We're going to take our time and due diligence in making these decisions."

Kidwell, who, along with Schmitz presented the idea of retiring Pattin's number to Burke, said there has been discussions of other athletes getting their jerseys retired but would not give any details about whom or when.

"I don't think we're ready to publicly discuss anyone," he said. "I just think that if you retire a number, that's probably just about the ultimate honor you can give someone. There's going to be discussions about others, but it's going to be very, very limited."

"It's not something the department is just going to do on the whim; it's going to require a lot of discussions with a lot of people to make sure that person is truly deserving, and we don't want to cheapen what it is to other people."

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» Soar

FROM PAGE 12

"I don't think we have a defeated attitude," said Eastern freshman catcher Hailee Hanna. "We still hold our heads up."

The Fighting Illini have lost four of their last six games with two wins against Indiana.

Eastern sophomore pitcher Amber May said the Panthers

want to start a streak at Illinois. May said the Panthers need to improve the batting, pitching and string a few good hits to get a win and carry momentum into Thursday's games against Southeast Missouri.

Eastern's only win against Illinois came back in 2007 when the Panthers won 9-4 at Williams Field.

May (17-12, 1.72 ERA) leads the Panthers and will likely start against Fighting Illini freshman

pitcher Monica Perry (19-12, 3.88 ERA).

Eastern lost 13-5 and 14-1 in Urbana last season with both losses coming in five innings. In 2006, the Panthers lost two close games to Illinois. Eastern then went on a nine-game winning streak and finished third at the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament.

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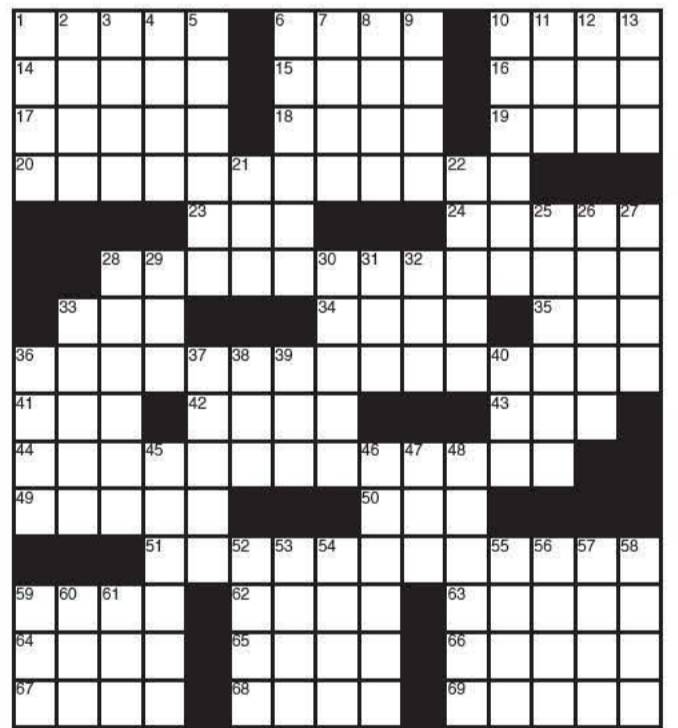
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 - 15 Web addresses
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 - 18 Politician's goal
 - 19 Give the heave-ho
 - 20 1940s hit radio show featuring the bartender Archie
 - 23 Salad additive
 - 24 Marveled audibly (at)
 - 28 1939 James Joyce novel
 - 33 Second-smallest state: Abbr.
 - 34 Instrument held with two hands
 - 35 Pakistani leader, 1977-88
 - 36 1960s sitcom about a group of castaways
 - 41 G.I. entertainers
 - 42 X ___ xylophone
 - 43 Work unit
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 - 49 Blog messages
 - 50 Sculler's item
 - 51 1960s sitcom set in a P.O.W. camp
- DOWN**
- 1 Delighted
 - 2 Prego competitor
 - 3 "Yeah, right!"
 - 4 "To thine own ___ be true"
 - 5 Victimize
 - 6 Ado
 - 7 Geographical datum
 - 8 Czech, e.g., but not a Hungarian
 - 9 Ferrara ruling family
 - 10 Ad exhortation
 - 11 Status ___
 - 12 Good times
 - 13 Numbskull
 - 21 Transgress
 - 22 Kentucky Derby prize
 - 25 Sand trap, e.g.
 - 26 Barely making, with "out"
 - 27 Defunct



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- 33 Establishment with a revolving mirrored ball
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- 37 Schoolyard retort
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MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS | SEASON RECAP



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Freshman Matyas Hilgert volleys during the match against Murray State on April 11 at Darling Courts. The men's and women's tennis teams both finished their seasons by gaining the No. 6 seed in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament. Both teams will lose a few key seniors, but look to build off their success from this season.

Doubles duo highlight season of success

Nestrud, Milicevic achieve success for tennis team

By NEIL SCHNEIDER
Staff Reporter

Despite losing in the first rounds of the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament, the Eastern men's and women's tennis teams have received positive contributions from both the younger and more veteran players.

The Eastern men were led by the duo of seniors: Jordan Nestrud and Vuk Milicevic.

Nestrud went 10-10 in singles competitions, while Milicevic finished the season with an overall record of 14-8 in singles matches.

However, the two made their

names this season in doubles matches.

The two finished the season with an overall record of 14-2, including going 5-2 in OVC matches.

Their only losses in doubles competitions this season came against Eastern Kentucky and Tennessee Tech.

Quite possibly the biggest success of the season for Nestrud and Milicevic was the upset of the 74th ranked Jacksonville State Gamecocks' doubles team, consisting of senior Scott Robertson and junior Eduardo Saratt.

The Eastern seniors defeated the nationally ranked duo on March 25 in Birmingham, Ala., 9-7.

Eastern head coach John Blackburn said he was more than

impressed with the way the two seniors performed this season.

"Playing in doubles matches with Jordan was probably the biggest highlights of my season," Milicevic said.

Milicevic said this season was probably his most successful season, and it was filled with many successful moments for him and the team.

"It was a big goal of mine to play in the regional championship, as well as being named OVC Player of the Week," Milicevic said. "I've never been named OVC Player of the Week before so it was a pretty big accomplishment for myself."

Along with the duo, Blackburn said he was pleased with the development of some of the younger players on both sides.

"We saw some improvement from (freshmen) Jamie (Firth) and Drew (Grimaldi), as well as some strong wins from (junior) Jeff (Rutherford)," Blackburn said.

Rutherford earned Second Team All-OVC honors.

Firth and Rutherford combined to finish 4-1 in doubles competitions, while Grimaldi finished the season with a record of 12-10 in singles competitions.

The Eastern men's tennis team finished the season 10-13, while the Eastern women ended the season 8-13.

"For the women, we were a very young team this year, probably the youngest group I've had since coming to EIU," Blackburn said. "We've made improvements as the season has gone on, and I'm excited to see how that translates

into next season."

Freshman Shannon Brooks finished the season with a record of 9-6 in singles competitions, while the combination of sophomore Cara Huck and freshman Juliana Frey finished the season with a record of 7-4 in doubles competitions.

The men's team will only lose seniors Milicevic and Nestrud, while all seven players will return next season on the women's side, giving Blackburn optimism for next year's team.

Among the players returning for the women's team is 2007 OVC Freshman of the Year Hayley Homburg, who is a junior this season.

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PANTHER BRIEFS

Track teams place highly at Memphis Invitational

The Eastern men's track team won its second-straight team title.

The Panthers won the Memphis Invitational Friday and Saturday in Memphis, Tenn.

The men's team won seven events.

Eastern sophomore Tyler Arnholt won the discus, and junior Ian Winston won the high jump for the field events.

Freshman DeMarcus Brooks won the 100-meter dash. Red-shirt freshman Zye Boey won the 200-meter dash.

Senior Brenton Pegues won the 400-meter dash. The Panthers also picked up victories in the 400-meter relay and the 1,600-meter relay.

In other action, Eastern senior Nick Atkinson finished third in the 1,500-meter run at the Rose-Hulman Twilight Meet Friday in Terre Haute, Ind. He finished in 3 minutes, 57.16 seconds.

The Panthers return to action next weekend when they head to the Drake Relays and the Southern Illinois-Edwardsville Twilight.



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Red-shirt freshman sprinter Zye Boey competes at the Big Blue Classic April 4 at O'Brien Stadium.

Women's track finish second

The Eastern women's track team finished as runner-up at the Memphis Invitational Friday and Saturday in Memphis, Tenn.

Junior Chandra Golden won the 100-meter dash, and senior

Shawana Smith won the 200-meter dash.

They also picked victories in the 400-meter relay and the 1,600-meter relay.

The Panthers return to action next weekend when they head to

the Drake Relays and the Southern Illinois-Edwardsville Twilight.

Men's golf wins triangular

The Eastern men's golf team won a triangular meet between Chicago State and Southern Illinois-Edwardsville Friday at the Mattoon Country Club.

Sophomore Francisco Cherizola took medalist honors with a one-under-par 71 as the Panthers finished with 295 strokes.

Freshman Kevin Flack shot a one-over-par 73, and senior Matt Davis shot a two-over-par 74.

The Panthers return to action at the Ohio Valley Conference Championships April 27-29 at The Shoals in Muscle Shoals, Ala.

Former Eastern wrestler inducted into hall of fame

Former Eastern wrestler Bernie Ruettiger was inducted into the Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association Hall of Fame Saturday.

Ruettiger wrestled at Eastern in the late 1970s and early 1980s

under former head coaches Ron Clinton and Ralph McCausland.

Ruettiger was the head wrestling coach in 1986 at Clifton Central High School.

He then moved on to Bradley-Bourbonnais in 1989, and since 2000 he has been the head coach at Minooka High School.

Softball sets single-season home run record

Despite being swept in its weekend series against Morehead State, the Eastern softball team broke a program record.

Freshman left fielder Hayley Pieper's third career home run in the second game of Saturday's doubleheader set a new Eastern softball record for most team home runs in a season.

The home run was Eastern's 29th of the season, breaking a record that had stood since the 2005 season.

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BASEBALL | EASTERN VS. SAINT LOUIS

Panthers look to regain focus



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Sophomore right-hander Josh Mueller pitches during the first game of Saturday's doubleheader against Jacksonville State at Coaches Stadium. Mueller pitched 5 2/3 innings and earned a no-decision in the team's 8-7 win.

Panthers try to recover after dropping two of three against Jacksonville State

By COLLIN WHITCHURCH
Assistant Sports Editor

The Eastern baseball team will look to snap a rare two-game losing streak as it takes on Saint Louis at 3 p.m. today at Coaches Stadium.

The Panthers dropped two of three during the weekend against Jacksonville State, their first home losses of the season and also the first time all year they have lost two in a row.

"We obviously did not play well in games two and three (last weekend)," Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz said. "I thought the energy level wasn't what you would expect from a conference weekend, so I think the urgency is to get back to playing."

Tuesday's contest will be a familiar foe for the Panthers, as they have faced Saint Louis twice already this season.

The Billikens won a 5-4 game Feb. 28 at a tournament in Evansville, Ind., but the Panthers extracted revenge with a 12-8 win in St. Louis March 31.

Schmitz said the focus this week will be on getting his pitchers back to good form after a rough weekend.

The pitching staff finished the series against Jacksonville State with a combined ERA of 9.72, 12 walks, four hit batters and four wild pitches.

Among those struggling include sophomore right-hander Matt Miller, red-shirt freshman right-hander Mike Martin and junior right-hander Josh Wilson, the three of which allowed eight earned runs in 3 1/3 innings of action out of the bullpen.

"We've got to get Martin, Miller, Wilson and those guys to just throw better for us," Schmitz said. "They have early on, all three of them. I don't know why they aren't sharp now, but if we can get some quality innings out of those guys, that just makes everybody feel a little bit more confident as we move on."

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— Jim Schmitz,
Eastern baseball head coach

The Panthers (27-8) will start senior right-hander Brian Morrell against the Billikens (20-19).

Morrell started Tuesday's 5-1 victory against Illinois and threw five innings of two hit, one run ball. He is 3-1 with a 4.84 ERA on the season in 17 appearances, including three starts.

Morrell struggled against Saint Louis in the March 31 meeting. In relief of junior Tyler Kehrer, Morrell allowed six runs and four hits in just 1 2/3 innings; however, only two of the six runs were earned.

In the Feb. 28 meeting, Morrell relieved senior Josh Mueller and went 3 1/3 innings, giving up two runs, none of them earned, and one hit.

Opposing Morrell for the Billikens will be sophomore Andrew Buckham.

The south paw is 0-1 with an 11.34 ERA in seven appearances this season, including four starts.

After Tuesday's contest, the Panthers will stay home for a 3 p.m. Wednesday game against Bradley as Miller will oppose freshman right-hander Justin Ziegler.

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"I'm more worried about (Nommensen) than us," he said. "I hope things go well for him because he has a pro career ahead of him and that's our concern right now."

Schmitz said that while losing one of the best hitters in the nation is obviously tough, he believes his team has enough offense to overcome the loss. Nommensen said he is confident the team will do fine without him.

"It's a bummer to myself and the team, but we're a strong team and have some real strong bats," said Nommensen, who is hitting .521 on the season. "You can't say that me not playing is the reason we've lost these games. I think they're going to do fine without me."

Lindquist impresses Schmitz in replacing injured star

With the injury to Nommensen, senior Ryan Lindquist has been thrust into the starting lineup on a regular basis. But, it's not like Lindquist is not accustomed to starting.

The center fielder was a regular starter in right field for the Panthers last year, starting 50 games and playing in 55 total.

Lindquist went 4-for-10 during the weekend against the Gamecocks and provided a boost defensively, making two key catches with runners on base.

"Here's a guy who started in the regional game and played almost every single game last year, and I'm amazed at the tremendous attitude a lot of my players have," Schmitz said. "We didn't want an injury, but golly, we put (Lindquist) in a week ago against a

lefty and he got two hits and a home run. So, while we miss (Nommensen), Lindquist has done a great job."

Recchia, Kehrer struggles not a worry going forward

Sophomore right-hander Mike Recchia had only allowed six earned runs all season entering Sunday's series finale against Jacksonville State.

That all changed quickly, as Recchia was roughed up for eight earned runs in only 3 2/3 innings, suffering his first loss of the season.

Schmitz is not concerned with Recchia's performance and thinks he can turn things back around quickly.

"I think Recchia's fine," he said. "You can't expect someone to go out and do what Mike's been doing the entire season."

Kehrer's struggles were attributed to the incident where Tokarz was thrown at.

"When Tokarz was thrown behind I think it kind of got to him," Schmitz said. "I think it kind of rattled him and you saw him come out right after that happened and he gave up three runs."

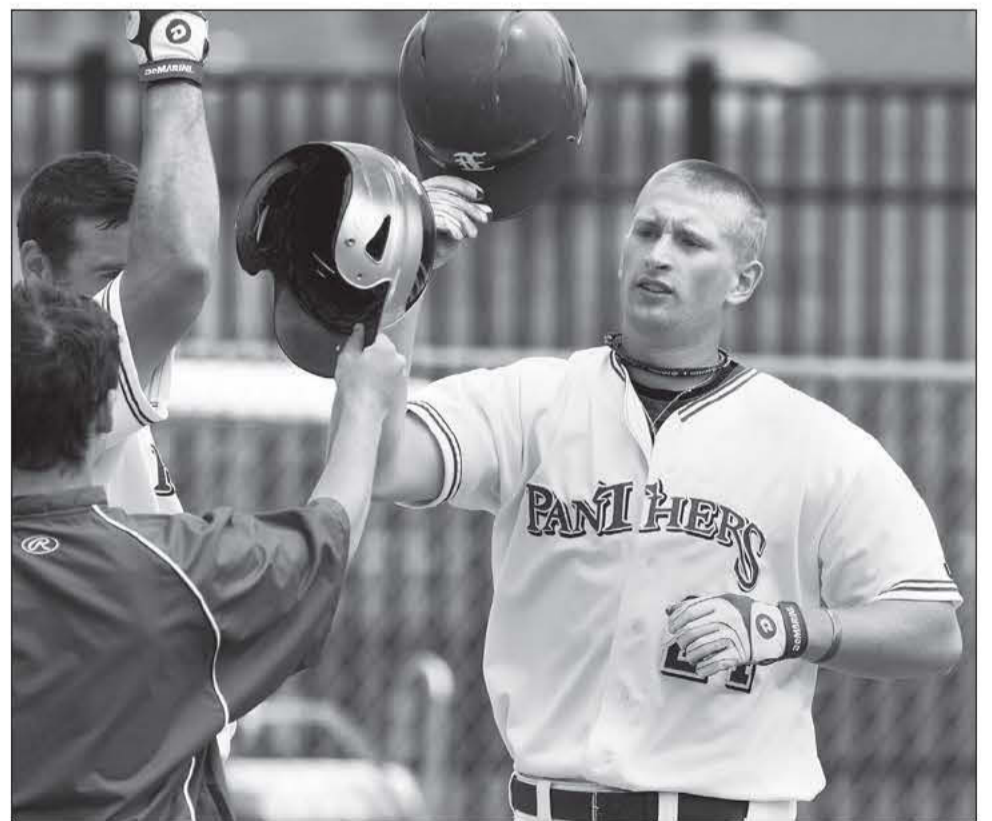
Catcher injury updates

Sophomore third-string catcher Bart Thyer started all three of the weekend games against Jacksonville State.

Freshman starter Gerik Wallsten has not played since suffering an injury on April 10 against Tennessee Martin and red-shirt freshman Ben Thoma, Wallsten's backup, tweaked his knee in Tuesday's win against Illinois.

Thoma still played during the weekend against the Gamecocks, but was relegated to designated hitting.

Thyer allowed three passed balls during



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Red-shirt freshman catcher Ben Thoma celebrates his home run during the first game of a doubleheader against Jacksonville State Saturday afternoon at Coaches Stadium. The Panthers won that game 8-7, but lost two of three games in the series.

the weekend, and by comparison, Wallsten had only allowed four passed balls in 23 starts this season.

Schmitz said he hopes to have both Thoma and Wallsten back catching this week.

He plans to use Thoma Wednesday against Bradley and Wallsten Thursday against Illinois College.

"I was very disappointed with the wildness behind the plate and on the mound," he said. "The thing about Gerik is he's good because he caught the ball, it didn't create any big innings and you saw what happened this weekend when we don't catch the ball."

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KEVIN MURPHY

Team stays loose in OVC play

The Eastern softball team's ability to have fun this season has come from almost any team member.

They can be seen dancing in the infield, outfield or near the dugout.

It's part of Eastern head coach Kim Schuette's plan for the team to stay relaxed and have a fun atmosphere.

Despite Eastern's five-game losing streak, the Panthers are all smiles before a game and after a game as well, despite a loss.

"It's a different person each time," Schuette said about her team and the ability to produce a spark.

Schuette said Eastern junior right fielder Denee' Menzione leads the team in singing and dancing. She also leads the team in home runs.

Schuette said Eastern junior second baseman Megan Nelson inserts her comments here and there.

Schuette said red-shirt junior center fielder Angie Danca is a different leader, and seniors, shortstop Sarah Coppert and pitcher Kathleen Jacoby, are quiet.

Coppert, Nelson and Jacoby told the team at the beginning of the season that it could be any person to step up this season.

They focus on how to improve themselves throughout the season, and while the Panthers (24-19) have had bumps in the road, it's game by game for all of them.

That's something that's not easily done with eight newcomers. They take wins and losses as a cohesive unit. And they want to win every single game.

"That's something I am proud of," Schuette said. "I don't think we turn to the same person for spunk or the same person to kick us in the butt either."

This good balance of emotion and having a fun, relaxed atmosphere could carry the Panthers.

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BASEBALL | NOTEBOOK

Schmitz upset about warning

By COLLIN WHITCHURCH
Assistant Sports Editor

Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz will send a letter to the Ohio Valley Conference office in protest to warnings issued after Eastern senior second baseman Jordan Tokarz was thrown behind following a home run Saturday.

In the bottom of the third inning of Saturday's 13-3 loss to Jacksonville State, Eastern freshman right fielder Zach Borenstein hit a solo home run to give the Panthers a 2-0 lead.

The next pitch from Jackson-

ville State junior right-hander Austin Lucas went behind the head of Tokarz, prompting a warning of both benches by home plate umpire Cedric Coleman.

Schmitz came out to argue the warning, saying there was no reason for a warning to Eastern because they had done nothing wrong. Additionally, he said the warning goes against league rules.

"The OVC has a sportsmanship rule that says there are no warnings," he said. "It's on a card and has been there for 10-20 years. It's on a card and they read it to us before every game. There are no

warnings."

The OVC sportsmanship policy for officials, as stated on the conference's official Web site, OVCSports.com, said: "The only warning to participants and coaches regarding sportsmanship should come at the beginning of the contest. Once the contest begins, penalties (consequences), not warnings, must be assessed for violations of unsportsmanlike conduct."

Schmitz said the throwing behind of Tokarz was something that is not uncommon by the Gamecocks.

"It's totally unsportsmanlike,"

he said.

Nommensen's future main concern

Senior center fielder Brett Nommensen will have surgery today to repair a broken bone in his wrist he suffered on April 10 against Tennessee Martin.

Schmitz said while the team hopes he can make a return at some point during the season, they are most concerned with his future and will not consider rushing him back if he's less than 100 percent.

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ATHLETICS | REUNION CEREMONY

Department pleased with festivities

Reunion weekend draws biggest crowd of season for baseball

By COLLIN WHITCHURCH
Assistant Sports Editor

Eastern assistant athletic director for special projects Dave Kidwell was all smiles after seeing his "Reunion Saturday" celebration come to fruition with the retirement of Marty Pattin's No. 19 jersey and the honoring of the 1964 and 1999 baseball teams.

"I don't think I've ever watched the Weather Channel as much as I did this week," he said. "Every morning, every night, I was just saying 'Please stay away rain,' because early on, it was predicted."

But the weather forecast was wrong, as temperatures hovered around 70 degrees for most of the afternoon with hardly a cloud in sight. The celebration of Eastern baseball's past brought out easily the largest crowd of the season to Coaches Stadium.

The first 250 fans at the game received Marty Pattin T-shirts in honor of former Major League All-Star and Panther great Marty Pattin, who became the fourth Eastern athlete to have his number retired during a ceremony between games of the Panthers' doubleheader against Jacksonville State.

All 250 T-shirts were gone well before the 1 p.m. first pitch.

"It's a great weekend for fans to get



Former Eastern pitcher Marty Pattin looks at a plaque featuring a jersey with his number during Saturday's retirement ceremony at Coaches Stadium. Pattin led EIU to the 1964 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics World Series, and pitched for 13 years in the Major Leagues.

out and enjoy Panther baseball and softball and have Marty Pattin back," said Barbara Burke, Eastern athletic director. "He's one of the finest players to go through this program. It's abso-

lutely exciting."

Kidwell was pleased with the turnout from former Panthers at the ceremony. He said it was tough to get commitments from so many former

players, but said roughly half of both the 1964 and 1999 squads were able to be there.

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SOFTBALL | EASTERN VS. ILLINOIS

Panthers look to take flight in home stretch

Team faces Illini, prepare for stretch run

By KEVIN MURPHY
Sports Editor

The Eastern softball team is looking to end its longest losing streak of the season.

The Panthers (24-19) have lost five straight games and look to end that streak and go on a run toward the end of the season.

That winning streak can end

today with Illinois (24-14) at 6 p.m. today at Williams Field.

"This point in the year can be the fun part of the season or the aggravating part of the season," said Eastern head coach Kim Schuette.

Schuette wants her team to soar. "That's been our focus," she said. "It's for us to be the team that soars and us to be the team that is pumped up."

Schuette said she saw that energy against Tennessee Tech.

The Panthers are going to need that to play a lot better than they did

against Morehead State. The Panthers dropped all three games against the Eagles in a critical Ohio Valley Conference series.

After the Fighting Illini, the Panthers play Southeast Missouri in an OVC doubleheader Thursday at Williams Field and host a three-game series with league-leading Jacksonville State Saturday and Sunday at Williams Field. After that, the Panthers play four more regular season games.

"We worry about Illinois first," Schuette said. "I think we're getting

a little too far ahead of ourselves in standings, in hosting and not hosting and devastated when we lose. We have got to play one game at a time. That's what got us here. We just got to start winning the close games. That's the key down the stretch."

Under Schuette's tenure, the Panthers have pulled out many close games. While the Panthers lost their last two one-run games, Eastern is 49-21 in those one-run games since the start of 2006 season.

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