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"Tell the truth and don't be afraid."

Homecoming 1999 Wrap-up

A slippery 'look back in time'



Mandy Marshall / Photo editor

Drew Bischoff, a freshmen undecided major, slides head first down the syrupy makeshift slip and slide at the Fun Games Finals Friday afternoon in the South Quad. The Slip 'n Slide, that made up the first leg of the relay was initially covered in chocolate syrup, whip cream, and honey, but that was not slippery enough so members of the Homecoming Committee sprayed the tarp down with water.

1999 King, Queen crowned

By Julie Ferguson
Staff writer

A week of anticipation finally ended in excitement for two Eastern students who were crowned 1999 Homecoming King and Queen on Saturday at O'Brien Stadium during the football game.

Between the third and fourth quarters, in front of the entire stadium, the candidates were escorted onto the field and Scott Busam of Sigma Phi Epsilon and Andrea Herzog of Alpha Phi were announced King and Queen.



Scott Busam



Andrea Herzog

Herzog, a senior childhood special education major, said, "I was definitely shocked and didn't expect to hear my name. I couldn't have been more excited."

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South Quad all 'fun' & 'games'

By Phil Carmody
Staff writer

Students clad in blue and white lined the South Quad Friday to watch the finals of Fun Games for Eastern's Homecoming 1999.

Members from three divisions of student organizations and groups engaged in a two-part relay obstacle course to determine who would be champion of Fun Games.

"Coming out here for this stuff is a lot of fun," said Mike Dibble, a sophomore marketing major. "These things bring the school together."

In the greek division of fun games, the tandem of Delta Tau Delta and Delta Zeta took first place. The National Panhellenic Council and Black Student Union took the honors in the student organizations division and Taylor Hall placed first in the residence

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Union contract extended

No agreement after 13 hours of weekend talks; contract up Tuesday

By Melanie Schneider
Administration editor

Eastern's chapter of the University Professionals of Illinois and administrators met for 13 hours this weekend and were unable to resolve contract negotiations.

The contract was supposed to expire Oct. 22, but was extended until Sunday. And after talks spanning three days, both sides agreed to extend the contract again, until Tuesday, said Jeanne Simpson, chief negotiator for the administration.

"We feel we have made some progress," Simpson said. "We will continue to work toward an agreement. We are quite willing to do that."

Simpson said no additional bargaining sessions are planned, but the administrators certainly offered to meet with the UPI negotiating team again.

David Radavich, UPI chief negotiator, said he could not say how negotiations will work out at this point.

"No progress was made in issues of critical importance to the faculty and staff," Radavich said in a written statement.

Eastern's chapter of UPI, which represents about 650 faculty members, is the faculty union that represents all Unit A and Unit B faculty. On Oct. 15, UPI filed an unfair labor practices charge against the university because the university is not bargaining in good faith, Radavich previously said.

Faculty and staff compensation is the most pressing issue causing the delay in finalizing the contract negotiations with the university. Salaries for Eastern's faculty and staff rank among the lowest in the region and the state among peer

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Boss of Year says productivity comes from work environment

By Amy Thon
Assoc. news editor

Although Rick Roberts has only been at Eastern a little more than one year, he has already been named Boss of the Year.

Roberts said he was not expecting the award, and did not even know he was nominated. He said he was just happy to go to the lunch.

"(The award) was a complete

shock," Roberts said. "I didn't even wear a tie. I was quite caught off guard."

Roberts has been chair of the Counseling and Student Development department since August, and said he's worked in human resources and in business. Earlier in his career, Roberts had a private practice in mental health, but decided to switch to teaching.

"I've always been interested in helping people," Robert said. "I

wanted to be more involved in the university campus."

A native of Louisiana, Roberts went to school in Texas for both his bachelor's and master's degrees. Previously, Roberts taught at Dakota State University for seven years, four of those as head of the

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counseling department.

Roberts said as a boss, he tries to create an environment where everyone can do their best and achieve their goals.

"My discipline supports that idea," he said.

The counseling and student development department has mostly graduate students, but does include one undergraduate course. The department includes disciplines like community counseling,

which focuses on marriage and family; school counseling for kindergarten through 12th grade and support staffs of universities, such as deans and directors of housing. The department includes eight tenure track employees, one annually-contracted employee and a secretary.

Roberts has two children, ages 7 and 9, and his wife is expecting a third child. He and his wife wanted

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Crowned

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Busam, a senior English major, said, "I was excited and surprised to hear my name and I had no idea I would win. It's an honor to know that a Sigma Phi Epsilon was able to represent EIU for two years in a row as Homecoming King."

Herzog said she "had a blast" this week, and the change of moving the coronation to the game was for the better.

"The court got more recognition on a personal level and I personally got to know the other candidates better," she said. "I knew the other candidates had a great chance, and I tried not to think about it too much."

Busam said moving the coronation to the game gave everyone a chance to be more involved. He said it became more intense every day and he was happy Alpha Phi and Sigma Phi Epsilon were

represented.

Both Herzog and Busam had their families in attendance at the game to support them.

"My mom and dad drove four hours from home and it was special that they dropped everything for me and it meant a lot for me for them to be there," Busam said. "I love them for it."

After graduation, Busam said he plans to teach upper-level high school honors literature and coach football and softball at a high school.

Herzog said she has plans to get married in June and find a teaching job in early childhood special education in the Clinton school district.

"I was thrilled to win for Alpha Phi and that people actually voted for me," Herzog said. "I love my sorority and admire a lot of the girls in my house."

"It is great to represent this school and it could not have been a better honor for me. I hope I can contribute as much as I can to represent EIU during my last year here," she said.

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to come to Eastern because in South Dakota, they were far from their family, who live in the South.

"We were looking to relocate. We like the Mid-west," Roberts said.

He said he enjoys working and teaching at Eastern, and enjoys working with the other chairs, who he finds supportive and willing to help. He also said he likes his surroundings in the newly-renovated Buzzard Hall.

"The surroundings really are encouraging and facilitate good work here," Roberts said.

Roberts said there isn't much he doesn't like about Eastern.

"I'm by nature a pretty positive person. I tend not to dwell on nega-

tive things," Roberts said.

One thing Roberts has learned as a boss is how to admit to his faculty when he can't do something and needs their help. He said one time, he and a colleague were on an outdoor training course and were climbing a wall and he realized he couldn't keep going and his colleague had to help him through it.

"I think that was a real teachable moment," Roberts said. "I have to rely on the person I'm roped to to help us both achieve the goals. (My employees) always step forward and step in to help us both get to the top."

His goal for the department is to continue creating a positive environment for his staff to work.

"I want us to continue creating a space where students learn and faculty enjoy being," Roberts said.

His responsibilities as chair are diverse and include such things as

strategic planning, mentoring faculty, modeling and supporting faculty research, representing faculty to administration and he also serves on numerous committees.

Roberts said the department chair before him at Dakota State University was a big influence on him and continues to be someone he calls for advice in certain situations.

"My first department head really mentored me along," he said. "He had a big influence and still does."

"(Responsibilities for) this particular position, over the last 10 to 15 years, has really increased," Roberts said.

He said he enjoys working at Eastern and the counseling and student development department.

"When I'm done with the day I feel more energized," he said. "It's a big 'we' because it's not something I can do alone."

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hall division.

After crossing a Slip and Slide covered with chocolate syrup and cooking oil, each member of the relay had to pick up and hand off a football to their next teammate, leaving the anchor man with an armful of five footballs. When each teammate had made a trip to the pool, participants were to make a human pyramid before

they could cross the finish line.

Times were recorded from Tuesday's preliminaries and added to Friday's times to decide the final scores.

"The finals went very well," said Erica Smith, University Board activities director and activities coordinator for Homecoming 1999. "We had some problems with the wind, but I think that everybody had a good time with it."

Kappa Delta and Delta Sigma Phi were runners up in the greek division, finishing in front of third

place Alpha Sigma Tau and Sigma Pi. In the student organization division, Epsilon Sigma Alpha took second and Alpha Phi Omega took third place. Gregg Triad finished second and Andrews Hall took third in the residence hall division.

"This event wasn't so much about associations," said Dan Madrigal, junior speech communications major.

"It was about having some pride in this school, and that's something you really don't see enough of around here."



Mandy Marshall / Photo editor

Andrea Herzog, senior childhood special education major, and Scott Busam, senior English major, are crowned 1999 Homecoming Queen and King Saturday afternoon at halftime of the football game at O'Brien Stadium.

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institutions. According to a UPI newsletter, Eastern's faculty salaries are 11.8 percent behind the national median of peer institutions and are even further behind the average among Illinois professors.

A different flier from UPI states Eastern administrators earn an average salary that is 15.5 percent above the national norms.

The contract, which expired Aug. 31, has continued to be extended during the past two months. If an agreement between the university and UPI is not reached soon, there is a possibility the union could go on strike, but Radavich previously said the union would avoid a strike, if at all possible.

Correction

An article in Friday's edition of *The Verge*, the sponsor of the stepshow was incorrectly reported.

The National Panhellenic Council sponsored the stepshow.

An article in Friday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News* incorrectly identified Council on University Planning and Budget member Lynn Kimbrough.

He represents non-tradition and continuing education students.

The *News* regrets the error.

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Fraternities, sororities step it up in style

Latina sorority makes its debut at annual stepshow

By Matthew Smith
Staff writer

Fraternities and sororities competed Saturday night in Lantz Gymnasium for the annual Greek Stepshow.

Performances included routines from Delta Sigma Theta, Zeta Phi Beta, Sigma Gamma Rho, Alpha Phi Alpha, Phi Beta Sigma and Kappa Alpha Psi.

Alpha Phi Alpha won first place in the fraternity division. Phi Beta Sigma were first runners-up.

Zeta Phi Beta won first place in the sorority division, with Sigma Gamma Rho as the first runner-up.

The show opened with an exhibition performance from Alpha Sigma Omega Latina Sorority Inc.

"The ASO performance was ground breaking since it was the first time a Latina sorority stepped in the stepshow," said Jen Rodriguez, a sophomore foreign language major.

Eastern's National Panhellenic

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Council presented the annual stepshow competition, which has been going on for more than 15 years.

Eastern President Carol Surles and Lou Hencken, vice president for student affairs, were among the several hundred in attendance.

Courtney Crawley, coach of the Delta Sigma Theta steppers, said they began practicing eight weeks prior to the competition.

The performances were derived from African dance. They also incorporated popular dance, hip-hop and R & B songs like Puff Daddy and Nas' "Hate Me Now," R. Kelly's "Sex Me" and Eve's "Gotta Man."

"This has been the best stepshow ever," said Crawley. "It was a very intense, motivated show in all aspects."



Mandy Marshall / Photo editor

Above: Stephanie Burgett, a senior music education major, performs with her Sigma Gamma Rho sisters at the annual Greek stepshow Saturday night in Lantz Gymnasium. Sigma Gamma Rho was the first judged performance of the night and came in as first runner-up.

Right: Ladies of Alpha Sigma Omega perform in exhibition at the annual Greek stepshow Saturday night in Lantz Gymnasium. This was the first time a Latina sorority stepped in the show.



CUPB members discuss budget requests, allocations

By Melanie Schneider
Administration editor

Carol Surles, Eastern president and chair of the Council on University Planning and Budget, Friday discussed the reasoning behind Eastern's budget requests and allocation decisions with other CUPB members.

CUPB member David Carpenter said it is important to rank campus priorities to decide where university money should go. Surles said it is difficult to strictly adhere to the rankings and sub-committee recommendations because some flexibility is needed in order to receive money from the state for university needs.

"The rankings must be realistic and connect with state priorities and university priorities to ensure we come back with something. We must not be afraid to be creative, flexible and able to make a decision," Surles said.

"This is not a power struggle for us to remove the advisory committees from this task. We need their help," she said.

Teshome Abebe, vice president for academic affairs, agreed the issue of flexibility becomes very important to an institution. He said the funds from the budget requests go toward fulfilling obligations and addressing important issues of the university.

Abebe said decisions are not made through last minute arrangements with little thought or contemplation.

"Please allow for some judgment based on the experiences we bring, we need to allow flexibility for each other," Abebe said.

Surles said definite structure could almost be considered to be a fault for the university.

She compared the strict adherence to the recommended rankings of the advisory committees to the walls of a box.

"We can't stay in a box and succeed,"

she said. "We are going to listen to you, and I can't tell you how much I want to move us forward."

When judgments or decisions have been made by administrators, Surles said she would make the reasons for the judgments thoroughly articulated to the university.

"If I've made a decision I will let you know about it, and the decision will be made for the best, most compelling reasons," Surles said.

CUPB members also received an explanation of the appropriated funds external budget request process, which outlined how the university negotiates their requests for money with the Illinois Board of Higher Education and the Illinois State Assembly before the Governor signs the appropriation bill for the university.

The recommended members for the vice-presidential advisory subcommittees were also approved at the meeting.

The chosen members for the Academic

affairs vice presidential advisory subcommittees are: Carpenter, English professor; Mary Anne Hanner, professor of communication disorders and sciences; Hank Davis, associate professor of accounting and finance; and the alternate for the committee is health studies professor Robert Bates.

Chosen members for the business affairs vice presidential advisory subcommittees are: Larry Cannon, director of accounting/finance and assistant director of business services; Sandy Bingham-Porter, student services data processing analyst; Lynn Kimbrough, environmental control; and the alternate is Tom Heitt.

The student affairs vice presidential advisory subcommittee members are: financial aid counselor Elmer Pullen, Kelly Miller, assistant director of student housing; Lynette Drake, director of health service; and the alternate is Jone Zieren, associate director of financial aid.

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Alcohol-free alternatives

Organizations on campus will be working this week to make sure students are aware of the dangers of alcohol.

Students should take advantage of these planned activities to learn more about alcohol and how it affects people.

On Monday, Zeta Phi Beta will distribute red ribbons on campus to remind students of alcohol awareness.

On Tuesday, students can get involved and share their negative experiences in the brick wall in the union, sponsored by PEACE.

The brick wall will present students with real life experiences of other students. Packets are

Alcohol awareness

Students should take part in some of the events planned during Alcohol Awareness Week to learn how alcohol affects the body.

available in the residence halls and any student on campus can write their own story on a brick to be added to the wall.

This is a great opportunity for students who have had negative experiences with alcohol to stop other students from making the same mistake.

Also on Tuesday, Alpha Gamma Delta will sponsor Lalanobooza. The event is a non-alcoholic event where students can create "mocktails," which are cocktails without alcohol.

A lecture called "College Drinking Games" will be held Thursday. This will focus on the effects of college drinking games.

Throughout the week other alcohol free events will be held including a Campus Perk Thursday in the basement of Thomas Hall and a costume party Friday at the Wesley Foundation Lighthouse.

Various organizations on campus have worked hard to organize these events to try and keep students safe.

Students should take advantage of these events. What they learn could come in handy later. The message is not just coming from administrators, but from other students as well.

Students should take to heart what they are saying, and learn from other mistakes before they have to make the same mistake on their own.

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

Today's quote

Our civilization ... is not devaluing its awareness of the unknowledgeable; nor is it deifying it. It is the first civilization that has severed it from religion and superstition. In order to question it.

Andre Malraux,
French novelist, 1901-1976

Mid-semester woes can take their toll

It has happened to the best of us. Nearly everyone has sat in class, struggling to keep their eyes open, thinking of that midterm that is worth half of their grade in just two hours away.

For me, the pre-test classes are easier to get through awake.

I may not be paying attention to anything the professor is saying, but I'm awake.

Rather than concentrating on the class material my mind is racing with lists of information I had attempted to memorize in my all-night studying frenzy the night before. I am constantly quizzing myself trying to remember random information that was discussed once in class that may or may not be on the test.

In my pre-test jitters, sitting still though class is a great achievement for me. The closer I get to starting the test the less my ability to sit still exists.

My roommates can tell you how they have seen me passing across our common room floor for the half hour before a big test spouting out facts on cloud formation, the characters from "Odyssey" or the difference between "their" and "there."

After the test any signs of alertness are gone.

If I have a test in a 10 a.m. class and then have to face a noon class after minimal amounts sleep, the accomplishment is not sitting still for 50 minutes, it is staying awake for 50 minutes.

Any adrenaline that went into getting through the test is gone. I have no willpower to stay awake what so ever.

And this time of the semester I'm not the only one fighting to stay awake.

I've seen people sleep through an entire class. Just a week or so ago I watched a fellow classmate dose off for almost the entire class period while he sat just two feet from the professor at the front of the classroom.

While I have never seen anything as funny as falling out of chairs I've heard stories about it. I've even heard of people falling asleep in their dinners in food service or snoring in class.



Nicole Meinheit
Managing editor

"Students are cramming for midterms and working on projects. Deadlines are pushing people to their limits."

It is no surprise why.

Walking through the halls and sitting in class it is not uncommon to hear a bunch of people saying, "I was up all night last night," or "this is my third all-nighter this week," but even though college students are young and resilient no one can sleep that little and still be functional.

In a study by The Stanford Center, researchers found that

too little sleep leaves people with the same abilities as drinking too much.

Yes it's true, driving on too little sleep is the same as driving drunk, just like going to class on too little sleep is the same as going to class drunk.

Sleeplessness impairs people's reflexes and reasoning.

This time of year, students are faced with this problem more than ever. Students are cramming for midterms and working on projects. Deadlines are pushing people to their limits.

While it is important to do well on tests, falling asleep in class or sitting on the edge of your chair quizzing yourself for an upcoming test is going to hurt you when a test comes around in that class.

Not to mention the dangers of no sleep.

If lack of sleep causes people to be in a drunken like state, what kind of dangers are we placing ourselves in by not sleeping?

Students are not only putting themselves at risk for poor class work and maybe even poor test performance; they are setting themselves up for bodily injury and depleting the immune system.

The best way to get thought midterms is to plan ahead and budget your time.

There have been many nights if I had planned ahead I would not have been up at 4 a.m. still studying and I would have been awake in my 3 p.m. class.

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Campus deserves thanks for donating money

Oct. 8 marked the second year of a tradition at Eastern. This campus rallied together, wore denim and pink ribbons and donated \$3,030.78 to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation in honor of our own Cyndi Miller Rhoads for Lee National Denim Day. The amount raised is exactly \$1,000 more than was raised last year.

There are many hardworking people who made this day successful and heartwarming. The members of the National Residence Hall Honorary and its Community Service Committee are to be applauded. Denim Day could not have happened without those members collecting money and making signs. But each of

Your turn

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those individuals wanted to make a difference, and that was evident after the success Denim Day had.

A special thanks also goes out to the Walt Disney World College Alumni Association, the women of Delta Sigma Theta, the various residence hall councils, greek organizations, Recognized Student Organizations, academic departments, campus offices and every student that helped support this cause.

As president of the NRHH, it is easy for me to say how proud I am of NRHH and the campus community. \$3,030.78 is an illustration of how

proud we all should be of supporting research for breast cancer.

Greg Thompson
NRHH president

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Students show spirit despite cool weather



Laura Strange / Staff photographer

The Sigma Sigma Sigma float rolled down the parade route during the Homecoming Parade Saturday morning. Despite temperatures that reached only into the mid-40s, students, faculty, alumni and Charleston residents still lined the streets to watch the parade.

Hundreds tailgate during, after Saturday's football game

By Elizabeth O'Riley
Activities editor

Despite the cold 40-degree weather on Saturday afternoon, hundreds of people tailgated before the Eastern vs. Tennessee Tech football game, and some even opted to extend the celebration throughout the game.

The Homecoming tailgating party, which was held behind O'Brien Stadium, began at 11 a.m. and was supposed to end when the game started, but many students, alumni and faculty stayed at the party as late as 3 p.m.

"It was a really good time and there were a lot more people there than I expected," said Andy DeLassus, a junior speech communication major.

Kickoff for the football game 1:30 p.m., but most of the crowd went to the game at halftime. About a quarter of the people went into the game when it start-

ed, said Dan Lempa, a junior mathematics major, but more went in during the second half.

People who arrived early parked their cars in the field so they could set up their own area to grill and socialized. Walking through the crowd was almost impossible because of the huge turnout of the event.

The campus band Day-Timer performed throughout the day and had a good reaction from the crowd, playing songs by Sarah McLachlan, Michael Jackson and Green Day. Many people were up and dancing along to the music while the band played.

Although many people brought their own grills to barbecue with, a tent was set up where free food was offered.

"This was the first tailgating party I've been to and if I came more prepared, I think it would be fun to go to another one," said Justin Freeman, a sophomore sociology major.

40-degree temperatures don't deter people from parading the streets

By Geneva White
Campus editor

Bitter temperatures did not keep crowds home Saturday as they lined Sixth and Seventh streets for the Homecoming parade in a show of support for Eastern.

With temperatures in the upper 30s, enthusiastic parade-goers bundled up in hats, coats and gloves to see the floats and other features the parade had to offer.

"It was a good parade," said resident Roger Paul. "It didn't even feel cold once we got started."

Others who attended the parade said they would not have missed it for the world.

"I've only missed once in 26

years," said Carolyn Woolever, an instructor from the school of family and consumer sciences. "I love parades."

Woolever was accompanied at the parade by her daughter and a student, Danielle Daehke, a senior elementary education major.

Like Woolever, many people attended the parade with family and friends.

The parade route began at the corner of Seventh Street and Lincoln Avenue with a fire engine and sirens leading the way. Firemen from the Charleston Fire Department handed out candy bags to the crowd for the treats that would be tossed from the floats.

Waving from a red convertible,

Eastern President Carol Surles was one of the first ones to pass by. Surles was followed by the Pink Panthers and Eastern's color guards who waved their flags as the band played the school fight song.

"I liked the bands a lot," said Emily Newman, a senior elementary education major. "(Music) puts you in the spirit."

The Eastern Cheer Team got the crowd fired up with school spirit as they were accompanied by Billy the Panther, who was happy to greet people and shake hands.

Homecoming queen candidates Andrea Herzog, Kara Kessel, Amy McPeak and Freshman Attendant Laura McNellis rode through the parade in a white horse-drawn car-

riage, while the Homecoming King Candidates rode behind in a LeBaron convertible.

Following the Homecoming court was Charleston Mayor Dan Cougill. Other officials who participated in the parade included Coles County Coroner Mike Nichols and Illinois Senator Judy Myers. Cougill was followed by winners of the Distinguished Alumnus Award, Alumni Service Award and the Outstanding Young Alumnus Award.

The song "Bad Boys" played when officers from the East Central Illinois Task Force marched through with police dogs and tossed candy from a DARE jeep.

Some of the many float themes included Delta Sigma Pi and Kappa

Delta's "The Big Apple" which featured an elaborate display of buildings and a working fountain. Lambda Chi Alpha and Alpha Sigma Alpha's float had a gigantic bust of Uncle Sam with the words "I want you" written on the back.

Most of the crowd appeared to be impressed with Delta Tau Zeta's Top Gun float which was complete with a plane; it nearly brushed against people with its enormous wingspan.

"The floats were awesome this year," said Christi Iller, a senior marketing major.

Residence halls also marched through the parade with themes, such as the Triad's "Around the World" and Carman Hall's "America the Beautiful."

Committee aims to strengthen relations with city, Eastern

By Chris Sievers
Student government editor

Student Senate members have added a new committee while deleting another in the hopes of strengthening the bond between Charleston citizens and students.

Last week senate members approved the creation of an External Relations Committee.

The committee will replace the Appropriations Committee, which served as a liaison between the Apportionment Board and the Student Senate.

Speaker of the Senate Matt Layette said he appointed Jeremy Ruppel to serve as chair of the committee. Ruppel was formerly the Appropriations Chair.

Layette said he appointed Ruppel as chair because he wanted to keep him on Legislative Leaders, which is a committee that determines the legislation that will be discussed at senate.

Layette also gave credit to Ruppel for proposing the idea at the City Council meeting where the possibility of extending the bar hours was being discussed.

"It is the first step toward developing communications between Charleston and the university."

Jeremy Ruppel,
External Relations Committee chair

"It is the first step toward developing communications between Charleston and the university," he said.

Ruppel said he hopes the committee will be beneficial to both the university and the Charleston community.

"Hopefully, (the committee) develops some solutions to resolve problems Charleston has with the university and the university has with Charleston," he said.

The committee will be made up of a wide group of people, including

three senate members, the mayor of Charleston, one faculty member, one university administrator, two City Council members, one citizen of Charleston and one representative from the Charleston Chamber of Commerce.

The duties of the committee are to meet at least once a month, establish and promote productive discourse between the citizens of Charleston, the City Council, the mayor, other non-university affiliated groups, the entire university community and other groups who interact frequently with university and its students.

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Bar hours extension will be voted on next semester

Task force wants more time to address issues

By Sara E. Figiel
Staff writer

The issue of extending Charleston bar hours until 2 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays will go before the City Council next

semester, not in November, as previously stated by the council.

At the first meeting of the Task Force on Bar Extension Hours Thursday, committee members said they thought more time was needed to address issues surrounding the vote.

Mayor Dan Cougill and Student Senate member Will Brooks chaired the meeting.

During the meeting, problems with the hours extension were identified and solutions were

found, said Jeremy Ruppel, Student Senate member and chair of the recently-formed External Relations committee.

"A lot of solutions were found; we're just trying to find the best one," said Ruppel.

One of the reasons the committee made the decision to hold off on the voting of extending the bar hours is to fully implement and assess the outcome of some of the solutions they have come up with.

"We have moved back the vot-

ing so we can implement solutions and get people aware of the end result," Ruppel said. "This is not a lagging effort on our part, it is just going to take time."

Solutions discussed included educational programming for student awareness and bar alternatives.

Senate Speaker Matt Layette said the first meeting definitely helped.

However, there are still conflicting views, concerns, and

opinions, that are unresolved between the different representatives on the Task Force, Layette said.

"Even though there are still hard feelings, some type of compromise has to come out," Layette said.

Ruppel said he thought the meeting was a good starting point.

"I thought the meeting was elaborate," Ruppel said. "It was an extension of what was already talked about."



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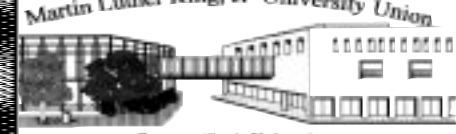
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There was no place like Homecoming '99.

A look at the weekend through pictures

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Top left: Hundreds of students and faculty camped out at O'Brien Stadium to engage in tailgating before and during Saturday's Homecoming football game.

Middle Left: Josh Yborra, a freshmen, computer management major, catches a raw egg during a relay at the Fun Games Preliminaries Monday in the South Quad.

Above: Andrea Herzog receives her 1999 Homecoming Queen robe from last years Homecoming Queen.



Top right: Lindsay Yoder, a sophomore hospitality major, builds her version of O'Brien Stadium out of canned goods Wednesday afternoon at the Food Sculpture competition in the South Quad.

Above: Christina Cass, a junior marketing major, Katie Bohl, a junior business marketing major, and Oona Burke, a junior accounting major, race to finish their relay with their legs tied together Monday at the Preliminary Fun Games in the South Quad.

Left: Three students finish the last leg of their relay Friday afternoon during the Fun Games finals in the South Quad.

Slow start costs Panthers

Women's soccer team drops 2-0 match to Aces

By Gabe Rosen
Staff writer

The women's soccer team came out a little flat Saturday at Evansville and as a result it was out muscled by the Purple Aces in a 2-0 loss.

"Evansville is a team that is very strong and they are big and physical," assistant coach Adam Howarth said.

"We were very flat in the first half and it took us a while to figure out what they were doing."

Evansville (7-8-2) scored first at the 44:16 mark of the first half when a Panther defender inadvertently tipped in the ball in.

"That was a real bad time to concede a goal," Howarth said. "Unfortunately we gave up another goal early in the second half."

The Purple Aces were able to add to their lead at the 52:33 mark when Ashley Sandefur scored off an assist from Shaunna Farrell.

The Panthers (7-9, 3-0) were unable to generate any offense in the game, negating a solid effort from goaltender Jeanine Fredrick.

Fredrick's performance in goal was one positive aspect of the game for the Panthers. The junior goalie tallied 11 saves for the game.

However, the most important statistic for Eastern turned out to be shots on goal.

Evansville out-shot the Panthers

22-7 for the game and 13-4 in the second half.

"We really didn't penetrate at all offensively," Howarth said.

According to Howarth, the Panthers lackluster play in the first half might have been because of the team looking ahead to this week's Ohio Valley Conference matchup with Tennessee-Martin.

When the Panthers travel to Martin, Tenn. Friday to take on Tennessee-Martin, they will have the opportunity to clinch the top spot in the conference.

Despite the loss, Howarth and the Panthers remain upbeat and focused on the task of winning the OVC.

"We've just got to look forward and make some adjustments," Howarth said.

"It's always been our main focus to win the OVC."

Eastern gets swept

Men's soccer team drops pair of 3-0 matches

By Kyle Bauer
Sports editor

Heading into this weekend's Missouri Valley Conference matchups with Creighton and Drake, head coach Tim McClements stressed a need for consistency.

He got consistent play out of his team, but not quite the kind he was looking for.

The Panthers dropped both weekend matches by the score of 3-0. Eastern fell to 6-8-1 overall

and 0-3-1 in conference action.

Sunday, the Panthers lost to No. 14 Creighton (10-2-1, 4-0-0). Eastern came up empty on all six of its shots on goal, while the Bluejays were able to put the ball in the net three times in 11 attempts.

The story was the same for the Panthers Friday against Drake. Eastern attempted six shots on goal and was unable to capitalize.

Drake took a dozen shots at Eastern goalie Matt Evers, beating him three times.

Following the two road games, Eastern will return home for a pair of matches this weekend.

First up for the Panthers will be Western Kentucky on Friday. Vanderbilt awaits Eastern Sunday.

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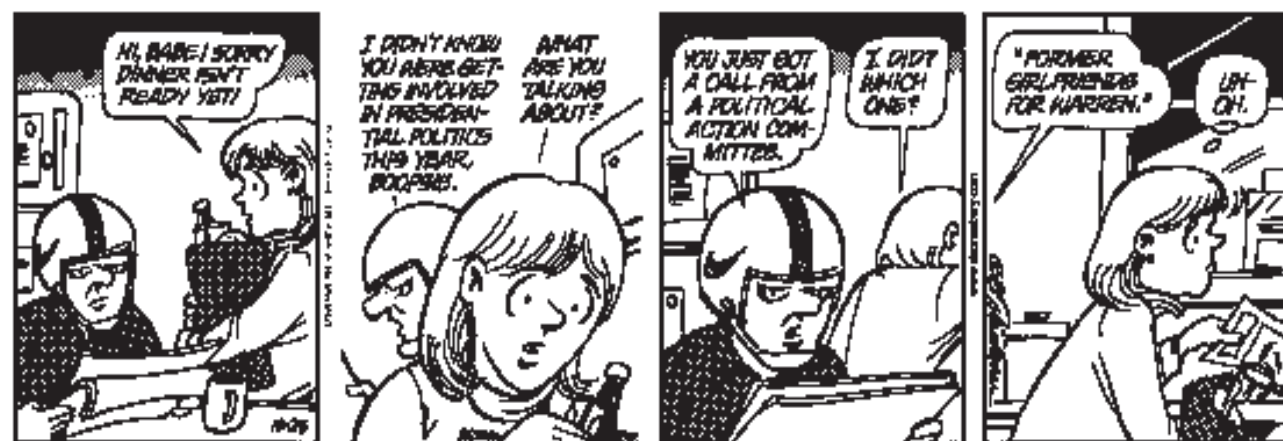
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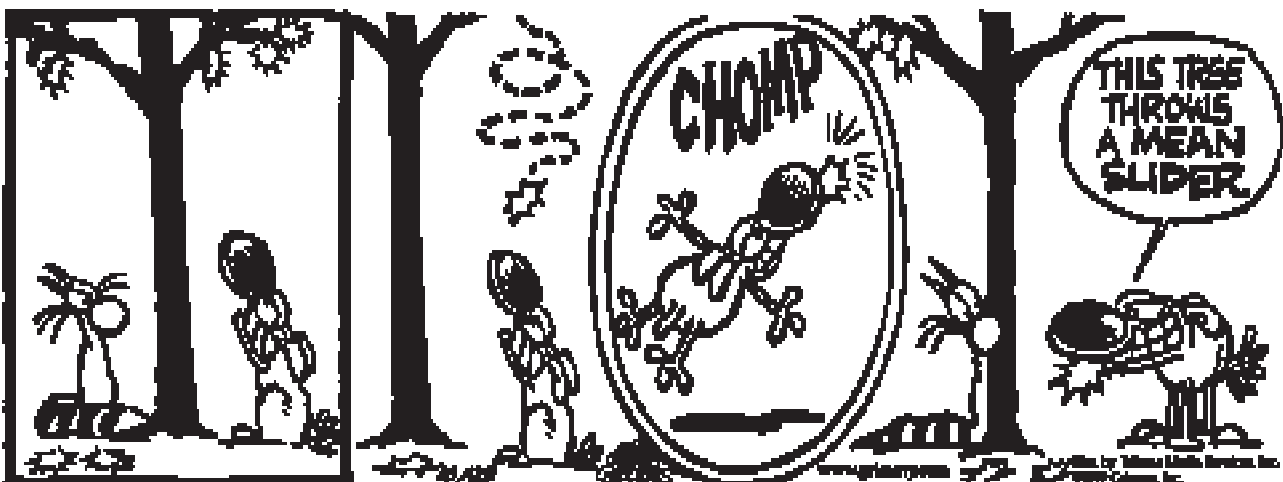
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Panthers feed off of adrenalin to earn sweep

Momentum from Friday's victory carries over into Saturday's blanking of Tech

By Troy Hinkel
Staff writer

A slow start made for an exciting comeback win on Friday and a team riding high on adrenaline was able to dominate the game on Saturday for the Panthers volleyball team this past weekend.

The Panthers (14-7, 9-2), engulfed in Homecoming excitement got off to a slow start against a strong Tennessee Tech team on Friday before making a remarkable comeback to win in five games.

The Panthers didn't leave any doubt as to who was in control of Saturday's game.

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EIU	3

Eastern hit an amazing .368 kill percentage in the first game as they jumped on the Blue Raiders and won the game 15-3.

The next two games were much of the same as the Panthers were able to win 15-8 and 15-12, ending the match in straight games.

"Our passing was good tonight and our defense played well," outside hitter Amy Heimann said.

"Being Homecoming, we got excited and after the win on Friday the adrenaline was high and that helped us win (Saturday)," setter Cari Stuchly said.

Friday's win was a hard-fought battle and got the team excited to play Saturday.

Tech, tied for second in the OVC coming into the game, got off to a quick start by winning the first two games 15-12 and 15-11.

"Our defensive intensity was low and we did not pass well at the beginning of the game," interim coach Andrew Epperly said.

"In the locker room I told the

team we would win the next three games and they really believed it."

A different Panther team seemed to take the court in the third and fourth game.

Led by the explosive play of outside hitter Erin Morrison and setter Stephanie Brandys, Eastern never relinquished the lead to Tech in either game, winning with scores of 15-9 and 15-12.

"Without those two players (Morrison and Brandys), we would not have won the game tonight," Epperly said.

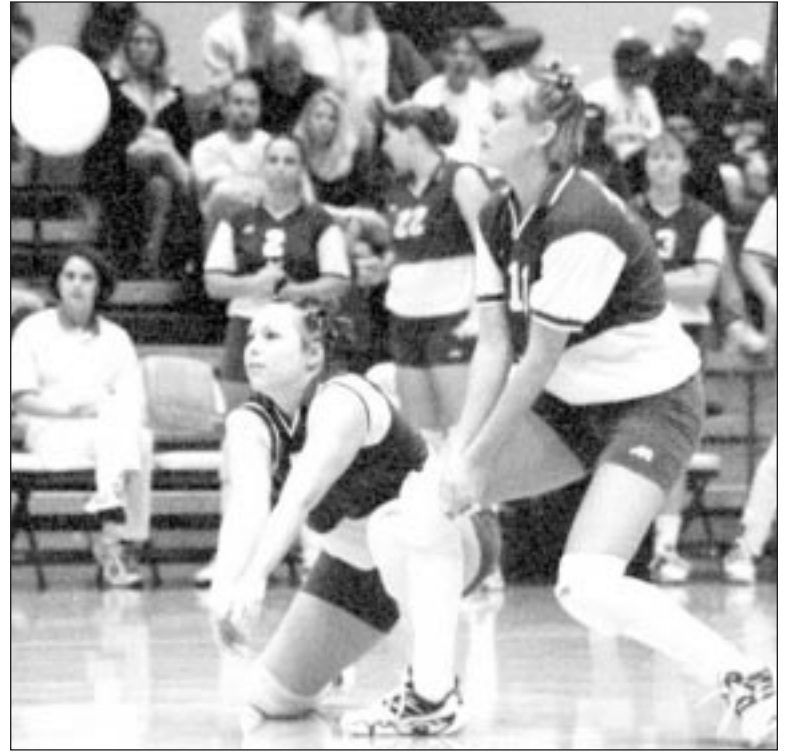
Tech lead the fifth game 13-10 when a questionable call by the referees led to a yellow card for outside hitter Meleah Cutler after she had a few words for the officials.

The action by Cutler helped fire the Panthers up as they made a comeback winning the game 18-16 and the match 3-2.

"In a way, I think it got the team fired up and I know it got me fired up," she said.

Next up for the Panthers will be a non-conference match with

DePaul Tuesday.



Mandy Marshall / Photo editor

Freshman Stephanie Brandys (left) and sophomore Amy Heimann (right) both go after a ball in Eastern's win over Tennessee Tech Saturday.

Friday nights not kind to Panthers

The Panthers have had some problems of late playing on Friday nights.

Despite their 5-0 record in conference matches that fall on Fridays, the Panthers have struggled to win the past two weeks against Tennessee Martin and Tennessee Tech.

"We are not a Friday night team because every Friday game we struggle," interim head coach Andrew Epperly said.



Never say die

Stephanie Brandys' volleyball philosophy helped fire up the team on Friday night against Tennessee Tech as she came up with 19 digs for the Panthers.

"I feel that if the ball is in the court nothing is impossible," Brandys said.

They want them big in Tennessee

Eastern faced the top two blocking

teams in the conference this weekend in Tennessee Tech and Middle Tennessee.

Eastern, with only one player at six feet tall, faced Tech, which has five players at least six feet tall, and Middle Tennessee, who also had five players that were at least six feet tall.

The Panthers were out-blocked 27-15 on the weekend but in both games they out-killed the opponents by an average of four per game.

Tough conference competition

The wins this weekend moves Eastern into second place in the Ohio Valley Conference with a 9-2 record.

The conference has six teams with six wins thus far and four of them are very close to the top with eight wins or more.

"Anybody can win a match this season because every team is very competitive, including in the top five of the conference," Tech coach Jennie Gilbert said.

"This is different than in the past where one or two teams normally take off from the rest of the conference."

Mixed feelings for tennis teams

Panthers come away with wins to close out fall

By Kyle Bauer
Sports editor

The men's and women's tennis teams closed out their fall season Sunday with wins over Chicago State.

The women came away from the match with a good feeling and although the men did, they did not fare as well.

The women had no problems coming away with a win, taking the match 6-1.

The only match the Panthers lost was in the No. 1 position when Yovita Widyadharma fell to Joann Phang (7-5, 6-4).

Eastern took the rest of the singles matches and won both matches in an abbreviated doubles competition.

"I'm very pleased with how the women performed," head coach Michael Hunt said. "They played with confidence and did what they were supposed to do

and went out and backed it up."

One of those players that has certainly gained confidence throughout the season is freshman Dinali DeSilva, who has now won three straight matches.

"She is now playing with confidence," Hunt said. "She is going to be a strong player in the spring."

DeSilva, and Widyadharma are both sacrificing their records by playing out of position, but are gaining valuable match experience at the same time.

"Widyadharma and DeSilva should probably be playing in the middle of our lineup," Hunt said. "I'm pleased they've been able to step up. They would have a better record if they were playing lower, but the experience they are getting is important."

Another positive for the Panthers is the doubles problem of a few weeks ago appears to have been solved.

The Panthers once again swept doubles competition with Widyadharma and DeSilva winning their match (8-3) and Kristi Martin and Barb Wolfe also winning. (8-0).

"I'm very pleased with the way doubles are progressing,"

Hunt said. "I asked them to play a more aggressive style."

The men also earned a win over Chicago State, but it wasn't as impressive as the women's win.

Eastern won 5-2, but Hunt said his team's level of competition is not up to where it should be.

"Overall, it was a lackluster performance," he said. "We only had four singles matches and we won two by default. We won 5-2, but it doesn't feel like we did."

Lukasz Pluta, Jason Braun, Zach Vaughn and Sergey Mirnov all came up winners for the Panthers.

"The men did not fare as well as I would have liked them to," Hunt said.

"Chicago State was playing short-handed. We were not looking past them because for most of the guys this is the last match of the fall."

One performance that did stand out in Hunt's mind was the play of Jason Braun.

"Jason Braun has played well for us overall and he did Sunday too," Hunt said. "He was all-OVC at the No. 6 spot last year and is playing well at the No.4 for us. He had to step up a level and has played well."

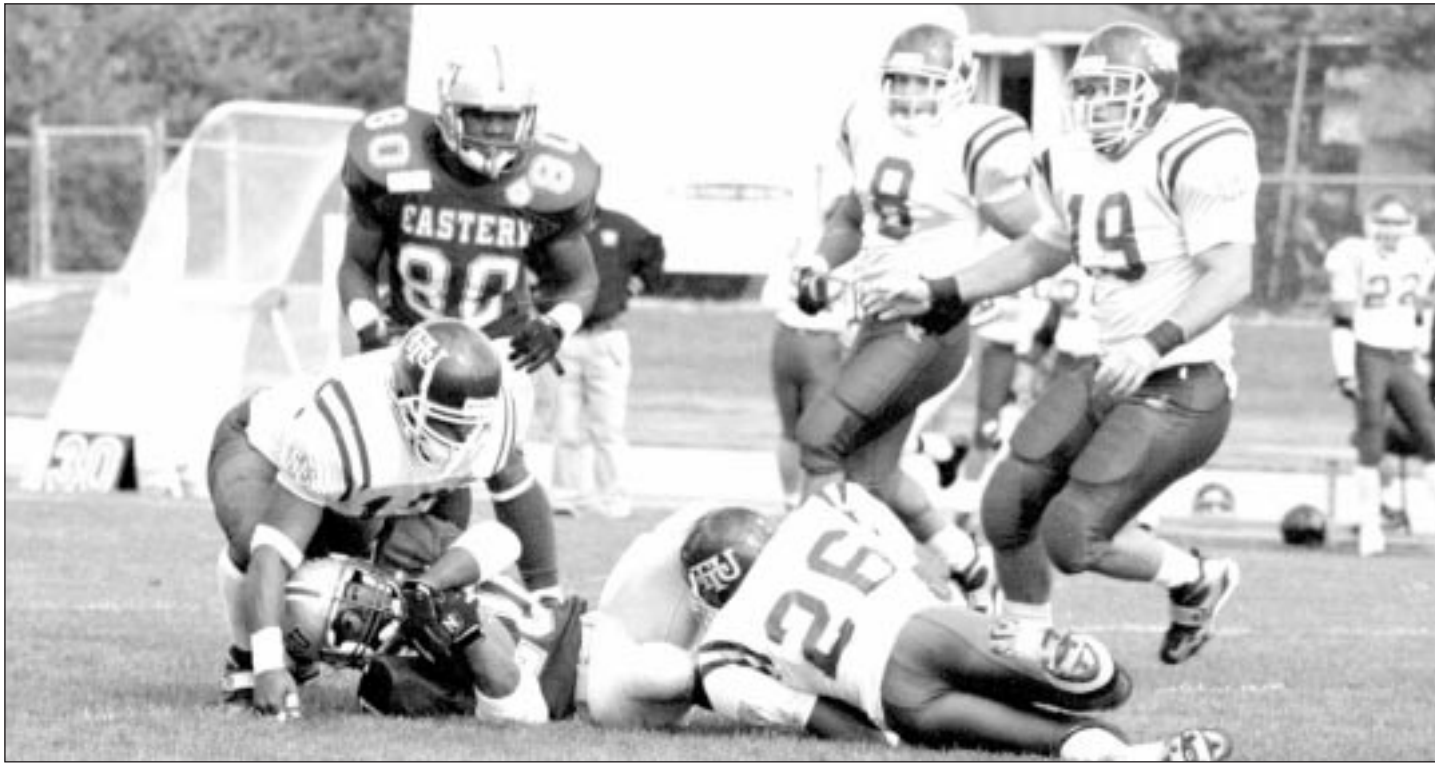
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Junior tailback Jabarey McDavid covers the ball after being tackled in the Panther's 14-7 loss to Tennessee Tech Saturday. McDavid fumbled three times in the loss.

Fumbles, penalties cost Panthers a victory

Anthony Braviere
 Staff writer

Coming off a disappointing last minute loss to Murray State, Eastern was looking to rebound with a win against Tennessee Tech on Saturday.

Homecoming wasn't kind to the Panthers though, as they fell to the Golden Eagles in a defensive battle 14-7.

In the second half, the Golden Eagles scored 14 unanswered points in an 11:27

second span, starting with a touchdown pass from quarterback Grant Swallows to Craig Melton to make the score 7-7.

After an Eastern punt, Tech got the ball back, and took the lead on a six-yard touchdown run by Brant Billen to put Tech up 14-7.

Eastern had a chance to tie the score late when they got the ball with 6:20 left in the game.

The Panthers drove down to the Golden Eagle 28 yard line, and it looked like they were going to tie the score, until tailback Jabarey McDavid committed his third fumble of

the game, and all the Golden Eagles had to do was down the ball and run out the clock to take a 14-7 victory.

"We killed ourselves today with too many drops, fumbles and penalties," quarterback Anthony Buich said.

Eastern's defense played well the entire game. Tech only managed 68 yards in the first half, and until the fourth quarter they struggled moving the ball.

"We had a good effort on defense," head coach Bob Spoo said.

"The whole defense was good and they played pretty

well."

The first half was, for the most part, uneventful for both teams, with both offenses struggling throughout.

The only scoring came on a drive that saw the Panthers march 40 yards in 10 plays. The drive was capped off by a one-yard touchdown run by redshirt freshman J.R. Taylor to make the score 6-0.

Panther history occurred on the ensuing play, when place kicker Chad Larner put the extra point right through the uprights to become Eastern's all-time leader in point after touchdowns.

Panther offense commits suicide

With the Panthers appearing to be in control with a 7-0 lead heading into the fourth quarter, Saturday's 14-7

Homecoming loss may have looked like a late collapse by the Eastern defense, but it was truly a suicidal effort by the offense.

While the defense was somewhat inconsistent, shutting the Golden Eagles out before giving up two touchdowns in the fourth quarter, the offense was consistent – consistently terrible.

The Eastern offense couldn't seem to find a rhythm all afternoon and when it did, stupid penalties cost the Panthers field position, forcing them into long yardage situations.

Although some of Eastern's offensive struggles can be attributed to the Tennessee Tech defense, which entered Saturday's game ranked second in Division I-AA in total defense, the Panthers had plenty of opportunities to score. But, once again, the story behind the loss was that Tennessee Tech didn't win the game, the Panthers lost it.

Head coach Bob Spoo doesn't attribute the loss to a struggling defense late in the game or an exceptional Golden Eagle defense, but his offense's inability to carry out the game plan.

"I think it was a lack of execution, I really do," Spoo said. "We had mishandled plays, fumbles, dropped balls and penalties, it was just piss-poor execution."

In the first half, the Panthers cost themselves several chances to score because of unnecessary and costly penalties. The penalties resulted in Eastern being faced with first down and long yardage situations.

"It's tough because most of the penalties for us were on first down, so we had first and long all day," quarterback Anthony Buich said.

"We killed ourselves today with too many drops, fumbles and penalties."

After driving down to the Tech 37-yard line on their second possession of the game, the Panthers cost themselves a golden opportunity to score. A false-start penalty moved the ball back to the Golden Eagle 42-yard line, bringing up first down and 15 yards to go.

After a 12-yard pass, a run for no gain and a sack, a personal foul penalty against Eastern's offense brought up 4th down and 27 from Eastern's own 46.

Sudden Death



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That series of plays, highlighted by the offense's lack of discipline, might as well have been a turnover. Because after Bill Besenhofer's punt into a gusting wind was taken as a fair catch, the Golden Eagles took over on their own 32-yard line, just five yards from Eastern looked like they were threatening to score from.

"We teach our guys not to do that," Spoo said of the offense's careless penalties. "That just shows a lack of discipline on their part."

But the penalties didn't cost the Panthers just one opportunity, it was a reoccurring theme throughout the first half.

After a quarterback sack, Eastern was faced with second and 17 when a screen pass to running back Jabarey McDavid would have brought up a third and short situation.

But instead, another personal foul against the Panthers after the ball was dead forced Eastern into a third and 19 from Tech's 42-yard line and another false start penalty forced Besenhofer to punt again.

"There was the one play in particular where it would have been third down close to the red zone, but instead we were 20 yards back," Buich said of that series of plays. "We have to play with our heads, we killed ourselves with those penalties."

Late in the first quarter a false start forced Eastern into another first and long situation.



Play nice boys

Eastern might have put more points on the board if they could have just played nice. The Panthers had three drives stopped because of personal fouls and other penalties.

Despite only having one penalty in the second half, yellow flags littered the field against Eastern in the first half.

In total, the Panthers had nine penalties costing them 75 yards, including three personal fouls.

"We don't teach our players to do that," Spoo said of the three deadball penalties. "It is by the older guys that have been around and know better than to commit those penalties," head coach Bob Spoo said. "That's a lack of discipline on individuals' parts to get those penalties."

Eastern also had a costly block-in-the-back penalty that negated a 61-yard kick-off return that would have put the Panthers on the Tech 40 yard line late in the fourth quarter when trailing 14-7. The offense was the main culprit of the afternoon, being penalized six times.

"It's tough because most of the penalties for us were on first down, so we had first and long all day," quarterback Anthony Buich said. "We have to play with our heads, we killed ourselves with those penalties."

That thing is slippery

The Panthers also had problems catching the ball. A drop by Will Bumphus cost Eastern a crucial first down late in the first half. Another drop by Paul Massat turned into an interception by Tennessee Tech's Troy Grant and cost the Panthers the ball and a Nathan Kreke drop cost Eastern a touchdown.

Butter fingers

Panther tail back Jabarey McDavid had a tough time hanging on to the ball. The junior had three fumbles on the day, two of which were recovered by Tech. One of those fumbles came on a pitch that hit him right in the numbers, which was recovered by the Golden Eagles, ending Eastern's day.

Book ends

The Golden Eagles' "book end" defensive ends Brandon Vaughn and Jerry Turner harassed Eastern quarterback Anthony Buich all day long. The two combined for five sacks and six tackles for a loss, costing Eastern 36 yards.

The wind factor

The wind played havoc with special teams all day. Eastern punter Bill Besenhofer came into the game averaging 41.3 yards per punt. On Saturday he averaged only 33.4 yards per punt.

"Special teams played well today, but it was real tough going into the wind," Spoo said.

Extra work pays off

After sitting out a week with a bruised leg, linebacker Gonzalo Segovia did extra conditioning sprints everyday after practice to prepare for this week's game. Segovia, who suffers from asthma, said the conditioning helped him finish with 12 tackles on the afternoon.

"I did some extra conditioning this week, and it helped me a lot," Segovia said. "I used to get real tired during games, but with the extra conditioning I didn't feel as tired and it showed."