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House committee requests funds

Timeline for university funding addressed

By Emily Steele
News Editor

A letter from members of the Illinois House of Representatives appropriations higher education committee was delivered to Gov. Pat Quinn and Comptroller Daniel Hynes Wednesday requesting a meeting regarding the money due to state universities.

Rep. Chapin Rose, who represents the 110th district, was one of



Chapin Rose

the nine members of the 18-person committee who signed the letter.

As stated in the letter, the committee members have requested either a timeline for the distribution of funds or the actual appropriations to state public universities and community colleges.

The state of Illinois has received some funding over the past month and will be receiving \$4 billion over the next several months; \$840 million from the pension borrow-

ing initiative, \$400 million from the Family Care lawsuit settlement, \$1.025 billion in federal funding and an estimated \$1.5 billion from taxes.

The letter suggests that the funding be used to pay what is owed the state schools.

"With the significant amount of dollars coming into the state in recent weeks and anticipated tax collections leading up to April 15's income tax filing deadline, we are asking the governor and comptroller to simply notify the universities of a timeline for payment or meet with us to discuss the situation," Chapin said in an e-mail.

The letter states the committee

members are aware of efforts in the past several weeks to pay what is owed to human services providers and K-12 school districts, but asks both Quinn and Hynes to remember the universities and colleges.

"With the large amounts of funds coming in, we are asking that higher education be included in these efforts as well," the letter stated.

The committee members requested either a meeting with Quinn and Hynes or a notification of a timeline of appropriations.

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EVENTS

Drake goes blue for spring tour

By Heather Holm
Activities Editor

Eastern will be the first stop on rap artist Drake's "Away from Home" tour, featuring K-Os and Francis and the Lights.

Aubrey "Drake" Graham will perform on April 6 in Lantz Arena.

Drake first appeared on the Canadian television show "Degrassi" in 2001 and will release his first album, "Thank Me Later," in March.

"He already had celebrity status," said Ceci Brinker, director of student life. "We are excited to bring someone of his caliber of the same genre as last year to campus. The diversity aspect is a continuation."

Negotiations for Drake started in December 2009.

Brinker said the Tuesday show was part of the bargaining efforts to keep the show affordable.

"We had limited access and availability of Lantz Arena on the weekends," Brinker said. "We really had to negotiate on a weeknight. We worked on making the show affordable in comparison to larger schools."

Brinker does not think having the concert on a weeknight will hamper interest.

Tom Usher, concerts coordinator for the University Board, said having the show on a Tuesday might be a small factor for the general public or people who are traveling a long distance, but not as much for students.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. UNIVERSITY UNION

Corrupted file halts food court servers

By Jason Hardimon
Campus Editor

The University Food Court was unexpectedly closed Monday afternoon for 30 minutes because of a checkout system malfunction.

The staff at the Food Court began to have problems with one of the registers at 11:30 a.m., and then, at 12:30 p.m., a second register began to fail.

All three registers were offline by 1:30 p.m., said Sandy Black, assistant director of the Food Court.

The system failure also affected the Java Beanery and Bakery, which works on the same server.

The staff was able to get one register correctly functioning by 2 p.m.

"We're going to stay positive and work to get them all back up and running," Black said.

Food Services contacted the system manufacturer SEABOARD, a company based in Ithaca, N.Y., and was told that a software issue was suspected to be causing the problem, said Mark Hudson, director of housing and dining.

The malfunction likely occurred as a result of a corrupted file within the server, said Dan Wilson, a plant specialist for housing and dining services.

"It appears it's not loading up a software file," said Wilson, who assisted SEABOARD, which worked from a remote location, in correcting the malfunction. "I'm their hands and eyes."

The current system is composed of a series of registers connected to a local server and has been in place since the Food Court opened on Jan. 30, 2002.

It has been updated only once during that period, Hudson said. Hudson said a new system — which is projected to cost \$80,000 — is scheduled for installation over spring break.

Wilson did not have an estimate for when all three registers would be functioning.



AUDREY SAWYER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Dan Wilson, an ITS worker for Housing and Dining Services, works on one of the registers Monday afternoon in the University Food Court in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

UNIVERSITY

Eastern seeks to implement integrative teaching

By James Roedel
Staff Reporter

Eastern is working toward being one of the top schools at integrative education in the nation.

"One of the goals of Eastern Illinois University is to be the best in the nation in the integrated academic and personal development of students," said Mildred Pearson, the director of faculty development.

A panel titled Engaging Students Through Integrated Teaching and Learning will take place at noon today in the Charleston/Mattoon Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. Union.

Jon Oliver, Jonathon Kirk, Jackie Frank and Angela Anthony will be panelists at the presentation.

The four Eastern professors, along with other Eastern faculty, attended an integrative learning conference in Atlanta in Oct. 8, 2009.

The professors plan to talk about what they learned at the conference, which concerns the process of helping students understand concepts and how ideas are connected.

While the teachers are from different areas of study, their selection was not random.

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WEATHER TODAY



Mostly Cloudy

HIGH 35° Overcast skies continue this morning with the possibility of a light drizzle. Cold front approaches early Wednesday morning, which could cause a few light flurries before noon. Decreasing clouds Wednesday evening; setting up sunny conditions for the rest of the week. Temperatures should reach the upper 30's by Saturday.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Himes to speak at Meaningful Work

Eastern alumnus Kathryn Himes will be on campus 7 p.m. Wednesday to give a lecture on "The Meaningful Work of Communicating Inside the Beltway: Employee Relations, Corporate Communication and Issues Management in Our Nations Capital." Himes' lecture is a part of the EIU Humanities Series on Meaningful Work, through the communication studies department. The lecture will be in the Lecture Hall of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Latest issue of 'Agora' ready for viewing

The new issue of "Agora," the online journal of news, opinion and creative expression by member of the English department, is now available for viewing at <http://www.eiu.edu/~agora/>. A few pieces in the new issue include an essay by Peggy Brayfield, memoir by Bruce Guernsey, an excerpt from John Guzlowski's novel "The German" and a reflection on the Tolkien scholarship by Carol Stevens.

AACSB team to visit campus today

The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business review team will be on campus today at Lumpkin Hall for the maintenance of accreditation review of the School of Business.

—Compiled by Associate News Editor
Sarah Jean Bresnahan

The music doesn't conduct itself



AMIR PRELLBERG | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Graduate conductor Christopher Mroczek conducts Concert Band rehearsal Monday afternoon in the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

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How much school spirit do you have?

Are you as peppy as a cheerleader, or do you need to get out to more Eastern events? Find out by taking a quiz on DENnews.com.



Doudna's sculptures

Have you seen all of the sculptures around the Doudna Fine Arts Center? See them all in one place in online reporter Jennifer Brown's photo blog on DENnews.com.



Darwin speakers info

See what activities editor Heather Holm thought of last week's Darwin speakers in her activities blog on DENnews.com.

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FACULTY

New nursing director to start role in July

By Heather Holm
Activities Editor

For Renee Kidd-Marshall, becoming director of the nursing program was the next step in her career.

Kidd-Marshall joined the Eastern nursing program as an assistant professor in 2007 and will start her job as the new director for the nursing program on July 1.

The nursing program is part of the College of Sciences. The director works with getting Registered Nurses a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Rebecca Merten, the current interim director of the nursing program, said Kidd-Marshall would be a good asset to the program because she has worked with a registered nursing program in the past.

Merten plans to hold more online classes for students who need to travel and to get more students enrolled in the program as nursing majors.

Godson Obia, the associate dean of the College of Sciences, chaired the search committee.

Mary Anne Hanner, the dean of the College of Sciences, picked the new director out of every applicant submitted.

"The nursing program is part of the administrative team in the College of Sciences," Hanner said. "Dr. Kidd-Marshall comes to Eastern with experience in higher education and nursing education and has worked as a clinical instructor and a practitioner."

Hanner said the program enjoys quality leadership and hopes Kidd-Marshall will continue said leadership with recruiting and getting information about the program out to local

and other communities.

"We work on high-quality curriculum and want help delivering that in the best way possible," Hanner said.

Merten said the upper-division program works with juniors and seniors who are already registered nurses and have an associate degree.

"Most are working full-time and not residential students," Merten said.

Many students in the program are currently working as nurses in Chicago, Mattoon, Charleston, Effingham and Champaign-Urbana, among other locations.

"Most of them are not on campus," Merten said. "They take a lot of on-line classes. Not every student has the exact same schedule, but the typical student works during the day leaving time at night for classes."

The nursing program has been around since 2007 and the director works as a department chair, even though the program is not large enough to be classified as a department.

Merten said the director deals with budget issues, faculty, administrative supervision and advises students.

Merten has been interim director since Dianne Nelson stepped down in fall 2009.

Nelson started the program in fall 2006 and developed the program, getting the first students in fall 2007, with the first graduates in May 2009.

Merten will return to her role as assistant professor of nursing when Kidd-Marshall takes over the job.

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Bloody charity



DANNY DAMIANI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Sophomore accounting major Pete Honiotes donates his time and blood at the American Red Cross Blood Drive in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Feb. 17. Not a newcomer to blood drives, this was Honiotes' Fourth time donating.

SENATE

Faculty Senate to discuss the future

By Erica Whelan
Student Government Editor

William Weber, the faculty senate vice president for business affairs, will gather input from the faculty senate relating concerns about the university that members feel must be addressed.

Weber will compile the Future Timeline of Strategic Planning, which will allow the administration to iden-

tify and prioritize areas of concern, based off suggestions posed by constituents across campus.

Amy Edwards, director of planning and institutional studies, said that gathering input is part of the planning process for Eastern's future.

"Dr. Weber will approach different groups and ask for the concerns they feel Eastern must address," Edwards

said. "At the meeting, he will give the timeline of 2010 to 2020 and ask the faculty senate to come up with issues and trends that they feel will apply to the university."

The meeting will take place at 2 p.m. in the Booth Library Conference Room.

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Holly Thomas

Terrorism the new patriotism?

"Not again!" I prayed, as the yellow box reading "Breaking News" caught my attention while flipping through TV channels on Thursday.

I froze in horror just as I had almost nine years ago watching the second plane crash into the World Trade Center.

"How could this happen again?" I asked myself as the story broke.

Speculations of the crash being a terrorist attack were soon silenced by an online suicide note Joseph Stack posted before his kamikaze fantasy became a reality.

Stack, a 53-year-old software engineer and pilot, intentionally crashed his plane into an Internal Revenue Service building in Austin, just after setting fire to his house where his wife and daughter resided, because of his political ideology as stated in an excerpt of the suicide note:

"It has always been a myth that people have stopped dying for their freedom in this country... I also know that by not adding my body to the count, I insure nothing will change... I can only hope that the numbers quickly get too big to be white washed and ignored that the American zombies wake up and revolt; it will take nothing less... Violence not only is the answer, it is the only answer..."

If you're reading this, you're no doubt asking yourself, "Why did this have to happen?"

Immediately after the suicide note was made public knowledge, people across the country began praising him as an "American hero" and a "Patriot" on social networks, blogs and extremist organizations' Web sites.

A Patriot is commonly defined as someone who takes pride in his country; who loves, supports, and defends his country, while a terrorist is more often defined as a radical extremist who uses terror for political gains.

At first look, the two definitions read as polar opposites. But when analyzing the case of Stack, his actions more clearly fall under the definition of terrorism; an "illegal use of violence for ideological or political reasons."

If Stack's attack on the IRS building was patriotic, then we should all rejoice in the name of Timothy McVeigh for his actions in bombing the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, killing 168 people.

Why stop there?

If the likes of Stack and McVeigh are our American Patriots, then we should also praise the extremists who bomb abortion clinics — you know, the places where mainly poor women go for health service (not just abortions). They are killing innocent Americans to progress their ideological agenda.

What about rapists? The vermin who feel they are entitled to humiliating women they feel are inferior, immoral or deserving of their hymen being ripped by a stranger.

The list could go on.

If these figures are the 21st century Patriots, then who are the terrorists?

Is the only way to distinguish a terrorist from a Patriot by the color of his skin or the religion he uses as justification? If this is so, why the hell are our babies, siblings and parents dying in Afghanistan and Iraq?

Stack committed suicide, endangered Americans and his family (who, thankfully, were saved by a neighbor). He was not defending his country, nor showing love or support.

Terror filled my bones Thursday, not pride or hope.

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THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

"Tell the truth and don't be afraid"

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

Approval of funds for Panther Bus rewards irresponsibility

The Apportionment Board approved a proposal Thursday by Panther Nation for \$1,870 to charter buses to Nashville, Tenn., to attend the Ohio Valley Conference basketball tournaments.

The proposal, which was made by student body president and Panther Nation creator Michelle Murphy, was lowered from her original asking price of \$2,500. It is the second straight year the Apportionment Board has approved money for a group of fans to attend the tournament, which is on March 6 and 7, and is reliant on either the men's or women's teams advancing past the first round of said tournaments.

We are all for supporting our school's athletics and find it a great sign of school spirit when students travel long distances — six hours, in the case of Nashville — to support our athletic teams.

But Panther Nation has been irresponsible with its funds and has not proven itself worthy of garnering said funds.

An article that appeared in Monday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News* said Panther Nation has spent a total of \$10,196.85 since its formation at the beginning of the fall 2009 semester. Among the expenditures was more than \$1,100 on commemorative glasses, more than \$1,800 on towels and nearly \$700 for pizza at tailgates.

According to an article in Friday's edition of *The DEN*, Mark Olendzki, student vice president for student affairs, spoke out against the board's decision.

"I believe that out of the \$10,000 that Panther Nation garnered up until now, not one cent was set aside for this," Olendzki said. "I find it very irresponsible that this money is being asked for from the Apportionment Board."

Olendzki is right. It is preposterous to think that, given the sum of money Panther Nation has spent to date, no funds have been saved for a potential bus trip to Nashville. Given the women's basketball team's success last season, it

"But Panther Nation has been irresponsible with its funds and has not proven itself worthy of garnering said funds."

was sufficient to say there would be a good chance at least one of our school's basketball teams would return to Nashville this season.

And at this point in the season both teams are in a good position to, with the women's team clinching the top seed in the tournament and the men's team currently sitting in fifth place.

The Apportionment Board's decision to approve the funds rewards the group's irresponsible spending and gives the impression that a group can spend its money willy-nilly and then come begging when it does not have enough money to do the things it wants.

Likewise, Panther Nation has not done a commendable job supporting Eastern athletics, instead waiting until the cameras are shining bright to let its true colors show as fair-weathered fans.

Where was Panther Nation when the men's and women's swim teams were competing in the Summit League Championships this past weekend in Indianapolis? Where was Panther Nation when the women's soccer team competed in the OVC Tournament in Morehead, Ky., in November?

It is unfair to the "smaller" athletic teams that Panther Nation, which is supposedly built on the foundation of supporting Eastern athletics as a whole, can pick and choose which teams to support.

We understand as college students it is unlikely one would have the time to attend all sporting events, but making a concerted effort to do so would be nice, and if students can't attend other sports as they do football and basketball, maybe Panther Nation shouldn't receive any funds from the Apportionment Board.

What Panther Nation needs is better organization. It needs to spend its money wisely and do a better job attending as many sporting events as possible.

FROM THE EASEL



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FROM AROUND THE STATE

Mayor shouldn't keep candidates' names private

By the Northern Star Editorial Board
Northern Illinois University

As part of the voice of the ward that is currently not represented on the DeKalb City Council, we would like DeKalb Mayor Kris Povlsen to change his policy of keeping the candidate names private when he begins interviewing for the now-vacant 7th Ward seat.

When former 3rd Ward Alderman Victor Wogen resigned from the council, Povlsen began looking for new representation of the ward.

After Povlsen told a *Northern Star* reporter "about 10 people came forward" for the alder-

man seat, we sent out a Freedom of Information Act request to obtain the names of said people.

In a Jan. 21, 2009 letter addressed to the *Northern Star*, DeKalb City Clerk Steve Kapitan said "City Attorney Norma Guess asserts that this request [for the 10 names] be denied because it constitutes a clear unwarranted invasion of personal privacy."

In compliance with the new FOIA laws, the city had to send its request for denial to the Public Access Counselor in the Illinois Attorney General's office.

The Star's FOIA is still under review, and we are still without the names of the 10 applicants.

We are asking that Povlsen avoid this process when he interviews for the 7th Ward seat.

The residents of the 7th Ward should be involved in the process of picking the new candidate in any way possible.

A start to this would be having a public hearing during a city council meeting to address the new candidates.

We hope that Mayor Povlsen will seek public input along with input from other council members in order to assure that the residents of the 7th Ward are being properly represented.

To read more, visit www.northernstar.info

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"It is our first weekday show, so I guess we will find out," Usher said.

Usher thinks Drake playing at Eastern is perfect timing, with his recent performance at the Grammys and upcoming CD release.

Jasmine Goodrich, a sophomore elementary education major, is excited for the concert.

"He's my favorite musical artist and I like his lyrics," Goodrich said.

Tara Frichtl, a freshman journalism major, likes to dance to Drake's music and said she loved him on "Degrassi."

Other students, like Brooke Waite, a sophomore communication disorders and sciences major, said she likes to listen to Drake's music when she is getting ready for the day.

"You hear it all the time," Waite said. "It's always on the radio."

Last year, rapper Lupe Fiasco performed with opening act Shwayze.

The UB also considered the rock band O.A.R. and comedian Nick Swardson for the spring concert, but the favorite was Drake when students were polled through Facebook and e-mail.

Drake has two opening acts, K-Os — pronounced "Chaos" — and Francis and the Lights.

K-Os, or Kheaven Brereton, debuted his first album "Exit" in 2002 with traditional hip-hop and won International Album of the Year at the 2003 Source Awards.

Francis and the Lights is a band from New York City. The band released the album "The Striking EP" in late 2007 and is currently working on a follow-up.

Scott Erickson, a senior sports management major and winner of "So You Think You Can Rap" will be another opening act.

Tickets for Eastern students will go on sale March 8 for \$22 and March 15th for the general public for \$24 with a limit of five tickets per person.

"Students should buy tickets in advance because of limited seating," said Brinker. "We are more than overly excited about the buzz Drake is getting." Brinker said 3,000 to 3,500 tickets would be available.

Past acts have included the Goo Goo Dolls, Lupe Fiasco and Jason Mraz.

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INTEGRATIVE, from page 1

Provost Blair Lord and Dan Nadler, the vice president of academic affairs chose two faculty members from each college to attend the conference.

"At EIU, in order to encourage all students to draw connections between ideas and experiences, we intentionally generate multiple perspectives across colleges and disciplines to create a supportive learning environment," Pearson said.

She said one of Eastern's goals is to be the best in the nation in integrated academic and personal development of students. Integrative learning, as defined by the department of academic affairs, encourages students to explore and find out who they want to be.

"Integrative Learning encourages students to explore and determine who they want to be and what they want to do with their lives... (providing) environments, opportunities and activities that enable students to connect," according to the definition from the department of academic affairs.

While faculty and staff are encouraged to attend the panel, Oliver, who teaches kinesiology and sports studies, has found new ways to improve his own teaching methods.

"I learned that the instructional strategies that I have employed during the first seven and a half years at EIU may not be the most effective in helping students make connections between theory and practice," Oliver said.

The four themes of the conference Oliver and his colleagues attended were purpose, design, reality check and assessment.

These refer to connecting information through integrative learning, what things help make these connections, what kind of school or community programs will help do this and how cam-

pus are improving and keeping track of integrative learning.

"Attending the conference helped open my eyes to the fact that I need to do a better job of helping students make these connections, as well as promoting student reflection of the learning experience," Oliver said.

Reflection is one of the characteristics of integrative learning as well as intentionality, metacognition, problem-solving, collaboration and engagement. "This is a major institutional initiative," said Pearson who referenced the university's integrative learning.

The panel is directed toward college instruction. Elementary and high school teachers can attend, but the event is not specifically designed for education majors.

"The focus here is to promote integrative thinkers, who can see connections in seemingly disparate information, and draw on a wide range of knowledge to make decisions," Pearson said.

Integrative learners are those who can adapt the skills learned in one situation to problems encountered in another. Oliver has used what he learned to improve how he performs in the classroom.

"I think I am becoming a better instructor because I am now more purposefully evaluating each learning activity on my course outlines to make sure they foster integrative student learning, and that there is a connective and reflective element to each," Oliver said.

Oliver said he thinks every faculty member should regularly review their teaching methods, looking for ways to promote integrative learning.

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STATE

2 charged in Granite City man's death

Associated Press

EDWARDSVILLE — Madison County authorities have charged two people from Granite City in the death of a man who reportedly suffered a lethal heroin overdose before his body was dumped in Roxana.

Authorities say one of the accused was the niece of the dead man, 54-year-old William Javaux (ja-VOH) of Granite City.

The niece, 26-year-old Erin Brown, was charged Monday with concealment of a homicidal death. The man arrested with her, 31-year-old Kip Joyce, was charged with

drug-induced homicide and concealment of a homicidal death.

Police say man had marijuana in bed

PERU — Illinois State Police say a 40-year-old man from Massachusetts is charged with cannabis trafficking after troopers allegedly found 102 pounds of suspected marijuana tucked into a hide-a-bed and a box spring in a U-Haul truck.

Troopers say Hung The Truong of Quincy, Mass., was stopped for failure to signal and improper lane usage Sunday morning in Peru. Police

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MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Records fall in championship meet

By Bob Bajek
Sports Editor

Indianapolis was the site where the Eastern men's and women's swim teams established six new school records this weekend.

These records fell as Eastern competed in the Summit League Championship from Thursday through Saturday.

The Panthers' men's team finished third out of seven teams (571 points) while the women placed fifth (365 points).

The men were only five points shy of overtaking rival Centenary for second place; however, head coach Matt Bos said the men's 400-yard medley relay team was disqualified Thursday night.

"We had our butterfly (junior) Cody Showers just went out a little too hard at the beginning of the race and kind of struggled getting into the finish," Bos said. "More times than not on the relays with disqualifications, it is the person coming into the wall that isn't finishing well more than the guy get out."

Showers struggled the last two to three strokes to touch the wall when freshman John Wilson jumped too soon. Bos linked the mistake with inexperience.

"(Wilson) went off before he usually would have and didn't realize he was dying out a bit," Bos said. "It just didn't work out."

Freshman Colin McGill said it was tough to overcome the disqualification, but it said volumes of the team for almost overtaking Centenary for second.

The Panthers lost their lead in the final relay.

"It just shows how everybody fought for it and we really wanted points badly, so we came out in prelims and tried to put guys in scoring position," Bos said.

The men also had a bout with the flu, with junior Ian Hoppie getting sick before the meet and Showers on the final day.

"It really could have been the differ-



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Senior freestyle Brian Strole competes during the sweep against Saint Louis and the last home meet of his Panther Swimming career. During the Summit Meet over the weekend he competed in the 200 and 400 yard medley relays, as well as the 200 yard freestyle relay.

ence in the meet," Bos said.

"It really knocked (Hoppie) out of the meet all together, so he didn't get a chance to swim any events. It hurt Cody's last day event, the 100-yard free."

Junior Nathan Moritz broke the 200-yard fly school record with a time of 1:53.80. The record was established in 1981 and was the longest standing for Eastern men's swimming, Bos said.

Sophomore Rich Waszak broke a seven-year old school record time in the 200-yard backstroke, with his new best finish of 1:51.09

Freshman Ken Tiltges picked up

Newcomer of the Meet for the men, winning the 100-yard free with a time of 46.03.

For the women, the team did not obtain the third place finish it was aiming for, but was happy with its individual performances.

"All the girls swam really well and hit our best times," freshman Hailey Foss said. "That's what matters more."

Bos said he was proud of the women.

"We finished where we belong with the women," Bos said. "The other teams have a little more depth than us. We swam really well for us and broke

school records on the women's side. We just don't have the numbers on the women's team to compete in a three-day meet like that."

Junior Megan Eshleman broke the school record for the 1000-yard free within the mile free with a time of 10:37.31. She also tied the mile record at 17:29.84.

"I honestly just blacked out," Eshleman said. "It's such a long race that anything can happen and you just have to block everything out, get into a groove and go."

"I still don't believe that I went as fast as I did. I didn't know exactly what the

record was but I was kind of confused until someone pointed it out."

Senior Lauren Zillmer beat the 100-yard free mark in the preliminary round at 52.71, six hundredths of a second faster.

Senior Laura Nilsen bested her own school record in the 200-back at 2:05.04, almost shaving two seconds off of her previous time.

Foss said the women are trying to go faster next year and place higher in the Summit League Championship.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NOTEBOOK

New venues in store for conference tournament

By Alex McNamee
Assistant Sports Editor

The Ohio Valley Conference announced Monday that the annual men's and women's basketball tournaments will take place in a different arena beginning next season.

For 16 of the past 17 years, the tournaments have been hosted in Nashville, Tenn., most recently at the Sommet Center where the NHL's Nashville Predators play.

Next year, the tournament will be played in the Nashville Municipal Auditorium in downtown Nashville.

While the venue will be different, the tournament's format will be altered too.

This season the first round of games in the OVC Tournament are played at

campus sites, including Lantz Arena, where Eastern will play its first tournament game as the No. 1 seed in this season's tournament.

Next season, the entire tournament will take place in Nashville, which is slated to begin March 2.

Also, the top two seeds in the tournament will get byes into the semifinals, while the third and fourth seeds will get byes into the quarterfinals.

The slate of first round games will be No. 5 against No. 8, and No. 6 against No. 7 as ranked at the end of the regular season.

This season, the first round of games will be played on Tuesday, then teams will get a break to practice and travel to Nashville, where they will resume play on Friday.

It will be different next season as all of the tournaments' games will be on consecutive days.

Team wins, shoots poorly

Eastern shot 38.5 percent from the field on Saturday against Murray State in Murray, Ky. but managed to pull out a five-point win.

Coupled with the low field goal percentage, the Panthers shot 18.8 percent from beyond the arc on 3-of-16 shooting.

The Racers shot better than the Panthers in both categories, but were dominated in free throws made and attempted.

For the game, the Panthers were 23-of-30 from the free throw line, led by senior forward Maggie Kloak who was

12-of-14 from the stripe.

Murray State only attempted nine free throws, making six.

Bench steps up

Eastern outscored Murray State 26-23 in bench points Saturday, as all four of its substitutes connected on at least one basket.

Six Racers saw action off the bench, but only four scored for 23 points. Sophomore guard Mallory Schwab led Murray State with nine points.

Three out of the four bench players for Eastern played 15-plus minutes, including sophomore guard Madeline Kish, freshman guard Kelsey Wyss and freshman forward Sydney Mitchell.

Freshman forward Mariah King played seven minutes off the bench,

connecting on 1-of-3 shots for two points.

Also, the Panthers' bench was more efficient than the five players who started the game.

Eastern's starters converted on just 16-of-48, for 33 percent from the field; while the bench connected on 9-of-17, for 52 percent.

The bench will remain a key part of Eastern's game plan, as it will finish up its regular season with two home games, beginning Thursday.

The Panthers will play Austin Peay Thursday in Lantz Arena. The game is slated to begin at 5:30 p.m.

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2 p.m. - Muncie, Ind.

Women's basketball
Thursday vs. Austin Peay
5:30 p.m. - Lantz Arena

Men's basketball
Thursday vs. Austin Peay
7:30 p.m. - Lantz Arena

Baseball
Friday at Belmont
3 p.m. - Nashville, Tenn.

Women's tennis
Friday at Illinois State
7 p.m. - Evergreen Raquet Club

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