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REMEMBERING MCNAMARA
Eastern and community members participated in a 4K run Sunday in honor of a former student who was murdered in 2001 and to raise funds for the scholarship in her name.

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253 AND COUNTING
Over the weekend Hanna Mennenga threw her 253th strikeout, an EIU single-season record, this past weekend. The Panthers are 21-4 when Mennenga takes the mound

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EASTERN | OBITUARY

Student dies Friday of natural causes

By **Samantha McDaniel** and **Tim Deters**
Student Governance Editor and Managing Editor

Eastern student Nick Allen was found dead Friday in the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity house, 2103 12th St. Allen, who was a sophomore pre-business management major, was found at the foot of his bed and pronounced dead at 11:53 a.m. Friday, Coles County Coroner Ed Schniers said.

The cause of death has not been determined but was not suspicious, Schniers said.

Schniers said Allen had a history of epilepsy.

While it is unknown whether epilepsy was a contributing factor to Allen’s death, Schniers said it is the most likely cause of death at this time.

A toxicology report has been ordered and will take six to eight weeks to return results.

Allen was vice president of membership development for Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, vice president for public



NICK ALLEN

relations of the Interfraternity Council, a student senator and chairman of the University Enhancement Committee, and recently organized the annual Safety Walk to identify and address areas of safety concern on and off campus. Allen also served as Billy the Panther for the 2012-13 season.

Derek Collinworth, the president of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, was a close friend of Allen and said he had a strong, respectable character.

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STATE SENATE | LEGISLATION

Eastern included in smoke-free bill



By **Stephanie Markham** | Administration Editor

With the Smoke-Free Campus Act introduced in the Illinois State Senate on Feb. 15, Eastern could be mandated to police smoking habits on campus.

The act, introduced by Democratic Senator Terry Link in February, would require all state-supported universities and community colleges to ban smoking by July 2014, and to create a taskforce to enforce the ban by December 2013.

The act states that prohibiting smoking on campuses would prepare students for the workplace and ensure a healthy environment along with reducing secondhand smoke.

The ban would also include the three University of Illinois campus, Southern Illinois University, Chicago State University, Governors State University, Illinois State University, Northeastern Illinois University, Northern Illinois University, Western Illinois University and public community colleges.

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CELEBRATION | ACTIVITIES



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The steel guitar player for Sawyer Brothers Band looks out into the crowd toward the beginning of its set during Celebration: A Festival of the Arts on April 20.



Spray Paint Art was available for purchase courtesy of Nathan Bassett, a spray paint artist.



Festival attendees enjoy live music as well as the food available from numerous different food vendors at the festival.

Festival brings talent, activities

By **Bob Galuski**
Entertainment Editor

With the smell of fried food wafting over campus, art pieces sparkling in the sun and high spirits in the air, the 2013 “Celebration: A Festival of the Arts” was in full swing during the weekend.

More than 40 vendors pulled onto Seventh Street between the Doudna Fine Arts Center and Buzzard Hall to set up shop for three days of food, art, crafts and music.

As community members weaved through the rows of food and art vendors, live music played overhead from an outdoor stage.

Among the musicians playing on the outdoor stage in the course of the weekend was Reverend Robert.

Robert, returning back to Eastern’s stage after his performance after the closing concert of the “America’s Music” exhibit, sang to the community members milling about.

He performed songs including a

cover of Stevie Wonder’s “Superstition.”

Along with Robert, other artists graced the outdoor stage, including Dena El Saffar and Tim Moore of the Salaam Middle Eastern Music Ensemble, playing a wide variety of Middle Eastern music.

As musical lyrics floated through the air during the festival, community members could walk through the various tents housing handmade art pieces.

The different pieces of art ranged from lawn ornaments to clocks made from CDs.

Tables of handcrafted jewelry also spotted the festival, glinting in the sunlight.

Parents with young children could also bring their children to the festival and have them participate in art geared toward the younger ones.

Finger paintings and drawings filled the tables of the children’s art section.

Joe Havel, a sophomore kinesiology and sports studies major, said he came to the festival because of his roommates.

“I kept seeing them showing back up with food and stuff,” he said, laughing. “I should’ve brought more money.”

Creating his own piece of art just for the festival was Ted Siebert, a sand sculptor.

Using tools like shovels and trowels, Siebert spent most of the weekend scrapping and carving away at a mound of sand until it became Old Main, a panther and books applicable to college.

Against the arch encompassing the sculpture was the word “Celebration” scrawled across the top.

Siebert said he has been sculpting for more than 20 years.

Jaclyn Bartz, a senior family and consumer science major, said she liked the jewelry booths the best, but appreciated the idea of a festival to commemorate the arts.



“The arts are majorly underappreciated, and this is a way to make it known,” she said.

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Local weather

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TUESDAY



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CHARLESTON | CONTINUING EDUCATION

Class to teach about vegetable gardening

By Amanda Wilkinson
City Editor

How to start a micro-garden and locally grow food will be the topic of the “Vegetable Gardening in Small Places” class Thursday.

Marita Metzke, the interim project coordinator for the School of Continuing Education, said the hands-on, one-time class will show participants the benefits of growing their own food.

The class is from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and will be hosted at the 4-H Center at the Coles County Fairgrounds, 603 W. Madison Ave.

Dave Shiley, professor at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign extension office in Arthur, will be presenting his knowledge of local food systems and small farms.

He said the class will focus primarily on vegetable gardening, but the basic skills learned can be transferred to other types of gardening such as flower gardening.

Shiley said one of his goals for the class is to get the participants to start growing some of their own food even without a garden space to do so.

“We’re going to talk about alternatives like a small space in the backyard that has adequate sunlight or planting in containers to grow on a patio,” he said.

Another viable option to growing vegetables with a small space is vertical gardening, Shiley said.

He said participants will be able to take home a container and visually see the concept of plants “growing up.”

“In the case of the project they’re going to make, they’re going to go home with a plant that will have cucumbers in it and they’re going to go up trellises,” Shiley said.

In addition, he said participants will learn the basic requirements for plants to grow: soil, sunlight and water.

“One of my goals for the class is to introduce people to a truly fresh vegetable so that they can compare that taste difference to one they might buy in the grocery store,” Shiley said. “Even if they’re not growing all their vegetables in their backyard, so to speak, then they might take advantage of the lo-

cal farmer’s markets and start getting connected and supporting locally grown food.”

He said food tastes much better when it does not have to be shipped across the country.

“There’s definitely a difference in taste between something that’s fresh-picked that doesn’t have to be picked days in advance or weeks in advance to eat here to your table,” Shiley said.

He said locally grown is not only better for the taste buds but also for the environment.

“The average distance that your food travels from the grower to your table is about 1,500 miles,” Shiley said. “Transportation costs are pretty high when you look at the global impact of food that isn’t locally grown.”

He said he will discuss where food in grocery store comes from and the carbon footprint of people’s shopping habits.

When 80 percent of the Illinois residents live in an urban area, it is important to learn where and how plants grow, Shiley said.

“We just get further and further removed from the society of agriculture,” he said.

Another goal Shiley said he has for the class is to reconnect people to their food and how to grow it themselves.

“There are some plants that take up a lot of space like sweet corn,” he said. “There are certainly a lot of plants like tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers and other greens that can be grown in small spaces and will produce quite a bit of food for their families.”

Shiley said a tomato plant can produce about 20 pounds of tomatoes.

“If you have two or three tomato plants, you’re probably going to be giving some tomatoes to your neighbors,” he said, laughing.

He said he hopes people may be inspired from the class that they go plant their own small gardens especially since it is the right time to do it.

The class costs \$30 for an Academy of Lifetime Learning member and \$60 for non-members.

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Too fit to quit



DOMINIC BAIMA | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Lauren Dorey, 3, completes an obstacle course with the help of junior softball and volleyball player Reynae Hutchinson Sunday in the Field House during the EIU Play 2 Commit to be Fit. About 40 student athletes were present to help participants complete a variety of activities including soccer and agility exercises.

EASTERN | ADMINISTRATION

Assault report released Friday

Staff Report

Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs, released a report via email at 10 p.m. Thursday listing recommendations for sexual assault and violence prevention at Eastern.


A new position for a sexual assault/violence prevention and intervention specialist has been developed and approved, according to Nadler’s email.

A national search began April 15 with the goal of filling the position by July.

Eastern is also developing a request for proposal — required for bidding and acquiring funds — for outside regional and national experts to train employees and community members including the University police department, health services, athletic, student standards and select faculty members.


The report also stated Eastern will review its sexual assault policy, develop a social marketing campaign, develop campus-wide training, revise Eastern’s website for easy access to information, establish Panther Patrol to escort students throughout the community and develop anonymous reporting of crimes.

According to the report, all of these initiatives will be discussed during the summer.



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CAMPUS | SCHOLARSHIP RUN



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Loren Jacobs, a senior kinesiology and sports studies major, and his dog Jasmine finish the sixth annual Shannon McNamara 4K Memorial Walk/Run on Sunday at Campus Pond.

4K race honors former student

By Ian Murphy
Staff Reporter

Eastern and community members ran in a 4K race Sunday to honor a former student who was murdered and to raise money for the scholarship in her name.

One hundred and twenty people raced around the Panther Trail to honor Shannon McNamara, who was murdered in 2001.

McNamara was a member of Alpha Phi sorority.

Mike Brennan, a junior kinesiology and sports studies major and member of the Kinesiology and Sports Studies Honors Club, said he was extremely happy with the turnout.

The event raised an estimated \$1,700 for the Shannon McNamara Outstanding Physical Education Student Scholarship, Brennan said.

The Kinesiology and Sports Studies Honors Club hosts the event every year to honor McNamara and raise money for the scholarship.

The participants included almost all members of the Alpha Phi, the Kinesiology and Sports Studies Honors Club, and other runners who wanted to remember Shannon.

Allie Fleming, a sophomore family and consumer sciences major, said 82 of the 87 members of the Alpha Phi, all wearing the baby blue event T-shirts, participated in the run.

Fleming said her sorority participates to honor their sister and to support the other runners.

The event started with a group

warm-up led by the kinesiology and sports studies department.

Participants then ran a 4K race, almost two-and-half miles, around the Panther Trail.

Tyler Whitfield, a senior kinesiology and sports studies major, won the race for the third year in a row, beating the second-place finisher by almost 30 seconds.

Whitfield said he runs to honor McNamara who he said had a similar college experience to him.

He works at the Student Recreation Center and is a member of the honors club, both organizations McNamara was a part of.

Whitfield ran cross country and track for Crystal Lake Central High School and then walked onto both teams at Eastern.

He later quit the teams to focus on schoolwork but continues to run with the Eastern Illinois Striders.

Whitfield said he is training for a triathlon and plans to compete in his second triathlon at home this summer.

He said that swimming is not his best event, but he can pass most people on the run.

The top three finishers for both the men and women were presented with a trophy following the race.

The event concluded with a raffle of gift cards and T-shirts followed by a group photo of both the Alpha Phi and the Kinesiology and Sports Studies Honors Club holding the event banner.

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Award program starts for staff

By Stephanie Markham
Administration Editor

A new monetary award program is being started for non-contracted university employees.

Richard Enyard, the director of human resources, said the Superior Performance Awards would be for non-negotiated civil service and administrative and professional employees.

He said there would be up to 10 awards of \$500 given, and the money for the awards would come straight from the president's office.

"If there are not 10 nominations that are meritorious, say there's only two or three that should be recognized, then only two or three will be recognized," he said.

Enyard said these groups of employees include positions such as associate directors, coordinators, office administrators, staff clerks, administrative assistants and food service workers.

He said the employees also must be full-time and have worked five or more consecutive years at the university to receive the award.

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CAMPUS | BOARD OF TRUSTEES

BOT approves \$1.35 million in library funds, fee increase

By Chacour Koop
Special Projects Reporter

The Board of Trustees approved a student fee increase and expenditures totaling \$1.35 million for library resources.

Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs, said the Eastern is not adding any new fees for the fourth year in a row.

The campus improvement fee will increase by \$2.50, and the Lantz and O'Brien operations and bond revenue fee will increase by \$.50, both per semester hour. Each are scheduled fee increases in their third and final year. The grant-in-aid fee, which must match the room and board percentage increase, will go up about \$3 per semester.

This means a student enrolled in 15

credit hours will pay about \$48 more in fees each semester next year.

At the meeting, President Bill Perry said the overall cost to new students — including tuition, room and board, and fees — will increase slightly less than 2 percent next year.

The board also approved three separate library expenditures that total \$1.35 million, the largest being for purchases from EBSCO next year.

The purchases, not to exceed \$725,000, will mostly go toward buying periodicals in both print and electronic formats. Eastern paid the same amount to EBSCO last year.

The board also approved purchases not to exceed \$325,000 from Yankee Book Peddler of Contoocook, NH, from which Booth Library gets elec-

tronic and print books.

"It's the Barnes and Nobles for libraries," said Alan Lanham, dean of library services.

Both EBSCO and Yankee Book Peddler have contracts with the state of Illinois for library resources.

In the last of three library expenditures, the board approved a \$300,000 membership in the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois — a state inter-library organization that negotiates and purchases databases for 80 of the 152 academic libraries in Illinois.

"The bulk of these funds go toward the purchase of databases," Lanham told the board. "We get many more discounts using this by purchasing in bulk."

Booth Library is the sixth largest library in the consortium and has 45 da-

tabases available to Eastern.

The board also approved an \$825,000 one-year telephone service contract with Consolidated Communications Inc. of Mattoon — a \$25,000 increase from last year because of inflation. Eastern is in the second one-year extension option period.

Bill Weber, vice president for business affairs, said the university is keeping landline phones for safety and emergency situations, especially for employees in residence halls.

The board also approved about \$1.7 million in funding to the state of Illinois for employee health insurance.

In December 2001, Gov. George Ryan requested universities contribute \$45 million to cover a shortfall in the state's group insurance program, and

the amount has remained the same ever since, Weber said.

Eastern has also paid in about \$1.7 million every year.

Before that time, universities did not pay into the state's group insurance program.

Board member Robert Webb asked Weber if this in effect was a reduction in Eastern's funds, and Weber said, "I would not disagree."

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@eiu should NOT have renewed the contract. It is carelessness by Administration for the comfort of its students & faculty.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Earth Day more than just planting trees, changing lightbulbs

Today is more than just another mild spring day. Today is Earth Day. Begun 43 years ago, the day is meant to raise awareness about the importance of the environment's health and the constant dangers it faces at the hands of mankind.

Earth Day is an opportunity for individuals to take a moment out of their lives to think on a broader scale, beyond themselves and their immediate surroundings.

It is a chance to critically analyze the dire state of our planet's health, to recognize our role in causing this degradation and to learn ways in which we can better live our lives as stewards of Earth.

Unfortunately, though, Earth Day has lost traction in trying to point out and stress the importance of these actions.

Today, when many people think of Earth Day, they think of planting a tree or changing the types of lightbulbs they use in order to save energy. Many people think of the small, minimal steps they can take to commemorate the day. However, what is needed is the recognition of the importance of these actions and the realization of the effects these actions have on the overall health of the planet.

By planting a tree, you are not only beautifying a lawn. You are putting in place a plant that will produce tons of oxygen during its lifespan, create a habitat for numerous species and potentially create shade

OUR POSITION

- **Situation:** Earth Day is today.
- **Stance:** Earth Day is about education and making yourself aware of the issues that present problems to the environment.

that will reduce heating costs and energy dependence.

By changing your lightbulb to a more energy-efficient version, you are not only going to save money on your electricity bill. You will also extend the life of your light source, reducing the amount of waste going to a landfill or other location.

As well, that lightbulb will consume much less energy, reducing your dependence on coal-produced electricity, which will also decrease demand for coal and decrease the harmful effects mining and burning coal can have on the land, water and air.

Above all of these small, simple actions should rise the original initiative of Earth Day: Education.

Earth Day, above all else, should be a day when we all educate ourselves about the complexities and fragility of the planet, as well as the huge effects we can all have in promoting its health.

Through education, we will not only become more enlightened about our place and our potential upon this small blue marble we call Earth, we will also become aware of the vital importance our actions can have in forging a better, healthier path for our planet and our future.

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

Life is a runway, so strut for your life

Strut, turn and strut again. Still heads with squinted eyes complimented with elongated necks with pulled back shoulders and flowing arms. It's what we call walking, but in fashion, it's life in motion.

We are pure art; nevertheless with fashion, we are elevated in life due to the material complementation.

The runway show is constant whether you're walking the school halls or in aisle seven at Wal-Mart, you're letting your body go with the flow of that moment and time of your life.

The runway is enchanting because you're expressing your inner-self when you hit the runway. The form fitted attire that gives us a way to express our inner cockiness or being bold through bright colors or revealing garments, it's a never ending tale of who you are each and every day.

It makes no difference if you're a man or woman, it makes no difference if you're young or old, fashion gives you new life. Ladies with an attitude, you know that when you hear your song in the car that's zooming past 4th street, it



Donzell Lampkins

takes you to that place you live for.

Fellas, we're not excluded. When we're in the mood to exuberate our cockiness, the ladies notice and flock to it which we all know is the fuel that amps us.

Going with the flow is following your dreams for the moment.

The runway is about that moment just as our lives are.

We change more than the weather in various ways just as trends in fashion so going with the flow is embracing change in life just as models change clothes during shows.

Going with the flow makes you as adaptable as a weatherproof jacket and boots. You want

to be adaptable because the surface of the runway changes abruptly. A model may think it's going to be a smooth surface, but as they begin to strut, their feet are unable to stay stable resulting in a YouTube worthy capture of a model slipping.

Our life is the runway. We never know how our surface will be and when it will shift. I thought I was going to be a neurosurgeon as a write this article about life being a runway. It's OK to plan but we have to embrace life as a runway because we change, our dreams change, and we have no way of controlling our conscious. It's innate and even the most brilliant researchers can't discover the full origin of our conscious.

This is not to bash researchers, it is to illustrate how we truly aren't in control of everything and that we too slip, but we wipe the sole of our shoes and keep strutting.

The life we live is a runway, so strut for your life.

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Bartz added that some of the proceeds for some of the vendors went to different causes.

"It's a way to express themselves through the arts, and show they have a voice," Bartz said.

Festivities for the weekend were not centrally located to between Doudna and Buzzard, with different activities going on inside of Doudna and in the Tarble Arts Center.

From dance recitals to various concerts and a poetry slam, the celebration continued from the outside to the indoors.

Capping off the weekend of activities was a combined performance by the Eastern Symphony Orchestra, EIU Choral Ensembles, Lake Land College Choir, Charleston High School Advanced Chorus and the Charleston Middle School Chorus.

These ensembles came together to perform Carl Orff's "Carmina Burana" as a way to send off the festival.

Vanessa Killian, a sophomore kinesiology and sports studies major, said she liked having a festival to honor different arts.

"It's especially important now since schools seem to be getting rid of all the arts," she said. "It's important people can see they can make money off of this while doing what they like."

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The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign will be smoke-free starting in November as a result of a Student Senate resolution, according to the university's website.

Eastern's Faculty Senate passed a resolution in January in support of a ban on all tobacco products on campus after discussing the issue with the Tobacco Coalition.

President Bill Perry said he has not received a resolution from the Faculty Senate or a formal proposal from the coalition.

Additionally, the Student Senate passed a resolution in March supporting the current rules, which allow smoking in designated areas.

Perry said he is unaware if the Staff Senate has taken any action regarding the issue.

"I agree secondhand smoke is an

issue, but until something is legislated then people do have the option of smoking," he said. "The fact that the debate here on campus has not led to any unanimous sentiment one way or the other just indicates it's an issue of contention."

If the act becomes law, Perry said the university would find ways to educate the campus about the rules, such as posting signs around campus.

He said the University Police Department would not be enforcing the rules, but enforcement would be a matter of a "person-to-person interaction" to remind people of the ban if it is passed.

He said if smoking were banned on campus, there could be issues of people crossing the street to smoke, in which case their behavior was not changed.

Perry said if a ban were mandated, the university would offer educational and assistance programs even if they were not required in order to help people adjust.

He said although a smoking ban would be completely within the state legislature's authority, it would diminish the autonomy of the university to make decisions on what is best for the campus.

"I don't support the legislation because it's taking the decision out of our hands," he said. "I don't smoke; that doesn't mean that my personal preference on that should be mandated either on the campus."

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» STUDENT, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

"He was a very hard-working individual and always put others before himself," Collinsworth said.

The death of Allen has hit many Sigma Eps hard, Collinsworth said, but the outpouring of support from the Greek and Eastern communities as a whole has been reassuring and comforting.

Student Senate Speaker Mitch Gurick said Allen was a strong voice across multiple organizations in the campus community.

Gurick, a sophomore business major, said during his two semesters on Student Senate, Allen was never afraid to speak his mind and voice his concerns about anything they were discussing.

"He was never afraid to share his opinions, voice his concerns on things that he saw and was never afraid to hold people accountable," Gurick said. "He was a really strong leader in that respect."

Every organization needs someone like Allen, Gurick said.

"He inspired other people to emulate his example and his hard work ethic," Gurick said.

Gurick said Allen was an upstanding Student Senate member.

"EIU student government is built on the principles of leadership, service, and integrity," Gurick said. "(Allen) both embodied and embraced those principles until the day he passed."

Gurick said he appointed Allen last semester, and when he was looking at his application, Allen had four pages of accomplishments and involvements.

Gurick said he was very impressed

by Allen's many achievements.

Allen was passionate and compassionate, but was a very direct person, Gurick said.

"I've had the honor of just seeing (Allen) as he was, and to me that was really special," Gurick said.

Gurick said Allen was involved in many different organizations and had leadership positions in several as well.

"Nick Allen was truly in everything he did for the right reason, and he truly, truly wanted to make a difference and leave a mark at Eastern," Gurick said.

In a letter to Sigma Phi Epsilon, Gurick said Allen was a great achiever.

"To me, Nick was a friend and someone I had the utmost respect for," Gurick said in the letter. "His passion for what he strived to accomplish spoke volumes."

Gurick said Student Senate will not be the same without him.

"To lose a member of a team, I think, is really hard for the team," Gurick said. "I think a lot of the team players across all the organizations he was in take it hard."

Gurick said he believe Allen could have been famous, just because of the person he was.

"His life was too short, and I think he had a lot more to give," Gurick said. "He was a strong character and had a great moral compass."

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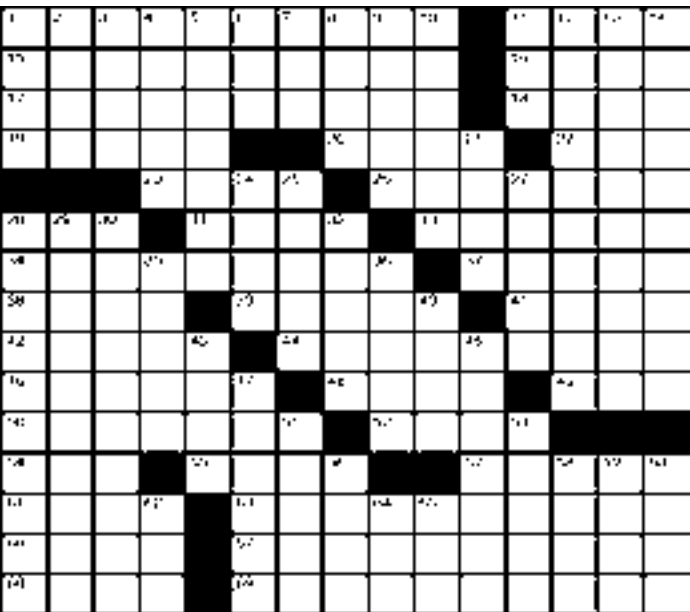
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 - 52 Fax button
 - 54 Biker's hazard
 - 55 Shapeless thing
 - 57 Maples in '90s tabloid news
 - 61 Rock 'n' roll middle name
 - 63 Stretching out
 - 66 Bum
 - 67 Put great faith in
 - 68 Strategic river of 1914
 - 69 One to horse around with?
- DOWN**
- 1 Immortal archer
 - 2 Singer Basil with the #1 hit "Mickey"



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- 4 Iberian infants
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- 6 Sacred syllables
- 7 Garage alternative
- 8 Device with a warp beam and heddles
- 9 Métiers
- 10 Like varnished wood
- 11 Tongue twister pronoun
- 12 Breakaway hit?
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- 14 Bureau where stats abound
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- 24 Chichén __
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TENNIS | PLAYOFFS

Women’s tennis eliminated

By Al Warpinski
Staff Reporter

Eastern's women's tennis team was eliminated from the Ohio Valley Conference tournament after losing in the semifinals to Eastern Kentucky 4-0 Saturday.

This loss marks the second time in one week the Panthers have lost to the No. 1 ranked Colonels.

The semifinal match started off with an 8-6 doubles win, but then the Panthers just watched as their teammates surrendered the doubles point to Eastern Kentucky after Sephora Boulbahaïem and Hannah Kimbrough dropped their doubles match 8-2.

Ali Foster and Kristen Laird subsequently followed with an 8-5 loss.

The Panthers then dropped three singles matches in straight sets to finish the season at 13-6 overall.

Janelle Prisner lost in the first position 6-2, 6-3 and Boulbahaïem followed with a close two set loss, 6-2, 7-5. Ali Foster lost in a two set sweep 6-0, 6-0, to give EKU the postseason win that knocked Eastern out of the playoffs.

The women advanced to the semifinals after defeating Austin Peay 4-0 in the first round of the OVC tournament on Friday in a postseason rematch from last season.

The women took the early doubles point against the Governors on Friday.

Ali Foster and Kristen Laird secured the first doubles match with an 8-1 victory in the third position. Boulbahaïem and Kimbrough then surrendered their doubles match with a surprising 8-3 loss that allowed Austin Peay to tie the



DOMINIC BAIMA | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Junior Janelle Prisner returns a serve during the match against the University of Tennessee at Martin on April 9 at the Charleston High School tennis courts. The Panthers finished the season 13-6 overall after losing to Eastern Kentucky during the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament semifinals on Saturday.

doubles point.

However, Prisner and Whitley did on Friday what they have done all season — win.

The Prisner and Whitley duo fought off the Governors to win the doubles point 8-6.

The Panthers then completed the playoff sweep with the bottom half of the tennis order. Foster, Jennifer Kim and Laird all won in straight sets in the four, five and six positions, respectively. Foster beat Vanessa Tavares 6-1, 6-1. Kim did one better and defeated Jova-

na Karac 6-0, 6-1. Laird completed the Panther sweep with a 6-0, 6-0 sweep over Julie Covington.

The victory over Austin Peay marked the Panthers first playoff victory and best overall record in the last five years.

The loss marked the end of the collegiate careers for Whitley and Laird.

Next season will feature six returning players.

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» BASEBALL, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8

Schmitz said the Borens performance carried the team's momentum throughout the game.

"We all say momentum is the starting pitcher for the next day and (Borens) was absolutely unbelievable," Schmitz said.

Schmitz and Borens both said the early the runs made it easier to pitch against the Redhawks, which in the second game of the series scored a school-record 25 runs in an OVC game.

"Scoring eight runs in the second makes it a lot easier for me," Borens said. "SEMO really plays off energy and when you put them down like that all I needed to do was throw first-pitch strikes, which I did all nine innings."

Southeast Missouri dropped under .500 (20-21) with the loss.

Steve Bieser, the interim coach for Southeast Missouri, said the second inning cost the Redhawks the game because the team did not execute defensively.

Bieser also took out two starting players early in the game.

Matt Tellor leads the Redhawks in home runs with seven, but was taken out after only two plate appearances.

Andy Lack, who started at short-stop, only had one plate appearance before he was pulled.

"That's confidential stuff and team stuff we're dealing with," Bieser said about the decisions to pull out Lack and Tellor early. "Those are decisions that we make as the game goes on about playing within our philosophy."

Southeast Missouri dropped under .500 at 20-21 and is only one-and-a-half games ahead of Eastern Kentucky (10-8) for fifth place in the OVC standings.

The Panthers have two mid-week games against Illinois and Benedictine University before traveling to Nashville, Tenn., for a three-game series against Belmont starting Friday.

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His best throw flew 184-feet, 4-inches.

Tim Glover from Illinois State won the event with a substantial lead. His best throw was 246-feet, 2-inches — on his second attempt.

In the women's javelin junior thrower Condia Smith took second, and freshman pole vaulter Annemarie Reid took third. Smith and Reid's best attempts were 108-feet, 2-inches and 87-feet, 7-inches.

Rachel Burns of Northern Iowa

University surpassed Smith's throw by 12 feet. Sophomore jumper Maura Cummins tied for first place in the women's high jump.

Amy Harvoth from Illinois State and Cummins both jumped a height of 5-feet, 4.5-inches. Both jumpers had the same number of misses and successes in the event.

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BASEBALL | WEEKEND RECAP

Career-best outing leads Eastern to series victory

By Aldo Soto
Assistant Sports Editor

The Eastern baseball team entered Sunday's game against Southeast Missouri with a 4-12 Ohio Valley Conference record — 10th out of 11 teams in the conference.

A win against the Redhawks would mean more than just a series win for Eastern, coach Jim Schmitz said.

"We told (the team) that we're in a playoff hunt and every game is do or die," Schmitz said. "If we lose this one today I think the playoffs are off."

Matt Borens delivered the best pitching performance of his Panther career, pitching his first collegiate complete game in Eastern's 13-3 win in Coaches Stadium on Sunday afternoon.

The Panthers improved to 5-12 in conference-play and dropped the Redhawks to 12-9 in the OVC, but are still out of the OVC tournament picture as only the top six teams advance to postseason play.

Borens trotted out of the Panther dugout to pitch the third inning with an 8-0 lead.

Eastern's offense sent 13 batters to the plate in the second, recorded seven hits and knocked Trevor Kill out of the game after only pitching 1.1 innings.

Sophomore Brant Valach capped off the eight-run inning, doubling off the base of the wall in right field, which drove in Nick Priessman and Treysen Vavra.

Valach also began the rally in the second with a single to center field. After Valach singled, seven consecutive Panther batters reached base safely.

The starting third baseman struggled in the first two games of the se-



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Junior pitcher Joe Greenfield throws the ball to junior first baseman Treysen Vavra, who attempted to tag sophomore utility player Andy Lennington of Southeast Missouri on Saturday in Coaches Stadium.

ries against Southeast Missouri, going 2-for-8 at the plate, which prompted Schmitz to make a change.

For the first time this season Valach batted in the No. 6 spot in the order with Demetre Taylor moving up to the No. 4 slot.

"It's one of those four in the morning hunches," Schmitz said about the change. "Brant really wasn't knocking in runs and Demetre was."

The move worked as Valach led the team in hits and RBIs with four apiece in the series finale.

Valach said he was motivated by the change, but agreed with the decision.

"It was a good move by the coach," Valach said. "I've been struggling the last few games, but I saw a few more fastballs (Sunday) that made me successful."

Valach also said he changed his batting stance, opening up more in the batters box.

The Panthers came out in the ninth with their biggest lead of the day at 13-1 after scoring four runs in the eighth, which included Valach's third

double of the game that drove in two runs.

Borens' pitch count was over 100, but the sophomore said he was not tired.

"I wasn't really tired," Borens said. "My arm felt the same as it had most of the game."

The Redhawks were able to score two runs in the inning before Borens ended the game how he started it — with a strikeout.

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SOFTBALL | STRIKEOUTS

Mennenga breaks school record

By Jack Sheehan
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The Eastern softball team continues to pace the Ohio Valley Conference after an undefeated weekend against Tennessee Tech and Jacksonville State at Williams Field.

Eastern opened up the weekend with a doubleheader against Jacksonville State Saturday, defeating the Gamecocks by scores of 3-2 and 10-0, respectively.

In the first game on Saturday Panther ace Hanna Mennenga made the start for Eastern.

Entering the seventh inning with a 3-0 lead Mennenga had been shutting down the Jacksonville State offense before allowing two runs in the final inning.

Mennenga struck out 16 batters in the victory, breaking the school record for total strikeouts in a season (249) that was previously held by Zam Mogill.

Mennenga's third 16-strikeout performance of the season gave her 253 on the season with eight regular season games remaining.

In the second game of the doubleheader the Panthers gave the ball to junior Stephanie Maday.

Maday allowed no runs in five innings of work against the Gamecocks, earning the win while striking



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Bonnie Bynum, the head coach of Tennessee Tech, gets in a last word while being ejected from the game Sunday at Williams Field. The Panthers defeated Tennessee Tech 4-1.

out six batters.

The Panthers' bats woke up in the nightcap, scoring 10 runs, nine of which came in the first inning.

Right fielder Hannah Cole led the way for the Panthers, driving in five runs, scoring twice and recorded three hits in as many plate appearances.

Cole said that the team picked each other up very well this weekend, leading to a lot of success in the batters box.

"We had a lot of key hits that scored important runs all weekend and the team just kept rolling from there," Cole said.

First basemen Reynae Hutchinson added to the rout with two hits and two RBIs of her own.

In Sunday's doubleheader the Panthers played Tennessee Tech.

Mennenga took to the pitchers circle again and again she earned the victory over the Golden Eagles.

Mennenga went seven innings for her 15th complete game of the season. She increased her team leading win total to 20.

The team improved to 31-11 after the 6-1 defeat of Tennessee Tech and continues to edge out Southern Illinois-Edwardsville as the first place team in the OVC by one game.

In the second game against the Golden Eagles the Panthers were once again able to get the job done, winning the game behind solid pitching by Maday and a run explosion in the fifth inning.

Maday pitched masterfully, going seven innings allowing four hits and one run while striking out six batters.

The game was deadlocked at zero until the bottom of the fifth when the Panthers put up four runs on Tennessee Tech pitcher Claudia Harke.

Cole said the team's offensive perseverance was a big factor in the success the team had this weekend.

"If we didn't get runners on one inning, the next inning we came right back ready to score more runs," she said.

A two run triple by Melise Brown led the run production for the Panthers, as she would later score for Eastern after another triple by Carly Willert.

That was all the run production Maday would need as the Panthers went on to win 4-1.

Eastern improved to 32-11 and 19-2 in their first place OVC campaign with eight regular season games remaining on its schedule.

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MEET | INVITATIONAL

Track notches 11 wins

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Eastern's men's and women's track team came back with 11 victories after competing at Illinois State's Red-bird Spring Invite.

The men won in seven events, while the women took first in four events.

The men's team won the meet, and the women took third overall.

Red-shirt junior pole vaulter Mick Viken took second in the men's pole vault after jumping a height of 17-feet, 2.75-inches.

After making that height, Viken had the bar raised to 17-feet, 5-inches, but he scratched through his three attempts.

Red-shirt senior jumper Tyler Carter won the men's triple jump, and Senior jumper Sodiqli Alliu took second in the event.

Carter's best attempt was a jump of 44-feet, 10.75-inches. Alliu's best attempt was 42-feet, 11.5-inches.

Senior hurdler Dominique Hall won the men's 110-meter hurdles with a time of 14.34.

This is Hall's fastest time in the event during this outdoor season. His career best is 14.11, a mark that ranks seventh on Eastern's record books.

The Panthers had a string of victories in the 110-meter dash and 800-meter run, winning both the men and women's races.

Sophomore distance runner Bryce Basting won the men's 800-meter run, while senior distance runner Erika Ramos won the women's race.

Basting ran a time of 1:51.63, and he was followed by teammates Ephraim Dorsey and Sean Wiggan, who took second and third in the event.

Ramos ran a time of 2:11.16.

She beat the runner who was seeded ahead of her, Kristen Zillmer from Illinois State.

Freshman sprinter Calvin Edwards won the men's 100-meter dash in a time of 10.67.

Freshman sprinter Angelica Anyaogu won the women's race in a time of 12.25.

Junior hurdler Jalisa Paramore secured a 1-2 finish in the race after Paramore finished with a time of 12.33.

Paramore won the women's 100-meter hurdles with a time of 14.09.

Her personal best in the event is 13.65.

Red-shirt sophomore hurdler Daniel Trevor won the men's 400-meter hurdles in 53 seconds, while Hall took second with a time of 53.06.

Both teammates dethroned Ryan Newtoff from Northern Iowa University, who was seeded first in the event.

Redshirt freshman distance runner Victor Delatorre won the men's 5,000-meter run in a time of 15:28.25.

Sophomore javelin thrower David Johansson took second in the men's javelin throw, bringing his winning streak to a halt.

He made his first two attempts and fouled on his next two.

But Johansson managed to throw successfully on his final attempt.

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