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LITTLE THEATER, BIG PRODUCTION

Check out Entertainment Editor Bob Galuski's review of "Les Miserables," as performed by The Little Theatre on the Square in Sullivan.

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DIVISION CLINCHED

The Eastern women's basketball team beat Belmont Saturday night 60-43 and clinched the West Division of the OVC.

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CAMPUS | SAFETY

Eastern to replace emergency phones

By Robyn Dexter
News Editor

Eastern will invest almost \$20,000 in replacing the majority of the EIU Code Blue Emergency Phones throughout campus.

Clay Hopkins, the director of telecommunications, said the original 19 phones are aging and need to be replaced after the 20 years they have been in service.

"We've replaced and refurbished the phones over time, but all the phones are getting beyond refurbishing at this point," he said. "It'll be the same system, just a newer model."

There are 21 emergency phones on campus at this point, but Hopkins said two of them were installed just last year and will not need to be replaced at this time.

"We also have a new one going in at Pemberton Hall for a total of 22," he said.

Hopkins said he was able to place a rush order on the new phones and is hopeful they will be able to install them this week.

Currently, three of the phones have been removed and taped up.

"The other phones are still in working order," Hopkins said.

Officers of the University Police Department discovered the out-of-service phones after performing a weekly check on each of the locations.

"They then get reported to us for repairs, if needed," he said.

Dan Nadler, the vice president for student affairs, sent out an email to student senate members Wednesday concerning the phones.

"Based on the age and the seriousness of the problems we are experiencing, a decision has been made to replace the original 19 code blue emergency phones installed approximately 20 years ago," he wrote in the email.

The price of the phones has doubled since the original installation 20 years ago.

"Twenty years ago, they were in the \$500 range for just the phones themselves," Hopkins said. "Now they're \$1,040 apiece."

Though the telephone company has been able to refurbish the phones over the years, Hopkins said it is getting to the point where they simply cannot be repaired or returned to the company.

Dave Crockett, the interim director of Facilities, Planning and Management, said FPM does have some involvement with the upkeep of the poles, but the telecommunications department handles most of the upkeep.

"(FPM) does take work orders from Hopkins and UPD if there is a light out or something and we need to make repairs, but that's really our only involvement with those devices," he said.

When a passerby presses the button on an emergency phone, the call is sent to the 911 center by the Coles County Memorial Airport.

"They dispatch our police officers after a call is received," Hopkins said.

Each emergency phone is identified in the system separately so the officers know which phone was activated.

Hopkins said they have not received any complaints about the three poles that are out of service, and he attributes it to the widespread use of cell phones.

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HIGH FIVE!



DOMINIC BAIMA | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

The Eastern men's indoor track team celebrates winning the Ohio Valley Conference Championship Saturday in the Lantz Field House. This is the fifth year in a row that the team has won the title.

Men's track wins 5th-straight OVC indoor championship

By Aldo Soto
Assistant Sports Editor

The Eastern men's track team remained the cream of the crop in the Ohio Valley Conference, rising to the top on the second day of the conference meet after entering Saturday in third-place, to win their fifth consecutive indoor championship.

Although the Panthers left day one trailing Eastern Kentucky and Southeast Missouri State, the hosting school came away with the biggest roar from the crowd inside of the Lantz Indoor Fieldhouse.

Sophomore Bryce Basting received the baton from fellow sophomore teammate Ephraim Dorsey and surged ahead in the final leg of the men's distance medley relay.

Basting with help from Dorsey, senior Sean

Wiggan and freshman Joe Calio, had a comfortable lead after the final baton exchange of the race as Eastern Kentucky's Soufiane Bouchikhi was closing in on Basting.

As the bell rung, echoing inside the field house to signify the final lap of the race, the crowd erupted in a chant of "BLUE!" with Basting now having his Eastern Kentucky counterpart no longer behind him.

Bouchikhi entered the final straight away a stride ahead of the Eastern sophomore.

With 10 meters remaining in the race, both the Panther and the Colonel were running neck-and-neck until Basting remembered what one of his teammates had said to him.

"Sean Wiggan said, 'We don't go for anything but gold,' so I owed it to him to give it a shot," Basting said.

As Basting rapidly approached the finish

line with Eastern Kentucky's runner right next to him, Basting lunged forward, landing on his stomach, after he dove at the finish line.

Basting then rolled onto his back with his teammates quickly crowding him, cheering along with the crowd, who had just witnessed an incredible finish.

Every set of eyes inside the Lantz Fieldhouse burned a hole through the electronic scoreboard, waiting to see if Basting's dive won the race for Eastern.

"I didn't think I had won," Basting said. "It was the only thing I could do when I saw (Bouchikhi) coming on me, so I gave it a shot."

The Panthers finished ahead of Eastern Kentucky by only four hundredths of a second, winning the distance medley relay with a time of 10:03.01.

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COMPETITION | PAGEANT

Miss Black EIU 2013 crowned

By Bob Galuski
Entertainment Editor

A night filled with dancing, piano playing and Whitney Houston tributes came to an end as the 2013 Miss Black EIU crown was gently placed on Alysia Mitchell's head.

Mitchell, a junior business management major, was named Miss Black EIU 2013 Saturday, carrying on a 42-year legacy.

The 2013 Miss Black EIU winner said she was completely taken aback by winning and did not expect to win at all.

"It's unbelievable," Mitchell said. "I know it sounds clichéd, but I thought all of these ladies possessed the qualities to win before me."

Mitchell competed against nine other contestants for the crown in four different categories: creative expression, African garment, talent and an impromptu question-and-answer section.

The creative expression portion was intended

for the contestants to take an issue of personal importance and convey it to the audience.

Dressed in judge's robes, Mitchell sentenced a young man to "four years of hard education," for her creative expression section.

During this segment, Mitchell professed that "knowledge is power," so therefore the young man had an opportunity to change his life through education.

Parissa Boston, a junior communication studies major, won the creative expression category for her performance as a detective investigating a crime scene.

The crime scene featured a man who had died from lack of love and support.

Boston's issue came from the Free Hugs campaign, and at the end of her creative expression she urged the audience to stand up and give a free hug to the person next to them.

"Love should not be forced," she said during the segment.

The African garment piece had each of the 10 contestants dress in traditional African dresses and give an interpretive dance while a voice-over accompanied them, explaining how their African heritage was important to them.

Mitchell won the African garment category for her piece titled "Sugar cane, Latin spice and everything that's nice."

The talent section brought forth numerous contestants working with spoken word and interpretive dance.

Takieshyanna Banks, a senior communication studies major, gave a musical piece titled "I Don't Rap," where she discussed the idea of music and rap lyrics in today's society.

Alante Johnson, a sophomore marketing major, showcased her skills as a hairstylist as she fixed a young woman's hair, while other women who had had their hair styled by Johnson paraded around the stage.

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MUSICAL | REVIEW

'Les Mis': Don't leave the best behind

By Bob Galuski
Entertainment Editor

Big things are happening at a little theater. The Little Theatre on the Square in Sullivan, opened its curtains Friday to reveal its own version of "Les Miserables" — a powerhouse performance filled to the brim with spectacular singing and mesmerizing special effects.

"Les Miserables" tells the story of Jean Valjean, a man imprisoned for 19 years for stealing a loaf of bread and trying to escape.

He breaks parole and tries to start a new life, all while being hunted by the clever Javert.

In the midst of their feud, the two characters become swept up in the middle of a street-side rebellion.

David Foley Jr. shines as the protagonist Valjean, a moral man caught in the middle of an immoral world.

Foley's singing reaches new heights inside the small theater, with each note resounding through the walls.

He intermixes acting and singing with well-practiced ease, as the audience could feel the resentment he feels after being caught stealing silver from a bishop.

Little moments like that are shown throughout the performance, with Foley executing each lyric and line with enough force to move even the most stonehearted audience member.

The only fault in Foley's performance comes from a slight inability to reach higher notes; however, when he starts the song at a falsetto, he does so admirably.

It is his interactions with the justice-seeking Javert, portrayed by Sean Zimmerman, that are the most memorable.

Every time Foley and Zimmerman meet on screen, be it in a factory under Valjean's new identity or in the barricade of a street rebellion, the chemistry between the two characters is electric.

When Javert explains to Valjean in the opening scenes why he has been imprisoned for nearly two decades, the audience can see the sadness across Valjean's face, and the glee on Javert's.

Zimmerman also portrays Javert's stalwartness when he addresses Valjean by his prison number, 24601.

Zimmerman plays a perfect foil to Foley's Valjean, with Zimmerman bringing out the most sinister qualities of the antagonist.

While softer than Foley's voice, Zimmerman conveys a wickedly cunning persona through his own lyrics.

In fact, one of the highlights of the performance comes from Zimmerman's soliloquy toward the end of the production, in a moving piece that suits the character of Javert fittingly.

The production of "Les Miserables" is filled with many side characters, and each one proves their worth — whether they are on stage for one scene or multiple scenes.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Jean Valjean, portrayed by David Foley Jr., and a fellow prisoner work while Javert, portrayed by Sean Zimmerman, looks over them during the "Les Miserables" production by The Little Theatre on the Square. The play runs Feb. 22-Mar. 3.

Among the bright spots of side characters is the sinister couple, the Thenardiers.

Monsieur Thenardier, portrayed by John Baker, is magnificent as the crooked innkeeper looking to score extra cash any way he can.

Where Zimmerman heightens Javert's cleverness and persistence, Baker highlights the Thenardier's greediness and malevolence.

His excellent singing, especially in his opening number "Master of the House," helps move the play along smoothly.

Accompanying these performances is a live orchestra, conducted by Joshua Zecher-Ross. Zecher-Ross has a firm grasp on the mood of the performance and evokes everything from joy to peril to sorrow with every note played.

Sometimes the lighting and effects in a production take a backseat to the main performances, but in The Little Theatre on the Square's "Les Miserables," it is front and center.

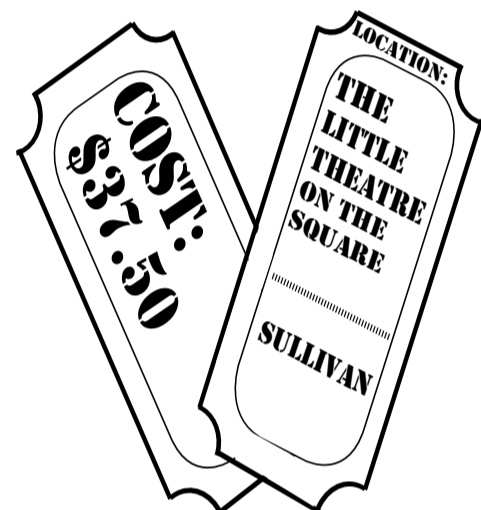
Filling the stage with luscious shades of red and blue throughout the performance, all of the colored lights subtly accentuated the production.

The blue hues helped point out the deceased during the show, while the red highlighted the actual deaths and the ravages of the rebellion.

Lights also play an important role, along with manufactured smoke, which entered the stage at vital moments.

One of the most impressive pieces during the performance was the use of flashing lights, a smoke screen and every actor moving in slow motion at the climax of the rebellion.

The use of these effects worked in the production, allowing the audience to see how badly the rebels were affected during the climactic battle.



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"Les Miserables" will be continuing its run at The Little Theatre on the Square from Wednesday until Sunday.

While the \$37.50 for tickets might appear to be a little steep, it is the intimacy the theater provides that helps the audience connect with the characters on stage.

By placing this sprawling epic into a smaller venue, it allows for every character to leap out of the stage at the audience in a spectacular fashion.

"Les Miserables" offers a stunning cast with powerful voices, a compelling story and captivating effects that, for nearly three hours, makes a fictional world come to life.

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EASTERN | JOB OPENINGS

Honors dean search continues

By **Stephanie Markham**
Administration Editor

The final two candidates for the position of dean of the honors college will be on campus for interviews this week.

Kyoko Amano, an associate professor of English at the University of Indianapolis, will be interviewed Tuesday in Room 3202 of Booth Library.

Ken Mulliken, a history professor at the University of Saint Mary, will be interviewed Thursday in the Effingham Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The candidates will meet with the search committee, other deans and chairpersons, the provost and honors staff.

Additionally, the interviews will be open to honors students at 11 a.m. and to the campus community at 3 p.m. on their respective days.

Paul Olsen, an assistant sociology professor at Briar Cliff University, was interviewed for the position last Tuesday.

Olsen said he would bring a lot of energy to the position along with years of experience in an honors program.

"I think that it's important for someone in this position to have a lot of energy, somebody willing to work not just 8 to 5, but to be present at activities basically at all hours of the day," he said.

Elizabeth Jansen, a sophomore communication disorders and sciences major, asked Olsen during the honors student open session if he would be easy to contact as a dean.

Olsen said he would have an open-door policy.

"I really do think that in this position, you have to get back to people right away and address their concerns right away," he said. "In a po-

sition like this, there needs to be a presence on campus."

Richard England, an associate professor of philosophy at Salisbury University, was interviewed for the position last Thursday.

England said he was interested in working at Eastern because it has a great honors program.

"I have a long experience with honors, and I'm interested to see how I can apply my experiences to improve the program here," he said.

England said he would like to help the honors college re-envision its curriculum and maximize opportunities for student research.

John Stimac, the dean of the honors college until July 1, said when a new dean is hired, he will go back to his first love — teaching.

"This has been an amazing opportunity to have experiences I wouldn't have otherwise and see parts of the university as a whole," he said.

Stimac said the dean should be able to work well with other the other deans and chairs because the honors college is integrated into the other colleges.

He said there are always things to improve on in the honors college, like forming an agreement with community colleges that would allow honors credits to transfer to Eastern.

He said other prospective changes include creating entire honors floors in residence halls instead of pockets of honors students.

Stimac said the new honors college dean should also have perseverance.

"Being able to see the larger picture is key," he said. "They should be able to see what's good for students and the university."

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

'Pizza with the Prez' canceled

Staff Report

Pizza with the President Tuesday has been canceled because of scheduling conflicts.

The program allows students to talk with President Bill Perry and discuss issue that are on their minds.

Kayla Eskew, the student vice president for academic affairs, said the event that was going to take place Tuesday was canceled because Perry was doubled-booked.

A new date has not been scheduled.

BLOTTER

Two DUI instances, theft reported

At 12:57 a.m. Thursday, Clint Ballard, 23, was arrested at 1509 2nd St. He was charged with DUI-Alcohol released at 2:58 a.m. after posting 10 percent of \$3,000 bond.

At 3:10 p.m. Thursday, a possible theft was reported at Taylor Hall. This incident is under investigation.

At 8:04 p.m., Jason Rardin, 39, was arrested at Lincoln and Division streets. He was charged with DUI-Alcohol and released at 10:06 p.m. after posting 10 percent of \$3,000 bond.

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CHARLESTON | SERVICE

'Kids and Friends' brings color to Eastern

By **Samantha McDaniel**
Student Governance Editor

Children of all ages took over the lobbies of the residence halls with their families to play games and do crafts with the college students Friday and Saturday during Kids and Friends Weekend.

The themed weekend, "Color the World of Eastern," provided an opportunity for students to bring their younger relatives or family friends to campus to participate in age-appropriate activities such as making Play-Doh, making trees or following the yellow brick road.

RHA Vice President Amanda Krch said the event shows them that college is not scary.

"Sometimes we present ourselves as being scary people, and kids on a college campus get really nervous, but doing this kind of stuff shows we can please a variety of people," Krch said.

Adam Agronomff, 11, said Kids and Friends Weekend is a reason to come visit his sister.

He said he has not seen his sister in a while and was glad to see her and hang out with her in her residence hall.

"It's fun because they have

free pool and stuff in the halls," Agronomff said. "You can always socialize in the lobby or go bowling on campus — basically everything is on campus, so you don't have to go into Charleston for anything."

He said it was his first time coming to Kids and Friends Weekend and meeting the different people who lived in the residence halls.

Zariah Armour, 5, said she liked painting trees pink and orange with college students.

"I like all the people," Armour said. "I like to talk to them."

Krch said they want to show that college can be fun.

She said she had her cousins visit her, and they were running up and down the hall screaming.

"One of them said, 'It's not a hotel, we can be fun here,'" Krch said. "It's good for them to see that aspect."

Josiah Reynolds, 4, said he got all kinds of prizes during the weekend and made red Play-Doh.

"(I like) Billy (the panther). I gave him hugs. He gives me high-fives

too," he said.

Eliana Echevarria, 4, said she liked the activities but also spent time with her family friend outside of the activities.

"When it was dark outside, we went downstairs to play," she said. "I did auntie's hair."

She said she got to have a sleepover at college.

"We watched Harry Potter," she said.

Calla Summers, the RHA National/Illinois Communication Co-ordinator, said all of the children seemed to be having fun.

"I think it is fun for them to come find out where their relatives go and what they do," Summers said.

RHA adviser Laura Imbirowicz, the resident director of Lawson Hall, said this gives the children a chance to look at students as role models.

"For some of them, this is the first time seeing a college campus, so they think college is cool," Imbirowicz said. "It gives them something they can talk to their friends back home."

"They get to hang out with college students, older kids, while doing activities aimed for their ages."

-Dawn Howe, RHA secretary



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Daubs has no right to insult bodybuilders

After reading the "Body Building: A Parade of Admiring Yourself" column, it just showed how arrogant some people on this campus can be.

Let me just begin by saying that I personally am in no way, shape or form involved in bodybuilding or physique competitions.

I do, however, personally know a handful of these "tools" that were ragged on throughout that column.

Just because Kyle Daubs personally does not believe in bodybuilding or weight training does not give him any right to insult their regimens or the things they do.

They look at themselves in the mirror because their body is their work, and in order to reach their goal they need to check their progress. Transforming your body into prime physical shape is one of the hardest things that I have ever seen anyone do, and for that you should be applauding their dedication.

Why does Kyle even work in the SRC if seeing those types of people "makes him sick?" That is a little contradicting, don't you think? That would be like someone getting a job with the baseball team but thinking baseball players were the dumbest athletes in the world. It is a gym! What else do you think those weights and mirrors are there for?

I will admit, some people do use the gym for the wrong reasons, but the contestants of this show are not in the weight room eight hours a day for anyone but themselves.

They are not in there to look cool or show off their muscles. They are in there because they have a competition to win. If those men or women flexing their muscles really lowers your self-esteem that much, I think there is a deeper issue at hand. As a former athlete, I know how much time and effort it takes to reach your goals, and for that I applaud every Mr. and Ms. EIU contestant in the show. Keep flexin' those muscles; you obviously are looking good if people such as Kyle are noticing!

Bridget Catherine Singer

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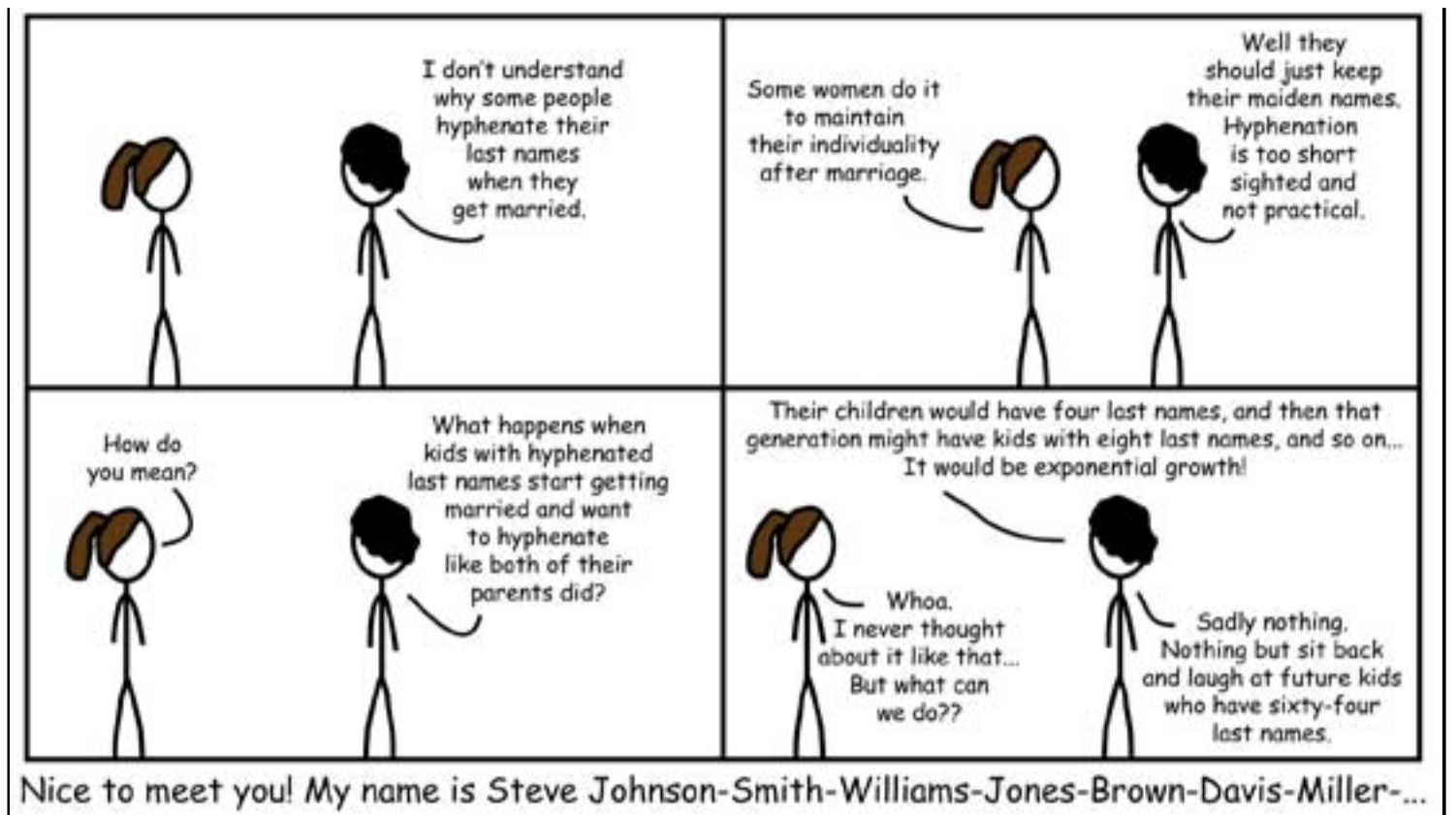
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STAFF EDITORIAL

Revising 'minority' terms creates better opportunities

With House Bill 5 circulating the Illinois General Assembly, its proposal to amend a handful of acts could open up new opportunities to those labeled as minorities.

The bill would redefine terms like "minority group" and "underrepresented minority."

The term "minority" does not necessarily include those who are not in the majority, but those who have less dominant power, according to the article "State to expand minority terms" in Friday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*.

Being included in the minority definition is not always beneficial, but it can open up scholarship and job opportunities, said Maggie Burkhead, the associate director of minority affairs.

Part of the redefining would be to include those of Middle Eastern origin to the minority group. Being included in this group could help Middle Eastern students who face financial hardship and create better opportunities for them in education and the loans market.

"Before when filling out forms, you would choose Hispanic, black, white or other," economics professor Ahmed Abou Zaid said in the article. "Middle Eastern was not included as though we didn't exist; including them would be as though the government finally recognizes them."

OUR POSITION

- **Situation:** House Bill 5 proposes redefining terms like "minority."
- **Stance:** The bill creates better opportunities for minorities.

Every student wishing to advance his or herself in education should be afforded the opportunity to do so, and expanding the minority definition can help others accomplish that.

Including Middle Eastern students in the minority group can also help to diffuse racial discrimination that has occurred in the nation since the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11.

More state representatives like Mary Flowers, who introduced the legislation, should be looking for ways to advance opportunities for students and to increase the drive for higher education.

When considering the term minority, many people might assume that skin color is the only factor that goes into it, but that is not true. Low-income students and those with low standardized test scores can also apply.

Eastern grants opportunities to many faced with those problems through the Gateway and TRiO programs.

Acting progressively in a country dominated by an immense variation of ethnicity and financial level can make a large difference to students wanting to further their education and grow to have better job opportunities.

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No one cares about your Oscars tweets

You know what really grinds my gears?
Live-tweeting.

I'm not talking about breaking news updates, like the Newtown, Conn., shooting or Saturday's NASCAR crash that injured fans in the stands. Those are necessary.

What I hate is when people tweet their reactions to TV shows, movies, sporting events, or precious award shows. Like Sunday's Oscars.

I tend to avoid my best friend (Twitter) when I know these big events are happening — it's great for forcing me to do my homework. But sometimes I forget and take a peek and instantly regret it.

The network explodes with content geared only — OK, mostly — toward said event.

Shortly after the Newtown shooting, someone I follow said something like, "It'd be wise to delay any corporate tweets for the next 12 hours or so." This holds true for every big event. Tweets get lost in a sea full of Oscars (or whatever) freaks.

My feed generally looks like this: "What is she wearing??? #Oscars" "I can't even." "#AngelinaJolies-RightLeg." It's interspersed with some actual journalism about said events, but the crazy ones take up much more space.

I know I've been there. I've been that girl. When



Ashley Holstrom

Felix Baumgartner became the coolest human being by skydiving from outer space, I went nuts. Actual tweets of mine: "HERE HE GOES OH MY GOD" and "OH MY GODDDDDDDDDDD #livejump"

There were more, but I deleted them immediately after he landed because they were repetitive and stupid and held no actual meaning.

The only live-tweets I can ever really appreciate are the jokes. Simply rehashing what happened is lame; coming up with a great (or bad) pun about it is awesome.

I went with our staff to the Illinois College Press Association's annual conference in Chicago this weekend, and one of the speakers mentioned live-tweeting as the best way to get involved with people. He said he never gets as many retweets or new followers than when he live-tweets an event.

And then he told everyone to give it a try and

live-tweet the Oscars while I rolled my eyes.

But there's an art and etiquette to live-tweeting. First, make sure you tweet out that you're going to be live-tweeting something so your savvy followers have the chance to mute you for the duration (Yeah, that's a thing. Neat, right?).

Second, give your tweets some context. Give a name, mention the event, whatever you can do to ensure your tweet can stand alone and make sense 10 minutes later.

Third, do not just tweet "woo!" or "IS THIS A JOKE." Even if you tack on a hashtag at the end, it's still a dumb tweet. It will mean nothing after five seconds, because something else worthy of the same reaction will have happened.

Lastly, and most importantly, keep the tweeting to a minimum. Everyone is going to be tweeting about the same things, and you want yours to stand out, don't you? Put some thought into each nugget of 140 characters.

Just please, stop with the expletive tweets when something you love (YAYAYAY!) or hate (ARE YOU @#\$\$%&!- KIDDING ME) happens. No one cares.

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CITY | CHARITY

Polar Plunge to support Special Olympics athletics

By **Amanda Wilkinson**
City Editor

Ice-cold lake water in Effingham will not prevent participants from taking the plunge for a good cause Saturday.

Kimberly Abell, the director of East Central Area 9 Special Olympics Illinois, said the Law Enforcement Torch Run Polar Plunge hosts 20 plunge events throughout the state.

One of the locations is at Lake Sara in Effingham, she said.

Abell said in past years, the area plunge has raised about \$45,000.

She said her goal this year is to raise \$55,000 and have more participants.

"All that money stays local within the 12 counties that I serve," she said.

Area 9 covers Douglas, Edgar, Clark, Cumberland, Shelby, Effingham, Clay, Jasper, Richland, Lawrence, Crawford and Coles counties.

Abell said 100 percent of the donations will go to Special Olympics Illinois.

To sign up for the plunge, participants must raise a minimum of \$75 in donations.

Abell said people can register as a team or as an individual.

She said an Eastern group won the college cup in 2011 for raising more than \$35,000 for the plunge.

At the 2012 polar plunge, the Eastern group, the Polar Bears, won most money raised by a team after raising about \$9,400.

Bernadette Laumann, an assistant special education professor, said she has participated in the Polar Bear plunge group in the past.

"We definitely need more students to get involved," she said. "We'd love to have as many students as possible."

Laumann said faculty as well as students participate in the plunge.

"We have faculty that go," she said. "We dress up."

Laumann showed off the golden plunger they received as a trophy and said they beat out all other Illinois universities.

Besides potentially receiving a trophy, for every \$500 a participant raises, they are entered for a grand prize including a trip to Cancun, Mexico.

Abell said raising the \$75 is easy.

"A lot of people find it daunting to try and raise \$75, but reality is if you ask people for \$5 or \$10, you'd be surprised at how fast you can get it," she said.

Each participant also receives a free hooded sweatshirt and is treated to lunch at Effingham Knights of Columbus Hall.

Abell said during the plunge, organizers throw rubber ducks into the water for participants to grab.

"They are numbered, then we do a drawing at the after party," she said.

Participants are not allowed to wear a wetsuit, but they are encouraged to wear a costume.

Abell said they also give out awards for the costume contest at the after party.

She said she hopes more students join the Eastern group.

"We want Eastern to win the college cup essentially," Abell said.

Anyone can register on the Special Olympics Illinois Torch Run page on the First Giving website.

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DOMINIC BAIMA | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Alaysia Mitchell, a junior business management major, is crowned Miss Black EIU 2013 Saturday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union during the 42nd Annual Miss Black EIU Scholarship Pageant.

cession.

Mitchell was selected by a panel of judges, which consisted of faculty members at Eastern.

During the time they were asked to decide the 2013 Miss Black EIU, the audience was treated to a performance by the Ruby Monkeys, who performed their own dance number.

Among the honor of being Miss Black EIU, other awards were handed out during the pageant.

The "Miss Progressive Award" was available to the contestants for the first time and was created by Franklin.

The award went to the woman who was able to put forth the best effort, whether it was at practice or in raising money for the pageant.

The honor was awarded to Ashley Macon, a senior family and consumer sciences major.

During the pageant, Macon used her talent at spoken word for her piece, "Favorite Color," which detailed a daughter trying to get her mother's attention.

Franklin said she was proud of each of the contestants and was thrilled with Mitchell being named Miss Black EIU.

"She's a wonderful person who deserves to wear the crown proudly," she said. "I know she'll live up to the legacy."

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"(The poles) really aren't used much anymore," he said. "However, the university has the investment in them, and they want to keep them."

Hopkins said he believes the phones most likely are not used for their intended purposes in the past few years.

"I'd assume the phones are used more for pranks than for anything else, especially after the bars close and people are on their way home," Hopkins said.

If there is an emergency, Hopkins said students are more likely to dial 911 on their cell phones than go to an emergency pole.

"The poles were used much more when they were first put in, but in the more recent years there have been more prank calls than anything else," he said.

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Giving an honorable tribute to the late Whitney Houston was Morgan Burrel, a junior health studies major.

Burrel blended several of Houston's songs into a three-minute set, complete with background dancers moving behind her.

While blasting Alicia Keys' "Girl on Fire," Shandria Marshall, a junior health studies major, moved around on the stage in her own dance style.

Johnson ended up being named the winner of the talent segment with her hairstyling flair.

The final category tested each of the contestants' ability to think on their feet with an unprepared question-and-answer section.

Burrel was selected by the panel

of judges as the winner for the answer to her question "If you were a mother, at what age would you allow your child to have a cell phone, and would there be any restrictions?"

Burrel, a single mother, answered from experience and explained what her plans for her son were.

"When he turns 12, he'll get a cell phone so he'll know he can always reach me," she said.

Keiyanna Franklin, the 2012 Miss Black EIU winner, was the coordinator for the 2013 pageant.

She referred to the contestants as jewels throughout the pageant.

"Like the jewels, each of these women are extremely unique and diverse," Franklin said during the pro-

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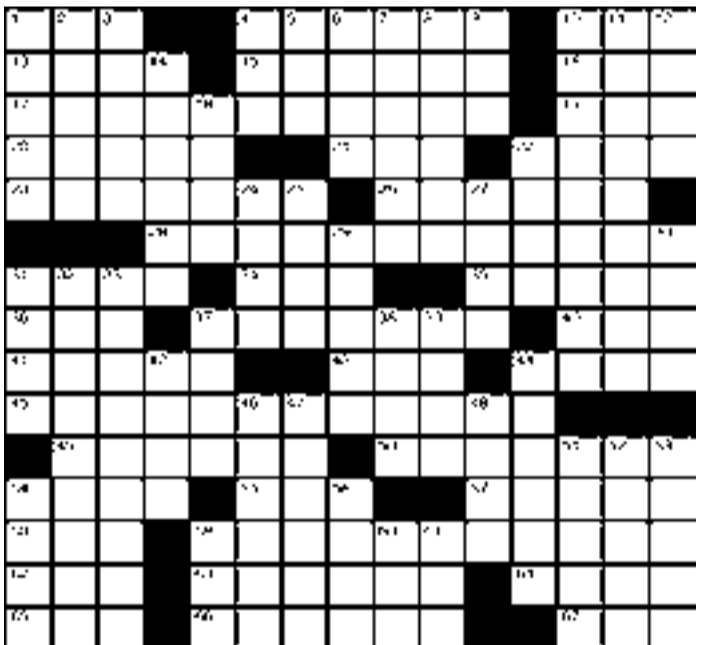
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10 Big name in ATMs
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15 Black-and-blue mark, e.g.
16 Suffix for pay
17 Soft hit that barely makes it over the infield
19 Cranberry-growing area
20 Africa's Sierra
21 Fed. retirement org.
22 "T" on a test, usually
23 Like dodos and dinosaurs
26 Foray
28 Archaeological age-determination process
31 Texting units: Abbr.
34 Rowboat mover
35 Wish granter
36 "How was ___ know?"
37 Abrasions
40 Sinus doc
41 Not exactly robust
43 Simpsons neighbor Flanders
44 Makes really angry
45 Completely absorbed
49 Lawyer's customer
50 Accessory often carried with a wallet
54 Merle Haggard's "___ From Muskogee"
55 N.J. neighbor
57 Lightened
58 Libertarian politician Paul
59 Sign in a limo that aptly concludes the sequence formed by the last words of 17-, 28- and 45-Across
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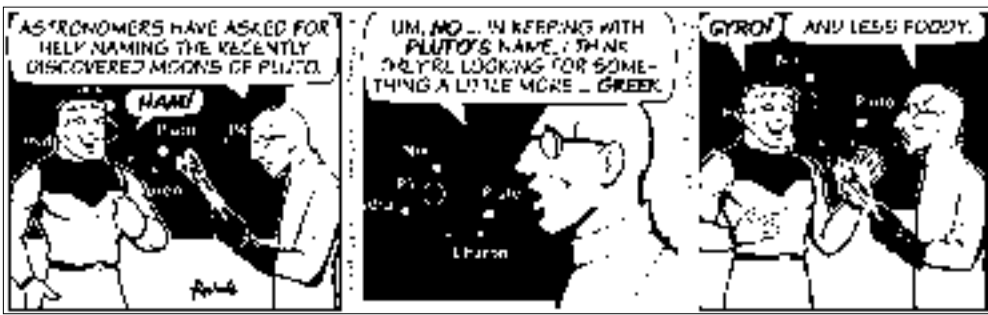
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BASEBALL | RECAP

Panthers go 1-2 at Southern Miss. Tournament

By Aldo Soto
Assistant Sports Editor

Eastern closer Jaden Widdersheim gave up the fifth and final Missouri State run in the bottom of the ninth inning, dropping his record to 1-2 and dropping the team's record to 2-5.

Widdersheim entered the game in the eighth inning with the game tied at four, taking over for Scott Houdek, who pitched a perfect seventh inning.

Widdersheim escaped the eighth

without giving up the lead after he struck out the final Missouri State batter, leaving the bases loaded.

The ninth inning was a different story.

The Bears began the ninth with back-to-back singles from Keenen Maddox and Luke Volt. With runners on first and second, Missouri State's Koby Peebles drove a Widdersheim pitch to the gap in left-center, scoring Maddox and giving the Bears their third consecutive win in the weekend tournament and

improving their season record to 5-1.

The Panthers lone victory in the Southern Mississippi Tournament came Saturday as junior Joe Greenfield pitched Eastern's first complete game of the season, pitching nine scoreless innings, allowing six hits and walking only one Alcorn State batter, while striking out six.

Coach Jim Schmitz said Alcorn State's aggressiveness at the plate suited Greenfield, who was throwing strikes all game.

"Joe attacked the zone and Alcorn State (batters) were free swingers," Schmitz said.

Greenfield picked up his first win of the year and dropped his ERA to 0.66.

On Friday night the Panthers opened the tournament losing to host Southern Mississippi 6-3.

Sophomore Matt Borens made the start and took the loss, allowing five runs (three earned) over six innings of work.

Eastern had two errors in the game,

one coming in the fourth, which allowed the fourth Golden Eagle run to score in the inning.

Despite the two errors in game one, Schmitz said the team played good overall defense.

The Panthers will next be in action opening a three-game series against Auburn, beginning Friday.

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» CHAMPS

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Red-shirt junior Pablo Ramirez added to the men's first-place finished in day one of the conference championship, winning the 5,000-meter race.

Ramirez began the race, maintaining a steady pace, before picking up his speed to pass the final pack of runners in the latter stages of the race. Ramirez crossed the finish line and was serenaded with applause and cheers from his teammates after a time of 14:45.14.

The men's team earned 199 points overall, 159 of which came on the second day of the meet.

The men's pole vault team swept the podium, as red-shirt junior Mick Viken, red-shirt sophomore Dan Chalus and freshman Eric Gordon all cleared 16-feet, 0.75-inches.

Viken won gold while Chalus and Gordon took silver and bronze, respectively.

Only the number of attempts separated the trio when determining the medal winners.

Pole vaulter Jade Riebold made history Saturday, breaking her own Eastern and the OVC record with a height of 14 feet.

The two-time Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Female Field Athlete of the Year said she fully expected to come out of the championship with the new record height in the pole vault.

The Eastern women's track team entered the OVC indoor championship, having won the previous four titles.

The reign atop the conference ended and nothing displayed the disappointment more than when the winning women's team of Southeast Missouri circled the track, raising its school flag, singing its school fight song, passing several members of Eastern's women's track team.

The Panther women finished in third place with 88 points, falling behind Tennessee State and the champion Redhawks.

On Friday night, junior Britney Whitehead ran past the finish line, winning the women's 5,000-meter race with a time of 17:11.72, falling short of the OVC record of 17:11.63 held by Amy Beatty of Morehead State, which she set in 1999.

Whitehead, with adrenaline still flowing through her body, said to her

teammates that she did not feel the blood that was coming out of her lower right leg from a cut caused by a runner's cleat.

Whitehead won the race by almost 17 seconds and said the only thing she was thinking of during the race was how she was only racing the clock as no other runner challenged her throughout the race.

Akers, who was named the conference's men's coach of the year, said the teams have not been sharp all season, but were able to compete to their highest ability during the two days.

With another men's title and the women finishing third, Akers said the conference has improved, which will help Eastern continue to build a strong program.

"The conference continues to get better each year, which makes it more competitive," Akers said. "Hopefully the conference continues to get tougher and tougher and tougher."

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» SWIMMING

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Sophomore Mackenzie Anderson broke her previous record in the 100-backstroke, which she set in the Panthers last regular season meet, by 0.9 seconds, making the new school-record 57.1.

Juniors Kate Paige and Mary Lacine both improved their school record-times in the 100-butterfly and 400-individual medley, respectively.

Paige broke her own record twice Friday and ended the day with a sixth-place finish, setting the new top time at 56.69.

Lacine set 400-individual medley time at 4:33.67.

Senior Kelli DiCanio came into the meet with the school's fastest 100-breaststroke time and she left Friday, improving her record time from 1:06.29, which she set in 2011, to 1:05.89.

Freshman Kaylee Morris joined Anderson, Paige and DiCanio broke the three-year-old record in the 400-medley relay with a time of 3:52.81.

"Although the men didn't break as many records as the women, they did

show a great amount of depth," McGill said. "If you take out the diving aspect from the point total we would have finished ahead of IUPUI and about 20 points behind South Dakota State."

The Panther men missed earning a third-place finish behind IUPUI by 26 points.

Saturday marked the last day of the championships and along with Foss, senior Dan Enge set a new school record.

Enge set a new Eastern record-time in the 200-butterfly, respectively, with a time of 1:53.28.

Senior Chacour Koop also joined Lacine, McGill and senior Joe Ciliak to earn All-Summit League honors by taking third-place in the 400-free-style relay with a time of 3:06.14.

Junior Josh Miller, Ciliak, Enge, Koop, McGill and Lacine were named to the Men's All-League Team.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | RECAP

Eastern clinches west division of OVC

By Alex McNamee
Staff Reporter

Yes, the Eastern women's basketball team clinched the Ohio Valley Conference's west division Saturday. Yes, the Panthers solidified themselves as one of the top two seeds in the OVC Tournament. Yes, that means they will definitely play on March 8.

Sure, go ahead and make your travel plans and hotel reservations.

But don't think the team is giddy and patting itself on the back. This kind of thing is fun for a couple hours after a 4 p.m. Saturday game, but when the players and coaches wake up the next day, it's not fun anymore.

These accolades and scenarios are fun for reporters to write about, but do not mean much more to the Panthers than just another check mark on a longer list of things to do this season.

"We'd like to win it all," Eastern head coach Lee Buchanan said. "(The players) cheered, but they want to take (the title)."

There are only two more games in the regular season, which does not seem like a lot after playing 27 others, but it is.

"It's a long way," Eastern senior guard Ta'Kenya Nixon said. "We appreciate where we are right now, but know it's not over and we have a while to go."

The Panthers beat Belmont, 60-43, Saturday in the two teams' first game against each other in the respective programs' histories.

There was an extended "feeling out" period to start the game, as Buchanan said he expected, when the teams combined for only 12 points in the first 8:11 of the game.

But after that, the Panthers had a handle on the game, taking a seven-point lead within the next 3:51 with the Panthers making 4-of-5 shots in that stretch and Belmont 1-of-8.

The Panthers took an 11-point lead into the half, but not without some fireworks in the last minute of the first half.

Nixon controlled the ball in the last minute of the half and sank a jumper with 41 seconds left, which didn't allow Belmont to hold the ball on their next possession for the last shot.

Belmont's Katie Carroll missed a 3-pointer with 13 seconds left and Eastern senior forward Sydney Mitchell rebounded the ball and passed it ahead to Nixon, who jetted down the floor for another jumper with four seconds left.

But that was not it, as Belmont inbounded the ball to Katie Brooks, who took a half-court shot before the buzzer and made it.

The end of the half, though, signified the end of



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Senior guard Ta'Kenya Nixon throws the ball in-bounds to junior guard Jordyne Crunk against Belmont on Saturday in Lantz Arena. The Panthers defeated Bruins 60-43.

a warming-up period for Nixon, who scored seven of her nine first-half points in the final 2:57.

"I couldn't score. I couldn't get to the rim," Nixon said. "My attitude was to do whatever it took."

Nixon finished with a game-high of 23 points and nine rebounds.

The game opened up for the Panthers in the second half, especially after Belmont abandoned its offensive style, Buchanan said.

The Panthers led by 18 points with 12:37 left in the game and Belmont changed from being a structured team, to trying to make shots off of screens.

"They got away from their sets and went into some ball screen, pick-and-roll stuff, which isn't their everyday plan," Buchanan said. "They started trying to make shots they're not used to shooting."

The Panthers were ready to take Belmont out of its game plan because Buchanan had relentlessly scouted them all week.

"I watched five game films on them, just trying to pick up ideas and tendencies on them," Buchanan said. "We had their plays and took them out of the stuff they wanted to do."

The Panthers never held less than a double-digit lead in the second half, but Nixon said it felt a lot closer.

"It felt like they were right on your behind," Nixon said. "The whole game, until the buzzer, was so intense and so tight that you couldn't make a mistake."

They didn't make many, leading to their West Division-clinching win Saturday.

But, as a reminder, that's nothing more than another check mark for the Panthers.

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Senior guard Ta'Kenya Nixon is 57 points away from breaking Eastern's all-time scoring record. Nixon scored 23 points in Saturday's game.

SWIMMING | RECAP

Records fall at league championships

By Aldo Soto
Assistant Sports Editor

The Eastern men's and women's swim teams combined to set 46 new school record-times in the four-day Summit League Championships, but were overshadowed by the Oakland Golden Grizzlies, which won their record 14th consecutive men's and women's league championships.

The Oakland's women's team tallied 977 points, 460 points more than the second-place team earned in the four days of competition.

The men's team scored a total of 1,038 points in the meet. South Dakota State, which finished runner-up, scored 528 points less than the Golden Grizzlies.

Eastern's men's and women's teams finished fourth and sixth, respectively.

Despite the Eastern women finishing second to last place in the championships, coach Elliott McGill said the final standings do not adequately embody how good the team was.

"Sixth-place didn't represent the women's performance," McGill said. "Looking back I would have to say this is the best women's (swim) team Eastern has had."

Senior Hailey Foss led the women's team, as she set two new school-records.

She recorded the top times in one race, shat-



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Hailey Foss, a senior swimmer, swims freestyle during the meet Feb. 1 against Saint Louis University at Padovan Pool. The Panthers competed in the Summit League Championships over the weekend and set 46 new school records.

tering Eastern's previous record-time in the 1,650-freestyle by more than 10 seconds with a time of 17:23.18.

Foss' 1,000-freestyle split in the same race also tabbed a new record-time in that distance with a time of 10:32.03.

McGill said Foss' performance in the conference meet stood out on the women's team.

"(Foss) was great, setting new records in the 500-free, 1,000 free and in the mile," he said. "She was phenomenal and she even surprised me with the mile swim."

Foss also broke Eastern's all-time record in the 500-freestyle, twice.

On Thursday, Foss set the new record-time in the preliminary round of the 500-freestyle and later in the day she broke her own record, setting the new top mark in the event with a time of 5:04.25.

Red-shirt senior Mike Lacine also entered the record books Thursday after his fourth-place finish in the 200-individual medley topped the previous school-record with a time of 1:52.43.

Junior Colin McGill joined Lacine in the Eastern All-Time Top 10 list with his performance in the 100-backstroke.

The junior out of Champaign finished third in the race, earning All-Summit League individual honors.

In the preliminary round, he became the first Panther to break the 50-second mark in the 100-backstroke with a new record-time of 49.91.

The women's team had four individual records broken on day three of the meet and another in the 400-medley relay.