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### CAMPUS

# Students disregard poster policy



## Violations of poster policy continue to mar building walls

By Jason Hardimon  
Campus Editor

It has been more than one year since Internal Governing Policy 138.1 went into effect, but some of those who are posting fliers are ignoring it entirely.

Bulletin boards in Buzzard and Coleman halls are still covered with fliers on top of fliers; multiple copies of the same flier are still being posted on the same bulletin board. And while many fliers have received a stamp of approval from campus scheduling, many have not.

All these examples are a violation of the university's posting policy.

The bulletin board in Coleman Hall's southwest stairwell is covered with so many fliers that some have taped fliers to the wall directly below it.

The bulletin board adjacent to Buzzard Hall's student lounge currently features four of the same flier that is advertising job openings; none of which have been approved by campus scheduling.

Dan Nadler, vice president of student affairs, said there are many parties responsible for monitoring the various bulletin boards around campus authorized for use by the campus scheduling office.

"A variety of individuals assist in helping to clear outdated materials from bulletin boards. Some bulletin boards are used more frequently and heavily than others," Nadler said.

Nadler said the policy, which generated some controversy when it went into effect last year, was written in part be-

cause of complaints from students.

"Students frequently discussed how the bulletin boards were ineffective as an advertising tool, especially in a free for all 'postings on top of postings' environment," Nadler said. "We are now allowed to remove out of date postings after the 30-day period or when the event is over."

The policy states that all fliers in public areas need advance approval from Campus Scheduling and must be stamped with the approval date. Also, fliers should not exceed 11 inches by 27 inches.

Nadler said the policy has been revised once since it went into effect, but only minor changes were made.

"The Internal Governing Policy was revised last semester," Nadler said. "Through the process of reviewing and researching posting behaviors, we added some larger bulletin boards in Coleman Hall. Otherwise, there has been no change this semester."

Nadler said the policy is similar to those at other state schools.

"The policies in place at EIU mirror best practices at many public institutions of higher education in the state," Nadler said.

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### UNIVERSITY

# Cuts force students to plan ahead

## Technology, textbook funding, salary freezes, affect students plans

By Kayleigh Zyskowski  
City Editor

With significant cuts made to the Charleston School District budget last week amounting to a total of \$450,000, Eastern education students may have to alter their plans for student teaching.

On Feb. 17, the Charleston School District made cuts to its budget that included technology funding, textbook funding and salary freezes.

Similar discussions are occurring within school districts across the state, which has some education majors thinking about their futures.

"I've been trying to make myself more marketable by becoming a dual certification student and taking extra classes," said Tisha Thompson, a junior special education major.

However, not all students are as concerned as others.

Megan Holzhauer is a junior special education major as well, but she has been told that the job outlook within special education is great. More students are being diagnosed with learning disabilities every year. The school districts are required to pay for the services each of these students need, said Jim Kestner, chair of student teaching.

"[The budget cuts are] definitely things that have crossed my mind, but it specifically doesn't concern me because I am a special education major and they need more of us," Holzhauer said. "But, it's still scary to think about."

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**"Student teaching is the most important work they will do in college."**

Jim Kestner, chair of student teaching

### FACULTY SENATE

# Graduation requirement proposal fails in senate

By Erica Whelan  
Student Government Editor

The faculty senate voted Tuesday against supporting the addition of a writing-intensive requirement for graduation proposed by Tim Taylor, director of Writing Across the Curriculum.

Taylor appealed to faculty senate members on Feb. 9 to support a proposal that would establish a minimum level of writing-centered and/or writing-intensive courses all Eastern students would have to take.

The proposal also said that all new students, including transfer students, would need to take four writing-centered and/or writing-intensive courses beyond the first-year writing sequence

ENG 1001 and 1002.

Within these classes, Taylor proposed that 35 percent of the final course grade would be based in writing.

Dawn VanGuntun, vice chair of the faculty senate, said she wanted to see clearer guidelines pertaining to how the graduation requirement would be enacted on campus and who would be in charge of determining whether a course met the criteria before approving the proposal.

Faculty senate member Joy Russell echoed VanGuntun's concern for a lack of information.

"At the last meeting, I heard Tim Taylor say that, conceivably, 'departments would have to go back and revise their syllabi,'" Russell said. "That's not

a reality for fall 2010. I just don't think this answers things all the way through. How will we transition, and what's it going to look like?"

She also expressed concern for the implications in approving a graduation requirement that could potentially prolong programs.

"I'm very concerned that in this day and age, we're trying to get students to come to Eastern," Russell said. "What will be the impact on transfers when things aren't very clear-cut?"

Other senate members wondered how the new graduation requirement would affect students in specific majors that do not tend to incorporate as many writing assignments as others.

Faculty senate member Andrew

**"Planning is not something that I believe we've done terribly well in past years."**

William Weber, vice president for business affairs

Methven said the requirement could negatively affect students involved in the pre-nursing program at Eastern for the typical two years before transferring to Lake Land College.

"I know some have gotten snagged in the existing policy, not having enough assignments and having to wait to take another writing class before moving

on," Methven said.

Faculty senate member Andrew White agreed with Methven and reiterated that the proposal would be met with resistance from departments across campus.

"I talked to half a dozen faculty members in the math department, and

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WEATHER TODAY



Mostly Cloudy

**HIGH**  
**27°**

**LOW**  
**17°**

Snow flurries possible this morning and early afternoon. Winds could gust near 20 mph out of the northwest. Clouds will begin to dissipate throughout the afternoon. Expect sunny conditions for the next several days. We will continue to warm up through the weekend.

WEATHER TOMORROW

**Thursday**  
**Mostly Sunny**  
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**Low: 16°**

**Friday**  
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**High: 35°**  
**Low: 20°**

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

# AB proposals to be intro'd at senate meeting

Staff Report

The student senate will discuss new business for the first time in three consecutive weeks at its meeting at 7 p.m. today in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Five proposals that were passed by the Apportionment Board Thursday will be introduced to the senate.

The senate will also discuss two new resolutions regarding the operating hours of the Red Zone in the Doudna Fine Arts Center and student government's possible participation in Relay for Life. Relay for Life is a cancer fundraising event of the American Cancer Society. It is volunteer-driven.

Members of the senate will vote on the approval of two senate members to committee on bylaw revision adoption and two members to the registered student organization recognition committee.

## Hold the phone



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Senior communication studies major Marissa Micklewright walks next to the Food Court while texting on her cell phone Tuesday afternoon in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

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### What to know about anorexia and bulimia

Online reporter Jennifer Brown offers some facts about anorexia and bulimia and where to go to find help in her health blog at DENnews.com.

CORRECTIONS

William Weber was misidentified in an article in Tuesday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*. Weber is the vice president for business affairs.

An article in Tuesday's edition of *The DEN* concerning a malfunction of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Food Court's check-out system contained a factual error. The manufacturer of the system is CBORD.

In an article in Friday's edition of the *DEN* an article about liquor license classifications had a factual error. The cost of a liquor license ranges from \$1,100 to \$1,400 in Charleston.

*The DEN* regrets the errors.

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DOUDNA



AUDREY SAWYER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Tenor saxophone player Kyle Muskopf plays "For Minors Only" with the rest of the Blue Note Sextet during the Jazz Combos performance Tuesday in Room 1360 of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

# Jazz beats resonate in crowded hall

By James Roedl  
Staff Reporter

Tuesday's jazz concert was too big for its venue.

Students filled Room 1360 in Doudna Fine Arts Center until it was standing-room only. Extra chairs were brought in, but there was not enough room for the audience.

Four jazz combos played three songs apiece to much applause.

The Vanguard Quartet and the Apollo Quartet had similar arrangements of a piano, guitar, bass and drums. The Birdland Sextet had the same arrangement of the two quartets plus a tenor saxophone and trumpet.

The Birdland Sextet chose to play mostly Herbie Hancock songs. Hancock is regarded as one of the greatest living jazz.

Mike Block, a senior studying jazz performance and alto saxophone player for Birdland Sextet, said they choose lots of Herbie Hancock, and other jazz standards, while still playing some songs that are not as well known.

"We rehearse two times a week," Block said.

He said practice is common for him because he plays for so many shows, and has to play for class.

"I've been here for five years and this is the ordinary," Block said.

He explained he had played about 20 concerts like this, around 100 concerts for school and 50 outside of school.

"I believe it's a classy style of music," Block said.

TV inspired Block who said the attention given to the saxophone in the "Simpsons" and the Saturday Night Live Band led him to choose the saxophone.

Lenny Pickett, saxophone player and the leader of the Saturday Night Live band, was the artist who inspired Block.

"If you can play jazz you can play anything else," Block said.

Steven Kaiser, a junior music education and jazz performance major, also plays for the Birdland Sextet.

Kaiser plays guitar, but he does

**"If you can play jazz, you can play anything else."**

Mike Block, senior jazz performance major

not limit himself to jazz, he thinks of himself as a musician rather than jazz musician.

He likes to branch out by playing classical, rock and other kinds of music.

Kaiser plays with many of the other musicians outside of school, and has the opportunity to play with other musicians by participating in Eastern's Jazz Ensemble.

He was inspired to play by as a teen by listening to his favorite jazz artists.

"I enjoy the feeling I get right before I go onstage," Kaiser said.

Kaiser does what ever he can to play because his goal is to make a career of jazz performance.

"This is the most people we've had in this room," Kaiser said about the crowded room he played in.

When a musician would solo the audience would applaud otherwise tapping toes and nodding heads quietly to the rhythm.

The fact that jazz was being played seemed to be the important part of the event to some of the audience.

"I like jazz, and I'm friends with Brandon Jolts and Steven [Kaiser], I love to come, I really have a good time," said Justin Barrett, a junior corporate communication major.

He likes the music events held at Eastern, and says they need to be better publicized.

This performance was an exception in Barrett's mind.

"If you look at the crowd they did a good job of publicizing this one," Barrett said.

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## DISCUSSION

# Integrating classroom with life experiences

By Jessica Leggin  
Staff Reporter

It may be a risk, but integrative learning is something Angela Anthony is willing to take a chance on.

Anthony, a professor for communication disorders and sciences, was a member of a panel discussion Tuesday about incorporating integrative learning into the classroom.

Anthony said she was lucky to have a productive class last fall when it came to applying several strategies she learned at the conference.

"It is a risk when you make changes and try new things," Anthony said. "What I've tried to do is let the students in on it. Making them team players in that risk taking."

Faculty and staff discussed innova-

tive ways to help students understand how to connect what they learn in the classroom to other life experiences during a panel discussion "Engaging Students Through Integrated Teaching and Learning."

Anthony said sometimes professors might make the assumption that students are going to make the connection outside the classroom.

"We stand in front of those group of students and we talk about all we see as highly important content and we assume that this makes just as much sense to them then it does to us," Anthony said. "We assume they are going to walk out the door and implement what they learned in a way that we would."

Jon Oliver, Jonathon Kirk, Jackie Frank and Anthony, along with other

faculty members, attended the Association of American Colleges and Universities conference on Oct. 8, 2009, in Atlanta about the importance of integrative learning.

Mildred Pearson, director of faculty development and English professor, said integrative learning is a form of helping students make connections outside the classroom in order to prepare them for life.

"We use the term lifelong learning, but this type of initiative really prepares one who is starting from general education courses on up as being prepared for life," Pearson said.

Integrative learning is defined as assisting students to make connections with life experiences and encouraging them to think about their future goals and plans.

It encourages students to explore and determine who they want to be and what they want to do with their lives and it provides environments, opportunities and activities that enable students to connect, according to Eastern's integrative learning Web site.

Mary Anne Hanner, dean of the College of Science, said it is important for all professors to make connections in their general education courses.

"We don't want to hear people say 'I just want to get this [general education course] over with.' Rather, let's help them understand how to make those connections," Hanner said. "It's just crucial that our conversations among ourselves continue to think and collaborate about who to insure that the general education program is innovative."

Oliver, a professor of kinesiology

and sports studies and a member of the panel discussion, said he was excited about returning home from the conference to share what he learned about integrative learning.

"I was very fired up about all the possibilities and ways we can potentially do in kinesiology," Oliver said.

Oliver said he has already implemented several strategies he learned from the conference.

"What I've attempted in the one class for this semester is more emphasis on case-study applications," Oliver said. "Basically, attacking this case study in a positive way to evaluate a real-life situation that has occurred within the field."

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## VIEWS



Sarah Jean Bresnahan

## Don't ask, who cares?

The first time I heard about "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," I was watching "The Real World: New Orleans."

One of the men on the show, Danny Roberts, was dating a man, Paul Dill, who was currently serving in the military. Dill's face was blurred out and his voice was changed so he couldn't be identified while he visited Roberts on the show, and could only be referenced by his first name.

I was in junior high school at the time, and I couldn't understand the reasoning behind not showing Dill's face. I kept thinking to myself "Why does it matter? So what if he's gay?"

I didn't really consider DADT again until my friend Krystal had me watch the now-canceled television show "The L Word."

"The L Word" was about a group of friends and their changing relationships with one another. The majority of them also happen to be lesbians.

In one of the later seasons of the show, the character Alice was dating another woman, Tasha, who was a military police officer in the Army National Guard.

Tasha was eventually discharged for admitting her homosexuality.

Discharging gay servicemen has been in effect since 1916 under neutral blue discharges. This changed in 1947, and these discharges were considered "general" and "undesirable." This meant that a service member found to be gay but had not committed any gay acts while in service would receive an undesirable discharge. Those who performed gay acts while in service were given dishonorable discharges.

DADT was enacted during the Clinton administration on Dec. 21, 1993. It focused on homosexual conduct rather than sexual orientation, and said military applicants could not be asked what their sexual orientation is.

The initial intention of DADT was to protect gays in the military, citing the case of Allen R. Schindler, Jr., a navy radioman who was brutally murdered by his shipmate, Terry M. Helvey.

Schindler, a Chicago Heights native, was killed in a public bathroom in Japan by Helvey because he was gay. In the trial that followed, Navy investigator Kennon F. Privette quoted Helvey as saying: "I don't regret it. I'd do it again. ... He deserved it."

During President Obama's State of the Union address a few weeks ago, he said he wants to finally repeal DADT, saying the law denies gay Americans the right to serve the country they love.

I am 100 percent for the repeal of DADT. The only thing it did was force gays in the military to go even deeper into the closet, forcing them to publicly deny who they are.

Our society tells us from birth that we can do anything we have a passion for, and we should strive to overcome any obstacles to fulfill what we believe to be our destiny.

Any person can feel a calling to serve his country, regardless of race, sex or sexual orientation. Taking away someone's right to be who he is and do what he is passionate about is un-American.

So why, in our American military, are we denying people their American rights?

Racial segregation in the military ended during the Civil Rights movement. Women are now able to serve aboard Navy submarines. Why not give gays the rights that every other American has to serve and protect the country they love?

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# THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

"Tell the truth and don't be afraid"

## DAILY EDITORIAL

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

## To be more successful student, plan well ahead with advisers

A successful life today is all about planning. Our parents probably stressed it one too many times to us while we were in high school, and with good reason.

"You've got to plan ahead if you want to get things done and be successful!" they would say like broken records.

But it should be part of our everyday lives. We have to plan the right time to wake up, when to eat between classes and when to do our homework. Sure, it's also not a bad idea to plan some fun time into the routine every once in a while for our own sanity.

As college students paying a pretty penny to attend school semester after semester, students should all make sure they're making the absolute most of their academic time the right way.

We all want to graduate on time and, to ensure that happens, we must plan ahead properly.

But there have been horror stories for those who haven't planned ahead. Yes, you will probably hate the word "planning" by the end of reading this.

In an article in Monday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, Suzanne Drake said she was unaware of a professor's plan to take a sabbatical in the fall, which got in the way of her "plans."

A sabbatical is a period of leave taken from a professor's normal work routine for rest and research. The university awards any sabbaticals. Professors can choose to take either one semester with full pay or one year with half pay.

But these periods of leave can cause problems with students who forgot to add the sabbatical variable into their

**"But these periods of leave can cause problems with students who forgot to add the sabbatical variable into their graduation equation."**

graduation equation.

This isn't the professors' faults.

Students, since day one of college, should map out a plan for when they will take certain courses.

Joy Russell, chair of the early childhood, elementary and middle level education department, said the department has never had to cancel a particular class when professors have taken sabbaticals. She also said advisers meet with students each semester to help map out requirements.

"All our students meet every semester with an adviser to develop a long-range plan, then they look at that to see where they're going," Russell said.

However, replacing teachers on sabbatical and their classes isn't always the case.

Glenn Hild, chair of the art department, said in the article that the department doesn't always replace professors when they take sabbaticals, but said it would work with students who need a particular class to meet graduation requirements.

"We might look to see if there was another course they could substitute," Hild said.

But for students like Drake, a senior art major concentrating in 3-D studio art, who need a particular class or more experience with certain professors, we say plan ahead. Sabbaticals shouldn't come as a surprise.

Don't take on a whole new semester of work because you didn't think to plan ahead. Be prepared, plan your college coursework ahead as much as possible and know when a professor whose class you need to take is going on sabbatical. Success really is all about planning.

## FROM THE EASEL

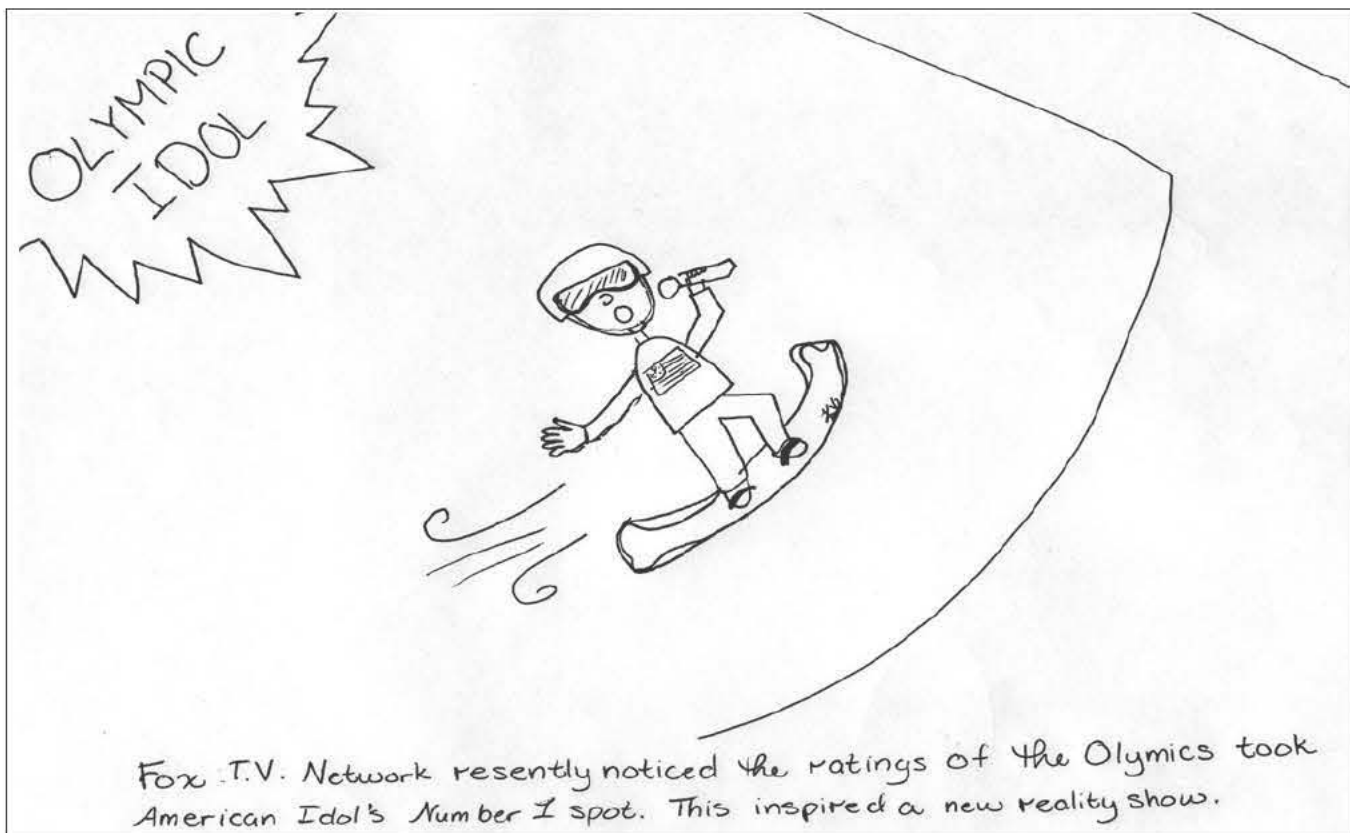


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## FROM AROUND THE STATE

# School's out for credit cards

By Jordan Lopez  
*The Daily Vidette*  
Illinois State University

In need of a quick meal last Friday, I found one of the fine eating establishments encircling campus, swiped my credit card to pay and I was on my way.

Unfortunately, it's an expensive habit I seem to repeat many times throughout the week, but I feel less guilty because I always pay with plastic.

When I pay with cash I always think twice about my purchase and may even suffer a touch of buyer's remorse. But with a credit or debit card it seems as if the things I buy don't cost

as much because I'm not giving anything up at the register.

Only at the end of the month when I review my statement am I shocked at how much money I seem to spend.

Yesterday, the Credit Card Act of 2009 went into effect, stipulating new rules for banks and consumers alike.

In the fall of 2006, my freshman year, banks peddling credit cards were as numerous as the trees on the Quad, and all were offering a special student deal.

If it wasn't for names like Chase and National City, it would have been easy to assume these companies were selling T-shirts and Frisbees

and a credit card was just a secondary benefit.

Being weary of these credit vendors, I refused most but eventually gave in when I was offered a free Domino's pizza if I signed up for a credit card.

This is no longer the case. In the last couple years the presence of banks pushing gifts in exchange for a credit card commitment has evaporated on campuses.

The Credit Card Act now makes this practice illegal as banks can't issue credit cards to students under 21 unless they have a cosigner or can show proof of the ability to repay debt.

To read more, visit [DailyVidette.com](http://DailyVidette.com).



# Healthy cooking a zap with microwave

Program will show how to make healthy breakfast foods

By Emily Reid  
Staff Reporter

Through a cooking program for on-campus residents students will learn that making a breakfast of sausage, egg and cheese muffins and nutty banana waffle sandwiches in their own dorm room is a lot easier and cheaper than they think.

The program, Healthy Cooking, sponsored by the Health Education Resource Center, is the first in a series of three sessions designed to teach

**“Many of the foods will be grab-and-go themed, but some will be more ideal for the sit-down setting.”**

Sarah Gaines, nutritional education coordinator for HERC

students living in residence halls how to make simple, healthy foods using everyday ingredients.

"This program will educate students on the importance of including meals within their days and provide them with options that are nutritious, but also easy to make for the time-crunched individuals," said Sarah Gaines, nutrition education coordinator for the HERC.

This session will focus on breakfast foods and will educate students about the importance of the meal, while also giving them some hands-on experience in preparing quick, nutritious breakfast foods using a variety of inexpensive ingredients that can be purchased by college students.

"The foods that we will be making will contain ingredients that can be easily stored in the dorm room, either

free-standing or in the refrigerator or freezer, and which require minimal or no preparation," Gaines said.

She said many students do not realize the importance of eating balanced meals and including foods from every group.

"They often think they do not have the time for proper nutritious meals, and will instead eat lower-nutrient snacks throughout the day," she said.

The breakfasts that participants will learn to make at the session can be eaten on the go or when students have a little more time to sit down and relax.

"Many of the foods will be grab-and-go themed, but some will be more ideal for the sit-down setting," Gaines said.

She said that while she does not think it is necessarily difficult for stu-

dents to eat healthy on campus, they are required to consciously choose healthier options over unhealthy ones.

"There is just so much to choose from in the dining centers that students can easily overconsume, and they have to consciously pick the better option," Gaines said.

Participants will receive the recipes for the foods they make, and Gaines said the PowerPoint presentation would be available if students wish to have copies.

The program will start at 6 p.m. in Room 2309 of Klehm Hall.

The topics of the next two sessions will be lunch on March 3 and dinner on March 10.

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# STATE

# Republican governor's race still undecided

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Republican Kirk Dillard still isn't ready to quit the GOP race for governor even though his campaign agrees he trails state Sen. Bill Brady for the party's nomination.

"I'd rather be in Sen. Brady's position than in mine, but everyone in Illinois deserves to have their vote counted ac-

curately, and that includes me and my family and my supporters," Dillard said Tuesday.

Tuesday was the deadline for the state's 110 local election authorities to declare their results and send them to the Illinois State Board of Elections. The state won't certify final results until March 5.

Dillard has refused to concede since

the Feb. 2 GOP primary ended in a virtual tie with Brady leading him by 420 votes in unofficial returns compiled by The Associated Press. That's less than six one-hundredths of 1 percent.

Absentee and provisional ballots have been counted since then and the Brady campaign said their tally shows Brady maintaining a lead of about 250 votes. The Dillard campaign did not dispute

those numbers.

Dillard said he wants to avoid a recount but might seek one if the final difference turns out to be 100 votes or less. Illinois law doesn't require an automatic recount in close races.

Brady, a senator from Bloomington, has refrained from declaring victory while Dillard, a fellow senator from Hinsdale, decides what to do.

"For the good of the Republican Party we need to allow him to go about this in the best way he sees fit," Brady said.

While Brady has not officially been declared the winner, he is being treated as the presumptive Republican nominee by Democrats who are challenging his pledge not to raise the state income tax.

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## STATE

## ELECTION

# Duckworth rejects lt. governor offer

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Iraq war veteran Tammy Duckworth doesn't want to be Gov. Pat Quinn's running mate as lieutenant governor.

Quinn said Duckworth told him Tuesday she is keeping her job as an assistant secretary at the Veterans Affairs Department in Washington.

"She felt that she had been appointed by the President to this mission and that was something that she felt obligated to carry out," Quinn said of Duckworth, who previously served as Illinois' veterans affairs director.

Quinn and Democratic Party leaders are in the hunt for a new lieutenant governor nominee because primary winner Scott Lee Cohen dropped out.

Cohen left the race after it became widely known he was accused of abusing his ex-wife and arrested for holding a knife to the throat of an ex-girlfriend. Cohen has denied the allegations, and charges stemming from his arrest were dropped when the girlfriend didn't show up in court.

Duckworth said she asked that her name be withdrawn from consideration although she had kind words for Quinn.

"Governor Quinn has my full support as he continues to fight hard on behalf of working families across the state," Duckworth said in an e-mail statement.

Duckworth lost both her legs and partial use of one arm in a rocket-propelled grenade attack in Iraq in 2004. She ran for Congress in 2006 and lost, but then was appointed to her state post by then-Gov. Rod Blagojevich.

Quinn won't say who is his choice for lieutenant governor with Duckworth out of contention.

The No. 2 finisher in the Feb. 2 primary, state Rep. Arthur Turner of Chicago, doesn't automatically get the nod and Quinn has been intent on broadening the search.

The Democratic Party's state central committee will approve a ballot replacement.

## Quinn stands behind tax increase

CHICAGO — Gov. Pat Quinn says he thinks it's "necessary" the Illinois House consider a plan to raise the state income tax that passed the Illinois Senate last year.

Quinn said Tuesday getting more revenue is one of four things the state must do to weather a "financial crisis." The deficit could reach \$13 billion this year.

He says the three other steps the state must take are more budget cuts, borrowing money and getting as much federal money as possible.

The Democratic governor will offer more budget details Wednesday on a new Web site, and on March 10, when he delivers his annual budget address.

Quinn wants lawmakers to consider borrowing \$250 million for health care so the state can get more federal matching money. And, he wants lawmakers to consider letting universities borrow to pay their bills.

## Missing 4th wife may be big part of Peterson trial

JOLIET — As Drew Peterson heads to trial in the death of his third wife, it's clear that prosecutors hope to make their case by trying to prove he also killed his missing fourth wife, even though he has never been charged in her disappearance.

That unusual strategy depends on whether a judge permits testimony about what Stacy Peterson allegedly told others before she vanished in 2007, including that she considered threatening to tell police her husband killed ex-wife Kathleen Savio three years earlier; that he came home dressed in black and with a bag of women's clothes the night before Savio's body was found; and that the former Bolingbrook police officer had bragged about being able to conceal a homicide.

"You still can win without Stacy, but it's much tougher without it," said David Erickson, senior law lecturer at Chicago-Kent College of Law.

## Drumming something up



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Percussion professor Jamie Ryan performs on conga drums for those at "Teach Me Tuesday—The Sound of Music: African Drums" Tuesday afternoon in Doudna Fine Arts Center. Ryan went on to teach participants a few techniques for the conga drums along with showing them different instruments related to Afro-Cuban music.

## NATION

## COLORADO

# 2 teens shot in middle school shooting

The Associated Press

LITTLETON, Colo. — A teacher tackled a man armed with a high-powered rifle just after two teenage students were shot Tuesday at a suburban Denver middle school that's just miles from Columbine High School, the site of one of the nation's deadliest school shootings, authorities said.

One male and one female were shot at about 3:30 p.m. outside Deer Creek Middle School in Littleton, Jefferson County Sheriff's office spokes-

woman Jacki Kelley said. Both students were taken to a nearby hospital and were expected to survive.

Student Steven Seagraves said he was about 10 feet away when an adult approached students and asked them: "Do you guys go to this school?"

When the students said they did, he shot them, Seagraves said.

Seventh-grade math teacher David Benke, a 6-foot-5 inch former college basketball player who oversees the school's track team, tackled the suspect as he was trying to reload his

weapon.

"He was trying to rack another round. He couldn't get another round in before I got to him so I grabbed him," Benke said, recalling that he didn't have time to fear for his life.

Benke's wife said her husband called her after the shooting.

"He said there was a shooting and that he had to tackle the gunman," Sandra Benke said. She said her husband was upset that he couldn't reach the shooter before two rounds were fired.

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Faculty senate chair John Pommier speaks to the faculty senate Tuesday in Booth Library. The piece of art displayed behind Pommier is Winifred Godfrey's "White Gladiolus."

## SENATE, from page 1

I didn't find very many of them to be enthusiastic," White said. "One flat-out said, 'No, I'm not going to have 35 percent of my class be writing.'"

The faculty senate ultimately voted against supporting the proposal, which will serve as an advisory decision before the Council on Academic Affairs executes a final vote, said faculty senate recorder Jonathan Coit.

Though the proposal failed, some members of the senate said they would not be opposed to reconsidering if they were presented with answers to their questions.

"I agree with the need to write," said faculty senate member John Best. "But in a complex environment of higher education, it's very difficult to implement these kinds of changes."

Senate members also participated in a timeline activity led by William Weber, vice president for business affairs.

Weber explained that the activity's purpose was to end up with a prioritized list of themes the faculty senate believes must seriously be considered during the process of planning for the Campus Master Plan this year and the Strategic Master Plan next year.

"Planning is not something that I believe we've done terribly well in past years," Weber said.

He then instructed members to write events, trends or issues they expect Eastern to face from 2010 to 2020 on post-it notes and stick their concerns to sheets of paper displaying the corresponding year that lined the wall.

Members offered suggestions of wireless Internet access in residence halls in 2010 and online master's programs in 2012.

Other concerns included new government and administration in 2011, along with offering more foreign languages that year, as well as a liberal arts/humanities center.

Best said he sees it necessary to rethink the role of the university as the pace of change continues to accelerate.

"As educators, we're not doing a good job of looking down the road," he said. "How are we going to make a transition nimble enough to catch up?"

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## NATION

BOSTON

# Files show suspect's husband wanted revenge

The Associated Press

BOSTON — The husband of the Alabama professor accused of fatally shooting three colleagues once said he wanted violent revenge on a doctor who gave his wife a bad job review, according to documents that feed growing evidence the woman showed signs of violence long before the latest episode.

Amy Bishop is charged with killing three colleagues at the University of Alabama-Huntsville on Feb. 12.

Investigative files released Tuesday to The Associated Press by the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives show that Bishop and her husband, James Anderson, were questioned in 1993 in the attempted mail bombing of Dr. Paul Rosenberg of Boston's Children's Hospital.

Rosenberg told investigators he played a role in Bishop's resignation as a postdoctorate research fellow in the hospital's neurobiology lab.

A pipe bomb package was sent to his home weeks later.

The ATF report states that on April 27, 1995, authorities re-interviewed a witness who admitted that during a conversation in 1993, "Anderson stated that he wanted to get back at victim Dr. Rosenberg and that he wanted to shoot him, bomb him, stab him or strangle Rosenberg."

The couple were never charged, and the case remains unsolved. A phone message left with Anderson was not immediately returned.

Roy W. Miller, an attorney for Bishop, declined to comment through an assistant on the contents of the ATF documents, which were first reported by The Boston Globe.

## STUDENT, from page 1

In order to pull ahead in the teaching job market, Kestner said he recommends students to take interview and resume coaching classes.

"It's important to work hard at finding jobs; it is essential to find the areas where there are jobs open," Kestner said. "A job will not just fall into your lap."

The job market will still remain competitive, Kestner said, no matter how a student prepares for life after

his or her education.

"I do think the job market will be a lot tighter because many schools are having to reduce the size of their staff or keep their staff at the same number," Kestner said. "You won't see many schools adding staff; however, people will retire and the schools will need teachers."

Despite the budget cuts, Eastern student teachers will not be affected because schools do not pay for stu-

dent teachers, Kestner said.

Every education major's last semester is spent student teaching within a school district in the state. Teachers volunteer their classrooms for student observation and students eventually teach in front of their class.

"Student teaching is the most important work they will do in college," Kestner said.

Though Thompson has not started her student teaching semester, she is

not worried the budget cut will impact her when she starts student teaching.

"I don't think the cuts of technology would hurt a student teacher, if anything working in tough times and with less resources can help prepare a student more than hinder their experience," Thompson said.

The quality of the student teaching experience is determined by the relationships of the people, while technology is a great addition, there is more to

the experience than that, Kestner said.

"[The experience of the student teacher] will depend on the financial situation of the school," Kestner said. "In reality, the quality of the teaching experience comes down to the people in the classroom, I don't think it is dictated by the technology and the resources."

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- 16 Common mixer
- 17 Roofless home
- 18 It creates a small vacuum
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- 22 Art buyers' worries
- 23 Parts of double-blind trials
- 28 Baby sitter's bane
- 29 Where flocks feed
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- 36 Daughter of Laban, in the Bible
- 37 1856 Stowe novel
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- 43 Clear, as a loan
- 44 Salt
- 45 Contralto James
- 46 Elusive swimmer
- 47 What national banks oversee
- 53 Not too \_\_\_\_
- 55 Tapped-out message, often
- 56 Reach the end
- 57 Chinese menu option
- 61 Show-off's shout
- 62 "The Gong Show" regular Johnson
- 63 It can be worth up to 20 points
- 64 "Pardon me"
- 65 Unappreciated worker
- 66 Seize, to Caesar
- 67 Like the "Saw" movies

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- 1 Rachel Maddow's network
- 2 Children's song refrain
- 3 Flame blame, sometimes
- 4 Post-tax amount
- 5 King's neighbor

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PUZZLE BY TRIP PAYNE

- 6 Fully expected
- 7 OS X runner
- 8 Too rehearsed
- 9 Perform a wedeln, e.g.
- 10 No problem at all
- 11 Guy's means of support
- 12 Literally, "by two"
- 13 They often include samples
- 19 "The Sum \_\_\_\_" (Russell Crowe movie)
- 21 Hard wear?
- 24 Nashville-based athlete
- 25 Actresses Farrell and Jackson

- 26 Goes from cover to cover
- 27 Kailua Bay's setting
- 31 Vengeful goddess
- 32 Swirl
- 33 Left to the captain?
- 34 Popular singer born in County Donegal
- 35 Overrun
- 36 Body that's not the clergy
- 37 Harp (on)
- 39 Fruit growing at an oasis
- 40 Gets ready

- 45 Opposite of exo-
- 46 Heroic poem
- 48 Frequently
- 49 Take over
- 50 Western potato
- 51 Large duck
- 52 Run-down
- 53 Cash-free transaction
- 54 Modeled
- 58 Grp. that meets in the Situation Room
- 59 Upscale hotel offering
- 60 Boathouse item
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will be consistency.

“We have been starting matches pretty decently but we are having a hard time staying consistent all the way through the match,” Blackburn said.

Race said he feels like the team needs to stay strong mentally and that they cannot forget past mis-

takes.

“We just have to play our game by just staying mentally strong and just working hard,” Race said. “We can’t forget what we have done wrong. We are keeping it in our minds so we don’t do it again.”

With a 2-4 overall record, and conference matches only about a

month away, the Panthers are starting to play with a sense of urgency.

“There is not a lot of time between now and conference,” Blackburn said. “The clock is starting to tick down to primetime.”

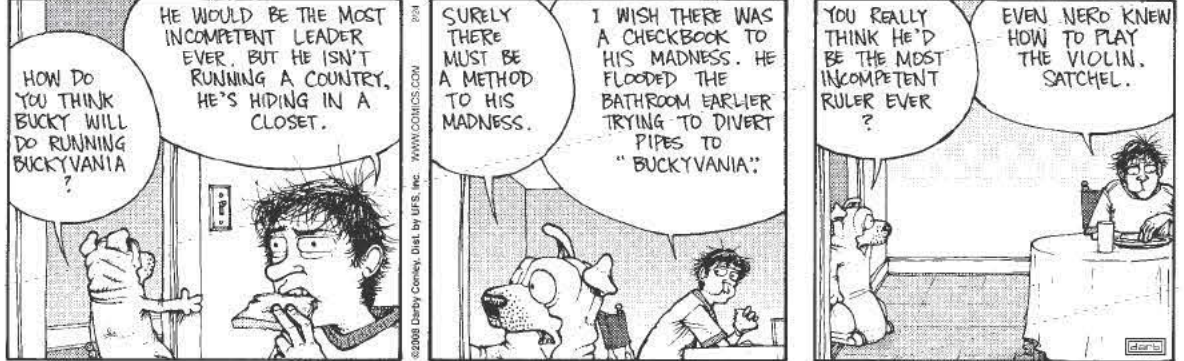
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**All Access**  
with Daniel Bracken, red-shirt outfielder

# Outfielder fueled by energy, vigor

By Dion Martorano  
Staff Reporter

One word in the dictionary cannot adequately describe Daniel Bracken's personality.

Maybe a few words would do so. Bracken, a red-shirt freshman outfielder on the baseball team, is energetic.

"When I was younger, and still to this day, I can't stop moving," Bracken said. "I am always running around. At the age of four my grandfather and grandmother put me in baseball so I could be occupied. I played baseball, basketball, football, soccer and anything else you could think of. I even did gymnastics."

Bold. Some think gymnastics is not a manly sport, but he enjoyed it.

"I think I got a lot of balance from that," Bracken said. "To this day I still have a lot of balance. I can do back flips, front flips and all that kind of stuff."

He could have dabbled too much when he was young, but he does not think so.

"I would come in late and have to learn the playbooks faster than everyone else in a short period of time," Bracken said. "I would always have to catch back up. Maybe I could have been better at just one sport if I focus on it and did it all year round. But, I do not regret it at all."

Eastern pitching coach Skylar Meade said Bracken has the tools to succeed in baseball, especially now fo-

cusing on one sport.

"I think one thing with Danny is he just really understands the level of competition," Meade said. "It was a little bit of a jump. He had been a pretty high-level football player in high school. He got a lot of offers for that."

"So he never completely focused on baseball, but now that he is just focused on baseball for a little over a year you can see how he is a little more disciplined at the plate, (like) not swinging at the breaking ball."

Fast.  
"He understands the running game," Meade said. "He is understanding how to use his speed, which is probably his best quality that he has."

Bracken understands he is not a big guy; but he is fast on the diamond.

"I kept improving every year in baseball and I am not that big of a guy," he said. "I mean I am fast; faster than the average guy. I figured I have more opportunities to go farther in baseball and excel."

Lucky. That goes for Eastern baseball and Bracken himself. Meade, like Bracken, is a native of Louisville, Ky. Without Meade, Bracken said he would not be here.

"I would have never thought in a million years that I would end up playing for him in the state of Illinois," Bracken said. "Growing up in Kentucky, you would never in a million years think that."

Bracken idolized Meade, who



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Daniel Bracken, a red-shirt freshman outfielder, considers himself a versatile athlete with a history of playing basketball, football, soccer and gymnastics. The Louisville, Ky., native credits his success and presence on the Panthers' roster to pitching coach Skylar Meade.

pitched at Louisville from 2003-2007.

"I looked up to Skylar," Bracken said. "I knew him from (Louisville). I went to his high school games and to his college games. I can remember him being very good."

Respect. In high school, Bracken

competed in a baseball showcase at Louisville and won camp MVP, and Meade wanted to recruit Bracken.

Meade loves Bracken's abilities, but he likes the person better.

"His best quality is he is just a great kid," Meade said. "Every guy on the team likes him. He is one of those

kinds of guys that people just flock to. That is his best quality. He is a guy that in time will be a great leader here."

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**Erika Collins** is a Senior Pre-Nursing Major, who one day hopes to become a pediatric nurse. Erika's on-campus involvement includes Black Student Union, NPHC, and a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated where she currently serves as the chapter President. Her hobbies include hanging out with friends and just enjoying every moment in life. Her life's motto is "Everything in life happens for a reason". Erika would like to give a special thank you to her mother Dionne Hampton, her aunt Ursula King, her entire family, Jasmine Sullivan, and last but certainly not least her sorority/sisters.

**Chinenye "Chi Chi" Ezurike** is a Sophomore majoring in Family and Consumer Sciences with a minor in Business. She wants to be able to graduate with a 3.5 GPA and then become a successful hotel manager for an independent hotel. On campus she is involved in the Black Student Union, S.U.C.E.S.S, African Student Association, and Lawson Hall decorating committee. Chi Chi volunteers off campus at Teen Reach. Her hobbies include dancing, sewing, cooking, fashion, and drawing. Her life motto is "Good is never enough if better is possible." Chi Chi would like to give a special thank you to her parents, beautiful sisters and brother, her boyfriend, and her friends.

**Vionka Leal** is a Senior Psychology major who would like to become a physical therapist who also styles hair on the side. On campus her activities include ACTS ministries and intramural basketball. Vionka's hobbies include listening to music, swimming, and dance. Her life's motto is "Be encouraged because God's got a blessing waiting for you." Vionka would like to give a special thanks to her family and friends for always supporting her in her endeavors.

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# Wearing hearts on their sleeves

Men's basketball team shows off tattoos, personalities

By Bob Bajek  
Sports Editor

Basketball players, like other athletes, have individual streaks within the concept of the team.

One way of expressing unique personalities and life stories is through tattoos.

Freshman forward Shaun Pratl got some ink done during his junior year of high school. He has an S and P on his chest in blue.

"I was in California for an AAU basketball tournament and basically the whole team got tattooed up," Pratl said. "We got our initials. Luckily, I picked the color blue and I came to

Eastern, so it all worked out."

Senior guard Dewayne Wright Jr. said he got his first tattoo at 16, a cross on one of his arms.

"When you were young, you just wanted your first one," Wright said.

Now, he has the initials of both his grandmothers on his arms. His Mama Carie Lee is on his left arm, while his Nana Bell is on the right.

"My Mama Carie Lee died in March and she was always there for me," Wright said. "Any time I needed something, she was there. And this is my Nana Bell, I hope she will be here with us for another 100 years."

Senior guard T.J. Marion said on the back of his arms, he has a T and a J. Marion also has his godson's name too.

His right arm has his mother's name, Janet Davis, while the left has his sister Javonna. Marion said Javonna died during his sophomore year of

high school.

"It was a tribute, a little something for her," Marion said.

Junior guard Tyler Laser has six tattoos on his arms and shoulders and said each one is significant to him.

Despite loving tats, his parents would not budge for a while.

"My dad said when I got a full ride to college I can get a tattoo," Laser said. "So I tried getting a tattoo as a sophomore, and my dad said when you commit. After graduating high school, me and my brother went to get tattoos together and that was my first one."

The tattoo on his left arm is a heart with thorns around it.

"It says 'My Dream, His Will' Laser said. "It is my dream of being a pro and it's God's will inside of me to be a pro."

A 1040 is written on his back, which was the street address he lived

**"It says, 'My Dream, His Will.' It is my dream of being a pro and it's God's will inside of me to be a pro."**

Tyler Laser, junior guard

on as a child. Also on his back is his family and city.

"There's plenty more to come," Laser said.

Eastern head coach Mike Miller said there is a big difference with tattoos and his players have had different experiences than he had.

While playing for East Texas State in the 1980s, Miller did not see players with tattoos as frequently as today.

"Things sometimes skip generations," Miller said. "I'm not sure if the generation before mine had tattoos. My generation did not have it but it

is certainly part of the culture today with college athletes and students in general."

Miller said probably every player on the Panthers has competed in summer tournaments in Las Vegas, Florida and California.

"The guys we have, they all have traveled and played AAU basketball," he said. "They were on different teams with more teammates and coaches. When in my era, you were only on the high school team."

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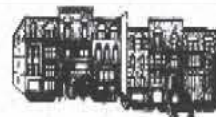
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Freshman Michael Sperry gets ready to serve during practice Jan. 16 in Lantz Fieldhouse. The tennis team faces Ball State today in Muncie, Ind.

# High-profile team ahead

## Players ready for tough competition

By Dane Urban  
Staff Reporter

The Panther men's tennis squad will hit the road today to try to clip the wings of the 5-2 Ball State Cardinals. The action starts at 2 p.m. in Muncie, Ind. at the Ball State YMCA.

The men are going into this match-up with an overall record of

2-4, looking to snap a three-match losing streak. The Panthers are also looking to put an end to the Cardinal's three-match winning streak and drop them to 5-3.

Eastern head coach John Blackburn said that his players are looking forward to the challenge coming up.

"Players like to play against elite competition," Blackburn said. "Ball State will be one of the better teams we will play all year."

Freshman Warren Race said he agrees with Blackburn and said he is excited to face off against Ball State.

"I always play better against the better teams like everyone (on the

**"Players like to play against elite competition. Ball State will be one of the better teams we will play all year."**

John Blackburn, tennis head coach

team) does," Race said. "I have been looking forward to getting my record up; I have been really psyched for the match."

Race is 2-4 overall in singles matches this season, winning last

week in straight sets 7-5, 6-3 over Roman Trutygin of Northern Illinois University.

Blackburn said he feels like the key to a victory against the Cardinals

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STUDENT LIFE

# RSOs provide alternative athletic options

By Jason Hardimon  
Campus Editor

Eastern has many student athletes not competing in the National Collegiate Athletics Association. Instead, they are members of Registered Student Organizations who play to stay fit, to enjoy the high-degree competition and to have fun.

"A majority of our RSOs were started by students who have a personal hobby and who wanted to see a group dedicated to that hobby at Eastern," said Cecilia Brinker, director of Student Life.

Brinker said athletic RSOs at Eastern have a long history.

Some athletic RSOs began about 30 years and are going strong.

Men's rugby was established in 1977, men's volleyball in 1978 and ice hockey in 1979, according to records of registration at the office of Student Life.

New athletic RSOs are started each year, with many sports having organizations presently or in the past.

Any student can establish an RSO.

One of Eastern's newest RSOs, women's lacrosse, was started by Alyssa Baron, a freshman nursing major, approximately one month ago.

"I love this sport more than anything and I want to share my pas-

sion for it to other girls," Baron said.

Baron said Eastern women's lacrosse has five games this coming season against teams from the University of Illinois, Monmouth, and Western Illinois University.

Women's lacrosse has 19 members who practice on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for roughly three hours in McAfee Gymnasium or the Lantz Fieldhouse, Baron said.

She said the membership fee is \$100.

The Eastern Frisbee Club, which has 30 members, started two years ago, but has seen success.

"Since then we have been able

to go to about four tournaments a semester and have finished second place four times now," said Nathan Kissinger, Eastern Frisbee president. "Each tournament normally has an average of 16 teams. We do play in some tournaments that have as many as 64 teams and we received 21st place last year in that one."

Kissinger said he is motivated by a strong will to win.

"We are a young squad and we have grown so much over the past two years," Kissinger said. "Our first tournament we went to our record was 0-6. Now if we don't finish in the top 20 percent of the teams we see the tournament as a total failure."

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VIEWS



Collin Whitchurch

## No worries for baseball

There could be cause for concern after the Eastern baseball team was swept in its season-opening series against Southeastern Louisiana.

It could be a little troubling that junior right-hander Mike Recchia, the ace of last season's staff, lasted only 3 1/3 innings, allowing a plethora of hits, walks and runs.

We could be worried that the bullpen could not hold a lead in game one and that the offense went to sleep in game three. All of these could be cause for worry.

But in the grand scheme of things, the season-opening sweep is over. Gone. Kaput.

The Panthers could not practice outside during their entire spring training.

The pitchers could not throw off a mound and the fielders were not fielding on a natural surface.

Meanwhile, their opponents were practicing outdoors where the sun was shining and the temperature was in the 60s.

Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz would not use the lack of ideal practice conditions as an excuse for his team's poor play, but it is sufficient to say the conditions played a factor.

The Panthers cannot worry about the early season's poor play. And I am confident they will not let it get inside their heads.

Veterans like designated hitter Richie Derbak, first baseman Alex Gee and shortstop Cam Strang will help the hitters and fielders keep their heads on straight.

Likewise, Recchia and right-hander Josh Mueller have been a presence on that pitching staff for a couple years now. They will play a vital role in ensuring the likes of Mike Martin and Matt Miller, relievers without quite as much experience, do not dwell over their problems.

The early season series play a vital role in preparing teams for conference play, and winning the Ohio Valley Conference is the team's ultimate goal.

Working out the kinks and getting through the struggles during these first couple weeks is key. As Schmitz said before the series: "It's always nice to win, but getting ready for OVC play is always the key."

That's the mindset the coaching staff needs to have, and Schmitz leads the way. But on the players' minds winning should be everything.

While they know in the back of their heads that these games are not as meaningful as when they play Jacksonville State or Austin Peay, they should play every game with the intensity of a conference championship, and to this point they have.

And that's all fine and dandy, but winning is not everything, at least not at this point in the season. The Panthers will be just fine. They will work through these early problems and it is safe to say once OVC play comes around, they will be right back on top.

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