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COLES COUNTY PRIMARY ELECTION

Student voting expected to be low

By Kathryn Richter
City Editor

The primary elections for local and national government will take place today at the Coles County Courthouse, as well as various other locations.

Candidates for states attorney include Republicans Brian Bower and Duane Deters, as well as Democrats Tom Bucher and Todd Rardon. The Republican candidates for Coles County Circuit Clerk include Rustye Cooley and Melissa

Hurst, with no Democratic candidate running for the position.

The polls will open today at 6 a.m. and will remain open until 7 p.m.

John Anderson, a second-year graduate student, said it does not make sense for him to vote in local government elections when he will only be residing in Charleston for two years.

Anderson said he also finds it hard to make it to the voting booths between working and taking care of his daughter.

Anderson, who is from Champaign, said he does not vote in local elections when he is home.

Charleston residents and Eastern students will also be voting in the preliminary elections for both the Republican and Democratic presidential candidates today as well.

President Barack Obama will be running as the democratic presidential candidate during today's preliminary elections, as well as Republican candidates Rick Santorum, Mitt Romney, Ron Paul and Newt Gingrich.

Sarah Englert, a junior geography major, said she will not be voting in the local preliminary elections, but she said she usually votes via absentee ballot in her hometown of Rochelle.

Matthew Womble, a senior kinesiology and sports studies major, said he is planning on voting for Obama in the presidential elections, but will not vote for local government.

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Where to vote in Coles County

• Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union - Eastern Illinois University

• Coles County Clerk's Office - Coles County Courthouse, 651 Jackson Ave., Rm. 122, Charleston, Ill. 61920

• Mattoon City Clerk's Office - 208 N. 19th St., 2nd Floor, Mattoon, Ill. 61938

Freestyling



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Freshman kinesiology and sports studies major Ahkeem Lang picks up his board while skating Monday in the commemorative courtyard. Lang said the weather was great and, unless he is in class, he is rarely inside. "I live outside," Lang said. "I'm outside everyday. It's my passion."

NOEL-LEVITZ

Consultants analyze university retention

By Kimberly Foster
Photo Editor

Editor's Note: This is the third installment of a series of Noel-Levitz consulting articles.

In 2010, President Bill Perry set a goal of an 85 percent student retention rate by 2013; for three years, Eastern's rate has remained at a consistent 79 percent.

In order to better attain the goal, Eastern entered a one-and-a-half-year contract with the Noel-Levitz Enrollment Management Consulting Services to examine recruitment, financial aid and packaging, and retention.

The Committee on Retention Efforts worked with Noel-Levitz retention consultant David Trites to boost retention efforts.

In particular, CORE members Kimberly Mook, the director of New Student Programs, and Karla Sanders, the director of the Center for Academic Support and Assessment, took the reigns on developing quantitative information for the consultant to analyze.

"We were really excited to have the consultant come as [retention] issues are a little more complex," Mook said. "We have so many great 'best practices' on campus, we were looking for someone to be like, 'here's another place to go and investigate.'"

Trites began by asking why retention was included in Eastern's main goals for improvement.

"(The consultants) were generally really pleased," Mook said. "We were able to talk about our aspirational 85 percent goal (for retention) set by the university

president."

Reaching 85 percent retention of undergraduates, Mook explained, would put Eastern near the Highly Selective benchmark of 87.5 percent set by American College Testing.

Noel-Levitz offered various recommendations for retention and improved student success.

One of the recommendations involved more systematic planning when approaching retention.

According to Trites' analysis, distinguishing the institution's "vital few" student success priorities should help the university set goals that will benefit the highest number of students. The process can be facilitated by awareness of obstacles, unified staff and faculty effort, and "innovative thinking and problem solving."

Another recommendation was to make better use of data.

In the analysis, Trites suggested breaking down the student body into as many subpopulations as possible in order to identify retention trends and evaluating these trends would help pinpoint problem areas to target for improvement.

Trites also suggested putting more emphasis on orientation and sophomore programming.

Trites identified University Foundations, Eastern's two-credit freshman seminar, as one of the institution's "excellent" opportunities for increasing retention.

According to Trites' report, requiring the course for all first-term students and adding relevant topics like financial literacy should make the course have a bigger affect on student success.

The report also offered the idea of a

cause of the violence they could bring to campus.

Graham Sausser, a sophomore communication studies major, said he understands why some people feel the need to carry a gun and why others argue against owning one.

"Some people want to own a gun for recreational sports like hunting. Others want to ban the use of guns to prevent catastrophes," Sausser said.

Sausser said he refuses to carry a gun on campus because of the violence it can cause.

"What if a student trying to defend another student pulls out a gun, prompting others to pull out their guns? We would have a massacre on campus without trying to provoke one another," Sausser said.

The state of Illinois is the only state that has not legalized concealed, Sausser said.

More than 22 percent of students said they feel safe enough on Eastern's campus without guns.

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CAMPUS

Students say no to concealed carry

By Jaime Lopez
Staff Reporter

Forty students were asked questions about whether or not they would carry a handgun if they were 21, had proper training, the state mandated concealed carry and the university approved the right to carry a gun on campus.

Alex Cler, a senior finance major, said Eastern students—21 or older—would have the qualifications to carry a gun on campus if the state and university permitted it, but even then, they are capable of committing some crime or injuring themselves.

"Many students would be qualified to walk around (campus) with guns, but I don't trust them enough to protect me or themselves," Cler said.

Out of the 40 students, 27.5 percent said they would not carry a firearm, fearing they might cause a self-induced injury.

Students who are not in their right state of mind would most likely hurt themselves or a loved one, Cler said.

Twenty-five percent of Eastern students polled said they would not carry guns be-

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TODAY

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ONLINE

Blog: Alternate Spring Break Confessions (part 1)



A group of Eastern students went on an Alternate Spring Break trip to help HIV/AIDS patients at Project Lazarus in New Orleans. The students went in front of a video camera to share their reactions to the day.

Check out this video at dailyeasternnews.com to see their thoughts on the first half of the trip, where the students answer questions about what they learned and how they felt throughout each day.

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STUDENT RECREATION CENTER

Fitness instructors bring passion to classes

By Robyn Dexter
Campus Editor

For the fitness instructors that teach classes at the Student Recreation Center, their job is not just a job, it is an opportunity to learn, teach and work out.

Kayla Wagner, a senior physical education major, said she first started teaching classes because of other classes she had previously attended.

"I started teaching because I went to some of the classes that were offered, and I loved them," she said. "The instructors were my role models, and I knew it was something I wanted to do."

She said her job enables her to teach and workout while getting paid.

Pam McLeod, a graduate student and staff member at the Rec Center, said many of the fitness instructors started their job based on seeing what previous instructors had taught and accomplished.

"I went through the process and got hired, and I've been here for four years," she said.

McLeod said fitness instructors train for half a semester on Sundays before they begin teaching classes.

"We go over things such as counting in class, how to structure your class and safety issues," she said.

In the hiring process, the number of instructors hired depends on the number graduating.

The Rec Center currently has 11 fitness instructors that teach a variety of classes from cycling to yoga.

Mollie Brown, a sophomore kinesiology and sports studies major, said her favorite part of her job as a fitness instructor is motivating people.

"Pushing everybody to do what they think they can't do is the best," Brown said. "You also realize you're pushing yourself even more."

Eric Castro, a junior kinesiology and sports studies major, said he gets paid to do what he loves.

"You really just get lost in the workout," he said. "Sometimes you forget it's actually a job."

Castro said he loves when he has people that come regularly to his classes.

"It gives you a chance to change up your workouts all the time because you don't want to bore your class," he said.

Emily Dupuis, a junior family and consumer sciences major, said her Zumba class is about letting loose and having fun.

"When people know the songs and sing along, it's really more like a big group of friends getting together and dancing and having a blast," Dupuis said.

McLeod said the atmosphere of the Rec Center is a positive one, and she hopes that when students leave, they are less stressed.

"One of the main values that we try to uphold (at the Rec Center) is that everyone is here to help you and ensure that you have a good experience," she said.

McLeod said the Rec Center is always trying to stay up to date with classes that are in-demand and will benefit students.

At the end of each class, fitness instructors recommend that students fill out comment cards about how the instructors are doing teaching the class.

The feedback enables the instructors to cater to what the students want and



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Emily Dupuis, a junior family and consumer sciences major, leads a kickboxing class Monday in the aerobics studio of the Student Recreation Center. Dupuis is one of 11 student fitness instructors employed at the Rec Center. Dupuis also teaches Zumba classes.

how to better their classes.

"We really rely on people's feedback," Dupuis said. "We don't know unless people tell us."

McLeod said instructor evaluations are always available for students working out in the Rec Center and the instructors will see them whether they are good or bad.

"We are completely participant-based," McLeod said. "The Rec does everything for students."

She said if there is a lack of interest,

sometimes classes have to be cut.

"Students pay a minimal fee for classes that would be extremely costly at a gym or fitness center off campus," she said.

Dupuis said she wants all students to know the classes are free and available both day and night.

"Our classes are for everybody, not just people who work out all the time," Dupuis said.

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CITY COUNCIL

Contracts, scholarships to be approved

By Kathryn Richter
City Editor

The Charleston City Council will meet today to approve various contracts, agreements and scholarships.

The city council will also vote on a resolution that will authorize a contract with Midwest Meter, Inc. for an automated meter reading system.

City Manager Scott Smith said the majority of commercial and residential meters will be replaced because of the age of the equipment.

Smith said through antenna support towers, the new technology can automatically send meter readings to City Hall.

Smith also said the antenna support towers will be added to existing infrastructure instead of additional towers

being built.

Smith said the project can take approximately three to four years to implement, also adding that the city had no plans to eliminate meter reading jobs. Smith said, however, that restructuring of some positions could occur.

Smith said the new meter reading system will allow for better communication with the consumer and for the virtual elimination of the use of estimating.

"There are a lot of opportunities here for information sharing," Smith said.

Smith said estimations are used in some cases during inclement weather, but the new system will not require the use of estimations.

The city council will be voting today regarding a possible \$1.7 million loan in order to purchase the automated me-

ter reading system through the First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust. Smith said the money borrowed, however, could vary significantly.

The city council will also vote on the renewal of four-year scholarships for incoming Eastern students.

In order to maintain the scholarship, recipients must maintain a 2.5 GPA.

One previous recipient lost the scholarship after their GPA was lower than the requirement.

Two of the recipients have GPAs of 4.0, and three recipients have more than a 3.0 grade point average.

The scholarship recipients include Clinton Bays, Michael Bower, Ronnie Hellman, Ashlyn Hite, John Pogue, Phillip Sterling and McKenzie Vilardo.

Each recipient was awarded the scholarship based off criteria including

academic prowess, leadership, community involvement, financial need, character, educational motivation, and other awards or achievements.

The city council will also vote on whether or not to authorize a contract for an automated agenda software system with SIRE Technologies.

SIRE Technologies has agreed to provide the city of Charleston with the necessary equipment and training that will allow for paperless agenda and minute-keeping software.

The Charleston City Council will also vote to approve the city's budget for the fiscal year, which begins May 1, 2015 and ends April 30, 2013.

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STUDY ABROAD

Director seeks requirement changes



Wendy Williamson, director of Eastern's study abroad program, volunteers at a school for children in Granada, Nicaragua, during spring break in 2011. Williamson has formed a proposal suggesting student graduation requirements include study abroad as an option in place of a senior seminar.

By Robyn Dexter
Campus Editor

Eastern's Study Abroad program is one that Eastern faculty and staff promote and encourage, but numbers show that not as many students study abroad as the program anticipates.

Wendy Williamson, the director of Study Abroad, has been presenting a case to campus committees such as the Council on Academic Affairs on how to further promote Study Abroad and encourage students to participate.

Williamson said students do not have to make a conscious decision about studying abroad because it is not among the curricular choices students have to complete a degree.

In her draft proposal from early March, she found that despite the fact that study abroad is a top goal of Eastern, only an average of 300 students study abroad per year.

"More than half of young people between the ages of 18 and 22 are in college right now," she said. "The percentage of college graduates is higher than ever, but what is going to set them apart?"

Studying abroad is one of the key factors to help set students apart, Williamson said.

"International knowledge, expertise and skills are something that is really necessary," she said. "Also, if you have taken steps to do that, it shows you are a more independent student and you think outside the box."

She said students typically go on faculty-led study abroad programs, but taking the extra challenge of going on their own shows more integration.

"There's only 1 to 2 percent of the population that studies abroad in the nation," she said.

Williamson said studies have shown that students who have studied abroad earn \$5,000 more than students who have not when they graduate and get a starting salary.

"In this day and age, it's very important if you want to stand out," she said.

Right now, she said, study abroad is more of an "hors d'oeuvre."

"Students don't have time for hors d'oeuvres, they just want the main meal," she said. "Study abroad isn't on the menu and it needs to be."

In Williamson's proposal draft, she outlines what her solution would be for making study abroad more of an option than it currently is.

Currently, the requirements for a bachelor's state: "successfully complete

the General Education Requirements detailed in the General Education section, including the senior seminar."

Williamson said she hopes to change the end wording to include the senior seminar or study abroad program, three credits or more.

Williamson said she has been met with some opposition from councils such as the CAA because of the idea of replacing senior seminar with study abroad.

Williamson will meet with the CAA executive council today to further address and defend her draft proposal.

"I'm just trying to find a window in," she said. "I often have students that come in and ask what study abroad programs they can take that will count for their senior seminar."

She said some programs have pre-approved study abroad programs that count towards senior seminar credit, and it gives those programs an unfair advantage over other programs that do not offer such options.

"Students should be picking programs based on their academic goals," she said.

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LECTURE

Journals of French art historian reveal challenges to role of women

By Samantha McDaniel
Activities Editor

A French art historian contributed to the history of Irish art and challenged the role of women in the mid 20th century, an Eastern art professor said.

Janet Marquardt, a professor of art history and women's studies and the director of the Center for the Humanities, presented the personal journals of Françoise Henry, an history that detailed her excavations on the island Inishkea North (Co. Mayo) in Ireland.

Marquardt said Henry wrote about the daily events on the island, and the journals told her personal thoughts about those around her.

"She kept her personal notes separate from her archeological journals, her record of the day, except for 1950 where she merged them," Marquardt said.

Marquardt found Henry's journals while she was working on a project with the Zodiac book series—a series in which Henry wrote three of the 400 books.

Marquardt was in the Royal Academy archives working with a series of books on Romanesque art that was published by a monastery.

"I was looking for correspondents between her and the monks when I came across this manila envelope," Marquardt said. "I pulled these notebooks out of this old manila envelope and flipped them open, and I think because they were in pencil and French that no one really paid any attention to them."

The islands of Inishkea were abandoned after a storm that killed most of the male population.

Henry visited the island in 1937-38, 1946 and 1950 to find ancient Irish art, Marquardt said.

Jeannie Ludlow, an English professor and director of women's studies, said she thought the presentation embodied women's studies' theme "Women Imagine Change."



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Art history professor Janet Marquardt points to several locations on a map of Ireland where French art historian Françoise Henry lived and worked while she studied sacred art Monday in the conference room of the Booth Library.

Ludlow said Marquardt emphasized how Françoise Henry was different from other women in her time period.

"The men who worked with her had never been lead by a woman before," Ludlow said. "They had never had a woman supervisor and here she comes and she starts finding this art and hiring people to do excavations with her so that everyone in the world can study them."

Henry taught European art at the University College Dublin for 40 years and was the first person to introduce the history of Irish art into the university.

Marquardt said Henry was important in comparing the details found in different media.

Henry also helped influence Ireland's stance on science.

"She moved the archeology in Ireland forward also," Marquardt said. "So she was pretty important in Ireland, even though she was French."

While working on the island, Henry dealt with the complaints of the men who worked for her, as well as what oth-

er women thought of her, Marquardt said.

"She had an interesting position; she was a woman managing traditional men, who had probably never been supervised by a woman," Marquardt said.

Other women would judge Henry, Marquardt said.

"The most interesting interaction was with the women. 'Why was she single?' they wanted to know. 'Why don't you want children?'" Marquardt said. "They would ask her these question, but she was just as curious and critical of them."

Marquardt said she thinks Henry is a good example women causing change.

"She believed that she could be an archeologist, just the same as a man could. And in those days, that was asking a lot," Marquardt said. "She could live in the elements, she could do all the digging and record things, and have authority."

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DOUDNA FINE ARTS CENTER

Play reading to tell story of escaping a small town

By Samantha McDaniel
Activities Editor

Woody and Roy Lynn were two "hicks" from a small town in Texas, who plot a get-rich-quick scheme to rob their local dentist's safe—unfortunately for them their plan goes down from there.

The plot will thicken at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Lecture Hall of the Doudna Fine Arts Center where a further reading of Sally Jane Kerschen-Sheppard's "GOLD AND COCAINE" will tell the fate of the men.

Jeffrey Tangeman, a professor of theatre arts and the director of "GOLD AND COCAINE," said the play centers around the characters Woody and his friend Roy Lynn and their plot to get away from their town in the middle of nowhere.

"Woody is interested in getting out of this horrible existence that he has in this small Texas town," Tangeman said. "He and his friend develop this scheme to break into this local dentist office, steal a bunch of stuff he has hidden there, and run out of town and get away."

Tangeman said Woody and Lynn's plan gets complicated when the dentist shows up.

Grant Molen, a junior theatre arts major who will be playing Roy Lynn, said the characters in the play think they can really get away by robbing a dentist.

"They are somewhat drug-induced," Molen said. "They are trying to find gold in a dentist office in this small town, as if he has enough of a fortune that they can run away and start a new life and are doomed from the start."

Tangeman said it shows the idea that people will do a lot to get out of the places they are from.

Vince Dill, a graduate student who will be playing Dr. Delmar Ralph, said he is looking forward to the chance to get back on stage and working with the other cast members.

"The situational comedy and the lo-

"Small-town kids have all of these half-baked ideas about how to get out of their towns."

Grant Molen, junior theatre arts major playing character of Roy Lynn

cation could be Coles County," Dill said.

Molen agreed.

"I think (the audience) will like the relevancy that it could happen in a town like this," Molen said. "Small-town kids have all of these half-baked ideas about how to get out of their towns."

Dill said his favorite part about the play is the rhythm.

Jake Cole, a freshman theatre arts major who will be playing Woody, said he thinks the audience will like the play.

"I think they will enjoy the organic flow of the entire performance," Cole said.

Molen said he is excited about the performance.

"I like the opportunity to do something new, something I haven't seen before," Molen said.

Molen said audience members will like the play and can learn from it.

"A lot of people try to get out of towns like this, not that they are doomed from the start, but the dreams they have or what they think they can do aren't really attainable," Molen said. "I think a lot of people can relate to it, and I can relate to it."

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Student exec: We deserve lavish pay

'Tis election day, and on campus somewhere, an elected representative expects his fair share.

In their last meeting before break, on March 7, Student Senate members voted to lower the semesterly reward for student government executives and the student senate speaker from an outrageously large 12-credit hour tuition waiver to a slightly less outrageous \$2,500 stipend.

Every branch, twig and leaf of the Eastern community has been forced to cut back on non-essential comforts to ensure the withering resources of the university are able to sustain the vital functions that are necessary for its survival and prosperity.

We have regularly acknowledged the student government as a vital function. It is indeed vital that we make college a training ground for future representatives; no other venue in America can provide such an opportunity for aspiring statesmen to practice serving an immediate constituency.

It also gives students a chance to understand the rewards of public service. For example, if one were elected student body president, one would come to fully appreciate the distinct honor of having been chosen to represent the various interests of the entire student body. Unless, of course, one is Student Body President Ed Hotwagner.

At the March 7 meeting, an alternative proposal was made to cut the stipend to \$2,000. Student Senate member John Poshepny spoke in favor of this proposal: "There is no money, we cannot afford (the 12-credit scholarship). It is not sustainable, people should not be doing it for the tuition waiver anyway, they should be doing it for the students."

Hotwagner maintained that such a cut would be inappropriate. "I don't believe \$2,000 is enough for what we do," he said.

As we have chronicled in previous editorials, student government has done next to nothing for the student body this year.

We are inclined to agree with Hotwagner—\$2,000 per semester is not fair payment for the services he and his colleagues have provided. We think \$200 is much more fair.

Hotwagner said he puts in his hours: "I do 15 official office hours (only five are required), not to mention the time when I am in my office doing homework but am still there."

Those wages seem lavish to us, as they would to any student employee who puts in 20-plus hours per week learning and serving his or her community. But even if student government executives spent 40 hours a week in pursuit of the same pitiful results, it still would not be worth \$2,000.

Poshepny was right: student government executives should be in it for the students, not for the money. Student government elections will take place March 25-26. Hotwagner, a senior, will not run again. Let's make sure the next Student Body President sees his or her service as a privilege, not an entitlement.

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COLUMN

R rating for 'Bully' documentary too restrictive

I am not the first and I certainly won't be the last. I, like others, have been a victim of bullying. Now Hollywood has brought the problem to people's attention.

The controversial documentary "Bully" focuses on a problem that has plagued the education system, at every grade level, for years: bullying in schools.

Evidence from this documentary, as well as the deaths of various teenagers in the past few years, grabbed Hollywood's attention. I think it is about time they listened.

From my experience, being bullied in school felt like a nightmare. It felt like I had no way out, like it would never stop. I did what I could, I stuck close to people I could trust, and I stuck close to family.

The *Los Angeles Times* wrote a March 2 editorial about the rating "Bully" received. The documentary received an R rating by the Motion Picture Association of America.

The MPAA claims the documentary is more important for adults and teachers to see than children. They defend the rating by pointing to surveys that indicate parents care about their children being exposed to strong use of foul language in films. I think this is far beyond the issue, especially in regards to the rating of a documentary that can have such a powerful effect.

The deaths of Tyler Clementi, Eric Mohat,



Jose Gonzalez

Phoebe Prince, and Megan Meier are a recent trend of suicides caused by bullying, whether physical or in the cyber world. From my experiences and what I have seen in the news, bullies know no boundaries, whether physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, or any other facet of life.

So why do people bully others? I personally think those who bully are afraid of themselves and project their insecurities onto others.

A blog written by Serge and Carmen Sognonvi listed five reasons of why people bully: First, they said, bullying occurs because of others' desires to have control and feel powerful.

Second, bullies are rewarded for their bullying. Bullies who receive positive reinforcement from their peers continue to do it because they are receiving approval from others.

Third, bullies lack empathy and may get pleasure from the pain of others. Bullies can develop symptoms of anti-social personality disorder. This can cause people to ignore others'

feelings.

Fourth, bullies lack the ability to regulate their emotions. Bullies have no way to control their anger, which can manifest from small confrontations and grow into more severe encounters.

Finally, bullies are influenced by their family backgrounds. It is almost impossible to determine whether someone will become a bully, but patterns in some families can somewhat help weed them out.

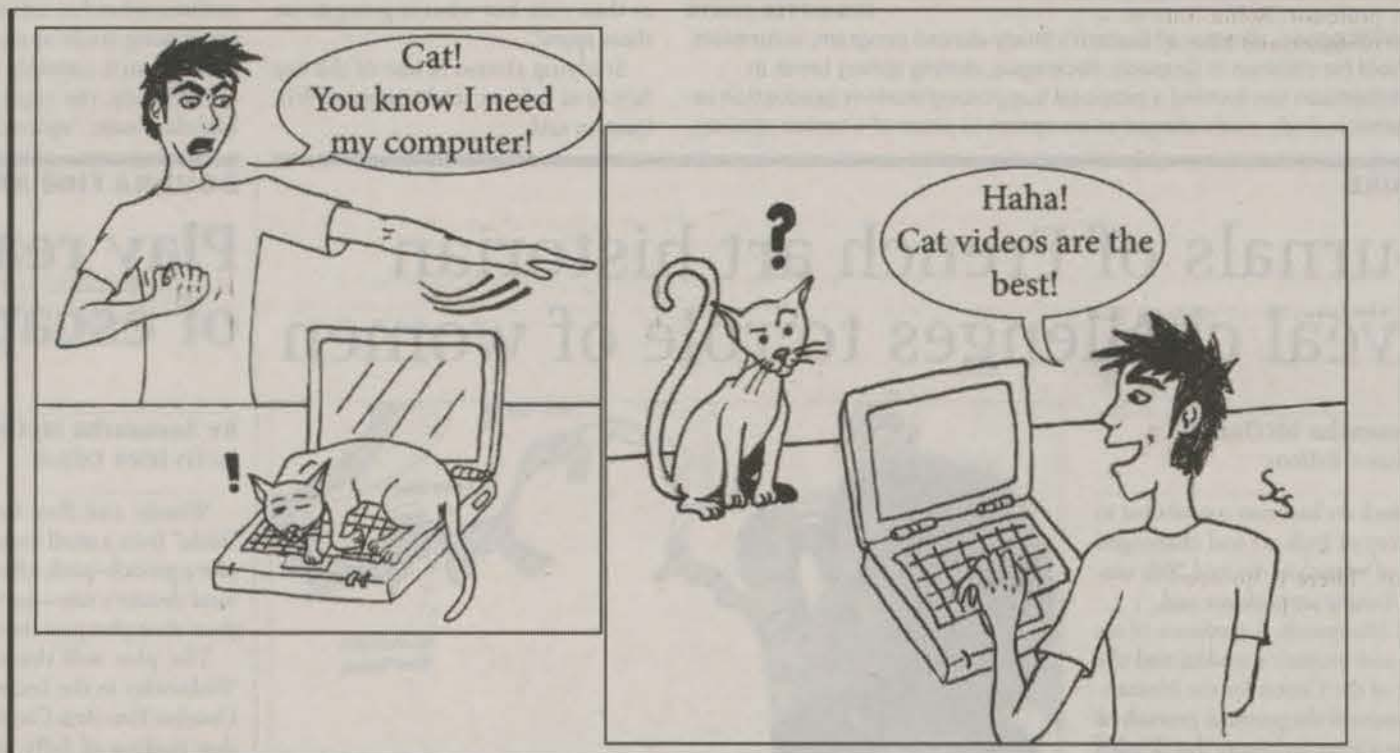
Bullies have a strong need to be in control and exert their dominance over others.

I think a documentary like "Bully" should be shown in schools because it sends an alarming message to parents and teachers that this issue is out there. It also informs children who are being bullied that they are not alone.

The simple fact is, no matter where you are in the education system, bullying is likely to happen. I cannot tell you how many times I've been stared at with a dirty look, been called a psycho, a schizophrenic, or even a freak. I cannot remember how many times people have tried to take advantage of me, and still, the only constant is that my family has been there to defend me.

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AROUND THE STATE

Utah to educators: quit telling students about sex

By Beth Clothier
Western Courier
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Sex has been taking it pretty hard lately, if you'll excuse the cheekiness of that expression. From the seemingly sudden backlash regarding contraceptive coverage to the ongoing struggle over abortion rights, the topic hasn't been out of the news for months.

If that weren't enough, the Utah State Senate passed a bill last Tuesday that, according to The Huffington Post, would allow schools to drop sex education classes, prohibit instruction on how to use contraception and prohibit any mention of homosexuality. Instead, students would be taught using a curriculum that advocates abstinence until marriage and the virtues of remaining faithful to your spouse.

I just want to take a moment away from any kind of argument and ask something I'm sure is on the minds of many: Has the nation gone insane? I realize that our country was founded on, or at least has always had an affinity for, Puritan principles, but this isn't the 17th century anymore. Why are we suddenly reverting to head-in-the-sand ways of thinking?

Removing proper sex education from schools isn't going to solve any problems. It won't keep kids from wondering, talking about or actually having sex. It certainly won't make teen pregnancy or STD rates disappear — if anything, these rates will only increase because teens won't have the necessary knowledge to try to prevent them.

Certainly some things are hardwired in us due to our very nature, such as discovering masturbation, but that doesn't mean that we know what is happening to our bodies when it does. Case in point: A friend confessed to me that she thought she had "broken herself" the first time she masturbated, and only learned what had really happened when she stumbled across an article in one of her mother's magazines.

According to the article, those in favor of the bill stated they didn't believe it was the duty of anyone but a child's parents to tell them about sex. I'm all for parents having a greater role in their child's education, but face it. How many parents are actually going to sit down and explain sex to their children? Has no one ever seen "Carrie"? Seriously though, it's as if the blinders come over their eyes, and

they can't conceive of the fact that this child who once clung so tightly to their hand is going to be an adult, or a hormonal teenager, even, with all the needs and biological urges that come with the territory.

If my parents ever gave me a sex talk, I don't remember it, and I certainly had no idea what menstruation was really about until it actually happened to me. Until I got to junior high, my sex education came largely from talk on the bus or playground, hanging around my older cousins or sneaky peeks at adult magazines that my older brother kept hidden in his bedroom. I escaped this lack of knowledge without any consequences, but there were others in my class who were not so lucky, so to speak.

Discontinuing a proper sex education curriculum is doing wrong by these children. They deserve to be informed of the facts and educated in prevention, and even more than that, they deserve to be trusted with the information. This isn't Neverland, Tinker Bell is not the "abstinence fairy," and honestly, even Peter Pan has to grow up someday.

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CAMPUS

Faculty research panel to discuss women's issues

By Robyn Dexter
Campus Editor

As a part of Women's History and Awareness Month, the Women's Studies Program will present a faculty research panel today featuring three Eastern professors.

Jeannie Ludlow, the coordinator of WHAM, said the panel relates directly to the theme of the month.

"This year's WHAM theme is 'Women Imagine Change,' and our focus is on women's arts and activism," she said. "This panel is a great representation of how many different ways women imagine and work to make change."

Ludlow said the panel will provide faculty with the opportunity to share their research with the campus community.

"Faculty research keeps a university up-to-date, giving faculty the best possible knowledge with which to teach our classes," she said. "It is important that we share our research in our community so we can learn from each other and our students, colleagues and friends can benefit from our work."

Melanie Mills, a communication studies professor, Robin Murray, an English professor, and Mary Caroline Simpson, an art professor, will be presenting women-related topics in their profession, and seeking to enlighten attendees on different perspectives.

"(My presentation) is about looking at the gendered nature of language," Mills said.

Mills' section of the presentation is titled "My ovaries have as much guts

as your balls (!): Taken for granted assumptions and metaphors that gender talk."

The presentation will take place today from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the Booth Library Conference Room 4440.

Mills said she will be talking to attendees about what language differences mean for men and women.

"The way we talk about things becomes the way we think about things, and the way we think about things becomes the way we act toward things," she said. "Because of this, word choices are very important."

Mills said the panel should be fun, and she hopes to get across that people should value women's ways of talking.

Murray's presentation will go back in time to review women filmmakers in her presentation, "Changing Landscapes in Women's Filmmaking."

"I want to get across that women filmmakers have been around since the beginning of film," Murray said.

She said despite obstacles, women filmmakers have been prominent and important to the media even since its earliest days.

"Even in small numbers, women are still making waves," she said.

Simpson's presentation is titled "A critique of craftivism and its importance for contemporary art and feminism."

Mary Caroline Simpson was not available for comment.

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CONCEALED, from page 1

Chloe Lampo, a sophomore pre-business management major, said the campus police have done their best to protect students on campus. There is no need to carry guns on a college campus, Lampo said.

"The police goes out of its way to keep us safe, so I don't feel I need to carry a gun on campus," Lampo said.

Brendan Ohren, a freshman mathematics and computer science major, said he would not carry a gun.

More than 17 percent of polled students said they just have no desire to ever carry a gun.

Five percent of polled students said they fear guns.

Danny Harris, a junior kinesiol-

ogy and sports studies major, said owning a gun does not prove how brave a person is.

Over 2 percent of students said they will not carry guns because they were raised in a household that did not believe in the use of handguns.

"No, I wouldn't own one because my father always told me a gun doesn't make a man," Harris said.

"Everyone has the right to believe in what they want to believe in, but there is always the possibility that guns will do more harm than good," Sauser said.

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ELECTION, from page 1

"I have not really gone that deep into it," Womble said about local politics.

Womble said he is from Champaign and usually votes for the local state's attorney when he is home.

The candidates for the General Assembly Representative include Republican candidates Kevin Garner and Brad Halbrook.

The general election will take place November 6.

Kirstin Rohwedder, a junior special education major, said she will not participate in the primary elections today because she said she does not feel she knows enough about the candidates to vote.

Rohwedder, of Effingham, said she does not vote when she is in her hometown either.

Jennifer Colbert, a senior recreation administration major, said she is not registered in Coles County to vote.

Colbert said she does not know enough about the candidates to make a properly informed decision.

Colbert said she has not voted in any local elections in her hometown of Monticello in the past and usually forgets to vote via an absentee ballot when she is gone.

"I would think about it if I knew enough about the candidates (I would) vote," Colbert said.

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Coles County 2012 Primary Election Candidates

State Representative for the 110th District

• **Brad Halbrook**- 50, from Shelbyville, has served as the Shelby County Republican chairman for the last six years and owns his own fence company. He has been endorsed by Congressman John Shimkus, Rep. Chaplin Rose and GOP House Leader Tom Cross. He is advocating 10-year term limits on elected officials, because he believes Illinois needs new people with new ideas.

• **Kevin Garner**- 44, from Casey, served eight years in the U.S Navy Reserve, and owns the Garner Auction Service. His top priority if elected is to bring small business back to the state. He is the only candidate that is running a grassroots campaign and is not outsourcing his campaign.

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Republican candidates

• **Brian Bower**-Charleston city attorney, has been practicing law for 28 years with Brainard Law Offices, and been Charleston city attorney for 22 years. He wants to clear cases in an expeditious manner.

• **Duane Deters**-Macon County assistant states attorney, has 13 years prosecuting cases from traffic tickets to homicide cases.

Democratic candidates

• **Thomas Bucher**-Coles County assistant states attorney, has spent the last two years as the primary prosecutor in his office to handle sex crimes.

• **Todd Reardon** - Attorney, has practiced cases in 79 out of 102 Illinois counties. He wants to implement a diversion program for first-time, non-violent offenders in order to clear up court congestion.

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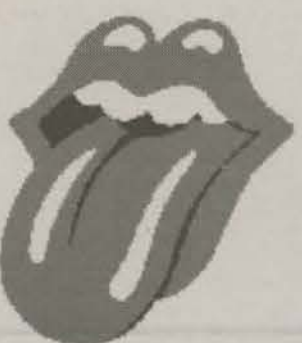
• **Rustye Cooley**-Served as chief deputy circuit clerk for 11 years, wants to continue with advancements in the circuit clerk's online services.

• **Melissa Hurst** - Has worked in the State Attorney's office as a felony secretary and has worked as administrative assistant to the judges for the last 9 years. She wants to have open communications from all fronts.

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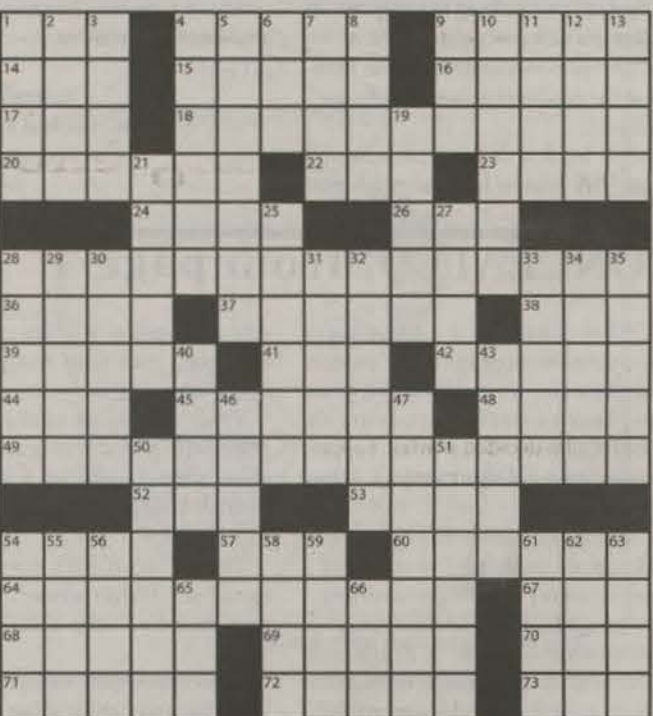
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

OVC teams compete in postseason

Third season in a row women lose in first round

By Alex McNamee
Staff Reporter

Four Ohio Valley Conference women's basketball teams played in postseason tournaments, highlighted by Tennessee-Martin who

played in the NCAA Tournament Saturday against Tennessee.

Tennessee blew out the Skyhawks, 72-49, to knock them out of the tournament in the first round. Tennessee-Martin guard Heather Butler was held to 14 points in the game.

Eastern's women's basketball team played in the Women's National Invitational Tournament, losing in the first round to Texas Tech.

Tennessee Tech and Southern Illinois-Edwardsville played in the Women's Basketball Invitational.

Tech stormed out to a 20-point lead in the first half against Bradley, but the Braves came back in the second half and squeaked out a 74-71 win.

The game came down to the wire, with Bradley getting its first lead since the opening minutes of the game with 3:18 to go in the game.

The Braves led 72-67 with 1:42 to go in the game, but Tech's Taccarra Hayes sank a basket to make it 72-69.

Trailing 74-69, Tech's Jala Harris hit a jumper to bring the score closer, 74-71. Tech had two opportunities to tie the game in the last 24 seconds.

The loss knocked Tech out of the tournament. Wright State beat Southern Illinois-Edwardsville in the same tournament to eliminate

the last OVC team.

Edwardsville lost 73-64 after having drawn even with Wright State 54-54 with five minutes to play.

Wright State made 11-of-12 free throws in the final 64 seconds to seal the victory.

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TENNIS

Women's tennis team to host IUPUI

Staff Report

The Eastern women's tennis team will have its first match of the season at Darling Courts at 2:30 p.m. today against IUPUI.

The Panthers will be taking on a struggling IUPUI team, currently in the midst of a seven-match losing streak. The Jaguars came away from the Summit League Cluster in Las Vegas, hosted by Southern Utah, without a win, losing four straight.

Last time Eastern faced IUPUI, the

Panthers were in Indianapolis, where they beat the Jaguars 5-2. Four singles players won their matches last year as they faced the Jaguars, they are junior Merritt Whitley, sophomore Jennifer Kim, senior Shannon Brooks, and junior Amanda Dibbs.

Last year, Whitley beat Jaguars Danielle Haefele in two sets with scores of 6-1, 6-3. Kim defeated IUPUI Vanessa Whyte in three sets with scores of 7-5, 2-6, and 10-6 last season. Brooks won her match against Alisha Cum-

plings in two sets with scores of 6-2, 6-1 and Dibbs took down former Jaguar Lee Matthews 6-1, 6-3.

Two players who could possibly help the Panthers against the Jaguars are sophomore Janelle Prisner and Dibbs. Prisner has gone 5-4 for the season, beating Claire McNulty of Dayton in two sets by scores of 6-3 and 6-2. She also beat Rosalina Tejoprayitno of Chicago State in two sets by scores of 7-5, 6-2. She beat Anita Henestrosa of Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne in two sets with

scores of 6-4, 6-3. She took down Dora Kotsiou of Evansville in two sets with scores of 6-1, 6-3, and she beat Sarah Rodefild of Bradley in two sets by scores of 6-3 and 6-1.

Dibbs has also gone 5-4 for the season as well, beating Erin Filbrant of Dayton in two sets by the same score of 6-1. She took down Natasha Tomishima of Southern Illinois-Carbondale in three sets with scores of 6-4, 3-6 and 7-5. She defeated Ruta Grinvalde of Chicago State with the same exact score of 6-1. She also

won her match against Caterina Kiefer in two sets by scores of 7-5 and 7-6, and she also beat Carly Miles of Bradley University in two sets by scores of 6-0 and 6-2.

In doubles, the team to watch out for is the team of Whitley and Prisner. This duo has gone 5-4 for the season and the matches that they won they 8 or more points to take the win.

Eastern women's tennis team 3-6 overall this season, match-time is set for 2:30 p.m. on Darling Courts.

NATION

Peyton Manning chooses Broncos

DENVER (AP) — The Denver Broncos got their Man. Make that Peyton Manning.

Pending final contract negotiations, Manning will join John Elway's Broncos with hopes of winning another Super Bowl.

So much for Tebowmania.

Still to be decided is what happens to last season's quarterback sensation, Tim Tebow.

The Broncos and Manning agent Tom Condon spent Monday working out parameters of a deal expected to be worth about \$95 million over five years after the NFL's only four-time MVP called Elway, the Broncos' revered QB-turned-executive, and told him he had decided to

come to Denver.

Tennessee Titans owner Bud Adams also said Manning let him know that he had picked the Broncos. Adams released a statement Monday confirming the Titans were out of the running and later said to The Tennessean: "He called me himself and told me he wasn't coming, that he made his mind up to go with Denver."

Besides the Titans, the San Francisco 49ers had been a finalist in the chase for Manning, who turns 36 on Saturday and missed all of 2011 because of multiple neck surgeries.

ESPN first reported the record-setting quarterback instructed his agent to negotiate the details of a

deal with the Broncos, less than two weeks after the Indianapolis Colts released him rather than pay a \$28 million bonus.

"I think it's a great place for him," Broncos defensive end Robert Ayers said outside the Broncos' complex. "I don't think he made a bad decision. I think he made a great decision. Hopefully we can prove him right and hopefully we can win a lot of games here."

Despite being sidelined all of last season, Manning's success in the past — the Colts averaged a 12-4 record from 2001-10 — made him by far this offseason's top potential signing and perhaps the most desired free agent ever.

NATION

State of Ohio is March hoops hotbed: 4 teams in Sweet 16

CINCINNATI (AP) — Stirred by a pep talk from the school president, the Ohio Bobcats applauded themselves in the locker room and celebrated their trip to the NCAA tournament's round of 16 by chanting: "We are Ohio!"

Not a bad March motto for the whole state.


The nation's 17th state is the first to send four teams to the NCAA's round of 16 — the Bobcats, Ohio State, the University of Cincinnati and Xavier. The four come from

different conferences and play different styles, but have gone a combined 8-0 in the tournament.

Beware the Buckeyes — all of them.

"It's super for Ohio basketball," former Ohio State star Jerry Lucas said in a phone interview on Monday. "It's always been good, and will always be good. This whole region has traditionally had great basketball. To see Ohio be the first to have four in the Sweet 16 — that's great."

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BASEBALL

Panthers look to end non-conference play with win

By Jordan Pottorff
Assistant Sports Editor

Eastern's baseball team will round out its non-conference portion of its schedule with a midweek matchup against in-state foe Southern Illinois-Carbondale today at 3 p.m.

The Panthers enter play with a record of 6-11, having lost seven of their last nine games, but will try to gain momentum with a win heading into conference play.

Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz will turn to junior Troy Barton to get the start in the non-conference finale. Barton has posted a record of 2-1 to go a long with an ERA of 2.20 in four appearances (three starts) this season. The 6-foot-6 right-hander has held his opponents to a .214 batting average and has recorded nine strikeouts in 16.1 innings of work. Barton will be looking to pick up Eastern's first win over the Salukis since March 4, 2009.

Non-Conference Stats

For the season, the Panthers have struggled offensively, getting shutout in four games and managing less than three runs in nine of their 17 games.

Although the Panthers have struggled to find consistency in their offensive attack, sophomore Jacob Reese and junior Ryan Dineen have enjoyed stellar starts to the 2012 season. Dineen is leading the team with a .356 batting average – the ninth highest in the OVC – and also leads the team in hits (21), walks (9), stolen bases (7), and on base percentage (.451). Reese has also put up impressive numbers this season, posting a batting average of .351 to go along with 20 hits, a team-leading five doubles, eight RBI and a slugging percentage of .474.

From a pitching perspective the Panthers have been dominant, posting a team ERA of 3.04, which is



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T.J. McManus, a red-shirt senior first baseman, catches a throw to get Justin Parr of the University of Illinois-Champaign out April 12, 2011, at Grimes Field in Mattoon.

good for first place in the Ohio Valley Conference. The Panthers also lead the conference in shutouts (1), hits given up (127), runs (67), earned runs (49), walks (48) home runs (2) and batting average against (.241).

Sophomore Christian Slazinik has led the Panther pitching staff so far this season, posting a team-leading

ERA of 1.78 – the third lowest ERA in the OVC – to go a long with a record of 3-2. The three wins Slazinik has recorded is a team-high, and the southpaw has held the opposition to a batting average of .204 in 30.1 innings of work while recording a team-leading 27 strikeouts.

Red-shirt senior Mike Hoekstra has had a nice start to his sea-

son, posting an ERA of 2.94 in 33.2 innings of work. Hoekstra has also kept the opposition off the base paths as they are managing a batting average of .202 and have struck out 24 times with Hoekstra toeing the rubber.

In relief, the Panthers have turned to senior Adam Clark to record outs in crucial situations. The right-hand-

er has posted a 2.03 ERA in six appearances out of the pen. Clark has held the opposition to a batting average of .229 and has allowed just 11 hits in 13.1 innings of work to go a long with 10 strikeouts.

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SOFTBALL

Panthers' bats step up big in the past six games

Eastern looks to stay hot at the plate

By Erik Jensen
Staff Reporter

Over the weekend the Eastern softball team improved its record to 10-10 (2-3 conference) overall with a sweep of the Morehead State Eagles.

Eastern played nine games in nine days over spring break, going 5-4 overall. Things will stay busy for the Panthers in the upcoming days as they play nine games in the next 12 days.

The Panthers' bats have really come to life the past six games, as they outscored their opponents 28-8 over that stretch.

Freshman shortstop Bailey O'Dell continues to be the constant at the plate for the Panthers. She is hitting .413 for the season with three home runs, 13 RBIs and 13 runs scored. She has also walked four times in the young season.

Junior Melise Brown has really ramped up her play at the plate as of late. So far this season she

is hitting .276 with a home run, seven RBIs and eight runs scored. She has also walked five times and been hit by pitches four times.

Morgan Biel and Carly Willert have also had strong seasons at the plate. Biel is hitting .250 for the season with six RBI's and five runs scored. Willert has started each game the Panthers have played this season. She has six RBIs and five runs scored.

The Panthers have been consistent on the mound all year, partially thanks to the stellar play of sophomore ace Stephanie Maday. Maday has a 7-5 record for the season with a 2.45 ERA. She has already thrown 68.2 innings in the short season, and has struck out 67 batters while only walking 40.

Heartland College transfer Hanna Mennenga has had a strong debut season for Eastern. She has a 3.73 ERA in 41.1 innings pitched. She has a 3-3 record this season and has struck out 34 batters while only walking 15.

Over the next couple weeks the Panthers will have a pair of conference series. They will take on SIU-Edwardsville at Williams Field this Thursday at 4 p.m. This



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Sophomore infielder Ashleigh Westover throws for the out at home April 6, 2011, during the Panthers' 2-0 loss against Southern Illinois-Edwardsville on Williams Field.

will be their first home games of the year. They will play a doubleheader, then finish the series final game on March 29 in Edwardsville.

On March 31 they begin their

series against Murray State at Williams Field, where they will play a doubleheader. They will play the final game of the series on April 1 at Williams Field.

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