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**CAMPUS** | VIRGINIA TECH VIGIL

## Campus unites for VT memorial

**Hencken: ‘Your pain is our pain. We are all right there with you.’**

**By Stacy Smith**  
Greek Life Reporter

After attending grammar and high school in Centreville, Va., Eastern student Megan Ogulnick was devastated by the Virginia Tech shooting and thought it was important for Eastern to acknowledge the tragedy and show support.

With help from the Student Government and Student Affairs, the community had the opportunity to send banners, letters and videos to Virginia Tech on Tuesday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

“This is important because it could have happened anywhere just because it didn’t happen here,” said Jeff Melanson, a senior social science major and student senator.

Although seats were only half full, many were grateful for the students who attended the remembrance.

“Even if only 10 people showed up, I would be happy because those people are coming out and showing that they care,” Melanson said.

Student Body President Sean Anderson moderated and administrators, including Eastern President Lou Hencken and Dan Nadler, vice president for Student Affairs, spoke about the importance of community support and safety.

Sandy Cox, the director of the counseling center, university police Chief Adam Due and Ogulnick also spoke.

Ogulnick discussed some of the goals and accomplishments of the victims and emphasized the importance of living to the fullest by a quote her friend text messaged to her.

“I do not know who the future holds, but I know who holds the future,” she said quoted. “We are the future and we need to pick up where those who were taken left off.”

With so many people and communities affected, Ogulnick thinks the misfortune of Virginia Tech should teach people to be grateful for their lives.



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Juniors Lynnsey Fisher, a special education major, and Emily Scottberg, an elementary education major, sign the banner in memory of the students and staff who were killed in the Virginia Tech school shooting.

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**CAMPUS** | UPGRADES

## Summer forecast: Changes

**Summer brings safety updates, renovations to residence halls**

**By Nicole Milstead**  
Senior campus reporter

This summer, Eastern’s campus will be a little more prepared in case of an emergency.

Andrews Hall will be getting sprinklers and a fire alarm system upgrade. In addition, the new system will have a speaker in each room with a voice evacuation system, which will connect automatically with updates from the national weather service.

“In crises like at Virginia Tech, we could announce to just one floor, like third floor, ‘Lock your doors and stay until we come get you,’” said Mark Hudson, director of housing and dining.

Students don’t know if such a system is needed.

“It seems like it will be helpful, but I am not sure if it is necessary if there is an emergency,” said Alex Orfanos, a junior political science major. “I would like to think if there is a maniac running around with a gun, someone would let me know right away. But, unfortunately, that isn’t what always happens.”

The sprinkler system will cost approximately \$1.2 million to install. Housing also had to pay an initial fee of \$250,000 to an

**ALEX ORFANOS** | STUDENT

**“I would like to think if there is a maniac running around with a gun, someone would let me know right away.”**

architect to design the plan for the system to fit into the building. The plan will also be used for Lawson next summer.

The second and third floors of Andrews Hall will be updated and renovated, which includes new woodwork, locks, wiring, carpet and stackable furniture.

The investment in Andrews will cost a few million dollars this summer, Hudson said.

The key to renovations in the summer is timing. Mark Shaklee, the associate director of housing for facilities, tries to time the projects around the summer conferences that use Eastern’s residence halls.

Also this summer, security cameras will be installed in all common areas of the South Quad residence halls. This includes Andrews, Lawson, Taylor and Thomas Halls. The system will be similar to the cameras that are currently in Carman Hall and will be recorded to hard drives that can be accessed by hall staff and the university police department.

Lincoln and Douglas Halls will continue the next step in the

renovation project. Another floor in Lincoln will receive the same updating as Andrews Hall.

Lincoln Hall has undergone renovations throughout the school year and this will put the Lincoln renovation project at more than 50 percent complete.

Kristen Rutkowski was able to move into one of the newly renovated rooms halfway through the semester and said she loves the new stackable furniture.

The freshman physiology major is enjoying her loft and the much cleaner room. She remembers the worst thing about her old room was the ugly orange carpet.

Eileen Oshea is a senior biology major who lives in one of the old-style rooms in Lincoln Hall.

She said she mostly looks forward to the new furniture because her cabinets are in bad shape and her desk has seen better days. One of her drawers won’t even shut, she said.

Douglas Hall will receive a new laundry facility in the basement, which will take over a triple occupancy room to better accommodate students.

**CAMPUS** | ALCOHOL USE

## RSOs urged to curtail bar crawls

**Student behavior, safety, liability should be concerns, says AD of Health Education**

**By Brandon Campbell**  
Staff Reporter

Jenny Winnie plans on having a bar crawl.

The senior marketing major and former vice president of Phi Sigma Pi is debating what to put on the T-shirts.

“Usually, since we can’t put our frat’s full name on the shirts, we just abbreviate P.S.P.,” she said.

But this bar crawl will be different because of a recent letter sent to Recognized Student Organizations and department chairs.

Eric Davidson, associate director of Health Education and Promotion, sent a letter to RSOs and department chairs April 10 urging them to take a closer look at what he believes to be three issues the university should be concerned with in regards to student participation in bar crawls.

“The concerns really fall into three different areas,” Davidson said. “One being the area of health and safety for the students involved in the bar crawl, the second is the

public relations concern, and then the third area would be matters of liability.”

Citing a study titled “The Personal Protective Behaviors of College Student Drinkers” released in September 2006 by the “Journal of American College Health,” Davidson explained that to his knowledge, many students involved with bar crawls engage in dangerous drinking behaviors.

The study said that 75 to 80 percent of college students drink alcoholic beverages “regardless of age and legal drinking status,” and “12.8% of student drinkers reported being hurt or injured, 10.7% reported damaging property and .08% reported requiring medical treatment as a result of drinking.”

Davidson said that one reason he is in favor of students distancing themselves from the university while on bar crawls is because of the possible negative image that some students could reflect back on Eastern.

Five years ago, Roc’s Blackfront general manager Nate Haynes had a problem with a few students out on a bar crawl.

Haynes said that some of these students might have had a little too much to drink by the time they reached his bar and began to get

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# AB forms firm new policy

By Zach Nugent

Apportionment Board Reporter

Levi Bulgar said he felt the Apportionment Board's year went well.

But one area where the board faced problems was in its attendance.

Skyler King was removed because of a lack of attendance and Scott Parrino missed some meetings before he resigned for personal reasons.

According to AB bylaws, each member is allowed up to three excused absences and one unexcused absence.

Bulgar, AB chair, stressed the importance of attending meetings every time the AB meets.

He even video recorded some meetings so absent members could keep up.

If members are absent, they are required to give a valid excuse to the chair.

The chair then decides whether to excuse the members or not.

If the chair feels a member is not committed to AB, he or she can ask the board to vote that member off, such as in the case of King.

In the past, Bulgar said he has been lenient with absences this year and was more than willing to sit down with members who had

LEAH PIETRASZEWSKI | NEXT YEAR'S AB CHAIR

**"I will try to be firm in enforcing the attendance policy."**

conflicts with meeting times.

When AB lost two members earlier this year, there was concern about meeting quorum.

AB consists of eight voting student members and three voting faculty.

AB needs seven voting members to meet quorum, and, at times, attendance came close to not meeting quorum.

Bulgar said that part of the problem was that there were several new members on AB this year.

"All but about three people were new members, including one new faculty member," he said.

At meetings, some members said that another problem was that AB does not always have set meetings.

The board meets when the chair deems it necessary.

In some cases, members did not receive notice of meetings in time to rearrange their schedules.

Next year's chair, Leah Pietraszewski, does not foresee running into many attendance problems.

"I will try to be firm in enforcing the attendance policy," she said. "However, I will keep in mind that the students are here for school first, and AB is something they are taking time out of their schedules to do."

Bulgar and Pietraszewski also anticipate several current AB members to return to the board next year.

"This year was a little spotty at times, but I felt that overall we did a good job," Bulgar said.

This year, AB granted more allocations than previous years, including an allocation to the Student Recreation Center for more than \$50,000.

"We handled it with a great deal of scrutiny and not a single allocation was shot down by the Student Government," Bulgar said.

In addition to allocations, AB also went through the budget process with very few problems.

At last week's meeting, AB adviser Ted Hart said this year's budget process was one of the smoothest he can remember.

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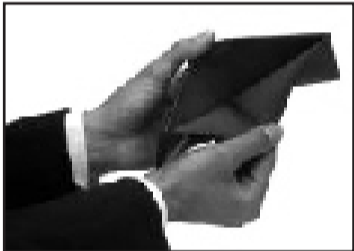
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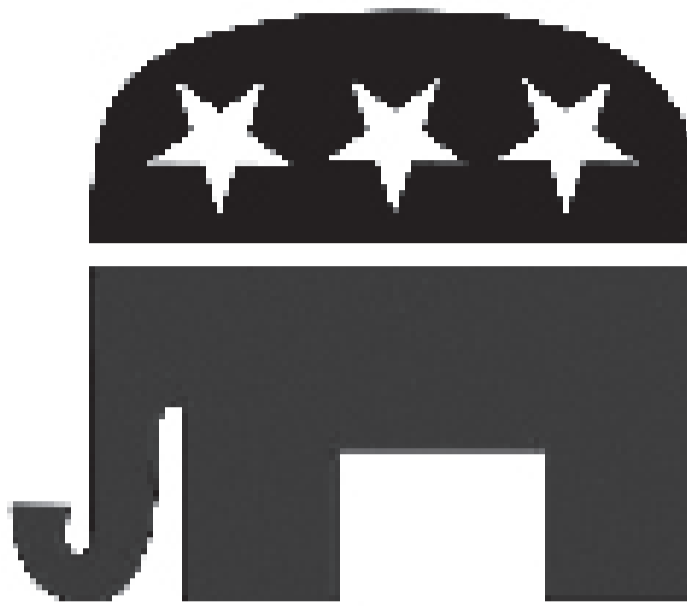
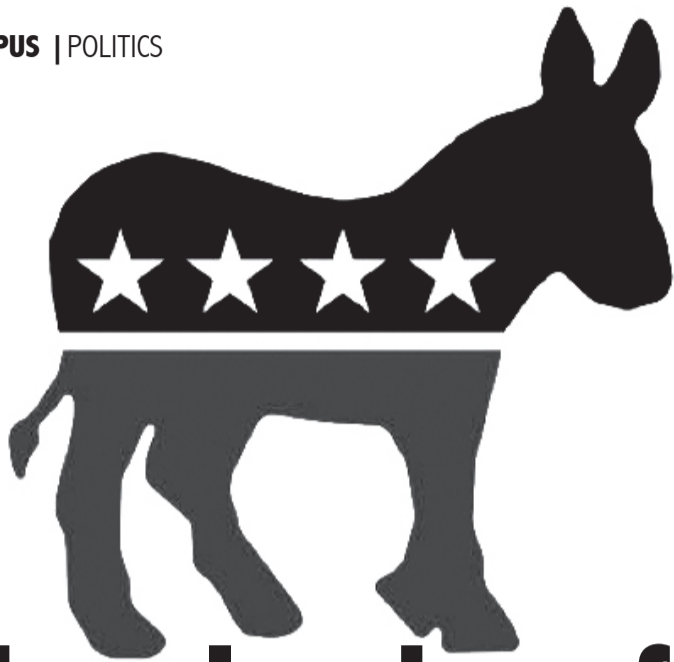
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CAMPUS | POLITICS



# New leaders for the blue, red

College Democrats and EIU Republicans announce new leadership

By Logan Richardson  
Staff Reporter

Eastern's two politically charged student groups are under new leadership. The College Democrats and EIU Republicans recently elected new students to office. The positions are for the Fall to Spring 2008 school year.

**THE LEFT**

Ryan Kerch was elected president of the College Democrats. "The reason I get involved is because I'm not one to just sit back and let other people determine things," Kerch said. "As far as the EIU College Democrats go, one of our major goals for next year is to decrease student apathy toward politics." His plan for the group is to educate students and encourage them to stay informed on political issues.

The Democrats are also planning voter registration drives. "(We'll be) trying to get people out to vote for the candidates we support, especially Obama," he said.

Chris Kromphardt is the vice president, Zack Plunkett is treasurer, Robert Grigsby is secretary and Eric Wilber is the sergeant-at-arms.

Kromphardt, a sophomore political science and philosophy double major, plans to go to law school.

"My interest in politics comes from an interest in the way our government functions," he said. "There's a lot of interesting nuances to politics and politicians and the study of it. I also like being a part of politics on the collegiate level because it gives me an opportunity to interact with other politically-minded students and to cooperate and hopefully make Eastern a more politically active campus."

Travis Bounds, the former

president for the College Democrats, is a senior political science major. He plans to attend Eastern for graduate school next year and to study abroad, as well. Eventually, he hopes to get his doctoral degree.

Bounds is the current head of the Eastern students for Barack Obama.

**THE RIGHT**

Kyle Ogden, the new president of the EIU Republicans, has similar interest in politics. Ogden is a freshman double majoring in finance and economics.

Ogden's plans for next year include increasing interaction with other Illinois schools.

"I'm just going to try to increase membership and funds," he said. "I want to get in touch with the U of I Republicans and do some events with them. I think we can do a lot for Coles County and surrounding

areas," Ogden said.

He hopes to work in banking and do agricultural lending once he graduates. He also wants to attend graduate school at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The junior biology major hopes to go to medical school when he graduates.

He said that his interest in politics stems from the fact that he helped with campaigns in Tuscola.

He also went to Boy's State, a government leadership program, which helped to get him into politics.

The results of elections brought many new people to both parties. However, Lucas Quast has remained the vice president of the student Republicans for quite a while.

New officers for the Republicans include: Michael Kleen as treasurer, ex-president Justin Sinner as the executive adviser, Chad Meents as the public relations official and Travis Billiter as the information/technology official.

**Textbook rental books due next Friday**

The deadline to return books to textbook rental is 3 p.m. May 4th. Late textbooks will be accepted May 7th through 17th from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with a \$10 late fine per textbook. No textbooks will be accepted after May 11. Fines will be posted to students' accounts if books are late and charges are non-refundable. For more information, call Textbook Rental Service at 581-3626.

**Visit Ten Thousand Villages on the South Quad**

The Eastern Fair Trade Coalition is sponsoring a sale by Ten Thousand Villages from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday in the South Quad. Ten Thousand Villages is a store in Champaign that sells handicrafts from around the world. For more information, call Stephani Pescitelli at 581-2575.

—Marco Santana, Campus Editor

**Staff senate elections to be held today**

Staff Senate elections are today from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the University Bookstore Lounge in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. There are five open positions with only one contested spot, said Kathy Cartwright, staff senate chair and assistant director of the union.

Three candidates applied for the non-negotiated staff position while only one candidate applied for each of the other four positions.

"I had hoped we would have had more (candidates), definitely," Cartwright said.

Cay Kolling, Judith Konrad and Brady Green applied for the non-negotiated staff position; Greg Boyd applied for the negotiated position and Phil Lang applied for the University Police position. Paul D Weber Sr. applied for AFCME 981 BSW/FS and the AFSCME 981 Clerical/Tech Position was applied for by Adrienne Paladino.

—Ashley Rueff, University Reporter

CAMPUS | STUDENT GOVERNMENT

# Anderson to give State of University address tonight

**New senate members to be seated**

By Matt Hopf  
Student Government Reporter

Student Body President Sean Anderson will deliver the State of the University at tonight's Student Senate meeting.

The speech is titled "One Day," and Anderson said that after four years in student government, he has a lot to say.

In his speech, Anderson plans to address multiple issues including racism and campus safety.

"I am just writing stuff down," he said.

His message will not just be directed to students, but to everyone. Anderson will not be the only one speaking at the meeting.

Student Senate Speaker Jeff Lange will give the State of the

**SEAN ANDERSON** | STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

**"I am just writing stuff down."**

Student speech.

Lange said that the committee chairs would be returning reports on what their committee has done this semester.

He will also speak on how his run as speaker has gone.

At the end of tonight's meeting, recently elected senate members will be sworn into office.

After the new members are sworn in, a new senate speaker will be elected.

Lange will not be seeking re-election.

A majority vote by the senate is needed to elect a speaker.

In other business, a bylaw change that would add a mission statement to the senate bylaws will

be voted on.

The mission statement was one of Langes' goals when he took office.

In the statement, it says "...members shall maintain a progressive state of mind in order to represent the student body in regards to their respective positions."

It also says that, "Student Government will protect the rights and interests of the students..."

The mission statement will require a two-thirds majority vote to be added to the bylaws.

The final senate meeting of the semester is at 7 p.m. in the Arcola-Tuscola Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

**SENATE MEMBERS TO BE SWORN IN TONIGHT**

» **On campus**  
Tyson Holder  
Ashley Hoogstraten  
Patrick Lindstrom  
Samantha Neil  
Angelina Montleon  
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» **Off campus**  
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Adam Martinelli  
Dave Keyes

» **At-Large**  
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Tiffany Turner  
Dan O'Farrell  
Ashley Marrinson  
Rico Guerra

**policeblotter**

» On April 23 it was reported that a cell phone was stolen from an apartment in University Court.

» On April 21 it was reported that the windshield of a Nissan was broken while parked east of Thomas Hall.

» On April 20 it was reported that a student in possession of cannabis was referred to the Judicial Affairs Office for discipline.

» On April 20 it was reported that a table valued at \$345 was stolen from the 1895 Room in the Union.

» On April 19 it was reported that a window was broken out of a Core Construction trailer on the fine arts center job site.

» On April 19 it was reported that a Roadmaster bike was stolen from a Pemberton Hall bike rack.

» On April 19 it was reported that a moneybag was missing from Carman Hall Dining.



# VIEWS

WEDNESDAY

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COLUMNIST | MAURICE TRACY

## Conservatives and faux liberals rejoice

Here it is, my last column for *The Daily Eastern News*.

That is right, my time here is up and you will no longer have to read my words every Wednesday. You can go back to arguing over the crucial importance of things like Greek Week, and ponder the eternal question: to tug or not to tug?

Feel free to write into *The DEN* about what you learned over your summer vacation, or about how living with a roommate from Naperville versus someone from Elgin has helped you become extremely diverse, or how making that one friend from a race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or all of the above has opened your eyes.

These are the stories we like. This is what we love: simple stories, stories that make us feel all warm and fuzzy inside. And I hope, if that is what you want then that is what you get.

I want you to be able to open the newspaper and not read about how miserably this war is failing. I want you to not read about 7,000 Iraqis protesting a wall being built around a Baghdad neighborhood, I want you to be able to read columns that look at the Don Imus incident and only blame hip-hop and not society as a whole.

I want you to sit there and not have to question your privileges as white, male, heterosexual, non-poor, and any of the possible combinations available from those "labels". I hope you write columns only questioning why black people can say the n-word, but still manage to side-step the question of why you even want to say the word in the first place. I want you to sit back and fight for civil rights and not gay rights or vice versa and not realize that this makes your politics a little cheap.

Feel free to complain about affirmative action without acknowledging that white women have been some of the biggest beneficiaries of affirmative action. Please continue to be a woman who attends college and cringes at the thought of being a feminist.

I want all of that for those of you who claim that I am too liberal – trust me, according to many, I am not nearly liberal enough – or who claim that I only care about this issue or that issue but essentially not the issues you think are correct, i.e. those that make you feel comfortable.

But, for those of you who will miss my columns, those few, I want you to do something; I want you to step up and fill the void that is left when any liberal leaves.

I am not inherently special; I simply became tired of not hearing a liberal voice and so decided to write a letter to the editor about confederate flags, and then one thing led to another.

Carve a space out for liberal talk/thought at the Eastern radio station.

There is so much that can still be done. The march last Friday was just a fraction of what can be done, let it be simply a start to something bigger and better.

Show conservatives that we aren't pushovers and show them that not all liberals are like me, some are nice.



Maurice Tracy

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ourview

# Bar crawl policy needed

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On April 10, Eric Davidson, associate director for Health Services, sent a letter to Eastern department chairs titled "University Concerns Regarding Student Bar Crawls." The letter states that at this time, there is no official alcohol policy for general Recognized Student Organizations or even informal academic class events.

The letter states, "Such close ties to the institution, whether it be through RSOs or academic courses or sections, raise possible liability concerns for the institution, advisors and faculty members."

It continues, "An issue of concern is the perception that the university or any of its entities appear to be, if not sponsoring, at best endorsing this type of activity."

If bar crawls are a major concern for the university, we at *The Daily Eastern News* would like to see an official alcohol policy in place by the time the Fall semester starts.

Bar crawls do take place throughout the school year and often do involve an excess of drinking. These events are dangerous from a health aspect, but merely telling students that they cannot distribute bar crawl T-shirts during academic time, as their letter suggests, is not enough.

Neither is discouraging classes or student groups from holding bar crawls. Telling students they cannot do something, but having no official ramifications if they do, is pointless.

If the university wants any students to take their suggestions or anti-bar crawl stance seriously, there must be an official alcohol policy in place.

The belief that bar crawls are university-sponsored events comes from the fact that students organize bar crawls around majors, RSOs and courses. Or they wear T-shirts with an official group name, major or even course number on it.

It is flat out absurd that anyone would believe that Eastern, an academic department or an RSO would sponsor a bar crawl. But if this is a legitimate worry of the university, there needs to be an official policy in place stating that department names, RSO names and course numbers are not to be used on bar crawl T-shirts or promotions.

*The DEN* recognizes the concerns of the university. It is a public relations nightmare to have a bunch of drunk college students representing the university stumbling down

Sixth Street, destroying property on their way to a bar on the square. With an official alcohol policy in place, the university would be able to tell Charleston citizens that they do not officially endorse bar crawls and are taking an active effort to end any affiliation with bar crawls and Eastern.

Liability is also an issue.

Eastern does not want to be sued because of drunk students staggering out of the bars and injuring themselves or others. If an official policy was in place stating that no Eastern agent was to be involved in any alcohol-related event, and if they were, the university was not liable, Eastern could not be held accountable.

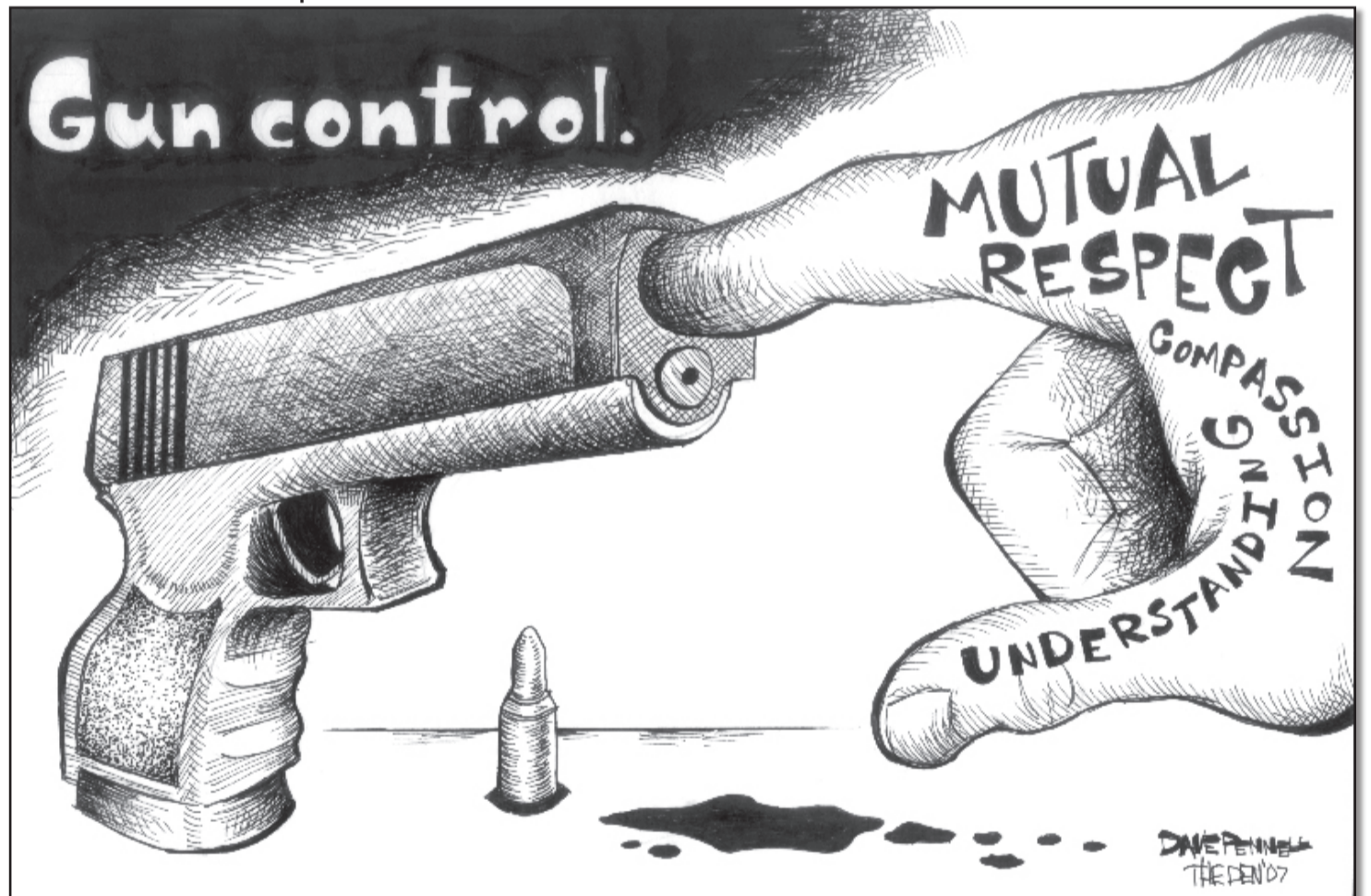
Without an official policy, the suggestions the letter gave, such as not discouraging classes, academic groups and RSOs from holding bar crawls and forbidding department names and affiliations on T-shirts, have little weight.

The letter states academic departments were notified that students were advertising and planning bar crawls on Facebook that had some connection to an academic department.

Instead of fishing Facebook for possible bar crawls, the university administrators should use their time to develop an alcohol and bar crawl policy for RSOs and academic departments before the Fall 2007 semester.

The editorial is the majority opinion of The Daily Eastern News editorial board. Reach the Opinions editor at [DENopinions@gmail.com](mailto:DENopinions@gmail.com).

## DRAWN FROM THE NEWS | DAVID PENNELL



## YOUR TURN | LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I wish to announce I no longer have the desire to read your newspaper.

You wrote that Air band is bad karaoke with dancing. I hope you know how hard the people who participate in this event work, and just to entertain and represent their respected Greek organizations with the best of their ability. The participants put in months and months of work for that one night.

The same goes for tugs. They start training in January in the worst conditions possible, and I think that's amazing. The men and women who compete in this event should be praised for their work ethic and dedication.

The fact that an apathetic campus like Eastern can rally around one week is something that should be praised, not frowned upon. The fact that these events have higher attendance than our sporting events isn't a bad thing. It truly shows the

strength of Eastern's Greek community.

Roughly 20 percent of Eastern is Greek, and that's not including the service fraternities. What does it say about the type of journalists you are when you write an article that turns 1/4 of the people who read your newspaper angry to the point where they don't want to read it anymore?

Your newspaper is a complete joke and an embarrassment.

**Sam Harris** | Freshman finance major

I considered not even bothering to write a letter, because I have a feeling as soon as you read what it's regarding, it will probably be deleted. I could be wrong, but I believe as journalists it is your job to report the truth, and not to generalize.

In the article regarding tugs, the idea of Greeks being drunks is brought up more than once. The majority of Greeks that I know don't drink any more than the average

college student. However, they do all have risk management chairs who organize educationals and keep their chapters informed about how to be safe drinkers.

Because I respect the freedom of speech and of the press, I understand that you are allowed to express your opinion, but why do so just to start a fight? It's always easier to point out the bad things than search for the truth.

The Greek community creates leaders, and strong young men and women, as I'm sure your journalism department does, as well. But until the recent articles, you didn't see Greeks harassing the newspaper. Instead, we buy countless ads and sponsor all kinds of activities to fill the pages of your publication. Congratulations on starting a heated debate, but I think you'll find it's going to cause you more harm than good.

**Erin Pittman** | Senior journalism major



# Caught between *DEN*, Greeks

**OP-ED**  
WEDNESDAY  
4.25.07

My parents always remind me of three very important lessons in life:

Don't judge a book by its cover; if you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything; and treat others the way you want to be treated.

As part of both the Greek community and *The Daily Eastern News* staff, I am stuck in the middle of this very heated debate concerning the significance of Greek Week.

I've been a photographer on the staff from the day I started at Eastern, but I've also been an

active member in my sorority and on the Greek Week Steering Committee.

In all honesty, I think both sides have good arguments, so, I'm calling on Mom and Dad's advice to help ease the tension.

First, don't judge a book by its cover. Plain and simple.

People wear logos all the time for groups they belong to. I happen to wear Greek letters. But I also happen to wear T-shirts from the journalism department, from sports teams in

high school and jobs that I have worked at over the summers.

What I wear on the outside should not make you hate me any more or less.

The second life lesson is if you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all. This goes for both sides.

Don't tell me that the countless hours of practice and dedication I put into Airband is the same thing as karaoke at the bars.

People should support others' dedication to staying active, especially people who enjoy sports so much.

Cheerleaders and dance team members in high schools and colleges do the exact same thing. The associate sports editor wrote a column not long ago supporting the cheerleaders at an OVC college.

And, as for tugs, they're not calling themselves athletes.

Yes, most likely at some point in their lives, these men and women were. But a couple months out of the year, they train like athletes and compete in short competitions such as wrestlers do. How can you mock someone for wanting to win?

At the same time, you can't call the writers at *The DEN* stupid and ignorant because you don't agree with them.

Everyone is entitled to an opinion.

Instead of name calling, people can appropriately inform the writers on both sides of the story and hope that even if they don't agree with you, they can respect your views.

Both of these fall under Lesson No. 3: treat others the way you want to be treated.

Greeks are a huge part of this college campus whether you like it or not.

And the paper has the right to write and publish the things they do, whether you like it or not.

The truth of the matter is, we have an award-winning newspaper and an award-winning Greek Life.

Neither side is ever going to be 100 percent happy with the other.

But if we continue on this downward spiral with each other, the paper will never report on Greek events again. Greeks may never talk to reporters again.

It's not a perfect world, but I'm trying to make it work.

Now, will you? **Carrie Hollis**



Carrie Hollis is a senior journalism major. She can be reached at [cahollis@eiu.edu](mailto:cahollis@eiu.edu)

## YOUR TURN LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

As a former photo editor for *The Daily Eastern News* and a fellow Greek member I'm sorely disappointed in the editorial board. As a journalist, I fully recognize the editorial board's right to convey its opinion. I wish the board had taken a bit more time and effort in formulating its opinion, though.

Your words were malicious and not addressed in a professional manner, which you should be doing if you ever hope to succeed in this field.

Good opinions are based around facts that lead to a responsible opinion. The argument that "It's goofy, it's pointless, it's no different than karaoke night at the Towner, and it's taken way to seriously by those that participate in it," is not based on any facts.

As for the unification issue that so many people have attempted to touch on, I find their argument lacking depth. Yes, others are excluded from some events, but the whole point of Greek Life is to be a celebration of Greek Life and to show the rest of the community that we do things other than the stereotypical activities.

I, for one, have absolutely no interest in Lacrosse, but I would never go to the extreme of telling them what they do is pointless or tell them how they should spend their time more productively.

I hope Greeks and non-Greeks will realize the argument of pro-Greek and anti-Greek is about as pointless as black vs. white. We are one people. If we can't learn to cohabitate an area and put up with each other's traditions and differences, then we have not evolved as a society. When students graduate and become parts of their respective communities, they stop seeing Greek and non-Greek. You fail to care if the guy at the desk next to you wore letters on their chest or not.

**Daniel Williams** | Eastern alum

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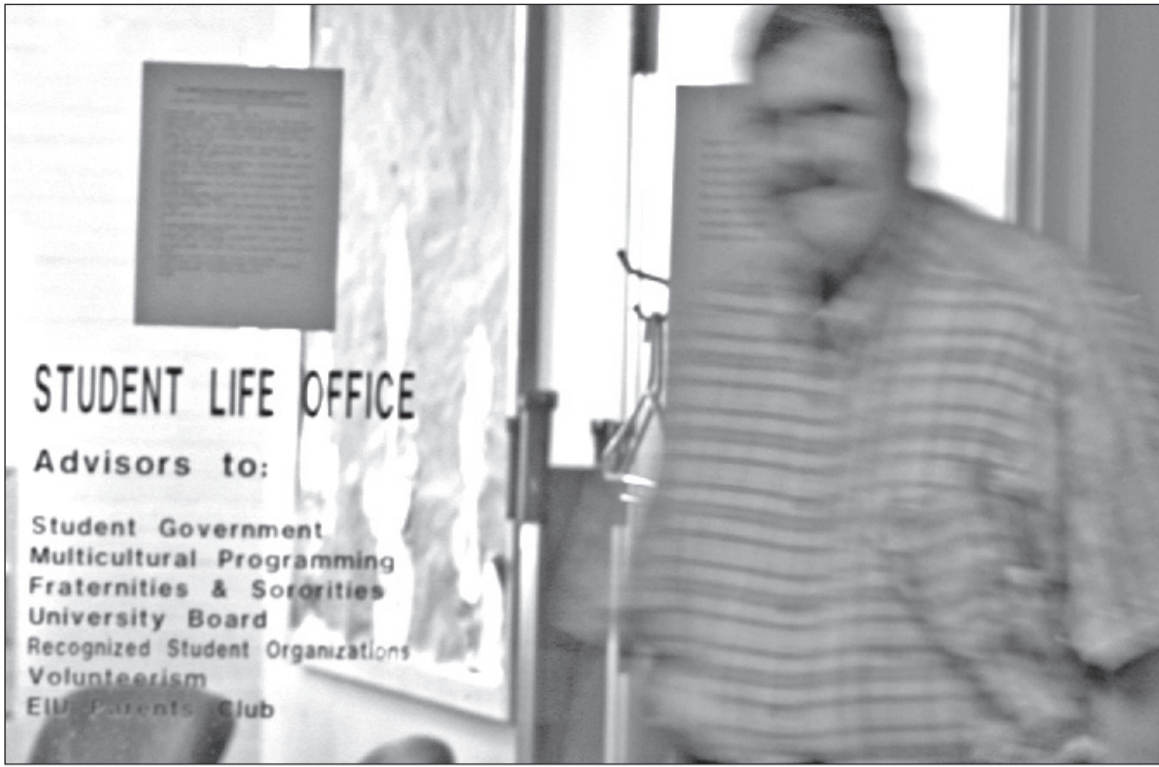
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JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Gary Hanebrink, a campus safety officer, walks past the Student Life Office door on the third floor of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Tuesday. There are no updates on the computer theft at the Student Life Office. A computer that had personal information, such as Social Security numbers of members of Greek Life, was stolen from Student Life on Jan. 24. "There have been no crimes associated with the theft," said university police Chief Adam Due. Greek Life Director Bob Dudolski refused to comment on any updates regarding the computer theft issue.

## Vigil

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"I hope people will take a minute and value their own lives and how they treat people," she said. "It did happen and we need to learn and grow from it."

Remembrance, reflection and support were three topics Anderson emphasized.

"We should always keep Virginia Tech in our hearts, minds and prayers," he said.

To prevent a situation like the VT shooting from occurring at Eastern, Anderson said the school should be more proactive in addressing dangerous situations and expanding systems of communication like intercoms, text messaging and e-mail.

"Anybody can react and make policies after something bad happens," he said. "But the real problem is not what measures we take, but when we take the measures."

Hencken said he felt a bond with those who went through the

tragedy in Blacksburg, Va.

"We come together to say we are all a community, college, university united together," Hencken said. "Your pain is our pain. We are all right there with you."

Nadler told the audience what distinguishes Eastern from other universities.

"Eastern Illinois University is one of the safest in the country,"

he said. "However, that is never good enough. We constantly need new strategies and new enhancements."

Melanson thought the vigil was important because it allowed the community to ponder the losses of the incident.

"People can take time out of their day to reflect and remember those whose lives were lost."

## Bar crawl

FROM PAGE 1

out of control.

"We had a problem with these students doing things like taking food off of other peoples' plates," Haynes said. "We don't let (students on bar crawls) downstairs anymore."

Roc's is a two-level establishment; upstairs, known as Top of the Roc is strictly a bar, whereas Roc's Blackfront, downstairs, has a more casual, restaurant atmosphere that Haynes would like to preserve.

Haynes said, however, that since he's delegated bar crawls to the upstairs portion of his bar, he's had no trouble and he doesn't have a problem with bar crawls in general.

Winnie said fraternities and RSOs often abbreviate the letters of their organizations to lessen their perceived attachment to Eastern and to avoid any punitive action from the school's administration while maintaining some level of cohesion between the members of the group.

"We might be putting something like 'farewell seniors' instead," Winnie said.

James Tidwell, chair of the journalism department and legal adviser to EIU student publications, mentioned only one possible legal liability concerning student involvement with bar crawls.

"The university can't be everyone's mother or father because students are adults," he said. "Unless there was some real evidence that some university person, in their official capacity, aided and abetted somebody in their drunken spree and cause of injury, only then could the university have any possible liability."

Heather Webb, director of Judicial Affairs, was concerned with complaints from local residents.

"We've had complaints from Charleston citizens," she said. "Students go downtown towards the bars and are passing by houses vomiting, urinating or damaging property."

Webb also said she understands that many bar crawls are held in celebration of some type of event, but hopes students could find other ways to celebrate.

"They could choose other healthier activities, especially in terms of their impact on the community," she said.

While Davidson is in favor of department chairs taking such actions as not allowing students to refer to classes or departments on their T-shirts, Winnie suggested that students will find other ways to continue to go on bar crawls.

"No matter what happens, the people involved with RSOs or other organizations will find a way to do what they want," she said. "And it's not like bar crawls are enforced; they are optional, just like students don't have to drink when they go to the bar. Sometimes it's just to have fun."

Thad Harned, an employee of Lefty's Holler, said that he has not had any trouble with students on bar crawls.

"They don't damage anything and they don't get out of hand," he said. "They stay for about a half hour or 45 minutes. As long as they have fun, that's what I care about."

Davidson said his main concern, as a Health Service employee, is the health and well being of students, and that responsible drinking is oftentimes not on the minds of those attending bar crawls.

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# Ebert to return to Champaign

**Film critics first public appearance since June will be at his festival**

The Associated Press

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — He'll be sitting in a recliner, and won't say a word. But iconic film critic Roger Ebert will be back in public Wednesday night at his ninth annual Overlooked Film Festival.

Ebert hasn't appeared in public since last June, when he had the first of two operations to remove a cancerous growth from his salivary gland and right jaw. Doctors removed a portion of the jaw, and Ebert needed a tracheostomy, an

opening in his wind pipe to breathe, leaving him unable to speak.

In a column in Tuesday's Chicago Sun-Times and an e-mail sent to reporters, Ebert said he'll attend the festival even though friends have advised against it.

"I was told photos of me in this condition would attract the gossip papers," he wrote. "So what?"

"To paraphrase a line from 'Raging Bull,' I ain't a pretty boy no more," Ebert wrote.

He'll watch the festival's movies, including opening night's "Gattaca" from a recliner, he wrote, because of back pain.

That means he won't take his customary place on stage introducing films and leading

post-showing discussions, festival director Nate Kohn said.

"Roger on stage is the heart and soul of the festival," said Kohn, a University of Georgia professor.

That said, Ebert is "participating in every way except going on stage," according to Kohn. "He's doing everything he normally does in terms of selecting the films."

Along with "Gattaca," this year's festival also is scheduled to include showings of "La Dolce Vita," "Come Early Morning," and "Beyond the Valley of the Dolls," the 1970 film co-written by Ebert.

Discussions this year will be conducted by panels of Ebert's colleagues, Kohn said. Many of the movies will be introduced by

actors who were in them or by their directors. Alan Rickman, for instance, is expected to introduce "Perfume: The Story of a Murderer" on Thursday night.

The festival, intended to showcase a broad range of films that Ebert believes are in some way overlooked, is in its ninth year. The film festival is always held in Champaign and Urbana, Ill. The latter is Ebert's hometown and the University of Illinois, his alma mater, straddles the boundary between the cities.

Ebert has written that he hopes an upcoming operation will restore his speech.

Ebert has been a Sun-Times' film critic since 1967.

**STATE**  
WEDNESDAY  
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## statebriefs

The Associated Press

### Fire breaks out where 'Batman' sequel was being filmed

» CHICAGO — Fire broke out Tuesday in a ventilation system in the city's vacant former post office where a movie crew had been filming scenes for an upcoming "Batman" sequel, sending black smoke billowing.

District Fire Chief Jose Santiago said insulation inside the "very old ventilation system" caught fire shortly before 11:30 a.m., and had nothing to do with the filming. There were no injuries, he said.

### Residents of small towns return after ammonia leak

» SEWARD, Ill. — Several hundred residents returned to their homes Tuesday after a toxic chemical leak at an agriculture plant sickened at least 10 people and prompted evacuations in three small northern Illinois towns, authorities said.

Officials say no one was seriously injured and no major disruptions or problems were reported.

# NBC's decision to air Cho video 'good journalism'

**Releasing additional material to the public considered necessary**

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — The president of NBC News said the decision to air images, writings and video of Virginia Tech shooter Seung-Hui Cho was "good journalism" and the network showed restraint

by limiting what would be made public.

NBC News President Steve Capus, who appeared with NBC Nightly News anchor Brian Williams on Tuesday's broadcast of "The Oprah Winfrey Show," acknowledged images that "wallpapered" the media were uncomfortable to view.

"Sometimes good journalism is bad public (relations)," Capus said. "These are very difficult decisions."

"Remember, this was days after

the incident," he said. "The largest question out there was 'Why?'"

Capus said the package from Cho arrived at the New York headquarters at 11 a.m. two days after the shooting. NBC officials sifted through the material and waited until 6 p.m. to air parts of it.

"We hit the brake pedal," Capus said.

He said NBC decided to show two minutes of 25 minutes of video, seven of 43 photographs and

37 sentences of 23 pages of written material.

Williams, who said the repeatedly shown images became too much for his family to watch, said the story was too important not to air.

"However uncomfortable it is, it proves this was journalism," Williams said. "This was news and a material advance in the story."

The parents of students Mary Karen Read and Leslie Sherman, who were killed in the shootings, also appeared on the show.

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BASEBALL | ILLINOIS 8, EASTERN 0

# Quiet bats yield loss

By Brandy Provaznik  
Staff Reporter

Eastern struggled with hitting at Illinois on Tuesday.

It resulted in an 8-0 loss. "We just aren't swinging the bat well," said Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz. "We got a couple hits, but nothing was that great."

The Panthers (17-18) only had four hits on the day compared to Illinois' 15.

Eastern's hitting came down to singles from sophomore second baseman Jordan Kreke, freshman catcher Kory Peppenhorst, senior right fielder Casey Spears and senior left fielder Mark Chagnon.

"We didn't get anything done offensively," Schmitz said. "We didn't score anything, and if you don't score, you can't win. It's that simple."

Three of the four singles were short lived because Illinois (17-17) turned the very next at bat into a double

play and ended the inning. Eastern's pitching staff struggled, too.

The Panther pitching staff gave up eight runs on 15 hits with both starting pitcher junior Alex Guttosch and sophomore Ross Jeske giving up four runs each.

"They pitched extremely well and played good defense," Schmitz said. "With us not hitting the ball, it just wasn't good."

Guttosch (0-4) pitched 5 and two-thirds innings and allowed 12 hits with six earned runs and only struck out one.

The Panthers kept the game within reach, 3-0, but gave up five runs in the sixth.

"It was kind of in and out for (Illinois)," Schmitz said. "We are in sort of a downtime of the season and we are hoping we can start to climb out of it."

The Panthers return to action against Illinois State at 3 p.m. today at Coaches Stadium.

### Tuesday's Game

#### Illinois 8, Eastern 0

Inning	by	Inning	R	H	E
1	EU	0	0	0	0
2	EU	0	0	0	0
3	EU	0	0	0	0
4	EU	0	0	0	0
5	EU	0	0	0	0
6	EU	0	0	0	0
7	EU	0	0	0	0
8	EU	0	0	0	0
9	EU	0	0	0	0
Total	Illinois	1	1	0	5
Total	Eastern	0	0	0	0

WP: Reeser (3-2) LP: Guttosch, Alex (0-4)  
E: Rohde -Illinois. DP: EU 1; Illinois 3.  
LOB: EU 1; Illinois 7.  
2B: Rohde -Illinois.  
HBP: Altobelli, Stockwell -Illinois. CS: Altobelli -Illinois.  
Key Inning: Bottom of the sixth  
Illinois put the game out of reach when they scored five runs on six hits.

## Water

FROM PAGE 12

She swam the 200-yard freestyle at the Saint Louis meet in a time of 1:56.82, which was her season best at the time.

Then at the MCC Championships, Davidson cut her time by more than three seconds, breaking a school record and placing first with a time of 1:53.58.

Davidson also had at least one first place finish in 12 of the 14 swim meets this season, and placed first twice in a handful of the meets.

"There is no question in

### MARLISE DAVIDSON

- » **Hometown:** Clearwater, Fla.
- » **Class:** Senior
- » **Major:** Biology and Chemistry with pre-medicine concentration
- » **Sports:** Rugby, Swimming, Track

Along with returning for one more year of rugby, Davidson said she has a few more credits to get in as well.

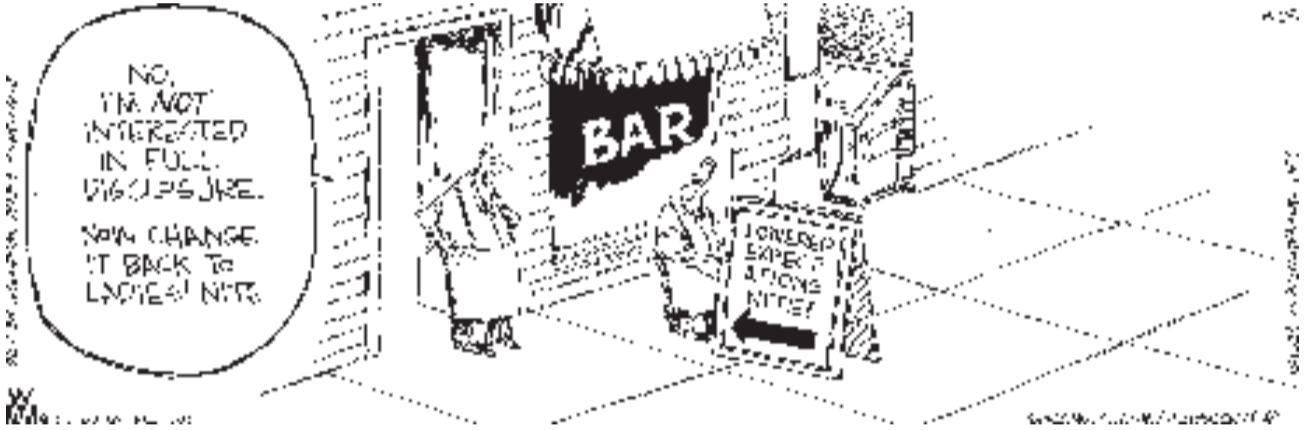
"It is tempting just to take bowling, basket weaving and whatever else, but I will probably find some classes in the biology department or some electives I always wanted to take but never had the time to," Davidson said.

Depending on how this track season goes, she may compete again in the spring of next year, Davidson said.

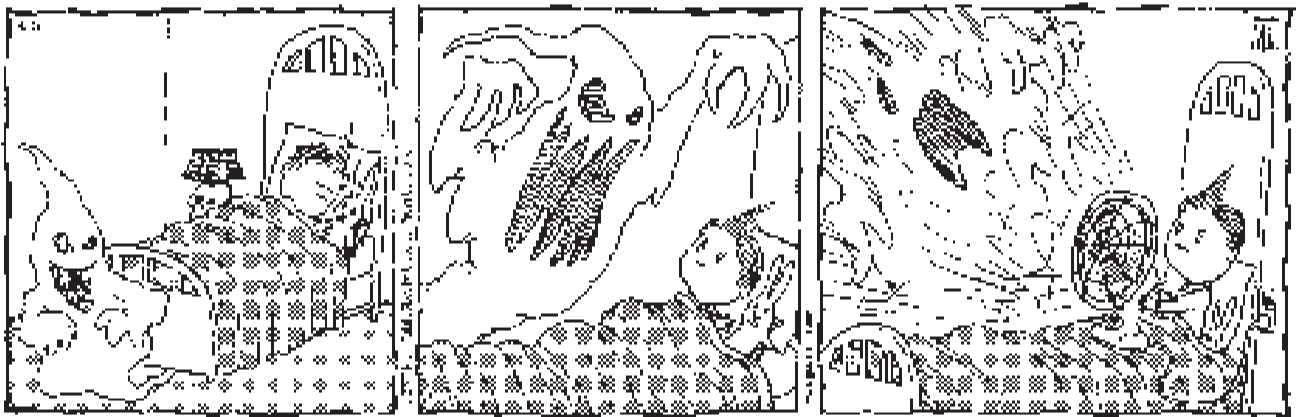
"I am going to need something to do," Davidson said. "I need to stay busy. That's just how I am."

my mind that taking off rugby this year really helped her in the pool," said Eastern head swim coach Ray Padovan. "She has always been a true athlete and when she got the opportunity to practice straight through the summer and into the swim season it showed in her performance."

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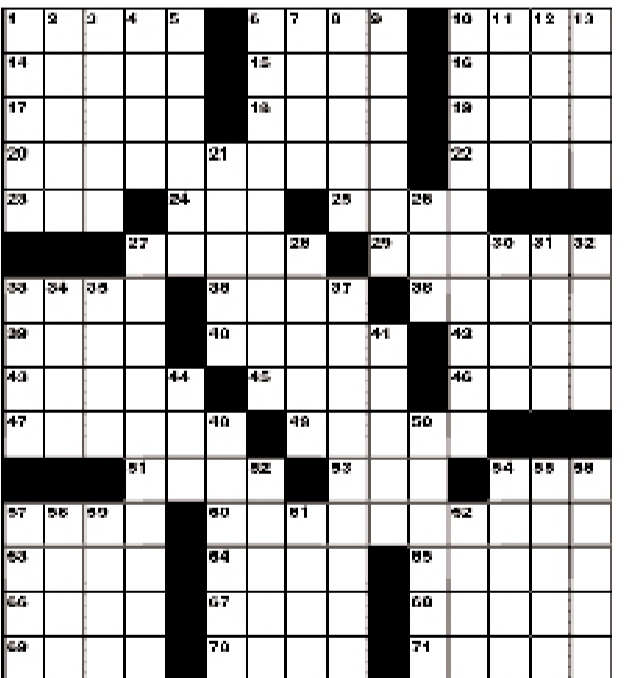
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- 1 Enlighten
  - 8 A couple CBS spinoffs
  - 10 1972 Broadway musical
  - 14 Metal giant
  - 15 Evict
  - 18 Area
  - 17 Surface again, as a road
  - 18 Pirate or Padre, briefly
  - 19 Camera feature
  - 20 Barracks artwork, perhaps
  - 22 River to the Ligurian Sea
  - 23 Keg necessity
  - 24 "... he drove out of sight"
  - 25 ... St. Louis, Ill.
  - 27 Preen
  - 28 Greek peak
  - 33 Vice president after Hubert
  - 36 Patient wife of Sir Geraint
  - 38 Action to an ante
  - 39 Gain \_\_\_\_
  - 40 French artist Odilon \_\_\_\_
  - 42 Grape for winemaking
  - 43 Single-dish meal
  - 45 Broad valley
  - 46 See 21-Down
  - 47 Artery inserts
  - 48 Offspring
  - 51 Mexican mouse catcher
  - 53 Medical procedure, in brief
  - 54 "Wheel of Fortune" option
  - 57 Animal with striped legs
  - 60 Editorial
  - 63 It gets bigger at night
  - 64 "Hold your horses!"
  - 65 Idiots
  - 66 Europe/Asia border river
  - 67 Suffix with laundry
  - 68 Leaning
  - 69 Brownback and Obama, e.g.: Abbr.
  - 70 Pick with the 1978 #1 hit "Disco Duck"
  - 71 Yegg's targets
- Down**
- 1 Mastodon trap
  - 2 "Mefistofele" soprano
  - 3 Misbehave
  - 4 Pen
  - 5 More pleased
  - 6 Treated with disdain
  - 7 Enterprise crewman
  - 8 Phone feeder
  - 9 Many a webcast
  - 10 Mushroom, for one
  - 11 Unfortunate
  - 12 Nevada's state tree
  - 13 Disney fish
  - 21 Colonial figure with 48-Across
  - 26 Poker champion Ungar
  - 27 Self-medicating excessively
  - 28 March 14, to mathematicians
  - 30 Book part
  - 31 Powder, e.g.
  - 32 007 and others: Abbr.
  - 33 Drains
  - 34 Stove feature
  - 35 Feet per second, e.g.
  - 37 Italian range
  - 41 Prefix with surgery
  - 44 Captain's announcement, for short
  - 48 Tucked away
  - 50 Stealthy fighters
  - 52 Sedative
  - 54 Letter feature
  - 55 Jam
  - 56 Settles in
  - 57 Symphony or sonata
  - 58 Japanese city bombed in W.W. II
  - 59 Beelike
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  - 62 Religious artwork



Puzzle by Peter A. Collins

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Level 1 2 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.nytimes.com.

Solution to Tuesday's puzzle

6	3	8	7	2	1	9	5	4
5	9	7	6	8	4	1	3	2
4	2	1	5	9	3	6	7	6
1	4	5	2	3	8	7	6	9
3	8	9	4	6	7	5	2	1
2	7	6	1	5	9	3	4	8
8	1	2	3	7	6	4	9	5
9	6	3	8	4	5	2	1	7
7	5	4	9	1	2	8	3	6

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A	R	F	S	A	C	H	E	O	R	G	A	N
C	O	R	K	T	R	E	X	K	E	R	R	Y
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L	E	H	R	A	N	D	O	M	I	P	S	E
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SOFTBALL | GAME ONE: EIU 9, ILLINOIS 4; GAME TWO: ILLINOIS 5, EIU 3

# Short's double leads to historic victory

**Panthers split but beat Fighting Illini for first time in program history**

By Matt Daniels  
Sports Editor

Sandyn Short thought she had missed her opportunity.

The senior catcher had tried to call time in her at-bat in the sixth inning, with the bases loaded, two outs and Eastern leading Illinois 6-4 in the first game of Tuesday's softball doubleheader.

But she wasn't granted it and Illinois pitcher Claire DeVreese threw a strike past her.

Short made sure DeVreese didn't throw another strike past her.

Eastern's all-time RBIs leader lined a 2-2 pitch from DeVreese into the left centerfield gap, driving in three runs and increasing the Panthers' lead to 9-4.

Short's double, her 13th of the year, rolled all the way to the wall, easily allowing Megan Nelson, Sarah Coppert and Lauren Brackett to score.

"I got back in the box and I was like 'Well, I hope she brings it again because the pitch I tried to call time out on happened to be right down the middle,'" Short said. "Sure enough, it came right back in the

same spot."

Short enjoyed a career game against Illinois in the first game, going 3-for-4 and tied her career-high in RBIs with five.

Short's double was enough run support for junior pitcher Karyn Mackie to hold onto into the seventh inning for a 9-4 Eastern win against the Fighting Illini.

Illinois head coach Terri Sullivan said DeVreese's pitch wasn't the best, but gave Short credit for her clutch hit.

"Whether it's a good pitch or not, or a mistake pitch or not, a hitter's got to do something with it," Sullivan said.

Mackie pitched a complete game, gave up one earned run on five hits. Her mixture of curve balls, changeups and drop balls kept one of the nation's most explosive offenses off balance.

Illinois came into the game leading the nation in home runs (78), but Mackie only gave up one in the first game.

"Too many times you lose a game and you say what you didn't do," Sullivan said. "But you just have to give them credit. We didn't generate too much momentum."

The win was the Panthers' first win against Illinois in nine previous meetings.

However, Eastern couldn't muster another win in the second



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Senior right fielder Katy Steele dives for home plate after a wild pitch in game two against U of I on Tuesday.

game, losing 5-3 in extra innings. The Panthers (20-26) rallied to tie the game at 3 in the seventh inning, but Illinois' Brittany Koester's two-run home run in the ninth inning gave the Illini the split on the day.

Regardless of the split, Eastern softball head coach Kim Schuette was pleased with the day.

"This was a great day for Eastern softball," Schuette said. "Hopefully we'll take this energy and this momentum into the weekend (against Austin Peay)."

The Panthers' offense came out with energy, putting two runs across in the first inning to gain an early 2-0 lead.

Short singled in the first run with a line shot into centerfield, while Katy Steele drove in the other run with a groundball out.

After Illinois (29-19) tied it at 2 in the third inning, Eastern scored

three times to take a 5-2 lead.

Short singled in the first run in and senior Chelsea Adams doubled in the right centerfield gap to bring in Robyn Mackie.

Illinois' starting pitcher Ashley Wright's wild pitch ricocheted right back to catcher Lana Armstrong, prompting a close play at the plate. But Steele slid to the inside of home plate, avoiding Armstrong's tag and giving Eastern a three-run lead.

Armstrong hit a two-run home run in the sixth inning to cut into Eastern's 5-2 lead, but Short's bases-clearing double made the difference in the game.

"I knew it was in a good spot, but I've been fooled before with shifts and everything," Short said. "I just started running and I looked up and saw nobody was going to get to it. I'm so slow, so my next thought was 'Get to second, get to second.'"

## Eastern 9, Illinois 4

Inning by Inning	R	H	E
Illinois	0	0	2
EIU	2	0	3

WP: Mackie, Karyn (10-7) LP: Wright (10-9)  
E: Menziona, Denee (2), Adams, Chelsy -EIU; Mexicano -Illinois. LOB: Illinois 5; EIU 5. HBP: Brackett, Lauren; Steele, Katy -EIU. SH: Brackett -EIU. SB: Nelson, Megan -EIU; Mexicano -Illinois. 2B: Short, Sandyn, Adams -EIU. HR: Armstrong -Illinois.

Key Inning: Bottom of the sixth  
Eastern added four insurance runs with four runs on three hits and took advantage of an Illinois error.

## Illinois 5, Eastern 3 (9 innings)

Inning by Inning	R	H	E
Illinois	0	0	1
EIU	0	0	0

WP: Brown (16-7) LP: Jacoby, Kathleen (8-12)  
E: Mexicano, Lawhead -Illinois; Robison, Ashley -EIU. LOB: EIU 5; Illinois 5. 2B: Martin -Illinois; Mackie, Robyn -EIU. SH: Lawhead -Illinois. SB: Mexicano, Lawhead -Illinois; Short -EIU. HR: Anderson, Koester -Illinois. HBP: Lawhead -Illinois; Nolte, Allyson -EIU.

Key Inning: Top of the ninth  
Illinois had one person on base in extra innings when Brittany Koester hit a home run to left centerfield.

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**MEN'S GOLF | OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP**

# Gamecocks sweep OVC

## JSU takes men's and women's golf championships, Eastern men finish sixth overall

**By Scott Richey**  
Online News Editor

Jacksonville State men's golf team followed up the success of the Gamecocks' women's team by winning the 2007 Ohio Valley Championship at the Country Club of Paducah in Paducah, Ky.

For the third consecutive round, the Gamecocks shot under 300 as a team and were led by sophomore Daniel Willett's 5-under 67, the low round of the tournament.

Willett, in second place after the second round, finished the tournament with seven birdies and two bogeys in the final round to catapult him to first place and a six-stroke victory.

Joining Willett in the top-10 for Jacksonville State were junior Julian Colmenares and senior Bryan Rozier, both tied for second.

"When you have three players, one, two and two, it says a lot about your team and a lot about how your team plays," said Jacksonville State head coach James Hobbs.

He said Willett's third round was quite a round for a final round of the OVC Championship.

Hobbs said it was an honor for the



**Matt Imburgia**  
Matt finished 16th overall with a 16 over 232. His four round total was second best amongst all Eastern golfers.

university to win both men's and women's golf championships.

Eastern was led by senior Anthony Imburgia whose third round score of 73 placed him at sixth overall in the tournament.

His brother, Matt Imburgia, finished 16th overall with a score of 232.

The Panthers shot their second consecutive 307 as a team, but Samford was able to improve their third-round score by 14 strokes and surpassed Eastern for the fifth spot.

"We shot the same score today as we did yesterday," said Eastern head coach Mike Moncel. "But obviously that wasn't enough."

Moncel said with better weather in the third round, his team should have shot at least seven shots better after playing about average the first two days.

Rounding out Eastern's scores in the final round were junior Mike Imburgia (76), junior Matt Imburgia (78), senior Ty Comerford (80) and junior Jaron Rose (81).

The third golfer tied for second was 36-hole leader Scott Stallings, a senior from Tennessee Tech.

Stallings was on pace to win the tournament



**Anthony Imburgia**  
Anthony finished in sixth place with an Eastern best final score of 224. His four round total was eight over par.

after he shot 3-under through the first nine holes, placing him at 7-under for the tournament. However, a 47 on the back nine dropped his total score eight strokes to 4-over.

Stallings' final round of 80 included three double bogeys and a 5-over on the 11th hole.

He said he hung in after the bogeys on the 10th and 11th holes, but then hit two consecutive tee shots out of bounds on the 17th.

Both teeshots, Stallings said, rolled out of bounds by a combined two feet after landing in the fairway, hitting the cart path and landing out of bounds.

Stallings said the final round was a disappointment, but he is still holding his head high.

"I've had a phenomenal career," Stallings said, "and I'm not going to let a poor nine holes ruin how I look back on my career."

Tennessee Tech head coach Bobby Nichols said Stallings' final round was painful to witness as a coach, but said the high difficulty level of the golf course required excellent play.

"I think it's a real true test of golf," Nichols said.

**MEN'S OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL TEAM SCORES**

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T-2.	Bryan Rozier(JSU)	220(+4)
T-2.	Scott Stallings(TTU)	220(+4)
5.	Shaun McConnell(EKU)	221(+5)
<b>6.</b>	<b>Anthony Imburgia</b>	<b>224(+8)</b>
7.	Reed Davis(SAM)	225(+9)
T-8.	Adam Gruber(TSU)	226(+10)
T-8.	Yoshio Yamamoto(AP)	226(+10)
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AROUND THE TRACK

# Sports seasons winding down

The last two weeks of school are the most stressful and anxious days for athletes.

Like every other student, we have to worry about studying and taking finals.

However, we have other things on our minds as well.

We have to worry about finishing our seasons.

Everybody wants to end on a high note and do well in the Ohio Valley Conference, so there is a lot of pressure to finish things.

For track, we have only one more meet until our OVC Championship, which will be held at Eastern.

Baseball and softball still have a few more games left, which is good for them to get a few more wins under their belts.

To me, seniors have it the worst.

This will be the last time that they will play in a collegiate sporting event.

That is probably a scary thought for most senior athletes.

Now they have even more pressure that they put on themselves with the pressure to finish their collegiate career with a memorable win.

It's just stressful for everyone; however, it's not all about stressful times.

On top of the stress, athletes are feeling anxious.

Anxious that school is almost done, and that they will have time to themselves.

I know a lot of the people are anxious to get to the OVC Championships, so we can work

our way to another OVC win.

Head coach Tom Akers always says the week before the OVC the team is going to have a lot of nervous and anxious energy, but it's okay to have that because it will help us in the long run.

The last two weeks of school are a whirlwind of emotions: anxious, nervous, excited, stressful.

The only thing we can do is work through them together as a team because everyone is in the same boat.

This is a good time to go out there and support the athletes outside of your sport.

The more people and athletes that there are supporting you, the better you want to play.

You want to show them that your sport isn't just about throwing and hitting a ball around, or running around a track.

You want to show them that you work just as hard to get where you are at today.

So if you are a track athlete and have never been able to see a baseball game this year, try to take time out and support your fellow athletes, and the same goes for everyone else.



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# SPORTS

WEDNESDAY  
4.25.07

## sportschedule

- BASEBALL**  
**TODAY vs. Illinois State** |  
3 p.m. Coaches Stadium
- FOOTBALL**  
**TODAY Final Spring Scrimmage** |  
4 p.m. O'Brien Stadium
- TRACK AND FIELD**  
**FRIDAY at Drake Relays** |  
Des Moines, Iowa
- TRACK AND FIELD**  
**FRIDAY at Butler/IUPUI Invite** |  
Indianapolis, Ind.
- TRACK AND FIELD**  
**SATURDAY at Drake Relays** |  
Des Moines, Iowa
- BASEBALL**  
**SATURDAY at Southeast Missouri** |  
Doubleheader 1 p.m. Cape Girardeau, Mo.
- SOFTBALL**  
**SATURDAY at Austin Peay** |  
Doubleheader 1 p.m. Clarksville, Tenn.
- SOFTBALL**  
**SUNDAY at Austin Peay** |  
Noon Clarksville, Tenn.
- BASEBALL**  
**SUNDAY at Southeast Missouri** |  
1 p.m. Cape Girardeau, Mo.

## triplethreat



Yesterday, Eastern softball and baseball teams both played the University of Illinois.

Eastern baseball head coach Jim Schmitz (above) led the Panthers to Champaign but lost 8-0 to the Fighting Illini but the softball team won their first game ever against Illinois.

The U of I came under scrutiny from local Native American tribes and the NCAA this year and it had to say goodbye to its mascot, Chief Illiniwek.

The NCAA banned the use of Indian imagery during the postseason and schools that maintain the logo cannot host playoffs.

Here are the top three schools that have felt the glare from the NCAA:

**1. Florida State-** Osceola is the Chief Illiniwek of FSU. Except he is the leader of the Seminoles and rides down an Appaloosa horse, Renegade. The original portrayer of Osceola sought permission from the Seminole Indian tribe.

**2. Carthage College Red Men-** The Division III school in Kenosha, Wis., had to change its school nickname and logo. The Redmen changed their nickname to the Red Men. Not much of a change. The NCAA made the school change it after it was deemed hostile and offensive. The current symbol is a red 'C' that was changed during the nickname switch. The school no longer uses the feather, which was attached to the 'C'.

**3. North Dakota-** The Fighting Sioux have come under pressure from the NCAA as well. They were able to prove that they were safe because the tribe supported the institutions' continued use of the name.

-Kevin Murphy

## THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR | MARLISE DAVIDSON



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# Never a fish out of water

### From the pool to the track, Marlise Davidson was Eastern's best in 2007

By Brandy Provaznik  
Staff Reporter

Marlise Davidson has to keep herself busy at all times.

Davidson swam for four years, played rugby for three, and is pursuing a double major in biology and chemistry with a pre-med concentration.

Many people put in similar situations would be more than ready for a break.

"Not me," Davidson said. "When I am playing sports I know I have one thing, then the next thing, then the next thing and it keeps me structured. I get things done because I don't have a lot of free time."

Because of that it was no surprise to the people around her when she decided to run outdoor track this year.

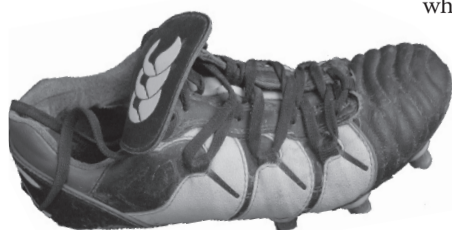
"She put all that work into swimming and when that was over she needed a goal to help keep her on task," said Ingrid, Davidson's mother. "She has always been like that since she was little. She needs something to work towards."

Davidson said ever since she was being recruited there was talk of her possibly running track too, but she just had the time this year and decided to go for it.

"She came home for Thanksgiving and she ran a 5K road race in under twenty minutes," said Alec, Davidson's dad. "I think that kind of woke her up to the idea of running again."

Davidson won the 800-meter run in 2 minutes, 19.48 seconds and was a member of the winning 4x800 relay team at the Big Blue Classic at O'Brien Stadium this season.

Her time in the 800-meter run put her in fifth place on the OVC best list.



### PAST FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR WINNERS

- » **2006:** Megan Sparks (Basketball)
- » **2005:** Erica Gerth (Volleyball)
- » **2004:** Beth Liesen (Soccer)
- » **2003:** Katie Taake (Rugby)
- » **2002:** Beth Liesen (Soccer)
- » **2001:** Jeanine Fredrick (Soccer)

### DAVIDSON'S TRACK HIGHLIGHTS

- » **Events:** 800 meter, 1500 meter
- » **First-Place Finishes:**
- 4/5 Big Blue Classic  
- 800 meter (2:19.48)
- 4/15 Lee Calhoun Invitational  
- 1550 meter (4:48.90)

Davidson said she surprised herself, especially running in the cold wintry conditions that weekend.

"Being from Florida, I thought the temperature was a little ridiculous," Davidson said. "I wanted to leave my sweats on. I was just expecting to not embarrass myself and I ended up winning."

Although Davidson's performance in track so far is promising, it doesn't compare to the swimming season she had.

Davidson said this summer she found a coach back in her hometown of Clearwater, Fla., who would push her and decided this year she was going to put all her focus into swimming.

That coach was Scott Hernon, who said Davidson came up to him and said she was going into her

### DAVIDSON'S SWIMMING HIGHLIGHTS

» **Events:** 50-, 100-, 200- Freestyle

» **First-Place Finishes:** 19

- 10/6 Louisville - 50 Free (**24.98**)
- 10/13 Ball State - 50 Free (25.11)
- 10/14 UIC - 100 Free (**54.00**)
- 10/20 IUPUI - 100 Free (54.57)  
- 200 Free (1:56.92)
- 10/28 Evansville - 100 Free (54.54)
- 11/3-4 Panther Invitational  
- 50 Free (25.02)  
- 100 Free (54.42)  
- 200 Free (1:59.24)
- 11/16 St. Louis - 100 Free (54.53)
- 1/12 Millikin - 50 Free (26.04)
- 1/20 Valparaiso - 200 Free (1:57.49)  
- 100 Free (54.01)
- 1/25 IUPUI - 50 Free (25.49)  
- 100 Free (55.14)  
- 200 Free (1:57.79)
- 2/3 St. Louis - 50 Free (54.13)  
- 200 Free (1:56.82)
- 2/15 Mid-Continent Championships  
- 200 Free (**1:53.58**)

» **Honors:**

- 4-time Mid-Con Athlete of the Week
- 12-time medley and free relay winner

senior year and wanted to have someone help train her over the summer.

"I didn't even know she was a swimmer,"

Hernon said. "I knew she was a lifeguard but she said she was on the swim team at Eastern and I was like, 'No, way.' But once she got in the pool I could see it and I knew she was going to be great."

Davidson said the training was rough but it was exactly what she needed.

"The first day we practiced, she got through about half the practice and said, 'Coach, I can't

move," Hernon said. "And I told her, 'the hardest part is going to be coming back tomorrow. The best part about this, Marlise, is that you are in charge but the worst part about this is you're in charge. You decide when to come back and how hard to work.'"

Hernon worked with her all summer, two and a half to three hours a day, five days a week on things such as her technique, her race strategy, and her mentality.

"The mental part is the most important," Hernon said. "She set those goals and then made herself believe she could achieve them."

She decided to redshirt for rugby this year in order to get more time in the pool and use all the extra time to focus on swimming.

"Swimming really complemented rugby but rugby didn't always complement swimming," Davidson said.

"Swimming kept me in such good shape that playing rugby was easy, where as playing rugby didn't really provide me with the same fitness level when it came to getting in the pool."

Davidson said it was hard to go to two hours of swim practice and then go to the rugby field for three hours.

"Also when you play a rugby game you are sore the next day," Davidson said.

"You've got the bumps, you've got the bruises, nothing major but it is really hard to get in the pool and put in a really hard workout the next day."

Davidson said it was hard watching rugby games from the sidelines, but her progress in swimming helped her understand that she might have made the right decision.

Davidson was named the Mid-Continent Conference Athlete of the Week four times last season.



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