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Hudson drafted by Bengals



THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS FILE PHOTO

Otis Hudson (below, No. 63) shown here blocking for Eastern quarterback Jake Christensen during a game against Eastern Kentucky on Oct. 3, 2009, was drafted by the Cincinnati Bengals in the fifth round of the NFL Draft. Hudson was the first Eastern player to be selected in the draft since 1999.

Lineman first
Eastern player
drafted since ‘99

By Collin Whitchurch
Managing Editor

Otis Hudson was selected by the Cincinnati Bengals in the fifth round of the NFL Draft Saturday, becoming the first Eastern player to be drafted since 1999. “It’s very exciting for me,” said Hudson, a 6-foot-5, 331-pound

offensive lineman who anchored the Panthers’ line in 2009. “I guess I’m among the best players in the world now. But I have a lot of work to do.” Hudson broke an 11-year drought for Eastern football players when the Bengals made him the 152nd selection of the seven-round draft. He said he knew the Bengals had expressed interest in him but was nonetheless surprised. “We were thinking I would go maybe in the seventh round or as a free agent,” Hudson said. “(I

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While Otis Hudson was the only Eastern player drafted, two other former players caught on with NFL franchises after the draft’s conclusion. Read about Chris Campbell’s signing with the Green Bay Packers and Austin Signor’s tryout with the Kansas City Chiefs on page 12.

didn’t think the fifth round, but knew it was possible.” Hudson said he was watching the draft at his house in Barrington and decided to go to the mall with some family members to help pass the time. While there, he received a phone call from a Bengals’ executive informing him he’d be the next pick. Then, he talked to his new offensive line coach, Paul Alexander. “He just told me I have to get ready to work,” Hudson said. “I thanked him for the opportunity
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuition rates, student fees will be set today

Figures show a
likely \$3 million
cut for 2011

By Sarah Ruholl
Administration Editor

Tuition and fee rates for the Fall 2010 to Spring 2011 academic year will be set at today’s

Board of Trustees meeting. President Bill Perry said the university now knows enough about next year’s state appropriation to set the rates for this fall’s incoming students. The tuition rates will only affect incoming students, but fee changes will affect all students. “When we do a tuition increase we have to look into a crystal ball for four years, (four and a half

for many of our students,” Perry said. Rate changes are affected by the decline of state appropriated funding. A definitive budget has not been set, but figures that have been proposed by the governor and the legislature show a likely \$3 million cut for fiscal year 2011. “We’re going to be getting a little less than we as an institu-

tion got in 2006,” Perry said. The majority of the university’s operating budget has come from university revenues, not state funding, since 2007. The increase amount will be less than 10 percent, treasurer and director of business services Paul McCann said. “It’s going to be a single-digit increase,” McCann said. “Every
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UNIVERSITY

Porter v.
Brown
opinion
released

Court rules
freshman unfairly
terminated from
Black Student Union

By Erica Whelan
Student Government Editor

Eastern’s student supreme court has released its official opinions regarding the March 24 ruling in favor of freshman Toni Porter, who filed a petition against DeMarlon Brown, president of the Black Student Union.

Porter appealed to the court, which ultimately voted in her favor by a vote of 5-1, on grounds that she was unfairly terminated from her position as the freshman representative to the BSU based on unpopular views she said she expressed during an executive board meeting. Justice Eric Baker removed himself from the hearing to avoid a conflict of interest, as he serves as the director of internal affairs for the BSU.

Brown, on the other hand, who has the power to appoint positions as he deems fit, told justices that the real reason Porter was removed from her position was because she failed to meet the 2.5 GPA requirement he designated for her job.

Porter countered that she was not presented with specific guidelines for her position at the start of her term in August and said the GPA requirement was unfair because the BSU constitution states that all members of the executive board must hold a 2.3 minimum GPA.

Porter, who held a 2.43 GPA at the time she was dismissed from the BSU, said she felt Brown and members of the executive board intended to pressure her out of her position by raising the requirement months after she accepted the job.

A court majority found this act of changing a condition of Porter’s membership after she was appointed to be an ex post facto law, which is prohibited under the U.S. Constitution, and ruled that Porter may resume her position for the remainder of the spring semester.

Justice Donald Stone II wrote in the concurring opinion that Porter’s removal violated the student bill of rights section of the student body constitution and said by allowing Porter to attend and vote at executive board meetings, she was essentially treated as a de facto member and should have been held to the same standards as the others, including the 2.3 GPA requirement.

Chief Justice Jared Hausmann dissented from the majority, and was ultimately joined by justice Molly Button, who originally voted in favor of Porter but wrote that she had time to reconsider her decision.

Both Hausmann and Button asserted in the dissenting opinion “the majority seems to be guided more by the unfortunate circumstances than by the rule of law.”

Hausmann wrote that he disagreed with the majority vote on the grounds that he re-
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WEATHER TODAY



Scattered Rain Showers

HIGH
62°

LOW
48°

A chance of rain showers continues today and tonight. Cloudiness will decrease tomorrow with the return of mostly sunny skies on Wednesday. Daytime highs will slowly rise into the upper 70s by Friday. Expect another chance of rain showers and thunderstorms this coming weekend.

WEATHER TOMORROW

 **Tuesday**
Mostly Cloudy
High: 63°
Low: 43°

 **Wednesday**
Mostly Sunny
High: 67°
Low: 37°

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CAMPUS BRIEFS
Asian Studies

Colloquium Tuesday

Gordon C. Tucker, a biological sciences professor, will lecture on “Flora of China, and international collaborative research effort,” at 3 p.m. Tuesday in the 1895 Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Tucker will be joined by Zhiwei Liu, a biological sciences professor, who will lecture on “Wasps and galls on kiwi fruits in China.”

BBQ in South Quad
Tuesday

Panther Dining will have a barbeque at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the South Quad. Traditional barbeque food will be served. The rain locations are in Taylor and Thomas Dining centers. The barbeque costs one meal swipe, or can be purchased through cash or dining dollars.

Informational meeting
for Harlaxton College
Tuesday

Students interested in studying at Harlaxton College are encouraged to attend an informational meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Room 2442 of Buzzard Hall. Students can take courses in history, education, journalism, literature, political science, biology and other disciplines. Harlaxton College is located near Grantham, England.

—Compiled by Associate News Editor
Sarah Jean Bresnahan

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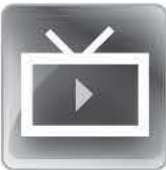
A spotlight shines on the Eastern Symphonic Orchestra while they perform the Richard Strauss Concerto for Horn No. 1 in Eb, Op. 11 Sunday evening in the Dvorak Concert Hall.

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Spring has sprung

Online reporter Jennifer Brown talks about springtime allergies in her health blog on DENnews.com.



Final Hello Dali show

Hello Dali had its last performance of the school year Thursday. To view sequences from the show and exclusive interviews, watch the video on DENnews.com.

CORRECTION

The headline “Domestic batteries on the rise” for an article in Thursday’s edition of *The Daily Eastern News* misrepresented the article. The article discussed an increase of reports of fighting, assaults and threats given to judicial affairs, how the University Police Department responds to calls of possible domestic battery and the difference between assault and battery.

The DEN regrets the error.

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South Quad



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CAMPUS

Rain shortens Celebration weekend

By Heather Holm
Activities Editor

The last day of this year's Celebration was rained out.

Even though people could get their crafts, lemon shake-ups, corn dogs, elephant ears and other foods on Friday and Saturday and watch a diverse line-up of musical acts, food and craft booths were taken down Sunday and all of the musical acts were canceled.

The vendors began packing up around 9 a.m. Sunday. The last two musical acts scheduled for Saturday evening were canceled as well.

"Musicians don't want to get their instruments wet," said Don Cantrall of Z's music, the company that set up the stage for the musical acts.

Some sales were hurt because of the rainy weekend.

Mary Farris, the president of the Charleston Junior Women's Club, sold candy jars to raise money for the Sexual Assault Counseling and Information Service, the Court Appointed Special Advocate Association and the Children's Advocacy Center and thought sales could have been better.

"Sales were down because of the weather," Farris said.

Others vendors did better with booths up for only two days.

Rob Curtis, one of the vendors, said he sold about \$460 worth of his nature photos. Curtis has been taking and selling his photographs since 1987.

"I was always interested in animals and nature," he said.

Dan Crews, event coordinator, said the decision to cancel Celebration on Sunday was made around 10 a.m.

"We're all disappointed," Crews said. "We checked the radar every 20 minutes."

Pantherstock

This year, the theme of Friday's Pantherstock was "Rock. Roll. Recycle."

The performers included: The Staff Blues Band, Mugwump Specific, Andy Van Slyke, Mitch Davis and Little Boy Jr. on the main stage, and Ian "12K" Winston, Zach Wcislo, Somatic, Lauren Phillips, Dave Pellitier and Charles Scott as mini-acts.



Eastern's literary magazine had a few readings. To listen in, check out a podcast on DENnews.com.

Crews said things like this happen with outdoor festivals.

"We make a call between our sound, food and arts people," he said.

Even though it looked like it might clear up, Crews did not want to have someone get hurt. Awards for the best craft booths were announced Saturday night.

Jeff Boshart, a professor in the arts department, said four people were awarded prizes out of the collection of craft booths. The awards were given Saturday evening at the vendor's reception.

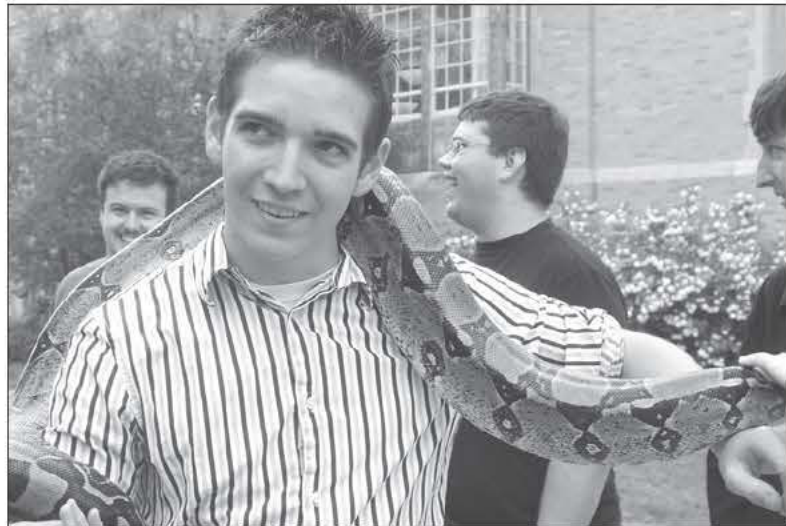
Best of Show went to Dwight Crane for his carved wooden bowls.

Best 2-D went to photographer Dylan Punke while best 3-D went to Curt Bueche, who sold ceramics.

A juror's Merit Award went to Danica Johnson for bottle cap art.

Best of Show was awarded \$500 while the 2-D and 3-D winners got \$250 and the merit award received \$100.

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Eric Fitts, a junior in Jazz Studies from Bourbonnais, allows a snake to slither over his shoulder Friday afternoon during Celebration.



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Families with children line up to get their picture taken with PBS KIDS character Sid the Science Kid, Super WHY, Saturday during Celebration.

COMMUNITY

Volunteers prowl Charleston for Service Day

By Kate Kelleher
Staff Reporter

Volunteers at the eighth annual Panther Service Day Saturday participated in tornado simulation exercises, helped the elderly, made toys for shelter animals and cleaned up the community.

Nine students from the Association of Honor Students volunteered with the American Red Cross for a shelter operations and simulation exercise.

"We signed up for Service Day earlier, but this opportunity came up recently," said Jessica Klaus, co-philanthropy chair for AHS. "The tornado simulation just seemed

more unique."

Each student was assigned a character to role-play in the case of a natural disaster to help prepare American Red Cross response volunteers. Panther Service Day began in 2003 as a way for students to give back to their community in a way that is fun for them.

Now, eight years later, student government and Student Community Service have helped to make Panther Service Day into a large-scale event with more than 20 volunteer opportunities for hundreds of students, alumni, staff and community members.

"This is the biggest (Panther Service Day) ever," said Michelle

"Today shows that giving back is the right thing to do."

Charleston Mayor John Inyart

Martin, a member of student senate. "We have 100 more volunteers than last year and we've raised more money."

Panther Service Day began with a free brunch for all volunteers followed by a welcoming ceremony featuring music from the pep band.

Both Mayor John Inyart and Student Body President Michelle Murphy spoke at the welcoming ceremony

to thank the volunteers for coming out.

"If making people do community service is the only way to get it done, fine," Murphy said. "But (the volunteers) have proved that's wrong."

Murphy also volunteered for the day as the group leader for the YMCA project.

"We basically help them do some spring cleaning and get organized for

the summer," she said.

Eric Wilber, student executive vice president, helped organize Panther Service Day and also volunteered as the head of trash pickup.

"We clean up all of Charleston," Wilber said. "We go down to the square and past Carman."

Panther Service Day is also an opportunity for different groups of the community to come together.

"(Panther Service Day) instills in residents that students can have a positive influence on the community," Inyart said. "Today shows that giving back is the right thing to do."

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VIEWS



Jose Gonzalez

Reflections on first year at Eastern

Heroes aren't born, they're made.

With my first year at Eastern almost complete, I would like to take the time and reflect on the experiences and things I have learned during my first year.

College life can be tremendously scary, especially for transfer students, who have little or no idea of the reality of university life as compared to a community college.

That's right. I am one of many who came to Eastern as a transfer student and in my first year in Charleston, I have learned and accomplished a lot.

Three years at Kankakee Community College prepared me for Eastern. Every situation I faced, it prepared me for the things I have learned here so far.

As I came to Eastern, I decided to write for *The Daily Eastern News*.

When I first came to work for the *DEN*, I was nothing more than a scrawny staff reporter learning the ropes of journalism.

To learn from experienced writers and professors who had been in the business longer than I was my main goal in my first semester.

I had learned from the best in my first semester, like then-Verge Editor Krystal Moya, then-Associate News Editor Bob Bajek, my first News Editor Emily Zulz and Opinions Editor David Thill.

It feels like just yesterday that I was conducting my first story interview for the *DEN*. I still remember the nerves that overtook me.

I'm not saying some of the editors now aren't the best, I'm just saying you never forget the staff you started your career with.

I learned the value of editing in my first year, as well as how to conduct interviews and how to conduct myself during said interviews and some of the ins and outs of the newspaper business.

The real trick in coming to a new place and attending a new school is finding a way to make new friends.

At the tail end of my first semester, I went to this bar called Stu's on Fourth Street, just to check it out and see what they offered as an establishment.

During Christmas break, I decided that I would start the spring semester by going there the first Friday of the semester to check out the Four O' Clock Club Stu's started offering.

What it boils down to is a time to hang out and chat with the staff as well as others who came in to enjoy the festivities. In the end, I made going to Stu's every Friday evening the start of my weekend.

While there, I learned from the amazing staff how to chill and have fun, and to let the pressure of school, home life and work go.

It was there at Stu's that I made a slew of new friends, as well as befriending most of the staff employed there.

Through thick and thin, my friends stuck with me through the good times as well as the bad ones, giving me advice along the way.

The first year at a new place, like my first year at Eastern, can be scary and it can make or break a person.

I just think that if it were not for the efforts of all of these influential people who have helped me along the way, and believe me, there are more who have, I would not be the hero of my own story.

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THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS
"Tell the truth and don't be afraid"

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

Violent offenses are on the rise; students should stay aware, safe

Violence solves nothing. At a small university in a small town, one wouldn't think many would encounter the kinds of problems that are usually greeted with a violent response.

Unfortunately, according to an article in Thursday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, that person would be wrong.

The article said that Student Conduct Code violations regarding fighting/assaults/threats rose from 66 to 76 from the 2003-04 academic year to the 2004-05 academic year. And between the years of 2006 and 2008, 13 cases of aggravated assault were reported on campus, according to the 2008 Annual Security Report.

In fact, there have already been four cases of battery reported to the University Police Department since March 31. Three of those cases were domestic in nature.

It would seem our campus is becoming a more dangerous place.

The question we must ask is: Why?

Perhaps some violence is inevitable on a college campus. After all, with thousands of people ranging from their late-teens to their mid-twenties mingling about, constantly coming in contact with one another, it stands to reason that some are going to encounter disagreements and problems that can only be solved with violence, right? Wrong.

Maybe we should look at the weekend nightlife.

Charleston is a small town and, with little for young adults to do to entertain themselves, going out to the bars and drinking themselves into a frenzy is par for the course. Of course, people are going to get drunk and forget to act like intelligent, reasonable beings, right? Again, wrong.

The sad truth is that we don't know the reason nor do

"Every student who attends Eastern calls this place home for nine months out of the year. And one should never feel afraid in his home."

we know how to stop it. This disturbing trend of violent offenses on the rise is made more disturbing by that fact.

However, we can all learn how to protect ourselves, how to stay vigilant and how to avoid or respond to such violence. Furthermore, it is our duty to those around us and ourselves to do so.

First off, every person on Eastern's campus should be aware of the location of the blue emergency poles. Late at night in the dark is no time to attempt to find one when the authorities may be needed. While walking about during the day, going from class to class, stop and take a moment to look around and locate the nearest one. They are all over campus and nearly impossible to miss. Some, like the one in the South Quad, are right out in the open.

Eastern also offers self-defense classes and university-sponsored events, like the Girls Fight Back seminar Thursday or the 4K run Sunday to raise awareness about self-defense, are open to students so they may become informed about self-defense and learn more about the dangers we face every day.

This is not to say we should be afraid when walking across campus. Every student who attends Eastern calls this place home for nine months out of the year. And one should never feel afraid in his home.

We urge students to take the time to become informed of the locations of the emergency poles and take the time to ask questions and learn more about self-defense.

Really, though, we just ask that all Eastern students remember why they are here. We are here to gain an education, make lifelong friends and prepare for a life after college. We are not here to commit violent acts against one another.

Be smart, be responsible and, most importantly, be safe.

FROM THE EASEL



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FROM AROUND THE STATE

No countdown, please

By Chelsea Peck
The Daily Vidette
Illinois State University

The last weeks of college are finally approaching. I type this with a frown on my face and a heavy sigh leaving my lungs. Rereading an old column, "Looking forward, peering back," I was completely wrong about how I predicted I would feel when this time came. I thought I would be excited and happy to move to the next step in my life, whatever that may be.

Instead of being excited for my future, I'm just plain bummed out about everything and everyone I'm leaving behind. Most of my friends

are graduating as well and that makes it even worse. I won't be far from Normal when I move home to East Peoria for those friends still in school, but I'll be far from those friends who live in the Chicago and St. Louis areas.

I can't describe the feeling of loss I'll be going through when May 7 comes around or how much I'll be crying on the last day of work.

No matter how much work I have to do in the next three weeks or how much I need to figure out my future, the idea of moving home and away from this town I've called my home for four years won't be far from my mind.

I can't count the number of times I've wished these four years would hurry up, but I also can't

count the number of memories I've created.

Freshman year was full of unfortunate parties and new friends, along with many firsts I'm too embarrassed to name. Homesickness hit more often and that 45-minute ride home was often a welcome change from dorm life.

Sophomore year brought new roommates, much more dorm hangouts and a new love interest. That year was an emotional rollercoaster that I'd rather not relive.

I finally understood the difficulty of juggling a long-distance relationship, school, work and emotions. It wasn't fun.

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NATION

Goldman e-mails show how crash turned into cash

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — As the U.S. housing turned downward in January 2007, a Goldman Sachs trader wrote in e-mails to a woman he apparently was courting that investments he had sold were "like Frankenstein turning against his own inventor."

"I'm trading a product which a month ago was worth \$100 and today is only worth \$93," wrote Fabrice Tourre, who was charged along with the bank in a civil complaint filed this month by the Securities and Exchange Commission. "That doesn't seem like a lot but when you take into account ... (the investments) are worth billions, well it adds up to a lot of money."

Tourre was talking about investment products like the one at the heart of a federal complaint against his firm.

For Tourre, the investments were like an invention gone awry: He had started arranging them when the market was on the upswing.

But he continued selling them after the market turned — now with Goldman betting against them, in one case allegedly misleading investors about a deal's origin.

Goldman Sachs Group Inc. released that e-mail and 25 other internal documents Saturday in response to a Senate panel's release of

messages in which Goldman executives boast about money they were making as the market imploded later in 2007.

Activists call on Obama to fight AZ immigrant law

PHOENIX — Civil rights activists called on President Barack Obama to fight a tough new Arizona law targeting illegal immigrants Sunday, promising to march in the streets and invite arrest by refusing to comply if the measure goes into effect.

U.S. Rep. Raul Grijalva of Arizona told about 3,500 protesters gathered at the state Capitol that the Obama administration can help defeat the law by refusing to cooperate when illegal immigrants are picked up by local police and turned over to federal immigration officers.

"We're going to overturn this unjust and racist law, and then we're going to overturn the power structure that created this unjust, racist law," said Grijalva, a Democrat.

President Barack Obama has called the new law "misguided" and instructed the Justice Department to examine it to see if it's legal.

It requires police to question people about their immigration status — including asking for identification — if they suspect someone is in the country illegally.



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Bryant Fritz, a senior biology major with teacher certification and drummer for local band Andy Van Slyke, plays Friday afternoon during Pantherstock, a music festival set up by University Board as part of the festivities for Celebration.

STATE

Cohen wants to run for governor

By The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Disgraced former lieutenant governor nominee Scott Lee Cohen wants to run for governor of Illinois as an independent, a spokesman for state House Speaker Michael Madigan said Saturday.

Cohen told Madigan, who is also chairman of the state Democratic Party,

on April 17 of his intention to seek the state's top elected post, Madigan spokesman Steve Brown said.

"He said he wanted to run for governor as an independent," Brown said.

But to get on the Illinois ballot, Cohen would need to collect 25,000 signatures from registered voters on petitions. They would need to be submitted by June 21.

A phone message left Saturday at Cohen's office was not immediately returned.

Cohen, a pawnbroker, won the Democratic primary on Feb. 2 to share the ticket with Gov. Pat Quinn. But he quit a few days later, after it became widely known that he had been accused of abusing his ex-wife and was arrested in 2005 for allegedly holding a knife to his ex-girlfriend's throat.

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and he said 'I'll see you when you get here.' It's all up to me now."

Hudson played right tackle for the Panthers the past two seasons, but according to a story by C. Trent Rosecrans on CNATI.com, he will move to guard for the Bengals.

Hudson graduated from Eastern in December and has been training for the draft since leaving, including a stint of preparation training with Gaines Performance in California. He leaves for rookie mini camp Thursday and said he will get the rest of his schedule for the summer when he gets there. Rookie mini camp lasts for three days.

Hudson, who wore No. 63 during his Eastern career, said he wasn't sure yet what number he would be issued with the Bengals, but hoped for the No. 75.

"I started my football career wearing 75. I hope to start my NFL career with 75," he said.

Hudson said he spoke with many of his Eastern coaches and former teammates after he was drafted and received a number of congratulatory phone calls.

"I'm just very excited," he said. "I'm enjoying the moment right now. But come Thursday, it's work time."

The only area team that Cincinnati is scheduled to play in 2010 is the Indianapolis Colts. Hudson and the Bengals will travel to Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis for a game Nov. 14.

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their ruling of Porter as a de facto member of the BSU, as he said he believes such a member cannot exist.

He cited the BSU constitution, which specifically lists the positions that comprise the executive board, and said that as a member of a special committee, Porter was technically never a member of the executive board, despite appointment by Brown and approval in December.

"Even if every member of the BSU treated (Porter) like a member of the executive board, the rule of law must always trump the perception of man," Hausmann said.

Stone, however, wrote that the BSU agendas presented at the hearing listed Porter as a "cabinet director," which both parties, as well as witnesses, confirmed to be members of the executive board, and so defended the majority's decision that Porter was a de facto member.

Hausmann described the majority's acceptance of Porter as a de facto member of the board as a gross violation of the BSU constitution and said he is troubled by the court's reference to the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution in this case.

"It would neither be practical nor ethical for this court to make rulings based on any document other than the student body constitution or the constitutions of (registered student organizations)," Hausmann said. "The members of this court have necessarily never attended law school nor passed the bar. The student supreme court is simply not qualified to interpret the U.S. Constitution."

Stone defended the majority's application of the U.S. Constitution in that the court is required to consider both federal and state constitutions in forming decisions, as dictated in

Eastern's student bill of rights.

As such, the court addressed Porter's six specific requests, granting two, agreeing with one, and rejecting the remaining three.

Porter was reappointed to her position as the freshman representative to the BSU for the remainder of the spring semester and is immune from impeachment for missing meetings from the time she was dismissed on Jan. 11 to the date of the hearing.

She is also immune from impeachment for any actions or requirements on the checklist she was given and did not complete during that time period.

Her second request of having the process resolved quickly was also honored, in the opinion of the court.

Her third request to be placed on the executive board for the 2010-2011 school year was not honored, as the court has no jurisdiction to impose punitive damages, though she may choose to run for a position.

The court also agreed with her request to encourage the timely dispersal of necessary documents, including RSO constitutions and bylaws, but said they do not possess the power to enforce such a rule.

Her final requests to reprimand Brown and Dana Barnard, the BSU adviser, were denied.

Hausmann and Button maintain the opinion that Porter was not removed from her position because she expressed unpopular views, but rather that she failed to meet the GPA requirement, which was passed immediately before she was approved to the position.

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scenario that we've talked about is a single digit. None of the tuition increases are going to make-up the difference from what we're losing from Springfield.

"We will have to do significant savings. We're looking at trying to reduce operating expenses across the board."

The law that formed and gave power to the Board of Trustees in 1996 grants the board the right to set fees and tuition based on re-

views of the university's financial needs.

The student senate has approved proposed increases to the campus improvement fee, which would fund deferred maintenance in the existing science buildings and construction of a new facility, and a 65-cent increase to support renovations in Lantz Arena.

The board will ultimately decide the increases' fates.

Other business at the 1 p.m. meeting, which will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, includes tenure recommendations and election of officers.

The 2011 meeting schedule will also be set.

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WORLD

Al-Qaida in Iraq confirms deaths of top 2 figures

By The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — An al-Qaida front group in Iraq on Sunday confirmed the killing of its two top leaders but vowed to keep up the fight despite claims by U.S. and Iraqi officials that the deaths could be a devastating blow to the terror network.

The defiance came in a statement released a week after the group's leaders — Abu Omar al-Baghdadi and Abu Ayyub al-Masri — were killed in a raid by Iraqi and U.S. security forces on their safe house near Tikrit, north of Baghdad.

"After a long journey filled with sacrifices and fighting falsehood and its representatives, two knights have dismounted to join the group of martyrs," the statement said. "We announce that the Muslim nation has lost two of the leaders of jihad, and two of its men, who are only known as heroes on the path of jihad."

The four-page statement by the Islamic State of Iraq was posted on a militant website early Sunday.

It concluded: "The war is still ongoing, and the favorable outcome will be for the pious."

The Islamic State of Iraq is an offshoot of al-Qaida in Iraq. Al-Baghdadi was its self-described leader and was so elusive that at times U.S. officials questioned whether he was a real person or merely a composite of a terrorist to give an Iraqi face to an organization led primarily by foreigners.

Al-Masri, a weapons expert who was trained in al-Qaida camps in Afghanistan in the late 1990s, was the shadowy national leader of al-Qaida in Iraq.

Their deaths were triumphantly announced last Monday by Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki. U.S. Vice President Joe Biden called the killings a "potentially devastating blow" to al-Qaida in Iraq.

But four days later, officials believe al-Qaida struck back, bombing mosques, shops and the office of an influential Shiite cleric, killing 72

people in Iraq's bloodiest day of the year so far. Homes of police also were bombed. Al-Maliki said the insurgents were fighting back after the deaths of their two leaders.

The new statement did not mention Friday's bombings, and no group has claimed responsibility for them yet. But the statement signals that al-Qaida will remain a threat to Iraq even without its top two leaders, and urges its members and supporters to stay the course.

"Commit to what those two leaders stood for," the statement says. "Transform the blood of those two leaders into light and fire — a light which will illuminate the path before you and facilitate your ability of speech, and a fire against the enemies of the creed and the religion."

Al-Qaida in Iraq has proven resilient in the past, showing a remarkable ability to change tactics and adapt — most notably after its brutal founder, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, was killed nearly four years ago in a U.S. airstrike. Still, it is widely believed the group was far stronger then and would likely have a harder time now replenishing its leadership and sticking to a timetable of attacks.

Al-Maliki has seized on the militants' killings to show he can restore stability to Iraq after years of bloodshed. Following his political coalition's second-place finish in the March 7 parliamentary elections, al-Maliki is locked in a tight contest with secular challenger Ayad Allawi to see who will form the next government.

Al-Maliki's coalition trails Allawi's bloc by two seats in the 325-seat parliament, and neither has yet been able to secure enough support from other parties to muster a majority.

Meanwhile, the police chief in Hawija, 150 miles (240 kilometers) north of Baghdad, said troops raided the nearby town of al-Safra and arrested Burhan Mahmoud Mohammed, a local leader of the Islamic State of Iraq.



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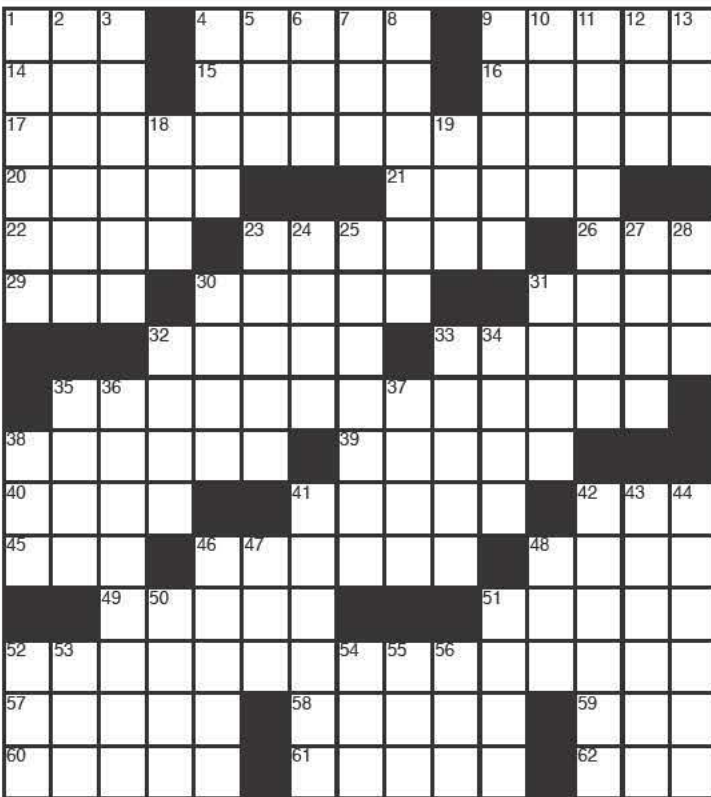
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- ACROSS
- 1 J.F.K.'s predecessor
- 4 Thesaurus creator
- 9 Roil, as the waters
- 14 Film critic Reed
- 15 Embarrass
- 16 Licorice flavoring
- 17 All around, as on a trip
- 20 Common cold cause
- 21 Spanish bulls
- 22 Suffix with disk
- 23 Young and feminine
- 26 Money on a poker table
- 29 "Hel-lo!"
- 30 Dashing actor Flynn
- 31 Ho-hum sort
- 32 "Remember the ____!"
- 33 Horse color
- 35 TV show with many doors
- 38 Last words of "Green Eggs and Ham"
- 39 Get by logic
- 40 "____ a fool to ..."
- 41 Passover meal
- 42 Caboodle's partner
- 45 Sleepless princess' bane
- DOWN
- 1 Herds
- 2 Danny of "Throw Momma From the Train"
- 3 Applies, as pressure
- 4 Stadium cheers
- 5 Kabuki sash
- 6 Guy's date
- 7 Night school subj.
- 8 Buddy Holly's "____ Be the Day"
- 9 "The Treasure of the Sierra ____"
- 10 Reverse, as an action
- 11 Scattering of an ethnic group

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- 12 Internet connection faster than dial-up
- 13 "____-haw!" (cry of delight)
- 18 Street, in Paris
- 19 "There is ____ in 'team'"
- 23 Former Texas senator Phil
- 24 "____ la Douce"
- 25 First-year players
- 27 Pitcher Hershiser
- 28 ____ Aviv
- 30 "Born Free" lioness
- 31 Title before Rabbit or Fox
- 32 End in ____ (come out even)
- 33 More secure
- 34 German/Polish border river
- 35 Stow, as cargo ... or an anagram of the last word of 17-, 35- or 52-Across
- 36 Started out (on), as a journey
- 37 Prefix with skeleton
- 38 Tiniest drink
- 41 Contemptuous looks
- 42 N.B.A.'s ____ Abdul-Jabbar
- 43 Period of advancing glaciers
- 44 Sinew
- 46 Like Santa's suit after going through the chimney
- 47 Letter holder: Abbr.
- 48 Chum
- 50 Follow, as advice
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- 53 "That's brilliant!"
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good as she was is between their ears.” Although winning the regular season crown was Nixon’s top team accomplishment, she is proud of her Feb. 11 performance, when she became the first Panther to record a triple-double since 2004.

“I didn’t know how big of a deal it was until people started asking me about if I could believe I did that as a freshman,” Nixon said. “I mean, my expectations were high coming in and I think I met those.”

Coming into the season, Nixon struggled with the game’s pace and the stamina she needed, playing many more games than she played in one season at Michigan City High School.

However, Sallee said the day Nixon stepped on campus for summer school, he could tell that she was all business.

“She has a real tunnel vision when it comes to that part of it,” Sallee said.

Nixon got used to the pace and ignored her tiredness. In fact, in many games, she was the one setting the pace, and she kept improving through the season because she was excited to see her fellow freshmen raising their game.

“It’s amazing to see teammates get better in front of your eyes and it makes you excited to get better,” Nixon said. “It definitely gives you hope.”

The four freshmen combined to account for the second highest total points per game out of any class on the team – the senior class accounted for four more points per game.

While Nixon enjoyed her time starring on the court, she also loved her first year of college all around.

“It’s been an amazing experience,” Nixon said. “I can’t describe

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it. It can’t be explained or somebody couldn’t have told me that it would happen.”

This honor acts as the icing on the cake for a good season, according to Nixon.

“Wow, to be thought of for that award, I really appreciate it,” Nixon said.

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STATE

James’ triple-double leads Cavs past Bulls

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — LeBron James insisted there was nothing unusual about the shot, that he’s perfectly comfortable taking it.

Never mind that he unleashed it from nearly halfcourt.

James’ jumper — from a spot that requires a heave for many players — was just part of the show on a day when he delivered his fifth career postseason triple-double with 37 points, 12 rebounds and 11 assists. That led the Cleveland Cavaliers to a 121-98 victory over the Chicago Bulls on Sunday and a 3-1 lead in their first-round series.

“I’ve done some great things in the past, I’ll do some great things in the future,” he said. “But we’re in the present now, and I’m feeling pretty good.”

The Cavaliers led by 10 at halftime after scoring 38 in the second quarter and broke it open with a 37-point third, putting them in position to close it out at home on Tuesday.

James was at it again after scoring 40 and 39 the previous two games, connecting whenever he wanted and from wherever he wanted. He was 6 of 9 on 3-pointers, including a jumper from just inside midcourt at the end of the third that made it 99-76.

“I can comfortably shoot that shot,” James said. “It was a regular jump shot for me. Comfortably, I can walk and dribble into a half-court 3.”

James certainly made it look easy against the Bulls.

“He was extremely active all over the place,” coach Mike Brown said. “He really set the tone defensively. He was terrific for us on the weak-side. He was great for us on the ball, and he talked defense the whole game.”

He had plenty of help from Antawn Jamison, who scored 12 of his 24 in the third quarter, not to mention Mo Williams (19 points).

Chicago got 21 apiece from Derrick Rose and Joakim Noah, who also pulled down 20 rebounds, but the Bulls settled for jump shots once they fell behind. Now, they are on the verge of their second straight first-round exit after a thorough beating by the Eastern Conference’s top seed.

“I just think we weren’t very tough mentally today,” Noah said. “We were playing good ball and then just collapsed. We’re a young team and have to learn from this.”

The Cavaliers were simply locked in after a two-point loss in Game 3. They shot 53 percent and outscored Chicago 40-34 in the paint after being dominated there 94-70 the previous two games.

The Bulls were leading 43-40 after Luol Deng hit a 17-footer with just over five minutes left in the half. Then, Cleveland took over.

“When we had the lead, we should have run some more effective plays, run some pick-and-rolls and attacked the basket,” Rose said. “And even if you couldn’t make the shot, you could dump it off to a big and maybe they could get to the line.”

James scored nine as the Cavaliers ended the half on a 22-9 run, hitting a 3-pointer that put Cleveland ahead 47-45 with 3:36 left, and they continued to build on it.

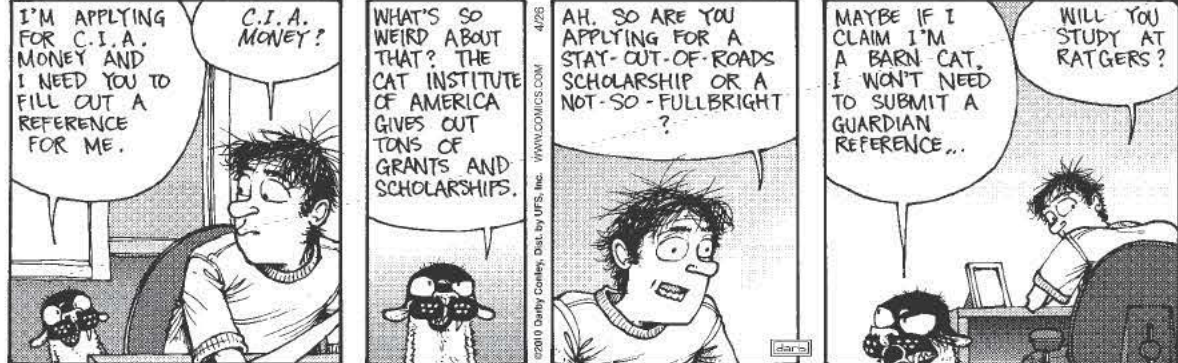
James nailed a 22-foot fadeaway from up top just before the halftime buzzer, right after a short bank shot by Rose, to make it 62-52. Cleveland quickly put it away after returning from the locker room, scoring the first seven of the third, with James’ floater making it 69-52. But it was his shot at the end of the quarter that left everyone else in awe.

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SOFTBALL | WEEKEND RECAP

Eastern splits weekend series against Austin Peay

Staff Report

A grand slam by junior third baseman Kiley Holtz, and a one-hit shut-out from junior ace Amber May, helped the Eastern softball squad earn a weekend split with visiting Austin Peay.

Eastern blanked the Lady Govs, 7-0, in the first game, but dropped a 5-3 eight inning nightcap, which took nearly two days to complete.

Game two on Saturday was suspended in the top of the eighth, and was completed on Sunday afternoon after a couple of lengthy rain delays. Following the completion of that game, the Sunday rubber game of the weekend series was called due to some more rainy weather.

With the split, Eastern now stands at 21-23 and 11-8 in the Ohio Valley Conference, while the visiting Austin Peay squad improved to 15-31 and 7-12.

The final four outs of game two came rather quickly as May's first pitch to the Austin Peay batter resulted in a quick strikeout.

Unfortunately, the Panthers were unable to extend the game as they were retired in order in the eight-inning loss.

The first game got off to an earlier start time due to the forthcoming inclement weather in the area as Holtz went 2-for-3, in addition to her grand slam, which was the first of the season by a Panther, she also added a two-run single to finish with a six RBI performance at the plate.

Eastern jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first as senior right fielder Denee' Menzione's double to left

center brought home freshman left fielder Melise Brown from second base.

That's when Holtz connected for her two-run hit, bringing home Menzione and fellow senior Megan Nelson.

The Panthers had a chance to add some more runs, but the Austin Peay pitcher got out of the inning via a strikeout to strand two Eastern runners.

Then in the second frame, consecutive singles by freshmen second baseman Ally Seplak and Brown was followed by an Austin Peay miscue that helped Nelson get on base.

That's when Holtz let it fly with a huge bomb to left center field to up the Eastern lead to 7-0.

That was all the offense Eastern needed as the Lady Gov pitching staff pretty much shut down the Panthers the rest of the way

May pitched an outstanding first game, as she allowed just one hit, which ironically was Austin Peay's first batter, who connected on May's very first pitch to earn the lone single by the Lady Govs.

May struck out two and had zero walks as Austin Peay was unable to plate another runner the rest of the way. The second game was a wild one, as Eastern took the lead in the bottom of the third as Menzione got to first off an Austin Peay error, which would bring home Morgan from third.

The Lady Govs would tie it at the top of the fifth as Eastern committed their own error to bring home a Lady Gov win.

The Panthers countered in their half of the fifth as Holtz added another RBI



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Sophomore catcher Hailee Hanna catches the ball from freshman pitcher Natalie Wunderlich during game two on Saturday afternoon against Austin Peay. The game was suspended in the top of the eighth and completed Sunday afternoon after rain delays for a final score 5-3. The Panthers won the first game 7-0, but Sunday's rubber game was called because of more rain.

single, plating Nelson.

However, a solo homer by Austin Peay would tie it once again at 2-0 in the sixth.

But Eastern would retake the lead as Wood took advantage of a wild pitch to scamper home from third.

However, the visitors would tie it yet again in their half of the seventh off a key one-run double to deep center field.

In extra innings, the Lady Govs scratched past the Panthers via a two-run homer before the game was suspended on Saturday evening. May would be tabbed with the second game loss and is now 14-13 on the year.

She had five strikeouts and just one walk on the weekend, allowing just four earned runs and scattering eight hits.

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TRACK | WEEKEND RECAP

Relay team wins at Drake Relays

Eastern captures first win at meet since 1992

By Kevin Murphy
Staff Reporter

Champions.

It has been 18 years since an Eastern track and field athlete has won at the Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa.

The Eastern men's 1,600-meter sprint medley did that on Saturday, winning the event in 3 minutes, 16.89 seconds as Eastern sophomore Sean Wiggan chased down Iowa sophomore Erik Sowinski and Wisconsin junior Luke Rucks in the final 200 meters.

Wiggan let Rucks and Sowinski lead through the first 600 meters, but was able to pass both competitors. Wiggan passed Rucks in about the final 100 meters, and Wiggan passed Sowinski in the final 50 meters.

"My goal was to come in second at first," Wiggan said. "I saw Iowa was right there."

We can go for the gold, Wiggan told himself.

Wiggan knew his teammates, senior Marcus Williams, red-shirt sophomore Zye Boey and junior Darren Patterson, would keep him in the race.

Williams handed off to Wiggan in about first place after running 400 meters. Patterson and Boey had made much of the stagger in their 200-meter parts of the race.

"I really wanted to win the race," Wiggan said.

Eastern head coach Tom Akers could tell from the stands Wiggan could win it when he saw the body language of Wisconsin and Iowa runners started to shorten their strides and bodies straighten up.

"(Wiggan) looked a like million bucks coming around the turn," Akers said.

After winning, the relay team took a victory lap around the track.

Wiggan was a little bit tired, but the lap was well worth it.

"I was excited to be in front of so many fans," Wiggan said. "It was just a good feeling."

I've been feeling great. It was about time for me to pop a big one. We've been doing all great things. I knew it was time."

According to Drake sports information, this is the fourth-best time in the country this year.

The last set of Eastern athletes to win an event at the Drake Relays was former NCAA champion Dan Steele. He won the 400-meter hurdles in 1992 in 51.44 seconds, and the Panthers also won the 440-meter men's shuttle hurdle relay that year in 58.28 seconds. The Eastern men's track and field program has only won seven events at the Drake Relays. That number is now up to eight.

Last year, Boey and Williams were the returning runners from this event as that group finished third at the Drake Relays in 3:22.78.

Boey said being third last year was a huge indicator of how good the team was going to be in the event this year.

Boey said he probably jumped about three feet in the air after winning.

"It's a pretty big accomplishment," he said.

Wiggan said the relay team also knew it had a good chance of winning from indication from former Eastern runner Nick Kuczwar, who now competes at Iowa and told Wiggan the Iowa team would give Eastern a strong race.

This year's sprint medley relay team also broke a school record that was set in 1987 at the Drake Relays in 3:20.72.

"I felt like we did something important," Wiggan said.

In other action at the Drake Relays, the Eastern men's and women's 3,200-meter relay teams set school records on Friday.

The men's relay team finished fourth with a school record finishing in 7:19.89. The relay team included seniors Jason Springer, David Holm, Wes Sheldon and Wiggan. Wiggan and Sheldon are already part of the men's indoor 1,600-meter relay record.

The women's 3,200-meter relay team finished sixth in 8:56.15. Sophomore Erika Foltys, senior Meghan Carney, senior Erin O'Grady and red-shirt sophomore Megan Gingerich beat the previous school record set earlier this season at the Big Blue Classic. Foltys, Carney and O'Grady were part of the team that ran that relay in 9:28.52.

Senior Sean Hopkins finished with an Eastern career best in the decathlon finishing with 6,651 points finishing 14th. This is the sixth-best mark



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Freshman sprinter Ashley Brown gets set in the blocks during practice Thursday afternoon at O'Brien Stadium.

in program history. Hopkins run completed three Eastern career bests with a 51.57 seconds in the 400-meter dash, a throw of 162 feet, 2 inches in the javelin and ran 4:58.30 in the 1,500-meter run.

Eastern also set school records in the women's distance medley relay and the women's 1,600-sprint medley relay. Freshman Jamie Roy, sophomore Olivia Klaus, junior Andrea Fabiano and O'Grady ran the distance medley relay in 11:55.10 to finish 14th. Senior Shawana Smith, sophomore Emily Quiones, Carney and Gingerich set the school record with a

15th-place finish in 3:59.37.

The men's distance medley relay finished eighth at the Drake Relays, but now ranks second all-time in program history finishing in 9:51.20. Holm, Sheldon, Springer and junior Pat Tortorici comprised this relay.

In other track events, Boey added a seventh-place finish in the 100-meter dash. In field events, senior Kandace Arnold finished fifth in the shot put, and sophomore Tyler Carter finished fifth in the long jump.

Eastern also sent athletes to the Illinois State Invitational on Saturday.

Junior Chad Aubin took first in the

400-meter hurdles and ran a personal best time of 53.02 seconds. Freshman Alyssa Donner matched her Eastern career best with a vault of 10 feet, 6 inches and finished second. Senior Tarra Grant jumped 18 feet, 2.5 inches and finished second. Her mark ranks seventh in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Both Eastern track and field teams return to action at the OVC championships Friday and Saturday in Cookeville, Tenn.

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BASEBALL | WEEKEND RECAP

Panthers get back in OVC race with sweep of Racers

By Bob Bajek
Sports Editor

It was no secret Eastern needed to win its road series against Murray State to still be in the thick of the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament hunt.

The Panthers (11-26, 6-8 OVC) vaulted out of last place in the league by sweeping a shortened doubleheader series against Murray State 8-6 and 7-4, Sunday in Murray, Ky.

Saturday's series opening doubleheader was rained out at Reagen Field, so the series was shortened to two games instead of three. The doubleheader on Saturday had two seven-inning games.

In the first game, junior ace right-hander Josh Mueller (1-1, 4.54 ERA) threw a complete game for the victory with a workhorse 134 pitches. He gave up six runs with five earned, eight hits, had 10 strikeouts and two walks.

"When we needed a strikeout or an out, Josh got it," head coach Jim Schmitz said. "Josh was outstanding and he wanted to finish the game. He had only one bad inning."

That bad inning came in the second, as the Racers put up three runs on Mueller to make it 3-1 Murray State. After three innings, the Racers (19-20, 6-5 OVC) answered the Panthers' one

run in the third with their one score to make it 4-2.

In the fourth, sophomore third baseman Zach Borenstein singled home junior center fielder Matt Kucharski to tighten the score to 4-3.

The fifth saw Racers' senior pitcher Chris Craycraft (5-3) get tagged for three runs and the loss. Sophomore left fielder Ben Thoma doubled and scored on a Murray State error on a fly ball by sophomore catcher Gerik Wallsten to tie the game. Kucharski singled home Wallsten after a balk and Thoma drove home senior designated hitter Alex Gee for a 6-4 edge.

The game was clinched in the seventh when Borenstein jacked a two-run homer off Racers' senior pitcher Matt McGaha, and Mueller closed out the win despite giving up two runs for the 8-6 victory.

Game two had the contest notched up at four in the third inning. The Racers' bats chased sophomore pitcher Mike Hoekstra from the game.

Thoma again in the fifth scored after drawing a walk, a Wallsten sacrifice and then a Kucharski RBI hit for the 5-4 Eastern lead off losing red-shirt junior pitcher Jake Donze (5-5).

"New center fielder Matt Kucharski had big hits and Thoma had some doubles and RBIs (after) I benched Thoma against Illinois on Wednesday and told

him he wasn't producing and we needed him," Schmitz said.

Junior pitcher Brent McNeil (2-3) worked 1 2/3 innings of relief for Hoekstra, but he load the bases with two outs. Junior pitcher Mike Recchia, the scheduled series starter, came out of the bullpen and struck out a Murray State batter to end the threat.

"Mike came in with the bases loaded and got a big strikeout as it was 5-4 at that point," Schmitz said. "Mike attacks hitters. If he doesn't get the job done, it's going to be 'here we go again'. The team was confident when Recchia was finishing the game."

Recchia closed the game for his first collegiate save, while Borenstein hit another two-run blast for the 7-4 win. It was Borenstein's team-leading ninth home run.

The Panthers are in seventh place in the OVC, 1.5 games behind Morehead State (22-19, 5-6 OVC) for sixth place, the last spot for the OVC Tournament. Eastern beat Morehead State 2-1 earlier in the season.

Eastern continues its season as it faces Missouri (21-17, 6-8 Big 12) 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at T.R. Hughes Ballpark in O'Fallon, Mo.

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Junior pitcher Mike Recchia tries to pick off a University of Illinois runner at first base Wednesday afternoon at Grimes Field in Mattoon. The Panthers swept Murray State this weekend to get back in contention in the Ohio Valley Conference race.

BRIEFS

Women's golf places sixth in tournament

Due to a rain-shortened final day of play, the Eastern women's golf squad finished up in sixth place at the end-of-season Ohio Valley Conference golf championship, as the final individual and team scores were calculated following Friday action as inclement weather hastened all Saturday play.

Senior Jaymie Voorhees led all Panther golfers with her 11th place finish day two score of 77, which follows her day one score of 76. The senior ends her Panther career with a ten-over-par 190 for the weekend.

The other Panther competitors included junior Veronica Bernier tied for 23rd place (200/+20), and freshman Lauren Williams in 28th (204/+24). Senior Katie Imburgia ended up ty-

ing for 29th (205/+25), while freshman Emily Calhoun rounded out the Panther contingent with a 33rd final score (209/+29).

White team beats Blue in Spring Game

Sophomore linebacker Gordy Kicks tipped red-shirt sophomore quarterback Shadonta Travis pass into the air near the goal line and freshman defensive back Alex McNulty cradled the interception and fell to the ground four yards later as time expired to give the White Team a 24-17 victory over the Blue Team during the Eastern Spring football game on Saturday morning at O'Brien Field.

Travis was solid for the Blue Team

completing 19-of-27 passes for 264 yards and two touchdowns. Travis did have two interceptions as freshman linebacker Ryan Turner also picked off a pass in the end zone late in the second quarter.

The Blue Team had another scoring drive end on a turnover as junior linebacker freshman running back Sean Campbell forced an Alex Harrington fumble at the White 26 yard line that was recovered by Kicks.

Sophomore Brandon Large quarterbacked the White Team finishing an effective 15-of-24 for 282 yards and three touchdowns. Two of his big touchdown passes landed in the hands of freshman receiver Erik Lora who had three receptions for 105 yards and two touchdowns.

Sallee voted top Division I coach in state

Eastern women's basketball head coach Brady Sallee has been named a co-winner of the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association's NCAA Division I Coach of the Year award.

Sallee received the award at the at the IBCA's 38th annual Hall of Fame induction dinner, held April 24 at Illinois State University. He was recognized along with DePaul's Doug Bruno, Northwestern's Joe McKeown and former Illinois State head coach Robin Pingeton.

Sallee led EIU women's basketball to its first regular-season Ohio Valley Conference title this season, which was his sixth as the leader of the program. The Panthers reached the OVC Tournament

title game for the third consecutive year and represented the conference in the Postseason Women's National Invitation Tournament. Eastern finished the season 23-11, winning 20 games for the second year in a row.

Sallee has spearheaded Eastern's program renaissance the last three seasons, leading the program to a conference-best 66-33 overall record and 46-10 OVC mark. In their first eight seasons as a member of the OVC before Sallee took over the program in time for the 2004-05 campaign, the Panthers only won 65 overall games and 46 conference contests.

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VIEWS



Collin Whitchurch

Another star to hang on program

One of my column's themes throughout the year has been about accomplishments Eastern's athletic department could be proud of.

Likewise, I've called the program out when they have made decisions I found less than stellar, or when instances occurred they should not be proud of.

As the semester's end draws near, the department, and more specifically the football program, has another moment it can draw pride from. An accomplishment it can use to recruit athletes and donors alike.

When Otis Hudson was selected by the Cincinnati Bengals in the fifth round of the NFL Draft Saturday, it was a moment first and foremost for Hudson himself. The pride he must feel to have his years of hard work and dedication to the sport he grew up playing and loving pay off must be tremendous — immeasurable to the accomplishments of many of his peers.

But the selection of Hudson, as well as the camp invitations for Chris Campbell and Austin Signor, is another tool for the program. It has seen a number of positives this year with the return of Tony Romo for his number retirement, the Super Bowl victory and subsequent return to the area by Sean Payton, and a number of others. And Hudson being drafted just adds to that list.

Aside from something the athletic department can use, Hudson, Campbell and Signor's accomplishments is a testament to the work of Bob Spoo and his football staff. While Hudson is the first Eastern player to be drafted since 1999, this marks the fourth consecutive year at least one football player has received an opportunity with an NFL team.

There's a difference between building a program that produces NFL-caliber players at a power conference and at Eastern's level. It's not realistic for the Panthers to produce players with the regularity of Ohio State or Southern Cal.

But when a Football Championship Subdivision team can regularly provide its players an opportunity at the next level, that says something about the coaching staff and the work it puts in.

Additionally, Hudson was the first, and one of only two Ohio Valley Conference players to be selected in the seven-round draft. The other was Murray State defensive end Austen Lane, who was selected with the pick immediately after Hudson.

Hopefully the trend continues. It's too early to tell if any current juniors have any hype building toward next year's NFL Draft. But if the past is a sign of the future, a column similar to this will be written by someone, about someone, around this time next year.

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NFL DRAFT

Campbell, Signor catch on with NFL teams, as well

Chicago-born Campbell signs with Packers after going undrafted

By Collin Whitchurch
Managing Editor

When the Chicago-born Chris Campbell announced to his family that he had signed with the Green Bay Packers after the NFL Draft concluded Saturday, it was met with a bit of confusion.

"I said 'Hey family, I'm a Packer.' They were like 'A Packer?'" Campbell said with a laugh. "But I'm pumped up about being in Green Bay, even growing up a Chicago Bears fan. Now I'm a cheese head, a proud cheese head."

Campbell signed with the Packers after not being selected among the seven-round draft that ran from Thursday through Saturday. But while he was a little surprised to not be one of the players drafted, he said his situation was still ideal.

"The draft was shaken up quite a bit early and didn't go the way anyone expected," he said. "It still worked out, though, because I had the opportunity to chose where I wanted to go."

Campbell said he started receiving



Chris Campbell
"Now I'm a cheese head, a proud cheese head."

ing phone calls from teams that were interested in him in the fifth round Saturday. After the draft was over, he and his agent narrowed the list of possible teams to six, then to two — the Packers and the New York Jets.

"I chose Green Bay because they have the best plan for me," he said. "It's the best fit for me. They'll give me an opportunity to play, they're close to home and they had the best offer."

Saturday was a rollercoaster of emotion for Campbell, as he woke up that day to the news that his grandmother had died, making his signing with the Packers a bitter-sweet moment.

"There were a lot of emotions," he said. "It's a pretty hard time for my family right now."

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Signor hoped to sign contract, but happy for opportunity to compete

By Collin Whitchurch
Managing Editor

Austin Signor was admittedly a little disappointed after the NFL Draft ended Saturday.

"I was really hoping to be able to sign a contract," said the kicker, who received an invitation of the Kansas City Chiefs' rookie mini camp, which begins Thursday.

Unlike Otis Hudson, who was drafted by the Bengals, and Chris Campbell, who signed a free agent contract with the Packers, Signor has to tryout to get a chance to attend Chiefs' training camp this summer. But while he said he was disappointed to not sign a contract, he's happy to still have a chance to make a team.

"It's exciting to get my foot in the door somehow," said Signor, who led the NCAA with 27 touchbacks in 2009. "Hopefully I'll be able to take advantage of it this weekend."

Signor said he was in contact with both the Chiefs and the Carolina Panthers during the draft. When the Chiefs offered to invite him to their rookie training camp,



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he had to wait to see if the Panthers would offer a contract. When Carolina opted to sign Ohio State kicker Aaron Pettrey, he accepted the Chiefs' invitation.

"I'm just going to go in and try to make the most of the opportunity," Signor said. "The goal is to make that 53-man roster somewhere, whether it's with the Chiefs or not."

Signor played the last two seasons of his collegiate career at Eastern after transferring from Iowa. He was the team's kickoff specialist in 2008 before taking over field goal kicking duties in 2009. He was a First Team Ohio Valley Conference kicker last season.

Signor will travel to Kansas City Thursday to participate in the Chiefs' three-day rookie mini camp.

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FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Historic season sets Nixon apart from other contenders

By Alex McNamee
Assistant Sports Editor

Ta'Kenya Nixon had one of the best — if not the best — freshman seasons of anybody ever to come through the Eastern women's basketball program, which is why she has been named *The Daily Eastern News* Female Athlete of the Year.

The fresh face from Michigan City, Ind. took the Ohio Valley Conference by storm in her first season on campus, breaking seven school records — rebounds, assists, steals, free throws made, free throws attempted, games played and games started — on her way to being named OVC Player of the Week three times and OVC Freshman of the Week five times.

In head coach Brady Sallee's memory, two other freshman seasons stand out. Former Panthers Rachel Galligan and Jessica Huffman had great freshman years but Sallee said Nixon probably had the best.

"The most impressive thing about Ta'Kenya's was that she did it in so many different ways," Sallee

said.

At the end of the season, Nixon was named OVC Defensive and Freshman of the Year, while being named First Team All-OVC, OVC All-Newcomer and OVC All-Tournament Team.

Now that the season has ended, Nixon has looked back on her first season as a Panther in awe.

"During the year there is really no time to do that because you have so much going on," Nixon said. "But I've sat back and thought about it. It was an awesome year. When I thought about, I really did do well."

Nixon led the Panthers in points, assists, rebounds, free throw percentage, minutes played and steals as she was able to lend a big helping hand toward Eastern's season, in which they claimed the OVC Regular Season Championship.

"I don't know that you ever expect a freshman to do what she did," Sallee said. "It's one thing to have the tools, but a lot of times what keeps freshman from being as

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Freshman guard Ta'Kenya Nixon was selected to be *The Daily Eastern News* Female Athlete of the Year. Nixon distinguished herself not only at Lantz Arena, but also around the Ohio Valley Conference. She was OVC Defensive and Freshman of the Year, and also chosen for OVC First-Team and All-Newcomer teams.

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Tuesday vs. Missouri
6:30 p.m. — Coaches Stadium

Baseball
Tuesday vs. Southern Illinois
3 p.m. — Coaches Stadium

Softball
Saturday at Tennessee State (DH)
12 p.m. — Nashville, Tenn.

Baseball
Saturday vs. UT Martin (DH)
1 p.m. — Coaches Stadium

Softball
Sunday at Tennessee State
12 p.m. — Nashville, Tenn.

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