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PUMP IT UP

Students and community members put on high heels to walk a mile to raise awareness for sexual assault.

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SPRING TUNE UP

The Eastern football team suited up to play in the Spring Game Saturday, with a couple familiar faces appearing to support the team.

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Action for budget cut to be started in June

By Bob Galuski
Managing Editor | @BobGaluski

The first steps in the budget cut that has been planned out for a majority of the semester will be announced by early June.

President Bill Perry informed the Board of Trustees Friday that the next steps of the program analysis are moving forward.

“We will decide which programs and activities should continue, and with what level of budgetary support,” he said. “We will also be deciding on areas to provide additional resources, based on assessed potential to produce sustainable increases in enrollment.”

He stressed that in the next steps, there will still be support for excellence, accessibility and financial sustainability within “certain ranges of operation.” Among those include university student-faculty ratios of 15 -1 to 18-1 or 2.

Also included are university average class sizes of 22 to 25, along with university staff to faculty ratios of 1.4 -1 to 1.8-1 and 4. Finally, Perry said the last aspect would be tenure-track and tenured faculty percentage of all faculty by approximately 70 percent.

The budget cutting process began earlier in the semester when Perry asked for subcommittees of the Council on University Planning and Budget to figure out ways to cut \$7 million and reallocate an additional \$1 million.

Perry also said the next steps in the budget cut will be guided by Eastern’s mission statement.

Along with the announcement of the next steps of the budget cut, there was also an update on the presidential search committee – with it being officially announced.

The committee will be comprised up faculty, board members, community members and a student representative.

Perry announced his intent to step down as president in March, citing wanting to travel and focus on teaching being his main reasons.

The Board of Trustees also approved a new degree during their meeting Friday. The Bachelor of Arts in Music will be added to the curriculum.

Along with the approval of the new degree, the board also approved various purchases.

The board approved the renewal of the telephone agreement with Consolidated Services for the telephones used on campus.

The board also approved parking lot maintenance in between Taylor Hall and Coleman Hall. The funding comes from local funds, such as parking fees and tickets, and will cost roughly \$260,000.

Eighteen faculty members were also approved for tenure, and approved tenure for the new hire of Shellie Gregorich, the new music chairwoman.

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Members of the Mexican Folkloric Company of Chicago perform native dances on Sunday during the Celebration: A Festival of the Arts. The dance company was founded in 1982.



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Members of the Quad City Ballet prepare for their traditional Mexican folk dance performance on the outdoor stage during Celebration on Saturday.



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The MoonDogs performed Saturday on the outdoor stage during Celebration. The MoonDogs are a seven-piece band that blend roots, rock and reggae.

Time to celebrate Festival honors Illinois arts for 37th year

By Sarah Darrell
Staff Reporter | @DEN_News

Music flowed through Celebration: A Festival of the Arts all weekend, in between the food vendors and the more than 40 artisans selling their hand-crafted work – from jewelry to sculptures.

Most activities will took place along South Seventh Street with the exception of indoor performances.

For three days, between Friday and Sunday, music and other exhibits captivated the community and campus.

A Band Called Honalee took the stage last on Sunday. The modern day folk trio is inspired by the music of Peter, Paul, and Mary. They draw their influence from music of the

folk and folk-rock era of the 1960s with performers such as Mamas & Papas, Bob Dylan, The Byrds, Pete Seeger, The Beatles, Joni Mitchell, Gordon Lightfoot and many others, said Aaron Gandy, the producer of the band.

“Our mission is to share this uniquely American music with new audiences, while rekindling the passion of long-time fans,” Gandy said. “These songs never fail to inspire people and bring them together once again. We believe the melodies and messages of the 1960s folk and folk/rock songs are just as relevant today as they were when they were first sung, perhaps even more so.”

Those who attended also had the chance to view several of the artisan booths, which included various pieces of jewelry, clothing and other items – all handmade.

If the fried foods – corn dogs, fried pickles and fried rice – weren’t enough for people, there was food offered including lemon shakeups and barbecue.

The EIU Jazz Lab band kicked off the festival with classic jazz tunes helping bring the first wave of people in.

The Ars Nova, a blues-rock jam band out of Champaign, hit the stage Friday. They brought their influence from bands like the Red Hot Chili Peppers and Umphrey’s McGee to Eastern’s campus as the festivities went on.

Along with the art vendors, different specialists also displayed their vast knowledge and hobbies.

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Eastern study abroad students dance in the mud during Friday's Holi festival in the Library Quad. The event, which lasted two hours consisted of participants throwing paint at each other and sliding through the mud.

Holi connects Eastern with new culture

By Jarad Jarmon

Associate News Editor | @JJarmonReporter

Dust of color filled the air in the Library Quad as students and some community members alike chucked pounds of colored powder at each other in celebration of Holi.

Eastern's second annual take on the festival of color Friday started with flying dust and turned into something more.

As the bags and bags of powder dissipated on the ground and on people's faces and bodies, more and more looked to other avenues of color cover their friends with.

Friends and strangers were thrown into the growing circle of mud surrounding the tubs of water.

It reached the point where all that could be distinguished were muddy and colored bodies.

Manoj Vulta, a senior technology major who has been to Holi in India, said there was not enough colors so they used the mud.

"We thought there would be more color," Vulta said.

Krishna Sumanth, a graduate technolo-



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Eastern students throw green, blue and yellow pigment in the air during Holi Friday in the Library Quad.

gy major who has also been to Holi before, said even in India, they played with mud.

Many of the powder colors normally in a Holi festival were missing because the powder normally used hurts.

He said it as good they didn't use the normal powder used because it burns and

stings, especially in the eyes. Sumanth said it was common and natural for people in Holi to end up with red eyes by the end.

When the bags of powder were gone, people just stayed to dance, party and "forget about the past," Vulta said.

Some women even brought hula-

hoops doing tricks and dances with them to the music that shook the campus.

A couple of men did ticks as well swinging poi, heavy balls connected to a metal chain, multiple configurations.

Sumanth said the only real goal of Holi is to forget and just have fun with color and dancing.

He said it exciting to see the more than 300 students embracing Holi so enthusiastically.

Sumanth said Eastern captured the essence of Holi.

He added it encompassed the feeling of Holi, happiness.

"We celebrate because we need people to live happy and have colorful life," Sumanth said.

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Nick Fetrell and Dan Alix hold their fellow ROTC member, Craig Sharp as he struggles to complete a mile in heels during Walk a Mile in Her Shoes Sunday. ROTC was a sponsor of the event, which was hosted by Sexual Assault Counseling and Information Services (SACIS). Participants walked from Mortonson Park, around Lincoln Ave., and back to the park twice to complete the full mile. Funds raised from the event went to helping SACIS during its relocation period in June. Currently in the basement of Lawson, SACIS will be moving to 1505 18th St., Suite #2, Charleston in June.



Tyler Walker, a 10-year-old Charleston resident, walks in white high heels, a red feather boa and a pink tutu during Walk a Mile in Her Shoes Sunday at Mortonson Park. Walker's sign said "I wear heels for my mom." Walker's mother said she was excited about the event and encouraged others to attend.

Community sports high heels to raise awareness

By Bob Galuski
Managing Editor | @BobGaluski

Decked out in his ROTC attire, storm clouds moving in overhead, this must have been one of the toughest miles Craig Sharp ever completed.

It wasn't the length. It wasn't the terrain. It was what he was walking in.

It was Sharp's first time in high heels.

Sharp, a kinesiology and sports studies major, spent his Sunday afternoon walking in high heels to raise awareness of sexual violence.

One of more than 20 people sporting high heels, pumps and go-go boots, Sharp walked with a sign that read "I Am Man Enough To Walk In Her Shoes!"

"We want to try and understand what it must be like. We want to be better allies."

-Erin Walters, executive director of SACIS

The trek took the walkers from a pavilion in Morton Park, down Lincoln Ave., over to Fourth Street and back around to Morton Park. With two laps under their belts, the volunteers completed the mile.

Daniel Alix, a professor of military science, also walked next to Sharp, and he also sported his own set of sparkling red high heels.

"We're huge supporters of these events," Alix said. "This is just one of the great causes."

Although walking in heels for the first time was "quite painful" for Alix, he said he knew there was no way he wasn't going to finish the mile.

Erin Walters, the executive director of Sexual Assault Counseling and Information Service, said the event was about getting people to understand what it is like, playing on the old idea of not knowing someone until you've walked in their shoes.

"We want to try and understand what it must be like," she

said. "We want to be better allies."

While this is the first Walk A Mile In Her Shoes event at Eastern, it is an event that occurs statewide, nation-wide and in other countries, Walters said.

Walters also made the announcement that beginning in June, SACIS will be moving to a new location.

Currently located in the basement of Lawson Hall, SACIS will be moving to 1505 18th St., Suite #2, Charleston. The funds raised from the Walk A Mile event went toward helping the services relocate.

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A man holds his heels during Walk a Mile in Her Shoes Sunday in Mortonson Park. Participants were asked to walk down Lincoln Avenue, and back around to the park for a mile, and wear heels for as long as they could.

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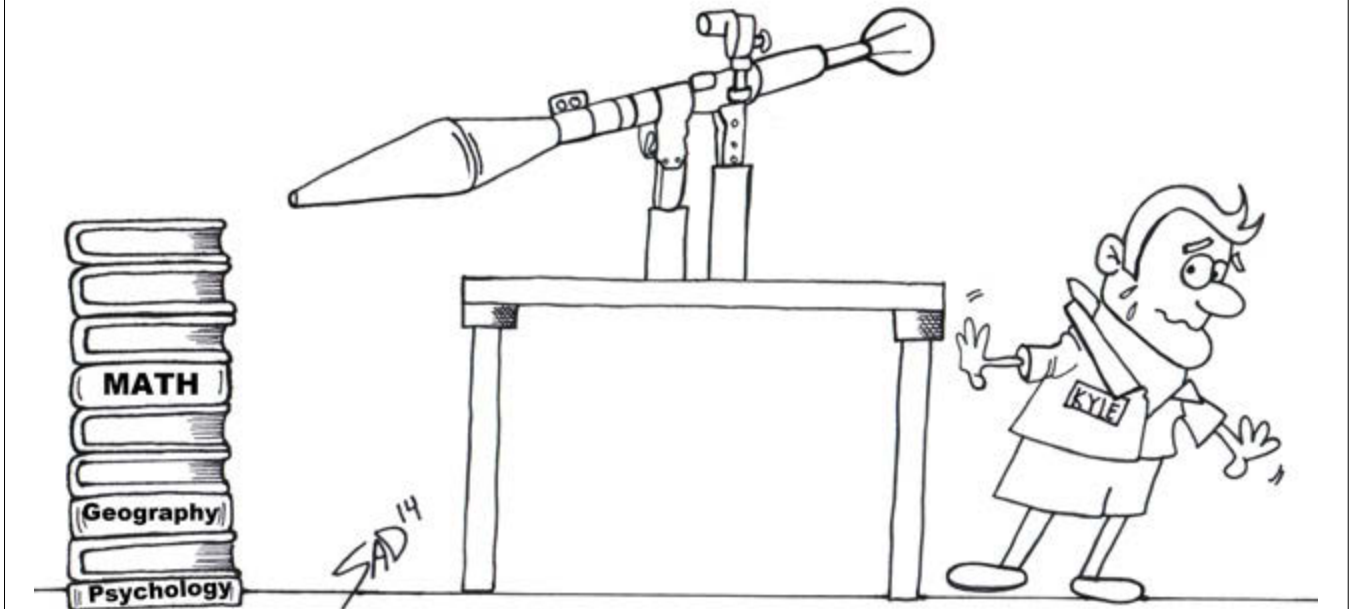
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Text return time is coming!



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STAFF EDITORIAL

Return your textbooks to avoid fine

There is an easier way to get rid of your textbooks than blowing them up with a rocket launcher. Blowing up anything is pretty awesome, but it should not be the prime method to disposing those pesky textbooks.

We are nearing the end of the semester, and it is getting close to the deadline to return your textbooks. The textbook return deadline for the spring semester is Friday, May 9 at 3 p.m. at Textbook Rental Center.

You should review the textbook information via PAWS for a complete listing of textbooks checked out for the current semester. You may return textbooks that are no longer needed for your courses or that you finished with at anytime during the semester. That means that if you are done

this week, and do not need to study with them for finals, you might as well stop by Textbook Rental Center to drop them off.

It is advised to return the textbooks checked out so you can avoid charges that could include the actual textbook. Each day that the textbook is late will be a fine of \$20.00 per day. These charges are non-refundable.

For those of you who need to return your textbooks, via mail, UPS, or other delivery methods, you must postmark your package before or by the return deadline. The Textbook Rental Center e-mail suggests that you insure these packages, while the shipping address can be found on the website.

Two weeks ago today, we at The News advised students to pay off their holds

via library fines or intramural holds because those holds are an inconvenience at the end of the semester. Do not let another possible situation keep you from enjoying your summer. The difference between these fines is a lot of money. Twenty dollars adds up fast, and as college students, we need as much money as we can get.

Please, drop off your textbooks. Take this time to mark it on your calendar, planner, phone or whatever scheduling device you need to remind you about the deadline. One hundred and forty dollars could certainly be used for something else to enjoy the summer.

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

Dems attack Black conservatives ... Again

Gov. Pat Quinn, a Democrat, recently tweeted several messages urging voters to read an article by Chicago Sun-Times writer Neil Steinberg that compared black Republicans to Jews who collaborated with the Nazis. When backlash came from the Jewish community, he quickly deleted them.

This is not the first time that the Democratic party has attempted to tarnish the image of any black elected official that does not belong to their faction. Belonging to the Republican party is seen by Democrats as a betrayal of the black race and any conservative black politician is vilified by them with the aid of the mainstream media.

The Democrats have managed to keep most of the black voters in America firmly in their camp for about the last sixty years. More than 90 percent of black Americans have typically voted for Democrat candidates. The last two presidential elections saw that number climb to 95 percent in 2008. In comparison, 43 percent of white Americans voted for Obama.

What is the hold that the Democratic party seems to have over the black voting population in America? Why is it such a sin to be a conservative or Republican if



Brian Weaver

you are black? Is there one particular issue that has taken hold of my fellow citizens who are black, that makes it anathema for them to switch their affiliation to the more conservative Republican party?

It is especially confusing when one looks at the history of the Democratic party when it comes to the subject of race. The party that opposed emancipation of slaves in America was the Democratic party.

The Ku Klux Klan was formed by Democrats in the South upset about slaves being freed by Abraham Lincoln and the Republicans in Congress. Woodrow Wilson, a Democrat, re-segregated the U.S. military and government. Democrats have not only given us the KKK, but also Jim Crow laws, lynchings, poll taxes, and literacy tests.

Even the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was passed by larger Republican support than Democratic. The main opposition the bill came from Democrats who filibustered the bill for 75 days. Former Ku Klux Klan leader Robert Byrd of West Virginia filibustered the bill for over fourteen hours by himself. After its passage, President Lyndon Johnson said “I’ll have those n****s voting Democratic for the next 200 years.” as he pushed his “Great Society” program to Democratic governors aboard Air Force One.

Governor Quinn’s comments disparaging black Republicans is just another slur by Democrats aimed at any black American that does not toe the Democratic party line. This despicable conduct damages our country and creates a divide along ethnic lines when the divide should be along ideological ones.

Any American citizen who is elected to office should be free to take a stand with whatever party supports their values. Comparing them to Nazi collaborators is beneath contempt.

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Clean energy center opens for first time

Building to focus on renewable energy for region

By Amir Prellberg
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The Center for Clean Energy Research and Education opened its doors for the first time Friday. Located next to the Renewable Energy Center, the building will host research with a focus on renewable energy and in hopes of becoming an economic engine in the region.

In the room known as the “idea incubator,” the ribbon cutting ceremony occurred. The room will house students and faculty to connect with local businesses and community members to secure ideas for future projects.

The 5,000 square-foot facility hosted faculty and staff throughout Eastern departments.

President Bill Perry, the Board of Trustees and Charleston Area Charitable Foundation broke ground on March 1, 2013 for the energy center, north of the Renewable Energy Center.

Peter Ping Liu, the director of the Center for Clean Energy Research and Education, said it took almost two years to organize and put it all together.

The doors were opened on Fri-

day but Liu said it would not realistically open for everyday use until the end of Fall 2014 semester.

The building will be a research and development facility for the entire university. Undergraduate and graduate students will be involved in the research and Charleston High School students will help graduate students and faculty with research.

“Altogether there will be 10 departments across the university using the facilities,” Liu said.

Liu said they are seeking companies right now to help with outside research and sponsorships.

“We have been looking at companies but we don’t have any specific names to disclose at this time.”

Sunil Thapa, a graduate student of sustainable energy, said that for a graduate student, the building is a great place because they get to have their own lab.

Thapa is graduating this semester and wishes he would still be here for when the building is fully operational.

“I wish this place was ready a year back,” he joked.

Thapa believes that future students will get to work here with their own lab and own room and it will help motivate them. He also believes this lab will pull in more graduate students.

“When people want to look at graduate school, they look at what kind of lab they have.”

Charleston High School stu-

dents currently work with graduate students and faculty during the week. The research facility will give the ability for high school students to have more hands-on experience. Thapa explains that he likes to teach the high school students because have such enthusiasm for sustainable energy.

Jerry Cloward, a professor in the School of Technology, said that the Center for Clean Energy Research and Education building is a home for their research. Cloward is excited about not going to have fight space when the building is fully operational. “There will be a little more room and we’ll be able to collaborate with a little better with other departments in the university.”

Cloward also explained that they work with people in the region and this gives businesses an opportunity to come here and “set-up shop” for research.

The mission statement of Center for Clean Energy Research and Education is to support needs of the campus through sustainable energy, support faculty research across the entire university, engage students in their study of clean energy and become leaders in clean energy research and education in the nation.

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AMIR PRELLBERG | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS
Peter Ping Liu speaks at the Center for Clean Energy Research and Education ribbon ceremony Friday afternoon. Liu is the director of CENCERE.

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One such individual was Pat Gregory, who showed the crowd gathered around how to carve a decoy duck out of wood.

The last performance on Friday was Cellrs, a rock and roll band direct from Chicago.

Saturday’s performances include many others such as White Mule, The Embarras Valley Haymakers, Desafinado and Tequila Mockingbyrd.

This was the 37th year for Celebration: A Festival of the Arts. A few years ago it was moved to South Seventh Street.

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Jerry Rhoads, a wood worker, shaves excess wood off a new piece during Celebration Saturday behind the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

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Regulations state at the time of initial employment by the university or subsequent thereto, an administrative employee may be granted tenure by the board upon the recommendation of the president in considerations of recommendations by the appropriate department, the dean, the provost and approved by the board.

The board also approved the decision to name the Honors College as the Sandra and Jack Pine Honors College.

Jack Pine graduated in 1964, and Sandra Pine graduated in 1965.

William Dano, one of the

board members, also announced his decision to resign from the board Friday. He cited his business needed him to relocate outside of the United States.

The decision as to Dano’s successor will be a matter for Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn, who is responsible for appointing seven of Eastern’s eight trustees. The student body elects one student representative annually.

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Weather forces Panthers, Bruins to 5-5 tie

By Aldo Soto
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Mother Nature won Sunday at Coaches Stadium.

After the Eastern baseball team tied Belmont with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning, the game was called after the top of the 11th inning ended, as the last ray of daylight evaporated, while rain fell and lightning struck, ending the series finale in a 5-5 tie.

Eastern was trailing 5-4 entering the bottom of the ninth, but as Mitch Gasbarro took his lead away from second base, with pinch runner Montana Timmons doing the same off of first base, Tyler Schweigert hit the first pitch he saw from Belmont closer Greg Brody to Scott Moses at shortstop.

Gasbarro quickly ran toward third base and got in the line of sight of Moses, who could not come up with grounder, allowing Gasbarro to come around to score and tie the game at five.

Both teams went down quietly in the 10th inning and after Moses popped out to first base to end the top of the 11th, the umpires met, along with Eastern coach Jim Schmitz and Belmont coach Dave Jarvis, and called the game as the skies continued to darken and rain began to pour.

“You could say that we got lucky with the error, but guess what they got three or four runs that were kind of lucky, so battling back and getting the tie is big right there,” Schmitz said.

Nearly three hours worth of weather delays plagued Coaches Stadium, the first coming before starter Joe Greenfield balked in the tying run, as the Panthers were one out away from getting out of the fifth inning, which would have made it in official game.

The 32-minute delay that halted play was because of lightning detected in the area, which by rule means there must be at least a 30-minute wait until play could resume.

Then before Alec Diamond could step into the batter’s box to start the top



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Senior pitcher Ben Kennedy throws against Belmont Sunday at Coaches Stadium. The game ended in a 5-5 tie because of inclement weather.

of the sixth inning, another lightning delay went into effect, but it eventually turned into a rain delay.

“I thought the guys did good – it’s hard to come back, pull the tarp off and do all that work, but they came back and played,” Schmitz said.

Following the two-hour and 20-minute rain delay, Eastern took the lead in the bottom of the seventh inning, as Brant Valach hit a sacrifice-fly to right field that scored Caleb Howell. Then Cameron Berra reached safely on an

infield single that brought in Demetre Taylor across home for the 4-2 Eastern advantage.

Unfortunately the Panthers’ bullpen could not hold the lead.

Jake Haberer surrendered the Eastern lead, as he was charged with allowing all three runs in the top of the eighth inning.

Diamond capped off the Belmont rally, hitting a ground ball to Eastern shortstop Dane Sauer, who threw home, but the toss was too late, as Brennan

Washington slid in to give the Bruins a 5-4 lead.

“Obviously we didn’t do well in relief that inning,” Schmitz said.

But with the tie, Eastern avoided a loss, which could factor later on during the season, when determining if the Panthers could get themselves into the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament.

Eastern is now 8-12-1 in the OVC, inching its way closer to the sixth spot in the standings, with three conference opponents remaining on the Panthers’

schedule.

“We had a chance for a big sweep, but you have no idea what that tie will do maybe three weeks from now — just in terms of not having that loss — but it’s been weird where that percentage point can get us in,” Schmitz said.

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Geraghty wins pole vault again

By Blake Nash
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Peter Geraghty’s success this week did not end on Friday, just three days after he broke the school’s pole vault record.

At the Drake Relays he took first place with a mark of 18-feet, 0.5-inches, which marks the third time he has won, and eclipsed the 18-foot mark in the last week.

He entered this weekend’s meet ranked third in the nation and first in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Teammate Mick Viken also competed at the Drake Relays taking seventh place overall. He came in as the reigning champion, and cleared a height of 16’10.75”.

In other Eastern men’s action, David Johansson took 13th overall in the javelin throw, with his best throw measuring at 186 feet.

The Sweden native has also took part in the hammer throw competitions this year, but was not selected by the Drake athletic committee to take part in that competition. Seth Derr, a freshman of Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kan, won the event.

In running action, senior hurdler Danny Trevor, placed 22nd overall in the 110-meter hurdles. He finished with a time of 14.78. Joseph Vanier of the University of Illinois won this event, with a time of 13.68.

The track team also had a top 10 finish in the 4x100m relay race. This team consisted of Christian Ilunga-Matthiesen, Cal-

vin Edwards, Jamal Robins on and Kaleel Johnson.

Those four finished with a time of 40.47. However, Baylor would win that contest with a time of 39.14.

The final men’s competitor for Eastern was Joe Calio. He placed 18th in the steeplechase with a time of 9:24.05.

North Dakota’s Jeffrey Mettler won this event, with a time of 8:51.05. Calio was the lone Panther representative to compete on Saturday.

On the women’s side, Jalisa Paramore was the only competitor for Eastern. She was also the only dual-event competitor for the Panthers, taking part in the 100m hurdles, and the long jump.

Her best finish took place in the long jump, where she placed 14th with a best leap of 18’7”. Thirty minutes earlier, she took 15th place in the 100m hurdles, with a time of 13.87.

Notre Dame’s Jade Barber won the hurdles with a time of 13.29. The long jump was won by Chanice Porter of Georgia, with a mark of 20’8”.

The next meet for the Panthers will be the Ohio Valley Conference championships, which will take place in Edwardsville.

Eastern comes into that meet as the five-time OVC defending outdoor champions on both the men’s and women’s sides.

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Dameron said the biggest concern with a lack of depth at the defensive line is the worry for injuries and the inability to replenish the position.

“That is the hardest position to keep guys healthy,” Dameron said.

The Panthers’ defensive line is led by returning starter Dino Fanti, who had 45 tackles, including five sacks last season.

Another area of concern for Dameron is in the secondary, as Pete Houlihan, Alex McNulty and Nick Beard played their last season with Eastern last year.

With two starting corners and a starting safety gone this season, Dameron said the incorporation of new players, with the addition of a new defensive scheme would take time to adjust.

“It’s no secret that we’re more of a nickel-style defense than what they were in the past,” he said. “So, there are a lot of things that need to go right defensively for us – meaning that we need to stay healthy, but there are question marks with guys that you just



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Jimmy Garoppolo, former Eastern quarterback, and Erik Lora, former Eastern wide receiver, speak to the football team after their spring game Saturday at O’Brien Field.

don’t know.”

The Spring Game wrapped up the spring portion of Eastern’s practices. The Panthers will pick things up again in August, with their fall training camp

prior to their season-opener at Minnesota on Aug. 28.

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Willert led off the ninth inning with a stand-up triple down the right field line, Morgan Biel then came on to pinch hit, and she hit a sacrifice fly to right, deep enough so Willert could score.

Stephanie Maday pitched for the Panthers, as she would go nine innings, she struck out nine batters allowed eight hits and one earned run which was a second inning home run by Niya

Sparks of Austin Peay.

It was her first career home run, Maday, in picking up the win, improved to 17-6 on the season.

Eastern’s offense picked up 10 hits off of starter Lauren DeCastro.

Eastern, with the three-game sweep, moves into first place in the Ohio Valley Conference west division.

The Panthers are now 37-13, 17-4 in the OVC. They will travel to South-

ern Illinois-Edwardsville Friday, where first place in the OVC west will be determined.

Edwardsville is currently third overall behind the panthers who are second in the OVC, behind only Jacksonville State.

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Red-shirt senior wide receiver, Adam Drake, runs the ball during Saturday's Spring Game at O'Brien Stadium.



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Junior wide receiver, Keiondre Gober, runs to endzone to score a touchdown during Saturday's Spring Game at O'Brien Stadium.

Dameron confident in Manley; sees defensive 'question marks'

By Aldo Soto
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If the Eastern football season started today, red-shirt senior Andrew Manley would be suiting up as the starting quarterback, but for now he will remain the starter until someone rips the job from his hands.

Kim Dameron finished his first Spring Game as Eastern's coach Saturday at O'Brien Field, with Manley firmly in control of the starting quarterback position.

"Manley has taken most of the No. 1 reps through spring and while we have had some great competition, no one has taken those reps away from him at this point," Dameron said.

Manley led the Eastern Blue team, which was made up of first-string players, to a 31-0 win over the Eastern White team, as the New Mexico transfer finished the afternoon 13-of-18 for 146 yards and two touchdowns.

His two touchdown passes came to Keiondre Gober and Anthony Taylor in the second and fourth quarter, respectively, but Manley and the offense struggled early.

The Eastern defense made six straight stops to start the game, as both teams had three stops apiece.

Red-shirt sophomore Pono Choy gave the Blue team the lead, intercepting a pass and returning it 46 yards for a touchdown.

Manley was finally able to direct the Panthers' offense downfield, capping off the scoring drive with a 14-yard touchdown pass to Gober. Manley's second touchdown pass came on a 56-yard play to Taylor.

Red-shirt junior Ben Krol also saw action on the Blue team. Last year's backup finished the game 3-of-8 for 68 yards.

Red-shirt freshmen Austin Green and Sean Hussey shared playing time on the White team.

Dameron saw his running duo of Shepard Little and Taylor Duncan rush for 89 yards on 19 carries combined.

Receiving wise, red-shirt senior Adam Drake had a game-high seven catches for 59 yards.

Eastern has seven starters from both sides of the ball returning for the 2014 season, but on the defensive end Dameron said he does not have the same depth that he has been afforded with in the past.

"Right now we don't have a ton of depth – we're really thin, our defensive line is anorexic as far as the number of guys we have there," Dameron said.

The first-year head coach said that even with some injured players returning from



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Head Coach Kim Dameron, speaks to the team after the Spring Game Saturday at O'Brien Stadium. Dameron told the players the game was a good indicator of what they were capable of as a team, but that they still have room for growth.

injury in the last couple of weeks the depth is still not what he desires.

"By the standards that I am used to having in d-linemen, we don't have them, as far

as the numbers," he said. "We have some good players, but we don't have the numbers."

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Eastern sweeps Austin Peay on senior weekend

By Kaz Darzinskis
Staff Reporter | @DEN_News

This weekend at Williams field was Senior Recognition day, and the Eastern softball team won three walk-off games, sweeping Austin Peay in the three-game series.

The first game of the doubleheader on Saturday, Eastern won 4-3, scoring all four runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to secure the victory.

Hanna Mennenga started the game for the Panthers. She would go the distance, striking out seven Lady Govs, walking six batters while surrendering three hits and three earned runs. With the win, Mennenga improved to 19-4 this year.

Offensively, the Panthers were quiet until the last inning when the team scored four runs in the game.

Reyna Hutchinson, Haylee Beck and April Markowski led the way for the Panthers, as each player was 2-for-3 with a run scored in the contest.

Carly Willert was 1-for-3 in the game and she scored the other Panther run in the contest.

In the second game, Eastern won 3-2, as Aus-

tin Peay tied the contest with two runs in the seventh inning, Eastern scored one run in the bottom of the eighth inning to win the second game of the doubleheader.

In the match, Stephanie Maday pitched for the Panthers. She set a career high for strikeouts with 17, and she also carried a no hitter deep into the seventh inning, but gave up the bid, with two outs to a hard hit back up the middle.

Maday almost made the play on the ball, but it was just out of her reach.

Maday, to go with her personal best of 17 strikeouts, pitched eight innings of one-hit ball. She walked three batters and allowed two earned runs.

Offensively for the Panthers, the team was limited to three runs off of eight hits against Lady Gov pitcher Sidney Hooper.

Hannah Cole was 2-for-3 in the game with an RBI, while Hutchinson was 1-for-3 with a run scored and an RBI. April Markowski also had an RBI in the game.

In the rubber match on Sunday, Eastern again won on a walk off, this time in the ninth inning.

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Ashleigh Westover and her teammates celebrate a good play during their winning game against Austin Peay State University in Williams field on Saturday.