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# the **DAILY EASTERN NEWS**

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## Arts party highlights Eastern

### Celebration Festival participants loosen up before finals week

By **Beth Hackett**  
Senior Activities Reporter

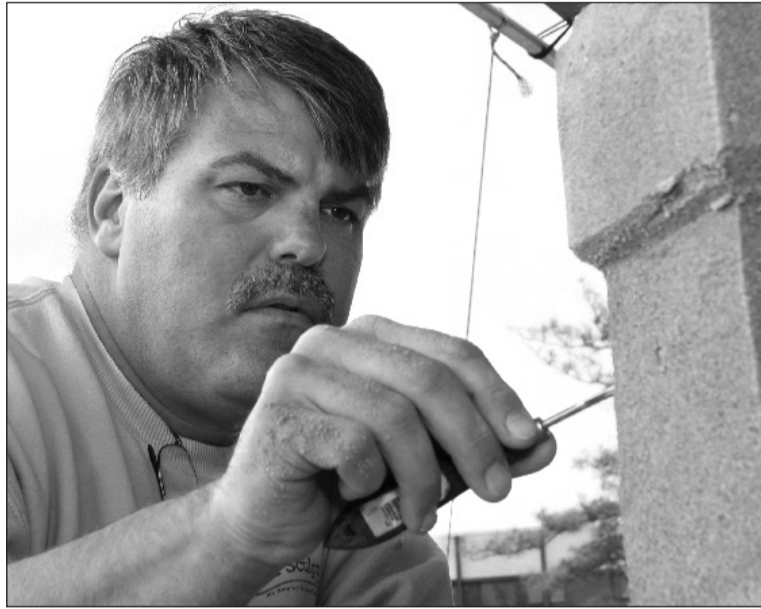
Ryan Moran attended Celebration last year and came back this year because he enjoyed the music and food.

“The food is awesome,” said Moran, a junior management major. “(My friends and I) tried the lemon shake-ups, gyros and corndogs.”

The smell of funnel cakes and gyros filled the air of the Library Quad as the sound of rock, jazz and classical music blared.

Celebration is the annual festival of the arts event sponsored by the College of Arts and Humanities and takes place the weekend before finals. The event has run for 30 consecutive years.

A crowd of students, teachers, community members and Eastern alumni walked around the grounds



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Sand sculpture artist Ted Siebert works on his sand castle Friday afternoon for Celebration: A Festival of the Arts.

while sipping on lemon shake-ups, eating corn dogs, listening to music and sifting through jewelry inside the tents.

Steven Wanderski, a computer information systems 2004 graduate of Eastern, has attended Celebration for five years and said this event was

the highlight of his time at Eastern. Wanderski visited all the art, jewelry and food stands on Saturday to get an impression of Charleston's festival of the arts.

“I tried a chicken pita from the Greek food stand and it was thoroughly satisfying,” he said.

On Saturday, children had the opportunity to meet with Curious George, who gave them gifts like bananas and activity packets.

Each year, the event attracts a wide range of people because of its variety of activities and attractions.

Children enjoyed the sand sculpture demonstration, root beer in bottles and playing with other children after finishing their corn dogs and funnel cakes.

Charles Spivey, an Eastern history graduate, attended Celebration for the music and food.

“I know some of the guys in Elsinore and I really enjoy listening to the music,” Spivey said.

Spivey also enjoyed trying the different types of food offered, saying his favorites included the

jumbo corndogs, shish kabobs and the sassafras root beer.

Gary Hanebrink, co-owner of Pop Jack's Root Beer stand, started coming to Celebration eight years ago.

“We get good business each year at Eastern, and our business grows along with the event,” he said.

Hanebrink brews his root beer with real sassafras root – thus the name root beer – which is a plant native to the Midwest.

“This particular root beer is brewed from various plant products, including sarsaparilla,” he said.

Pop Jack's stand offered different flavors of root beer, as well as chocolate and cookies.

Wanderski said his favorite part of the weekend was watching the Airtight Sting Band perform Saturday.

“I enjoyed learning about the roots of back-road Illinois pre-bluegrass music,” he said.

Moran thinks events like Celebration should occur more often when the weather is nice.

## Board of Trustees approves student fee increases

### Student body president leaves disappointed with vote

By **Ashley Rueff**  
Senior University Reporter

Tuition and student fee increases were approved at Friday's Board of Trustees meeting despite some opposition from Student Body President Sean Anderson.

Anderson spoke to the board before their vote on tuition and fees to ask them to postpone a vote on campus improvement fees and to reconsider a proposed change to the health service and pharmacy fee.

He said that a \$6.33 increase in campus improvement fees for incoming students was never brought before student government for discussion.

President Lou Hencken addressed Anderson's comment in the meeting to say that traditionally, fee increases for incoming students are not brought before student government because the new students who will be paying the fees did not elect the students to office.

Outside of the meeting, Anderson claimed that the Board of Trustees broke the law for passing the increase without presenting it to student government. He cited a 2001 Illinois Board of Higher Education student fees policy that says “governing boards should ensure that campuses adopt policies that specify the manner in which students will be consulted on proposals that include new fees for non-instructional purposes or proposals that significantly restructure existing fee programs.”

Hencken responded to Anderson's accusation by saying that the university did not create a new student fee, but only slightly increased an existing fee. He also reiterated Eastern's tradition of not bringing new student fees before student government because those student representatives were not elected by incoming students. He said this IBHE policy is not a law and that the board maintains control of changing student fees.

“This is an example where Sean is not

STUDENT FEE INCREASES	FY07	FY08	INCREASE
» Textbook Rental Fee	\$7.95	\$8.95	\$1/credit hour
» Health Service and Pharmacy Fee	\$82.90	\$90.90	\$8
» Health and Accident Insurance Fee	\$101.95	\$109.95	\$8
» Campus Improvement Fee (new students only)	\$5.67	\$12	\$6.33
» Athletics Fee	\$81.05	\$92.30	\$11.25

correct,” Hencken said. “When it comes to setting fees, the legal entity for a public university in the state of Illinois is the Board of Trustees. I think the university is well aware of laws. It's unfortunate that people would make statements with knowing just part of the facts.”

Anderson also objected to a change in the health service and pharmacy student fee. The fee was brought before student government and the amount of the fee increase was approved, but the party who pays for the fee was not. The proposed change asked for the cap of credit hours an undergrad could take and still have to pay the full health services and pharmacy fee.

The board passed the fee change so that undergraduates taking nine credit hours or more would have to pay the full fee. This was lowered from 12 credit hours. Anderson asked the board not to approve this change because there was no change made for graduate students who pay the full fee if taking nine credit hours.

Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs, addressed Anderson's comments during the meeting.

“It's such a different situation with students on the graduate level,” he said. “You're really dealing with two different kinds of students.”

He said that many graduate students are older and have private insurance plans that cover their health and pharmacy expenses outside of health services.

The board approved the change in undergraduate credit hours under the fee, as well as an increase in textbook rental fees, athletic fees and health and accident insurance fees, which are optional for students.

“Many of our student fees – if not the lowest in the state, they are among the lowest

### TUITION PER SEMESTER HOUR FOR IN-STATE RESIDENTS

- » FY05 guaranteed students: \$137.75
- » FY06 guaranteed students: \$154.30
- » FY08 guaranteed students: \$194.40
- » FY08 continuing, non-guaranteed students: \$158.65
- » FY08 graduate students: \$189.75

in the state,” Nadler said. “I think, overall, our students are getting a good deal here.”

Amanda Raz, student executive vice president, abstained from the tuition and fees vote. The other board members passed the changes unanimously. After the vote, Anderson said he was disappointed with the board and with Nadler. “I'm afraid for student government,” he said. “They (BOT) did a disservice to the students.”

Along with the student fees, the board also approved an increase in incoming student tuition for the 2007-08 year from \$173.55 to \$194.40. An \$11.10 increase for current students not covered by the Truth in Tuition Law was approved making it \$158.65 per credit hour. Graduate students will see a \$20.35 per semester hour increase taking it from \$169.40 to \$189.75 a credit hour.

Students enrolled at Eastern by fall 2004 are locked into their current tuition rates. Hencken said the need for tuition increases is because of a shortage of state funding that began in 2002. The decrease in state funding and increase in tuition was displayed with a graph for the board with a projector.

The university has seen increased expenses in unfunded military grants, coal prices, minimum wage increases, faculty salary

increases and more, Hencken said. Also, the university will need \$692,000 a year to pay for the operations and maintenance of the Doudna Fine Arts building, and the university has a backlog of \$100 million in deferred maintenance.

“We cannot let our buildings deteriorate,” Hencken said. “We cannot let our faculty go to other institutions. That's why I come before you and ask for a tuition increase.”

If Eastern does not receive the proposed \$904,000 from the state next year, Hencken expects the university to be in a difficult situation.

In other business, University Police Chief Adam Due addressed the board about campus security at Hencken's request.

“After the incident at Virginia Tech, I thought it might be a good idea to have a discussion about campus security,” he said. “I wanted to alert the board that the university has in the past and will continue to take the safety of the students, staff and community importantly.”

Due said the University Police Department employs 21 officers and is looking to hire two or three more. The officers participate in emergency response training to prepare for emergency situations on campus.

Faculty Senate Chair Assege HaileMariam also addressed the Virginia Tech shooting while speaking to the board. She asked the board and Nadler to look into the student mental health policies at Eastern in order to keep the campus safe.

“My question is to you, our leaders, is what are we doing to offer services to our students as far as counseling that they might need?” HaileMariam said. She took her last opportunity before her term as chair ends to ask the board to improve assessment, technology and the physical sciences building.

Also, the board elected officers and set a meeting schedule for the 2007-08 year. Robert Webb will serve as chair, Roger Kratochvil will serve as vice chair, Leo Welch will serve as secretary and William O'Rourke will serve as member pro tem. The name of the Department of Physical Education was changed to the Department of Kinesiology and Sports Medicine.

# Seniors, Hencken ready their goodbyes

Staff Report

With graduation less than a week away, many seniors are pondering their future and reminiscing about their times at Eastern.

The aspect Megan Gabor, a senior theatre arts and secondary education major, will miss most is the Greek community.

"Many of my best experiences and triumphs have been due to the fact that I joined Alpha Sigma Alpha," she said.

After graduation, Gabor hopes to teach high school English and direct high school plays.

### MAY 5 GRADUATION TIMES

» **9 a.m.:** College of Sciences, School of Continuing Education

» **Noon:** College of Arts and Humanities

» **3 p.m.:** College of Education and Professional Studies

» **6 p.m.:** Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences, Graduate School

Gabor will also never forget her opportunity to be involved in the theater arts department and cheering on her sorority sisters during Greek Week.

While many seniors are getting ready for commencement, President

Lou Hencken also is anticipating the ceremony.

Hencken's speech is already written and he is looking forward to speaking during commencement. His address includes his favorite times, wisdom and what he feels are words to live by. Although this is the last time Hencken will be speaking at commencement, it will not be his last graduation.

"I won't be on stage, but I will still be there," he said. "This is a happy time, yet I am sad that it is my last time speaking. I am looking forward to a new chapter in my life."

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# Hencken serves at Louie Luau

## Fourth Annual finals feast fills Taylor Hall and students' bellies

By Matt Hopf

Student Government Reporter

President Lou Hencken was slicing bananas while sporting a lei. Plastic inflatable palm trees were in the background at Taylor Dining Center Sunday night.

The end of the semester finals feast with the Hawaiian-theme Louie Luau gave students their fill of barbecue pork sandwiches, mini cocktail wieners, sweet 'n sour

meatballs and banana splits.

"We seem to get bigger and bigger every year," Hencken said. "In fact, we had a line out there at 9 p.m."

This was Hencken's last finals feast as president.

"I'll probably come next year to eat," Hencken joked as he sliced bananas - his traditional role.

Many other administrators were seen working around Taylor.

Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs, was seen behind the counter serving the main course.

Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs, traded in his usual

suit and tie for jeans and a T-shirt and shook cans of whipped cream.

Nadler said that this was his preferred attire.

"I'm just happy that this is our fourth semester doing this, and I think it's really becoming an EIU tradition," he said. "I wouldn't be surprised tonight if we did 1,200 students."

Students who attended the feast enjoyed the food, and many were pleased that it didn't cost them a meal swipe.

"By this time, I'm out of meal swipes," said freshman accounting major Alicia Buehne.

For some it was a much-needed break from studying.

"It gives people the opportunity to get their mind off of finals," said

Chassity Cawthon, a sophomore elementary education major. "It gets our mind off of all the stress to come."

This is the fourth finals feast that has taken place, said Mark Hudson, director of housing and dining.

"A long time ago, we used to do this as a tradition, when Lou was the director of housing, but that was when we didn't serve a Sunday night meal," he said. "But now that we serve meals on Sunday night, it was less then a unique opportunity."

Last semester's feast went through 75 gallons of ice cream, said Sheila Poffinbarger, assistant director for Taylor Dining.

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## campusbriefs

### Bomb threat causes evacuation of union Friday night

» A bomb threat was received through CECOM, the Coles County dispatch, at 8:36 p.m. Friday for the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The call came from a payphone in Chicago, said University Police Chief Adam Due.

"The cashier at a business near the payphone was contacted, but they did not observe anyone using the phone outside," he said.

The building was evacuated and searched by UPD and opened again about 40 minutes later, Due said.

### Textbooks due Friday, \$10 per book fine for late books

» Textbooks from this semester are due at 3 p.m. Friday at Textbook Rental Service.

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After May 11, Textbook Rental will not accept late books, and fees will be charged to students' accounts.

For more information, call Textbook Rental at 581-3626.

### Triad computer lab open

24 hours a day until Friday

» The Gregg Triad Computer Lab will remain open 24 hours a day until 10 p.m. Friday, May 4.

The lab has been open since 2 p.m. April 22.

## police report

» **Theft** - On April 22 it was reported that a wheel and tire were stolen off a Ford Mustang in a Greek Court parking lot.

» **Criminal Damage to State Supported Property** - On April 23 it was reported that a 1989 Chevrolet van was damaged while it was parked near Carman Hall.

» **Burglary from a Motor Vehicle** - On April 23 it was reported that some person or persons attempted to break into a Red Dodge while it was parked in W lot.

» **Possession of Cannabis** - On April 25 a student was referred to the Judicial Affairs Office for discipline.

» **Public Indecency / Aggravated Assault** - On April 26 it was reported that a Charleston resident was accosted on University property while jogging. There is an ongoing investigation.

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# VIEWS

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COLUMNIST | NORA MABERRY

## Learning journalism

All right. I'll admit it. I did it.

I wrote the Greek Week editorial.

In my final act as editor in chief, I thought it would be fitting to actually take accountability for the editorial that has so many students up in arms.

What the response to the editorial taught me was not to never criticize the Greek community, as some may suspect, but that the majority of students on Eastern's campus do not understand the difference between an editorial, a column and a news article.

The editor in chief is responsible for all content that goes into the paper. And as Peter Parker's uncle Ben once said, "With great power comes great responsibility." Part of my responsibility as editor in chief of *The Daily Eastern News* is to make sure the campus understands the difference between certain aspects of the paper.

### Editorials

Contrary to popular belief, an editorial is not nameless.

The editorial is written based on the majority decision of the editorial board. The voting editorial board for *The DEN* is made up of seven people: the editor in chief, the managing editor, the news editor, the editor of dennews.com, the opinion page editor, the sports editor and the photo editor. That means four people have to agree on the editorial in order for it to run.

An editorial is an OPINION, not a news article.

### Columns

Columns are based on the opinion of the writer. They do not reflect the opinion of the editorial board. They reflect the opinion of the author. Again, it is just an opinion.

### News Articles

News articles are a reporting of the facts. When we cover an event, we go to the event and talk to participants. We lead the article with the most interesting aspect of the event. A news article should be unbiased, which we at *The DEN* strive to accomplish.

Clearing up misconceptions:

After reading some comments on dennews.com, I felt that I should clear up some misconceptions. We are never in a competition with other schools for the most comments or visits to our site. We do not write editorials for publicity. We write editorials because they are the majority opinion of the editorial board.

Letters to the Editor are run as long as the author can be verified. They are run in the order they are received. Boycotting or protesting the paper is fine; however, it is illegal to destroy newspapers. They are the property of *The DEN*, and it is a criminal act to destroy mass amounts of the paper.

What you can do:

Eastern students need to educate themselves about the journalistic processes in order to fully understand the media. If students are dissatisfied with the student publications, we urge the students to become involved in the process and work to better *The DEN*.

But to reiterate, this is just my opinion.



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## ourview

# EWP, seminars need change

The 2006-2007 academic year brought changes to the way things are done at Eastern.

The Banner system implemented a bi-monthly payroll system and a new way to register for classes.

We at *The Daily Eastern News* hope to see the university continue to implement new changes and procedures next year and in the future.

Two of the changes we would like to see deal with the Electronic Writing Portfolio requirement and the senior seminar portion of general education classes.

While EWP requirements ensure students are enrolling in writing intensive classes, they do not guarantee these students are learning to write the way they will need to in the future.

Every different field of study has its own style of writing. Writing a journalistic news article differs from an English term paper, which in turn, differs from a business strategy.

Rather than requiring all students to submit writing samples from basic English classes and any other writing intensive classes, students should be required to take a writing proficiency examination in their field of study.

This type of examination would demonstrate to the faculty and staff of

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each department that their students will be prepared for their futures after finishing the program.

The other change we at *The DEN* would like to see is the elimination of the senior seminar requirement.

In its place, each major should create a capstone course for students to reemphasize everything they should have learned throughout their four or more years of college.

Under the current senior seminar requirement, students enroll in a senior-level course outside of their major. While this course introduces students to concepts beyond their field of study and broadens their horizons, it does not do anything to better prepare students for the future.

Some departments on campus currently do use a capstone course, and this seems to

work out well for them.

All students who enter the School of Business are required to enroll in Strategy and Policy, a capstone class for business majors. This class has students demonstrate their knowledge of all areas of business: finance, accounting, marketing and management. Students must create a business strategy and analyze ones currently used by companies.

The economic department also requires majors to complete Theory and Research in their final semester. The course requires a written report, oral presentation and external field examination to be completed in order to demonstrate students' knowledge of the subject area.

By making these two requirement changes, the university can ensure that students are receiving the most out of their education.

A university exists to prepare students for the future, so the administration should strive for this goal. Science majors need to be prepared to write lab reports, not poetry criticisms. Journalism majors need to be prepared to write articles and editorials, not business reports.

If the university worked with the students, it could make sure that every student is receiving the maximum amount of experience the university can provide.

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**"It is hard to imagine two events separated by five years in time having so many similarities. Five years ago, the St. Louis Cardinals and fans alike mourned the passing of Darryl Kile. Cardinal Nation was dealt a similar blow early Sunday morning with accidental death of Josh Hancock. Both men were professional athletes: healthy, virulent and in the prime of their life. Both men were taken before their time."**



## YOUR TURN | LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you to the DEN for its front-page story (4-26-07) alerting our campus to a unilateral plan for graduate students to teach biology classes.

The plan is seriously flawed in a number ways. First, it does not reflect the professional judgment of members of the Biology Department, who have twice voted against the plan. Second, the plan flies in the face of Eastern's commitment to offer undergraduates an education provided by experienced academic professionals who have earned advanced degrees and records of accomplishment.

Students who enroll at Eastern, and their parents, have every expectation that classes will be taught by fully qualified instructors in accordance with Eastern's long-standing policies and traditions.

Let's be honest. The likely motive for the plan is to staff courses at the cheapest possible cost – tiny stipends to unqualified, exploited graduated students. It's a sham.

**John Allison** | English professor

In regards to Jasmine Mosley's letter to the editor on the smoking ban:

You open your letter with the statement that "Eastern has gone way too far to control smoking on campus." I do not believe this to be the case. The current campus policy does not infringe on a smoker's rights because it is not enforced.

You state that "if Eastern would approve this ban, they may lose students, staff and other people that may contribute to many

positives at Eastern." Nowhere in your letter do I see the research data you must have conducted to come to such a conclusion that the ban would drive people away. More than likely, though, you just "guestimated" on that, which I can only assume is such a valued method for predicting demographics.

You argue that smoking is a personal choice and that a smoking ban would violate freedom of choice. According to a study from the Journal of Science, nicotine works the same pathways via morphine and other opiates. From what I understand, those who are addicted to such substances cannot simply just flip a switch to personally choose not to do it. As for the freedom of choice, it's hard to have such a freedom without the necessary values of health and life.

I'm not saying a campus wide ban is an amazing idea. But you cannot argue that Eastern has gone too far, infringes on personal rights and will drive people away when the campus is currently a smoker's paradise.

**Kevin Jenison** | Senior mass media studies major

To the students and faculty who are supporting the ban on smoking, in order to protect their health and the environment, I have a few other ideas that can help their ludicrous cause.

First, why don't we ban the use of cell phones on campus? Research has shown that cell phones emit radiation and can be a risk to people who overuse them. I, myself, do not use cell phones nor do I have one.

Should I have to endure the "possible" health risks because other students wish to talk on their phones inside and outside of the buildings? Are the supporters of the smoking ban willing to ban cell phones?

Second, how about we ban the use of motorized vehicles by students who live on campus? As we all know, the noxious fumes emitted from cars pollute our air. If the supporters of the smoking ban are worried about breathing in secondhand smoke "outside" of the buildings, this seems like another good cause for them to support. Do you think the students would be willing to give up the right to drive their vehicles around campus and to class?

Third, since one of the main issues the supporters are talking about is the quality of the environment on and off campus, why don't we ban the use of all unnecessary electrical appliances in all of the dorms and campus houses? Do you think the students are willing to give up their TVs, radios and video games? After all, these things use energy, and when energy is produced, pollution is produced, which hurts our environment.

My point is that not every one uses cell phones, drives vehicles to campus, watches TV or plays video games. Are we willing to try and take these rights away from our students who do? I think not. So why then should we take away someone's right to smoke "outside" of a building or around campus because "some" people don't like it.

**Jason Koonce** | Senior geography major



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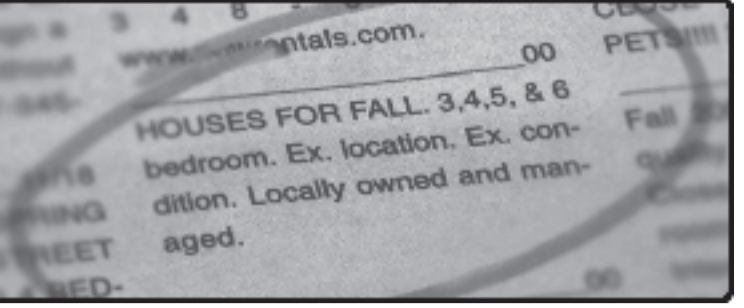
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# Hogue hits qualifying mark

## Three track athletes qualify for NCAA regionals

Three different Eastern athletes set regional qualifying marks this weekend to qualify at the NCAA Regional Qualifying Meet on May 25 and 26, held at Missouri.

"This is great for our program," said senior thrower Austin Hogue.

Junior Brenton Pegues qualified last weekend at Vanderbilt with a time of 47.16 seconds in the 400-meters. Hogue took sixth place in the javelin and set a

regional qualifying mark on Friday at the Drake Relays. It is the second straight year he has qualified for regionals.

"It was a huge weight off my chest," Hogue said.

Hogue's first two throws were under the regional qualifying mark. His third throw (204 feet, 4 inches) put him on the list of qualifiers.

"It was just a matter of time before he hit it," said Mary Wallace, Eastern's throws and women's head coach.

Senior Obe Eruteya won the triple jump at the Stan Lyons Invitational at Butler and qualified for regionals

with a jump of 15.47 meters. The regional qualifying mark is 15 meters.

Senior Nicole Marczewski qualified with a jump of 12.40 meters in the triple jump. The regional mark is 12.32 meters.

Also at the Drake Relays, the Panthers set a school record for the 4x800-meter relay. Freshman Wes Sheldon, sophomore David Holm, junior Chris Wesson and senior Brad Runnion broke the school record with a fourth-place finish in a time of 7 minutes, 29.43 seconds.

- Kevin Murphy

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## BASEBALL

**Wednesday vs. Bradley** |  
3 p.m. Coaches Stadium

## triplethreat



Tragedy struck the sports world on Sunday.

St. Louis Cardinals relief pitcher Josh Hancock (above) died in a car accident early Sunday morning, when his Ford Explorer struck the rear of a tow truck.

Hancock, 29, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Here are three people connected to Eastern athletics who died too young.

**1. Erik Proffitt** — Proffitt, a midfielder on Eastern's men's soccer team in the late-1980s, died in April 1989 after contracting spinal meningitis. Proffitt's No. 19 jersey was retired at the beginning of the 1989 season. The Wichita, Kan., native was 20 years old.

**2. Barry Stevens** — Stevens didn't play here at Eastern, but he was an assistant men's basketball head coach for two seasons (2003-04 season and 04-05 season). The former Iowa State great died Feb. 21, 2007, while playing basketball with his 15-year-old son. Stevens, 43, collapsed and died of a heart attack.

**3. Ricky Byrdsong** — Byrdsong was a men's basketball assistant coach at Eastern from 1980-82. Byrdsong played at Iowa State when former Panther head coach Rick Samuels was an assistant there in the late-1970s. The former head coach at Northwestern was murdered by a white supremacist outside his home in Skokie on July 3, 1999. He was 45.

— Matt Daniels

## MLB | JOSH HANCOCK

Cardinals  
reliever  
dies in crash

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Josh Hancock, a relief pitcher who helped the St. Louis Cardinals win the 2006 World Series, died early Sunday when his sport utility vehicle slammed into the back of a tow truck.

Police said the 29-year-old Hancock, who was single, was alone in his 2007 Ford Explorer when it struck the rear of a flatbed tow truck at 12:35 a.m.

Hancock died upon impact, Police Chief Joe Mokwa said. Mokwa said it appeared Hancock was driving at or just above the speed limit, and there were no alcohol containers in his vehicle.

Services were scheduled for Thursday in Tupelo, Miss., where Hancock's family lives.

## BASEBALL | SOUTHEAST MISSOURI 10, EASTERN 4

## Two-out situations costly

Panthers drop third  
straight OVC series,  
fall to seventh placeBy Brandy Provaznik  
Staff Reporter

Southeast Missouri batters thrived in two-out situations in Sunday's game and Eastern's pitching staff did not.

All 10 runs the Redhawks scored in their 10-4 victory were with two outs.

"That is a sign that the pitching staff isn't closing it out at critical times," Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz said.

The win gave the Redhawks a 2-1 series win. On Saturday, the teams split a doubleheader with SEMO winning the first game and Eastern winning the second.

In Sunday's game starting pitcher Tyler Brandon pitched 3 2/3 innings and allowed six runs. Brandon struggled with his control, walking four batters.

Freshman Richie Derbak, who came on in the sixth inning to relieve senior Mike Budde, gave up a grand slam by SEMO's second baseman Omar Padilla with two outs in the seventh. Padilla's grand slam to left field increased SEMO's lead to 10-3.

"It's tough because we think we can hold them and we got the first two outs with only one away," Derbak said. "It is really demoralizing for the team as a whole to see it slip away."

Eastern scored first in the top of the second, after back-to-back walks from first baseman Erik Huber and third baseman Ryan Campbell.

Jason Cobb's sacrifice bunt advanced the runners and Derbak singled in Huber.

SEMO answered back with two runs in the bottom of the second and one in the third inning.



ERIC HILTNER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Senior shortstop Adam Varrassi attempts to tag out an Illinois State base runner last week. Eastern will attempt to climb back up the conference standings after it lost two games at SEMO this weekend.

## OVC BASEBALL STANDINGS

Team	OVC	Overall
1. Jacksonville State	12-6	24-21
2. Austin Peay	12-6	27-17
3. SEMO	12-6	27-18
4. Murray State	9-7	15-26
5. Tennessee Tech	9-9	22-21
6. Eastern Kentucky	8-8	19-21-1
7. Eastern Illinois	8-9	18-21
8. Samford	7-11	22-22
9. Morehead State	6-12	13-28
10. UT Martin	4-13	15-29

The Panthers scored two runs in the fourth but the Redhawks put up three runs in the bottom

of the inning.

The Panthers lost the first game of the series 10-5 but won the second in big fashion, 14-4.

"Coming off the second game on Saturday we were excited going into the game and thinking we were in battling with the top teams and now we are worried about making the tournament," Schmitz said.

With the two losses, Eastern (18-21, 8-9 Ohio Valley Conference) moved from fifth place to seventh. The top six teams make the conference tournament.

The Panthers are just a half-game behind sixth-place Eastern Kentucky.

Schmitz said it seems when

the pitching staff does well, the Panthers don't hit as well and when they are hitting the ball, they aren't pitching well.

"We need to put them both together," he said. "You'd think they would feed off each other, but that is not the case."

Huber, who played a full game this weekend for the first time since suffering a hamstring injury in late March, said the team should be able to work its problems out in practice this week.

"There is definitely something we need to figure out and having only one game this week and a full week of practice will allow us to get everyone on the same page," Huber said.

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## Postseason hopes in limbo

Playoff chances take  
a blow after series  
against Austin PeayBy Matt Daniels  
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Eastern softball head coach Kim Schuette stressed before this weekend's series against Austin Peay about getting out to an early lead.

The Panthers followed through on Schuette's plans Sunday against the Lady Governors and jumped out to a 2-0 lead after the first inning.

The Panthers won 4-0 on Sunday behind a one-hit shutout pitching performance from sophomore Kathleen Jacoby.

But Eastern's offense didn't come through in Saturday's doubleheader, managing only four hits in 14 innings of play.

As a result, Eastern lost the first game 3-1 and lost the second game 6-0.

The Panthers (21-28, 8-13 Ohio Valley Conference) now face the uphill task of qualifying for the six-team OVC Tournament.

Eastern is in eighth place with four conference games left and will need help from other conference schools if it wants to make the



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Senior catcher Sandyn Short makes a play during Eastern's game against Morehead State on April 21. The Panthers won at Austin Peay 4-0 on Sunday, but lost both games of Saturday's doubleheader.

conference tournament.

"Nobody wants to be in that situation where you have to watch what other people do," Schuette said. "But that doesn't mean our season's over. We'll see what happens."

If the Panthers lose two of their four remaining OVC games, their postseason hopes are finished.

But if Eastern can manage to win at Southeast Missouri on Wednesday and then sweep Jacksonville State in a three-game series next weekend, the Panthers have a chance.

The Panthers will then need help from conference foes Eastern Kentucky and Tennessee State, in particular.

EKU plays at Austin Peay in a three-game series next weekend, while TSU hosts Tennessee-Martin in a three-game series next weekend also.

An ideal situation for EIU, with the Panthers winning all four OVC games next week, is for EIU to sweep Austin Peay and for TSU to do the same to UTM.

If that situation happens, Eastern will climb to the sixth

## OVC SOFTBALL STANDINGS

Team	OVC	Overall
1. Tennessee Tech	19-4	43-15
2. Jacksonville State	15-9	30-20
3. Samford	14-10	29-20
4. Eastern Kentucky	12-11	20-28
5. Tennessee State	12-12	35-20
6. UT Martin	11-12	26-31
7. Austin Peay	11-13	26-26
8. Eastern Illinois	8-13	21-28
9. SEMO	7-14	16-27
10. Morehead State	6-16	20-29

spot with a 12-13 OVC record, while UTM will fall to seventh place (11-15) and Austin Peay will be in eighth place (11-16).

Jacoby said the Panthers can use where they are in the standings as motivation for the final week of the season.

"A lot of people are going to count us out now," she said. "I just think that we're underdogs now. It just gives us more incentive to win."

Schuette said Jacoby relied on her screwball and riseball to keep Austin Peay batters off-balance. But Jacoby credited her curveball — which she said has been pretty absent for most of the year — as well as her defense for her success Sunday.