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## **FOLK FRENZY**

A Morning of Folk Arts will take place at the Tarble Arts Center May 14.

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# Student Body President thankful for 'life changing' experience



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Kaylia Eskew, Student Body President was elected
last spring. Her goal was to bring her goal of
bringing staff and students together as a whole.

By Kylie Dawkins

Staff Reporter | @DEN\_News

Student Body President Kaylia Eskew will graduate in a few weeks with a degree in journalism, but her experiences with Eastern's Student Government will go with her.

One of the skills Eskew has learned during her three-and-a-half year Student Government career is how to "always be on," or how to present herself, Eskew said.

She said she has also learned how to lead a group, although her thoughts of leading a group aren't what some people would expect.

"I think a big mistake that people take when they say they're the leader of a group is that they always have to be in charge," Eskew said. "I think being an effective leader, from what I've learned, is that you have to let other people take charge. You have to support them, and really they should be above you."

Eskew has been a member of the student government since her second semester at Eastern. Eskew said her interest in student government stemmed from an article she was assigned to at *The Daily Eastern News*.

"I was a reporter for The Daily Eastern

News, and I got sent to cover one of the meetings," Eskew said. During the meeting they talked about the Senators-in-Training, and after being assigned to cover that group too, Eskew found herself actually being one of the senators in training.

In Eskew's decision to run for Student Body President this school year, she recalls Kaci Abolt, the former student body president and mentor talking her through her doubts.

"She's always been a really big inspiration and role model for me," Eskew said. "Having her confidence in me really helped me to be like, 'OK, I really can do this.'"

There have been several events that have stayed in Eskew's memory, one of the most memorable being her first event. She was a second year freshman and she was involved with the planning of the Panther Grand Slam.

Some students went to the city council meeting and invited the mayor and several people from the community to the event. They also invited members from local elementary schools to play games, Eskew recalled.

"It was really good, and I think that was something that made me really proud because it was my first one," Eskew said. "It was so neat to see Charleston and Eastern working together."

During her time at Eastern, Eskew has also faced several challenges.

"It's hard because people do recognize you all the time, and they expect you to be able to change things right away," Eskew said. "It can be really disheartening."

There can be a general student apathy that the student government is trying to overcome and sometimes it just doesn't work, said Eskew.

The payoff is when even a few students appreciate the changes she has helped make, and they let her know the impact she's made. "It makes it all worth it," Eskew said.

"I'm very thankful to the institution and to the students for giving me this opportunity because it's really been so life changing," Eskew said.

Eskew plans to go on a trip to Madagascar in the fall to do field work that would eventually help her on her application to graduate school. She plans to apply for a sociocultural and linguistic anthropology program when she returns.

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# Eastern to host Special Olympics for region

By Chris Widdel

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Family fun, exciting games and qualifying for state is the name of the game for the early Friday morning Special Olympics events.

The Special Olympics events are being hosted at O'Brien Field, the participants will be in events such as softball throw, long jump, shot put and other track and field events.

Attending the Special Olympics on Friday is free for anyone that wants to watch the events take place. Events will be starting at 7:30 a.m. and will be ending at 2:30 p.m.

The participants at these events are individuals

with disabilities spanning from any ages and any genders. Everyone will be doing the same events, said Geena Anselmo, a senior special education major and volunteer leader for the Special Olympics.

"We have seen middle school students participating in an event or elderly people at the event," she said.

Individuals with disabilities could qualify for State Special Olympic games after the events on Friday. The state games are during the summer at Bloomington-Normal, Ill.

At the event, Eastern has provided with more than 500 people volunteering for this event on Friday, said Mallory Kowaleski, a junior special

education major and volunteer leader for the Special Olympics.

These numbers are near the average that normally do volunteer, but not close to the average. Being a volunteer at the Special Olympics, volunteers get told where to go and work that station until the shift is over or if told to help work another station.

"Being a leader at this type of event is a stressful job," Kowaleski said.

Anselmo echoed her fellow volunteer leader's

"With having to tell people where to go and making sure there is enough people at each station, but its all worth it in the end," Anselmo said.

Kowaleski added that the morning will be more stressful with it being so early that volunteers won't show up on time since it is early for students.

On average, 20 percent of volunteers don't show up to events, Kowaleski said.

"We are thankful to have the support from Eastern, thankful for our participants at the event Friday, thankful for the families for being at the events cheering them on and thankful for the volunteers for helping us out," Anselmo said.

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# Music degree without teacher licensure in discussion

By Jarad Jarmon

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A Bachelor of the Arts in Music degree will likely be available in the Spring or Fall Semester of 2015.

While students can get a music degree with a teacher licensure option and a performance option, there has never been a general music studies option.

Music Department Chair Jerry Daniels said the faculty and students have shown interest in having this type of music degree for a while.

The specialized degrees available now offer little to no room to look into other majors. Daniels said it was almost impossible to double major with these two programs.

The new music degree would allow students interested in other avenues of music to gain a background in music but look to other professions.

"The purpose is to allow students to combine their studies with music with something else," Daniels said.

One example would be if a student would be looking to work as a recording technician or to work in music business. Daniels said students would be able to combine these fields to move forward in a career in those combined fields.

This degree would require 54 to 59 hours in

To stay competitive and to also fill the need for a generalized music degree, the music department has been working since Spring 2012 to have their proposed degree program approved, Daniels said.

"We often have students who audition for us who have the ability to be a music major but they really aren't interested in becoming a teacher so they should have to get a licensure degree," Daniels said. "Or they are not interested in becoming performers so they shouldn't have to do a performance degree."

He said the current degrees are helpful for those looking to be performers or teachers but there are not any options outside of that.

While they cannot offer degrees like music business they will be able to combine it.

This degree would require no additional resources to the music department.

"There will be no additional expense to the university because these are courses we are already offering," Daniels said. "We can accommodate

growth in those courses. If we bring in a lot of students for this degree, eventually have to add a few courses."

With the resources currently available, the music department would be to accommodate for this degree easily for the next 2 to 3 years, he added.

The department currently still needs the approval of the Illinois Board of Higher Education and the National Association of Schools in Music.

Daniels said he expects the degree to be approved fairly quickly because there are no additional resources needed to offer it.

"It is long overdue," Daniels said.

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# Art in real life



Kadija Stalling, a senior art major, observes the emotional art piece done by Andrew Palmer, that expresses the different moods in each face at the Figure Drawing show Tuesday. This show is run by Jenny Chi, a professor in the art department. Students in her life drawing class mainly consist of seniors and graduate students and they come together to coordinate the event from scratch and pay for the refreshments.

# Library to host craft making for Mother's Day

#### **Staff Report**

Children of Charleston will have the chance to create their own specialized gift for their mom.

The Charleston Carnegie Public Library will be hosting Make and Take to help children craft their own Mother's Day presents.

The Make and Take event will be from 10:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., or while supplies last, May 10 at the Carnegie Public Library.

This is an open house style event, where children and their parents can drop in at anytime.

The supplies will be set up in the KidSpace Atrium of the Carnegie Public Library.

The Make and Take event refers to the children being able to make their gift and then take them home that day.

Beth Lugar, the youth program coordinator for the library, said in a press release that the children can use the ideas available at the library or come in with

While the drop-in program is open to all ages, an adult must accompany those under 8 years old.

Having a library card is not needed

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# Final event for Astronomy Night approaches

#### **Staff Report**

For the final time of the season, the Astronomy Night will meet to gaze at the stars and learn about space.

The Charleston Carnegie Public Library's last "night time" Astronomy Night before the summer switch to daytime Astronomy Night will meet at 8 p.m. May 20 in the Carnegie Public Library's parking lot. Cloud cover is per-

Telescopes will be set up for participant's guided view in an informal question and answer format, said Beth Lugar, the youth program coordinator at the Carnegie Public Library, in a press re-

This is an open house event and anyone can join. However, children under 13 years old must be accompanied by an adult. It is free to the public.

A library card is not needed to attend. Before the final night time viewing for Astronomy Night, there will be one more at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Carnegie Public Library's parking lot. The same rules still apply. It is open to the public, but children under 13 years old must be accompanied by an adult and a library card is not needed.

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# Eastern to celebrate folk artists in Illinois

**By James Bateman** Staff Reporter | @DEN\_News

The Academy of Lifelong Learning, along with the School of Continuing Education will be hosting an event called A Morning of Folk Arts.

The folk art event will be at 10:30 a.m. until noon May 14 at the Tarble Arts Center.

The event, which is a way to provide arts services for their members, as well as Tarble members and the campus and general community, is a free program, and is presented in cooperation with the Eastern Academy of Lifelong Learning and Company of Folk.

The Morning of Folk Arts program is in conjunction with the showing of the photo-panel exhibit From Generation to Generation: Folk Art of Illinois, created and circulated by Company of Folk with partial support from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Illinois Art Council Agency, and the Illinois Humanities Council.

"The purpose is to show-case Illinois folk arts and demonstrate that folk arts remain meaningful in contemporary society," said Michael Watts, the director of the Tarble. "The program presents folk arts traditions that are specific to east-central/southeastern Illinois, all of which are still practiced in some form by people in the area."

Performing at the Morning of Folk Arts will be fiddler and mandolin player Gaye Harrison and guitarist Wendy Meyer. Those in attendance will then peruse the From Generation to Generation traveling photo exhibit on Illinois and learn about the exhibitions Text and Textiles: Crafting the Lives of Guy and Irene Buzzard, mid-20th century textile arts from the Tarble's col-



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Hannah Eads, who recently took a trip to China, wanted her fabric piece to express the beauty of China at Tarble Art Center's Fabric Collaboration Saturday. "China Revisted," was the title of the piece.

lection and Global Threads: International Art Textiles, a sampling of U.S. and International folk art textiles, including from Illinois an Amish quilt and a cyanotype quilt.

The Company of Folk, who

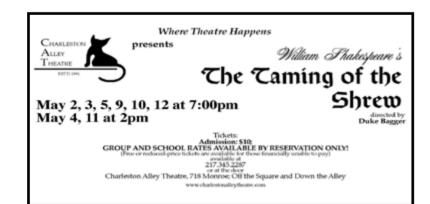
are sponsoring the event, was founded and incorporated in 2007 through a partnership of folklorists and humanities experts interested in researching, preserving and presenting local and folk culture of the Chicago

region.

Company of Folk now extends that mission to a wider region that includes Illinois and the Upper Midwest. Company of Folk is a non-profit organization dedicated to researching,

preserving and presenting local and folk culture of Illinois and the Upper Midwest.

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# **STAFF EDITORIAL** Retirement can be proven beneficial

As of Friday, it was announced that there are 31 faculty members, 34 staff members confirmed to be retiring. There will also be more than 40 employees considering leav-

More and more spill into the Benefits Services Office to take a look at their pension especially with the pension reform that currently has many rushing to retire across

While this may sound beneficial to the university administration's issues with budget constraints, it will prove detrimental to the rest of the campus including students and faculty.

As tempting as it may be, the university should not use this knowledge as an opportunity to drastically cut back on employment. This campus needs a continuous staff to provide the college education and experience promised in the many fliers and brochures given to us when we were in high

While it is perfectly understandable for

the administration to use some attrition to alleviate the universities financial woes, it should not be their key to solving the bud-

It is expected that more than 5 percent of the university's staff will be leaving. Eastern cannot handle not replacing those retiring and maintain the same levels of success. It just isn't possible.

We hope they do not give into their fear of the future and end up reducing the university staff too much.

It is undeniable though that they need to be replaced.

Without these replacements, Eastern students would likely see courses, previously available, disappear with no limited faculty to teach these courses.

Also, it is not just about surviving, it is about thriving. Thriving is easier said than done, but it is necessary and possible. With growing competition from other schools, Eastern cannot afford to see a drop-off in performance.

Without a staff to support it, Eastern would surely crumble when competing against other state schools.

Instead, these retirements should be looked at as an opportunity to bring new life to the campus. With a new staff, the campus could have a fresh perspective on how to run the campus and hopefully im-

Lucky for the university, this new staff would also not have to be paid as much as some of the faculty and staff who have been here for 30 years.

These retirements can be seen as an advantage in multiple ways, excluding any employment freezes. Eastern needs to have a keen eye when looking at future faculty and staff and see if they have what it takes to become an Eastern panther.

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# Take the time to stop, avoid being a statistic

There are so many times that I just need

I am an overanalyzer. You can ask my girlfriend, my family, or my closest friends. There are times that my mind is constantly in a fast drift of thought.

That translates over to my actions. I will get into a hurry, forget something, and be in a flux. I am not going into details of my own rushed endeavors. The point that we sometimes miss is that when we are in a hurry, we do not think about what we need to do.

It can be as simple as stopping at a stop sign

The Coles County community took a hit Monday afternoon when details of a fatal car accident on Dorans Road. Landon Stuckey, a 16 year old Mattoon High School student, failed to stop at a stop sign. His car collided into the car of Brianna Seaman, a 22 year old Mattoon High School alum.

The news release said Seaman's vehicle overturned and hit a utility pole. Stuckey's vehicle caught fire after the collision and both vehicles ended up at the southwest corner of the intersection.



#### **Kyle Daubs**

These people are too close to our ages for something like this to happen. Stuckey was a winner of the Jefferson Award for community service.

I remember Seaman as her brother, Lucas, was a Boy Scout along with me during our childhood days. Lucas was always one of the kindest guys that you could hold a conversation with.

It seems too soon for Mattoon to be affected by another reckless driving incident as it was just three years ago when 2012 grad, Jessica Youngblood, was thrown out of a car because she was not wearing her seatbelt when she and a group of friends were driving around at night on tight curves at

Instead, it was something different this

It seems that it is a broken record when it comes to people telling us the horrors of what could happen if we do not stop at stop signs. The reason they tell us this is not because they want to bore us to death. Not stopping at a stop sign is the number one leading cause of fatality in automobile crashes according to the Fatality Analysis Report-

Most of reading this is in the college age frame. We are way too young to be another statistic because we do not want to take the two seconds to slow down and stop at a

It's unfair to your family, just like it's unfair that these two people were taken away at a young age.

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# **Medical Meet and Greet**



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The New Medical Staff Reception took place Tuesday in The Martin Luther King Union's University Ballroom, where employees of the Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center and their families gathered to hear speakers and enjoy a sit-down with other employees over dinner and drinks.

# Numerous Facutly Senate positions remain vacant

By Jarad Jarmon

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The Faculty Senate still has numerous positions available for the next school year for faculty in certain departments across the campus.

Most notably, the Faculty Senate Chairman position is open. The chairman position would be a part

of the Council on University Planning and Budgeting.

There are also representatives needed for various committees and councils.

For the academic program elimination review committee, there is one College of Sciences representative needed.

The senate needs one representa-

tive from the College of Education and Professional Studies as well as one representative from the Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences for the admissions appeal review committee.

There is also a need for one representative from the College of Educational and Professional Studies, College of Sciences and the Lump-

kin College of Business and Applied Sciences to be on the Council on Faculty Research.

The enrollment management advisory committee lacks a College of Sciences representative.

The sanction and terminations hearing committee is looking for one faculty member from the College of Sciences and one faculty

member from any college.

For the University Personnel Committee, there is need for one College of Sciences and College of Educational and Professional Studies representative.

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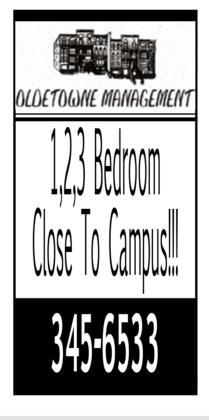
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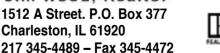
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# Eastern chased out by Billikens, lose 11-2

By Aldo Soto

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Eastern freshman Chase Thurston could not get out of the first inning, pitching against Saint Louis Tuesday night.

The right-handed pitcher recorded two outs, but was lifted from the game, as he was charged with six runs en route to the Eastern baseball team's 11-2 loss in St. Louis.

The Billikens sent 11 hitters to the plate in the first inning, chasing Thurston out of the game after Michael Cusenza hit a double to drive in two runs, giving Saint Louis a 5-0 lead.

Andrew Grahn came in relief and was promptly met by a Josh Bunselmeyer single to center that knocked in Cusenza, closing the book on Thurston's night.

Eastern could not respond in time, scoring single runs in the fourth and fifth innings, respectively, but the Billikens scored five runs during those two innings to separate themselves more from the Panthers.

Saint Louis improved to 25-17 and extended its winning streak at the Billiken Sports Center to four.

Meanwhile, Eastern dropped to 14-29-1 and fell to 6-21 on the road this



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three hits.

thers' offense totaled 10 base runners, walking three times and recording seven hits.

Eastern will stay on the road for its next series, which will be against Ohio Valley Conference foe Eastern Ken-

The Panthers are currently tied with Belmont for ninth place in the conference. Eastern Kentucky is in sixth place, with a 10-11 OVC record.

The series starts at 4 p.m. Friday in Richmond, Ky.

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At 9:41 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 28, 2011, Troy Kawika Ka'eopa'amekalokomaika'i Manley was born. Manley and Zeek-Lee were first-time parents.

The father was the first person to hold his son.

"This is a little miniature me," Manley said. "It's overwhelming to know I created him."

In that moment, Manley said he was thankful to not follow through with the brief thoughts he had about abortion, as his family of three sat in the delivery room of Kaiser Hospital.

Manley was a father. He had a new meaning. He was overcome with a sense of purpose to not only be the best student-athlete he could be, but to also be the best father and boyfriend he could be.

Only he had to do so 3,000-plus miles away from his son and girlfriend.

"It was tough because I wasn't able to be there for his growing process as a baby," Manley said.

But Manley had an opportunity at New Mexico State, and Zeek-Lee was not going to let it slip through Manley's hands.

"Everything is planned around football," Zeek-Lee said.

Manley said Zeek-Lee kept him motivated by taking care of Troy while Manley was across the country playing football. She wanted to keep his mind on football.

"She did a hell of a job with that," Manley said.

But Manley being away was easily managed the second time around. Troy was actually with Zeek-Lee, so she was not alone.

"Troy made days go by faster and helped with the distance between Andrew and I, actually," Zeek-Lee said. "He gave me something to look forward to by counting days that Andrew would be home.'

Next came Manley's sophomore season. He was the starting quarterback. The team was his.

Manley threw for 892 yards and six touchdowns in the Aggies' first three games.

He had a career-high 362 yards in the season opener against Ohio. He led New Mexico State to its first ever win against a Big 10 Conference opponent at Minnesota.

Then came the game against

Manley tweaked his MCL in second quarter. He was able to play

Bunselmeyer led Saint Louis on offense, going 2-for-4 with three RBIs. Cusenza, Braxton Martinez and Drew Curtis added two RBIs apiece to pace

Damian Rivera started for Saint Louis and got the win, pitching four innings, while allowing one run on

The left-handed pitcher improved to 3-4 this season, while Thurston fell to 0-4.

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Manley to Eastern was a perfect fit off the field as well. Babers' family-oriented mentality echoed through Manley as a father.

"My job is making sure players will be better sons, husbands and fathers," Babers said. "I keep my focus on the father, and that's how I affect the son."

But an even better fit for Manley came this season with the sixth offense that he has experienced, that of offensive coordinator Greg Stevens under head coach Kim Dameron's first-year staff after Babers' departure to Bowling Green.

Stevens' offense is one in which Manley said is more tailored to his talents as a quarterback, as it is more of a pro-style offense, opposed to the spread style that Babers implemented.

Manley is Eastern's starting quarterback.

The lifestyle in Charleston also best suits Manley and his family.

"We love the small-town atmosphere here," Manley said. "I've met some of the nicest people out here. But the best part is [Troy] enjoys

Manley said Troy has been able to experience Hawaiian, Mexican and American cultures already as a 3-year-old, which Manley hopes will only better Troy for the future.

Troy is now enrolled in a gymnastics class in Charleston. Come summer, Troy will participate in flag football back home in Hawaii.

Like father, like son — Troy wants to become a quarterback just like his dad.

After all, football is a family first business, Dameron said. And just last week was more telling of that than ever, as both Zeek-Lee and Troy were sick.

"He didn't go to class, so he could help take care of Troy," Zeek-Lee said. "We've each had to sacrifice going to class ourselves sometimes, so the other one can go to their class and vice versa."

Manley was also forced to miss his study hall hours with the football team to tend to his family, which Dameron, a family man himself, was understanding of.

"If you can't be flexible enough to have a man go to college, play football and take care of his family, then I am in it for the wrong reasons," Dameron said.

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the Billikens.

had an RBI, respectively, as the Pan-

ANDREW MANLEY | RED-SHIRT SENIOR QB

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with the injury, but in the final two minutes of the game, Manley tore his ACL.

He knew immediately something was wrong with his knee. The training staff did all the necessary tests within the last two minutes of the game, which New Mexico State lost 16-10.

But the Aggies lost much more than just the game.

"They told me my season was over right there on the sideline," Manley said. "I threw my helmet. I said some things. I was so upset."

Manley's parents were there to see him at one of his lowest points throughout his football career.

Senior Matt Christian took over. Manley red-shirted and watched the remainder of the season from the sidelines.

Manley had surgery 20 days later on Oct. 8, 2011. He then entered "deep depression mode."

He would idly watch as his teammates practiced day-in and day-out. For two weeks, he was nearly stagnant in his off-campus apartment, rarely attending classes.

Two weeks passed since the surgery and the Aggies had a game at the University of Hawaii. The coaches flew Manley out with the team, where he was made him an honorary captain for the game.

Still on crutches, with his parents in attendance once again, Manley refused to waddle out for the coin toss with the help of his crutches, so he left them on the sideline and limped out to midfield under his own strength.

From there, Manley turned his red-shirt season around. He even sped up his rehab process, finishing two months ahead of schedule, returning in time for spring practices.

The next season, Manley found himself in the same position. This time a red-shirt sophomore, Manley had the starting quarterback job again and he finally had his family with him.

Zeek-Lee and Troy moved to Las Cruces with Manley. The family of three was the happiest it had ever

"I woke up to them every morning," Manley said. "I was able to go to class and football then come home to [Troy] running up to me yelling 'daddy.'

But while having family with him had relieved the stress of distance, it was an added responsibility to have to care for them firsthand.

"I felt obligated to spend more time with them at home than I did with school and football," Manley

So he devised a schedule: When he was at football, he was an athlete. When he was at school, he was a student. When he was at home, he was a dad.

Manley would make it home each night by 6 p.m. for dinner, where he would pick up his responsibilities as a dad, leaving all other responsibilities in the classroom or on the field.

On the field, Manley had his best individual year at New Mexico State. He started all 12 games for the Aggies in 2012, where he amassed 2,764 passing yards and 18 touchdowns, sixth and seventh on their single-season passing list, re-

But New Mexico State went just 1-11, losing its last 11 games of the

Change was coming.

Former New Mexico State head coach DeWayne Walker left for the NFL to become the defensive backs coach for the Jacksonville Jaguars.

A new coaching staff flooded into New Mexico State — so did a new offense — and despite being there for the entirety of spring practices, Manley was no longer the man for the job in the Aggies coaches' eyes. 'They wanted more of a run-

ning quarterback," Manley said. "It just wasn't really working out for me there, so that's why I decided to transfer here."

June 2013 is when Manley, the 6-foot-3, 225-pound transfer, began his journey at Eastern.

Manley was no stranger to former Eastern coach Dino Babers.

As the recruiting coordinator at Baylor and a native of Hawaii himself, Babers said he had Manley on his radar when Manley was coming out of high school, but it wasn't

"Based on the talent level at Baylor, I didn't think he could play for us," Babers said. "I always knew he was a really good player, though."

Babers praised Manley's arm strength, leadership skills and toughness all as qualities that fit perfectly in the type of student-athlete he was trying to groom at East-

So, when Babers heard Manley was looking to transfer, he pounced on the opportunity and reached out to the former high school standout.

"It was green-light-go from there," Babers said.

Manley had two options: Walkon at Hawaii or play for Eastern on a full-ride scholarship.

"It was much easier to pack up a U-Haul and drive to Eastern than flying all of our stuff back home," Manley said.

All signs pointed east.

"How many quarterbacks do you think would turn down our offense," Babers said.

Babers was exactly right. Manley said it was the most unique, fast-paced offense he has ever been around, coming from a player who has had six different offenses in five

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Red-shirt senior quarterback Andrew Manley moved to Charleston in June 2013 with his son Troy and his fiancée Joryn Zeek-Lee, a communication studies major.

# **FAMILY MAN**

# Manley matures through football, fatherhood

**By Anthony Catezone**Sports Editor | @AnthonyCatz

Shuffled within an armful of Muscle Milk, was a hidden pregnancy test as an 18-year-old Andrew Manley used the self-checkout at a Walmart in Wahiawa, Hawaii.

Manley was trying to remain as inconspicuous as possible.

"It's hard to hide him in Hawaii," said Joryn Zeek-Lee, now Manley's fiancée. "It's such a small place and he wasn't under the radar at all."

In 2009, Manley, now Eastern's quarterback, was the Gatorade Player of the Year in the state of Hawaii

as a senior quarterback for Leilehua High School. He was going to New Mexico State to play football on a full scholarship in two weeks.

Zeek-Lee, Manley's girlfriend at the time, was about to enter her senior year of high school. Pregnant.

"We were trying to think of every way for it not to be true," Manley said.

But they could not avoid the truth. Manley said he was devastated. Zeek-Lee said she was frantic.

"I just remember thinking, 'oh my God, is this really happening,'" Zeek-lee said. "He was getting ready to leave for college, so I didn't know what to do. Pregnancy is already really hard to grasp, but that made it so much harder."

Both Manley's and Zeek-Lee's mothers were also parents in high school, giving birth to Manley's sister and Zeek-Lee herself at the ages of 16 and 17, respectively.

Abortion was not an option.

"There wasn't any convincing out of [getting an abortion]," Manley said. "They basically told us, 'you're having it."

Zeek-Lee felt the same way.

"We made our own bed and had to lie in it," she said. "There was no running from it."

Everyone was just as adamant that Manley continued on to New Mexico State while Zeek-Lee remained in Wahiawa to raise their child.

Manley and Zeek-Lee remained together. He would wake up early in the morning in Las Cruces, N.M., where there was a four-hour time difference from Wahiawa, to talk a pregnant Zeek-Lee to sleep on nights when she struggled to fall asleep at all.

In his freshman season, Manley started four games, coming in for injured quarterback Matt Christian ahead of him, where he totaled 604 passing yards for one touchdown

with six interceptions.

Manley received a call from Zeek-Lee at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 25, 2011. She told him that she was going into labor.

"'Oh, by the way, your flight leaves at 7:30 p.m.," Manley said Zeek-Lee told him.

He was already packed in anticipation. He got a ride to the airport one hour away from a teammate.

He got picked up from the airport at 5:30 a.m. in Hawaii by his sister on Saturday with ample time to prepare himself for fatherhood.

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