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CAMPUS ocation still not set for building William Weber, vice president of over a hundred million dolla the new science building on Wednesday building. **By Pablo Rodriguez**

the building.

Campus Editor

Eastern's Master Plan Steering Committee met with staff and faculty to analyze and discuss potential locations for at Booth Library Room 4440.

The current Physical Science Building will not be shut down. The Physics, Geology/Geography and Psychology departments will remain in the

Once the new science building is ready to operate the Dean of Scienc-

es, Chemistry department, Biological

Sciences department will move into

business affairs, said the request for a new science building is needed because the old building no longer fulfills students and faculty's necessities. Eastern will request the state to pay

project.

Weber said alternatives to create revenue for the project will stem from fundraisers and donations.

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LOCAL

Minimum wage affects Eastern, Charleston



PABLO RODRIGUEZ | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS Meghan Kuan, 17, a senior at Charleston High School, worked at Jackson Avenue Coffe on Friday, July 2, 2010. Kuan has worked for this coffe shop for two months.



JORDAN BONER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS Queenie Adeboyejo, a pre-med major from Chicago, helps customers at the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Bookstore on Wednesday.

Eastern's payroll to change

By Harrison Bueno **Staff Reporter**

payroll.

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come.

good thing.

Because of the minimum wage increase affective July 1, many Eastern employers on campus prepare for changes added to their

hour. The raise in wage is one of

the results of legislation passed in

Peggy Manley, the administra-

Manley said this increase will

tive assistant at Booth Library,

said raising minimum wage is a

help college students and also aid

many people who only make \$8

an hour as their only source of in-

wage, it helps the students here

"When Illinois raises minimum

she said.

Manley said although raising minimum wage has its benefits, the increase can have its disadvantages.

"It's good news for the wage

no one will probably notice any differences.

We have programs that we can sustain and afford, and will work harder," he said.

Baker said one of the problems

Local businesses to raise prices, cut hours

By Pablo Rodriguez Campus Editor

Local business owners and employees their views about the new minimum rage increase.

Greg Magnus, owner of Chubby's Pizza, 215 Lincoln Ave., said he will increase prices on Chubby's menu shortly.

He said the minimum wage raise will level out with the increase of other pric-

"I really don't see this doing much change in anything. Yes you will be making a little more money but you will also be paying more," he said. In past years, Magnus said he has

cut employee's hours and worked more hours than usual to compensate for wage raises.

Alan Smith, pizza chef at Chubby's Pizza said an extra 25 cents will help workers earning minimum wage.

BUSINESSES, page 5 earn more with a few less hours,"

earner, but it makes it difficult for the library because we now have The salary increase raises minless hours of student help work," imum wage from \$8 to \$8.25 an she said.

Manley said besides cutting hours of student workers, the library might also cut money used to buy equipment, Internet journals, and books to accommodate a payroll for needed civil workers.

Ken Baker, campus recreation director said the student recreation center will also cut money spent on equipment.

"We have two treadmills that need to be replaced and they probably won't be replaced," he said.

Baker said the Rec center probably will not see much change and

in raising money for student payroll and civil workers is due to the state still owing the university promised money.

Brittany Livingston, a junior communication studies major, said \$100 is now worth \$50 in this economy.

Livingston said she has been working at the Java Beanery and Bakery on campus this summer.

She said she has not noticed the minimum wage change, and is waiting until her next paycheck to find out.

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LOCAL

Wilber retires from cit as student advisor

By Alesha Bailey **Activities Editor**

Eastern alumni Eric Wilber an-

serving on the board.

Wilber is preparing for a one-year

nounced in Tuesday's city council Dunn Fellowship in the governor's meeting that this will be his last time office of legislative affairs on Aug. 2.

He has served as the student gov-

ernment representative for three years on the Charleston City Council. During his time of service, Wilber said he remembers dealing with alco-

hol violations, the good neighbor program and other community service events.

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WEATHER TODAY



A cold front will drop high temperatures a few degrees this afternoon. The frontal system will also produce rain across the area for the next couple days.

WEATHER TOMORROW



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CAMPUS BRIEFS EIU Annuitants Association Pension/ Healthcare meeting to be this morning

Linda Brookhart will speak at the EIU Annuitants Association Meeting this morning at 9 a.m. at the Neal Welcome Center.

She will talk about the Illinois university employee pension and health care status. Eastern employees are invited to attend the

meeting.

Refreshments will be served at 8:30 a.m.

Juma Meeting for Muslim students this Friday

The Muslim Student Association holds its Juma Meeting every Friday at the Cultural Center on 1525 Seventh St.

The meeting includes a traditional Muslim prayer service along with a ministry from the Koran.

Anyone interested in attending or observing the meeting can contact Shaukat Sheikh at 917-720-4047 or at smsheikh@eiu.edu.

-Compiled by Sam Sottosanto, Editor in

Color Guard



ROB WARREN | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS The south guad was the host of a camp for students in drill team.

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Photo Blog: Art on 7th Street

New art has been installed on campus along 7th Street.

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See photos of the new and old art in this photo blog at DENNews.com.

Health Blog: It's easy to get active

Online Reporter Jordan Boner writes tips for getting into the habit of working out. Read his blog at DENNews.com.

CORRECTIONS

In Thursday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, information about Erika Ramos was incorrect.

Erika holds the freshman 1500-meter record, finishing with 4 minutes and 42 seconds.

She also holds the 800 meter record, finishing with 2 minutes and 14 seconds.

The DEN regrets the errors.

BLOTTER

The University Police Department reported Tuesday that there was a theft at the University Apartments. The incident is under investigation.

On Wednesday, Nicholas Guinto, 19, of 2905 Whitetail Dr., Charleston, was arrested at Reynolds & Marion at 1:01 a.m. He had a BAC of less than .08. He posted 10 percent of his \$1,000 bond and was released at 3:07 a.m.



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Passion for horses shown in club

By Sam Sottosanto Editor in Chief

The stables smell like the wild west. Intrigue hangs heavy in the air, right next to the bugs that are buzzing from place to place. Trotting is heard off in the distance, and then there they are—the horses.

Kandi Lane, the coach for the Eastern Equestrian Club, said she has dedicated her life to horses.

"It's a wonderful bonding experience between another creature that when the two of you click, and work as one, there's just something about horses, they've just always been my passion forever," she said.

Within 40 years, Lane said she has not only ridden and shown horses, but also bred them, trained them and taught lessons to beginners as well as experts.

Lane works at the Reinin' Lane Ranch in Toledo, which is approximately 45 minutes away from campus.

After realizing Eastern did not have an equestrian club, Lane said she started the club three years ago.

Lane got in contact with Pat Fewell, a secondary education professor at Eastern, who rode horses at her ranch. The two of them worked together to make the equestrian club a reality.

"I've had a good time with it," Emily Schrock, president of the club, said. "It's a really fun activity. I wish more people would get involved."

The senior biology major has been in the club since the beginning. She said one of her favorite parts of the club is the competitions, or "shows."

These shows, sponsored by the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association, or IHSA, are all about the rider's horsemanship.

The rider has to compete with a horse they have never ridden before, and the judges give awards to those who can excel.

"It's more of you (showing) off your riding skills," Schrock said. "Showing for me is a nice challenge because you're riding different horses so you get something different every time."

While equestrian club members have placed in competitions, no one has made it to regionals yet. Lane thinks it's because the club is so young and new.

This fall, the Eastern Equestrian Club will be co-hosting its very first show with the University of Illinois on October 23 at the Gordyville USA Ranch in Rantoul.

"That is going to be a huge deal," Lane said. "The host school has to provide the horses for the competition."

In the Gordyville USA competition more than 18 schools will be coming to compete.

Although the equestrian club is based around competing and practicing for competitions, the club does have members who decide not to compete, and are only in the club because of their love of horses.

Each month, the club usually has one meeting on campus to discuss business and fundraising, and one meeting where they carpool to the Reinin' Lane Ranch to work with



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A few members from the equestrian club wear cowboy hats. In the back from left to right is Jenny Heinemann, then Coach Kandi Lane, and Coach Jake Lane. In front from left to right is Gina Muratori, Emily Schrock, and Kyle Prouse.

Lane in group or individual lessons.

Lane said she is willing to help anyone of any age to learn how to ride a horse. She said she can give people lessons free of charge, but only if they help clean the barn, brush the horses and do other odds and ends to pay it off. A regular lesson is typically between \$10 and \$20, depending if it is an individual or group lesson.

Fewell, the equestrian club advisor, said even if students have never ridden a horse before, they are more than welcome to join the club to learn how to ride. "I have a very good friend (that says) 'the outside of a horse is good for the inside of a person'," she said. "I really believe it. The students, it's a way of having some relaxation."

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BP would hurt local businesses

The oil spill has affected the entire country. Many people are trying to find solutions or at least things the public can do to help the relief efforts.

One of the ideas that has been thrown around is to boycott BP.

Although this may seem like a great idea, it is actually flawed.

To cause any sort of damage, the whole country would have to follow through with the boycott.

Just getting one area to boycott BP would be hard.

Getting the entire country to do the same would be nearly impossible.

If the whole country did follow and boycott BP, then BP would go bankrupt.

If BP goes bankrupt, how are they supposed to pay for the oil cleanup, and how can they pay back all of those that have been out of business because of it?

Boycotting BP would only hurt those that need compensation from BP.

If the company is bankrupt, no one will be getting money or relief help from them.

Another problem with boycotting BP is that most BP gas stations are locally owned and ran. Some of them do not even get their oil from

BP. If the gas stations are boycotted, then the local owners and workers will be affected and lose their

owners and workers will be affected and lose their jobs.

Also, the local areas could be affected.

If all a small town has is a BP gas station, then if that station is not making revenue, the whole

PAWS I'm not stereotyped

By Jordan Boner

Staff Reporter

As I meander along the sidewalks of our quiet college town, I do not feel that I am stereotyped by anyone.

I wear my bright blue EIU Panthers T-shirts proudly and do not feel that I am looked down upon by the townspeople of Charleston.

I know that some college students cause problems, but those students truly are the minority.

I believe more and more people outside of college are realizing that. We are not all the stereotypical party-hard college students.

Most of the students at Eastern are not belligerent drunks roaming the streets after the bars let out, screaming obscenities, stumbling into the paths of oncoming traffic and flipping off anyone that happens to be driving by.

Most of the Eastern population is nowhere to be found at that time of night.

I feel that I can enter restaurants and stores in Charleston and not be looked at as this stereotypical college student but as a customer and a resident of Charleston.

We are a part of this town.

We are patrons of the same businesses.

I believe that the people of Charleston know very well that without the university this town would be a sleepy farming community with nothing to show for itself.

The residents know that they need us and we need them. This helps them to realize that we cannot all be classified as partying college students but as townspeople just like they are.

CLAWS Stereotyping is for real

By Robby Warren

Photo Editor

As an Eastern student, I feel like Charleston residents or "townies" stereotype me.

Being that most of the students here are from the Chicagoland area, most townies assume that I too, must be from Chicago.

I too, must be a "spoiled little rich kid." And I too, must have my parents supporting me and putting me

through college. However, that is not the case.

I am from a small, rural town called Sullivan.

Most townies know exactly where it is and exactly how to get there. Sullivan is just under 30 miles from Charleston.

My family is far from rich, and no one other than myself has spent a dime towards my college education.

I'm proud to say that I will be graduating soon enough and I didn't need help from anyone.

With that said, it is simply annoying when townies and residents act like they know you.

On multiple occasions at the bar, some middle-aged Charleston resident has said to me something along the lines of, "Come on, buy me a drink. Just put it on Mommy and Daddy's credit card."

My thoughts on this matter lean towards, "You are an adult, probably in your mid 30s or 40s, probably with children, yet you are at a bar begging students in their 20s to buy you drinks, and you are stereotyping me?"

Seems kind of backwards if you ask me!

FROM THE EASEL



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3-man courthouse no laughing matter

About three weeks ago I was pulled over by



for the correct office. Much to my surprise, I found no one in the first three.

town could be affected economically.

The boycotting of BP could also affect the economy as a whole.

The economy needs spending and selling.

The best way to help with the oil spill is to get the public to join together and to get the politicians to act.

If the public cares and wants something done, then the politicians will want to act and find a solution to help with the problem.

Boycotting BP will only cause more harm than good.

The only thing the public should be doing is joining together and making sure the political figures are staying involved.

In a time of disaster, Americans need not to point fingers and boycott, but to ban together and make sure the correct actions are taking place. It is more important to worry about how to fix the spill than to blame someone for it.

The most beneficial way to get action is to make sure politicians stay involve. The more people that care about the spill and voice their opinions about it, the more likely politicians will step and do something about it.

So keep going to BP and getting gas, because we need BP to help pay for the damage the spill has caused. an Illinois State Police Officer.

He clocked me going 82 mph in a 55. The officer was merciful and docked the

speed on my ticket to 75.

The ticket said I was to pay off my violation at the Cumberland County Courthouse in Toledo.

Since the courthouse was only a 30-minute drive from Charleston, I decided to drive and pay in person. As I pulled my car up to the small town square, I noticed no cars were parked by the square.

I walked towards the door of the old, small courthouse and became puzzled and slightly nervous.

My left foot wasn't even in the door when I realized there was only one person in the main entrance of the building—a creepy middle aged looking man wearing a blazer staring at me.

Like any typical courthouse, the entrance had a metal detector, a table and a tray to put in your metal objects.

Charles LeGrand

But one thing was missing—a security guard. Dumbfounded, nervous from the staring man's eyes and slightly frustrated, I took off my belt, removed my cell-phone and other metal objects, put them in the tray and slid them over to the other end of the table.

I then proceeded to walk through the metal detector and finish my security clearance.

By this point I was rather irked as the man who was staring at me kept staring at me and began laughing out loud, as if I was a jester in a castle.

I began my quest to pay my ticket by looking

The creepy man continued to keep his eyes glued as I paced about.

I stopped and asked him if he knew where I should pay my ticket.

He kept laughing and said that he hasn't seen anyone for a while and had no idea.

Fumed at this point, I hiked upstairs looking for someone, anyone.

I turned to the first office and finally saw a human behind a desk, two actually.

They quickly and kindly took care of my ticket and money.

I began to make haste out of there, confused and glad it was over.

I do not plan on going to Cumberland County Courthouse again, nor do I plan on picking up another speeding ticket anytime soon.

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"Any extra money in today's economy definitely helps those on the lower end of the paying scale; it's a little bit, but it definitely helps," he said.

Smith said he feels the minimum wage raise was necessary since prices on other items have gone up as well.

"Prices continue to go up and that's not going to change," he said. "So yeah, I think it was absolutely necessary."

Dan Reible, co-owner of Jackson Avenue Coffee, 708 Jackson Ave., said the wage raise is not a problem for him.

"I really don't have much of a problem with it; 25 cents an hour within the number of hours that I pay employees is going to make some difference for me but not a big difference," he said.

Reible said he will not take any measures to compensate for the extra money he will be paying to employers, but in past years he has cut hours.

"What I have done is I tried to cut hours a little bit. I talked to my employees and most of them can handle two or three hours cut rather than cutting one person completely out," he said.

Reible said most of his employees are high school and college students who do not necessarily need to work 40 hours per week.

Meghan Kuhn, a barista at Jackson Avenue Coffee, said the raise will benefit her but will be more difficult for her bosses to hire people.

"I think it's great for me because I

will make more money, but It's harder for my boss to employ more people," she said.

Kuhn said she is not familiar with wage increase effects because her parents pay for the majority of her expenses.

However, she said she still prefers the minimum wage to keep increasing to help people who are working for minimum wage for a living.

Therese Kincade, owner of What's Cookin', 409 7th St., said she also employs many college students who mostly work part time.

Kincade said she will not increase prices at her restaurant, but if needed, she would cut hours.

" I will cut hours, but I will never fire people," she said.

Courtney Harper, dining room supervisor at What's Cookin', said the wage raise has not had an impact at the restaurant.

"It hasn't really affected our prices or our employees; we are still happy with what we make," she said.

Harper said the increase will not make much of a difference to her since a great part of her income consists of tips.

"It doesn't really make a difference to me being a server," she said. "Most of my income comes from tips my paycheck is like the end of the week bonus."

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He said although the building of a new science building has been agreed on, the only task left is finding a location to build it.

Weber said at first the committee had thought of 11 possible locations.

However, the committee has now narrowed the choices to three sites, which will provide enough space for building.

The three sites were identified by the Steering Committee as sites A, B and K.

Site A is located on the corner of 7th Street and Lincoln Avenue; site B is located south of Blair Hall, and site K is south of Tarble Arts Cen-

ter.

Weber said the pros and cons for each of the locations are still being analyzed in order to choose the best location.

Stephen Shrake, the associate director of design and construction, said a specific date for construction has not been set.

"I have no idea. This is just master planning but it will probably go to the board in November and we will begin with building planning after that point," he said.

Steven Daniels, chair of the phsyics department, said he is excited about the new science building. He said it will improve academics at Eastern.

"I'm very excited. It will improve everything about Eastern Illinois University and strengthen many programs and the degrees that students earn," he said.

The committee's next meeting was scheduled for Monday, July 19. However, it has been postponed and will be rescheduled.

For more information about updates, comments or concerns visit the campus master plan website at www. eiu.edu/~mstrplan/index.php.

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He said he encourages others to get involved with the community and campus events to strengthen the bond.

Mayor John Inyart said Wilber was one of the best the council seen in years.

In other matters, City Manager Scott Smith said the Rotary Community Aquatic Center pool will reopen soon.

The pool repairs were done by A and R Mechanical of Urbana and required complete removal of the pool floor.

However, Smith did not specify a date for the reopening of the children's wading pool.

Mark Donaldson, Mattoon's di-

vision agency manager, said insurance carriers will provide full insurance coverage to repairing the pool, since the damage was caused by frozen pipes.

Other agenda items include:

The council also approved tourism funds for the East Central Illinois Antique Farm Equipment Summer Show as well as the Air Show.

The funds for the Antique Farm Equipment Summer show at the Coles County Fairgrounds will go to the Tourism Advisory Board in the amount of \$750, and the money will help in the promotion of the event.

The city tourism fund was also

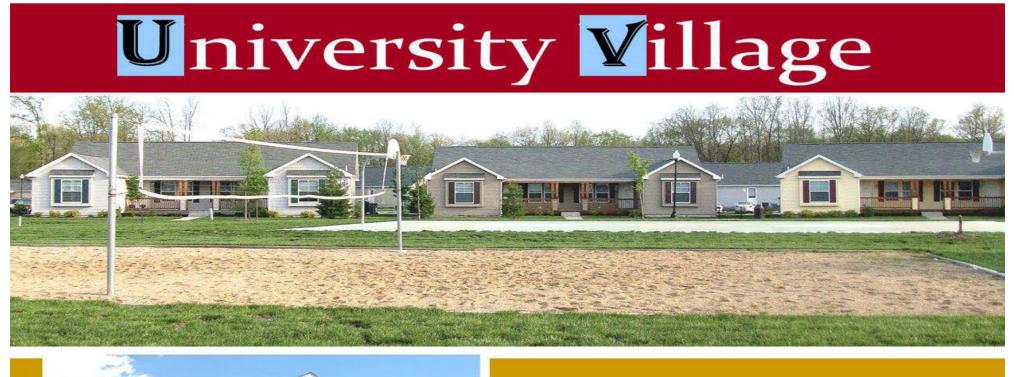
awarded \$500, for related expenses regarding the 2010 Air Show, on Aug. 28, at the Coles County Memorial Airport.

The ordinance converting the back in the lower level of Jamaican Tan, 410 Seventh St., building into an apartment was approved.

The council approved the Motor Fuel Tax fund of \$513,899, which will aid in the repairs of various projects and services.

Erin Blitz was also appointed to the Charleston Historic Preservation Commission.

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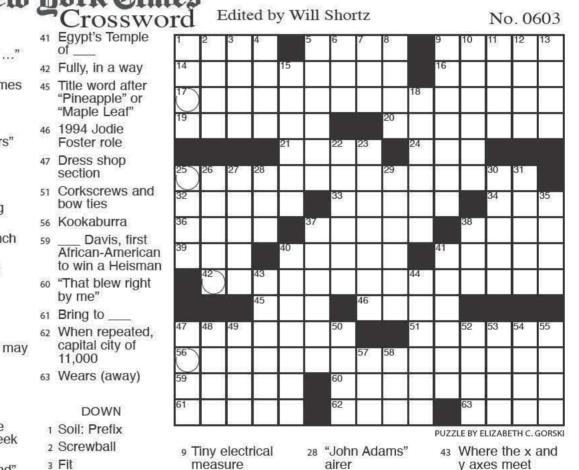
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TRACK AND FIELD

Roy places at junior nationals

Roy holds record for second best high jump

By Kristin Jording **Managing Editor**

On June 24, Jaimee Roy placed 14th in the long jump at the USA Junior National Track and Field Championships.

The competition was led by Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa.

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On first attempt, Roy landed a jump of 17 feet and 3.5 inches.

Her next two jumps were fouls.

"Jaimee seemed a little tense during her first jump of the competition. It is a very high level competition and anyone of that age would feel the same way," throwing coach Jessica Sommerfeld said.

In order to be in the junior nationals, the athlete must meet a certain standard during the competition year.

The junior competition is for athletes 19

years old and younger.

"For Jaimee to qualify for this meet and compete with athletes of this caliber was a great honor and experience," Sommerfield said. "She will be competing against these other young ladies for the rest of her career at big meets."

Sommerfeld said she believed Roy learned a lot from the competition and will help her be better in the long run.

Roy holds the record for the second best Eastern long jump at 19 feet and 9.5 inches.

She posted this mark on April 17 and the SIUE Gateway Classic.

As well as being a long jumper, Roy is also a triple jumper and a sprinter.

'She is going to continue to mature as an athlete and naturally gain in strength and speed, and as she continues to improve her technique, she will jump far," Tom Akers, track and field head coach, said.

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Abby Allgire

Federer should retire from tennis

Roger Federer could easily be titled the best tennis player of all time.

He has won numerous titles and tournaments, but his time in the spotlight is coming to an end.

Federer has dominated the tennis scene for several years now, but I am ready to see other people winning and in the spotlight. I couldn't have been more excited when Federer lost in the early rounds of Wimbledon.

With him losing, it meant that someone different would win the tournament this year. Not to mention that I am a Rafael Nadal fan anyway.

I would never denounce the talent of Roger Federer, because he is by far one of the best male tennis players this world has seen, but at a certain point enough is enough.

What more does he have to prove in tennis?

He has already won just about every tennis tournament along with several titles and grand slams.

What more can Roger Federer ask for? He definitely doesn't need the money.

Yes, he may just love the sport and the competition, but it gets boring for viewers when the same person continuously wins.

Also, Federer is getting older, while these new guys coming in are way younger. Age can start to take a toll, especially in a sport like tennis.

Federer should want to leave the spotlight on a good note. Why not leave with a tournament win or a final grand slam?

Instead, he may leave with several earlyround losses.

This showing at Wimbledon is just an example of what is to come for him.

Many athletes do not know when it is their time to leave the spotlight. I feel like the fame and the competition gets addicting. They just can't get enough of it, but there has to come a time when it is just best to pack up and be done. Roger Federer is just one example of an athlete that has over-stayed his welcome. Viewers thrive off the suspense of who will win, but Federer continuously wins. It is time for a change. This Wimbledon loss is only a glimpse of what lies in Federer's future if he doesn't retire soon.

FILE PHOTO | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS Trent Steckle, who played for the Eastern football team from 2004-2007 and graduated in 2009, died in a motorcycle accident on Friday, July 2. He was training to become a firefighter.

Football alum dies in vehicle accident

Motorcycle accident costs alumnus Trent Steckel his life

By Rashida Lyles-Cowan News Editor

Trent Steckel, former Eastern football player and alumnus, died on Friday morning, July 2, from fatal injuries caused by a motorcycle accident according to Northwest Herald in "We were saddened to hear about the loss of Trent Steckel early this morning. Trent was an outstanding young man who will be dearly missed by his family, friends and the EIU football community."

Bob Spoo, Eastern head football coach

pionship in 2005 and 2006, according to an Eastern press release. According to the press release, Steckel had just completed a cadet program last week.

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The Northwest Herald reported that Steckel had been riding northbound on Live Oak Road in Crystal Lake when he exited the roadway to the west.

The article said he drove into a ditch, lost control of the Honda VTX1300C, and collided with a culvert.

The Northwest Herald said police reported Steckel was not wearing a helmet and was pronounced dead on the scene.

No witnesses have been reported.

Steckel, 24, was a member of the Panther football team from 2004-2007.

During his career, he helped Eastern win a back-to-back Ohio Valley Conference cham-

In 2007, he aided the football team's win over Jacksonville State and Tennessee State with two touchdowns, while also catching 14 passes for 106 yards.

He also served as a half-back for the football team his senior year.

"We were saddened to hear about the loss of Trent Steckel early this morning," Eastern head coach Bob Spoo said in the press release. "Trent was an outstanding young man who will be dearly missed by his family, friends and the EIU football community."

After graduating, Steckel was in preparation to become a firefighter. He moved to the apprentice level as a member of the Woodstock Fire Department and has been with the department since August 2009.

Visitation will be at 9 a.m. until noon this Saturday at the Davenport Family Funeral Home, 419 E. Terra Cota Ave., in Crystal Lake.

The procession will start at noon with a memorial service set for 1 p.m. at McHenry County College in Crystal Lake.

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