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The Panthers prepare to wrap up a six-game home stand against Indiana State.

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Charleston police welcome new K-9

By Stephanie Markham Editor-in-Chief | @stephm202

For Charleston K-9 officer Heath Thornton, Saturday morning training includes concealing drugs for a "dope hide" exercise, suiting a fellow officer up to get bitten, and enjoying essential bonding time with his dog.

For Ivan, his 8-year-old Belgian Malinois patrol dog, sniffing out substances like methamphetamines, cocaine, heroin, ecstasy or marijuana is like playing a game.

"When he smells meth, 'Hey, that's my ball!" Thornton said.

Ivan got his turn to exercise his skills Saturday while Vito, the Charleston Police Department's newest dog, took a break from the extensive training he has been doing in Evansville for the past few weeks.

The department acquired Vito, an 11-monthold Belgian Malinois, following the unexpected death of 6-year-old Khavo last year.

Ivan's nose leads him through the Charleston Police and Fire Training Facility to a wooden crate, which he scratches dutifully with both paws to alert Thornton to the smell of methamphetamine.

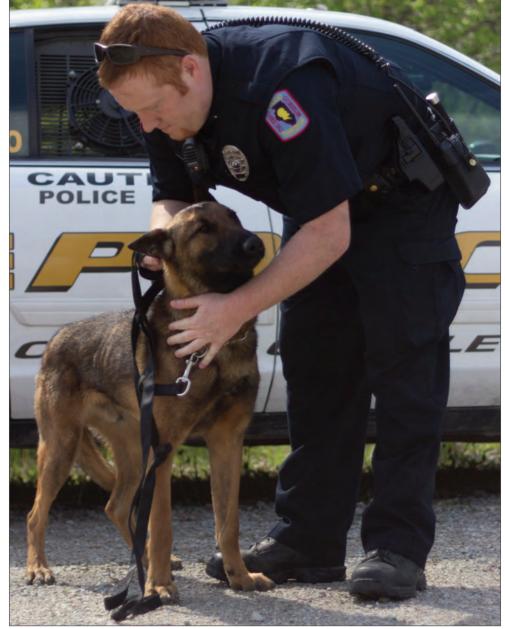
Thornton responds to Ivan's success with praise and allows him to chew a toy, which he said is everything when it comes to building loyalty.

"I talk to him like he's one of my children," Thornton said. "When they do something great, you get all excited with the high-pitched voice, roll on the ground with them, tease them, play with them. They absolutely love that. It makes them want to work more and work harder."

Ivan is an aggressive-alert dog, so he scratches to alert his officer. Vito, who has been training with Thornton to pair up with Charleston K-9 officer Chris Darimont in June, is a passive-alert dog, so he will sit to alert his officer. Both have their advantages, Thornton said, but more dogs are now being trained as passive-alert to avoid scratching cars.

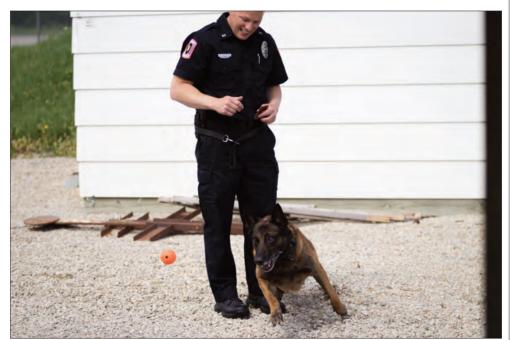
Vito is more of a "social butterfly" than Ivan, but the goal is to eventually have them working side-by-side, Thornton said. Ivan will be able to work until he can no longer be productive, likely for another year, and then retire and continue living with Thornton's family.

Unlike Ivan, who was donated from a local kennel, Ivan was shipped from a breeder in Slovakia. The Belgian Malinois breed is similar to the German Shepherd, but these dogs are slightly smaller and more energetic. Thornton described both Ivan and Vito to be a sable color, mostly black fur peppered with dark brown. The cost of the new dog and training class amounts to \$15,000, not including travel expenses, of which the department has raised about \$13,000 already through donations. While Vito waits in the patrol car Saturday, Ivan gets to stretch his muscles in the fenced-in grass area behind the training facility as Thornton demonstrates basic healing, walking and distance commands. "(Obedience is) the basis of everything that you do; you've got to be able to control your dog," Thornton said. "That being said, they are dogs, and it's nothing for a rabbit or something to run off and a dog to be a dog and want to chase after it." For the evidence search, Ivan sniffs around the vard until he finds scattered items with traces of human scent left on them. This time, Ivan finds matches, a set of keys and pieces of leather, but Thornton has trained him to find anything from shotgun shells to cellphones.



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Charleston K-9 officer Chris Darimont pets Vito, the newest K-9 of the Charleston Police Department, on Saturday at the Charleston Police and Fire Training Facility.



New senate speaker draws from leadership experience

By Analicia Haynes Administration Editor | @Haynes1943

From Vermilion County Fair Queen to newly elected speaker of the senate, Hailey Tellier calls on her coincidental expertise to help guide her through this new leadership role.

"I will never do something I'm not passionate about. I love people and I love positivity, and I feel like if you're not doing something with a positive mind and passion then its not go-



ing to be (great)," said Tellier, a junior communication disorders and sciences major. "It's funny how things work."

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out high school and well into her college career, such as being a member of Alpha Gamma Delta and being a student worker that would make any college student feel overwhelmed.

Tellier also had countless leadership roles including being the president for her school's chapter of the Future Farmers of America and camp counselor for her local AMBUCS, an organization dedicated to helping people and children with disabilities, where Tellier said she found her calling.

"Camp is the highlight of my summer and those are my kids that I love and care so deeply about and they are so wonderful," Tellier said. "They changed my entire view on life and that's a huge reason why I got into speech pathology because if I could work with kids like this everyday (then) I would not work a single day in my life because I love them so much. Tellier said she also worked at her local county fair where she won the 2013 Vermillion County Fair Queen and was inspired by the importance of Illinois agriculture. "I am involved in a lot and I always have things to do but I don't feel overwhelmed at all," Tellier said. "I'm surrounded with great people, it makes me happy and I love everything I do and if I don't love something I won't do it.' Drawing bits and pieces of expertise from the knowledge she gained through her experience, Tellier said she is able to see what will work and what will not work for student senate. "Every leader is different and how everybody runs things is different," Tellier said. "(But) being able to see all of their ideas has helped me with my own ideas and decide what things I liked and what I didn't like.' Tellier said she has several goals she wants to accomplish during her time as speaker which include building a bond between senators and continuing the efforts former speaker Maralea Negron carried throughout her term. Trying to live up to the foundation that Negron laid, Tellier said she will continue to look up to her predecessor. SPEAKER, page 5

"Believe it or not, criminals are stupid for the most part, and they will drop or leave something Charleston K-9 officer Heath Thornton drops a ball for Ivan after the dog successfully searches for evidence during a training session on Saturday at the Charleston Police and Fire Training Facility.

behind almost always," Thornton said.

Using dogs to locate evidence can avoid needing up to six officers to conduct a methodical search pattern over a large area, he said. Despite the difficulties presented by the wind carrying scents in different directions, Ivan continues to search for the items until he is successful.

"This here is what we call a hunt drive be-

cause he's hunting and he won't give up," Thornton said. "He'll die before he gives up. That's the beauty of the dog."

As Thornton's first dual-purpose dog, Ivan is able to search for narcotics and do criminal apprehensions, though he said Ivan has never had to bite anyone.

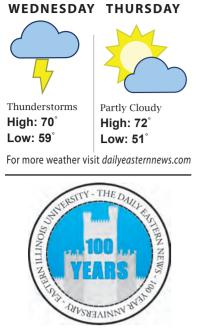
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Complimentary Coffee



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Students enjoy free coffee from the University Board Tuesday in front of Coleman Hall. The University Board gave a free coffee tasting using extra coffee leftover from an earlier event. The coffee comes from various regions around the world.

Student, mother pursues artistic dreams

By Abbey Whittington Entertainment Editor | @anwhittington96

An art student and mother of two young boys pursued her dreams of opening her own art shop, Parrot Lane, which had its grand opening on April 15.

Ashley Dick, the owner of Parrot Lane and a senior art major, graduated from Lake Land College with her associates in accounting and a certificate in management, but later came to Eastern with a desire to change her major to fit her passion.

"I graduated from Lake Land and I couldn't find work," Dick said. "I had always been artistic and I had dabbled in making items for people but I never really considered it a profession because so many people had told me I'd be a 'starving artist,' but at the time after I graduated, I had two young children to care for so I had to make money somehow."

Dick said she is working to get her bachelor's degree in arts.

She also said she named the art

shop after the street she lives on because she thought the name was unique.

Parrot Lane sells art supplies including a variety of paintbrushes, oil pants, acrylic paint kits, paint pallets, graphite pencils, acrylic inks, homemade gesso, kneaded erasers, blending stumps, sanding blocks, sketchbooks, canvas panels and alcohol markers.

In addition to these supplies, there are pottery tools including an assortment of wooden wedges, copper solder and copper foil, stained glass packs, anodized aluminum circles, visible glass squares, vermiculite, mandrels and enamel powders, and tools for Millefiori, a glasswork technique used to produce decorative patterns on glassware.

Dick said the shop only accepts handmade items but everyone is welcome to put their artwork in the shop.

Parrot Lane will also host several events in the shop including "Paint and Sip Nights" for adults 21 and Her younger brother Dylan and her

night on Friday.

On Saturday the shop will host a kid keepsake party, where children will dip their feet in paint to make painted flowers for Mother's Day.

The shop also offers a classroom that can be reserved for a party or any other special event.

Party options include a bracelet making party, paint and sip parties, kids paint parties and more.

"Parrot Lane is here to grow the students closer to the community and vice versa. Currently, students and community members feel detached from each other and not that Eastern and Lake Land are going through a rough time, the community doesn't know how to help," Dick said. "I'm hoping to bridge that gap in the art community so we can all benefit from the great creativity and knowledge from the creative group.'

Dick said as her shop has opened, the art community has given her an overwhelming amount of support.

have heavily volunteered with the shop.

"I have always wanted to be an artist. My great grandparents have my drawings from when I was barely able to walk. I was so afraid of being a 'starving artist' that I didn't know how I would be able to form that dream into a lifestyle," Dick said. "As I attended business classes I started to think about opening my own business."

Dick said as time went on, she wanted to transition from having art booths to having a retail store.

"Everything just kind of fell into place at the right time and I had the option of running away from the fear I had lived with or taking the great opportunity handed to me," Dick said. "My two boys pushed me to pursue my dreams. I wanted to provide for them and give them the life I never had."

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Students prepare for finals week, give advice

older, which kicks off its inaugural high school friend Beverly Nichols

By Kelly Isaacson Staff Reporter | @DEN_News

With finals approaching, it is common to witness nearly every college student cramming into the library, pulling all-nighters and binge drinking coffee to get through the week.

However, as summer creeps around the corner it can be hard for students to stay focused.

With only a week left of classes, several students are putting work before leisure and giving some advice on preparing for finals.

Scott Briski, a junior kinesiology and sports studies major, said he prepares for finals by keeping up to date on everything and being aware of what is on his final.

Depending on his classes, Briski

said he tends to study more for the harder exams to better prepare himself

Briski said he uses flashcards to help with the upcoming exams.

On the other hand, Maegan Cady, a sophomore pre-nursing major, said she spends most of her time in Booth Library's many study rooms or in the 24-hour lounge in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union to help her get through finals.

While downing a couple energy drinks, Cady said one of her biggest study habits is to complete study guides in advance to help her retain the information.

However, Cady said one major distraction she faces during finals is her mom's calls to see how she is doing in school.

Alannah Kress, a sophomore prenursing major, encouraged students to give themselves enough time to study before each final.

Kress said to avoid pulling allnighters because this will stress a student out even more, which is the last thing students need during this week. "Give yourself a break while studying every couple hours to have some free time," Kress said.

Junior psychology major Kristie Bagus said that the best way she unwinds during finals week is going to the gym.

Bagus said she likes being able to get away from the stress and disconnect herself for an hour or two, as well as take plenty of naps.

Bagus said she thinks that taking a break is essential during this hec-

tic week because giving the body a break is important during this stressful time.

She also suggests for other students should chew gum while studying.

She said if a person studies while chewing gum and then proceeds to chew gum while taking an exam, the muscle memory will help retain information from previous study efforts.

Tyler Stowell, a junior kinesiology and sports studies major, said students should take care of business first before dreaming about summer relaxation

"Just grind it out," Stowell said. "It's only for a couple days a week tops so give it your everything."

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Workshop on Arabic brings cultural understanding

By T'Nerra Butler Multicultural Editor | @DEN_News

Economics professor Ahmed Abou-Zaid shared his native language with students and faculty at the "Teach Me Arabic" workshop.

During the session, Abou-Zaid taught his crowd common greetings and objects like seat, table, pen and short directions. He also described some of the differences between English and Arabic.

A lot of the time, in the Arabic language, pronouns are not used because the words and phrases make them clear. Abou-Zaid said there is no one word for anything in the language.

In the lesson Abou-Zaid explained how the pronunciation of words could be hard for someone who has not spoken the language since they were younger. He demonstrated to the audience the sounds that were hard, and they tried them out.

With Abou-Zaid being from Egypt, he said Arabic is spoken in 22 countries, but with different accents. The most unique thing about the language would be the multitude of dialects, he said.

"These things give me a chance to talk to the people and to introduce my culture," Abou-Zaid said. "We learn from them; they learn from us and that is the beauty of it."

The Arabic language has 28 characters with some carrying similar sounds. Abou-Zaid said in the language they also read right to left as



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Ahmed Abou-Zaid speaks with students Tuesday in the Tuscola-Arcola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union about the beauty of east African countries during the Teach Me Arabic forum.

opposed to the English language's way of reading.

Writing Arabic formally is different than how the language is orally, Abou-Zaid said.

Erin Hagan, a senior foreign languages major, said she plans to learn Arabic in the near future and thought the workshop would be a good introduction to the language. She said the hardest thing may be learning how to write and speak Arabic because they are different.

"(Arabic) is a critical language and any culture that has a lot of history, especially things that dates back as far as seven thousand years, is fascinating," Hagan said. "It's interesting to see how language evolves and how things change. Abou-Zaid said Arabic is one of the oldest languages in history.

Hagan said the workshop brings real awareness to another culture. She said far too often, people generalize cultures and fail to look at the facts and that culture's history.

"Events like this make people look beyond mass media and generalizations and realize that these are people," Hagan said. "This is a culture, a history and one event should not determine a entity of people."

Tarvaris Gould, a freshman pre-engineering major, said people need to venture out and experience different nationalities and language. He said it is always a good skill to be observant of others' cultures.

"It was interesting to learn how one word could mean many things," Gould said. " I was always taught that English was the toughest language."

Gould said he thinks that learning Arabic full on will not be as hard as he thought.

Hagan said language is such an evolving thing, and people could never fully understand culture if they are not familiar with their language.

"Dialects tell you what someone culture is like," Hagan said. "It's all about learning to appreciate other people's cultures and learning to think beyond our own westernized idea of this is America and we are the best."

While cultures can be slightly different, those dissimilarities should not be frowned upon, Hagan said. She said it is a matter of knowing that diversity add substance to culture, not takes from it.

"The biggest part for me is going to be the disparity between how you speak and how you write," Hagan said.

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FUNdFest to support displaced university employees

Staff Report

The Coles County Fairgrounds will host a festival from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday featuring activities such as live music, vendors, a silent auction, raffles and a beer tent beginning at 5 p.m.

The festival, known as FUNd-Fest, is a fundraiser organized and supported by members of the community and hosted by the newly established local non-profit organization Support EIU Employees.

Employees who have been laid off from Eastern because of the statewide budget impasse will be the guests of honor for the day.

The 12-hour event will begin with opening ceremonies, followed by guest speakers such as Sen. Scott Bennett, Chicago City Clerk Susan Mendoza, Eastern professors William Weber and Kai Hung, former office administrator Kim Turner and others. Following the speakers, live musicians will perform various genres of music. Some of the acts include Irish Music Circle, Huck Fate, The Good Dinosaurs, Jeremy McConnaha and many more.

Food vendors will offer a variety of food ranging from hamburgers and fries to funnel cakes and kettle corn.

There will also be vendors selling different items from jewelry to hand-painted turkey feathers. Some vendors will close at 5 p.m., although some do plan on staying open later.

Tarot card readings will be available from 8 to 11 p.m.

FUNdFest will also include activities for families and their children, ranging from art stations to a bounce house and face painting.

Local artisans will feature some of their work in an art expo, and community members and local businesses have donated items for both the raffle and silent auction. Some of the items donated include kitchen sets, a chainsaw carving, gift baskets and gift cards for local businesses.

Proceeds from the silent auction, art expo and some of the vendors will go to a relief fund that will be available for the laid-off employees to apply for assistance.

Laid-off employees will also receive a free meal and tickets for the children's activities.





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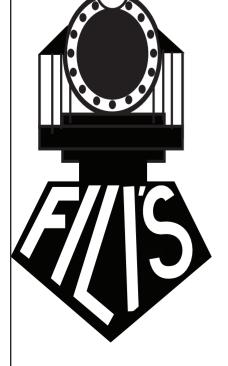
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Don't let others define who you are

The amount of ignorance people possess is sometimes astounding.

USA Today published a story Tuesday talking about how 700,000 people have boycotted Target over the recently announced bathroom policy where employees and customers can use the bathroom that matches their gender preference.

I applaud Target for this choice in policy considering there are more than likely a good number of people who go to Target daily who do not identify with their birth gender.

These protesters are saying this new policy just gives pedophiles and rapists a chance to attack women and children in the bathrooms.

Why should we tell transgender people that they couldn't use the bathroom they are comfortable in?

The point stands at the fact that people are trying to use molestation and rape as a basis for why the new policy should be changed and eliminated.

Yes, these are possibilities, but just because they are letting people use the bathroom of their choice does not mean these things will automatically happen.

Quite frankly, such incidents could happen even if there wasn't a policy in place.

The sad thing is there are pedophiles and rapists who could very well be doing these things already, and we don't know about it.

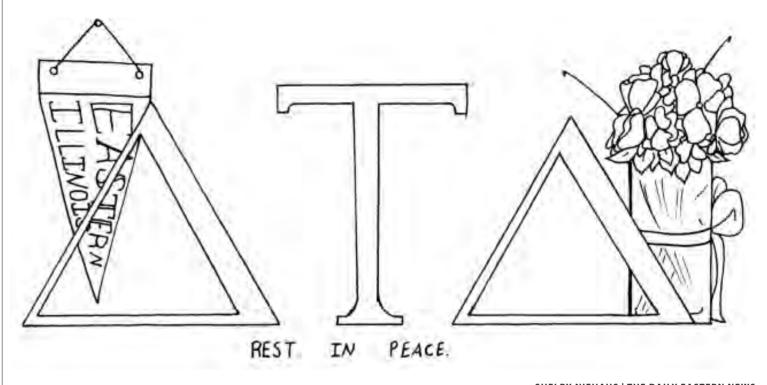
Target still stands with its choice though, because it seems they would rather lose some customers with the policy than make their customers and employees who do not identify with their birth gender uncomfortable without the policy.

In fact, Target made a public blog post that said the company welcomes transgender team members and guests to "use the restroom or fitting room facility that corresponds with their gender identity."

The petition that is being signed by those opposed was started by the American Family Association and currently has more than 744,800 signatures.

It should not matter what gender a person identifies with for someone to use the bathroom. It was pointed out that Target has genderneutral bathrooms, and it has family restrooms What happens if people have an emergency and they need to use a bathroom, but one of these is filled? Choosing to be what you identify with should not mean that you couldn't get the basic rights that are using a bathroom. If people are seriously going to boycott Target, let them. I love Target and quite frankly, if people are going to not go because of a policy that makes people feel welcome, so be it.

Honest Ock: Whatever You Are, Be a Good One



SHELBY NIEHAUS | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Staff Editorial Know when to intervene in situations

One of the things you learn early on is that speaking out whenever there is trouble is the right thing to do.

As people grow up and they start to learn how the real world works, somewhere along the way the idea of speaking out whenever something appears to be wrong seems to just disappear from their conscience.

You should not be afraid to intervene if someone appears to be in some kind of trouble, whether it is your closest friend or someone you do not even know.

It seems that, from time to time, some people are afraid to step in because they do not want to get themselves involved in a situation, or they think someone else will come along and get involved.

Other times, people think that when someone asks them to intervene on their behalf, the situation will immediately become physical, which is not always the case.

If you see someone being harmed either by someone or a group of people, the moment that you see that person in trouble, you are already involved.

This is not the way to be thinking about helping people in need.

Do not ignore someone who needs help. Otherwise you are nowhere near doing the right thing, and you end up as part of the problem when you could have been part of the solution.

Even if it is a simple act of kindness, if you stand up for someone or stand with someone in their hour of need, the fact that you are willing to try is what matters.

Sometimes people are scared when it seems like they are the only ones who are willing to take a stand, and that is perfectly normal, but being scared and still intervening proves that you are doing the right thing.

There are times when people who need help the most never receive it, and they think that there is no one there who cares enough to help them.

In cases like these, there are services that one can call, like help hotlines. One can even reach out to trusted professors or school staffers and see what kind of help they may be able to provide.

Everyday, someone somewhere is in need of some kind of help, even if they do not seem like they are. Being willing to take a stand proves that the lesson learned back in grade school has not completely disappeared. It is always important to know that even the little things can be the biggest help to someone in need.

Laura Trombley, a graduate student in college student affairs and the associate resident director for Andrews Hall, will be speaking about the bystander effect at 3 p.m. Wednesday in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

In Wednesday's edition of The Daily Eastern News, Trombley said she hopes "to promote educational awareness around the topic in discussing how the issue of sexual assault is prevalent on college campuses."

Being aware of a situation and being able to intervene when a situation arises helps make the community, especially our university, a safer place to be in.

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

A teacher that leads is one that also succeeds

We've all been doing this school thing for a while now.

No, I am not talking about college. I am talking about kindergarten to where you are now, and everything included in that journey.

Being a student is about as close as most of us will get to becoming an expert on any-



Do not get me wrong. There were still those dreadful teachers who had that "I am your master; do as I say" attitude, lacking any valuable rapport with students.

But there were the teachers, much like the aforementioned sixth-grade teacher, who became much more of a partner in our edu-

Besides, the fewer people to crowd the store, the better.

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thing. I mean. even a discipline's actual "expert"

is only considered so relatively.

The expert is the person with the most knowledge, and intelligent people will never try to convince you they know everything or actually think they are an expert.

Someone stamped with the badge of honor that is being referred to as an expert got to that point by searching for more knowledge, not by thinking they knew what they needed to know already.

I had a teacher as early as sixth grade tell my class, "You are all the professionals here. How would you like to do this assignment?"

This always stuck out to me and obviously stuck with me.

Of course, I was not even a teenager yet, so I really thought how cool it was we had a teacher who spoke so progressively and thought so highly of his mostly prepubescent students.

Maybe it was a maturity thing, or maybe it was my teacher's action, but this was

Jehad Abbed

also the time I really began noticing a difference between teachers and how they interacted with their classes.

Before sixth grade, there was no difference in whether I had class with John Doe or Jane Doe.

They were the master, a supervisor or almost a parent throughout eight hours of your day.

A grade school teacher is almost followed blindly by students, which is kind of scary to think about.

Going into middle school, my perception of teachers began to completely change.

We no longer had just one instructor for an entirety of the day. We had "experts" each class period to teach us basic subjects.

cation. These instructors worked with students and not above them.

The teacher who asks students if they have questions might have annoyed you in school, especially if they would call you out individually, but it was probably an honest and genuine gesture.

These types of teachers set a good example for how we as "expert" students need to evolve and thrive when our college careers are over.

We sometimes get annoyed by working in groups, but it is a priceless quality within a workplace. You can have a great GPA and still be incredibly uncooperative.

A team can be as little as two people, and a team is always better when you practice your teamwork. A teacher and a student or a manager and a salesman, have to work together.

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Cooling off on the Quad



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Kendall Leander, a junior biological sciences major, and Eliza Coleman, a junior political science major, sit in a blow up pool on the Library Quad Tuesday with blow up balls with questions as a way to get to know new people. This is one of the events that is part of the EIU Student Government finals week as a way to reduce stress.

Fraternity to relax, enjoy 'Kool' weather

By Janet Pernell Staff Reporter | @DEN_News

The men of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated have a week of activities planned to end the spring 2016 semester. Along with studying, members said they would like to include relaxation.

Kappa Alpha Psi will be hosting "Koolin' in the Quad," an annual gathering hosted by the fraternity toward the end of each semester.

This will take place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday in the South Quad.

Kappa Alpha Psi's week includes a speed dating session, study sessions, Family Feud and "Stroll Like a Kappa," making this one of the fraternity's biggest weeks.

Marvin Collins, a member of Kappa Alpha Psi, said "Koolin' in the Quad" is a way to give students encouragement, and it is a learning experience.

"We're just basically giving people positive words of motivation while going into finals week," Collins said. "I feel that life is a learning experience, and each event that we throw we learn from it."

Malcolm Miller, a member of Kappa Alpha Psi, said he thinks "Koolin' in the Quad" is a great way to end the semester.

He said he is excited about "Koolin' in the Quad" and feeling good about it as well.

'The school year is almost over and the weather is really nice, so I think it's a great idea to bring the campus together," Miller said. "We use the event to interact with the campus."

"Koolin' in the Quad" is a social gathering used to allow students to come together and enjoy one another and the nice weather.

Because finals week is approaching, the gathering is used to relieve stress. Collins said it is designed to be so-

cial so the campus can get a break from school and other pressures.

"The ideal way to finish off the semester is to focus on your finals and get ready to prepare for it and get those good grades. That's the main focus," Miller said.

Joshua Little, a member of Kappa Alpha Psi, said "Koolin' in the Quad" is a way to bring in something positive and to escape problems, relax, chill and "kick it" in the Quad.

He said it will be laidback, comforting, fun and just like a regular day.

"It gives people a chance to get away from their problems." Little said. "In a sense because the weath-

er's nice." Collins said each year of "Koolin" in the Quad" gets better.

"It's always a progression." Collins said.

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In a demonstration, Darimont pretended to be a criminal who ran and would not surrender upon Thornton's request. Ivan followed suit and held his bite upon the training sleeve until Thornton commanded him to release.

"That guy nine times out of 10 is going to come out of there, and he's not going to tell me to go fly a kite," Thornton said. "He's going to say,

'Don't send the dog, stop.'"

Though Vito has been training daily to prepare for trials to attain United States Police Canine Association certification, the department typically only is able to train one eight-hour day per month, so the K-9 officers also fill in their downtime with training exercises.

"Because we're in a smaller agency, we don't have the perk of being able

to train just K-9 and work just K-9," Thornton said. "We have to work the street and everyday calls like everybody else.'

However, Thornton does not mind beginning his day at 6:15 a.m. laying out a track across the street for Ivan to follow, or packing in training time to prepare Vito to work with Darimont.

He said he is "living the dog life"

and loving every second of it.

"A lot of people think, 'Oh yeah, that's going to be fun to let your dog bite someone," Thornton said. "Not at all. The fun part is the play, being here with the ball and watching the dog love it. It pulls the passion out of me."

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"(Negron) was an absolutely amazing speaker and it's going to be a task to live up to that because I do think very highly of her," Tellier said.

Among those goals, Tellier said she definitely wants to continue with "senator orientation" because it is a way to get new senators involved and help them understand what is expected as well as the senate "recruitment week."

However, Tellier said she wants to change the theme of recruitment to target more than just students in one group or those who decide to walk by a building where current senators are handing out recruitment flyers.

"I want to be able to go into residence halls and the (Campus Recreation Center) and I want to reach a wide variety of people because I believe we have so many great leaders not only in athletics and Greek life but in different (registered student organizations)," Tellier said. "We have leaders that are on campus but just aren't involved in those RSOs and I want to reach out to those people because I really want a quality senate."

Tellier also said she wants to ensure that senators find time to bond with one another in order to promote a better working environment.

"I believe that when you know someone's strengths, weaknesses, likes and dislikes you work so much better with them," Tellier said. "I believe if we had a Facebook group page or a group meet then we would be able to talk and bond on a personal level and it would make us work really well together on senate."

Tellier said she wants to make sure senators continue to stay motivated whether during office hours or meetings because they are representing the student body.

"I feel like if you're reminded of why you're in something then you are motivated do better," Tellier said. "If we're not motivated and super pumped with 'we love EIU spirit,' then no one else is going to be and our role is to set the standard.'

Along with building a bond between senators, Tellier said she wants to bridge the gap between senators and the student body by opening communication.

Tellier said senators could take the ideas or bills discussed at meetings and bring them to students outside of individual friend groups and ask how they feel about it.

"We need to connect with (students)," Tellier said. "We are their voice and we need to make sure (legislation) is what they want and interests them."

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Men's golf struggles in 2nd day of OVC tournament

Charlie Adare upsets Panther rankings with 33rd place finish

By Sean Hastings Sports Editor | @DEN_Sports

After finishing in eighth place to end the first day of the Ohio Valley Conference tournament, the men's golf team struggled in the second round, dropping them to last place.

The men's golf team is in 11th place with just one more round left to play at the Robert Trent Jones "Fighting Joe" Golf Trail at The Shoals in Muscle Shoals, Ala.

Eastern shot a 309 combined team score in the first round of

dropped 12 strokes and shot a 321 Tuesday. They have a current team score of 630.

Tennessee-Martin moved into a first place after the second round, with Jacksonville State and Eastern Kentucky in a tie for second. Jacksonville State was the tournament leader heading into Tuesday's round.

Eastern Kentucky was in fourth yesterday.

Yesterday, freshman Alvaro Hernandez was initially the Panthers' top scorer, but struggled a little bit Tuesday, shooting an 82. He is tied for 46th with a two-round score of 157.

Freshman Charlie Adare was the Panthers' top golfer on Tuesday. Adare fired a 77, helping him get to a tie for 33rd with a two-round score of 153. Fellow freshman Kevin Altenberger had the secondthe tournament on Monday, but best score Tuesday, shooting a 79,

which moved him into 52nd with a two-round total of 163.

Senior Will Drerup fired a second-round score of 83, putting him in 51st with a two-day total of 159. Sophomore Alex Gowin stands in 54th place with a tworound score of 166 after shooting an 84 on Tuesday.

Will Sallee of Eastern Kentucky shot a four-under par score of 68 on Tuesday. Sallee's strong performance in the second round of the tournament has made him the tournament leader with a tworound score of 140. He is two-under par after two rounds.

Hunter Richardson of Tennessee-Martin is in second place and Daniel Pico of Jacksonville State is in third place.

Richardson was the first place finisher yesterday. Sallee was three strokes behind Richardson heading into the round on Tuesday.

Pico dropped one spot from the first round.

Wednesday's round will be the Panthers' final showing for this season. The teams will play one final 18-hole round to finish off the tournament.

The Panthers have had a tough year overall finishing last in a majority of the tournaments.

Eastern finished in last in three out of five tournament in the fall and before OVC tournament.

Eastern finished in 11th out of 11 teams to open the spring season and 15th out of 15 teams in the second tournament of the season

The Panthers had their best finish of the season before the OVC tournament got underway with a seventh place finish out of 12 teams at the Western Illinois Invite.

Eastern will have a chance to



Charlie Adare

play for some pride Wednesday as they will try to move up a couple spots.

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Alyssa Heren	.291	39	134	23	Baylee Douglas	1.78	14-8	121	43
Allison Smiley	.283	34	120	15	Ashley Koziol	3.48	7-12	58	29
Tess Eby	.275	33	120	23	Baylee Douglas is in th	e OVC	's top	five	2
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BASEBALL VS. EASTERN KENTUCKY | 7-11 OVC

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Kyle Nowlin	.290 45 155 43
Ben Fisher	.285 47 165 10
Doug Teegarden	.317 26 82 10

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Hunter Dunn	5.36	3-3	29 2	3				
Alex Hamilton	5.40	3-5	54 2	3				
Caleb Johnson	2.18	3-1	32 1	2				
The Colonels have used 16 pitchers this season.								





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Panthers wrap up home stand against Indiana State

By Maher Kawash Staff Reporter | @DEN_Sports

After Tuesday's game against Saint Louis was cancelled due to expected rain, the Eastern baseball team will have a chance to hit the field Wednesday.

The Panthers will wrap up a six-game home stand against Indiana State after the first matchup between these two teams was postponed from earlier in the season.

But with scheduled rain still in the forecast for Wednesday, there is a possibility that this game could be cancelled as well. Eastern coach Jason Anderson said the chance of playing is not looking good because of the rain.

If the game is held, the Panthers will attempt to improve on their struggling record. Eastern comes into the game at 7-33 on the year, but two of its wins have come in the last five games.

With that being said, the struggles have still continued for the Panthers this season. Eastern is still without a series victory this year, and has also not won back-to-back games either.

The Panthers are hoping to turn this rebuilding season around and end the year on a strong run.

At the matchup against Indiana State, it is junior Jake Haberer that will start on the mound for Eastern. Indiana State has seen a bit more of success than the Panthers, and comes into the game with a 24-16 record this season.

The Sycamores are also being led under a relatively new skipper, as head coach Mitch Hannahs is 87-60 in his 2nd season with the team.

Anderson has not seen the same amount of success so far, but is trying to meet or exceed the 13 wins Eastern had all of last season.

He will have a chance at contributing to that total in this single-game matchup. The first pitch Wednesday is set for 3 p.m.

While the Panthers attempt to rack up more wins, the rest of the Ohio Valley Conference has seen plenty of success.

As Eastern sits at the bottom of the



Red-shirt senior Demetre Taylor bats during the Panthers' game against Belmont Saturday at Coaches Stadium. The Panthers beat the Bruins, 9-8, in 10 innings.

standings with just two conference wins, teams continue to battle at the top. Southeast Missouri State is standing as the top dog in the OVC right now, as they hold an 18-3 record against conference opponents.

The Redhawks earned the top spot after taking two of three games against second place Jacksonville State over the weekend. Southeast Missouri has won eight of its last ten games, and three of those came in a sweep over Eastern.

Although Jacksonville State lost its last series, the Gamecocks are still atop

the OVC. Jacksonville State is 14-4 this season, and one game ahead of a 15-6 Austin Peay team.

Austin Peay has impressed throughout the season; the Governors handed Southeast Missouri state its first losses of the season.

While those teams headline the top of the OVC, teams like Belmont, Murray State, and Morehead State are sitting in the middle of the conference.

Belmont is the most notable, sitting in fourth place and coming off two wins against Eastern. Morehead State is not far behind at 10-8, and Murray State is also nearby at 9-9 in the OVC.

But Eastern isn't the only team struggling in the conference. Southern Illinois Edwardsville and Tennessee-Martin are also at the bottom of the standings.

Between those three teams, there are 11 wins and 46 losses combined in the conference so far.

The struggles seem to be multitudinous for those clubs, and Eastern has seen the worst of it.

But with the Panthers searching for

rebuilding success, its next series offers more hope.

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Eastern will follow Wednesday's midweek matchup with a three-game conference series against Eastern Kentucky. That series will be on the road, and the Panthers are 4-24 in away games this season.

The Panthers have 15 games left on the year, and four more conference series remain.

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Eastern softball dominates OVC play near season end

By Sean Hastings Sports Editor | @DEN_Sports

A shutout win against Murray State April 3rd may not have seemed like a big deal at the time, but looking back, it is



against Tennessee State, just one short of tying the record for the all-time stolen bases record for an Eastern freshman.

Wireman and Rogers both struggled over the six game losing streak, but have since been stellar in the circle.

Wireman now holds a 3.40 ERA with a win-loss record of 13-17. She has also struck out 163 batters this season. She had 22 strikeouts in a 12-inning 1-0 win against Eastern Kentucky. Rogers has dropped her ERA to 4.48 and is just one win away from being at .500. She is 6-7 on the year. Rogers doesn't get the strikeouts that Wireman gets, but she gets key outs when the Panthers need them, making her a key to the Panthers' recent success. Rogers threw a shutout on Sunday against Tennessee State. She also pitched a scoreless inning Saturday against Belmont to close out the game for the Panthers.

what flipped the Panthers' season around.

Eastern opened the season strong with a three-game series sweep over Tennessee-Martin, but the Panthers went on to lose their next six OVC games. Eastern had a record of 3-6 in OVC play until game three of the Murray State series.

The Panthers have gone on to win 10 straight games in OVC competition, thanks to dominating pitching performances from sophomore pitchers Jessica Wireman and Michelle Rogers and the hitters getting timely hits.

The Eastern softball team's long win streak includes a pair of wins against what was the top team in the conference at the time. Eastern handed Eastern Kentucky its first and second losses of the season.

Eastern has recorded six shutouts over the course of this win streak. They are now 13-6 in OVC play, putting them in third place in the conference, behind 21-0 Jacksonville State and 15-5 Eastern Kentucky.

The teams have just two weekends of OVC play left, making this win streak more important than ever. Eastern has been able to all but secure a spot in the SEAN HASTINGS | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Senior Kylie Bennett singles up the middle against Austin Peay April 16 at Williams Field.

tournament at the end of the year.

Only eight teams make it to the tournament. The only problem is, Eastern has played two less games than the rest of the teams. A planned doubleheader with Morehead State was rained out April 10th at Williams Field.

Senior April Markowski has caught fire at the right time, boosting her batting

average to .328 during the win streak. She was below .300.

Senior Katie Watson got back to her early season form, getting her batting average back up to .300.

Fellow senior Kylie Bennett has continued to be a huge run producer for the Panthers, having driven in 22 runners this season. Last weekend in two games against Belmont and two against Tennessee State, Watson drove in eight runs. She now has 19 on the season.

Freshman Kayla Bear has been a big threat with lots of speed on the base paths this season for Eastern. She is 16-19 on the season.

Bear was 3-3 in stolen bases Sunday

The season is winding down and each game is becoming more and more important.

If the pitchers can continue to pitch the way they have and the hitters can hit the way they have been lately, the Panthers' success can continue moving towards the OVC tournament May 11-14.

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