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CITY | EVENTS

## Race brings out all ages, types



**From 11 to 70-year-olds, surgical patients, run in rare winter event**

**By Jordan Crook**  
City Reporter

Recovering from hernia surgery could not keep Paul Spinner from participating in the inaugural Mid-Winter Challenge on Saturday morning in Charleston.

"I run 50 races a year and, after three weeks off, I got to get with it," he said.

Spinner, 63, of Paris, Ill., had hernia surgery three weeks ago and participated in the three-mile race Saturday against doctors' orders.

The Mid-Winter Challenge, held at Carl Sandburg Elementary School, was sponsored by the Charleston Parks and Recreation Department, which also sponsored the Charleston Challenge Duathlon in September.

The Mid-Winter Challenge comprised three separate races: a 5K, 10K and a 15K race, each passing through the icy-slush covered streets of Charleston.

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**Above:** 70-year-old Champaign resident Charles Kennedy checks his time after he crossed the finish line at the end of Charleston's Mid-Winter Classic on Saturday.

**Left:** Eastern alumnus Josh Kerchival crosses the finish line.

CAMPUS | HEALTH

## Death doesn't follow a test

**Students today have a chance to find out if they have disease**

**By Emily Zulz**  
Activities Reporter

AIDS is still prevalent in our society, but it is not the same as when it first became known, said Shawn Peoples.

Peoples said the public is not afraid to say the word "AIDS" anymore. Peoples is the primary adviser for Delta Sigma Theta who is sponsoring the BASUAH AIDS Testing and Awareness today from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union's Oakland Room.

The testing is part of African American Heritage Month. This is third annual testing and awareness day, which provides free and anonymous testing.

A new report by the Center for Disease Control's National Center for Health Statistics showed about one-half of one percent of adults ages 18-49 are infected with HIV.

However, the report also stated that black men in the United States

are most likely to be infected with HIV.

Three years ago, Delta Sigma Theta received a grant from the state to have AIDS testing on campus. The grant, Brothers and Sisters United Against HIV and AIDS, specifically targets individuals who had never been tested before and, more specifically, black students.

This year, they did not receive money from the grant, but Delta Sigma Theta

was fortunate to receive a donation from its national organization, Peoples said.

National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day takes place each year in February.

Delta Sigma Theta works in conjuncture with this day, Feb. 7, and usually tries to have an AIDS testing during the same week. Peoples said it is important to educate the black community about getting tested.

"I think individuals are just afraid," she said. "There's still ... a lot of misinformation out there about what does it mean if someone tests positive for HIV and AIDS."

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### AIDS CAN BE SPREAD BY:

- Sexual behaviors with someone infected with the virus
- Sharing needles or syringes with someone who has the virus
- A baby being exposed to the virus through pregnancy, birth, or breast feeding from a mother who has the virus
- Through transfusion with HIV-infected blood or blood products

ACTIVITIES | EVENTS

## A month's vivacious opening

**African-American Heritage Month opens with dance, banquet**

**By Emily Zulz**  
Activities Reporter

For Nicholas A. Owens, inspiration for a dance can be found anywhere.

In his dreams. What he sees around him every day.

Things he experiences in his life. His heritage.

Owens is co-director and artistic director of the Kenyetta Dance Company. He choreographs most of the dances the company performs.

The Kenyetta Dance Company was the featured entertainment for the African-American Heritage banquet Friday in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Owens said for a dance he uses his roots or legends of his ancestors and relates that to him and the dancers.

He said the dancers connect with their inner emotions while performing and through this they connect the audience with their own feelings.

Owens said from the stage he could hear some hand claps and few sighs, which helps fuel the performance.

"It's some type of feeling dancers could feel from the audience," he said.

Owens said he hoped the audience was left remembering the



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**Sataria Cater, a member of the Kenyetta Dance Company, performs during Friday's 13th annual African-American Heritage Banquet in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.**

emotion the dancers felt and the heart they gave, adding that this is what makes dance what it is.

"You can have all the technique, but if you don't have emotion," it is

not true dance, he said.

"We really feel what we dance about," Owens said.

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EIU WEATHER

<b>MONDAY</b>  <b>58° 44°</b> T-Storms SE 15-20	<b>TUESDAY</b>  <b>52° 27°</b>
	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>  <b>35° 21°</b>

WEATHER BRIEF

Expect a chance of thunderstorms and scattered rain showers throughout the day. Rain will continue through Tuesday before changing over to a wintry mix Tuesday night.

For more information visit EIU WeatherCenter at [www.dennnews.com](http://www.dennnews.com)

ENTERTAINMENT | A DAILY LOOK

Spears to remain in hospital for 14 more days

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Britney Spears got her stay in a psychiatric ward extended Sunday, as doctors decided to keep her hospitalized an additional 14 days, someone close to the pop star told the Associated Press.

Spears was to be released from UCLA Medical Center's psychiatric hospital Sunday, but doctors and a medical officer at the ward determined that she should remain, said the person, who requested anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the matter.

Spears was committed Thursday for a 72-hour hold for evaluation. Paramedics, flanked by a police escort of about a dozen officers on motorcycles, in cars and a helicopter, took Spears from her home to the psychiatric hospital before dawn.

To extend her stay, hospital staff members cited a section in the state

legal code that allows patients to be retained for medical treatment if they are found to be gravely disabled or a danger to themselves or others.

Writers Guild settles strike with 4 NYC film companies

NEW YORK — Striking writers have reached interim contract agreements with four New York-based independent filmmakers, ending their 12-week walkout, the two sides said Sunday in a joint announcement.

The announcement did not offer details of the agreements but said they were "similar" to agreements reached earlier between the WGA and 13 other film and TV production companies.

The latest agreements with the Writers Guild's east and west units enables the four indie producers, GreeneStreet Films, Killer Films, Open City Films and This is that corporation to "resume business immediately," the statement said.

Former American Idol runner-up weds producer

LOS ANGELES — Former "American Idol" contestant Katharine McPhee has wed producer Nick Cokas.

The pair married Saturday in Beverly Hills, McPhee's representative, Justin Gray Stone, told People Magazine.

McPhee, 23, and Cokas, 42, met in 2005 and got engaged last year.

'Hannah Montana' 3-D debut rules box office

LOS ANGELES — "Hannah Montana & Miley Cyrus: Best of Both Worlds Concert," the 3-D film chronicling her recent tour, was the biggest debut ever during Super Bowl weekend, pulling in \$29 million, according to studio estimates Sunday. Distributor Disney planned to have the movie out for only a week but now has decided to keep it in theaters until it runs its course.

PHOTO OF THE DAY

Reliving his childhood



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Former Charleston resident Jim Sims remembers what it's like to be a child Saturday afternoon as he goes down a hill on a sled with his two nephews, Kamarn (left) and Kyan (middle), on Saturday at Kiwanis Park. "I remember being a kid sledding here when I was young," Sims said.

WHAT THE... | WEIRD, UNEXPECTED, BIZARRE NEWS

Texas mayor quits after dog-stealing allegations

The Associated Press

ALICE, Texas — A small-town mayor accused of secretly keeping her neighbors' dog after telling them the pet died, has resigned, and a judge is set to decide custody of the Shih Tzu.

Grace Saenz-Lopez apologized Friday to Alice residents and said she believed her actions were in the dog's best interest.

"I am sorry for the division that the events of these last few weeks have caused," Saenz-Lopez wrote in her resignation letter. "It was never my intention to bring any negative exposure to our city."

A custody hearing Monday is expected to decide who gets Puddles, who Saenz-Lopez renamed "Panchito" after taking the dog last summer.

A neighboring family accuses Saenz-Lopez of refusing to return the dog after leaving it in her care while they went on vacation.

A day after her neighbors left, Saenz-Lopez called to tell them Puddles had died.

Saenz-Lopez, the city's mayor since 2003, was indicted Jan. 18 on two felony counts of tampering with evidence and concealing evidence.

Those charges came after Saenz-Lopez filed a police report claiming the dog was missing. The dog was later spotted at the home of Saenz-Lopez's twin sister, in Ben Bolt, about 10 miles from Alice.

City commissioners voted unanimously last week for a resolution urging Saenz-Lopez to resign.

Mayor Pro-Tem Juan Rodriguez will take over mayoral duties.

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**Monday Feb. 4 2008: 8-9:30pm Open House**  
(ΑΣΑ House, 1004 Greek Court)

\*Come meet the women of Alpha Sigma Alpha and join us in making valentines to send to S. June Smith Center. (Dress casual)

**Tuesday Feb. 5 2008: 8-9:30pm Open House**  
(ΑΣΑ House, 1004 Greek Court)

\*If you couldn't make it Monday or want to join us again, come hang out and we will be making more valentines to send to S. June Smith Center. (Dress casual)

**Wednesday Feb. 6 2008: 7-9pm Sisterhood**  
(ΑΣΑ House, 1004 Greek Court)

\*Come see how amazing our sisterhood is and join us in a fun night of movies and games. (Dress casual/comfortable)

**Thursday Feb. 7 2008: 6:30pm EIU Men's Basketball Game**

\*Join us in supporting Eastern Illinois University athletics. We are going to the 7:15pm game but come early to the house and we can all go together. WE ARE EIU! (Dress comfy, wear your EIU gear!)

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• **Map** - Dennews.com now has a map showing the location of Charleston's polling places and their accompanying precincts for Tuesday's Illinois primary.



CAMPUS | ACADEMICS

## 'Trivial' pursuits

### Local high school students participate in Scholastic Bowl

By Trevor Walker  
Staff Reporter

Few would expect the excitement of a scholastic bowl to be as loud as a sporting event, but this scholastic bowl was special.

The 23rd Annual High School Scholastic Bowl Tournament was a big event for both the Honors College and Eastern on Saturday.

Students, coaches and parents from 22 central Illinois schools had to be silenced in Lumpkin Auditorium at risk of interrupting LSAT testing in the same building.

The goal of each team is to answer the most trivia questions and take home the championship title.

Paul Wiberg, a junior management major, helped coordinate the event.

He said the event is a good way of promoting Eastern to prospective students.

"A lot of academic kids love playing this (game), so usually it's a nice way to highlight what the school can offer and provide a fun event for the community," Wiberg said.

Bonnie Irwin, dean of the Honors College, said Eastern has been hosting this competition for about 23 years. She said the event is a great way for the Honors College to reach into the community.

"We like to keep in contact with local schools, and this is one way we can provide a service to some of our schools in the region," Irwin said.



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Three members of the Charleston High School Scholastic Bowl team discuss the answers for the bonus question during Saturday afternoon's Scholastic Bowl on the second floor of Eastern's Coleman Hall.

Irwin spoke to the audience before the competition began.

"What makes a good scholastic bowl team?" she asked.

Teamwork, communication, intelligence and persistence were shouted out. Irwin said those exact same qualities are used for success in college.

"You have to think about what you are passionate about," Irwin said.

Among the requirements to succeed is having a good coach.

Meridith Reddick, coach for the Tri-County Titans — comprising Oakland and Kansas High Schools — has taught Spanish for four years at both schools and has advised the team for three years.

"I was afraid it was going to be a program that wasn't offered to students anymore and didn't want to see it go away and wanted to keep kids involved in it," Reddick said.

#### And the winners were....

- 1st: Fairfield High School
- 2nd: Glenwood High School
- 3rd: Effingham High School
- 4th: Hutsonville High School
- 5th: Mattoon High School
- 6th: Cumberland High School

•The Consolation championship went to St. Thomas Moore High School.

Students participate in the event to have fun but also to compete.

Eric Ahasic founded the team at the High School of St. Thomas Moore in Champaign and is also the captain.

He has participated in Scholastic Bowl all four years of high school, and two years in middle school, starting in the seventh grade.

He took an online test with other students in the sixth grade, in which

they got first in the state.

"In seventh grade, there was a team and I just went with it," Ahasic said. "I've always liked answering questions and learning stuff and I figured I might as well do it competitively."

He does it because he loves the competitive aspect of it, he added.

Alex Weaver is also the captain of his team at Glenwood High School in Chatham. The senior got involved with scholastic bowl because of his sister.

"I like the academic competition ... of scholastic bowl," he said.

But Weaver said being a captain is a difficult job.

"The responsibilities of a captain are to get all the answers organized and balance the ideas of the team for each question," he said.

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SUPER BOWL | PARTIES

## Students enjoy the big game

By Sara Cuadrado  
Campus Reporter

Every year until he went to college, Sam Peterson went to the same Super Bowl party with his parents, one they went to for the past 30 years.

This year for the Super Bowl, he watched it at a party with all his friends.

The New England Patriots faced off against the New York Giants last night in Super Bowl XLII.

Peterson, a senior corporate communications major, said his TV Criticism professor also made it an assignment for the students to watch the Super Bowl at a party and write a paper on it.

Peterson, who was wearing a Chicago Bears shirt, had a hard time choosing which team to root for.

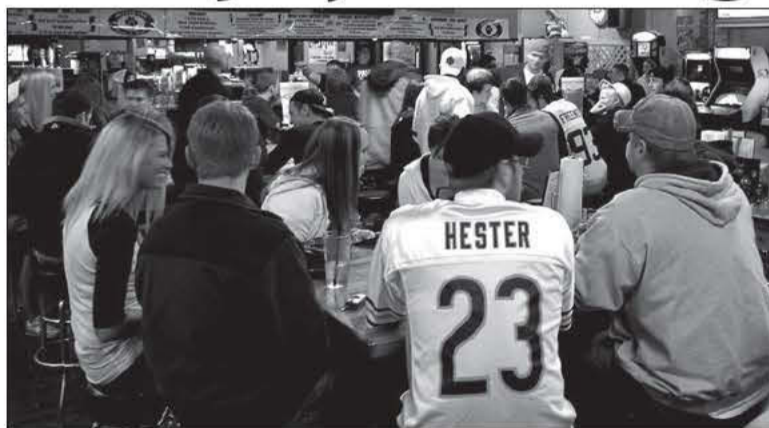
"I guess the Giants because I always root for the underdog," he said.

Holli Foster, a Charleston resident, said she was supporting the Giants but for a different reason than Peterson.

"I hate the Patriots," she said.

For Kari Milliken, a senior Family and consumer sciences major, it was her first year trying to understand football, but it didn't stop her from supporting the Patriots.

Kathleen Jacoby, a junior political science major, had different rea-



BRYCE PEAKE | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Students and community members came to the Panther Paw to watch Super Bowl XLII Sunday evening.

sons to watch this year's Super Bowl.

Jacoby said she was cheering for the Giants because her dad coached Dave Diehl, a guard for the Giants, at Brother Rice High School when he attended the school in Evergreen Park.

Jacoby said she decided to go to The Panther Paw to watch the game because it's where her friends went.

According to Zack Hausner, a bartender at The Panther Paw, the crowd at the Paw for this year's Super Bowl was half as big as last year.

"I think the teams last year drew in the crowds," said Hausner, in reference to Super Bowl XLI with the Indianapolis Colts playing the Bears.

He said since there are so many Bears and Colts fans in the area, the

Super Bowl was a bigger event last year.

He said the bar still had other waitresses and bartenders on call in case the bar got more business.

"We always plan ahead," Hausner said.

The National Panhellenic Council also planned ahead by continuing the tradition they started last year of hosting a Super Bowl party.

Brianna Adams, a senior nursing major, is the event planner for NPHC. She said planning the party was simple: buy food, invite people via Facebook and get a TV.

Adams said one of the fraternity men let them borrow his TV for the game.

She said the game is good for

people to get together with friends and enjoy some good food.

Rob Drews, a senior corporate communications major, seemed to agree with Adams.

"There's nothing like Super Bowl Sunday to get together with your friends and watch the game," he said.

Jered Sutton, a senior sports management major and childhood friend of Drews, was out celebrating with friends but said he hates the Super Bowl.

"It's never an exciting match-up, and the commercials drive me crazy," Sutton said.

Drews disagreed with his friend and said he loves the commercials because they're entertaining and talked about for a while, sometimes more than the game.

While Peterson may have gone to the same party for many years, he likes the Super Bowl for a different reason in the different years.

This year Peterson said the commercials are his favorite because the outcome of the game seemed obvious, as the Giants came in as the major underdog.

However, the Giants pulled off the upset with a 17-14 come-from-behind win against the Patriots.

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## CAMPUS BRIEFS

### Emergency Notification System test on Tuesday

Eastern has installed a new emergency notification system.

Eastern has three ways to notify the campus in an event of an emergency.

The Emergency Notification System includes a siren/public address system that sounds a "pulse tone" to notify students, staff and faculty to check their Eastern e-mail for important information. The e-mail will provide information about the emergency. A phone tree has also been put into place to notify key individuals in departments across campus, who will then post information for the public across campus.

At 10:30 a.m. on the first Tuesday of every month, the siren/public address system will be tested. The siren will sound, followed by a general test message.

The first test will take place Tuesday.

### Financial aid workshops for parents start today

Eastern's Office of Financial Aid is offering two free workshops to help parents apply for federal and state funds.

The first workshop is from 6 to 8 p.m. today in the Arcola-Tuscola room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The workshops are supposed to help any parent with college-bound students regardless of where their child plans to attend school.

The office staff members will guide parents step-by-step through the process of completing Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

The next workshop is scheduled for Feb. 25.

Contact Cathy Gordon at 581-3714 for more information.

### Professors to discuss U.S. economy

A panel discussion on the state of the United States economy as it relates to its financial markets will take place at 4:30 p.m. today in Lumpkin Hall Room 2011.

Economics professor Minh Dao, associate economics professor Mukti Upadhyay, associate finance professor Richard Whitaker and finance professor James Jordan-Wagner will comprise the panel.

Contact Dan Elgin at 581-2627 for more information.

—Compiled by News Editor Nora Maberry and Associate News Editor Stephen Di Benedetto.

## CORRECTION

In Thursday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, Jeff Hoover was incorrectly identified in a story about coaching changes on Page 11. Hoover is Eastern's offensive line coach.

*The DEN* regrets the error.

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## Letter to the editor

## Thank you, Ray

This Saturday, at about 2:30 p.m., 32 male and female swimmers will line up behind the blocks at Lantz Pool for the meet's final race. They will stretch their legs, arms and torsos.

They will yell and cheer for one another. When each of them dive into the pool they will give every ounce of their energy into going as fast as they can.

Lactic acid will make their muscles cramp and their lips go numb. They will give it all for what will be Ray's last race at what is his pool. They will do it for their coach.

Ray has been a silent, yet, forceful coach. His demands are simple: Swim as fast as you can, and for as long as you can. Swimming is a humble sport.

It wears you down, and forces its athletes to examine their hearts.

For most swimmers, their heart and determination comes from their coach. In this case, everything we are, comes from Ray.

He has always been there for us. Silently watching every race, sometimes without us even realizing he cares so much for our success.

He might not always say it, but we know he cares for each and everyone of us. And because we don't always say it either, he should know that we love him even more.

Because of that, from the first race on Saturday to the last, every swimmer for EIU will be giving up everything we are in order to swim as fast as we can.

Not for us, and not for EIU. But for Ray and everything he represents. For one day we will not be just be Eastern Illinois' swim team, but Ray's swim team too.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you, Ray, for everything you have been and done.

Your Swim Team

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## Drawn from the news | Dave Pennell



## STAFF EDITORIAL

## Voting ID law discouraging

The primaries are coming, the primaries are coming!

It's an exciting time of year.

We can vote – an opportunity not given to people like us in many other countries.

The only problem is that not everyone takes full advantage of the rights we've been given.

In the 2004 Presidential election, 36 percent of Americans who were of voting age let P. Diddy down and didn't vote. For shame.

This year, the Indiana Supreme Court is faced with a dilemma. Legislators have to decide whether or not photo identification should be required to vote. Don't have an ID? Too bad.

And if all goes smoothly in Indiana, other states may adopt these new voting laws.

In the state of Illinois, it costs \$20 to get a new ID card. For someone who has no form of ID to get to the Department of Motor Vehicles will be difficult. This will discourage not only elderly people to vote, but also anyone who doesn't have a state ID or driver's license.

The problem with the implementation of this new law is that it discourages the already mediocre number of people who vote to not vote.

During the 2004 elections, 76 percent of the of-age population had registered to vote. Even though voter turnout was up from the 2000 elections, where a whopping 40 percent of Americans failed to cast a ballot.

Only 64 percent of the 18 and older population actually cast a vote in the 2004 elections. It's clear that there's a problem with getting people to cast a vote in the first place.

So why, then, are Indiana state legislators trying to make it even more difficult for our voters

## OUR VIEW

• **Situation:** The Indiana Supreme Court is contemplating a new law that would require voters to show identification before voting.

• **Stance:** The law will only discourage people from voting.

to vote?

The new law is backed mainly by Republicans who want to prevent voter fraud, like voting under the name of someone who has recently died. Since no case like this could be pinpointed, it's unclear as to why exactly the Republicans are pushing so fiercely to make the voting process that much more difficult for a small percentage of people.

The population of the United States is about 300 million people. Between illegal immigrants and felons, alone, almost 16 million people are denied the right to vote in this country.

If the statute passes, an estimated 1 to 2 percent of voters will be affected.

This is the attitude: "You want us to invalidate a statute on the grounds that it's a minor inconvenience to a small percentage of voters?" said Supreme Court Justice Anthony M. Kennedy in the Jan. 10 edition of the *Chicago Tribune*.

If 2 percent of the population does not have a valid ID, that's six million people. To put it in perspective, that's half the population of Illinois.

Even if the percentage of inconvenienced voters is small, the Indiana Supreme Court will be adding to the list of the millions of people who already cannot vote.

And how is a democracy supposed to work, then?

Who has not felt the steady increase in government control over our lives? Taxes, regulations, permits, prohibitions... the list is long and growing longer.

By ever-advancing bureaucracy is the noose tightened – always on the grounds that each new restriction is necessary to secure safety or equality; and as long as people can be convinced of this, the noose will continue to be tightened (not only with the public's consent, but with its insistence), until there is no air of freedom left to breathe.

Ron Paul plainly understands this. In fact, he has been the voice for constitutionally limited government in Congress for decades, and now at last, his voice has reached the public forum.

Having such a statesman as a Presidential candidate is a rare event, which I think explains the passion of his supporters and the fact that their ranks are rapidly swelling despite lack of media coverage.

It is not overdramatic to say that we are fighting for the life of the Republic. Please consider this when casting your vote in the primary on Feb. 5.

Elizabeth Cameron, Mahomet resident

## Letter to the editor

## Consider this on Feb. 5

I am a longtime Republican voter, and now support Ron Paul, whom I consider to be the only acceptable candidate in the Presidential race. Why? Because he respects our founding documents, and in ten terms in Congress, has consistently honored his oath of office.

The mainstream media, unfortunately, have attempted to marginalize Dr. Paul by either pretending that he doesn't exist or by representing him as some sort of political oddity. This is a great disservice, since it clearly intends to erase from public view his message, which is simply that we should adhere to the Constitution.

If the idea of honoring our national charter has become the "fringe" position, then God help us, for we have no protection against any advance of tyranny, soft or otherwise.

Thomas Jefferson said it best: "In questions of power, then, let no more be heard of confidence in men, but bind them down from mischief with the chains of the Constitution."

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TANEYA TUELL

The New  
Year: 1908

The year 2008 is a year of new beginnings and anticipated dreams, as well as change. Certainly problems such as sexism or racism do not occur as profoundly as it did in the past – right?

It all started when my friends and I were invited to a New Year's party.

Unfortunately, this gay cheer did not last long. During the party, we came across an intoxicated man who was slurring his speech.

We watched in anticipation and then we heard those fatal words come out – "I'm going to get that nigger!" – Did he actually just say that? Immediately, we tried to get our friends to leave because it was the responsible thing to do.

Leaving was not as easy as I thought. When we ran outside the house, fights were breaking out of every corner. The same man that my friend had seen in the bathroom was still yelling these obscenities, now pointing to all of us. That's when the brawl started.

There was a brave bunch of us African Americans and Caucasians who were trying to break up these fights.

As soon as I thought we all could leave safely, I realized I was standing only a few meters away from the man who started it all.

He looked at me, pointed and yelled, "Get you and your nigger bitch friends, out of here!"

I charged at him but I was caught by my friends and I yelled back, "You didn't call us niggers when we were dancing and you and your friends were looking at our butts!"

We assembled into our vehicles, but before we could pull off, a Caucasian man came to my window and apologized for everything that had happened.

I, too, apologized for what was happening and thanked him for his sincerity and help during the night.

Although it was mainly a physical altercation, personal feelings and the pride of my friends and I were hurt and more than aggravated.

Like a bee sting, the bee goes away the sting still hurts.

How could this be?

How could we bring in the New Year, in such a way that only reminded us of the oppression from a hundred years ago?

I wondered had anything really changed in our culture since 1908?

Do we understand the destruction that is still caused by the power of hate in our words and actions?

If an apple begins to rot on the inside, how is it fresh on the surface?

In other words, if we secretly continue to inflict our prejudices on others and do not take action, aren't we still spoiled on the inside?

I do not tell you this story for personal gratification or to attack anyone personally.

I attack the prejudices that surround our campus in many situations. Actions speak louder than words on the surface, but words scar harder in the soul.

So what will it be for the New Year 2008? I want to live on a campus that believes in ethics and morality.

If you have any questions or thoughts feel free to log on into my Facebook group—Campus Change 2008. I

hope everyone has a wonderful semester and a great New Year!

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» **Banquet**

FROM PAGE 1

Another said dance was God's way to touch, to move and to inspire, while another dancer said to take in the moment and express oneself.

The dancers then performed a piece called "Up in the Morning," set to music by Ray Charles.

Owens said this dance is known as the company's signature piece and is received well by audiences.

He said it shows people working hard in a factory, trying to make money while all the stress of life keeps piling on. This dance is a "feel-good piece" because despite all this, the dancers stay as spiritual and positive as possible, Owens said.

However, it was the Gospel-themed "Why We Say What We Say," set to music by Aretha Franklin, that was Davenport's favorite of the evening.

"It was, oh my goodness, very inspirational," she said

All eyes in the audience focused on the stage as the dancers flowed, showing their passion for the dance with each leap, each turn.

But the culture could be experienced in other ways, as well. Davenport said the banquet allowed for people to see how other cultures eat.

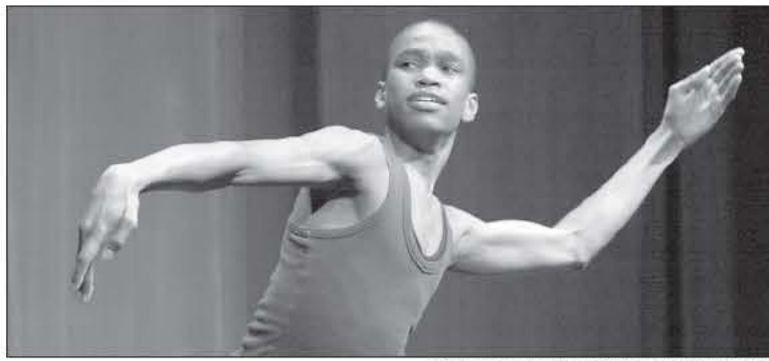
"It's a taste of culture," she said.

The taste the audience received Friday included fried chicken, green beans, sweet potato pie, heritage-inspired dance and love.

Charrell Barksdale, president of the Black Student Union, served as mistress of ceremony for the banquet and opened the banquet with what became the theme of the evening - love.

Barksdale took each letter in the word and broke it down, showing how it pertained to African-American Heritage Month.

"L is for this perfect learning



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Gregory Manning, a member of the Kenyetta Dance company, performs during Friday's African-American Heritage Banquet in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

experience," she said, adding that there were more than 25 activities on the African-American Heritage Month calendar.

Barksdale said "O" stood for the "opportunity to expand our horizons."

"V" became the "vessels of our ancestors," Barksdale said, and "E"

stood for the "enrichment of our culture."

The banquet began and started with love. Joycelynn Phillips, adviser with the Gateway Program and the African-American Heritage Month committee chair, was the last to address the audience before all stood to sing "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

Phillips called the banquet an "evening of love."

"You are in the midst of love tonight," she said.

Phillips said she was proud of the excellent student turnout. This year was the first time students had to reserve tickets before the banquet, and all 288 seats were filled.

She said she hoped students of different cultures can appreciate the contributions of blacks and will consider coming to more events.

"I hope they can take away (that) this is just the beginning of something very special at Eastern," Phillips said.

Students were not the only people in attendance. Community members, Registered Student Organizations, faculty and civic leaders all were present to support the African-American Heritage Month.

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» **Race**

FROM PAGE 1

Neither these conditions nor doctor's orders could deter Spinner from competing in the 5K race, which he said was necessary to get his racing season started.

"The sooner you get going after surgery, the better it is for you," he said.

This statement proved true when Spinner finished fourth in the race and loudly proclaimed after crossing the finish line, "I'm not dead yet!"

He said his finish was more impressive than he thought it would be.

"I did it six or seven minutes faster than I thought I would," Spinner said.

As with most of the other competitors, Spinner is part of the racing community that gathers at these events to pit their skills against each other and the elements.

Scott Berry, a racer who helped design the course for the challenge, said even though the events are competitions, most of the people participating are friends.

"It's like a big group of friends who haven't hung out together for a while," he said.

Berry said most racers do not see each other for long periods of time because there are few winter races.

Diane Ratliff, race coordinator for the Charleston Parks and Recre-

DIANE RATLIFF | RACE COORDINATOR



ation Department, said the department decided to hold the race in winter was because of interest expressed by the community.

"We thought they were crazy," she said. "But we were pleasantly surprised by the number of people who signed up."

Ratliff said the department hopes to hold this event for years to come and said the event will be held on the first Saturday of February from now on.

While several of the racers were from the Charleston/Mattoon area, some traveled from different areas across Illinois.

One such person was Jamie Sexton, a sophomore architecture major at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.

Sexton said she decided to compete because she enjoys running and traveling.

"I just like to come to different places," she said.

Sexton, who finished second among the women in the 15K race, said she does not mind the cold when she is running. The temper-

ature at race time was in the mid-30s.

Another racer who did not let the cold affect him was Tim Scarpinato, a Champaign resident, who had recently competed in a stage race in Indiana during zero-degree weather.

He read about the challenge on the Second Wind Running Club's Web site.

"It being the middle of winter, anything I can find is great," Scarpinato said.

In addition to being a test of his skills, Scarpinato said the race also helps him prepare for the Boston Marathon in April.

Alongside the dedicated racers were amateur participants who came to see what being in a competitive race is like.

This was the case for Eastern political science graduate student Allyson Stoeck.

Stoeck said she used to compete in high school but had not done so in many years and was surprised by how well she did in the race.

"I finished with a better time

**SLIDESHOW**

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here than I did on the treadmill, which is surprising because a treadmill is supposed to be easier," she said.

The least experienced and youngest participant was 11-year-old Isaac Dallas.

Dallas, who participated in the 10K race, said he was not looking to win the race.

"I finished," he said. "That's all I wanted to do."

John Dallas, his father, said he hopes to foster this love of racing within his son.

"I want him to have a love of racing without pushing him to," John said.

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» **AIDS**

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The sorority will work with the Champaign Health District, which will bring three testers and use rapid testing, which takes only 20 minutes to receive results. The rapid testing was used at Eastern for the first time last year, and more than 85 students were tested.

Lisa Hartman, sexual health education coordinator at the Health Education and Resource Center, said the one way to prevent HIV/AIDS is to abstain from sexual activity.

Peoples said many are afraid to know their status.

"When you hear HIV and AIDS, I think, because of maybe sometimes a lack of education, the first thing you think about is, 'Oh my gosh, I'm going to die,'" Peoples said.

Peoples said a positive status does not mean an "automatic death sentence" anymore.

Those who participate in the testing will be registered for a chance to win a free laptop computer.

The winner will be announced at the presentation of "What You Don't Know Can Kill You," the AIDS awareness play taking place at 4 p.m. on Sunday in the Grand Ballroom of the Union. Winner must attend the play to receive the laptop.

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STUDENT LIFE | ACTIVITIES

# GREEKS PREPARE TO TUG

## Greek Week to take place in April

By Ashley Mefford  
Senior Campus Reporter

Micah Tanner is careful about the types of food he puts into his body

If he eats too much of the wrong foods, he could be in trouble for Greek Week. Although the week does not begin until April, participants have already begun preparing.

Tanner, a member of Sigma Pi, is training for tugs.

"Watching everything you put into your body is different than not doing so," said Tanner, a senior management major. "We eat less fast food or none at all, and then we eat low-calorie foods."

Diet is a crucial part of preparing for tugs. Whether or not the tuggers have to lose or gain weight depends on if they are a "big" or "small" man. Big men and small men are the two different categories for tugs.

"It depends on the person; some of the tuggers need to gain weight, and others need to begin a low carb diet to lose those last few pounds," said Sig Pi member Jason Abbate.

Tanner said each participant follows different dietary guidelines.

"If you're too small, you gain; and vice versa if you are too heavy," Tanner said. "It's the typical diet if you are too heavy; you lower your calorie intake and increase your workout regiment."

Some of the tuggers don't mind the diet.



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Sigma Phi Epsilon tugs during the first round during Greek Week in April 2007. Tug teams are currently training for Greek Week 2008.

"In my opinion, the cleaner diet actually helps our team overall, and we can perform better because we are fueling our bodies with the essential foods it needs for this type of training," Abbate said

Tanner said Sig Pi starts training about two-and-a-half months before Greek Week.

"Tug practices are very intense and straining on the body," Abbate said. "We stress the fundamentals." As Greek Week increases, so do

the practices in preparation for tugs. "Our intensity increases as tugs gets closer; as for length of practice, that is determined on a day-by-day basis," Abbate said.

"For the first month or so, we train about four to five days a week, and then when we near Greek Week, we bump it up to five to six days a week," Tanner said. Practices can last anywhere from 45 minutes to an hour and fifteen minutes, Tanner said.

"A typical practice for running is: We will run stairs for about 30-45 minutes, then run sprints, then we usually have relays against each other on the stairs again," said Sig Pi member Kris Caldwell. "When we practice on the rope, we will run a couple laps around the field we practice on. Then we do what's called an 'A-Phi drill.' One guy will tug and lean against two guys, and they will hold him back until he gets real low and pulls himself back."

Sig Pi puts in hours of practice each week to win – not just for them, but for Sig Pi as a whole. "It's about the brotherhood and the spirit of the fraternity," Caldwell said. "It brings us all together and it lets our alumni know that we are still as strong of a fraternity now as we were when they were here."

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NATIONAL | GREEK LIFE

# University asks for suggestions to replace Greek Life

U-WIRE

HANOVER, N.H. — Approximately 30 students were asked to consider what they would want in place of Greek organizations if the system that currently dominates Dartmouth's social scene did not exist at a community forum sponsored by the Student Assembly

Diversity and Community Affairs Committee and the Intercommunity Council on Wednesday.

The forum aimed to provide Dartmouth's new Social Life Committee with ideas for the development of more gender-neutral spaces on campus.

The Social Life Committee is the product of a petition submitted

two weeks ago by the Inter-Fraternity Council and Panhellenic Council in response to the controversy surrounding Beta Theta Pi fraternity's potential return to campus and the subsequent displacement of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

The petition called for a committee that would form and submit a plan to create more gender-neutral

spaces to the Board of Trustees by the end of the year. The eight members of the committee will be selected shortly, moderator of the forum, Lena Martinez-Watts said.

Martinez-Watts noted that the committee's scope is not limited to Greek life at Dartmouth, but will try to engage all members of the Dartmouth community. She said

the petition did not just address the question of Greek organizations on campus, but advocated for equality for all Dartmouth students.

"Dean Crady said he was interested in hearing the non-Greek perspective," Martinez-Watts said. "It's important to keep our voices heard, important the conversation still stays open to everyone."

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**STATE BRIEFS**

**Search for gunman starts**

**TINLEY PARK** — A massive manhunt was under way Sunday for a gunman who killed five women in the back room of a suburban Chicago clothing store during a botched robbery attempt. The victims were identified Sunday as Connie R. Woolfolk, 37, of Flossmoor; Sarah T. Szafranski, 22, of Oak Forest; Carrie H. Chiuso, 33, of Frankfort; Rhoda McFarland, 42, of Joliet; and Jennifer L. Bishop, 34, of South Bend, Ind.

**Romney trails McCain**

**GLEN ELLYN** — Mitt Romney linked John McCain to Democratic candidate Barack Obama on Sunday during a rally at the College of Dupage. "Barack Obama said there's not a dime's worth of difference between he and Senator McCain on illegal immigration," he said. "That's why I'm going to make sure that we stand for Republican ideals and win the White House on that platform."

A new *Chicago Tribune* poll showed McCain led Illinois with 43 percent of the vote, compared to 20 percent for Romney.

**Police scrap probe**

**BELLEVILLE** — The Illinois State Police scuttled plans for an independent probe of a Nov. 23 crash involving a state trooper that killed two sisters. But the agency turned over their reports to St. Clair County's prosecutor and recommended Trooper Matt Mitchell be charged with reckless homicide.

**SCOREBOARD**

**WOMEN'S B-BALL**

**Samford 86, Eastern 80 (2 OT)**

**EASTERN (12-10, 11-3 Ohio Valley Conference)**  
Klumpers 0-3 0-0 0, Golligan 9-15 5-5 23, Canale 5-13 5-6 16, Edwards 4-8 0-0 11, Sims 1-6 0-0 2, Huffman 2-3 0-0 5, Sturtevant 0-0 0-0 0, Thomas 6-10 2-2 19, Kloak 0-3 4-4 4. Totals 27-61 16-17 80.  
**SAMFORD (17-6, 10-3 Ohio Valley Conference)**  
Okoli 2-8 5-8 9, Hill 7-10 3-4 19, Towns 2-6 6-6 10, Maxwell 8-10 0-0 21, London 5-9 5-6 16, Spruill 0-2 0-0 0, Smith 0-4 0-0 0, Munday 2-10 7-8 11, Elkins 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 26-59 26-32 86.  
**First Overtime:** 73-73. **Regulation:** 63-63. **Halftime:** Eastern 32-28. **3-pointers:** SAM 8-24 (Maxwell 5-6); Eastern 10-22 (Thomas 5-8). **Turnovers:** SAM 8 (Two with 2), Eastern 23 (Sims 5). **Fouls:** SAM 16, Eastern 27. **Techs:** None. **At:** 673.

**MEN'S TRACK**

**Eastern's top finishers Saturday at Gladstein Fieldhouse**

**Indiana Relays Open**

**60-meter hurdles 1.** Decosma Wright, World Class Athletes, 7.90 seconds **2.** Keith Hopkins, Unattached, 8.07 seconds **12.** Mike Embry, EIU, 8.48 seconds

**600-meter run 1.** Martin Stephen, Indiana, 1:19.47 **2.** Remy Charpentier, Shorter, 1:20.18 **3.** David Holm, EIU, 1:20.30

**800-meter run 1.** Evan Bardach, Indiana, 1:53.33 **2.** Chris Westson, EIU, 1:54.22 **3.** Josh Bradley, Bryan, 1:54.29

**4x400-meter relay 1.** SE Missouri 'A', 3:12.83 **2.** Indiana 'A', 3:15.02 **12.** EIU 'A', 3:20.45

**4x800-meter relay 1.** Rend Lake 'A', 7:28.54 **2.** Marquette 'A', 7:44.47 **4.** EIU 'A', 7:47.69

Site: Bloomington, Ind.

**MEN'S SWIMMING**

**Eastern's 1st-place finishes**

**Saturday at Lantz Natatorium**

**Saint Louis 131, Eastern 100**

**200 Yd. Breaststroke-** 1. Scaliatine, Matthew. EIU, 2:14.16

**1-Meter Diving-** 1. Laird, Joe. EIU, 304.80.

**3-Meter Diving-** 1. Laird, Joe. EIU, 300.75.

**400 Yd. Freestyle Relay-** 1. EIU '1', 3:14.20.

Site: Charleston

**MEN'S B-BALL**

**Samford 65, Eastern 52**

**EASTERN (4-18, 3-11 Ohio Valley Conference)**  
Catching 4-9 0-0 8, Byrne 0-1 0-0 0, Cisse 2-4 2-2 6, Willhite 8-13 2-2 18, Anthony 6-12 2-3 17, Myers/Kyles 0-1 0-0 0, Martin 0-5 0-0 0, Laser 1-2 0-0 3, Parrish 0-1 0-0 0, Dorlock 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 21-48 6-7 52.  
**SAMFORD (11-12, 8-7 Ohio Valley Conference)**  
Friday 4-7 1-2 9, Peterson 7-12 7-8 24, Davis 2-5 2-2 8, Merritt 4-8 0-0 12, Montgomery 2-4 5-5 10, Fraine 0-1 2-2 2, Griffin 0-4 0-0 0, King 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 19-41 17-29 65.  
**Halftime:** Eastern 28-21. **3-pointers:** SAM 10-23 (Merritt 4-8); Eastern 4-13 (Anthony 3-4). **Turnovers:** SAM 9 (Peterson 3), Eastern 9 (Anthony 2). **Fouls:** SAM 10, Eastern 15. **Techs:** None. **At:** 1,173.

**WOMEN'S TRACK**

**Eastern's top finishers Saturday at Gladstein Fieldhouse**

**Indiana Relays Open**

**200-meter dash Open 1.** Rachel Kahle, SE Missouri, 25.61 seconds **2.** Ashley Pickett, Belmont, 25.79 seconds **9.** Molly Clutter, EIU, 26.16 seconds

**600-meter run 1.** Coreen Ellis, SIU-E, 1:34.21 **2.** Mary Cate Quiett, DePaul, 1:34.42 **5.** Tarra Grant, EIU, 1:36.55

**20-pound weight throw 1.** Brittaney Riley, SIU-C, 24.12 meters **2.** Erin Gilreath, New York Athletics, 21.09 meters **9.** Kandace Arnold, EIU, 16.57 meters

**Shot put 1.** Liz Wanless, New York Athletics, 17.16 meters **2.** Nadia Alexander, Louisiana Tech, 15.87 meters **9.** Kandace Arnold, EIU, 13.36 meters

Site: Bloomington, Ind.

**WOMEN'S SWIMMING**

**Eastern's 1st-place finishes**

**Saturday at Lantz Natatorium**

**Saint Louis 161, Eastern 81**

**100 Yd. Freestyle-** 1. Zillmer, Lauren. EIU, 55.67.

**200 Yd. Backstroke-** 1. Nilsen, Laura. EIU, 2:11.60.

**200 Yd. Individual Medley-** 1. Nilsen, Laura. EIU, 2:15.94.

Site: Charleston

**MEN'S TENNIS**

**Saturday in Milwaukee**

**Wisconsin-Green Bay 6, Eastern 1**

**Records: Eastern (1-1); UW-GB (1-1)**

**Singles**

1. Rutherford (EIU) def. Prudlow (UW-GB) 2-6, 6-3, 10-3.

2. Goldin (UW-GB) def. Stedman (EIU) 6-4, 6-3.

3. Clegg (UW-GB) def. Nestrud (EIU) 7-5, 4-6, 10-3.

4. Keesey (UW-GB) def. Bush (EIU) 7-5, 6-1.

5. Zaron (UW-GB) def. Gama (EIU) 6-3, 6-4.

6. Plaushines (UW-GB) def. Marler (EIU) 6-4, 6-7, 10-8.

**Doubles**

1. Prudlow/Goldin (UW-GB) def. Thomas/Bush (EIU) 8-5.

2. Rutherford/Stedman (EIU) def. Clegg/Keesey (UW-GB) 7-7, unfinished.

3. Zaron/Plaushines (UW-GB) def. Nestrud/Gama (EIU) 8-6.

**MEN'S TENNIS**

**Sunday in Milwaukee**

**Marquette 7, Eastern 0**

**Records: Eastern (1-2); Marquette (4-2)**

**Singles**

1. Hagan (MU) def. Rutherford (EIU) 6-3, 6-1.

2. Medan (MU) def. Stedman (EIU) 6-0, 6-3.

3. Shao (MU) def. Nestrud (EIU) 7-6, 6-3.

4. Rutherford (MU) def. Bush (EIU) 6-1, 6-1.

5. Boulieris (MU) def. Gama (EIU) 6-4, 6-0.

6. Sirotek (MU) def. Marler (EIU) 6-1, 7-6.

**Doubles**

1. Shao/Van Lieshout (MU) def. Thomas/Bush (EIU) 8-2.

2. Rutherford/Boulieris (MU) def. Rutherford/Stedman (EIU) 8-4.

3. Klassen/Binkley (MU) def. Nestrud/Gama (EIU) 8-2.

Match Notes: Order of Finsh.

Doubles: (3,1,2)

Singles: (5,1,4,2,3,6)

**NATION BRIEFS**

**Boy charged in killings**

**COCKEYSVILLE, Md.** — A 15-year-old boy was charged with murder Sunday in the deaths of his parents and two younger brothers, who were shot in their sleep at their home. Nicholas Waggoner Browning was charged as an adult with four counts of first-degree murder in the slayings of his father, lawyer John Browning, 45; his mother Tamara, 44; and his brothers Gregory, 13, and Benjamin, 11.

**Bush to present budget**

**WASHINGTON** — President Bush's 2009 spending plan sent to Congress on Monday will project huge budget deficits, around \$400 billion for this year and next and more than double the 2007 deficit of \$163 billion. 1. As in past years, Bush's biggest proposed increases are in national security. Defense spending is projected to rise by about 7 percent to \$515 billion and homeland security money by almost 11 percent.

**Keilor endorses Obama**

**ST. PAUL, Minn.** — Garrison Keillor, host of public radio's "A Prairie Home Companion," has endorsed Democratic Sen. Barack Obama for president, Obama's campaign announced Sunday. Obama also won backing from a key backer of former candidate John Edwards.

Separately, Kate Michelman, former president of NARAL Pro-Choice America who was a top supporter of Edwards, also endorsed Obama.

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**» Cusack**

FROM PAGE 12

It is hard to believe the season is nearly finished, but the Panthers look to be in good shape for the indoor championships.

The Panthers said this year they want more than anything now to be peaking. Judging from the results of the last two meets, the Panthers are doing just that.

The team has had strong performances all season from senior jumper Obe Eruteya, sophomore thrower Kandace Arnold and the men's mid-

dle-distance team.

Eruteya, a two-time OVC Field Athlete-of-the-Week this season, is on top of the OVC best lists in the high jump and the triple jump.

Arnold has been impressive in both the shot put and the weight throw and finished in the top 10 in both events this weekend at the Indiana Relays.

The men's middle distance runners have separated themselves from their competition all season. Junior David Holm, sophomore Jason Springer and senior Chris Wesson have all been on top of the OVC, shattering school records and per-

sonal bests.

The team just finished another successful meet at the Indiana Relays against some of the top competition in the country.

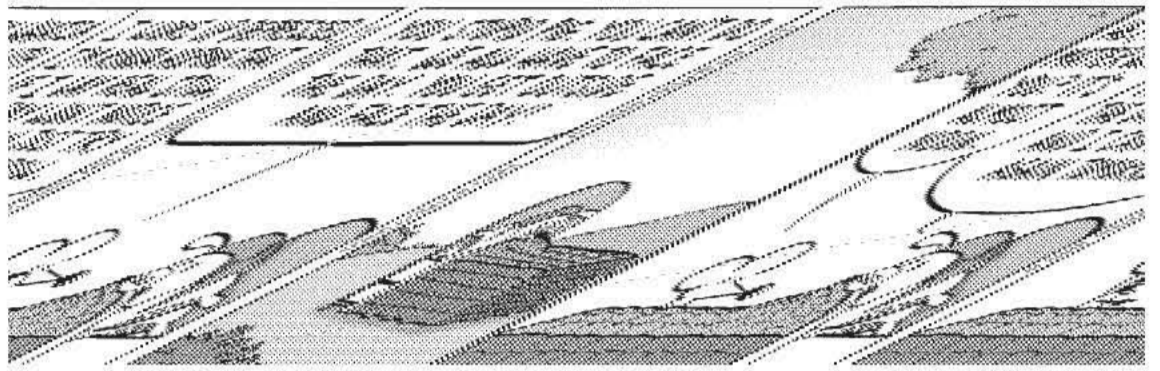
The meets all season have just been a preparation for the OVC Championships.

The Panthers have only the meet at Iowa State and the EIU Friday Night Special to work out the kinks for the biggest meet of the season.

But when it's business time, the Panthers will be ready.

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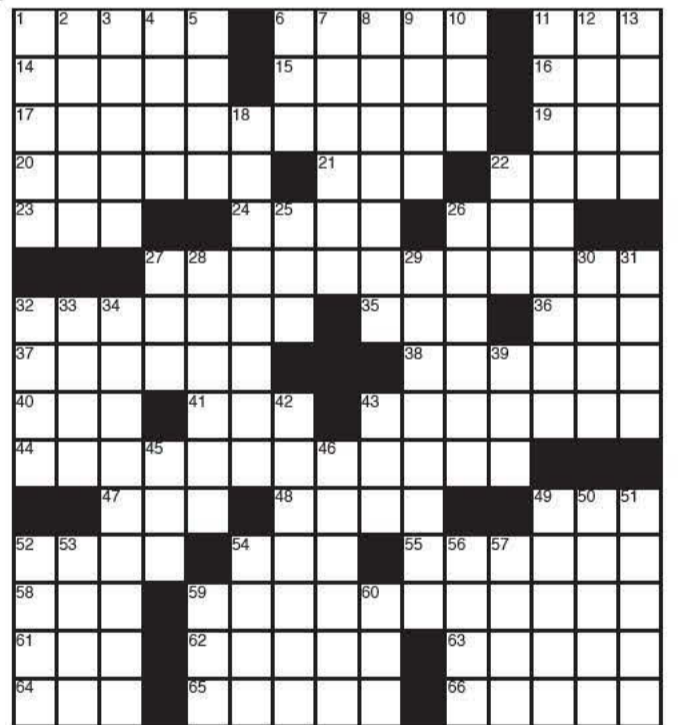


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  - 6 Chinese-born American architect
  - 11 Be a pugilist
  - 14 Bide one's time for
  - 15 Manicurists' concerns
  - 16 Electrical unit
  - 17 One who's always up for a good time
  - 19 Coastal inlet
  - 20 Out of bed
  - 21 \_\_\_ Aviv
  - 22 In the near future
  - 23 Prefix with -lithic
  - 24 \_\_\_ of students
  - 26 President before D.D.E.
  - 27 Background check for a lender
  - 32 Jay-Z and Timbaland
  - 35 Atop, poetically
  - 36 \_\_\_ Speedwagon
  - 37 Horizontally
  - 38 Musical transitions
  - 40 "What was \_\_\_ do?"
  - 41 Bulls, rams and bucks
  - 43 Goes to
  - 44 Long, long sentence
- DOWN**
- 1 Where the Pokémon craze originated
  - 2 Cognizant (of)
  - 3 Nintendo brother
  - 4 Kibbles 'n \_\_\_
  - 5 Eyelid woe
  - 6 Holiday \_\_\_
  - 7 Drink that often comes with an umbrella
  - 8 Olive stuffing



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- 9 Airline to Ben-Gurion
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- 11 Bruce Springsteen's first hit
- 12 Akron's home
- 13 Marvel mutant superhero
- 18 Big name in fairy tales
- 22 Egyptian viper
- 25 Actor Harris and others
- 26 Regarding this point
- 27 TV's "\_\_\_ Sharkey"
- 28 Send again
- 29 Place that often has picnic tables
- 30 Hollow-stemmed plant
- 31 Flip
- 32 Fence part
- 33 Play's start
- 34 "Nutty" role for Jerry Lewis
- 39 \_\_\_ Xers
- 42 Worker with genes or film
- 43 Bit of land in a river
- 45 Superlative suffix
- 46 Brenda Lee's "\_\_\_ Around the Christmas Tree"
- 49 Trim, as branches
- 50 Kitchen gizmo
- 51 Questioned
- 52 Word that can follow the starts of 17-, 27-, 44- and 59-Across
- 53 Killer whale
- 54 Sandwich bread
- 56 Norms: Abbr.
- 57 Fe, to chemists
- 59 Furry foot
- 60 Little \_\_\_ (tots)

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MEN'S AND WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK | WEEKEND RECAP

# Individuals shine in Indiana Relays

## Holm, Wesson post top-three finishes

By Dan Cusack  
Sports Reporter

Eastern track and field athletes enjoyed individual success at the Indiana Relays in Bloomington, Ind., on Friday and Saturday.

The men's and women's teams advanced four athletes each to the finals on Saturday, and the Panthers had five individuals finish in the top 10 of their events.

But Eastern men's head coach Tom Akers had mixed feelings about the meet.

"I thought it was good and bad," Akers said. "A lot of people did a good job, but I was looking for more

people to emerge."

For the men, junior middle distance runner David Holm and senior middle distance runner Chris Wesson each finished in the top three of their events.

"I think our team did well across the board," Holm said. "Chris ran the best race he has done all season."

Wesson's time of 1 minute, 54.22 seconds in the 800-meter run was good enough for second place and was the highest finish by an Eastern athlete.

Holm finished in third place in the 600-meter dash in 1:20.30. Holm said he was hoping to get under 1:20 but was happy with his performance.

"I didn't know how I was going to do coming into the meet," Holm

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said. "I had high expectations for myself and wanted to get into the finals, but I haven't had much speed training so far this year."

The men's 3,200-meter relay team also had a strong showing and finished in 7:47.69.

The team of sophomores Jason Springer, Justin Stewart, Wes Sheldon and senior Clint Coffey finished 19.15 seconds behind first-place finisher Rend Lake.

"That was a race that might go unnoticed, but those guys did a great job," Akers said. "Rend Lake is probably going to win the national championship in that event, and

they hung in there with them."

For the women's team, sophomore Kandace Arnold placed well in two more different events.

The Evergreen Park native placed ninth in both the shot put and weight throw; she threw for 13.36 meters in the shot put and threw for 16.57 meters in the weight throw.

Junior sprinter Tarra Grant was the top finisher for the women's team with a fifth-place finish of 1:36.55 in the 600-meter run.

Grant said she was not expecting to race so well.

"I was definitely surprised," Grant said. "But I work really hard, and success comes with hard work."

Junior sprinter Molly Clutter had Eastern's other top-10 finish and finished ninth in the 200-meter dash in

26.16 seconds.

"I think the women's team did good," Grant said. "There was a lot of competition, and we are still battling some injuries, but I think we pulled together and performed really well."

This was the first two-day meet for the Panthers this season – something Holm said was not a problem.

"Having a two-day meet is no problem for me," Holm said. "I am used to two-day meets, because I used to do them in high school all the time."

The Panther's next meet will be another two-day meet on Feb. 15-16 in Ames, Iowa at Iowa State.

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## » Padovan

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After Eastern competes at the conference meet, Laird and Padovan will travel to a zone meet in March.

The NCAA Division I qualifying standard for 1-meter diving is 290 points.

"It's something he's been trying for a long time," Padovan said.

Padovan was honored with a visit from Eastern President Bill Perry, Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs and former cross-country coach and current kinesiology professor John McNerney.

Perry presented Padovan with a plaque honoring his service.

McNerney knows the feelings associated with the last moments of a coaching career.

"It's hard to imagine," McNerney said. "I'm sure he has mixed emotions. I know he's definitely ready to move on a little bit. I don't think he'll disappear too much."

He has a passion for Eastern swimming. After he was thrown in the pool, Padovan was found wearing another Eastern swimming T-shirt.

"It's hard to even fathom," McNerney said of Padovan's tenure. "You get to a point where you ready to do something different. It's always just a little bit bittersweet. But there's always good things to go on to. He's done it so well. He's left such a legacy."

Padovan, a North Miami, Fla. native, came to Eastern Illinois after one season at Eastern New Mexico.



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Eastern juniors Thomas Showers, left, and Pat LeNeave cheer on their teammates who are swimming in the men's 1,000-yard freestyle on Saturday afternoon at Lantz Natatorium. Both Eastern swimming squads lost to Saint Louis. The men lost 131-100 and the women lost 161-81.

The Southern Illinois-Carbondale graduate has left an impression on the athletes and the coaches.

He's coached countless swimmers, seen second generations of former swimmers and gone through NCAA Division changes.

He's been Eastern's only swimming coach and Eastern's longest tenured coach.

The 66-year-old coach was quiet during his final meet and just went about his business.

He paced back and forth during every race and held on to the pole that holds up the flags.

He encouraged his athletes.

**MORE ONLINE**  
• Check out dennews.com for a photo gallery from Saturday's meet against Saint Louis.

**QUITE A DIVE**  
• Senior diver Joe Laird qualified for the zone meet in March. On Saturday, he set a diving record in the 1-meter diving competition.

just treat it like another meet."

Padovan talked about his athletes who performed well, including seniors Jen Beresheim and Matt Latham, instead of his last meet.

"It was different," Padovan said about his last dual meet. "The meet itself was just a meet."

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## MEN'S TENNIS | WEEKEND RECAP

# Panthers drop both matches

The Panthers men's tennis team traveled to Wisconsin this weekend and dropped both of their matches.

Marquette defeated Eastern 7-0 on Sunday at the Helfaer Tennis & Recreation Center in Milwaukee. The match was originally scheduled for Friday afternoon, but was pushed back because of inclement weather.

The Panthers (1-2) did not win a singles or doubles match against Marquette. The Golden Eagles (4-2) won all of the singles matches without dropping a set.

Jeff Rutherford fought a hard, tough match at No. 1 singles on Saturday.

The Eastern sophomore won in three sets against Wisconsin-Green Bay's Tim Prudlow, 2-6, 6-3, 10-3.

It was not enough as the Panthers dropped the other five singles competitions. The Phoenix (1-1) defeated Eastern 6-1 on Saturday in Milwaukee. The Phoenix won two of the doubles matches to take the doubles point also.

The Panthers return to action at 4 p.m. on Friday at Saint Louis.

-Compiled by Kevin Murphy

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MEN'S BASKETBALL | SAMFORD 65, EASTERN 52

# Second-half dominance leads Samford to win

### Bulldogs outscore Panthers 44-24 in second half

By **Scott Richey**  
Sports Editor

Eastern senior guard Bam Willhite scored 11 straight points at the end of the second half Saturday night against Samford.

Willhite's last field goal during that run – a jump shot from a step outside the free-throw line – trimmed Samford's lead to 55-52 with less than two minutes remaining in the game.

Then it became the Travis Peterson show.

The senior center for the Bulldogs hit a 3-pointer from the top of the key with 1:21 left in the game and scored Samford's next six points to lead the Bulldogs to a 65-52 win in Birmingham, Ala.

Peterson finished with 24 points, which included 3-of-4 from three-point range.

The Panthers struggled to defend the perimeter for the fourth consecutive road game. Samford finished the game 10-of-23 from beyond the arc and outscored the Panthers 24-0 from three-point range and 44-24 overall in the second half.

The Panthers' last four road opponents (Tennessee Tech, Tennessee State, Jacksonville State and Samford) shot a combined 44-of-95 (46 percent) from three-point range.

Eastern head coach Mike Miller said the Panthers tried several different defenses against Samford in the second half, but the changes didn't work. Eastern started the second half in a zone defense, but after Samford went on a 12-2 run – including six points from beyond the arc – the Panthers switched to a man-to-man defense.

"We're not very pleased with the way we executed defensively," Miller said. "We made mistakes, and then we went too long without scoring."

One of those defensive mistakes came on Peterson's 3-pointer near the end of the game.

Miller said Samford went inside and slipped players underneath and posted them up. Eastern doubled the post player, and the rotation sometimes left people open on the perimeter.



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Eastern senior guard Julio Anthony finished with 17 points against Samford on Saturday night in Birmingham, Ala., but it wasn't enough. The Panthers lost 65-52 and allowed the Bulldogs to make 10 3-pointers.

Miller said. "Every time we had a coverage out of whack, they hit it." Willhite had the same assessment as Miller. "Our defense hurt us," Willhite said. "We didn't get to the shooter

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quick enough. Their 3's just killed us."

Anthony said Eastern didn't switch screens right and it led to several open Samford 3-pointers in the corners.

Eastern did not score during the final two minutes of the game after Willhite's 11-point run. Willhite finished the game with a team-high 18 points.

Anthony scored the Panthers' first points of the game on a 3-pointer from the left wing on a swing pass from senior forward Bobby Catchings.

Anthony made three more 3-pointers in the first half and scored 14 of his 17 points in the first half.

The second half was more of the same for Eastern. The Panthers relied on the dribble penetration of Willhite and Anthony.

Willhite said he shot the ball a little more but also took good shots.

"I settled down and played under control and drove to the basket," Willhite said.

Miller said Samford's defense dictated Eastern's offense to an extent because the way the Bulldogs played only allowed drives through the lane.

"We got down to that was the only offense we had," Miller said. "We didn't get enough balance."

Anthony said Samford's 2-3 zone defense made it easy to get to the basket and created some one-on-one opportunities which he said Willhite was able to exploit.

The Panthers shot 50 percent from the field in the first half and led 28-21 at halftime behind the play of their guards.

Miller said Eastern did not get the inside scoring it had received in past games.

Senior forward Jake Byrne and sophomore center Ousmane Cisse combined for 19.3 ppg in the Panthers' last four games.

Cisse had six points, while Byrne didn't score and only played 17 minutes.

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Samford freshman guard Emily London hit a long shot after Thomas' game-tying 3-pointer, but the

shot was waved because the horn had sounded. London finished with 16 points.

The Panthers (12-10, 11-3) rallied in the second half when they were down nine points with less than seven minutes remaining in the game.

And they did it with a rare five-point play.

Thomas made a 3-pointer from the right wing while Samford freshman forward Savannah Hill was called for a foul away from the shot while the ball was in mid-air.

Eastern junior guard Ellen Canale made two free throws as the Panthers pulled within two points, 57-55. Canale finished with 16 points and five rebounds.

Samford red-shirt sophomore guard Monica Maxwell led the Bull-

dogs with 21 points.

Eastern gets back into action when it hosts Austin Peay at 5 p.m. on Thursday at Lantz Arena.

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NATIONAL SPORTS

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**Louisville at Marquette**  
6 tonight on ESPN

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL  
**Missouri at Kansas**  
8 tonight on ESPN

TRIPLE THREAT



Ray Padovan

Eastern men's and women's swimming head coach Ray Padovan (above) coached his last dual meet on Saturday afternoon at Lantz Natatorium. Padovan has coached for 43 years, and the past 42 have been at Eastern. He announced his retirement (effective in June) last December.

Here are three other NCAA coaches with long tenures.

**1. Clarence Gaines** — "Big House" Gaines was the head men's basketball coach at Winston-Salem State University (N.C.) from 1946-1993 (47 years). He compiled a career record of 828 wins and 447 losses and was named the 1967 NCAA Coach of the Year. Gaines was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 1982. Eastern wide receiver Micah Rucker's father, Larry, played basketball for Gaines.

**2. Joe Paterno** — "Joe Pa" recently completed his 42nd year as the head football coach at Penn State. Paterno was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2007 — one of three coaches to be inducted while still an active coach. Paterno is actually in his 58th year with the Nittany Lions as he was an assistant for 16 years before being named head coach in 1966.

**3. Bobby Bowden** — Bowden has been the head football coach at Florida State for 32 years. Like Paterno, Bowden was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame as an active coach. Bowden was previously the head coach at Samford (1959-62) and West Virginia (1970-75). Bowden has led the Seminoles to two national titles.

-Scott Richey



DAN CUSACK

Indoors are around the corner

Groundhog Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow on Saturday, so we have six more weeks of winter.

It's just in time for the Eastern track team to start its outdoor season.

The indoor track team is only two meets and three weeks away from what it has been training for since the beginning of the school year: the Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Championships.

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SUPER BOWL | NEW YORK 17, NEW ENGLAND 14

THE GIANT UPSET

Manning prevents Patriots' perfect season

The Associated Press

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Oh well, nobody's perfect. Except maybe Eli Manning.

A masterful magician when the stakes were highest, Manning engineered one of the best drives in Super Bowl history Sunday to help the New York Giants squash the New England Patriots' run at history-making perfection with a 17-14 victory.

In a game, and a finish, that showed precisely how the Super Bowl has become America's favorite spectacle, Manning led the Giants 83 yards in just more than two minutes. He capped it with a

13-yard touchdown pass to Plaxico Burress with 35 seconds left, to win what easily could go down as the best Super Bowl ever.

"An unbelievable game and an unbelievable feeling," Manning said.

"The greatest victory in the history of this franchise, without a question," owner John Mara said.

It was a scintillating closing chapter to a crazy week that seemed to have everything: the perfect team; the upstart underdogs; the cover boy quarterback in Tom Brady; the kid brother in Manning.

America loves an underdog, and the Giants (14-6), with their stirring victory, etched themselves as one of the best this game — or any sport — has ever seen.

The star was Manning, the

scruffy younger brother of Peyton, who won his own Super Bowl last year, and sat in the corner of a sky-box for this one, squirming and agonizing over every play.

Now both Mannings have a championship and Brady — well, he's still got the looks, the super-model girlfriend, Gisele Bundchen, and three Super Bowl titles of his own. With the loss, New England (18-1) and the 1972 Miami Dolphins remain the only team to go undefeated from the start of the season through the Super Bowl.

They remain alone thanks to Manning, whose 13-yard game-winner came four plays after he escaped a cadre of Patriots, threw the ball up for grabs and watched receiver David Tyree jump and come up with the 32-yard reception.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING | WEEKEND RECAP



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Sophomore Laura Nilsen swims in the 200-yard individual medley during Eastern's dual match against Saint Louis. Eastern head coach Ray Padovan would coach his last home meet on Saturday afternoon at Lantz Natatorium. Padovan is retiring at the end of the season after coaching for 42 years at Eastern.

Leaving with a splash

Eastern's only swimming coach, Padovan, oversees final home dual meet

By Kevin Murphy  
Associate Sports Editor

Ray Padovan spends the majority of his time at the edge of the pool during swimming meets.

But he wound up in the pool Saturday.

Padovan, an Eastern athletics icon for the past 42 years, coached his last home swimming at Lantz Natatorium against Saint Louis. He is retiring at the end of the season. As celebration of his last meet, his team pushed him into the pool.

Padovan has coached the men's swimming team for 42 years and the women's team for 29 years. But on Saturday the final score against the Billikens didn't matter to his teams.

Every Panther competed for Padovan.

The meet was also the last home

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meet for the seniors as the men's and the women's teams both lost to Saint Louis. The Eastern men's team (5-5) lost 130-100 and the women's team (2-8) lost 161-81. It's an improvement from earlier in the season when both Eastern teams lost to the Billikens.

The Saint Louis men's team won 148-80 and the women's team won 171-68 on Nov. 15.

It was a bittersweet moment for the seniors because it will be their last dual meet this season as both teams will prepare for the conference meet on Feb. 15.

But the Panthers were also concerned about the final dual meet for Padovan.

"It's going to be sad to see Ray leave," junior diver Kara Kookan said. "He's the most supportive swim coach since we don't have a diving coach. Ray is like the father of the team."

Padovan, who paced around in

his blue polo shirt and his khakis, was more concerned about his athletes.

He's preparing them for the Summit League Championships on Feb. 21 in Rochester, Mich.

But senior diver Joe Laird is going to keep Padovan coaching at least for one more meet after the conference meet.

Laird won the 1-meter diving competition (304.80) and set an Eastern record.

Al Cymbal set the previous Eastern record in 1980 (297.00 points).

Laird also qualified for the zone championships, where he will compete to advance to the national championships.

"While I was walking over here, the only thing I wanted to do was perform well for Ray's last home meet," Laird said. "That's what everyone wanted to do. And breaking the record on Ray's final home meet was a really good spark in my book."

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | SAMFORD 86, EASTERN 80 (2 OT)

Panthers fall out of first place

Team commits turnovers, fails to execute in second overtime

By Kevin Murphy  
Associate Sports Editor

Eastern found itself in its second consecutive double overtime game on Saturday night and fifth overtime game of the season.

Eastern was 4-0 in overtime games prior to Saturday's game.

But the Panthers fell short Saturday and lost their first-place hold on the Ohio Valley Conference with an 86-80 double overtime loss to Samford in Birmingham, Ala.

The Bulldogs (17-6, 10-3 OVC) went on a 10-0 run in the second overtime to seal the win and move into third place in the league behind Eastern.

Southeast Missouri moved into first place in the OVC with a 58-51 overtime win against Tennessee-Martin.

The Panthers were outscored 13-7 in the second overtime. Eastern junior forward Rachel Galignan scored the first four points of the overtime and finished the game with 23 points and 11 rebounds.

The Panthers would not score for more than three minutes during the second extra period until Eastern sophomore guard Jessica Huffman made a 3-pointer.

Huffman's 3-pointer came with less than 15 seconds remaining in double overtime to bring the Panthers within two (82-80), but Samford made its final four three throws to seal the win.

The lack of scoring was not what hurt the Panthers the most.

"We turned the ball over way too much," said Eastern head coach Brady Sallee.

Eastern finished with 23 turnovers compared to Samford's eight, including five in the second overtime.

"We didn't make those plays (in the second overtime) like we did in the first overtime," Sallee said.

Eastern sophomore guard Ashley Thomas made a 3-pointer with two seconds remaining at the end of the first overtime to tie the game again at 73.

Thomas finished with 19 points and eight rebounds, and even finished 6-of-10 from the field for a career-high 5-of-8 from beyond the arc.

"She's playing very well," said Eastern sophomore guard Dominique Sims. "I feel like she's confident. I commend her for making the shot."

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EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

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**Thursday vs. Austin Peay** |  
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MEN'S TENNIS  
**Friday at Saint Louis** |  
4 p.m. — St. Louis

WOMEN'S TENNIS  
**Saturday at Northern Illinois** |  
2 p.m. — Rockford

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL  
**Saturday at Tennessee-Martin** |  
4 p.m. — Martin, Tenn.