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## SETTING UP THE WIN

Eastern volleyball team won its home opener over Southern Illinois-Edwardsville Wednesday night in Lantz Arena.

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## LGBTQA HISTORY MONTH

Pride is hosting LGBTQA history month. Starting off with two poets to perform on Oct. 7 in the Doudna Fine Arts Center

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"TELL THE TRUTH AND DON'T BE AFRAID"

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## Electronic cigarette survey reveals student habits

By **Debby Hernandez**  
Administration Editor | @DEN\_News

A survey conducted by professors in the department of health studies indicates that 34 percent of Eastern students have tried electronic cigarettes and 12 percent are current users.

Three professors including Richard Cavanaugh, Kathleen Phillips and Sheila Simons conducted the survey to determine the knowledge and use of electronic cigarettes among college students.

"My colleagues and I were interested in finding out what the level of usage of e-cigarettes for college students was and attitudes about e-cigarettes particularly as it related to health consequences," Cavanaugh said.

He said while the study is still ongoing, about 730 student volunteers responded to the survey with more expected to participate.

He said more research is necessary to find a trend with the use of electronic cigarettes, but it is evident that more people are either trying or using them.

"We can certainly report that more people are trying or using e-cigarettes than 5 or 10 years ago, simply because they are a relatively new phenomenon," Cavanaugh said.

According to the research, 48 percent of the respondents believe electronic cigarettes are safer and/or healthier than regular tobacco cigarettes, while 20 percent do not.

He said results also indicate that about 60 percent of respondents said they would recommend electronic cigarettes to friends who use regular tobacco cigarettes.

The survey also indicated that about half of student who consume electronic cigarettes have knowledge on its perceived unhealthy effects.

In addition, 92 percent of respondents believe that electronic cigarettes could be addictive.

However, the survey suggests that many students are not as aware of electronic cigarette use health effects.

Results indicate 63 percent do not know what electronic cigarette vapor contains, while 37 percent said they do.

A few preliminary findings show that more stu-

dents are aware of the unhealthy effects of the use of nicotine, regardless of their smoking or non-smoking habits.

"Conversely, 80 percent know what is contained in regular cigarette smoke and 20 percent do not," he said.

Results of the survey will be used to convey the risks of using electronic cigarettes.

"Survey results may warrant the development of an educational program to address the health risks of e-cigarettes," Cavanaugh said.

In addition, results will be used for professional presentations or journal publications.

"We have just submitted an abstract to the Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE) for their Spring 2015 conference in Portland, Oregon," he said.

Participants will remain anonymous; however, the three professors would like to convey the overall results at the end of their research study.

Cavanaugh said the study is significant for faculty to be informed and convey that to their students.

"As health educators our job is to assess the impact of certain health behaviors," he said. "We need to assess who is using e-cigarettes and why in order to design educational programs to promote healthy decision-making."

While more research will be conducted, Cavanaugh said responses thus far have been a great contribution.

"I would say that the data so far should help us paint a picture of not only who may be using e-cigarettes, but also reasons why or why not among this population," he said.

In collaboration with his colleagues, Cavanaugh said they are thankful to have obtained various replies.

"We are very appreciative of the time that students took to read and respond to our study and we look forward to making the final results public as soon as we can," Cavanaugh said.

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## King Louie to perform

By **Kevin Hall**  
Staff Reporter | @DEN\_News

Chicago hip-hop artist King Louie will be the grand finale for the fourth annual Nupes at the Apollo talent show at 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. Saturday in the University Ballroom in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Proper planning, persistence, and patience were the key factors for the men of Kappa Alpha Psi in planning their fourth annual Nupes at the Apollo talent show, Eric Echols, Kappa Alpha Psi Theta Gamma chapter president said.

Tickets went on sell Wednesday at the Box Office for \$20. Ticket sales will be closed off 3 p.m. Friday.

Different from most campus events, Nupes at the Apollo will be exclusive to Eastern students only, in order to ensure the safety of the students and gain the trust of the university, Malcolm Jackson, Kappa Alpha Psi treasurer, said.

Both the Kappas and the administration have agreed, in order to attend this event one must be a currently enrolled student at Eastern.

Performances will consist of acts such as singing,

poetry and rapping. Each act will perform once in hopes to win the grand prize, which the organization has yet to announce. The student performances will precede the main show, King Louie's performance.

King Louie was the choice of artist for the show in order to bring something big to the campus Orlando Thomas said, a Kappa member.

"The campus hasn't had too many events like this hosted by Blacks besides union parties, and we just saw this as an opportunity to bring something to the campus and show our appreciation to the student body," Thomas said.

Though posed as a talent show, this event is also a fundraiser for breast cancer awareness month.

The proceeds from the tickets will be donated to assisting the wife of one of their fraternity brothers. Having been diagnosed with breast cancer, Heidi Adams and her breast cancer operation are one of the main reasons for the event.

"We try our best to do community service and we when doing it we mainly try to affect people directly," Echols said.

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## WHAT STUDENTS KNOW ABOUT CIGARETTES, E-CIGARETTES

**34 PERCENT OF STUDENTS**  
*Have tried electronic cigarettes before.*

**12 PERCENT OF STUDENTS**  
*Currently use electronic cigarettes.*

**48 PERCENT OF STUDENTS**  
*Believe electronic cigarettes are safer and healthier than regular tobacco cigarettes.*

**20 PERCENT OF STUDENTS**  
*Do not believe electronic cigarettes are safer and healthier than regular tobacco cigarettes.*

**92 PERCENT OF STUDENTS**  
*Believe that electronic cigarettes have addictive qualities.*

**63 PERCENT OF STUDENTS**  
*Do not know what is contained in electronic cigarette vapor.*

INFORMATION FROM DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH STUDIES.

Graphic by Bob Galuski | The Daily Eastern News

## RHA to announce ROCFest winners

By **Luis Martinez**  
Staff Reporter | @DEN\_News

The Residence Hall Association will reveal the winners of ROC Fest at 5 p.m. Thursday in Stevenson Hall.

The overall hall winners of the weeklong competition will be announced but not individual winners for each event.

The winner is determined based on attendance, place rankings during all five competitions and the overall amount of people that the hall managed to bring to ROC Fest.

"It's all done equally so that each hall is fairly represented," said RHA president Christina Lauff.

Lauff said there were no concerning issues on the agenda for Thursday's meeting.

RHA members will also review plans for their

upcoming weekend retreat known as Camp New Hope along with Homecoming.

Camp New Hope is a non-profit organization that helps people with developmental disabilities.

Lauff said spots have quickly filled. "For Camp New Hope, the registration is already closed," Lauff said.

Lauff said with the end of ROC Fest, RHA members will be preparing for Homecoming.

"For Homecoming they just need to make sure that the window painting in the hall are taken down," Lauff said. "That way we can start working on painting for Homecoming."

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The Panther Marching Band tuba section prepares for the Family Weekend football game Sept. 24 on Trudy field. The 38th Annual Panther Marching Band Festival will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday at O'Brien Field.

## Eastern to host Marching Band Festival

By Cassie Buchman  
Staff Reporter | @Den\_News

The 38th Annual Panther Marching Band Festival will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday at O'Brien Field. The festival will last all day.

The festival, which is expected to last all day, will consist of 36 high schools from all around Illinois coming to show off their talents to compete for a variety of awards.

Corey Francis, assistant director of bands, said the festival is not only about winning.

"First and foremost, the actual performance is the most important thing," he said. "A lot of students will look at how they placed and use that to measure their success, but the

success they feel at performing well in front of their parents and each other is the most important part."

The high schools performing include Mattoon, Charleston and Paris High School.

The festival is broken up into two parts including the festival and a competition.

The competition will judge marching bands on areas such as their music, general effect, percussion, and drum majors.

The bands will be divided into two divisions; the Small Division and the Large Division. Grand Champion trophies will be given to the highest scoring band in each division.

There will also be awards for first,

second and third place as well as awards given for the best music, best color guard, along with others.

The festival is geared towards highlighting the best of the high school marching band and Eastern's own Panther Marching Band.

Francis said the festival is also a great way of showing off the campus and the Panther Marching Band.

"High schools love it, we tend to get a variety of schools, a lot of whom come back every year and end up performing for us," Francis said. "It's a very positive atmosphere which has been enjoyable."

A panel of nine judges will be judging the performances and score them throughout the day.

The bands will be scored in areas

such as music performance and visual performance. The judges will write their comments on a sheet of paper to give to the high school bands at the end of the day.

"[The marching bands] have a chance for a national panel of judges to give them feedback and help them improve in their upcoming seasons," Francis said.

This festival is open to the public. Admission costs \$8 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors. Children 5-years-old and younger will be admitted for free.

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# Pride to host LGBTQA month

By Roberto Hodge  
Multicultural Editor @BertoHodge

In recognition of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Queer and Ally History Month, Pride will be hosting several events for its cultural celebration.

LGBTQA History Month runs through October.

Jason Haarmann, the president of Pride, said the month would kick off with "Journey of Two Poets," which is sponsored by both Pride and the English department.

He said there would be two poets of color, Derrick Austin and Marcelo Hernandez, who will perform a poetry reading at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 7 in the Doudna Fine Arts Center Lecture Hall.

On National Coming Out Day, Oct. 10, students will be able to share their personal thoughts and "come out" through a door that will be placed on the South Quad from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

T-shirts will also be sold with "Gay? Fine By Me" written on them for \$7.50.

Haarmann said a LGBTQA History Fair featuring posters and informational items would be from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Oct. 14 in the Bridge Lounge of the Martin Luther King Jr. Union.

"People can realize that queer culture goes pretty deep," Haarmann said. "I'm pretty happy that we have something."

"Andalusian Doug" will be a documentary showcase of Doug DiBianco, who was a former advisor to Pride, which will take place at 8 p.m. Oct. 21 in the Lumpkin Hall Auditorium.

LGBTQA History month will



Ben Wilburn, a graduate family and consumer sciences major, views a LGBT movie poster in October 2013 during LGBTQA month in the Bridge Lounge of the Martin Luther King Jr., University Union.

host its biggest event, the "Diva Drag Show" at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 27 in the Grand Ballroom of the Union.

Haarmann said the theme is "Dress to Kill." He said he has been told the drag show is the single most attended event on campus next to graduation.

Donations raised will go to SACIS. Roberto Hodge can be reached at 581-2812 or rhodge@eiu.edu

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## Engaging students means having real conversations

Yesterday, we reported on the Student Senate's "your voice matters" campaign, in which the group is trying to facilitate dialogue with Eastern students by way of having them write their opinions on the Mellin steps outside the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

While we appreciate what the Student Senate is trying to accomplish with this campaign, and we understand that it's often difficult to get students involved in a two-way dialogue about issues on campus (trust us, we get it), we also think this event will bring any helpful dialogue.

The problem, we think, is rooted in the very nature of the event itself. First and foremost, students are already allowed to voice their opinions on the Mellin steps, and do so often, whether in the form of promotion for student groups or simple messages.

Therefore, it almost seems the "your voice matters" is really just reminding students of rights they are already afforded, and while doing so is by no means a bad idea, it hardly constitutes initiating a conversation with the student body.

"Student Government members will be writing as well as inviting students to join," Student Body President Reginald Thedford said. "We will tell students what they can write, but nothing that will be too controversial."

Herein lies the problem with this campaign, we think. Because most issues that really, truly need to be discussed on this campus are controversial by their very nature. That's the exact reason they often go without discussion.

Now, we also think it's important that this is clear: we absolutely, completely agree with Student Senate's initiative to get more students involved, and we admire the effort. However, we also feel obligated to point out when we feel a good idea has flaws or needs work.

To truly get students involved, Student Government, and other student-led groups, should try to convey how they effectual they are in shaping student lives, or how effective they are in shaping Eastern as a campus. Doing so requires real, uncensored discussion, not simply handing students chalk and reacting to what they write.

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CHYNNA MILLER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

## The sun never sets on the Drone Empire

In the weeks leading up to the first leg of America's airstrikes inside Syria and Iraq, few media outlets have dared to ask a relatively simple, albeit telling question: is this even legal?

At the time, the Obama administration was still grappling with a way to sell drone strikes in Syria to the public. However, only a few weeks later, and thanks largely to a media that's either too incompetent or altogether complacent to ask even basic legal questions, the President is succeeding, despite the relatively apparent illegalities of invading a sovereign airspace.

Thus far, President Obama has only a handful of ways through which he can justify these strikes, each carrying some glaringly obvious holes with respect to both executive authority and international law.

And yet, virtually every poll over the last week shows Americans overwhelmingly support bombing not only ISIS in Iraq, but previously unknown groups across the Syrian border.

On Sept. 12, if you had asked most Americans (or journalists, for that matter) who The Khorasan Group was, few would have any idea.

Fast-forward a day later, when an Associated Press article introduced the group as "a mix of hardened jihadis from Afghanistan, Yemen, Syria and Europe" that "poses a more direct and imminent threat to the United States, working with Yemeni bomb-makers to target U.S. aviation, American officials say."

Fast-forward a few more days: The Khorasan Group are the hottest thing off the press—the new media darling; the heir-apparent to the ISIS Throne.

Since that time, virtually every major news outlet has run with the story, each showcasing an embarrassing level of fact checking, relying more on phrases like "officials say" or "according to a government spokesperson" than even a modicum of proof to support such statements.

Never mind that, prior to the AP report, The Khorasan Group was a virtually unheard of in the public eye.

Never mind that, prior to Director of National Intelligence James Clapper's warning that Khorasan "may pose as much of a danger as the Islamic State," they



Rob Downen

existed almost entirely in Pentagon briefings and classified files.

With the rise of the Khorasan—the new face of terror, the bastion of everything evil—President Obama suddenly had the two things standing between him and another unfettered, unchecked drone campaign abroad: a scared and ignorant public, informed by a blind and unquestioning media.

Fast-forward another two weeks to the morning of Sept. 23, when a Tomahawk missile killed as many as twelve women and children in Syria's Idlib province. Official reports say the village was used by Khorasan to plot attacks on international aircraft.

Eyewitnesses (as well as YouTube videos), however, describe the bodies of women and children being pulled from the rubble of what was previously a home for displaced civilians.

A few years ago, we would've simply called that "collateral damage." But thanks to a new Obama Administration policy that negates the prior and strict "near certainty" standard for drone strikes abroad, we can't even call them that. I guess "dead women and children" will have to suffice for now.

It should be noted, by the way, that this is all happening amidst years-long drone campaigns in Yemen, Somalia and Pakistan—campaigns that have killed at least 2,400 people and 270 civilians (exact numbers are muddled both by government secrecy and the tendency to include all able-bodied males as, by their very nature, prospective terrorists).

It should also be noted that at least four Americans are included in that casualty count, each killed without even hearing their Fifth Amendment rights.

What's happening inside Syria right now is nothing new.

On the third day of the Obama Presidency, two drone strikes inside Pakistan killed as many as 19 civilians. Three days later, in his inaugural address, Obama sold America as "a friend of each nation, and every man, woman and child who seeks a future of peace and dignity."

Fast-forward again, this time to Dec. 17, 2009, when a Navy submarine launched bomb-laden cruise missiles at a village al Majala, Yemen. 41 civilians died, 21 of them children, 12 of them women.

A week prior, Barack Obama was giving an acceptance speech for the Nobel Peace Prize. He spoke mainly about "just war," but also touched on controversy over receiving the award, despite not really having done anything: "I am at the beginning, not the end, of my labors on the world stage," he said. What foresight.

And yet, there is blood on our hands too. Because for more than a decade now, we've sat idly-by as American missiles decimated villages abroad.

We've failed to hold accountable our representatives for making political, rather than moral and legal, moves regarding the drone program.

While Barack Obama's legacy at home will likely be defined by universal health-care, LGBTQ rights and racial progress, his legacy abroad will likely be far darker, defined not by "just war" and peace, but by bloodshed and terror.

Years from now, President Obama will be remembered abroad through the eyes of his victims, victims like Zubair, a 12-year-old Pakistani boy who lost his grandmother and, almost his sister, to drones. Zubair, who every day lives in constant fear of swift death from above:

"I no longer love blue skies," Zubair told Congress last year. "In fact, I now prefer grey skies. The drones do not fly when the skies are grey, and for a short period of time, the mental tension and fear eases... When sky brightens, drones return, and we live in fear."

And that's our legacy, too.

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## Panthers go pink



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Jarvis Burks, senior Kappa Alpha Psi member and communication studies major, takes a photograph of Cyle Cobolt, senior Kappa Alpha Psi member and a communication major with Cassy Hodge a breast cancer supporter in front of Thomas Residence Hall.

## Students receive 12,000 parking tickets last year

**Roberto Hodge**  
Multicultural Editor @BertoHodge

Students received more than 12,000 parking citations on campus last year over the course of the fall, spring and summer semesters.

Parking without a permit and parking without a valid permit for the specific lot are two of the most common ways students are ticketed on campus, said University Police Department Lt. John Hatfill.

Students received 6,148 tickets last fall, 4,898 in the spring and 1,048 in the summer; the average cost of a ticket is \$40.

Hatfill said the most common tick-

eted lot is the north Coleman staff parking lot.

"There are times when we have a large number of guests coming to campus that will not know where to park; however, we still have the lot space for them to utilize," Hatfill said.

The stadium lot, Ninth Street lot and W-lot are the most spacious places for parking, Hatfill said.

He said he has given out at least 425 tickets this semester, with his average being 25 every two hours.

Trevor Bradley, a ticket writer who is planning on going into law enforcement, said this past week he has given out 105 tickets and a boot.

"Kids don't even care where they

park; it's kind of funny," Bradley said.

Cars can be booted under three conditions: if the student has five unpaid citations before they transfer to their student account, if the student is caught with a stolen or lost permit in the vehicle and if the student is caught with an altered day pass. Students will be able to remove the boot if they pay their citations.

Bradley said he had an incident earlier in the week where he was writing a citation for a parking meter violation and as he was placing the ticket on the car as a couple walked out.

He said the male student asked him if he was writing him a ticket, and when Bradley responded the fe-

male student got upset. Bradley said the woman took the ticket off of the car and threw it on the ground.

Bradley said a citation for parking meters is \$7.50, but if ignored for five days the bill increases to \$15.

There are about 14 ways students can be fined and ticketed on campus for parking, though the first ticket a student receives at Eastern is waived.

Anyone who displays/possesses an altered or stolen parking permit/day pass is subjected criminal charges and/or \$200 fine with loss of campus parking for an entire year.

Falsification of vehicle registration is \$100 and a ban from campus parking for 16 weeks. Loaning a permit

or displaying another student's permit will result in the permit revoked without a reimbursement for a semester and a \$100 fine.

Students may also appeal a parking citation; however, it must be filed with the Parking Services Office within 10 days. Handcapped, boot and towing citations may not be appealed.

Dan Nadler, the vice president for student affairs, said all parking fines are distributed to different parts of the university.

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# Men, women golf in weekend action

**Bob Reynolds**  
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The Eastern men's and women's golf teams will both be in action during the weekend.

The men will be competing at the DePaul Fall Invitational at Ruffled Feathers Golf Course in Lemont on Friday, while the women will be competing at the Butler Fall Invitational on Sunday at Highland Country Club in Indianapolis, Ind.

This time around, the Panthers will be competing with are in-state teams, including Western Illinois, Chicago State, De-

Paul, Lewis University and Loyola-Chicago.

Also Wisconsin-Green Bay, Indiana-Purdue University, Ashford University and Columbia University will be in the field.

Last season, the Panthers came in 10th out of 11 teams in this event.

The women on the other hand will be competing in Indianapolis, where the event will take place on Sunday and run through Tuesday.

This is the third-straight year the Panthers will be competing in this invite and they have had a top-five finish once,

which was two years ago.

Last season, the Panthers placed sixth out of 11 teams in the tournament at Highland Country Club.

They were led by senior Tiffany Wolf, who shot a total score of 160 for the two rounds and was the only Panther to be in the top-20.

Lexi Hammerton finished 24th, while Elyse Banovic and Erika Von Itter finished in 38th place and 53rd places, respectively.

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Eastern coach Kate Price said the Panthers got the matchup they needed in the final set to capture the victory.

"It was a matter of, that the girls were in a good set the first two games, and we got back into that set for the final game," Price said. "On top of that we came in and were timid, and we can't do that. We

have to show more confidence, especially in our gym."

Panthers' Setter Marah Bradbury tallied 40 assists, to go along with three kills and seven digs for Eastern. Stephanie Wallace once again led the Panthers in digs, with 11, followed by Abby Saalfrank with 10.

Saalfrank also finished with nine kills,

along with freshman Allie Hueston.

"That win was definitely a refresher to get the confidence back up," Hueston said. "Focusing on our blocking and defense after last weekend, really aided us tonight."

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In preparation of the remainder of the conference schedule, Dameron said he is using this bye week to focus on the basics, while introducing the game plan against Eastern Kentucky later in the week.

"For the most part we're interested in getting better right now fundamentally," he said. "We're a football team right now that needs to get better physically. It's critical that we have a good week of practice here in our off week."

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Still, 432 yards of total offense against and FBS program proved what Eastern is capable of, but even that was expunged by the 124 penalty yards.

In fact, Eastern has outgained its opponents by 650 yards this season. However, it's 52 penalties, third-worst in the nation, for 395 yards overshadow its offensive production.

Following the bye week, Eastern will face No. 19 Eastern Kentucky, where its OVC schedule will officially begin (Austin Peay doesn't

really count).

No. 30 ranked Southeast Missouri will then follow. If Eastern plans to three-peat, those games must be considered as statement games.

Then by the time Eastern hosts No. 21 Tennessee State for Homecoming on Oct. 25, everyone will know who this team is.

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# Women's tennis hosts Olivet Nazarene

**By Sean Hastings**  
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The Eastern women's tennis team will continue its fall season on Monday, hosting Olivet Nazarene at 3 p.m. at Darling Courts.

The match will consist of six singles matches and three doubles matches.

Eastern has seven players on its roster, which means they will all not be able to compete in singles and doubles.

The Panthers have not played a match since Sept. 14, when they wrapped up the SIU Edwardsville Invitational, where they were able to win the No. 1 doubles title.

Monday's match against Olivet Nazarene will be the women's first match at Darling Courts since 2013. Eastern played most of its home matches at Charleston High School.

The Darling Courts were renovated during the summer.

John Blackburn, Eastern's director of tennis and women's coach, said he is excited to have his team finally play at home once again.

"We're just really thankful and grateful that the administration's given us a great facility and we're looking forward to playing at home," Blackburn said.

As far as playing goes, Blackburn said he wants all the players to be more consistent and always be at the top of their game.

"In the first tournament we had some excellent performances then we might follow it up with a not so strong performance," Blackburn said.

He also knows that their "good" is plenty good, they just want to make their worst days or moments not so low.

"Make C your worst grade, not a D," he said.

Tennis is an individualized sport, so someone's best part of his



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Junior Ali Foster returns the ball during tennis practice on Tuesday at the Darling Courts. Foster and the women's tennis team will host Olivet Nazarene at 3 p.m. Monday at the Darling Courts.

or her game will be different from someone else's. But as a whole, Blackburn said the team is at its best when they all put pressure on its opponents.

Eastern juniors Ali Foster and Hannah Kimbrough said they are confident with their games going into the match on Monday.

The junior duo tallied a 3-1

doubles record in Edwardsville, defeating pairings from the hosting Edwardsville, Western Illinois and Evansville.

Their main focus for Monday's match is to be mentally strong because they know that their games are there, it is just whether if their minds are there or not Foster and Kimbrough said. They also want to

make sure that they are controlling the point.

Olivet Nazarene has a young team with only two juniors on its roster. The rest of the roster is comprised of six sophomores and three freshmen.

Last year, the Tigers finished 13-6, which included a 4-3 road record.

Eastern practiced Tuesday and will continue through Friday to make sure it is ready for its lone home match of the fall season.

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# Eastern Kentucky not looking past Governors

**By Aldo Soto**  
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Eastern Kentucky is coming off its bye week after beating Tennessee-Martin 49-24 on the road on Sept. 20.

The 25-point win extended the Colonels winning streak to four to begin the season that also makes them the only undefeated team in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Their 4-0 start is the Colonels best record after four games since 2012, when they were 3-1 and eventually 4-1, before ending the year 8-3 and 6-2 in the OVC.

Eastern Kentucky is one of nine FCS teams to be unbeaten and is ranked No. 18 in the FCS Coaches Poll.

Head coach Dean Hood is in his eighth season with the Colonels and has seen his defense shut-down most of the offenses they have played this season.

Prior to allowing 24 points to the Skyhawks in Martin, Tenn., Eastern Kentucky's defense allowed an average of 11 points per game that included a 17-10 win over Mi-

ami (Ohio) of the FBS.

The Colonels rank No. 2 in scoring defense in the OVC, surrendering 14.2 points per game. Tennessee State, which is 4-1, is No. 1, allowing 10.8 points per game.

Eastern Kentucky takes its 4-0 record to Austin Peay Saturday, but Hood said he is not taking anything for granted.

The Governors are 0-4 and have lost 16 games in a row, but the last two meetings in Clarksville, Tenn., have been won by Austin Peay over the Colonels.

"That's a tough place for us to play down there," Hood said. "We have not played well down there and our guys need to have the right mind set and the right approach because Austin Peay is a very structurally sound team they got players and they'll be ready to play."

The Governors have played against two nationally-ranked FCS teams in Chattanooga and Illinois State, as well as an FBS team (Memphis) and Eastern, which is the two-time defending OVC champion.

After Saturday's game at Austin Peay, the Colonels host Eastern on Oct. 11.

The Panthers have not lost to Eastern Kentucky since 2011. Hood said his team is not looking ahead to the Eastern game, though.

"No, absolutely not," Hood said. "You have to win the next game that's in front of you and that's Austin Peay."

Eastern Kentucky and Austin Peay kick off at 6 p.m. Saturday in Clarksville, Tenn., at Governors Stadium.

## Around the OVC

Although Eastern Kentucky had a bye week, running back Dy-Shawn Mobley remained the OVC's leading rusher.

Through his first four games as a Colonel, the Kentucky transfer has averaged 118.8 rushing yards per game.

Mobley is the only player in the conference that is averaging more than 100 rushing yards a game.

Jacksonville State running back DeMarcus James, who was the pre-season favorite to win OVC Offense

## OVC Standings

|             |     |     |
|-------------|-----|-----|
| EKU         | 4-0 | 1-0 |
| TSU         | 4-1 | 1-0 |
| JSU         | 3-1 | 1-0 |
| SEMO        | 3-2 | 1-0 |
| EIU         | 1-4 | 1-0 |
| Murray      | 1-3 | 0-1 |
| TTU         | 1-3 | 0-1 |
| Austin Peay | 0-4 | 0-1 |
| UTM         | 1-4 | 0-2 |

183 yards on 11 carries.

On the year, Mobley is averaging 8.6 yards per carry that is No. 1 in the OVC.

Eastern quarterback Jalen Whitlow is third in rushing, averaging 79 yards per game, scoring four rushing touchdowns.

Jacksonville State and Tennessee State along with Eastern Kentucky all remain ranked in the top-25.

This week's rankings did not change for the trio of OVC teams, as the Gamecocks are No. 8, the Tigers No. 20 and the Colonels at No. 18.

The trio is atop the conference standings and is joined by Southeast Missouri and Eastern as the five teams with 1-0 OVC records.

Tennessee-Martin is the lone conference record of 0-2, losing to Eastern Kentucky and Southeast Missouri.

Eastern is the only team from the OVC that is on bye this week.

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Junior outside hitter Chelsea Lee spikes the ball in a game against Southern Illinois-Edwardsville on Wednesday in Lantz Arena. The Panthers beat the Cougars 3-1 to improve to 1-2 in the OVC and 7-9 overall. Lee had 13 kills and helped the Panthers score 13.5 points against the Cougars.

## Volleyball wins home opener over SIU-E

By Blake Nash  
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The Eastern volleyball team snapped a three-match losing streak, beating Southern Illinois-Edwardsville in four sets Wednesday night at Lantz Arena.

The Panthers improved to 7-9 overall and 1-2 in Ohio Valley Conference play this season, heading into their next match at home Saturday against Belmont.

Chelsea Lee led the Panthers' attack with 13 kills, followed by red-shirt freshman Josie Winner with 10

kills. They each added two digs to their night for the Panthers.

"We were focused on tonight's game the last few days, more specifically taking it game-by-game to get the victory," Winner said.

Eastern took the first two sets by scores of 25-20 and 25-15. Ed-

wardsville later stormed back to take the next set 25-18. The Panthers roared back to take the second set, for their first OVC win this season, following back-to-back OVC losses last week.

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## Eastern identity not quite clear

As of today, the Eastern football team lacks an identity. But come Homecoming on Oct. 25, everyone will know exactly who this team is.

Through five games it does not have an identity, in part because it has faced two FBS teams (Minnesota and Ohio), two quality FCS teams (No. 15 Southern Illinois and No. 22 Illinois State) and Austin Peay, which has not won a game since Nov. 2012.

The Panthers are 1-4 in those games, beating only Austin Peay. But it is difficult to decipher Kim Dameron's first team as a head coach.

Eastern hung with a Minnesota team in the first half of the season opener, before ultimately losing 42-20.

Then Eastern's home opener saw Eastern allow a 21-14 lead at halftime fall through its hands against Southern Illinois, with the Salukis closing the game scoring 24 unanswered points.

Four turnovers and 11 penalties cost Eastern its game against Illinois State, where the 34-15 final was closer than the actual game.

Dameron recorded his first win — though against the worst team in the FCS — with an impressive 63-7 showing on Family Weekend.

With that game, Eastern dropped the quarterback controversy between Jalen Whitlow and Andrew Manley, choosing Whitlow.

A school record for rushing yards and an Ohio Valley Conference weekly honor later, with Whitlow, Eastern became a step closer to establishing an identity.

At Ohio, like Minnesota, Eastern hung around; making the 34-19 loss respectable, but 13 penalties for 124 yards plagued the Panthers and thwarted any hopes of an upset.

For every glimmer of hope the Panthers have seen this season, it has been followed by a sudden, even more significant discouragement, aside from Minnesota, a team which simply overmatched Eastern.

An efficient first half against Southern was halted by a lackluster, scoreless second half.

A touchdown drive that took just 1:34 off the clock to open the second half and cut Eastern's deficit against Illinois State to only one score was erased by four second-half turnovers.

An extraordinary win over Austin Peay was forgotten after a self-implosion loss against Ohio.

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## Eastern's focus set on Ohio Valley Conference

By Aldo Soto  
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The Eastern football team is 1-4 and in the midst of its bye week, but for head coach Kim Dameron the Panthers' season begins on Oct. 11.

Following Saturday's loss at Ohio, the Panthers dropped their fourth non-conference game of the year, but they are 1-0 in the Ohio Valley Conference. With seven OVC games remaining on Eastern's schedule to close out the season, Dameron said the Panthers have to look ahead instead of dwelling on the first five games.

"The thing that I've been looking at and have been trying to do more than anything is keep our kids focused on the Ohio Valley Conference," he said. "The way I look at it is pretty much right now is that our season starts Oct. 11, at Eastern Kentucky."

Eastern, the defending two-time OVC champion, is only one of two teams in the conference with a 1-4 record, with Tennessee-Martin being the other. Austin Peay is the only winless team in the conference at 0-3.

With two trips to FBS programs this season, Dameron said the Panthers' schedule has been difficult so far.

The OVC has one unbeaten team in Eastern Kentucky, which is 4-0. Tennessee State and Jacksonville State are the only two teams that have a single loss, with 4-1 and 3-1 records, respectively.

While Eastern has played against two FBS programs and two nationally ranked FCS teams, the Colonels, Tigers and Gamecocks have combined to play a total of two FBS teams. Tennessee State and



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Eastern running back Malik Harrison runs with the ball in the Panthers' 63-7 win against Austin Peay on Sept. 20 during Family Weekend.

Eastern Kentucky also began the season playing against NAIA programs. The Colonels do have the OVC's lone win against an FBS team, though, beating Miami (Ohio) 17-10 earlier this season.

"That's always the hardest thing, when you're looking at your conference's schools because the schedules of all the teams are not comparable," Dameron said. "When you look at some people being undefeat-

ed and some people being 1-4, you really have no idea. Until we get into conference play the season has really started."

In a perfect world, Dameron said he would have liked to play against five straight beatable teams to start the season to give Eastern as much confidence as possible before the rest of OVC play. Nonetheless, he said his team has hopefully improved upon their performance and

gets better after facing a strong schedule.

"I feel like that we've played as tough a schedule as we could have possibly played to be perfectly honest with you," Dameron said. "I'm hoping that it makes us better going forward. Now, obviously sometimes it doesn't help your confidence as far as your record is concerned."

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