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CITY

DUI citations jump in January

UPD, CPD crack
down on crime
in Charleston

By Jacqui Reinhart
Staff Reporter

Arrests for driving under the influence of alcohol have increased in Charleston since the spring semester began.

Within the first week alone, five DUIs were reported, according to the University Police Department’s crime blotter. And those were just instances on campus, not including the DUI arrests made by the Charleston Police Department.

Officer Ryan Risinger, the crime prevention officer for UPD, said the stricter DUI policy was sparked by UPD Sgt. Mike Elam.

“He is really out looking for DUIs,” said Risinger, who explained that previously Elam focused solely on DUIs, but had other duties to attend to last semester. “(Now) he has decided to patrol more aggressively.”

However, he said there is no particular reason for this recent adjustment.

Risinger said this attitude has been contagious throughout the force, which lead to other officers to crack down as well.

Risinger said the CPD hired at least five new officers this year, which also may be contributing to the increase in DUI cases.

“New officers tend to write more citations when they are training because they are trying to prove themselves,” Risinger said.

Deputy Chief Dave Chambers of the CPD said they are receiving a DUI grant from the Department of Transportation.

Chambers said targeting drunk drivers will lead to other tickets as well, but not a huge increase.

Besides the increase in DUIs,



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The University Police Department issued nine DUI citations since the beginning of the spring semester.

the crime blotter also shows a lot of misconduct on campus, particularly within the residence halls. Crimes have ranged from cannabis complaints to residence hall thefts to harassment.

Heather Webb, director of the office of student standards, has not seen a significant increase of issues with students.

“There is no greater number of misconduct than what we usually deal with,” Webb said.

Webb has noticed, however, an increase in the number of cases from the CPD.

“For the 2008-2009 academic year, the Office of Student Standards processed 263 cases,” Webb said. “During the fall 2009 semester, we processed 503 cases.”

Most of these cases, such as consumption by a minor, alcohol in a public area, incapacitation, sale

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Breakdown Jan. 11 to Jan. 31

Thefts	3
Private property damage	1
On-campus cannabis complaints	4
DUI’s	9
Criminal damage to government property	2
Domestic battery	1
Criminal damage to a vehicle	1
Single vehicle private property	1
Alcohol possession/consumption by a minor	3
Harassment	1
Assault	1
Telephone harassment	1
Disorderly conduct	3
Possession of cannabis	3
Possession of paraphenelia	2
Possession of drug equipment	1

CENSUS

Resident assistants help out Census Bureau

By Kayleigh Zyskowski
City Editor

The 2010 U.S. Census will require a team effort from the Eastern staff and students to have a smooth count of the campus population.

This week, members from the U.S. Census Bureaus met with Kelly Miller, assistant director of housing, and they have planned how the census will be completed within the residence halls.

On April 6, representatives will come and talk with Eastern professional staff.

“They will talk about what will happen, when it will happen and how it will happen,” Miller said.

“Group quarters enumeration will take place between April 1 and May 21,” said U.S. Census Bureau representative Lydia Oritz. “During this time, the Census Bureau will count group living quarters such as prisons, college dorms, nursing homes, shelters (and) military barracks.”

How the count is administered will depend on the type of facility.

In some facilities, the administration may provide the information for all the residents.

However, in other facilities, such as a dorm, each resident will fill out a form.

Resident Assistants on each floor will hold a floor meeting and the houses on Greek Court will hold

chapter meetings on April 11 and 12 for students to fill out the forms.

The form will have six questions asking a student’s name, gender, race, birth date, age and residence most of the year. Filling out the form should take less than three minutes.

“We have will provide a full alphabetical list of who is where on campus to the Census (Bureau) on April 6, which they have requested,” Miller said.

The Census Bureau will then verify the numbers between the census forms and the university’s list.

While officials, with the rest of the city, will be able to check the numbers the Census Bureau col-

lects with computer programs, the checking of the dorms will be easier.

Resident Assistants will work with the students on their own floors and they will be aware of who attended the meeting and who did not.

“We will have a higher success rate than the Census (Bureau) because we have the Resident Assistants living on the floor with the students who should be counted and they do not,” Miller said. “We have been doing all we can to help them complete the count.”

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CITY

Tax swap
fails to pass

By Kayleigh Zyskowski
City Editor

After the Coles County tax swap failed to pass during the primary election Tuesday, school officials are now forced to look at what to do next.

The school districts proposed a 1 percent tax increase with a promise of property tax relief for the residents. The new sales tax had the possibility of raising \$4.5 million annually for county schools.

The tax proposal failed to reach a simple majority, and the school districts will now evaluate their options to determine their next move.

“We need to look at the demographics and see what precincts did pass (the tax),” said Jim Littleford, superintendent of the Charleston School District. “It’s now time to network with the other school districts and find out what needed to be done differently.”

Larry Lilly, superintendent of the Mattoon School District, said now they need to meet with the other school districts and the boards of education to plan their options.

“In the short term, we will turn our attention

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UNIVERSITY

Student
enrollment
down 1%

Staff Report

The spring semester enrollment numbers are finalized, showing a 1 percent decrease from this time one year ago.

Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs, said in an e-mail the spring semester enrollment numbers are lower than those of the preceding semester at “virtually every four-year institution.”

“The most significant reason is that a number of students graduate at the end of the fall term,” Lord said. “Because we have a large number of education majors, this is especially important for Eastern.”

Lord said most education programs require nine or more semesters to complete, which would allow for fall semester graduations.

There are other reasons for decreased enrollment in the spring.

Some students leave after the fall semester for personal, financial or academic reasons, such as a change in their income or academic dismissal.

Lord said that, while the university does admit new students for the spring term, many prefer to begin in the fall.

There are nearly 9,887 students currently enrolled on-campus, and 1,188 students enrolled off-campus. These numbers are down from last spring when 9,968 students lived on-campus and 1,189 students were off-campus.

Minority student enrollment has increased from last spring. There are currently 1,675 minority students enrolled this semester, while last semester had 1,530. This category includes black, Hispanic, Asian, Pacific Islander, American Indian and Alaskan Native students.

Female students continue to outnumber male students by 1,835. Although overall enrollment has decreased, the female to male student ratio of 7-to-5 remains the same since last spring.

WEATHER TODAY



Partly Cloudy

HIGH
37°

LOW
31°

Clouds increase this afternoon as temperatures reach the middle 30's. Precipitation will start tonight primarily as rain. By tomorrow morning expect a wintry mix, turning into snow showers as the day progresses. Snowfall should end Saturday morning. A few inches of snow accumulation is possible.

WEATHER TOMORROW



Friday
Snow Showers
High: 36°
Low: 30°



Saturday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 32°
Low: 28°

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Resume Critique Blitz

Career Services is providing 15-minute resume critiques today to prepare students for the upcoming Career Network Day on Feb. 10. Walk-in times are from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information contact Debbie Endsley at 581-2412.

University Board
hosts rap competition

The UB sponsored 'So You Think You Can Rap' competition will take place at 7 p.m. today in 7th Street Underground. The winner will receive 10 hours of recording time with musical producer and songwriter Jim Thompson; second- and third-place winners will receive gift cards to Guitar Center. For more information contact Lauren Phillips at 708-642-2785.

'Frederick Douglass: In the Shadow of Slavery'

Mel Johnson Jr., an accomplished actor and director in movies, television and on Broadway, will give a one-man performance as Frederick Douglass, who has been called the father of the civil rights movement, 7:30 p.m. Saturday. General admission is \$15, \$12 for Eastern employees and seniors, and \$7 for students. For more information contact Dan Crews at 581-2113.

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Moment of Zen



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Introduction to elementary physical education instructor Gwen Little ends her class session with a Zen exercise. The class is required for elementary and physical education teachers and is held in McAfee Gymnasium.

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Did you know that one billion trees worth of paper is thrown away each year? Online Editor Sam Sottosanto talks about the importance of recycling paper in this blog at DENnews.com.



Decide where to
reside in the fall

It's about that time again to decide where you want to live during the next school year. Think it's too tough a decision? Take this quiz at DENnews.com to help you figure out the best location.

BLOTTER

A cannabis complaint was reported Sunday in University Court. The incident was referred to the Office of Student Standards and the state's attorney, said the University Police Department.

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TECHNOLOGY



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A recent study shows that media usage has risen to an average of seven and a half hours daily for children and teenagers. College students are highly dependent on technology for schoolwork more and more nowadays.

Tech trends increasing

By Miranda King
Staff Reporter

Before sitting down to tackle a tough assignment, students across the country go through a mental checklist.

Cell phone? Check. iPod? Check. Laptop? Check.

This is when the distractions set in. A quick glance at the clock shows four hours have passed since sitting down to accomplish this project, and the textbook has not even been cracked open.

A recent study by the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation shows that entertainment media use by children and teenagers between the ages of 8 and 18 has increased to more than seven and a half hours per day. This is an increase from slightly more than six hours per day in 2004.

"The amount of time young people spend with media has grown to where it's even more than a full-time work week," said Drew Altman, Kaiser Family Foundation President and CEO.

The study showed that most young people use entertainment media more than 53 hours per week, on average.

While the study focused only on students between the ages of 8 and 18, these trends in media overload are sometimes seen in college students as well.

Kara Lovelace, a senior physics major, said she spends between five and six hours a day using entertainment media. Even though she spends this much time on media usage, she said it does not affect her grades, but she understands how it could be different for other students.

"I think it's fun to download music, to find music," Lovelace said. "It's fun to watch shows you missed on Hulu instead of studying."

Lovelace also said she uses media most with her friends when watching TV shows online or doing homework for her classes.

Virginia Tipton, a junior biology major, said her four to five hours of media intake each day does have an

affect on her grades.

"It's distracting," Tipton said. "I should be studying, but I'm on the computer or listening to music or watching TV."

Tipton did say when she spends time online, she tends to go to news sites such as CNN or MSNBC, rather than entertainment sites like Facebook or YouTube.

Kaninika Bhatnagar, an assistant professor in the school of technology, said several factors have influenced an increase in media use.

Bhatnagar said people have become more involved electronically with the news because the national news media is increasingly encouraging citizen journalism and active participation from the public. They do this by recording video live, texting in questions for guests, and voting in online polls.

Thanks to Internet-enabled cell phones, laptops, PDAs and iPods, media is more mobile than ever. Bhatnagar said this is the reason mobile media has taken over and has impacted the amount of media a person takes in on a daily basis.

Bhatnagar went on to say the new, more interactive Internet allows for people to be more involved in the information found online.

"Interactivity invites participation, where young people, more than most, like to voice their opinions, and join the conversation," Bhatnagar said.

She also said social networking sites undoubtedly have had an astounding impact on the amount of media use young people take in daily.

"Children, teenagers and college students alike are more likely to be energized to participate in all the 'cool stuff' the new technologies have to offer," said Bhatnagar.

Bhatnagar also said even though the increase in media use by young people may have some negative effects, learning opportunities would only increase with the new technologies.

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VIEWS



Julian Russell

Pets deserve loyalty, not desertion

So, I've been home a whopping two minutes and already my puppy is acting as if I've been gone a lifetime.

Walking in the door, I get the total god-like puppy treatment of being sniffed from my toes up to the pinnacle of the reach of his snout before jumping on me. I get to watch that funny little wiggle he does out of excitement when he sees me. Heck, he's at the window peeking out before I ever walk through the door.

But, I also have to suffer the guilt trip he throws my way if I leave.

First, it's the "I want to go with you" look. And if I'm gone for a long period of time, I suffer the "I'm ignoring you for a while because you left" ordeal.

Regardless, my puppy loves me.

He gets jealous if I pet other dogs or if I'm playing with my daughter more than him. Many college students have to leave their beloved creatures at home while they are out expanding their knowledge, already away from their hometowns.

Some choose to acquire pets while they are here at school. Then, when it comes time to go home over holiday breaks, little Fluffy or Rover is abandoned.

Charleston itself is so overpopulated with stray cats alone it's ridiculous. Behind where I live there are about four or five strays running around.

Also behind my house is an apartment building where college students live.

I began to notice that it was the students abandoning the cats when they left for break.

Enough is enough.

These creatures are dedicated to their owners. Animals understand the feeling of abandonment. Even if you leave for break and offer your pet to a friend or shelter, you are still, in a way, abandoning it.

Pets grow with their owners. They learn and watch their owners. They follow your schedule and react to your emotions. They are part of our families.

To buy a pet and leave it after four months is horribly irresponsible. I couldn't even begin to imagine abandoning my puppy. The creature loves me so much and depends so much on seeing me every day and lying by my feet.

If I were to leave him or get rid of him, he would probably curl up and whimper himself to death.

Obviously, animals can't speak, but they have a spirit and have feelings. So many people choose to buy an animal in the spur of the moment because they look cute, cuddly or soft.

Buying an animal comes with responsibility.

My puppy will get old some day. He won't be as bouncy or as cute. He may get smelly and lazy, but I still won't get rid of him.

I got my puppy knowing I was in it for the long haul. That is how everyone should feel when buying a pet.

If you don't plan on watching that animal grow old, then you shouldn't waste your or its life.

So, next time you see a cute little kitten or puppy, think about how much it will learn to love you, think about the fact that they need to eat, poop and pee, too.

And keep in your mind the shattering effect you would have on it if you were to turn around and abandon it.

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DAILY EDITORIAL

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Furloughs, layoffs are common enemies to all Eastern employees

For some, it may be easier navigating a hedge maze than the tricky twists and turns of Eastern's current, yet ever-changing, furlough policy.

President Bill Perry recently made several changes to the language and stipulations of the policy, but many aspects remain uncertain.

As reported in an article that appeared in Wednesday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, one of the main areas of disagreement is between the faculty's acceptance of furloughs and the preference of civil service employees to use layoffs.

But said acceptance does not mean anyone would prefer to see either.

Basically, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 981 Clerical/Technical Chapter is the only union on campus that currently has furlough language in its contract. And regardless of the language, should the university have to enforce furloughs, Eastern administrators would first have to sit down with the chapter and negotiate the terms of furloughs before anything could go further.

However, the Building Service Workers/Food Service chapter of AFSCME has no such language and will not even negotiate furloughs until the chapter's contract expires at Eastern in 2011.

"There are some people within the bargaining process that feel furloughs are the best way to go, but I think the majority of them think letting the civil service system, layoffs and letting seniority decide, is important," Matt Pederson, president of the AFCME said in the article.

The difference between a furlough and layoff is that a furlough would require a set amount of time off for employees of the university, regardless of position, seniority or area where they work, whereas a layoff is, basically, termination of employment based on seniority for a period of time with an understanding that employment will be reinstated once finances allow.

"None argue that either option is a last resort by university administrators and, in the current struggling economy, both could have detrimental effects on employees."

As for the University Professionals of Illinois, the faculty union, layoffs are almost out of the question.

"There are two big 'cons' to layoffs; first, people lose jobs in a horrible market and second, they could seriously impact the university's ability to offer courses, depending on how they were done," said history professor Jonathan Coit in the same article.

None argue that either option is a last resort by university administrators and, in the current struggling economy, both could have detrimental effects on employees.

If professors were laid off, it could mean dire impacts for students. Though, in our minds, laying off faculty members is not really a viable option.

Although, considering several areas of civil service, such as food service, are already operating under strained conditions and reduced staffs, requiring any more employees to take time off could greatly impact the university's ability to serve the students.

However, it is important to consider two key factors concerning either option.

First, all parties involved, faculty and civil service employees, need to remember that neither furloughs nor layoffs are coming in the foreseeable future. Nothing is set in stone and neither is looming over the horizon.

More importantly, the common enemy of all involved is not the administration but the state of the economy and handling of funds in Illinois.

We must all remember that all parties are working toward every option to avoid furloughs and layoffs. The president, vice presidents, unions and faculty are not enemies of one another. All share a common enemy: inept politics at the hands of legislators hundreds of miles away.

We must all remember we are a part of a whole, we are all a family at Eastern and we must operate and work together as such. Trust in our administrators, and hope for the best. Right now, a plan of action is simply what must be prepared, not a brace for impact that may never come.

FROM THE EASEL

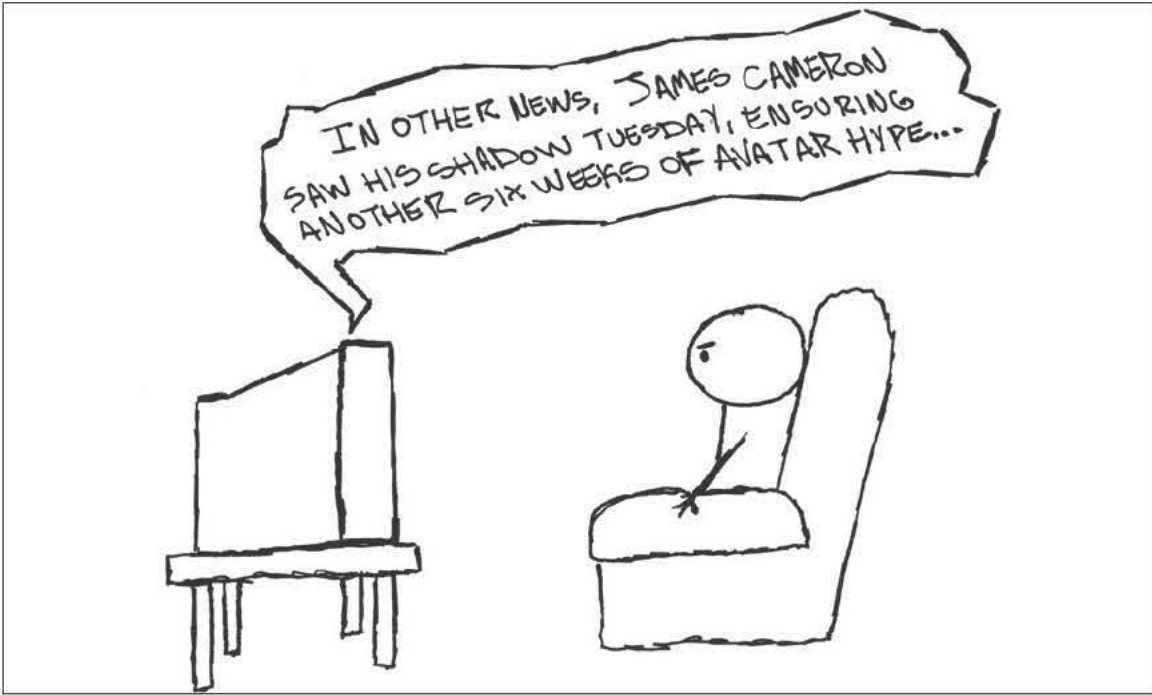


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FROM AROUND THE STATE

Heroes or hotheads?

By the *Daily Vidette* Editorial Board
Illinois State University

The American response to the January 12 earthquake in Haiti would make even a staunch anarchist proud to be a U.S. citizen.

Unfortunately, a group of overzealous missionaries are beginning to damage our country's newly acquired, less arrogant image.

In what many feel is a humanitarian effort gone awry, 10 American missionaries are waiting to be sentenced after attempting to cross into the Dominican Republic with 33 "kidnapped" Haitian children.

The group said they were taking the children to a newly established orphanage in the Dominican Republic, and that the children had lost their families in the earthquake. Reports are now surfacing that for many of the children, that is not the case.

One of Haiti's many concerns since the quake has been human trafficking, and the group of missionaries, which calls itself the New Life Children's Refuge, had no passports or documents for the Haitian children.

"We tell all Americans all over the world 24 hours a day that you are subject to the laws of the country where you find yourself," Donald

Moore, the U.S. consul general in Haiti, told reporters.

In a society suffering a degree of devastation many families will never have to comprehend, we can see the train of thought New Life missionaries may have had.

After all, the group was trying to offer a better life for the destitute, and in that situation, many would claim they might act the same way.

If they had gone through proper adoption procedure, maybe this situation would have been seen as heroic.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Senate approves court candidates

By Jenna Mitchell
& Erica Whelan
Staff Reporter &
Student Government Editor

The student senate inducted two justices to the student supreme court at Wednesday's meeting.

Jose Alarcon, a senior English and foreign languages major, was unanimously approved as a justice by a vote of 29-0-0.

Alarcon submitted to a question-and-answer session where senators asked about his qualifications.

As a third-semester senator before submitting an application, Alarcon's goals include working closely with incumbents and taking on new challenges in the judicial branch, the only branch he has yet to serve on. Previously, Alarcon served as the vice president for student organizations at Elgin Community College.

"I would like to take a close look at each and every case to put it in context," Alarcon said.

During the discussion, Alarcon was asked to clarify if he had officially announced his candidacy for execu-

tive vice president for the 2010-2011 school year.

Some senate members expressed concern that pursuing this position would prevent him from fulfilling his responsibilities as a supreme court justice.

When Alarcon denied making an official claim of candidacy, senate member Zach Caskey produced printouts of information posted on the Facebook group titled "Jose L. Alarcon for Executive Vice President" as evidence to the contrary.

The printouts showed a statement

made by Alarcon that read "I officially announce my candidacy for Executive Vice-President of Student Government for the Academic year 2010-2011. As of now, I have no party affiliation."

Despite confusion voiced regarding the statement, Alarcon said he has no set intentions to run for the executive position.

Along with Alarcon, Molly Button, a freshman history major, was inducted by a vote of 24-5-0.

Button answered questions from the senate about her experience and motives for expressing interest in the

student supreme court.

Button and Alarcon, along with five new senators, were approved to their respective positions.

Senate members also approved a by-law change that will reflect revisions made to the student body constitution. The revisions eliminated the three districts senate members could identify with while running. The resolution passed by a vote of 28-1-0.

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TARBLE ARTS CENTER

Vaginas' voices empower women, dismiss taboos

By Ashley Holstrom
Staff Reporter

"If your vagina had a voice, what would it say? What would it wear?"

Eve Ensler, performing artist and creator of "The Vagina Monologues," interviews women annually, asking questions akin to this in order to add new stories to her play about womanhood. As time went on, she received more stories about violence, rape and abuse toward women, leading to her founding of V-Day, an organization to help end violence against women.

This weekend, the 4Women group is producing "The Vagina Mono-

logues" to raise money and awareness for this cause.

Jeannie Ludlow, women's studies coordinator and an English professor, is the faculty adviser for the play.

"Each monologue is about two to eight minutes long and in a different woman's voice," Ludlow said.

The content for each monologue is different: From a rant about menstruation, to a cheerful anecdote about sexual pleasure, to a memory of rape, this 90-minute play will leave the audience on an emotional roller coaster.

Strong language will be used and stories are blunt; it may be difficult for sexual assault victims, Ludlow said.

AJ Walsh, a communication studies instructor and actor in "The Vagina Monologues," said the thing she is looking forward to is the audience's reaction.

"It is such a provocative work, and it really gets the audience to think, laugh and sometimes cry," Walsh said. "It is definitely an experience for the audience."

Eastern has put this show on twice before, in 2006 and 2008.

"We do it every other year to avoid audience saturation, which is when audiences become bored with the same play being shown every year," Ludlow said.

Crystal Grissom, a senior theatre arts and physical education major, is directing the play. She wanted the job because the play has a powerful message about issues women face, along with gaining personal experience to achieve her goal of becoming a theater teacher.

Ludlow said she is excited the show has more student participation than in previous years, when most of the actors were faculty members.

"The Vagina Monologues" will be performed today, Friday and Saturday in the Tarble Arts Center Atrium. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m. The 90-min-

ute show has no intermission and can seat fewer than 200 people per performance. Tickets are \$5 for students and seniors, \$10 for everyone else, and can be purchased by contacting Jeannie Ludlow in the Women's Resource Center at 581-5947, or at the Union ticket office. Few tickets will be sold at the door.

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or gift to minors, party trash and disorderly conduct, are associated with alcohol, but not all. Webb attributed the increase to a partnership between Eastern and the city of Charleston to address student issues that impact the community as a whole.

She said Eastern also received a federal grant from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention that provides funding for education and the enforcement of alcohol laws. The Office of Student

Standards is partnering with the CPD to address alcohol-related behaviors.

"Our goal is to reduce the injuries and other behavioral concerns that are often associated with underage consumption, so we can provide a safe environment for all of our students and other community members," Webb said.

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"Trust was the big issue haunting everyone."

Jim Littleford, Charleston School District superintendent

to putting together the next fiscal year's budget, which begins on July 1," Lilly said.

The administration within the school districts will look at their expenses and see where they can cut back and save, given the financial situation of the state.

"In an uncertain economic time within the state and the nation, any time you ask for a tax increase, no matter what kind of tax it might be, its a difficult question to ask," Lilly said.

And, along with the economic issues occurring, the school district pledge to lower the property taxes was not binding, Lilly said.

"The citizens were concerned that the Coles County school districts would not necessarily follow through with the tax abatement," Littleford said. "Trust was the big issue haunting everyone."

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STATE

Confusion winner in primaries

Associated Press

CHICAGO — The primary election that was expected to launch a political battle in President Barack Obama's home state instead left Democrats and Republicans squabbling amongst themselves Wednesday over governor's races that were virtually tied.

Gov. Pat Quinn claimed victory in the Democratic primary over Comptroller Dan Hynes, despite a margin of less than 1 percent. He got a congratulatory telephone call from Obama on Wednesday.

"It's time to end the fighting," Quinn said as he thanked voters at a Chicago train station. "I don't believe we are benefiting in Illinois, certainly in the Democratic party, by having fighting."

Hynes has not conceded, but scheduled an "important announcement" about the race on Thursday morning. His campaign did not return repeated messages seeking more information.

On the Republican side, Sen. Bill Brady led by just a few hundred votes over Sen. Kirk Dillard. Dillard said a victory by Brady, a downstate conservative with little support in the Chicago

area, would hurt the GOP's chances of reclaiming the governor's office.

"If he's the nominee, he'll have a much, much more difficult time than me beating Pat Quinn," Dillard said Wednesday at a Republican "unity" breakfast.

Illinois Republicans hope to capture the governor's post as well as Obama's former Senate seat by exploiting Democratic turmoil and scandal, including the arrest and ouster of former Gov. Rod Blagojevich. GOP victories in an increasingly Democratic state would be another blow to Obama, already stinging from the Republican victory in a Massachusetts special election for Edward Kennedy's former Senate seat.

The Senate primary produced no surprises. State Treasurer Alexi Giannoulas, an Obama friend and former banker, captured the Democratic nomination. Five-term U.S. Rep. Mark Kirk was the Republican pick.

For governor, it was a different story.

One or both of the races could wind up going to a recount. Illinois law doesn't require recounts in close races, so the candidates would have to decide whether to request one and cover the costs.

Quinn's lead had widened Wednesday evening to 8,090 votes out of more than 912,000 cast. Brady's lead in the Republican race was a mere 406 votes out of 765,000.

Quinn is trying to win the governor's office on his own merits after inheriting it a year ago when Blagojevich was ousted, partly over allegations that he tried to sell Obama's former Senate seat.

Two months ago, Quinn appeared set to easily win the nomination. But he was weighed down by the baggage of his two campaigns with Blagojevich, his support for a major tax increase and a botched program that granted early release to some violent prison inmates.

The race became a dead heat with Hynes, and the two traded bitter accusations of incompetence and dirty campaign tactics.

Hynes campaign manager Michael Rendina said the nomination could hinge on how many absentee and provisional ballots remain to be counted.

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Greetings From...

all over. Many Eastern students take advantage of the opportunity to study elsewhere. While many travel overseas, others simply go across the country. Here are tales of five students' trips to lands near and far.

Stories by Emily Steele
News Editor



Cheers from England
—Katherine Brossard

Rock Hills, South Carolina

Taking a rock climbing class, catching a 3 a.m. train out of New York and body surfing in between classes were never things Megan Thacher imagined would be part of her college experience.

But when the junior psychology major joined the National Student Exchange program, she had a chance to study at both the University of Rhode Island in Kingston, RI, in the fall semester and Winthrop University in Rock Hill, S.C., for the spring semester.

Thacher chose to attend Eastern because of the National Student Exchange program. The program, coordinated through the Honors College, allows undergraduate students to attend any other university in the U.S. and Canada.

"I did not have the finances to really study abroad, i.e. overseas, I had to look into a different sort of experience," Thacher said. "Bonnie (Irwin, dean of the Honors College) was so passionate and enthusiastic about NSE, and the rewards that other students had found on NSE, that it was contagious and prompted me jump on the opportunity."

The most difficult part for Thacher has been being away from her friends and family. She compares the experience to being a freshman again.

"You had to make new friends, find your classrooms and the cafeteria, adjust to new professors, learn an entirely new academic system and, of course, explore the surrounding area, and find the Wal-Mart!" Thacher said.

During her time at each university, Thacher would explain the program to other students, whose eyes would light up at the thought as she spoke.

"Take advantage of the NSE experience and of the other opportunities EIU offers to try something new, be it NSE, travel abroad, undergrad research, or internships," Thacher said. "Going outside of the classroom is the easiest and most rewarding way to get the most out of your college career!"



Grantham, England

What is the biggest thing Emily Schumacher misses about not being home? Being able to wear sweatpants in public.

The size of notebook paper, different foods and familiar words having completely different definitions are just a few of the things Schumacher has had to deal with while studying abroad in Grantham, England, this semester.

As a freshman, the junior health studies major knew she wanted to study abroad.

"I wanted to go abroad to learn about myself, gain some independence, challenge myself and, of course, see Europe!" Schumacher said.

While studying at Harlaxton College, which is a branch of Evansville University in Evansville, Ind., she has been able to travel to other countries on the weekends.

In the time since she has been in England, Schumacher said she has already learned about different cultures, standards, families, language, everyday life and "that the exchange rate is awful!"

The current exchange rate is one British pound to \$1.58.



Hola from Spain
—Stephanie Cascio

Salamanca, Spain

After having to extend her college career to take a required course, Carolyn Houze decided to take a chance and study abroad.

"I had a semester open so I thought, 'Why not?'" Houze said.

A senior communication disorders and sciences major, Houze will be in Salamanca, Spain, until mid-March and plans on taking advantage of every minute she is there.

"Every weekend I want to go somewhere new and experience something different," Houze said. "It's a learning experience! Definitely worth taking out that loan."

In the month that she has been in Spain, Houze has already started learning.

"I did wine tasting, I've drank sangria, which is famous in Spain, I went to mass in gorgeous cathedrals, I took a road trip to Portugal and walked along the Atlantic Ocean," Houze said. "I've done quite a few things, but I am only just beginning."

Every day things are frustrating for Houze, who does not speak Spanish, and simple errands like getting groceries can be difficult for her.

"I have learned not to take so many things for granted," Houze said. Being homesick is one thing she has gotten used to.

"It happens to everyone," Houze said. "I have been homesick here and there or even just wanted the routine I used to have, but once you get used to it, it is such a mind opening and jaw dropping experience that I couldn't imagine not doing it."

Houze joined the program after several relatives who traveled frequently spoke about the benefits of experiencing other cultures, and Houze has become an advocate as well.

"I would definitely recommend this program to other people, not only this one, but studying anywhere," Houze said. "It is something I will never forget."

San Jose, Costa Rica

Heather Gerrish must have heard that the best way to learn a language is to immerse yourself in it, because, as a student in Costa Rica, that is exactly what she is doing.

As a freshman English major with a minor in Spanish, Gerrish jumped on the opportunity to study at the Universidad Veritas in San Jose. It is her personal and professional goal to learn to speak Spanish.

"I've never had a good opportunity to travel before, and when someone visits other countries on vacation, he or she rarely experiences the culture beyond the tourist destinations," Gerrish said. "Actually living in a country and attending school with the locals presents a fantastic opportunity to really experience the true culture, and get a fresh perspective on your own."

Ironically, the reason she chose to go the Costa Rica is also the most difficult part for Gerrish.

"The hardest part has been dealing with the language barrier," Gerrish said. "Though this particular school has around 100 international students at a time, almost all Americans, it's been a little frustrating to not be able to express myself as much I want to with my host family and Costa Rican friends."

Despite the fact that she is more than 1,500 miles from home, Gerrish is constantly amazed by the little things she has been able to do, such as being able to buy a banana for \$0.12 or pet a Toucan.

Florence, Italy

Chelsey Fuller planned to jump-start her career when she boarded a plane to Italy. A family and consumer sciences major with a concentration in hospitality management, Fuller is studying in Florence at the Apicius International School of Hospitality for the spring semester.

Originally from Charleston, Fuller decided to travel after researching graduation requirements for the hospitality program, which requires an internship.

"I just happen to mention to Dr. Painter what a great opportunity it would be to turn a semester abroad into my internship; lots of paperwork later, it all came together," Fuller said.

For Fuller, the most difficult part has been adjusting to everyday life in Italy.

"It is quite different than in the states," Fuller said. "For instance, only being able to have the heat in our apartment run for up to eight hours throughout the day, conserving hot water, finding equivalents of food we like at the grocery store."

As part of the internship program, Fuller is enrolled in hospitality courses, as well as an Italian language course, and a food, culture and society in Italy class.

"Studying abroad not only allows you to take classes in a different culture, and learn that way, but we are here and are able to travel to experience the culture hands on that we are learning of in the classroom," Fuller said.

In the time she has been abroad, Fuller admits that she was initially out of her comfort zone, but she has learned to be open to new experiences.

"It's not a bad way of living here, just different," Fuller said. "But with your eyes open to these new experiences, you can learn so much."

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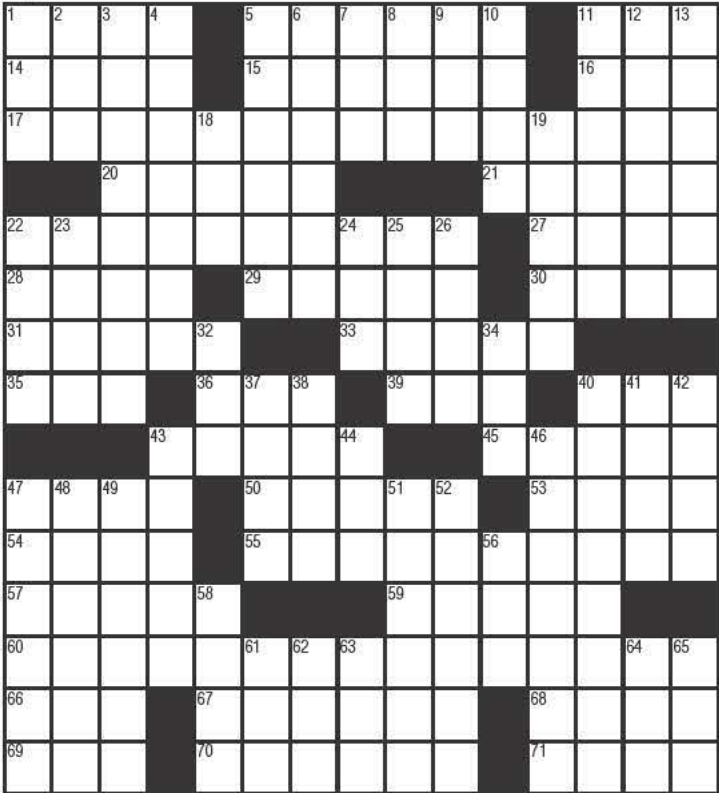
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special kids and that they will be able to get their opportunities.

Also in the signing class were 10 defensive players, including two first-team Tribune All State honorees. This includes Providence's Pete Houlihan and De La Salle's D.J. Bland. Bland originally verbally committed to Alcorn State, but changed to Eastern according to the Northwest Indiana Times.

The Eastern coaching staff also picked up a commitment from Bolingbrook's Marcus Lee, who originally committed to Toledo.

The Bolingbrook connection has been established before, but this is the first time where the Panthers have had recruits in successive years.

"Coach (John) Ivlow knows we're taking care of his kids and treating them well, and he was the first one he called when that happened," said Eastern defensive coordinator Roc Bellantoni. "It lets you know you're doing something well."

The Panthers also picked up Bolingbrook defensive tackle Brandon Tucker. Last year's recruiting class included defensive lineman Roosevelt Holliday and defensive back Alex McNulty. Sophomore defensive end Perry Burge also came from Bolingbrook.

Other standouts from this year's class include Parkway Central's (St. Louis) Cameron Berra, a relative of Yogi Berra. Cameron will play base-

ball at Eastern as well.

Charleston's Adam Drake will join a receiver corps that will return most its starters from last season. Drake had 41 catches for 572 yards and two touchdowns as a senior for the Trojans.

The Panthers finished 8-4 and captured the Ohio Valley Conference Championship, but still fell short in the playoffs.

They open up the 2010 season Sept. 4 at Iowa.

"We have to get over that hump," Spoo said.

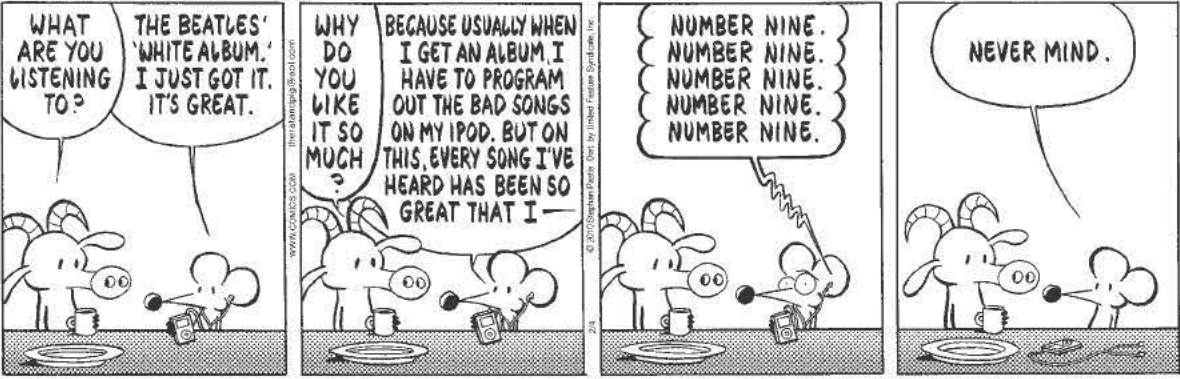
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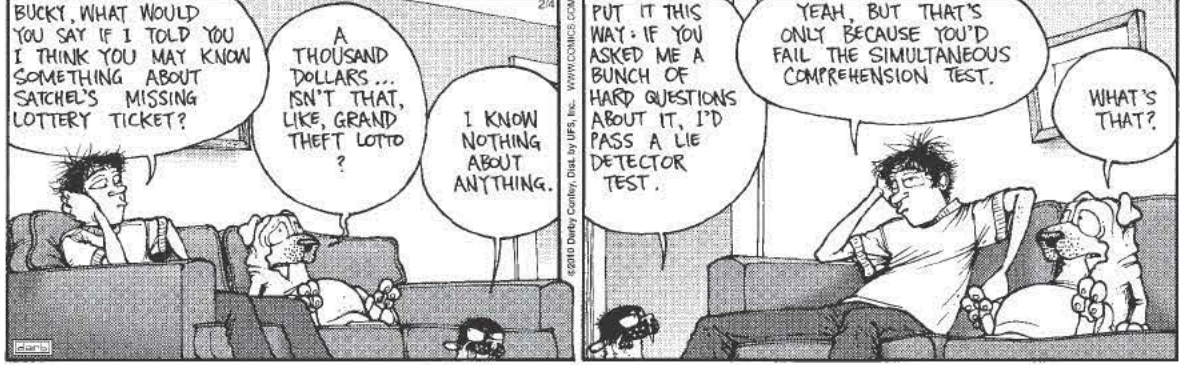
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Madeline Kish, a sophomore guard, looks for a teammate to pass the ball to during practice on Monday in Lantz Arena. The Panthers will face SIU-E today.

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"(She) has been playing very well," Sallee said. "If you just let her catch it deep in the post, she can hurt you."

Senior guard Ashley Bey will be a threat to drive the ball deep on the Panthers, and then dish the ball out to players like sophomore guard Melia Duncan.

"They drive it out of the point guard (Bey)," Sallee said. "She's really quick. If you're not guarding her, then you're going to have problems."

Duncan is averaging 11.5 points per game and shooting 38 percent from three-point land, which worries Sallee.

"If she's out there playing Horse because you are trying to help on their point guard and help in the post, she can hurt you," Sallee said.

Sallee said it will be a good defensive test to try and slow the Cougars offense down because they have as

much offensive ability as other Eastern opponents.

So, although SIU-E is ineligible to get an OVC record, and a win or loss would not affect the Panthers OVC record, senior guard Dominique Sims said there would not be a lack of focus.

"We take each game at a time and we focus on us," Sims said. "We never focus on other teams and make sure we execute."

Sims said the team is going into the game looking to work hard and get the basics done – rebounding, getting and making free throws and boxing out.

The game will be the two teams' 15th meeting. Eastern is 13-1 all-time against the Cougars.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL | PROFILE

Players' unique style key to team

Panthers bench
'deepest' under
Miller's watch

By Bob Bajek
Sports Editor

A basketball team is only as good as its depth.

Eastern head coach Mike Miller thinks his squad has that depth.

"Having quality depth is a big key to play consistent basketball throughout the season," Miller said. "This is the deepest team we have. We have substituted and have made big runs with two or more players in."

The Panthers' bench consists of seniors Dewayne Wright, Jr. and Jay Smith; juniors Curray McKinney and Matt Dorlack; sophomore Xavier Sanders; and freshmen James Hollowell and Shaun Pratl.

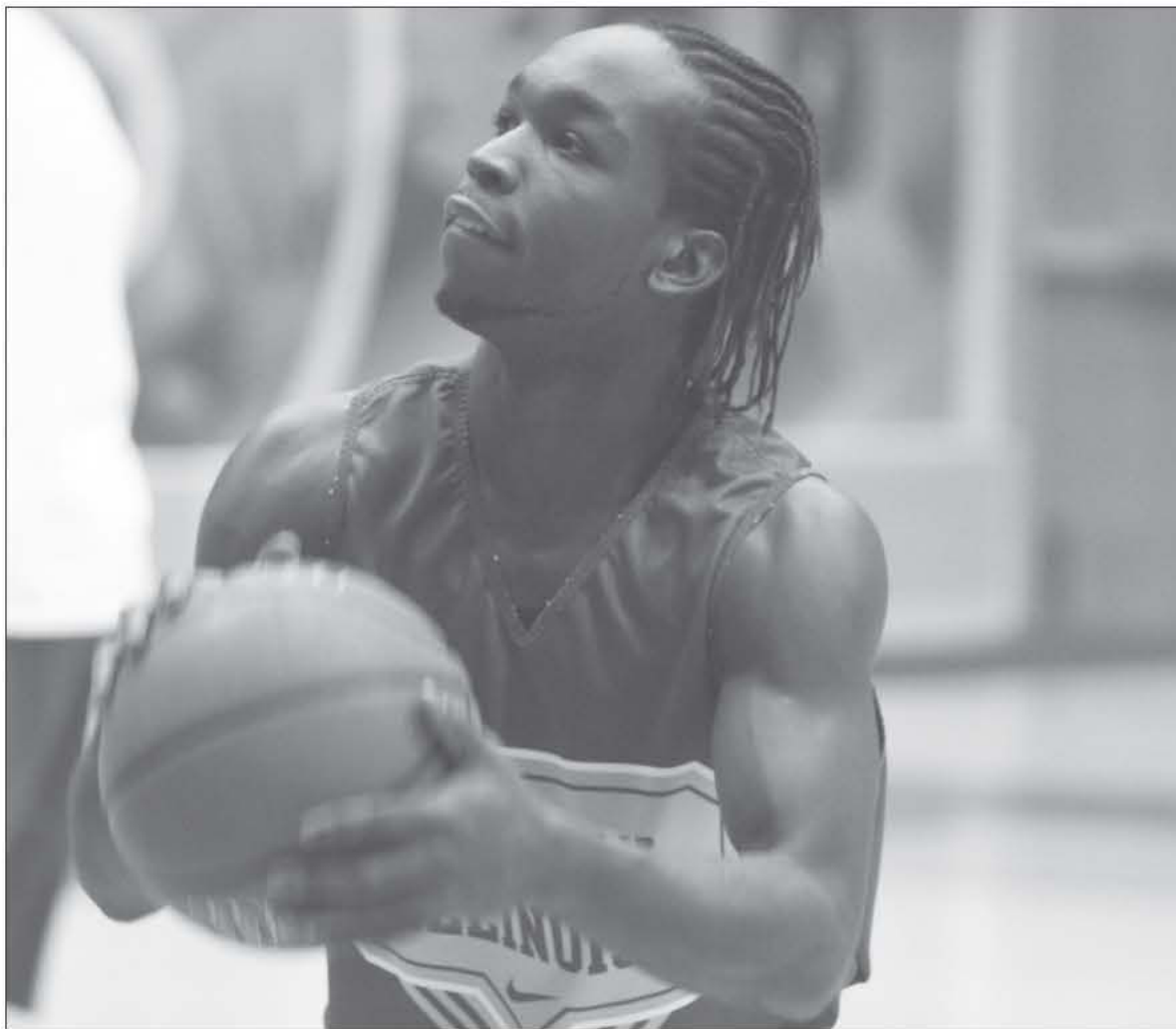
The recent January stretch of playing Southeastern Missouri, Murray State, Eastern Kentucky and Morehead State showed the bench's importance in seasonal strategy.

"Quality depth is very important, because you look at our schedule, we had four games in eight days," Miller said. "If you don't use your bench, you could wear out your team in the middle of the year and it won't recover."

With none of Miller's reserve players alike, he said there is a flexibility of rotations he could have on the court.

"It gives us the opportunities to let them play off their strengths a little bit," Miller said. "We've had some great performances out of guys off the bench."

One of these performances was Pratl scoring 15 points and having four assists against rival Morehead State Jan. 16. Hollowell had a 19-point showing



Senior guard Dewayne Wright Jr. prepares to shoot a free throw during practice Jan. 25 in Lantz Arena. The Panthers will face SIU-E today in Edwardsville.

against Tennessee Tech Jan. 4.

Besides scoring, Miller said some guys also have strong defensive showings, like Hollowell blocking a school record six shots Jan. 2 against Jacksonville State.

The stats support Miller's opinion. The bench scores 25.7 of Eastern's 66.4 points per game, or about 39 percent.

The reserves have 36 percent of the boards, with 279 total. Blocking is a forte, as Hollowell leads the Panthers with 22 blocks. Eastern's substitutes have 41 out of 65.

Also, the bench creates turnovers, having 62 of the total 133 steals.

Each player has a unique style, Miller said.

Smith is one of the top shooters on the team, with sinking 45.3 percent of his shots and nailing 15 three-pointers. He comes in when an offensive spark is needed.

"My role is to come in and give 100 percent when I come in," Smith said. "Coach knows I'm a shooter, so when I come in, I'm looking for my

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shot and helping the team anyway I can. I do what I can to give a positive to the team."

Freshman forward Shaun Pratl spells seniors Ousmane Cisse and Edin Suljic defensively. He used to start at Richards High School in both basketball and football. So, he said this season is a little different not being a main player.

"You're expected that when your name is called (to) come out with as much energy as you've got and really raise the tempo of the game or keep it at its highest point," Pratl said.

One of the challenges with coming into the middle of a game, Smith said, was getting into its flow mentally.

"I just try to keep my head in the game," Smith said. "Shooting is more of a mental thing, so I've done a lot of practice and repetition so my shot will be there. You have to stay loose and keep your head in the game. If you do that, everything else will fall into place."

Pratl said the Panthers' bench has a strong bond.

"In practice, we go against the blue team and the grey team with blue the starters and gray the guys coming off the bench," Pratl said. "We never like to lose in practice and want to beat the starters in every drill. Every time, we try to be as competitive as we can."

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Top Cat
Lauren Nilsen, senior swimmer

Nilsen splashes in final weeks

Senior focused
with final season

By Kevin Murphy
Staff Reporter

The only sound you'll hear when Lauren Nilsen enters the pool is the splash when she enters the water.

Nilsen, a senior on the Eastern women's swim team, is a leader in practice and out of the pool.

"I might not be the most outspoken person during practice, but I definitely try to push people to do their best," Nilsen said.

"I like seeing my teammates do well in meets, so I try to lead by example during practices by always pushing myself to go faster. I think that when people see me working hard and doing good in sets that it makes them want to work even harder."

The senior already owns the top 100-, 200-yard backstroke records and the 200-yard individual medley.

Eastern swim coach Matt Bos has pushed Nilsen, like senior Lauren Zillmer, to swim faster, especially in their senior season.

"Bos always encourages me to swim on faster intervals or swim with the boys because in the end, it will make me an even better swimmer," Nilsen said.

While Zillmer and Nilsen push each other, both are different, but similar as Nilsen noted.

"Zillmer and I are very similar when it comes to the type of athletes we are," Nilsen said.

"We both have a strong work ethic and a competitive attitude. We always want to do our best and finish first in our races. We also like seeing our teammates do well and encourage everybody to work hard and do their

best. I think that we are both leaders in our own ways which has helped the team adjust to the coaching change over the past couple years."

Nilsen has helped the Eastern women's swim team post seven dual meet wins in the past nine meets.

Bos said the focus has really shaped a strong season for Nilsen.

The senior swimmer set a pool record in the 200-yard backstroke last week.

"I think that being a senior and knowing that this is the last time I will be competitively swimming is something that has caused me to put a lot of focus on this season," Nilsen said.

"I've been swimming for so long that I really want to end this season on a high note. I want to end my last conference meet knowing that I gave it my all and be happy with how I end my swimming career."

Bos thinks her focus is greater this season because she's able to do most sets and a different variety of strokes.

"She's got the ability to swim with anybody," Bos said. "She's been able to handle it."

Bos said her training has been consistent this season and that's why Nilsen is one of the most consistent swimmers this season and within the program.

But that focus includes trying to help the Panthers win against Saint Louis for the first time since 2001.

"We kind of jumped on them early and she was a part of that," Bos said.

"She can definitely set the tone for a meet."

Nilsen's focus will come down to one final regular meet — Saint Louis and the Summit League Championships later this month.



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Senior swimmer Laura Nilsen excels in the water as well as on the sidelines where she is pushing and cheering for her teammates. According to coaches, Nilsen is one of the most consistent swimmers this season.

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Bob Shaughnessy

Bringing in the bling

The number of Ohio Valley Conference honors just keeps increasing for the Panthers.

In just three weeks of action, the men's and women's track teams have produced five athletes who have received OVC honors for their performances.

The five athletes have combined for eight total awards.

Last week, at the Illinois Intercollegiate meet, seniors Erin O'Grady and Kandace Arnold walked away with Ohio Valley Conference Female Track and Field Athletes of the Week.

Arnold received her third award of the season with her first place finishes in the weight throw and the shot put. O'Grady received her first by winning the mile and 1000-meter run.

The 1000m victory by O'Grady was impressive because it was her first time running the event.

She usually does not run that short of events, but obviously, it worked out for the best.

"It was just for fun," O'Grady said. "I had no idea what I was doing. I just went out there and tried to use my endurance against (their) speed. I made a move with 400 (meters) to go because I knew how short it was and it worked out."

O'Grady's time of five minutes and six seconds in the mile was an all-time best for her and put her seventh on the Eastern all-time list, but she still is setting her goals higher.

"I would love to break five (minutes) this year," said O'Grady. "I think if we go to a big meet with great competition that hopefully I will just get dragged to it."

One of the things the two women have in common is they are both great leaders who strive to be better.

While O'Grady is trying to decrease her mile time below five minutes, Arnold is trying to beat her longest weight throw of 59-9.75, an Eastern record that she hit at last seasons EIU Mega Meet. Arnold said she has a plan on how she is going to beat it.

"We only have three meets until conference," Arnold said. "So if I'm throwing 56 right now, then next time if I throw 57, then 58, then 59 and then I'm at 60 (for OVC Championships). That's all I need."

Other Panthers to win the award this year were red-shirt senior Chandra Golden, red-shirt senior Dorrian White and junior transfer Darren Patterson.

Patterson has earned two in his first three weeks as a Panther.

In a three-week span, Eastern has had an athlete in each of the four honorable mentioned spots.

If the Panthers continue their dominant performances, they may land all four spots in one week. Their first chance at accomplishing that task will be this weekend at the Notre Dame Mayo Invite.

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FOOTBALL | NATIONAL SIGNING DAY

QB position at question

State honorees part of next class

By Kevin Murphy
Staff Reporter

Eastern head coach Bob Spoo is most concerned about the quarterback position.

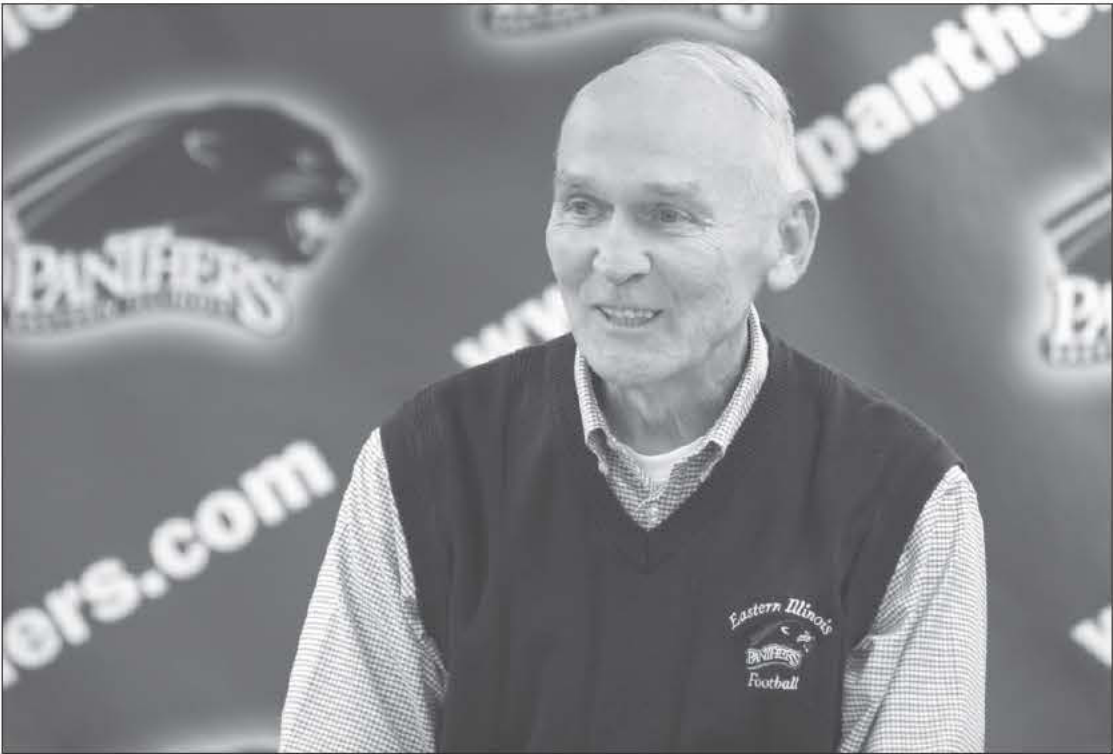
He addressed the importance of the position on National Signing Day at O'Brien Stadium to announce the 2010 recruiting class with 19 football athletes.

Football Bowl Subdivision quarterbacks have led the Panthers for the past three seasons, including Jake Christensen (Iowa), Bodie Reeder (Wyoming) and Cole Stinson (Ball State). Mike Donato was the last non-FBS quarterback.

The Panthers signed three quarterbacks, including one athlete-quarterback this season.

Marshall quarterback Taylor Duncan, Rolling Meadows' Jimmy Garappolo and athlete Sam Hendricks join Brandon Large and Doug Reynolds as potential starters.

Spoo said Jeff Thorne was the last true freshman quarterback to start for the Panthers in 1990.



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Head football coach Bob Spoo answers questions about the team's recruits for next season Wednesday afternoon at O'Brien Stadium. National signing day brought in 19 new recruits for the Panthers.

"It's not beyond the realm of possibility," Spoo said. "They're going to compete. Whoever emerges will be the guy."

Eastern offensive coordinator Roy Wittke is not ruling out a No. 1 signal caller quite yet.

Wittke said getting a quarterback out of high school was a priority. He also said this year, the Panthers been able to gain a couple

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2010 Eastern Illinois football recruiting class

Player	Position	Height	Weight	Hometown	High school
Cameron Berra	Kicker	5-11	203	St. Louis, Mo.	Parkway Central
DJ. Bland	Defensive back	6-1	185	Chicago	De La Salle Institute
Rex Bonham	Tight end	6-3	232	New Carlisle, Ohio	Tecumseh
Tavares Crawford	Defensive back	5-10	165	Belle Glade, Fla.	Glades Central
Adam Drake	Wide receiver	6-2	170	Charleston	Charleston
Taylor Duncan	Quarterback	6-3	200	Marshall	Marshall
Niko Foltys	Defensive end	6-4	220	Lockport	Lockport Township
Jimmy Garappolo	Quarterback	6-3	208	Rolling Meadows	Rolling Meadows
Justin Grant	Defensive back	6-0	205	Venice, Fla.	Venice
Adam Gristick	Linebacker	5-10	202	Allentown, Pa.	Parkland
Sam Hendricks	Athlete	6-4	212	Cincinnati, Ohio	Indian Hill
Pete Houlihan	Defensive back	5-11	165	New Lenox	Providence Catholic
Marcus Lee	Linebacker	6-0	210	Bolingbrook	Bolingbrook
Jimmy Lera	Running back	5-8	170	Lake Park, Fla.	Palm Beach Gardens
Collin Seibert	Offensive line	6-4	260	Oswego	Oswego
Brandon Tucker	Defensive tackle	6-1	279	Bolingbrook	Bolingbrook
Jon Voytilla	Defensive line	6-3	250	St. Charles	East
Alex Wethy	Offensive line	6-4	255	Miami, Fla.	Columbus
John Wurm	Defensive back	6-1	203	Dublin, Ohio	Coffman

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL AT SOUTHERN ILLINOIS-EDWARDSVILLE, 7 P.M.

Sharpening their claws for SIU-E

By Alex McNamee
Assistant Sports Editor

The teams that keep winning in February and March are the teams that sharpen up their game, according to head women's basketball coach Brady Sallee.

That is what he is having his team do as it prepares for today's 7 p.m. road contest against Southern Illinois-Edwardsville in Edwardsville.

Eastern is working on things that Sallee said he saw slip in January, although the team won every game that month.

"We're working on the timing between our perimeters and our post players so they can be at a place where we can take advantage of all those positions," Sallee said.

One of his complaints about the Panthers' last game against Jacksonville State was that they settled for too many jump shots, including 19 three-point attempts.

"We understand what our shots are supposed to look like and all those threes and jump shots are

part of our offense, but only after we explore the inside a little bit," Sallee said.

Since the team attempted 19 threes in its last game, freshman guard Ta'Kenya Nixon said the team has been working on its motion to produce better passing.

"We've been working on motion to get the ball going," Nixon said. "The ball was kind of sticking a little bit at Jacksonville State, but this week in practice we've been working on that."

Nixon said the Panthers are not afraid of taking the three-point shot. She said that they would take it if it were there.

Eastern (14-8, 10-1 in the Ohio Valley Conference) will look to improve upon that against SIU-E (6-17).

However, Sallee said the Panthers have more to worry about than just their offense against the Cougars.

The Cougars' leading scorer is freshman forward Raven Berry, who Sallee said is developing into a force down low.

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EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

Women's basketball Thursday at SIU Edwardsville 7 p.m. - Edwardsville	Women's tennis Friday at Saint Louis 4 p.m. - Sunset Tennis Center	Men's tennis Friday at Saint Louis 4 p.m. - Sunset Tennis Center	Women's basketball Saturday at Southeast Missouri State 5:30 p.m. - Cape Girardeau, Mo.	Men's basketball Saturday at Southeast Missouri 7:45 p.m. - Cape Girardeau, Mo.	For more please see eiupanthers.com
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NATIONAL SPORTS

College Basketball Purdue at Indiana 6 p.m. on ESPN	NBA Heat at Cavaliers 7 p.m. on TNT	NHL Sharks at Blues 7 p.m. on FSN	College basketball Tennessee at LSU 8 p.m. on ESPN2	NBA Spurs at Trailblazers 9:30 p.m. on TNT
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Minorities... More than race & gender

FEATURE | ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT



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Left: Senior forward Edin Suljic practices free throws Jan. 25 in Lantz Arena. **Right:** Senior center Ousmane Cisse throws an outlet pass against Southeast Missouri Jan. 9 in Lantz Arena. The two seniors have been key contributors for the men’s basketball team. This is Cisse’s fourth year and Suljic’s second.

Foreign players find common ground

Cisse, Sujlic provide international perspective for Eastern men’s basketball team

By Bob Bajek
Staff Reporter

Recruiting international players is difficult and often more expensive, but two members of Eastern’s basketball team fall under that category. Ousmane Cisse, a senior center on the Eastern men’s basketball team, lived in Abidjan, Ivory Coast.

Cisse said the nation is small and simple. “People are very nice,” Cisse said. “I love my country.” Cisses’ father, a Muslim, had Ousmane attend an Arabic school. During that time Ousmane learned Arabic and read the Quran. His father influenced Ousmane’s interest in athletics

as a youngster. Cisse said he played soccer and basketball but his father encouraged him to pursue basketball after he grew taller. Cisse came to America in October 2004 to play basketball for the Community Christian School in Atlanta, which had only 150 students. A student exchange program

made Cisse’s immigration to America possible. He stayed with his host parents Ron and Brenda Miller. He said adjusting was difficult. Cisse said leaving his entire family behind and keeping in contact with them was very difficult. “I have a very big family,” he said. Cisse said his mother had six

children. “In Africa, a family is not just your mom and your brothers – it is cousins, uncles and everything,” Cisse said. Cisse said each month he spends a \$100 on international phone calls just to talk to family. See FOREIGN, page 3

CAMPUS | EVENT

High school student’s death sparks discussion

By Brittni Garcia
Staff Reporter

The death of a 16-year-old honors student at Fenger High School in Chicago concerns Eastern students. Janice Collins, an assistant professor of journalism and moderator of an upcoming panel, said the proposal for this idea came from the concerns about violence in the African American community brought on by Derrion Albert’s death. “Stop the Violence: Town Hall Meeting” is an open discussion panel aimed to increase the awareness of violence in Illinois as part of African American Heritage Month. The panel will be at 7 p.m. on Feb. 17 in the Coleman Lecture Hall. Collins said the African American Heri-

tage Month Planning Committee wants to do more than just talk about the problem. Yolanda Williams, an advisor for Minority Affairs and a panelist, said students should gain a sense of responsibility from this panel. Williams said in regards to teen violence ideas of prevention should stem from the discussion held. “It is important to discuss this among college students because they are the next generation to enter such a violent society,” she said. Williams said college students need to create a better solution in dealing with a volatile situation. “A better solution is imperative to our survival,” she said. Willie Morris, a graduate English stu-

dent and panelist, said he is determined to gain perspectives from Eastern’s faculty, staff and students about violence. Morris said he has dealt with violence his whole life. “Violence has always been in my area,” Morris said. Morris said growing up in Roseland exposed him to frequent violence as a child and as an adult. “I am familiar with the kind of helplessness that violence inflicts upon you when it comes to your home,” he said. He said the death of Albert was another tragedy that took place across the street from his home.

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WORLD | FOCUS

Frustration center of Haiti protests

The Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Hunger turned to anger in Haiti’s capital on Wednesday as hundreds of protesters marched through the streets accusing local officials of demanding bribes for donated food. Aid workers say that food and other supplies are now flowing into the country three weeks after the Jan. 12 quake, but red tape, fear of ambush, transportation bottlenecks and corruption are keeping it from many people who need it.

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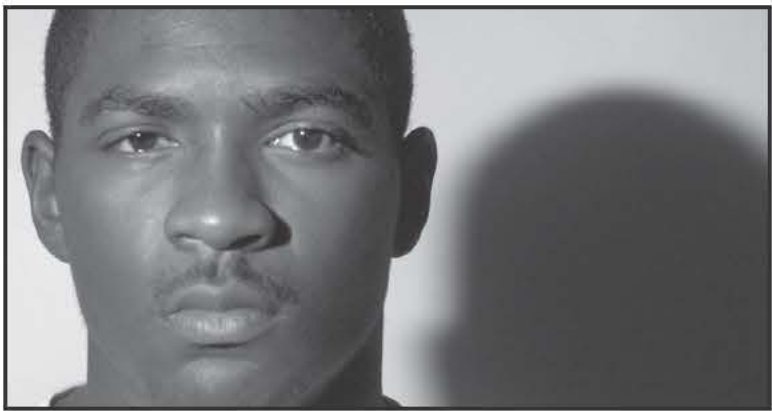
COLUMN | CHARLES KYLE

Silver lining in the cloud of dust

By the time this goes to print, 13 months have passed from my mission trip to the country of Haiti. It seems so long ago, yet the images of the trip are etched in my mind as if I returned last night. The memories of riding around Port-Au-Prince in the back of a truck, getting food in the local market, feeling embarrassed by the fact that people thought I was a native and spoke their native Creole but soon realized I was an African American. I was then embarrassed once more when told by our translator in a heart to heart “Black Americans don’t come to Haiti.”

While playing soccer with the kids, I didn’t realize I was out of shape until running up and down the field with them yelling in my broken Creole that I needed a sub. My most vivid memory is looking at ruins of a village that was wiped out by Hurricane Gustav. As I looked around, I remember thinking, “it can’t get any worse than this.”

Now, 13 months later, it



Charles Kyle

has. Everyone should be well aware of what is now going on in Haiti. A 7.0 magnitude earthquake hit just outside of Haiti’s capital Port-Au-Prince on Jan. 12. The casualties are numerous.

Many people are rushing to aid the victims in Haiti, and doing their part to help the impoverished nation. All the major sports associations have given monetary donations.

Larry King held a star-studded fundraiser while several NBA players have been donating to Haiti twice since the disaster.

I am most impressed with and proud of is what the

average American is doing to help aid Haiti. With the advent of technology, people are able to give in ways once not possible. Who would think that people could give to the Haitian people just by sending a text message? Furthermore, who would think that Red Cross could raise upwards of \$8 million just from these text messages alone?

People always say Americans are selfish, arrogant and ignorant to the problems of the rest of the world.

Quite frankly, there is truth in these statements. But this is an example of

an issue is thrust into and acknowledges our own self-absorbed worlds because we can’t help those in need.

As I wrote this, I recalled a conversation with one of my friends who is still in Haiti, but was on a different part of the island when the earthquake hit.

She told me there are more buildings on the ground then standing in the nation’s capital and the once beautiful national palace is destroyed.

I think to myself, although this is horrible, this is a perfect opportunity for Haiti to be Westernized – and this could be the silver lining in the dark cloud left from the quake. The country’s infrastructure, which before the quake was minimal, will be rebuilt from the inside out.

The buildings that were knocked down will be rebuilt bigger and stronger with more Western influence in terms of reinforcement and design. The people will be given more assistance then they will have ever gotten

from their own government had the quake not happened. Also, debris and trash littering the streets before the quake will be cleaned up with the debris that fell during the quake. Essentially, the country will be given a fresh-start indirectly despite a tragic event.

Although a worldwide effort is in place to help Haiti, in large part, help has come from the American government and people. I couldn’t feel more proud to be an American than now. But now I’m baffled, my pride is slowly fading away as I think about something else. Where was all of this after Hurricane Katrina in our very own New Orleans? Are we subjective in who we help? Do we not feel the same sympathy for those in our own country as we do for those in other countries? I honestly don’t know the answer to that question, but maybe you do.

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COLUMN | STEPHEN TYLER

Celebrate romance every day, not just on holiday

“Hello, my sugar dumping.”

“Hey baby.”

“I love you so much. What did you get me for Valentine’s Day?”

“Nothing.”

“Nothing? What do you mean nothing, you inconsiderate jerk? How could you not get me anything for Valentine’s Day?”

“Susie’s boyfriend got her a gorgeous set of roses topped off by a romantic dinner and delicious chocolates.” (Nagging continues excessively and harshly).

For many male partners, this is a nightmare that they try to avoid at all costs (literally).

As they clench their wallets and say their final farewells to their money, they shop frantically for the ‘ideal’ gift to give to their beloved for Valentine’s Day.

This is a custom that makes one want to shoot someone with an arrow of ‘love right in the kisser’.

I do not understand the paradox of materialistic holidays. If money cannot buy love, then why in the

name of logic should I go buy chocolates, jewelry and other luxuries to prove my love?

When will people realize that Valentine’s Day and many others holidays are just fairy tales devised to rock a bye us out of our cash?

You know who is really in love during Valentine’s Day?

Flower, candy, card and several other stores of love are really in love with the money they get from people who feel they need materials to prove their love.

Thus Cupid has pierced people’s wallets and purses with his arrow of desire.

Do not get me wrong.

There is nothing wrong with buying one’s significant other gifts, but when it is commercialized to such an extent, it becomes pagan and foolish.

One should not need a specific day to express their love.

If the thought is what really counts, then why cannot a simple I love you be efficient.

I do not know about ev-

eryone else, but I am feeling a little like Scrooge.

I do not even have enough money to sprinkle myself with gifts so why try to shower someone else?

I will tell you what I would love to see.

I would love to see the economy pick up.

Then, maybe, we could negotiate possible gifts but until then it’s looking like, to me, that holiday is heading for the graveyard.

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WORLD | FOCUS

Parents willingly gave children to U.S. Baptists

The Associated Press

CALLEBAS, Haiti — Desperate parents in this struggling village perched above Haiti's earthquake-flattened capital said they gave their children away willingly, trusting the American missionaries who promised to take them to a better life.

The stories the villagers told The Associated Press on Wednesday contradict claims by the Baptist group's leader that the children came from orphanages or were handed over by distant relatives. But they also attest to the misery of a nation that was the hemisphere's poorest even before the Jan. 12 earthquake struck.

The 10 Baptists, most from Idaho, were arrested last week trying to take 33 Haitian children across the border into the Dominican Republic without the required documents, according to Haitian authorities, who have accused them of child trafficking.

The Americans are to appear Thursday before a prosecutor who will decide whether to file charges or release them, Communications Minister Marie-Laurence Jocelyn Lassegue told the AP.

Even Prime Minister Max Bellerive has said he recognizes the Americans may simply be well-meaning do-gooders who believed their charitable Christian intent justified trying to remove the children from

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Hungry protesters jogged along a broad avenue in the Port-au-Prince suburb of Petionville waving branches and chanting, "They stole the rice! They stole the rice!"

One of the protesters, 17-year-old Danka Tanzil, said a local official was demanding a bribe in return for coupons that entitle people to bags of donated food from the U.N. World Food Program. "For us to get the coupon, we must give 50 Haitian dollars (US\$7) so we can get the rice," she complained.

People at small protests elsewhere had a simpler message, holding up banners reading, in English: "Help us, We're starving."

The World Food Program

began distributing the coupons to bring order to the aid distribution and prevent strong young men from forcing themselves to the front of food lines.

Aid officials say it has largely worked, despite scattered reports of abuses.

The U.N. agency "is aware of reports that our coupons have been resold, and we've also heard allegations of forgeries," WFP spokeswoman Jennifer Parmelee said. "However, all evidence from our cooperating partners who are managing the distributions ... is that this is not a widespread issue."

The agency said it has reached more than 300,000 people through the coupon program but needs to reach 2 million.

Other key developments
—U.N. Secretary-General

Ban Ki-Moon asked former U.S. President Bill Clinton to expand his role as special envoy for Haiti by taking a stronger role in coordinating relief and reconstruction efforts.

—Haiti's Ministry of Health, backed by the U.N. and other agencies, began a campaign to give vaccinations against key diseases to 250,000 children under age 7 living in temporary settlements.

It said 200,000 other injured people will get tetanus vaccines.

—Senegal's President Abdoulaye Wade told Radio France International that dozens of Haitians have asked about taking advantage of his offer of free land for Haitians who want to "return to their origins" in Africa following the earthquake.

collapsed in the quake.

"They are very precious kids that have lost their homes and families and are so deeply in need of, most of all, God's love and his compassion," she said calmly, sitting under a mango tree.

Puello told the AP on Wednesday that the missionaries "willingly accepted kids they knew were not orphans because the parents said they would starve otherwise."

Bellerive has suggested the Americans could be prosecuted in the United States because Haiti's shattered court system may not be able to cope with a trial.

"It is clear now that they were trying to cross the border without papers. It is clear now that some of the children have live parents. And it is clear now that they knew what they were doing was wrong," the Haitian prime minister said.

In Washington, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said the attempt to bring undocumented children out of Haiti was "unfortunate whatever the motivation" and the Americans should have followed proper procedures. She said U.S. officials were in discussions with Haitian authorities about how to resolve the case. The Americans' journey began last summer after Silsby and her former nanny, 24-year-old Charisa Coulter, resolved to establish an orphanage for Haitian children in the Dominican Republic.

quake-crippled Haiti.

"There is no government in Haiti," their lawyer, Jorge Puello, argued Wednesday by phone from the Dominican Republic.

Standing amid piles of debris that used to be their homes and the makeshift shelters of tin and plastic sheeting that have replaced them, the people of Callebass told how they came to surrender their children.

It all began last week when a local orphanage worker, fluent in English and acting on behalf of the Baptists, convened nearly the entire village of 500 people on a dirt soccer field to present

the Americans' offer.

Isaac Adrien, 20, told his neighbors the missionaries would educate their children in the neighboring Dominican Republic, the villagers said, adding that they were also assured they would be free to visit their children there.

Many parents jumped at the offer.

"It's only because the bus was full that more children didn't go," said Melanie Augustin, a 58-year-old who gave her 10-year-old daughter, Jovin, to the Americans. Ironically, Augustin had adopted Jovin because her birth parents

couldn't afford to care for her.

Adrien said he met the Baptists' leader, Laura Silsby of Meridian, Idaho, in Port-au-Prince on Jan. 26. She told him she was looking for homeless children, he said, and he knew exactly where to find them.

He rushed home to Callebass, where people scrape by growing carrots, peppers and onions. That very day, he had a list of 20 children.

In a jailhouse interview Saturday, Silsby told the AP that most of the children had been delivered to the Americans by distant relatives, while some came from orphanages that had

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The most difficult part of living in America is not seeing them every day, he said.

Cisse said learning English was not easy since his primary language is French.

"It took six months for me to learn," he said.

Cisse said he can also speak Malinke and Arabic.

In high school, Cisse said the majority of basketball players were international students from countries including Nigeria, Canada, Holland and Russia.

Cisse said his playing improved immensely, his senior season seeing top averages of 14 points per game, 15

rebounds per game and four blocks a game.

Kansas State was Cisse's first commitment but he decided against going there. Next, Cisse tried Northeastern in Boston but did not because of the basketball coach's departure.

Mike Miller, Eastern's head coach, talked to Cisse and offered him a scholarship.

"I was in the middle of not knowing what school I was going to," Cisse said. "I got a call from Coach Miller asking me about future plans. So I gave myself a week to think about it, and then I signed here."

Cisse has become a defender that is rated the fifth highest rebounder in Eastern's program history with 733 boards.

Cisse will receive a bachelor's degree in accounting and hopes in the near future to get his MBA.

Cisse said he wants to return to the Ivory Coast and be reunited with his family.

Edin Suljic, a senior forward on the Eastern men's basketball team, left Bosnia with his immediate family in December 2001.

Suljic said part of the reason for leaving was the continued fighting after the Bosnian War.

"(The war) was still going on until 1995, but the country was still in poor condition and recovering," he said.

Suljic said his family moved to Des Moines, Iowa.

"It was different learning a new language and culture of a

new school," Suljic said.

Suljic said he learned basketball in Bosnia and expanded his skills in America.

At Des Moines Roosevelt High School, Suljic played for the junior varsity team before moving onto varsity.

"I played (the) point guard position to start with," Suljic said.

Suljic played at Ellsworth Community College averaging 15.1 points per game.

He attended a junior college shootout event in April 2008 to show off his talent.

After the shootout Suljic said he received a call from Miller.

Suljic said he decided to attend Eastern.

"I think Eastern is more challenging than community

college," he said.

Suljic said eventually he wants to play professionally in Europe and perform like his favorite player Manu Ginobili. Suljic will graduate in fall 2010 with a bachelor's degree in sociology.

This season, Suljic has been a starting forward for the Eastern basketball team and has averaged 5.7 ppg and 3.3 rpg.

Miller said Cisse and Suljic add to the team.

"Both of them have a great work ethic," he said.

Miller said both players give a good effort everyday.

"They've been valuable members to our team," he said.

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"There are many cases of deaths and shootings that don't get publicized like Albert's

did," he said.

Morris said many people know about stories connected to violence and the pain that comes from violence.

Morris said the panel was created to address the issue

of violence in small and large communities in the state of Illinois.

He wants people to understand the issues of violence that affects different communities.

"We should discuss these

issues on this campus because violence is something that happens everywhere," he said.

Morris said this panel is important because a large amount of violence happens in communities of color.

"It is important that we be honest, discuss and find ways to help," Morris said.

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CAMPUS | EVENT

Overcoming past events

By Jeremy Nowell
Staff Reporter

The Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated hosted an open discussion about slavery and the affect it has on African Americans in today's society Monday at Lumpkin Hall Auditorium.

Brianne McGee, a junior nursing major and one of the event's organizers, said this event took a long time to plan.

"We really wanted this to be special and to kick off Black History Month," she said.

McGee said the intent of hosting this event was to stimulate some important issues in students' minds.

"We really want this to provoke some thought into our young African American youth," she said.

During the discussion, McGee read a poem that illustrated the issue of racial inequality African Ameri-

cans have faced throughout history.

McGee said the sorority wants people to think about the reality African Americans face and rise above the mentality of slavery and not use it as an excuse.

Cina Campbell, a freshman psychology major, said she was excited to voice her opinion.

"I wanted to know how slavery still affects our Black culture," she said.

Campbell said although the physical aspect of slavery ended a long time ago, people still deal with slavery's negative affects.

Chris Pearson, a freshman undecided major, said he enjoyed the event and believes it provided him with valuable insight.

"I really walked away from here feeling enlightened," he said.

Pearson said this event made him want to work hard and achieve his best efforts.



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Members of Zeta Phi Beta sorority hold a forum about slavery and the effects in the United States in the present day on Monday night in the Lumpkin Hall Auditorium.

"I know that I should hold my own work ethic in high regards, not because I'm black, not because I'm a male, but because I want to succeed in life," he said.

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CAMPUS | EVENT

Panel challenges to define cultures

By Zinika Livingston
Staff Reporter

"Africans vs. African Americans," an open panel discussion, will challenge the stereotypes between Africans and American Americans

Willie Morris, president of the African Student Association and the panel's host, said it is important to attend the panel because many myths and stereotypes about African Americans and Africans exist about each other.

The panel is at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Charleston/Mattoon Room in the Mar-

tin Luther King University Union.

Morris said Africans and African Americans share a common connection in culture but struggle to see one.

One of Morris' friends, originally from Africa, immigrated to America.

Morris said many African Americans made fun of her because she looked and talked differently.

"I want to try to create an understanding on both sides," he said.

Priscilla Owiredu, a senior business major, had a similar experience.

Owiredu was raised in

Chicago, but her parents were born in Ghana.

Growing up, Owiredu said she was ashamed of her African culture because her classmates teased her.

Owiredu said turning 19 years old was a turning point.

"I finally became proud of my heritage," she said.

Sammy Mbua, a senior health studies major, was born in Cameroon.

He immigrated to America at the age of 5.

Mbua returned to Cameroon for two years during high school and came back to America to finish high

school in Chicago.

Mbua said he faced the ridicule of being different.

However, Mbua said he did not get mad at any particular race or ethnicity.

"It is an individual person being ignorant," he said.

The experience of living in two different continents, Mbua said, helped him to be less judgmental and more open minded.

In Africa, he said there are many stereotypes about African Americans, but he has learned that not all of them are true.

Until he moved to Chicago, Mbua did not understand

that concept.

The panel can help Africans and African Americans openly talk about stereotypes and come to an understanding.

Mbua said Africans and African Americans need to work to together.

"It is time to look toward the future," he said.

Mbua said both groups are all Black people and should move forward together as a group.

General admission is free.

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FEATURE | GROUP SPOTLIGHT

DramatiK attempts to dispel stereotypes through performances

By Alesha Bailey
Staff Reporter

Students wanting to express their voice have a platform with DramatiK Xpressions.

DramatiK Xpressions is a registered student organization at Eastern that focuses on the performance of African American theatre. The group was established last spring.

Keiyanna Franklin, the

president of DramatiK Xpressions, said it is really important for the organization to break away from negative stereotypes and aspects society depicts minorities.

Franklin said the organization practices a variety of performing arts.

"We do dance, singing, acting and writing poetry—everything," she said.

Franklin said many people join DramatiK Xpressions with little or no experience

in theater, but whoever wants to act is welcomed into the group.

"Commitment is key," she said.

Corinne Enning, the vice president of DramatiK Xpressions, said in its last play, "The Color Ebony," group members wrote performances about homosexuality, race and mental illnesses.

"The group is Black theater, but anyone's able to join," she said.

Jonnell Jordan, a freshman psychology major, said he wanted to join after seeing "The Color Ebony."

"I liked all of the performances," Jordan said.

Jordan said since he had experience with acting, he decided to try out for the organization at the open audition held Sunday in the Dance Studio of the Student Recreation Center.

Destiny Lee, treasurer of DramatiK Xpressions, said

she and other members express their feelings through the productions.

"Theater is more than just acting; it's what you bring to the stage," she said.

DramatiK Xpressions will premiere "A Summer's Visit," in the fall 2010.

The group meets at 4 p.m. on Saturdays in Lawson Hall basement.

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