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# The DAILY EASTERN NEWS

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CAMPUS | REMEMBRANCE

## Students remember friend, brother

Service held Friday for Sigma Phi Epsilon member Jesse Mounce

JOHN IPPOLITO | FRIEND OF MOUNCE

**“Jesse was a very radiant man and he knew how to make everybody laugh and smile.”**

By Cathy Bayer

Police and Courts Reporter

Any other day, Jennifer Swanson would have stolen Jesse Mounce’s spot on the “roommate” side of the parking lot at Mounce’s Ninth Street apartment without thinking twice. Swanson spent so much time there, she called herself the seventh roommate.

The apartment has minimal parking divided by a tree. One side is reserved for roommates, and the other side, they joked, was for Swanson.

But she wouldn’t have it. Swanson continuously parked on the “roommate” side, and Mounce noticed.

He joked that she owed rent money first, then she could park there.

On Thursday, after last week’s storms, the “other” side of the tree was flooded, so Swanson parked on the roommate side. Mounce asked if Swanson could move her car so he didn’t have to get wet coming into the apartment.

“Any other day I would have laughed and told him no, but on that day, I said yes and moved my car so he could park on the roommate side,” Swanson said. “It means a lot to me now to think about it because I let him have his way, finally, by park-

ing on the left side of the tree.”

That was the last conversation Swanson shared with Mounce.

Mounce, 20, was found dead in his off-campus apartment Friday morning. A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. today at St. Cabrini Church in Springfield, with the Rev. Richard Chiola officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Memorial Park.

Friends insist that Mounce is irreplaceable. During the last few days, they’ve detailed memories to each other that prove this.

Mounce could light up a face with a smile. He was the go-to guy when a smile was needed. He was quick to poke fun at his friends, the life of the party and a persuasive referee when it came to the slip-and-slide at parties.

He was born May 14, 1987, in Springfield, the son of Mark and Mona Sullivan Mounce.

“He was a wonderful young man,” said Ruth Mounce, Jesse’s cousin, on behalf of the Mounce family. “We’re very proud of him. He was everybody’s best friend.”

Mounce was a sophomore communication studies major studying public relations. He was also a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

His friends and fraternity brothers

will never forget him.

Stephen Johnson, Mounce’s roommate and fellow Sig Ep, will remember the hours he spent with his roommate, talking about everything and nothing.

“Jesse’s quick wit and nonchalant attitude made for some interesting conversations,” he said in an e-mail. “He genuinely cared about his roommates and his friends and would do anything he could to help us out.”

More than 200 people crowded the Wesley United Methodist Church Friday night to share memories, laughs, songs and tears.

Friends continue to write on the wall of Mounce’s Facebook, sending messages that provide comfort. He was always smiling and made people laugh, one person wrote. And the people who knew him were lucky, another added.

All the stories John Ippolito tells about his friend end the same way: Ippolito on the ground, laughing, his stomach aching from laughing so hard.

“No matter what the situation was, Jesse always wore a smile on his face,” said Ippolito, a member of Sig Ep. “He had one of the most contagious smiles I have ever seen. Jesse was a



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Jesse A. Mounce, seen here with his sister Stephanie, was a 20-year-old sophomore communication studies major.

very radiant man and he knew how to make everybody laugh and smile.”

Nate Matthies, another fraternity brother and roommate, will miss the all night dance parties and sharing

jokes only roommates would understand. And Mounce was a great listener, Matthies said.

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CAMPUS | ENTERTAINMENT



KRISTY MELLENDORF | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

The Vagina Monologue of a 72-year-old woman is read to the packed crowd in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union last night. The event featured the monologues and a silent auction to stop violence against women. Proceeds from the event will go to SACIS and HOPE.

## ‘Monologues’ packs Union

Play about female sexuality attracts huge crowd to Grand Ballroom

By Emily Zulz

Activities Reporter

Andrew Luttrell came out of the performance of “The Vagina Monologues” with a new perspective of the vagina.

He said the monologues shared a whole new outlook with him.

The Women Studies Program presented “The Vagina Monologues” Monday night in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

“The Vagina Monologues,” a play by Eve Ensler, addresses different issues relating to women and their vaginas.

The performance was delayed 20 minutes as a long line formed of

people waiting to get in. One hundred people were turned away after all 570 seats in the ballroom were filled.

The cast, dressed in black with hints of red, demonstrated issues of sex, menstruation, rape, orgasm, birth and love.

The audience reaction was just as varied as the subject matter of the varying monologues.

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UNIVERSITY | STUDENT POPULATION

## Total enrollment drops slightly from fall 2007 numbers

Lower figure typical of second semester, says admissions office

By Stephen Di Benedetto

Associate News Editor

Eastern lost 877 students from the fall semester to the spring semester.

Tenth-day enrollment numbers were released for the spring semester, and Eastern’s enrollment is at 11,302 students.

There were 12,179 students enrolled for the fall semester – the second highest figure in Eastern’s history.

The difference comes from students graduating in December and a minority of students being dismissed from school for academic reasons, or choosing not to come back because of financial reasons, said Brenda Majors, director of the office of admissions.

She added the difference between the two enrollment numbers is typical for Eastern.

“There is no cause in alarm for that at all,” Majors said.

Although the numbers have

### BY THE NUMBERS

- **12,179:** Fall 2007 enrollment
- **11,302:** Spring 2008 enrollment – a decrease of 877 students

Some students graduate in December, and others may drop out for financial or academic reasons, explaining the decrease.

dipped, the official enrollment numbers for the academic year are the fall numbers.

Majors said the fall numbers are the official ones because the state of Illinois looks at those numbers, and fall enrollment numbers also influences net tuition revenue.

“It has a direct impact on our operating budget,” she said. “That number does have an impact on what we are able to do financially for those students that year.”

Majors did not know how many students graduated in December, but said 408 transfer students and 34 new freshmen enrolled for the spring semester.

Last spring, 307 transfer students and 30 new freshmen enrolled.

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## EIU WEATHER

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## ENTERTAINMENT | A DAILY LOOK

## Video of Simpson's arrival at Vegas jail will air

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — O.J. Simpson told jailers he had been planning to host a poker game at his home in Miami before he was brought to Las Vegas to spend several nights behind bars, according to a television program transcript released Monday.

“I didn’t expect to be back here so soon,” Simpson laughed as he was greeted by a Las Vegas police jail officer, according to the transcript from producers of the MyNetworkTV show “Jail.”

A crew was already filming at the Clark County Detention Center when the former football star was brought in by his former bail bondsman on Jan. 11, said Morgan Langley, an executive producer.

“It was not something we were expecting,” Langley said of Simpson’s appearance.

The segment is scheduled for broadcast Tuesday at 9 p.m.

Simpson and two other men are due for trial April 7 on charges including kidnapping and armed robbery from a Sept. 13 confrontation with two sports memorabilia dealers at a Las Vegas casino hotel.

**Siegfried & Roy plan to make 1-night comeback**

LAS VEGAS — Siegfried Fischbacher and Roy Horn plan to make a one-night-only comeback next February, performing their signature show at a fundraiser more than five years after a tiger attack ended their long-running production on the Las Vegas Strip.

Fischbacher, 68, and Horn, 63, will perform at the Lou Ruvo Brain Institute’s “Keep Memory Alive” fundraiser at a location yet to be confirmed. This year, tickets to the charity dinner cost \$1,500; the event raised more than \$12 million.

Publicist Dave Kirvin said Monday the German-born duo are work-

ing out plans for the act, adding that he would be “very surprised if animals were not part of the performance.”

**Parton postpones 13-show tour due to back problem**

LOS ANGELES — A back problem has forced Dolly Parton to postpone a concert tour she planned in support of her new CD.

Parton was scheduled to kick off a 13-show tour Feb. 28 in Minneapolis, two days after the release of “Backwoods Barbie,” publicist Marcee Rondan said Monday.

Doctors advised Parton to take up to eight weeks off to recover from the unspecified problem.

“I know I have been breaking my neck and bending over backwards trying to get my new ‘Backwoods Barbie’ CD and world tour together, but I didn’t mean to hurt myself doing it,” Parton, 62, said in a statement.

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BOOTH | JOURNALISM LECTURE

# Minority issues addressed in lecture



Gerri Berendzen, copy desk chief at the Quincy Herald-Whig, speaks on why there are not many minorities who work in the journalism field Monday night on the fourth floor of Eastern’s Booth Library.

## Panelists discuss the role of minorities in the mass media

By Angela Pham  
Staff Reporter

Marco Santana wondered if he had a subconscious reason for picking minorities as his sources during his summer internship with *The Daily Herald*.

Santana, a senior journalism major and president of Eastern’s chapter of the American Copy Editing Society, said he was inspired to initiate the panel “Invisible People: Does Race Matter in News Coverage?” after his internship left him with unanswered questions.

After interviewing a black man and his two children for a story for *The Daily Herald*, Santana wondered if he used a man as a source because of his race.

“Did I speak to him because he’s a black man? Did I talk to him for diversity? And is that going the other way?” asked Santana, a former Editor in Chief of *The Daily Eastern News*.

Journalists on the panel discussed the issue of race and diversity in journalism on Monday night.

JAMEEL NAQVI | THE DAILY HERALD STAFF WRITER

**“I think the point is, let’s talk about these minority issues. A lot of these have an impact on the community at large.”**

The panelists defined minorities as people not in the majority of their communities.

Hispanics, blacks, Asians and other ethnic minorities, as well as women, are all minorities depending on what news story a reporter covers. Panelist Larissa Chinwah, a staff writer for *The Daily Herald*, said minority coverage is more difficult to aspire to for newspapers whose community members are predominantly white.

“You can go out and try to look for an Asian, there really aren’t any,” Chinwah said of the potential sources in her coverage area.

She said when a town’s population comprises mostly white males, reporters must make the extra effort to find the minority population.

Panelist Gerri Berendzen, a copy desk chief at the *Quincy Herald-Whig* and member of the ACES executive committee, said some newsrooms are pushing to make their staff more

diverse. Because reporters tend to think first about the people they are most like, a diverse newsroom could lead to broader minority coverage in stories, Berendzen said.

She said she noticed her own tendencies to favor more news stories regarding women’s issues.

“As a woman, I think, ‘Shouldn’t we be talking to a woman, too?’” Berendzen said.

But with few minority applicants for small-town newsroom positions, Berendzen said fulfilling diversity needs in the newspaper world poses a challenge.

Panelist Jameel Naqvi, a staff writer for *The Daily Herald* said coverage of minority issues is essential because they do not exclusively affect the minority population.

When Naqvi covered a recent school board meeting, a Polish-American student requested that the school district create a holiday for Kashmir Pulaski Day a day celebrat-

ed by citizens of Polish descent.

While the board would not necessarily comply with the student’s request, Naqvi said news coverage of the issue was needed.

“I think the point is, let’s talk about these minority issues,” he said. “A lot of these have an impact on the community at large.”

Doug Lawhead, an Eastern journalism professor, asked the panel how newspapers should avoid using the same source repeatedly for background knowledge regarding minority issues.

Lawhead said he has personally witnessed a news organization use the same black reporter for every story it covered relating to black culture.

The panelist discouraged this sort of activity.

“I just kind of always wondered about the problem of people interjecting their own biases,” Lawhead said.

The panel was sponsored by the Associated Press’ traveling “Breaking News” exhibit featured in Booth Library through the month of February.

Angela Pham can be reached at 581-7942 or at [ampham@eiu.edu](mailto:ampham@eiu.edu).

## COURT BRIEFS

### Student’s status hearing delayed

The status hearing for an 18-year-old Eastern student accused of stabbing another student was pushed back to April on Monday.

Matthew A. Bagnall did not attend Monday’s hearing. Defense attorney Ron Tulin asked to reschedule the hearing, which Judge Teresa Righter granted.

Bagnall, a freshman physical education major from Elmwood Park, is accused of stabbing student Brandt L. Schisler, 18, of Lewiston, at a house party Dec. 7.

Bagnall was arrested the same day on a charge of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and causing great bodily harm.

Bagnall pleaded not guilty Jan. 14 and requested a jury trial.

Bagnall is scheduled to appear at 9 a.m., April 7 at the Coles County Circuit Court.

-Compiled by Cathy Bayer, cops and courts reporter

## BLOTTER

Police were notified of a hit and run near 1429 Seventh St. and Lincoln Avenue about 9 a.m. on Feb. 5. The owner reported that her 1999 Ford Escort had been parked there since Feb. 3. The damage to the car will cost more than \$500 to repair, according to police reports. No one was injured

-Compiled by Cathy Bayer, cops and courts reporter.

## CAMPUS BRIEFS

### Send a song to your sweetie

The members of the Coles County Barbershop Singers will deliver singing valentines on Thursday.

Singing valentines will be delivered on Valentine’s Day from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. The Coles County Barbershop quartet will sing two songs to the recipients, give them a card and candy and take a photo. Singing valentines cost \$40. Contact Les Heath at 348-8677 for more information.

### Advising appointments begin today

The Academic Advising Center at Ninth Street Hall has started advising students for Summer and Fall 2008 registration. All students needing appointments must come to Ninth Street Hall in-person. No appointments will be done through the phone or email.

Contact Monica Zeigler at 581-2313 for more information.

-Compiled by news editor Nora Maberry and associate news editor Stephen Di Benedetto.

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## Other views on news

## DISREGARD GLASS CEILING

**Columbia U.** — To be fair, the numbers have never looked better. There are more women graduating from law school, business school and medical school than there have ever been, and the numbers are on a decisive upward trend. In fact, more women than men are taking home undergraduate degrees and graduating high school. It would appear that women are being equipped to contribute to society with more tools and more credentials on their side than ever before.

But let’s take a quick quiz. First, name five male CEOs that you know or have heard of. Next, name five female CEOs. Scratching your head for the second question?

Not too surprising, considering that in 2007, only 13 Fortune 500 companies had women as CEOs, up from 10 in 2006. Similarly, less than 10 percent of top executive positions were held by women. If women are being afforded equal opportunities in higher education, why does this opportunity and equality all but disappear when women start climbing the corporate ladder?

As one of the many Columbia University women who have applied for jobs and internships and hope to eventually transition into the workforce, I am often led to believe that our careers will blossom through the steady hands of our own ambitions and that we can expect to navigate our careers in a climate of unfettered optimism.

But what companies may not yet fully understand is that while they have been able to help women get in the door, they have not yet fully figured out how to keep them, or even how to promote them past the stereotypes that society has stubbornly attached to women.

**Jessica Lin**  
*Columbia Daily Spectator*

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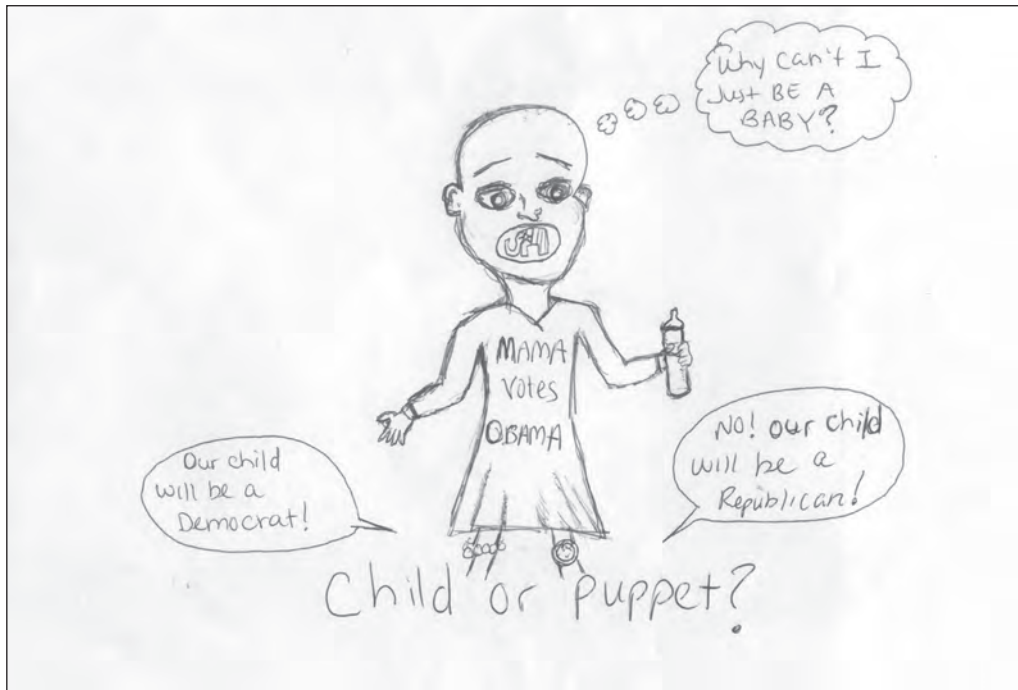
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## Drawn from the news | Adam Tedder



## STAFF EDITORIAL

## Extra diversity requirement wise

Eastern’s mission statement says the university “seeks to foster cultural understanding and to assist its students to become responsible citizens in a diverse world.”

But does taking one cultural diversity class at Eastern really give students a broader view of the world? Slightly.

That’s why the university would be wise to raise the requirement of three cultural diversity credit hours to six.

Student Government tabled a resolution that asks the university to up the current requirements of three credit hours to six credit hours in a cultural diversity class.

If the resolution is passed, six credit hours of a cultural diversity class will become a part of Eastern’s general education curriculum.

This university offers a large selection of cultural diversity classes. Students can choose from 52 classes to meet the proposed requirement of six credit hours.

Students are required to take three credit hours of a cultural diversity class. That’s a requirement of only one cultural diversity class in the four years it takes for a student to pass through this institution. Asking students to take one more multicultural studies class isn’t asking much.

This would help students on this campus to broaden their horizons and learn about different views from a different culture.

Students graduating from a university with a four-year degree

will soon be expected to have a broader view of the world as we move toward globalization.

We are directly affected by what’s going on in the international world and we would be able to understand it better if we took more classes relating to cultural diversity.

There’s lots of exciting cultural diversity classes to choose from, too. A class like social problems in contemporary society gives a history of why we are encountering the problems we are living with today.

When we know the root of a problem, it’s easier to gain some foresight as to how a problem can be solved. With a basic knowledge of history, we at least know what not to do in order to repeat history.

Another class that would focus on cultural diversity would be cultural geography. Without a basic knowledge of where certain countries are, it’s harder to understand what’s going on in the news, in the world around you. Where’s Venezuela and who is their president? Where’s Seoul?

Of 26 students polled at the Martin Luther

## OUR VIEW

• **Situation:** Student Government proposed requiring six cultural diversity credit hours instead of three to the undergraduate program.

• **Stance:** This is a good idea because students need a broader view of the world they live in and three credit hours fails to accomplish this.

King Jr. University Union and Booth Library, only two knew who Venezuela’s president is. Only seven knew which country Seoul is in and only six people could point to the country of Venezuela on a map.

These are countries and people and places in the news today. This stresses why this university should require students to take just one more cultural diversity class.

More people should know this information.

Not all news stories publish a map to give readers some perspective. It’s expected that people who read the news know where the news is happening.

As college students, we certainly should know the answers to these questions and we will only be better informed if we take a worldly class.

As the United States continues to struggle with how to resolve the problems it faces with immigration, Americans should first understand why there’s such an urgency for people to leave their families and start a new life. There’s a lot of risk involved in moving to a new country with nothing, yet millions of people have jumped the border. A better understanding of the situations in Mexico and countries in South America will lead to a more informed public opinion.

And immigration is just one of the many concerns we have today in the U.S. Understanding how past problems are still affecting us today is critical in our evaluation of how we live our lives now.

Understanding the history of another culture compared to the one we live in is also valuable because it makes us think on a different level with a different point of view. The authors of the proposal made sure the added three credit hours would not add credits to graduation requirements.

It just requires students to take two cultural diversity classes within the already required three humanities classes. What could taking an extra cultural diversity class possibly hurt?

An open-minded citizen with a broader view of the world is something we expect from a college graduate.

**“Without a basic knowledge of where certain countries are, it’s harder to understand what’s going on in the news, in the world around you.”**



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**“Conscious Alliance has fused together two important aspects of American life: music and charity.”**

**-Chris Essig**



KATIE ANDERSON

## Good, old-fashioned way

My mother has struggled with depression and obsessive compulsive disorders in varying severities since I was in my early teens.

Her eyes, most of the time, have a sort of half-glazed, far-off look, and leave me wondering where my sparkling heroine has gone. Most days when I speak to her on the phone it is like talking to a recording. “How is the weather there?” “What did you wear today?”

When I try to ask her about her day, the answers are vague and usually followed by a variation of “Well, I’ll let you go.”

I used to try shouting, begging, pleading ... even crying, but here I am still. Tomorrow she will call again, continuously, until I pick up. And we’ll do the same dance.

But there is a sort of magic, a relief I receive sometimes twice a week, which allows me to hear her voice and be comforted by her presence.

My mother writes me letters.

They are always written on computer paper folded in half and turned sideways like a greeting card. She covers each page and numbers them one through four, filling them with her familiar hand.

I can hear her voice in each line.

Not the hollow, detached voice from the phone, but the voice that would dig out a silver lining and joke about the irony in the saddest moments, assured me I looked beautiful in my ruffled queen costume during the kindergarten Halloween party, and demanded I “cheer up, Kate” when I was having a bad day.

That interested, cheerful voice that I now only hear in my memories.

She always wishes me well then launches right into the day’s goings-on.

There is a bit of history skillfully woven into the daily news, depending on the time of year there will be a few paragraphs about my grandmother’s favorite spring flower, the day I was born or what my father was doing when the Bears won the Super Bowl.

Then there will be observations. She’ll include a reflection on the sermon topic from last Sunday or musing on “man-boobs,” “stringy hair guy” or “many coats lady” from the pews in front of her.

And each letter always includes a funny quote or story from the week about my elementary school-aged half-brothers, as well.

I have written letters for years.

My mom was the one who taught me how to write and helped me send notes to my great aunt from Michigan when I was young. In grade school, my circulation increased and I wrote to pen pals from Malaysia, Germany and England.

Letters have always connected me to people and places that are far away. The familiar shapes of their author’s scripts give me personality-filled voices as Times New Roman and Arial can never do.

I find it ironic now in this age of text-messages, instant messages and e-mails, the only way I have to communicate with the people I love most is the old-fashioned hand-written letter.

I relate to each exclamation point and slanted letters like I would a knowing smile from a friend across the room, and I keep each enveloped story close to my heart.

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CAMPUS | LECTURE

# Professor finds inspiration in reggae

Faculty member gives lectures on history, legacy of Carribbean music

By Ashley Mefford  
Senior Campus Editor

Kwame Dawes grew up with reggae music. He has even written books on the subject. Dawes, a professor in the English Department at the University of South Carolina, will be giving two lectures at Eastern this week.



Kwame Dawes

On Wednesday, he is giving a lecture titled "Reggae Music and the Art of Bob Marley," at 7 p.m. at the Tarble Arts Center.

During the poetry reading Dawes will read from his poetry collections.

In addition to his poetry, Dawes has published five new books last year and also had "Bob Marley: Lyrical Genius" released for the first time in the United States.

"This is a form of music that shaped me as a young boy and as an adult," Dawes said. "I grew with this music as my soundtrack, and it

QUICK FACTS: KWAME DAWES

- Born in Ghana in 1962.
- Spent most of his childhood in Jamaica.
- Authored "Impossible Flying" and "Wisteria," both collections of poetry.
- Won the Forward Poetry Prize, the Hollis Summers Poetry Prize, a Pushcart Prize and the Poetry Business Award.
- In 2005 he was appointed the executive director of the University of South Carolina Arts Institute.
- Distinguished Poet in Residence at USC.

is a music that is rich with meaning."

During his Wednesday lecture, Dawes will speak about the history of reggae music, focusing on reggae songs and lyrics.

"I will talk about the history of the music and try to help people understand some of the complexities of the music," Dawes said. "I am especially interested in helping people to understanding the cosmology, ideology and aesthetics that have come to shape this popular form of music."

Dagni Bredesen, associate professor in English, and Michael Loudon, English professor and acting chair of African-American Studies Program, brought Dawes to Eastern.

"I know Kwame Dawes through his poet-

KWAME DAWES | WRITER

"I grew up with this music as my soundtrack, and it is a music that is rich with meaning."

ry, his anthology of reggae poetry and his criticism 'Natural Mysticism: Towards a New Reggae Aesthetic,'" Loudon said. "I know his father Neville Dawes' work as a cultural critic in the Caribbean and a lyricist poet."

Dawes hopes his lectures will inspire a love of poetry and reading in his audience.

He said he hopes his lectures will lead his audience to be more engaged with the world and with ideas.

"I sincerely believe in the power of the written and spoken word to transform the individual and the community in which the individual lives," Dawes said.

He will also be giving a fiction and poetry reading at 4:30 p.m. today at the Tarble Arts Center.

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## » Enrollment

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She said Eastern is seeing an increase in freshmen at mid-year enrollment because more and more freshmen are graduating high school in the fall.

Transfer student enrollment at mid-year is mostly attributed to the student being ready academically and financially for college, she added.

"Many of these transfer students, actually, may have applied as freshmen, and weren't academically prepared ... what we do in our transfer relations wing of admissions is to keep up with those students," Majors said. "To keep building that relationship."


She added the office also does not focus on recruitment as much for mid-year enrollment because of a variety of reasons.

"Most students are starting fall," Majors said. "Our orientation programs are enhanced to accommodate the significantly larger numbers of students starting fall."

There is a shorter break from the end of the fall semester to the start of the spring semester compared to the end of the spring semester to the start of the fall semester as well, she added.

"It doesn't allow us to do as much of an orientation or Prowl activities as a new freshman would typically need," Majors said.

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## » Mounce

FROM PAGE 1

"He was always more worried about what was going on in your life than what was going on in his," Matthies said. "When talking to you, he always made you feel that nothing else mattered but what you were about to tell him. After he was done listening to what you had to say, he had such a great sense of humor that he gave it back to you with like, this really funny one-liner to make you smile. After he said it, you felt way better, whatever was going on."

Jimmy Friesema, a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, also made memories with Mounce.

"When I think of Jesse Mounce, I think of a loving, fun gentleman who could always put a smile on your face," Friesema said. "I will never forget the good times we had and the talks we shared. Regardless of what kind of day he was having, he wanted to see you laugh and

be happy. He thought about others before himself and his unselfishness is what I looked up to. He was an honorable man, a loving brother and a friend that I will always have."

Swanson echoed those remarks about her "roommate."

"He touched a lot of people's hearts in different ways than most ever will," Swanson said. "He was a great listener, a guy who could always make you laugh and a guy who will always be remembered for being amazing."

Mounce was an active member in his fraternity, and often encouraged his roommates and fraternity brothers to attend Greek Life events.

"Our hearts and prayers are with the Mounce family and Jesse's friends here at EIU during this difficult time," said Bob Dudolski, Eastern's director of Greek Life. "The fraternity and sorority community, as well as the greater EIU community, offer our support to Jesse's family, friends and his brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraterni-

ty."

Ruth Mounce called Eastern Jesse's "home away from home," and mentioned how much he loved Eastern.

"It's a tragedy," she said. "It's a good thing we're a close family. That's what we need right now. We just loved him very, very, very much, and he knew that."

Mounce graduated from Lanphier High School in Springfield in 2005. He was a member of St. Cabrini Church.

His grandparents, Allen "Jerry" and Wanda Mounce, preceded him in death.

Surviving are his parents, Mark and Mona Mounce of Springfield; sister, Stephanie L. Mounce of Springfield; his dog, Gus; grandparents, Jerry and Deanna Sullivan of Springfield; great-grandparents, Chauncey and Blanche Edwards of Donnellson; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

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## Other memories:

"He was one of the most loyal people I have ever met. It didn't matter if you had known him for two days or for two years, if he considered you a friend, he would have your back no matter what the circumstances were."  
— Stephen Johnson, member of Sigma Phi Epsilon

"Jesse was a good friend of mine. He was one of the hardest workers that I have ever met. There was never a time when he would not go out of his way to help someone. Someone could ask him to do something, and without hesitation he would do everything in his power to help that person. Jesse was a true friend and a great brother, he is going to be truly missed. There wasn't a member of our house who didn't love him. Jesse was a very genuine person, with a heart too big to measure. He affected everyone he met in a good way and the house won't be the same without him around. Love you brother."  
— Kyle Valentine, president of Sigma Phi Epsilon

"Today we, the men of Sigma Phi Epsilon, mourn the passing of a true friend, a man of indescribable honor and integrity. Though we shed tears at the end of his days, it is the remembrance of his life that helps see us through this hardship. We remember every laugh, every joke, every waking moment filled with happiness because of his presence. It is in this time that we remember him for what he really was, our beloved brother. The ties of our brotherhood extend past this world onward, and it is in this belief that we are comforted in the knowledge that we can never truly be apart from him. Today, I still see his face, always with a smile, as he says, 'Hey bro.' Today, I can still hear his voice and his laughter as we joke around in chapter. Today, and forever, I will always remember Jesse Mounce for what he was to me: my colleague, my friend, and most importantly my brother. Jesse, I love you, and I miss you dearly."  
— Levi Bulgar, member of Sigma Phi Epsilon

## » 'Vagina'

FROM PAGE 1

Roars of laughter erupted during the monologue "The Woman Who Loved to Make Vaginas Happy," as Lisa Taylor gave examples of different kinds of moans.

During the "My Vagina Was My Village" monologue, the crowd sat in silence as Emily Steele told the tale of a Bosnian rape victim.

Luttrell, a sophomore psychology major, came with Samantha Sauer, a freshman history major, to support their friend Steele.

Luttrell said he probably would not have come to "The Vagina Monologues" because, as a male, it was hard for him to relate to some of the material.

Sauer said there were times when she was uncomfortable as well.

"I think a lot of times it was supposed to be uncomfortable," Sauer said.

Luttrell said no one, typically, likes to talk about the vagina, which is the play's purpose.

Dana Wyant, a senior communication studies major, closed the performance with a letter from Ensler, the playwright.

Wyant said from her work on the cast she has become much more comfortable with the word vagina and other words associated with it.

"It makes me want to use them more too — break the silence," she said.

Suzanne Enck-Wanzer, coordinator of the Women's Studies program and director of "The Vagina Monologues," was amazed at the turnout for the performance but was sad she had to turn away so many people.

She said many people showed up because "The Vagina Monologues" is different for Charleston. It's something you don't see every day, Enck-Wanzer said.

She said many people came to the performance to support the end to violence of women.

It is Enck-Wanzer's personal mission to end the violence of women and girls and did the play for this reason.

Enck-Wanzer said she hoped the audience took away the idea of female empowerment from the performance.

She said violence is serious and women's sexuality is serious too, but should also be celebrated more.

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*Jimmy John*



» **Byrne**

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Eastern head coach Mike Miller said Byrne obviously did well during the internship interview, but said Byrne worked hard before the interview, compiling a solid resumé.

That resumé includes a bachelor's degree in finance in just three years, an undergraduate grade point average of 3.93 (just 2 B's at Eastern) and a soon-to-be completed master's of business administration.

"At the same time, he's a student-athlete at the Division I level," Miller said. "He knows how to manage his time. He's disciplined. He's dedicated, and he can be a teammate (at Merrill Lynch). I think in any kind of organization if you get someone that's been successful and they're a good teammate and they're talented, you've got the whole package."

Miller said Byrne being an athlete helped him compete for the internship.

Byrne agreed. He said being an athlete helped develop both his communication and leadership skills.

Byrne will begin to put those skills to work in April when he goes to New York for an orientation.

And he is realistic about what is expected of him this summer.

"I'm expecting to be worn out pretty quick," Byrne said. "It's going to be long days, but at the same time, it's going to be a great experience."

In addition to his resumé and work ethic, Byrne also has a passion for the field he is interested in.

Senior guard Julio Anthony, Byrne's roommate on road trips, said Byrne enjoys talking about the economy and would regularly check stock prices on the Dow Jones.

Byrne said he is kind of a nerd when it comes to math, and he decided to pursue his current field because the combination of math and money.

"The finance realm seemed so exciting," Byrne said. "The guys always tease me because I want to turn on CNBC, instead of MTV or BET, in the locker room."

Even with the occasional teasing, Byrne said the support of his teammates and coaches during the interview process was great. He said the whole team prayed for him when they parted ways the Wednesday before the Alabama trip.

"Coach Miller was so understanding," Byrne said about having to miss practices and arriving in Alabama late. "He told me, 'Looking at the long run, this is much more important.'"

Senior forward Bobby Catchings has known Byrne the longest. The two have been teammates for four years.

Catchings said he knew Byrne was set for success in life as soon as they met.

"I know a lot of smart people," Catchings said. "But Jake, he's on another level sometimes. He works hard, and he's a smart guy. If he wants something, he's going to get it."


Byrne wanted the internship, and come this summer, he will be on Wall Street living one of his dreams.

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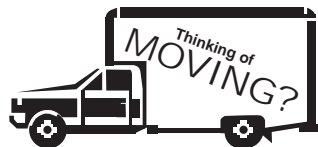
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## Murphy

FROM PAGE 12

But the Racers didn't give up and managed to cut that lead to three points before the end of the game.

These games have an added degree of difficulty because they are on the road, but the Panthers do have a solid 7-1 conference road record.

It's going to be more difficult on the road for any type of shoot-

er. The backdrop can change the way a shooter looks at the basket or the facilities and where the locker rooms are located.

With the level of play and the parity in the OVC, there aren't going to be many blowouts.

The play is going to leave you on the edge of your seats. Eastern's remaining games are going to be the type of grind-out, gritty, dirty work that is expected in college basketball.

You can't expect to hold your breath for the Panthers to win both

games this week.

If they do win both games, it will help in terms of seeding for the tournament.

But ultimately, it will be the conference tournament – the games that decide the OVC's representative in the NCAA Tournament – where the excitement builds.

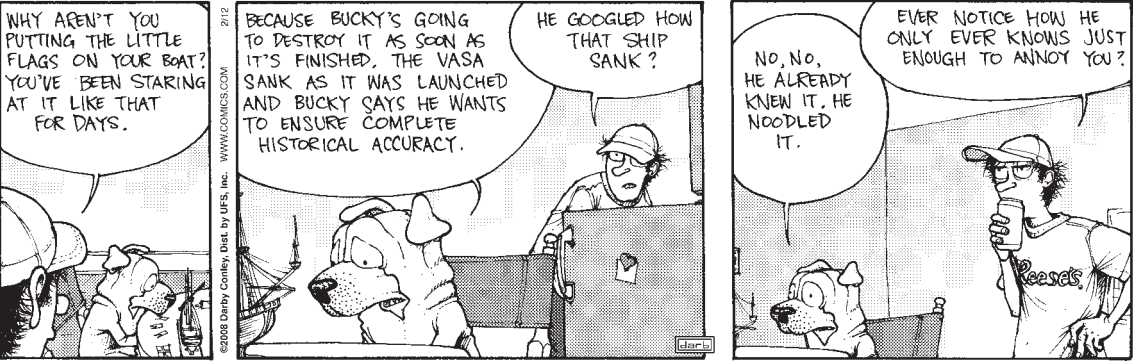
That's where the shortness of breath and the fist-clenching, teeth-chattering action will begin.

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## PEARLS BEFORE SWINE | BY STEPHAN PASTIS



## GET FUZZY | BY DARBY CONLEY



## The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 0101

- ACROSS

1 "Mamma Mia" group

5 Play chauffeur

10 Money to help one through a tight spot

14 Either of two directing brothers

15 All gone, as dinner

16 Mayberry boy

17 Daydreamer's state

20 Directional suffix

21 A choir may stand on it

22 Good thing

23 Sailor, colloquially

24 Digit in binary code

25 Joseph Conrad novella

34 Edward who wrote the play "The Goat, or Who Is Sylvia"

35 Pastor's flock

36 Rebellious Turner

37 Vintage autos

38 Kind of club that's a hint to this puzzle's theme

39 Prefix with lock or knock

40 \_\_\_-cone

41 Colonial settlement

DOWN

1 Suffer from a charley horse

2 Transvaal trekker

3 Vanilla \_\_\_

4 "What else?"

5 "Meet the Fockers" co-star, 2004

6 Hamelin's problem

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PUZZLE BY ADAM G. PERL

- 7 "\_\_\_ Jury" (Spillane novel)

8 Zig or zag

9 S.A.S.E., e.g.

10 Relax, as rules

11 Berkeley Breathed comic strip

12 Lieutenant

13 Fit snugly

18 Really hot under the collar

19 Like Lincoln, in physique

23 Uno + dos

24 Straight: Prefix

25 Hard on the ears

26 "Maria \_\_\_" (Dorsey tune)

27 \_\_\_ to mankind

28 Taken wing

29 Intimidate

30 Station with a show

31 The blahs

32 Participated temporarily, as with a band

33 Police con

38 Victuals

39 Florence's river

41 Letter-shaped opening for a bolt

42 Harley rider

44 Links bend

45 Bring into harmony

48 Stick of gum, e.g.

49 Prefix with -postale

50 Common Seattle forecast

51 Slaw or fries, e.g.

52 Reverse, on a PC

53 "The shoe \_\_\_ the other foot"

54 A couple of chips, maybe

55 Injury reminder

56 Purchases for a shindig

58 \_\_\_ 9000, sci-fi computer

59 Bit of air pollution

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MEN'S BASKETBALL | OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE NOTEBOOK

# Conference race still unclear

By Matt Daniels  
Editor in Chief

The Ohio Valley Conference men's basketball tournament starts three weeks from today.

And yet, only two teams have secured a spot in the eight-team tournament set to start March 4.

Eastern Illinois and Jacksonville State are already mathematically eliminated, while league leader Austin Peay and second-place Murray State are the only two teams to secure a spot thus far.

That leaves seven teams still in contention for six remaining tournament spots.

"It's a battle of a bunch of teams to try to get position," said Tennessee State head coach Cy Alexander. "We're just trying to keep our heads above water."

To put the race into perspective, Eastern Kentucky is in third place with a 10-5 OVC record.

TSU is currently tied for eighth place with Southeast Missouri with a 7-9 conference record.

EKU could lose its remaining five games, while TSU or SEMO could win their last four and overtake EKU for the third spot.

"You could end up with someone with a .500 record in league play and not make the tournament

OVC STANDINGS		
School	Overall	OVC
Austin Peay	17-9	13-3
Murray St.	15-9	11-5
E. Kentucky	13-10	10-5
Morehead St.	12-11	9-6
UT-Martin	13-14	9-8
Tennessee Tech	12-15	9-8
Samford	11-13	8-8
SE Missouri	12-14	7-9
Tennessee St.	10-15	7-9
<b>E. Illinois</b>	<b>4-20</b>	<b>3-13</b>
Jacksonville St.	4-20	2-14

TOP 10 SCORERS		
Name	School	PPG
1. L. Hudson	UTM	26.4
2. B. Price	TSU	18.2
3. A. Fisher	TTU	16.9
4. M. Weddle	UTM	16.0
5. M. Rose	EKU	15.7
6. G. Robinson	TSU	15.5
7. D. Reed	AP	15.4
8. A. McKenzie	TTU	14.7
9. B. Carter	MUR	13.3
9. J. Herring	SEMO	13.3

TOP 10 REBOUNDERS		
Name	School	RPG
1. D. Northern	TTU	8.9
2. A. McKenzie	TTU	8.3
3. K. Faried	MOR	8.0
4. G. Robinson	UTM	7.9
5. L. Hudson	UTM	7.7
6. F. Lockett	AP	6.9
7. J. Houston	TSU	6.3
8. D. Dials	EKU	6.1
9. C. Williams	SEMO	5.9
<b>10. O. Cisse</b>	<b>EIU</b>	<b>5.8</b>
10. A. Mbodji	JSU	5.8

TOP 10 ASSIST LEADERS		
Name	School	APG
1. N. Stojakovic	MOR	7.0
2. D. Bray	JSU	6.5
3. B. Price	TSU	4.8
4. D. Wright	AP	4.7
5. K. Thomas	MUR	4.3
6. L. Hudson	UTM	4.2
7. C. Wright	UTM	3.4
8. T. Peterson	SAM	3.3
8. J. Toles	JSU	3.3
8. A. Fisher	TTU	3.3
8. A. Leonard	EKU	3.3

because we're so bunched up there," said Mike Sutton, the head coach at Tennessee Tech. The Golden Eagles are currently tied for fifth place with Tennessee-Martin.

Both those teams have 9-8 conference records heading into Thursday's game between the two schools.

### EKU, SEMO heading in opposite directions

A month ago, Southeast Missouri and Austin Peay were mentioned in the same discussion for first place. Austin Peay has maintained its hold on first place, but the Redhawks have steadily slipped in the standings.

The loss of senior forward Brandon Foust to a season-ending knee injury a month ago hasn't helped head coach Scott Edgar's team,

which has lost nine of its last 10 games.

"Brandon was a huge presence and was very, very valuable to the team," Edgar said. "Now, you don't have that chemistry, you don't have that leadership and now we're fighting for our lives to make the tournament."

EKU has won six in a row and Edgar said the Colonels are "the hottest team in the league right now."

Third-year head coach Jeff Neubauer's team has won seven of its last eight games, including five in a row.

Murray State lost 60-47 last week to the Colonels, and Racers head coach Billy Kennedy said EKU's zone defense against his team was the difference.

"It was disappointing at Eastern Kentucky," he said. "(It) looked like we were playing selfish. Didn't look like we were moving the ball well. But they had a lot to do with that."

### Morehead home win streak snapped

Murray State snapped Morehead State's perfect home record on Saturday with a 64-52 defeat. The Eagles had won their first 10 games at Ellis T. Johnson Arena this season, but are a dismal 2-10 on the road.

Morehead, currently in fourth place and two games ahead of Tennessee-Martin and Tennessee Tech for fifth place, has three of its final five conference games on the road.

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### THIS WEEK'S OVC SCHEDULE

- Thursday**
- E. Illinois at SE Missouri – 7:30 p.m.
  - Morehead St. at Samford – 7:30 p.m.
  - Murray St. at Tenn. State – 7:30 p.m.
  - UT-Martin at Tenn. Tech – 7:30 p.m.
  - E. Kentucky at Jacksonville St. – 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday**
- Morehead St. at Jacksonville St. – 4 p.m.
  - SE Missouri at UT-Martin – 6 p.m.
  - E. Kentucky at Samford – 7 p.m.
  - E. Illinois at Murray St. – 7:30 p.m.
  - Tenn. Tech at Austin Peay – 7:30 p.m.

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# ALL ACCESS WITH TYLER LASER

## Freshman guard wants to make the Top 25

Tyler Laser, a 6-foot-1-inch guard, was a record-setting high school scorer in Hillsdale, Mich., averaging 29.6 points per game as a senior. While he has gone through the typical ups and downs of a freshman season and has battled shoulder and hand injuries, he has shown flashes of scoring ability, including a 27-point effort in an overtime win against Murray State on Jan. 3. Laser recently sat down with Staff Reporter Mike Mears and talked about the frustrations of a tough first year of college basketball, his goals of helping Eastern return to basketball prominence and his artistic ability.



BRYCE PEAKE | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Freshman guard Tyler Laser said the biggest adjustment to college basketball was playing defense.

### Why did you miss the first four games?

I popped my shoulder out of the socket in practice. The coaches didn't want me to play. I couldn't even raise my arm. If the doctors would've let me, I would've played. But it's kind of hard to shoot when you can't raise your arm.

### Are you comfortable with the sixth-man role?

I'm just willing to do whatever (head coach Mike Miller) wants me to. I've never come off the bench in my life, but I'm a freshman and this has really been a learning year for me.

If that's what coach wants me to do, that's what I'm going to do.

### What was clicking doing your offensive outburst?

It was kind of funny that I was shooting good because I tore some ligaments in my hand. I couldn't even touch the ball to my left hand, so when I'd shoot it, it was mostly all right-handed. I've just been trying to get my confidence back, play like the old Tyler and just have no doubt in my mind when I'm trying to do something on the court.

### How did you cope with your poor shooting stretches?

The coaches kept saying don't think about your shot, don't think about your shot. And I'm like, I'm not thinking about my shot. You guys just keep reminding me about

it. It's just really frustrating when you're losing, and I didn't feel like I was contributing at all. It's just one of those things where you get in a little funk, and the only way you can get out is to keep shooting.

### Do you see yourself more as a point or shooting guard?

Well, my whole life I've played point guard, but I've scored. Right now, my role is to play on the wing because Julio (Anthony) is running the (point), but I consider myself a point guard that can shoot.

### Has it been hard adjusting to more of a role player?

I knew coming in I wasn't going to average 30 (points) a game, but

it hasn't been the freshman season I thought I was going to have. I never thought I would go through games where I had zero points. It's really just trying to find your way on the team; trying to find your role and what you can do to contribute to the team to get wins. I felt like what I was doing early in the season wasn't why the coaches brought me here. Apparently they liked the way Tyler Laser played at Hillsdale. That's the player they want, so I felt like I needed to step up and play like that player.

### What was it like to score 53 points in a game?

The team we were playing against was saying they were going

to beat our four-year home winning streak. I was goofing around with some of my friends, and I made a bet with them that I'd score at least 45 points, and I bet them all Gatorades. I went out there and had 33 the first half and had 53 at the end of the third (quarter) and sat out the whole fourth quarter. I set the school record with eight threes in that game and went 15-for-15 from the free-throw line. The next day at school I had a bunch of Gatorades.

### What's been the hardest adjustment to college?

Defense. In high school you could stand up and take breaks. I was a lot more athletic than anyone I was playing against, so I didn't have to try as hard. Here, you have to buckle down and make a real effort to play defense.

### What's something people might be surprised to learn about you?

I actually can draw pretty well. We have study tables on the road and I was doing some homework for art class. My teammates saw some of my drawings, and they were like, I didn't know you could draw. I just like to draw goofy things. I'm really into colored pencils because I like to put a lot of color into my drawings. I just draw whatever pretty much.

### What do you hope to accomplish on the court in your last three years at Eastern?

I want two Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) championships and at least two NCAA tournament appearances. I never, ever, want to have a losing record again. I want, by my senior year, to squeak into the Top 25. You know, I want to win. I want to do big things. When I leave this school, I want a legacy. I want people to know about Tyler Laser and the team that he played with.

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KEVIN MURPHY

## Big week for the Panthers

There's no breathing room for the Eastern women's basketball team this week.

The Panthers play two of the top teams in the league on Thursday and Saturday, and if the Panthers play their cards right, they can sit on the top of the Ohio Valley Conference.

If not, it's not the end of the world.

Eastern will play league-leading Southeast Missouri at 5 p.m. on Thursday in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Eastern and Southeast Missouri are the top two teams in the league.

Even Morehead State coach Mike Bradbury said they are head and shoulders above everyone else.

The Redhawks have won close games like the Panthers.

And this is the biggest game the Eastern women's basketball team will play in the league this season.

It's the battle of No.1 vs. No. 2.

The last times these teams met, Eastern came out on the short end and lost 55-51.

"This is what February is about," Eastern head coach Brady Sallee said. "In order to survive, you've got to be playing your best basketball."

Then the Panthers play Murray State at 4 p.m. on Saturday in Murray, Ky.

But Murray State is not an easy game either. The Racers have lost some close games, but finished second in the conference last season.

They are fourth through today's standings, but the Racers have some of the top players in the conference including junior guard Amber Guffey, senior forward Shaleea Petty and junior forward Ashley Hayes.

Eastern was able to slip past the Racers on Jan. 3.

It was the first game for the Panthers before the start of the spring semester and it was a part of Eastern's six-game winning streak.

The Panthers led by six points with 18 seconds left in the game, 60-54.

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### MEN'S BASKETBALL | PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

# A Panther is heading to Wall Street

## Senior lands internship with Merrill Lynch

By Scott Richey  
Sports Editor

Jake Byrne has traveled across the Midwest this season with the men's basketball team and has played teams in Iowa, Tennessee, Ohio, Kentucky, Wisconsin and Arkansas.

The Panthers' longest road trip of the season – a weekend swing through Alabama to play Jacksonville State and Samford – was even longer for the Eastern senior forward from Elsberry, Mo.

The Wednesday before Eastern played at JSU, all of the Panthers, except for Byrne, boarded a plane at Coles County Airport for a flight to Alabama.

Byrne had other business to take care of. He left the same day as his teammates, but he flew east to New York for an interview for an internship with Merrill Lynch on Jan. 31.

Byrne got a call from Merrill Lynch two days later. This summer there will be a Panther on Wall Street.

Byrne said he was walking with his teammates, Billy Parrish and Justin Brock, when he found out he got the internship, and he said there was immediate high-fiving and yelling.

The selection process was lengthy.

Byrne said he had to do an inter-



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Just another day at the office for senior forward Jake Byrne. The finance major recently earned a summer internship on Wall Street.

view three months before he even submitted an application.

Once Merrill Lynch narrowed down the number of applicants, Byrne said phone interviews came next.

"That was really tough having to study everything about the economy all at once," Byrne said.

Byrne was one of the finalists who was flown to New York for the interviews, and he said it was somewhat intimidating to be in that atmosphere.

Byrne said four 30-minute interviews were conducted. Topics ranged from the economy, his leadership abilities and his personal life. He said his experiences in basketball helped because he could compare analyzing information and thinking critically in the stock market to basketball because the right decision has to be made quickly in both worlds.

"The interview went really well where they wanted to take a chance on someone from a school they hadn't really heard of," Byrne said.

Byrne will study equity, bonds, finance and the stock market with the company and in that profession.

Byrne said the other candidates were from UCLA, North Carolina, Cornell and Yale. Byrne said his selection shows every school has the potential to be a good school; it just takes time to realize that.

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### ATHLETICS | ATHLETIC DIRECTOR SEARCH

# Van De Velde outlines goals

## AD candidate stresses academics as part of plan

By Scott Richey  
Sports Editor

Bruce Van De Velde was adamant in his goal to place an emphasis on academics if he was selected to be Eastern's new athletic director.

Van De Velde outlined his goal of a five-year plan in an open forum on Monday afternoon in the Effingham Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Van De Velde was the first of five finalists for Eastern's athletic director to visit campus. A second open session with Van De Velde will begin at 11 a.m. today in the Effingham Room.

Van De Velde, the current director of development at Missouri, said he has been in intercollegiate athletics and higher education his entire career.

He was educated as a teacher and a coach, and he said he entered the intercollegiate field to help young people and to make a difference in their lives and to help coaches and staff be successful.

"I think at the core of it, that's the reason I'm still in it today or desire to have another leadership opportunity to be involved in intercollegiate athletics," Van De Velde said.

Making a difference in the lives



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Bruce Van De Velde, Director of Development from the University of Missouri, speaks about his experiences at the different colleges and how he would like to help Eastern achieve their goals.

of young people starts with a strong academic background for student-athletes, Van De Velde said.

Van De Velde used the analogy of a bull's eye to clarify his statements. At the center of the bull's eye was the student athlete. The next ring included members of the athletic department like staff and coaches, and the third ring was the university as a whole.

But Van De Velde always reverted back to the student-athlete.

"I will never put winning above academics and personal development of student athletes," Van De Velde said.

Van De Velde said the academics and personal development is not an issue unique to mid-major institutions like Eastern.

He said administrators face the challenge in finding the balance between those issues and being successful and winning.

"I think as an athletic director, you need to make sure that value gets conveyed within the athletic department and to your constituents," Van De Velde said.

Dr. Diane Jackman, the dean of the college of education and professional studies, was present at Monday's open session. She said Van De Velde's emphasis on student-athletes is one that is valued at Eastern.

Jackman said Van De Velde's ideas on putting the student-athlete and their development first is similar to the letter Eastern President Bill Perry sent out on Jan. 15.

"(Perry) wants (Eastern) to be known for high academics and professional development for students," Jackman said. "I'm hearing the same message, and I like to see that. I think that's a good consistency for us to have."

Eastern associate athletic director for operations Mark Bonnstetter sat through several sessions with Van De Velde on Monday.

Bonnstetter agreed Van De Velde's initiative to put the student-athletes and academics first is important and is in line with traditions at Eastern.

"If you are an advocate for the student-athlete you can't go wrong," Bonnstetter said. "(Van De Velde) talked about the foundation of the department. When you're putting the student-athlete first in your priority, I think that other stuff can be built upon, but they have to be the focus of your administration."

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