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AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Events promote heritage month

'Africans and African Americans in Dialogue' lecture starts off month

By Rachel Rodgers Campus Editor

Every February, the nation celebrates African American heritage and, at Eastern, the African American Heritage Month planning committee is cosponsoring events relating to African American his-

On Feb. 3, there will be a program called "Africans and African Americans in Dialogue."

This program will be a lecture on the history of African dialogue. The lecture will be at 7 p.m. in the Coleman Hall Auditorium.

At 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 5, the Kenyetta Dance Company will perform in the Doudna Theatre. The Kenyetta Dance Company is a 14-member modern dance group from Indianapolis, Ind.

Joycelynn Phillips, the chairwoman of the African American Heritage Month planning committee, said the event will show the variety of African American experiences through dance.

"This is an opportunity for African American students to have their culture validated and it will help to expose everyone to the many facetted African American contributions to society," Phillips

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Participants in the Martin Luther King Jr. March make their way from Thomas Hall to the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Jan. 17.

Upcoming events:

Thursday

"Africans and African Americans in Dialogue." 7p.m. Coleman Hall Auditorium

Saturday

Kenyetta Dance Company will perform 7:30 p.m. Doudna Theatre

"Freedom/Unfreedom in the Black Atlantic." 5 p.m. Doudna Lecture Hall

Feb. 8

"For the Love of Liberty: The Story of America's Black Patriots." 6 p.m. Lumpkin Hall, Room 2030

Feb. 9

"Stirring It Up: A Discussion of Agitation: Ideologies and Strategies in African American Politics." 7 p.m. Doudna Lecture Hall.

More events will be available throughout February in honor of African American Heritage Month.



Recently, Health Service deals with eye infections such as Infectious Conjunctivitis otherwise known as pink eye.

current cause

of irritation

on campus

By Steven Puschmann

Staff Reporter

On a college campus, many sicknesses can be spread quickly because of the proximity of the campus populations, and eye infections are no different.

Pink eye is an infection that no college student would like to have. The medical term for pink eye is actually Infectious Conjunctivitis. It is when a fecal matter gets into the eye causing the eye to become infected.

Morgan Skalla, a sophomore majoring in psychology and pre occupation therapy, experienced these symptoms and was later diagnosed with Infectious Conjunctivitis.

"It all started about a week ago, it was really intense because there were no progressive symptoms, and it came on all the sudden," Skalla said. "I was laying in my bed when I felt a lot of irritation and water in my eye."

Skalla's case was very serious as her eye actually became bloodshot and it was almost impossible for her to open the eye without being in pain.

The doctor gave her antibiotic eye drops to fight the infection.

Sheila Baker, the medical director at Health Service, has seen several cases of Infectious

"The typical symptoms will include mild to severe eye irritation, draining of the eye, and watery eyes," Baker said. "These are more viral symptoms and not allergic reaction symp-

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STUDENT SENATE

Student Senate goes back to basics

By Nike Ogunbodede

Student Government Editor

Student Senate members gathered together Saturday in an effort to educate newly appointed members as well as returning members on senate

Student Senate Speaker Jarrod Scherle and the members of student government's executive branch led the retreat with each student executive giving a presentation.

The veteran student government members explained differences between the Student Senate resolutions, bylaws, and bills to meeting senate requirements, senate members were given time to ask their more experienced members ques-

"This isn't something you can take on partially and expect to succeed in it," said Scherle, a senior finance major. "It really becomes a part of who you are."

Kaci Abolt, a sophomore political science major, along with two other senate members were assigned to the student affairs committee now led by the Student Senate Parliamentarian Ed Hotwagner.

"I think it brought us together," Abolt said. "It will only have a positive impact."

Throughout the retreat, senate members cast votes using their cell phones to say what they thought of the retreat and the senate overall.

The student government diversity requirement was also explained to senate members.

It is by definition anything that makes someone different, Student Body President Michelle Murphy

Senate members can either attend an event or plan one of their

"It's just another way to get your paws out to make sure we are representing all students," Murphy

The requirement was made to give senate members, who are supposed to represent a minimum of 400 Eastern students, a better idea of who they are representing.

The visiting of on campus organizations is intended to allow senate members to get ideas or vote on their behalf rather than abstaining during a student senate meeting.

When a senate member abstains



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Jarrod Scherle, a senior finance major and student senate speaker, goes over the results of a poll concerning opinions about budget spending at Saturday's orientation for new student senators.

during the voting process it's like silencing 400 voices, Scherle said.

A monthly visitation to a Registered Student Organization is also a Student Senate requirement.

The senate members cannot be a part of the RSO.

"It's our way of communicating with students," said Mary Lane, a sophomore athletic training ma-

Dan Nadler, the vice president of student affairs, attends every student senate meeting after being told by former Eastern President Lou Hencken to attend weekly Student Senate meetings in an effort to keep himself up to date with student issues.

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WEATHER

Icy weather ready to hit

Staff Report

The Charleston area will see a mixture of ice and snow over the next few days resulting in more mid-week winter weather.

Patrick Pak, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service said Charleston sits in the transition zone for the storm.

The heavier snowfall will be to the north and the icier conditions will be to the south.

"Into (today) there will be lighter precipitation in the form of freezing rain," Pak said.

"This will generally be white ice accumulation."

The heavier precipitation will fall on

Pak said at this point, Charleston residents can expect a half-inch of ice and between 2 to 5 inches of snow by the end of Tuesday.

"The worst weather will not come until Tuesday afternoon between noon and midnight," Pak said.

EIU weather



Ice pellets High: 29 Low: 22°



Ice pellets High: 29° Low: 20°

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what's on tap

TUESDAY

All Day - Booth Exhibit

The "Benjamin Franklin and Slavery" and "Ghana: A Recent Look" exhibits will be on display in the Marvin Foyer and Level

Spring Break applications

Applications with a \$25 discount for the Alternative Spring Break trips are due. Applications are available at the Student Activities Center or the Newman Cen**WEDNESDAY**

4 p.m. Cover letter clinic

Make a cover letter on the spot at Career Services. A reservation is required and can be made by calling Career Services at 581-2412.

6:15 p.m. Marketing speaker

Eastern's American Marketing Association is bringing Kimberly Krubeck, a marketing specialist for Southern Living Magazine to speak about her experiences. She will be speaking in Room 2020 Lumpkin Hall.

7 p.m. Film showing "The Cove"

Find out about 'dolphin roundups' at a showing of the documentary film "The Cove." After the film, a panel of EIU faculty members will talk about the issues raised and open the discussion up to the audience. The film will be showed in the Tarble Arts Center.

If you want to add to the tap, please e-mail dennewsdesk@gmail.com or call 581-7942.

Drum it up

AUDREY SAWYER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

A member of the Decatur Power Drillers performs during halftime of the women's basketball game Saturday afternoon in Lantz Arena.

ONLINE



Blog: The marathon

Barbara Harrington, Online News Director, will be taking part in the Illinois Half Marathon in April. She'll be keeping track of her training progress in the Health Blog: Running for a Healthier Tomorrow at DENnews.com.

I've never been much of an athlete. In high school, I chose theater and speech team over the softball and basketball teams (cool, I know). I went to the gym five days a week, but it was impossible for me to run a mile without walking about one-fourth of it. To my surprise, that's changed.

To read the rest of her blog check out Dennews.com.

BLOTTER

Student arrested by UPD with theft of less than \$300

- At 1:45 p.m. on Wednesday Andre Alvarez, 19, 2701 S. Spaulding Ave., Chicago, was arrested at the University Police Department. He was charged with theft less than \$300. He was released at 3:05 p.m. after posting 10 percent of a \$1,000
- At 12:50 a.m. on Friday Brent Clapp, 22, 21225 St. Hwy 16, Ashmore, was arrested at the intersection of Seventh Street and Harrison Avenue. He was charged with a DUI-alcohol, blood alcohol content greater than .08. He was released at 2:20 a.m. after posting 10 percent of a \$1,000 bond.
- At 1:38 a.m. on Friday Alexander Flack, 18, 14801 S. Kildare, Midlothian, was arrested at the intersection of Tenth Street and Johnson Avenue. He was charged with a DUI-alcohol, blood alcohol content greater than .08, and illegal transportation of alcohol. He was released at 3:17 a.m. after posting 10 percent of a \$3,000 bond.

CORRECTION

In Friday's addition of *The Verge* in the article titled RSOs spark common student interests Brandon Heller was misidentified. Heller's major is Physics with a teacher's certification.

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EIU History Lesson

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Current Eastern President Lou Hencken refused a salary increase despite already being the lowest paid university president in Illinois. The board of Trustees approved a 2.5 percent pay raise, but Hencken decided to put the money toward a scholarship in his name and also toward the Presidential Scholars program.

1988

An Eastern freshman was arrested in connection with an incident in Weller Hall where a woman was woken up by an unidentified man tugging on her foot.

1977

After a recent fuel shortage shut down Eastern for a week, Eastern would remain open despite cold temperatures. Officials confirmed that Eastern had enough fuel for the university to have classes.

CONCERT

Concert supports jazz studies program

By Elizabeth Edwards

City Editor

A former Charleston resident was honored through music and food at the "Celebrating the Goodness of David Tanner" concert Saturday.

Charleston residents and students enjoyed music from The Men of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, The Blue Note Jazz Sextet and the Neo-Jeans.

Helen Krehbiel-Reed and Suellyn Garner performed a piano duet with the aid of only one piano.

All proceeds from the event will go to the David Frank Tanner/Ronald Eugene Gholson Endowed Fund Celebrating the "Goodness" of Music.

The endowment fund supports the Eastern jazz studies program.

Ronald Gholson, a retired Eastern professor, created the endowment in honor of his late friend David Frank Tanner.

Gholson described Tanner as a lover of music, though he said Tanner could not play a musical instrument himself.

After Tanner's death in 2009, Gholson was aspired to create an endowment fund after listening to the song

"Dreams" by the Allman Brothers Band.

The song made Gholson remember the dreams of this late friend because the Allman Brothers Band was Tanner's favorite musical group.

Gholson said the fund will allow students to dedicate some of their music to recognize, celebrate and honor his friend.

Nancy Page, in charge of donor relations in office of philanthropy at Eastern, said the endowment is a versatile fund that will benefit jazz studies.

"Gholson has a real heart for giving," Page said.

The endowment fund was established in 2009 and could be used for the purchase of musical instruments, equipment, performance clothing and student scholarships.

Katie Best, a senior English major with a teacher certification, said she thought the piano duet with Reed and Garner was a unique musical act.

"I have never seen anything like that before," Best said.

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Aaron Eckert, a sophomore music education major, plays trombone with the Blue Note Sextet Saturday during the David F. Tanner Benefit for Jazz Studies in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

TUDENT GOVERNMENT

Pizza with President Perry scheduled in Stevenson Hall

By Courtney Runyon

Staff Reporter

Students have another chance to meet and talk with President Perry during "Pizza with the Pres" at 5 p.m. today in the Stevenson Hall lobby.

Jennifer Prillaman, the student vice president for academic affairs, said she got the idea for "Pizza with the Pres" from the student government conference, Conference on Student Government Associations.

Prillaman then presented the idea to Eastern's Student Senate.

"When I became vice president of academic affairs last spring, my main goal was to establish this program," Prillaman said. "President (Bill) Perry happened to be at this meeting and really liked the idea and was in full support of getting it started."

The main goal for the event is to bring Perry and Eastern students to-

gether in a non-intimidating way, Prillaman said.

Students have asked questions about everything from what sports team Perry likes, to issues such as furloughs, taxes and admission rates.

"Hearing directly from President Perry about these issues is extremely beneficial and it just shows how much he truly cares about Eastern and the students," Prillaman said.

Last semester, two "Pizza with the Pres" events were organized.

One took place in Taylor Hall and the other was in Thomas Hall.

Thomas Hall won an award from the Residence Hall Association for the "Best Program of the Month" using 'Pizza with the Pres.'

"'Pizza with the Pres' takes place in the students' own residence hall where they can wear sweatpants and eat free pizza and there is no pressure," Prillaman said.

Perry always eats with the students and makes sure he talks to every per-

"They can wear sweatpants and eat free pizza and there is no pressure."

Jennifer Prillaman, student vice president for academic affairs

son, Prillman said.

"There has been great feedback from both the students and staff, and President Perry has even heard some good comments from members of the community," Prillaman said.

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World

Egyptian leader calls for Mubarak to resign

By the Associated Press

CAIRO — Egypt's most prominent democracy advocate took up a bullhorn Sunday and called for President Hosni Mubarak to resign, speaking to thousands of protesters who defied a curfew for a third night. Fighter jets streaked low overhead and police returned to the capital's streets — high-profile displays of authority over a situation spiraling out of control.

Nobel Peace laureate Mohamed ElBaradei's appearance in Tahrir, or Liberation, Square underscored the jockeying for leadership of the mass protest movement that erupted seemingly out of nowhere in the past week to shake the Arab world's most populous nation.

Now in their sixth day, the protests have come to be centered in the square, where demonstrators have camped since Friday. Up to 10,000 protesters gathered there Sunday, and even after the 4 p.m. curfew, they numbered in the thousands, includ-

ing families with young children, addressing Mubarak with their chants of "Leave, leave, leave."

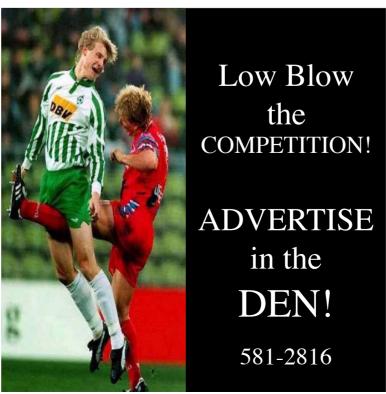
"You are the owners of this revolution. You are the future," ElBaradei told the crowd after nightfall. "Our essential demand is the departure of the regime and the beginning of a new Egypt in which every Egyptian lives in virtue, freedom and dignity."

In a further sign of Mubarak's teetering position after three decades in power, his top ally — the United States — called for an "orderly transition to democracy."

Asked if Washington supports Mubarak as Egypt's leader, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton avoided a direct answer, telling Fox News: "We have been very clear that we want to see a transition to democracy, and we want to see the kind of steps taken that will bring that about."

German Chancellor Angela Merkel urged the Egyptian government to implement democratic reforms and stop violence against protesters.







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STAFF EDITORIAL Smart phone app a step in the right direction

Eastern has finally implemented a smart phone application for the school's website, making it easier to for students to browse pages and check e-mail.

Having an application for the website is a great tool for everyone on campus, but why did it take so long to get up to date on something that has been around for so

Smart phones have become increasingly popular among not only students, but everyone else who can afford one.

College life is so fast-paced and schedules so full that a student might not have time to go home or find a computer lab between classes to be able to view the full Eastern web-

If you have ever been in between classes and not had time to check what is on the lunch menu in a certain dining hall, you're

The new application includes a non-PDF file so it is easier to access that information on-

Eastern does have a mobile website, but not everything works as well as it should on phones and other Web devices.

We believe Eastern is a little behind on the times, not just in phone applications, but in several technologies.

We still use keys to access residence halls, while schools like University of Illinois in Champaign uses a system where students swipe their IDs.

Northern Illinois University has their Blackboard system available for an application for all major smart phone providers, so students there can access documents uploaded by the instructor, view announcements and post in discussion boards

We do understand that there is a downside to having the most up to date technological advancements readily available to all

Eastern remains one of the the most inexpensive state university in Illinois, even with the new high-tech textbook rental system that other schools do not have.

The question is would we rather have futuristic technology available to us right away with a higher tuition, or would we like to spend a little less and fall behind other school is our

We believe that one of Eastern's great achievements has been the school's ability to

And in times when funding is not readily available from the state, a balance must be struck between what creature comforts are worth raising tuition.

But we also believe that part of a modern education must include access to the modern technology that students will confront after graduation.

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COLUMN

What the Egyptian revolt should teach us

There are countless lessons to take away from the revolt that has consumed Egypt and captivated the world. For example, if police brutality is a major grievance in your country, making National Police Day an official holiday is probably going to cause some problems down

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak might wonder, in his coming years in exile, whether the protests could have been avoided if he had instead declared Jan. 25 National Free Dinner and a Back Rub Day.

Here in the U.S., the Egyptian revolt is another reminder about why it sucks to be the world's lone superpower.

Here is a brief, and inadequate summary of events as of Sunday evening: On Jan. 25, protests were organized against the authoritarian government of Mubarak. The recent revolution in Tunisia, another Arab nation in North Africa, helped give the protests enough momentum to tap into 30 years of disappointment, resentment and anger toward Mubarak and his gov-

Soon, protests of tens of thousands grew to riots of hundreds of thousands. With the world media watching, Mubarak shut down access to Internet and cell phone reception, sent riot police out in full force and set up a curfew. Hardly anyone paid attention to the curfew and riot police soon fled the cities. Instead of stepping down, Mubarak announced his appointment of a vice president (read: successor), and the army was sent out to the streets to maintain some semblance of order.

As it stands, the army, which enjoys a great deal of public support and was cheered upon entering the city, has not fired on the protesters.



Dave Balson

There has been looting, though not as much as one might expect from a city the size of New York without any police presence. More than 100 people have died. Protesters say they will not stop until Mubarak is gone.

Statements from President Obama and Sec. of State Hillary Clinton have changed in tone over the last few days. Initially, they called for nonviolence on both sides and for Mubarak to have a dialog with the protesters about instituting real democratic reforms. As the protests grew, and it became clearer that Mubarak is likely to be ousted as president, Obama and Clinton said the U.S. supports the basic human rights of free expression and self-government. And on Sunday, Clinton laid the groundwork for Mubarak's departure, calling for, "an orderly transition to meet the democratic and economic needs of the (Egyptian) people.'

This kind of weak-kneed support for whoever is on top at the moment can be infuriating to hear from the people who represent America. After all, these are a people who are trying to throw off the shackles of an authoritarian regime that denies them the democratic means to achieve the basic rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. If America doesn't stand for that, what does it stand for?

Sadly, it's not as simple as that. The U.S. has supported the Mubarak regime, politically and militarily, for decades. Depending on your point of view, the reasons for that are probably either more or less cynical than you imagine.

Egypt is at the center of the Arab world geographically, economically and politically. The relationship between the U.S. and Egypt is crucial for progress in Arab-Israeli peace talks. The Suez Canal, controlled by Egypt and open to the U.S., is a vital strategic point for our military to protect interests in the region.

America has supported the Mubarak regime because it has provided stability in a country that, in many ways, leads the Arab world, and there is a good argument to be made that such support saved many lives, if not the nation of Israel. But that has also meant supporting a regime that denies basic rights to its people.

It is impossible to predict the outcome of an Egyptian revolution. It could usher in a democratic, secular, modern Egypt that could bring the rest of the Arab world into the 21st century. It could be an adversarial Islamic regime similar to Iran, or it could resemble a more moderate, forward-leaning country like Turkey.

Perhaps the greatest lessons to be learned from the current turmoil in Egypt is that the West needs to reject the false choice between authoritarian stability and Islamic extremism. Time will tell.

For now, it is the Egyptians who must free themselves from the Pharaoh. The Red Sea is theirs to part.

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FROM THE EASEL



COLUMN

Access to technology is a basic human right

A provision needs to be made to the Bill of

We are currently allowed freedom of speech, freedom of religion and the right to bear arms.

In today's day and age, the right to technology needs to be added. In Egypt, unrest about the government has led to protests all over the

In response, Egyptian officials took the country off of the grid. The country shut down Internet and cell phone service to much of the country. This caused even more confusion as people went to the streets because they did not know what to do. Loved ones overseas and those even within the country did not know if family members, friends and co-workers were safe. Many could not get a hold of them.

It may be sad, but nowadays Internet and cell phone service need to be a right protected by the government. The Internet is not just a mind dump where we play games or see what Charlie Sheen did this weekend. It is now what connects us. With the increased use of cell phones, LAN lines are becoming a thing of the past.



Dan Cusack

Sure, some students text when they should not in class, but the cell phone is what connects us with friends and family. Few students can go back to their resident halls and use a LAN line because few actually have one.

The U.S. postal service was recently forced to shut down a number of service stations, because no one sends letters anymore. E-mail, instant messaging, Facebook chat and Skype are the new kings.

Instead of expanding our rights, the government is currently trying to curb them. Last Tuesday, Congress and the U.S. Justice Department reportedly asked Internet Service Providers to start saving their customers' Internet browsing history to facilitate future hypothetical criminal investigations, according to gawk-

This means in lawsuits or criminal suits, people would be able to look at your browsing history to use that against you in court. This can be used a number of ways against us.

At the same time, the FCC is trying to ban certain websites. I am not saying everything on the Internet is a gem, but the government should not decide what we can or cannot see.

People may say it is sad we are so reliant on technology, but it is the truth. We could go back to LAN lines and snail mail, but we all know that is not going to happen.

The rights of the citizens of the United States need to be protected. At the same time the government should be expanding those rights, not curbing them.

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The Office of Minority Affairs, the Doudna Center for the Arts and the African American studies program, are cosponsoring the event.

Tickets are \$10 for the general public, \$7 for senior citizens and Eastern employees and \$5 for Eastern students.

At 5 p.m. on Feb. 7 in the Doudna Lecture Hall, there will be a program titled "Freedom/Unfreedom in the Black Atlantic."

The program is about African American history in the Atlantic and will be presented by history professor, Charles Foy.

At 6 p.m. on Feb. 8 in Room 2030 at Lumpkin Hall there will be the program "For the Love of Liberty: The Story of America's Black Patriots."

Lt. Col. Stephen Knotts, a professor and the chairman of military sciences, said the program will consist of a 25-minute video featuring nine scenes from a documentary on the history of black men and women in the army and, after the video, there will be a general discussion.

"Black soldiers have had extraordinary history in the army from the Revolutionary War to the recent wars in the Middle East and the event will focus on their trials and accomplishments throughout history," Knotts said.

At 7 p.m. on Feb. 9 in the Doudna Lecture Hall, there will be the program "Stirring It Up: A Discussion of "Agitation: Ideologies and Strategies in African American Politics"

The program will be a lecture and book signing of "Agitations: Ideologies and Strategies in African American Politics," written by Kevin Anderson, an assistant professor of political science.

Anderson said he will talk about the broad theme of the book, which is the diversity of political ideas of the black community.

"I want to try and present information to students to get a better understanding of politics and political ideas and how they influence what is going on in society,"

Anderson said. Anderson said the bulk of the book covers from about 1954 to 1968, but the over-arching theme of the book covers the mid 1700s to the present.

"The book tries to trace the intel-

lectual evolution of certain ideas in the African American community and they pop up in the 1700s, then they evolve a little, and then you see a dramatic representation during what we call the modern civil rights era," Anderson said.

At 7 p.m. on Feb. 10, the University Board is presenting the "Cultural Arts Poetry Slam" at the 7th Street Underground located in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

At 7 p.m. on Feb. 15 in the Charleston-Mattoon Room in the Union, there will be "The Status of Africana Studies" panel discussion.

Among the panel will be Janice Collins as moderator, Father Joseph Brown, The chairman of Africana studies at SIU-Carbondale, and Sundiata Cha-Jua, a history professor at the University

of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

At 5 p.m. on Feb. 17 in the Doudna Lecture Hall, there will be the "Writing the Black Freedom Struggle in the Midwest" lecture.

Clarence Lang, a professor of African American studies at U of I Urbana-Champaign, will present the lecture.

At 7 p.m. on Feb. 28 in the Grand Ballroom in the Union, there will be the second "Motown Review" presented by the UB and the Black Student Union

More events will be available throughout the month of February in honor of African American Heritage Month.

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EYE, from page 1

The more serious symptoms include sensitivity toward light and changing of color in the eye."

Skalla had many of these symptons.

"I received antibiotic eye drops for my eye which I'll have for two weeks," Skalla said. "I have to take the drops every two hours, cannot wear my eye contacts, and must be careful when I put on makeup."

Baker said she believes the best way to avoid getting Conjunctivitis Infectious is by being very careful around the eye and being very hygienic as well.

"The ways in which students can avoid getting viral eye infections is to make sure they have very good hygienic health," Baker said. "Students should also wash their eyes and use eye drops to avoid infection."

Skalla plans on being more careful when it comes to her eyes now as a way to avoid getting an eye infection again.

"I haven't worn my eye contacts constantly like I use to, I plan on being more hygienic by cleaning my glasses more, not sharing my eye contact cleaner, and will not share any makeup either," Skalla said.

Skalla and Baker both agree that Conjunctivitis Infectious and other viral eye infections happen because student can forget about the eye and the importance of cleaning it on a daily basis.

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SENATE, from page 1

"I try to have the same kind of commitment the (senate) has to student government," Nadler said.

Nadler said he has only missed two meetings since he took office in 2005.

"While sometimes there are debates within the Student Senate members there is always the question what do the students think and that's our responsibility," Nadler said

"Sometimes you find yourself in a situation where you're having to vote on a particular bill or issue that might not be the most popular, but at the same time you aren't always voting how they would vote," Nadler said.

Senate members cannot al-

ways vote the way Eastern students would vote because it might not be for the betterment of Eastern, Nadler said.

"(The administration) can't read our minds they just collect our tuition bills," Scherle said. "Dr. Nadler can't go out and talk to 12,000 students as a (senate member) we can try."

The retreat began with a video called "10 Commandments to Leadership."

The video had 10 rules people in power or leadership positions should follow in order to become successful and productive leaders.

The first three points listed were to: make what matters really matter, practice what you preach, and share what you know.

Let your differences be your direction was one I liked, Scherle said.

"It's kind of depressing that the student body does not respect the student government as it stands now," Scherle said.

The Student Senate meets at 7 p.m. every Wednesday in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

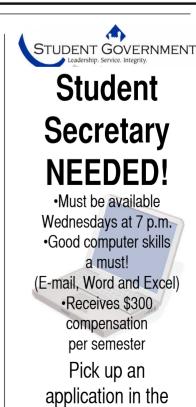
"We don't always agree with people, but student government wouldn't be very useful if everyone agreed on the same page," Scherle said.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Turnovers cost team third straight game

Hollowell sets career high in assists

By Rob Mortell

Sports Editor

Turnovers cost Eastern's men's basketball team a critical Ohio Valley Conference win Saturday against Jacksonville State

The Panthers committed 16 turnovers, while Jacksonville had 8.

When Eastern had more turnovers than its opponent, the score was 2-10. The Gamecocks turned the Panthers' 16 turnovers into 16 points.

Eastern head coach Mike Miller said turnovers were the main reason for the team's loss.

With fewer than eight minutes to play, Eastern was down 36-37. Junior guard L.C. Doss missed a three-point shot, then Jacksonville knocked down two free-throws giving them a 39-36 lead.

The Panthers then turned the ball over on their next four possessions, leading to a 10-0 Jacksonville run to put the Gamecocks up 47-36. Eastern made a few shots down the stretch, but it never came closer than eight points in the final three minutes.

The game ended 56-46 and the Panthers dropped to 8-13 overall and 4-7 in the OVC, this marks their third straight loss.

It was the second straight win for Jacksonville State, which improved to 4-18 overall and 2-9 in the conference.

The Panthers were led by sophomore forward Shaun Pratl with 14 points and six rebounds. Junior guard Jeremy Granger also had 14 points and added five rebounds, three assists and two

"We made too many mistake tonight to even expect to win," Pratl said.

A positive point for Eastern was redshirt sophomore forward James Hollowell, who had a career-high six assists. He also grabbed seven rebounds, but he was held scoreless, going 0 for 5 from

Hollowell said it is tough to explain an up and down game like this one.

"I have to get more aggressive and get easy lay-ups," Hollowell said.

The Panthers out-preformed Jacksonville in almost every statistical category: shooting percentage (38 percent to 35 percent), rebounding (34 to 29) and assists (16-13), but one area they struggled was getting to the foul line.

The Gamecocks shot 19 more free throws than Eastern, going 17-24 while the Panthers were 5-5.

Eastern has a week off before they take on Southeast Missouri at Lantz Arena on Feb. 5.

"We need to use this time to get better and get back to the team we were," Pratl said.

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Jacksonville State University's B.J. Miller, a junior guard, attempts to steal the ball as Shaun Pratl, a sophomore forward, goes for the basket during Saturday's game at Lantz Arena. JSU beat Eastern 56-46.

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RECORDS, from page 8

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Head coach Tom Akers was very excited about Viken coming into this

"We've got a red-shirt freshman transfer from Wisconsin, Mick Viken, who has looked really, really good, and I think he has got the potential to be a school record holder for us in his first season here at EIU," Akers said.

In the event, Viken beat out Illinois sophomore Steve Monte, who previously stated that Illinois would crush the Panthers.

'We're a Division-I Big Ten school for a reason, and we're going to crush Eastern this weekend," Monte said to the Daily Illini.

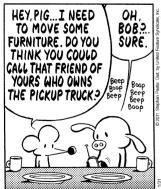
Monte took eleventh place in the event with a height of 14' 09".

The Panthers and the Illini will meet again next week when both squads travel to South Bend, Ind. for the Notre Dame Meyo Invite next Friday and Saturday.

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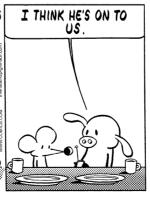
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Alex McNamee

Just what the doctor ordered

The Eastern women's basketball team had a dominating win Saturday as they won by 16 against Jacksonville State, just in time for the month of February.

Some fans were probably worried, and rightfully so. The Panthers were sliding on a four-game losing streak, and even head coach Brady Sallee said that is not something this team was used to.

The Panthers are not used to losing four straight games; they are used to winning. Last season, they mounted a 13-game winning streak.

This was a young team on a four-game skid, yet they found a way to come out Saturday and smash any rumors that their season was falling by the wayside.

The win proved that the talent on Eastern's roster is not a bunch of fifth place talent. The team proved it belongs at the top of the Ohio Valley Conference standings; however, it still has a long way until it gets there.

But they have a month. This is it. The season ends in February. The Panthers have eight games left – four home, four away – to try to climb up the standings, at least a little higher than fifth.

It is plausible, though, to think they can climb the mountain now. The fourth place team in the OVC, Austin Peay, has the same conference record as Eastern, 6-5. Eastern's second to last game of the regular season is against Austin Peay.

In fact, Eastern has one game left against all of the teams in front of them in the standings except for Tennessee Tech, which completed the sweep of Eastern Thursday.

There is no reason why the reigning regular season OVC champs cannot climb up toward the top of the standings. This is not a middleof-the-road team.

The Panthers have five talented players as their starting five. Each of the players has her best night. Many of them are consistently good.

Also, Eastern has three players on the bench that could easily be starting for this team and producing just as well as most of the starters and they are all in their first year at Eastern. Jordyne Crunk, Hillary Held and Jessica Parker could all be good starters right now.

There is a lot to be excited about on this Eastern team. They are going to learn from this fourgame losing streak, and it can only be good.

Since the four-game losing streak started, Sallee said the players have had their heads on straight, understanding what the team was trying to achieve. Repeatedly during the four-game losing streak, Sallee said the team was bound to get over the hump soon.

The 16-point win is a big stepping-stone. Sallee can use that game as an example of how to really dominate a team: to control the boards and to dominate in the paint.

Sydney Mitchell had 18 points Saturday and said the team is confident after winning the game.

The Panthers are out of the mud and starting to run again.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Four-game drought snapped

Team dominates in 16-point romp

By Alex McNamee Staff Reporter

The Eastern women's basketball team ended its four-game losing streak Saturday in a dominating win over Jacksonville State, 77-61.

The Panthers came out of the gates quickly, and carried their domination throughout the first half, as they led 32-16 with just more than three minutes left. By the end of the half, they led 38-22.

Eastern head coach Brady Sallee said the Panthers were ready to play from the time the game started. Sallee said the team was playing with a lot of energy.

The Panthers ended the game with four players in double figures, including all four of their starting forwards.

Sophomore forwards Sydney Mitchell and Mariah King, and junior forward Chantelle Pressley combined to score 38 points. King and Pressley scored 10 each, while Mitchell scored 18.

Mitchell said Sallee told her to attack the basket against the Gamecocks, and she did.

"Just the fact that we came out and knocked them back a bit set the tone," Sallee said.

The win snapped a four-game losing streak, and put Eastern alone

in fifth place in the Ohio Valley Conference. Previously, Eastern and Jacksonville State were both 5-5 and in fifth place.

Mitchell said the win feels good after the losing streak because it gives the team more confidence going forward.

Sophomore guard Ta'Kenya Nixon, who scored a team-high 24 points, said to win is a sigh of relief.

"It's a big sigh of relief as far as we've been executing the game plans but still falling short," Nixon said. "We finally did what we planned to do and won."

Sallee said the win is a steppingstone to the rest of the season. At one point, the Panthers led by 25 points. Jacksonville State never led.

'When you go through a fourgame stretch like we did, that's tough on your psyche," Sallee said. "You have a young basketball team and that's going to test your mental toughness.

Sallee said the win gave him a chance to learn a lot about his team.

"The kids have responded extremely well," Sallee said. "They've kept their heads on straight and they understand what we're going after."

Nixon said even though the Pan-

thers won, that does not mean that the team is set to go for an OVC ti-"It's not like everything is fixed,"

Nixon said. "We don't think we are a finished product." Sallee said the team made some



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Ta'Kenya Nixon, a sophomore guard, looks for a teammate to pass the ball to during the game against Jacksonville State Saturday afternoon in Lantz Arena. Nixon scored a game-high 24 points in the Panthers 77-61 win over the Gamecocks.

mistakes throughout the game; however, he said they fought through them.

"A few breakdowns here and there but I'm not after perfection right now," Sallee said. "We've still

got some places we need to get better, but I thought we got a game that we desperately needed."

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TRACK & FIELD

Boey and Viken break records

Boey earns automatic NCAA bid

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Eastern's track and field team took its talents to Champaign for the Illinois Intercollegiate at the University of Illinois on Saturday.

Eastern's men entered the meet ranked as the No. 11 team in the Midwest Region as ranked by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association. The host, Illinois competed in the meet with top five rankings in both the men's and women's divisions.

Also competing at the event were Illinois State, DePaul, Western Illinois, Bradley, McKendree and Ohio Valley Conference rival Southern Illinois-Edwardsville.

The University of Illinois won both the men's and women's team scores with scores of 255 in the men's division and 263 in the women's. The Eastern men placed second behind the Illini with a score of 149. The Eastern women placed third with a score of 78. The Panther women were behind Illinois State in the final rankings. Illinois State recorded a score of 131.

Leading the Panther men's team was red-shirt junior Zye Boey, who won both the 60-meter dash and the 200-meter dash. Boey's 60-meter time of 6.70 seconds was enough to break the overall Illinois Intercollegiate record. The 6.70 time also surpassed Boev's former 60-meter dash time of 6.75 seconds. Boey beat out Andrew Riley of Illinois, who was a national champion hurdler the previous year. Teammate Jacob Mitchell took sixth in the event.

Boey also won the 200-meter dash with a time of 21.14 seconds. Boey's time was good enough to break the Illinois Armory record of 21.20 seconds, set in 1995 by Derrick Thompson of Wisconsin. Boey's 200-meter time also automatically qualifies him for the NCAA



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Michelle Hartnett, a sophomore jumper, attempts the high jump Jan. 22 at the EIU Mega Meet in the Lantz Fieldhouse. Hartnett placed fifth in the event.

Indoor Championships in March. Boey missed the entire indoor season last year with a knee injury, but said his knee is currently at about

Red-shirt freshman Mick Viken continued his winning ways since becoming a member of the Panther

track and field team this season. The transfer from Wisconsin won the men's pole-vault with a mark of 17' 1", which ties the Eastern school record previously set by Kyle Ellis in 2007. Ellis is the current pole-vaulting coach for the Panthers.

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Men's Basketball Saturday vs. Southeast Missouri

6 p.m. - Lantz Arena

Women's Basketball

Thursday vs. SIU Edwardsville 7 p.m. - Lantz Arena

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NBA

Orlando at Memphis 8 p.m. on Sun Sports

NFL Pittsburgh at Green Bay 6:29 p.m. on FOX