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# The DAILY EASTERN NEWS

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## UNIVERSITY | COSTS

# Tuition to increase for fall 08

### Perry says no state funding increase a factor in decision

By Stephen Di Benedetto  
Associate News Editor

Eastern's tuition is going to increase in the fall.

A tuition increase will happen for incoming freshmen, transfer and graduate students for Fall 2008 after Gov. Rod Blagojevich recommended no increase for higher education in his proposed budget for the 2009 fiscal year, President Bill Perry said.

Perry said he did know how large the increase would be because other budget factors are still being analyzed like utility costs.

"It wasn't unanticipated," Perry said of Blagojevich's recommendation. "I know the issues the Governor has to deal with regard to budgets so it wasn't unanticipated."

Eastern and the other Illinois public universities received a 1.9 percent increase for 2008. Eastern's state appropriation with that 2008 increase was around \$49 million. If Blagojevich's recommendations go through, Eastern's state appropriation will stay around the 2008 figure.

Perry said Blagojevich's recommendation is an initial proposal, and the General Assembly has to deliberate and approve a budget for 2009 as well.

He added, however, the Board of Trustees would approve the Fall 2008 tuition rates in April - well before the General Assembly makes its own recommendations for the budget.

"If in fact, we found out after the fact that we had a large appropriation from the state, we would try to factor that into the affordability issue for the students," Perry said.

With Blagojevich's zero percent recommendation, Perry said Eastern would have to wait and see if university purchases would be held back.

"Right now, I can't say that whether we are going to do any particular thing or not, but we know that we are going to meet all of our contractual obligations," he said. "That is for sure."

Blagojevich's recommendation also aligns with option one of the Illinois Board of Higher Education's budget recommendations, which were approved at its Feb. 5 meeting.

Perry said he would like to see IBHE's option four or five approved.

The options include a 5.6 percent increase and a 6.7 increase in state appropriations, respectively.

"Certainly, from my perspective, more of a general revenue increase would be positive for the state," he said. "It would be positive for the university because then we would be able to take some of the pressure off the tuition increases."

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## CAMPUS | EVENTS

# Winter fest moves to warmer climate

### Weather concerns prompted change to Lawson basement

By Dylan Polk  
Staff Reporter

Students will not hear sleigh bells ring tonight.

Winter Wonderland has been moved to 7 p.m. in the basement of Lawson Hall, said Amy Baumgart, a graduate assistant in the student life office.

The event was previously scheduled to take place in a tent on the South Quad, but because of the forecast of high winds, the tent was cancelled.

Baumgart said campus scheduling was concerned that the high winds may pose a safety problem for students.

"In the end it was my call,"

RYAN KERCH | MEMBER OF STUDENT SENATE AND UNIVERSITY BOARD



"I think it was kind of sad that it was just Student Senate. If this is something like First Night, there should be more campus organizations."

Baumgart said. "We wanted to make sure the students were safe."

Because of the event being held indoors, the previously scheduled sleigh rides have been cancelled.

"It's not going to be very wintery," Baumgart said. "Which is a little bit of a bummer."

The event will still include an acoustic singer and free food, and students will be able to make snow globes. The fire-eaters that were previously scheduled will juggle instead.

Winter Wonderland was planned by Student Body President Cole Rogers.

Rogers said the event isn't strictly

music and snow globes.

He said that the event was a way for Eastern students to express concern and get involved.

Student Government will be setting up four tables to help student involvement and awareness on campus. The tables will provide election information, the Student Government mission statement, a detailed project list and information about Eastern. One of the tables will allow students to voice their opinions on any issue regarding Eastern.

Although Student Government has planned many recruiting and information opportunities for stu-

### WANT TO GO?

- **WHAT:** Winter Wonderland, featuring food, singing, and make-your-own snow globes
- **WHEN:** 7 tonight
- **WHERE:** The basement of Lawson Hall
- **HOW MUCH:** Free to Eastern students

dents, Student Government's sponsorship of Winter Wonderland remains controversial with some within the Student Senate.

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## CAMPUS | HOUSING

# LAW & ORDER IN THE HALLS

### Most violations related to noise, guests, alcohol

By Brittini Garcia  
Faculty Senate Reporter

Will Seidelmann is stunned that he has no complaints about being a Resident Assistant this year.

"This year the community on my floor has been great," Seidelmann said. "The residents are a lot closer and tend to go to (the student recreation center) and dinner together."

This Seidelmann's second year as an RA, and said his residents rarely have gotten into trouble.

Last year, however, Seidelmann had plenty of alcohol-related issues to deal with, he said.

Violations on campus happen, but consequences are based on how much of an impact a person has made on their community and environment in which they live in.

There have been fewer violations this academic year than last year, Seidelmann said.

In the 2005-2006 academic year, 428 students were disciplined for underage possession of alcohol compared to 356 students in 2004-2005.

"Our rules are based on what (is) best for the environment," said Mark Hudson, director of university housing and dining services. "Residents halls are much more open in a way we operate systems."

Hudson he said it is his job to oversee the effort to serve residents in regards to living on-campus and food services. The university does not act as parental advisors, but as a system to help people succeed, he added.

The most frequent violations



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY BRYCE PEAKE | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Possession of alcohol is one of the most frequent violations handled by RAs. Other major complaints include noise issues and unescorted guests.

### Alcohol violations



= 100 violations for underage possession of alcohol.

For 2005-2006



= 428

For 2004-2005



= 356

seen on campus are noise violations, possession of alcohol and unescorted guests.

Hudson wants students to have a clear understanding the housing staff holds students accountable when there is a violation.

Eastern has set guidelines listed in the Student Code of Conduct, which can be found in the Panther Pack student handbook. Upon

enrollment, students are required to read and sign the standards by which Eastern has asked them to abide.

"It seems last year I had to document more cases compared to none this year," Seidelmann said.

Because Seidelmann's resident floor has such great community bonding, the behavior has been better, especially with fewer alco-

hol-related issues, he added.

Unescorted guests have been an issue for many residents as well.

"Many people don't realize how strict of a campus we are," said Chelsie Hahn, an RA in Lawson Hall. "People who visit from a different campus don't see unescorted guests as a problem."

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EIU WEATHER

<p>TUESDAY</p> <p>31°   19° Winter Mix MNE 15-20 mph</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY</p> <p>27°   25°</p>
<p>THURSDAY</p> <p>38°   42°</p>	

WEATHER BRIEF

Expect a mix of freezing rain and snow to fall in the area today. Today our daytime high temperature will reach as high as the low 30s. Overnight, the nighttime low temperature will be in the high 10s.

Forecast for the next 24 hours: Weather Central, www.weathercentral.com

ENTERTAINMENT | A DAILY LOOK

Sunday's Oscars may have worst ratings ever

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Oscars are a ratings dud. Nielsen Media Research says preliminary ratings for the 80th annual Academy Awards telecast are 14 percent lower than the least-watched ceremony ever.

Nielsen said Monday that overnight ratings are also 21 percent lower than last year, when "The Departed" was named best picture.

The least-watched Oscars ceremony ever was in 2003, when there were 33 million viewers.

Nielsen has no estimate yet on how many people watched Sunday night, but based on ratings from the nation's biggest markets, the Oscars will be hard-pressed to avoid an ignominious record.

Murphy, Lohan rule Razzies for Hollywood's worst

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — A year after his Academy Awards dream

went up in smoke, Eddie Murphy has not just one consolation prize, but three: Razzie Awards as worst actor, supporting actor and supporting actress for the comedy "Norbit."

The fourth acting "dis-honor" announced at Saturday's Golden Raspberry Awards went to Lindsay Lohan, who actually was voted two worst-actress trophies for the thriller "I Know Who Killed Me," the worst-picture winner in which she played dual roles.

"I Know Who Killed Me" set a new Razzies record with eight awards, including worst screen couple for Lohan in her double role. "I Know Who Killed Me" also won for worst director (Chris Sivertson), screenplay (Jeff Hammond), horror movie and remake or rip-off.

With his latest exercise in multiple roles, Murphy was the first person ever to win three acting Razzies in one year.

Between them, "Norbit" and "I

Know Who Killed Me" won all but one of the Razzies.

"We've never had two films so totally dominate, at least not since the heyday of Sylvester Stallone," Wilson said.

Alicia Keys postpones shows due to laryngitis

NEW YORK — Alicia Keys postponed two concerts on her European tour after being put on vocal rest by her doctor, her publicist said Saturday.

Keys, whose latest album, "As I Am," has sold millions of copies worldwide, was supposed to perform Monday in Glasgow, Scotland, and Tuesday in Manchester, England. But the Grammy-winning singer was told to spend the next few days off the stage because of laryngitis, publicist Patti Webster said in a statement.

The Glasgow and Manchester dates were to be rescheduled.

PHOTO OF THE DAY

Managing risk, reducing harm



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

David Westol lectures at the "Risk Management, Harm Reduction and You" event Monday night in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. The lecture addressed issues directly related to greek life.

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

Fancy footwear for police dogs in German city

The Associated Press

BERLIN — Police dogs in the western German city of Duesseldorf will no longer get their feet dirty when on patrol. The entire dog unit will soon be equipped with blue plastic fiber shoes, officials said Monday.

"All 20 of our police dogs — German and Belgian shepherds — are currently being trained to walk in these shoes," Andre Hartwich said. "I'm not sure they like it, but they'll have to get used to it."

The unusual footwear is not a fashion statement, Hartwich said, but rather a necessity due to the high

rate of paw injuries on duty. In the city's historical old town in particular — famous for both its pubs and drunken revelers — the dogs often step into broken beer bottles, he said.

"Even the street cleaning doesn't manage to remove all the glass pieces from between the streets' cobblestones," Hartwich said.

The dogs will start wearing the shoes this spring — but only during operations that demand special foot protection. The shoes comes in sizes small, medium and large and were ordered in blue to match the officers uniforms, Hartwich said.

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CAMPUS | FASHION SHOW

# Dress (cheaply) for success

Fashion show features professional dress options at low prices

By Chelsea Hale  
Staff Reporter

Dressing on a budget is easier than students may think.

On Monday night, a style show was held in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The show titled "Dress on a Shoestring" taught students the ins and outs of dressing professionally on a budget.

After graduation, many students may need to attend interviews when looking to start their career.

Having a great resume and personality are beneficial for interviews, but appearance is the employers first impression, said Linda Moore, director of career services.

People from local businesses like Wal-Mart spoke about how the clothes speak for themselves.

The show started out with models wearing the latest fashions from Wal-Mart.

One male model wore black slacks and button-up shirt priced at \$37.

Barbara Cooper, financial health education coordinator, said this is a steal for an outfit that would normally be priced around \$100 at name brand stores.

Cooper, who is also a graduate student in the health service and family and consumer sciences program, was in charge of the show.

Another model wore a black, pencil skirt and a purple collared shirt. Cooper said the color looked great



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A model poses her outfit from Maurices during the Dress on a Shoestring fashion show on Monday night in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. The event was about prices and practicality.

on the model.

Her outfit was topped off with black tights and a pair of black heels. The outfit was priced at \$10.64.

Her skirt was a bargain at \$3, Cooper said.

Clothing from Maurices was also featured at the show.

Although Maurices is higher priced than Wal-Mart, all the outfits were sophisticated and affordable.

A model walked the runway in gray business slacks, a bright blue shirt and a black jacket from the store.

Her outfit was priced at \$78. The

outfits from Maurices ranged from \$58 to \$88 overall.

The show featured low cost clothing ideas for students after graduation and starting a new career.

Ratisha Carter, a junior transfer student majoring in public relations, helped put the show together.

She helped Cooper pick out outfits for the show as well as recruit models.

She also helped advertise around campus.

"The models are interns and employees of the HERC," Carter said. "We have at least ten models

for the show."

The fashion show attracted female students interested in dressing professionally without breaking the bank.

Miranda Hatton, a freshman management information systems major, attended the show for her business class.

"The Wal-Mart prices shocked me," Hatton said. "I could not even tell the clothes were from Wal-Mart."

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UNIVERSITY | NETWORKING

## Number of data-security incidents increase

Theft, human error attributed to Eastern's computer problems

By Barbara Harrington  
University Reporter

Eastern has seen an increase in its number of data-security incidents since last year.

Chat Chatterji, assistant vice president for Information Technological Services, said the university experienced a slight increase in the number of data security incidents from 2006 to 2007. These incidents involved theft or human error, he said.

Last year problems arose during conversion from the university's old administrative system to the new system, Banner.

A national study done by Adam Dodge, assistant director for information security, found the number of universities reporting security incidents last year increased by almost 70 percent from 2006.

Dodge said several different factors could have contributed to this increase.

More media attention or increased efforts by universities to discover security issues could have lead to the spike in reported incidents, Dodge said.

"The fact is that with a limited

time frame and the relative immaturity of mandatory reporting laws, it is impossible to say if the increase shown between 2006 and 2007 was the result of an increased awareness or an increase in actual attacks," Dodge said.

The Educational Security Incidents study was compiled based on two years of data.

Dodge added Eastern has only had one incident in his report.

He said Eastern suffered a security breach last year when a university computer was stolen from an on-campus office. The computer contained sensitive information on 1,400 Eastern students.

"The incidents did expose Social Security numbers," Chatterji said. "Typically though, when this happens, the exposed information is only seen by users who are authorized to use the administrative system."

Eastern uses centralized systems, such as Banner and WebCT, to store information on staff and students. Dodge said this could help reduce the number of data-security issues.

"Utilizing such information removes the need to store sensitive information on workstations and laptops, thus greatly reducing the chance that sensitive information will reside on a computer in the event that it is stolen," Dodge said.

Although personal information has been revealed because of human error and theft, Chatterji said the university has not seen any successful cases of hacking.

There are multiple security measures in place at Eastern to protect the university's systems from being hacked.

However, Chatterji said attacks could still happen.

"If there were to be such an incident, the systems do keep logs of who did what and when," he said.

Monitoring of Eastern's network has shown unprotected computers become vulnerable to virus attacks, which is why the university uses the Cisco Clean Access Agent. The software helps residents get up-to-date software patches and anti-virus protection on their computers.

The software was implemented in 2005 to help ensure security for on-campus students.

"These so-called viruses, rather than just being physically destructive to hard disks as they used to be when (hacking) was a fashionable thing to do, nowadays typically contain a 'bot' that looks for e-mail addresses and personal information," Chatterji said.

The student handbook states those who do try to hack the university's system will face internal judicial measures and possibly civil mea-

sures, depending on the severity of the incident.

Chatterji said a student was arrested a few years ago for trying to install a key logger on a computer in an on-campus lab.

Nationally, employee mistake outnumbered hacker incidents 2 to 1 last year.

This may be because many universities have programs and systems in place to ensure network security.

Dodge said hackers have to get through many layers of security in order to access internal information.

Although Eastern has not seen any security incidents because of hacking, Chatterji said students should keep their passwords private and update computer and anti-virus software regularly to reduce the risk of their personal information being exposed.

Students should also be aware of what websites they download multimedia from.

"Many Web sites offering free video downloads are anything but free," Dodge said. "Many of these videos, and even some of the websites, contain viruses and other malware that could allow a person to take over your computer for nefarious reasons."

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## CAMPUS BRIEFS

### WEIU staff members win national awards

Two WEIU staff members have won awards from the Broadcast Education Association at the BEA Festival of Media Arts Competition.

Andrew Wilder won first place in the Best Sports Anchor category. Kevin Jeanes won third place in the Best Weather Anchor category.

Both students are being honored for their work at WEIU-TV.

This is the third year in a row Eastern students have won national awards in BEA competition.

### Dress rehearsal kicks off Women's Awareness

Eastern's Living History Project will present a dress rehearsal at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Greenwood School Museum.

The rehearsal will include Eastern students acting as the personalities of important women from history.

The event is being sponsored by Girl Scout Troop 2410.

Contact Suzanne Enck-Wanzer at 581-2216 for more information.

### Study Abroad deadline moved to Friday

The deadline to apply for the Study Abroad course Environment, Society and Culture of Ecuador has been extended to Friday.

The course is available to undergraduate and graduate students. No prerequisites are required for the class, and students can earn four graduate or undergraduate credits.

The course's focus is for students to discover the geography, culture and history of Ecuador.

Contact Betty E. Smith at 581-6340 for more information.

## COP BRIEFS

An Ashmore woman was arrested Wednesday after losing control of her car and crashing into a mailbox, driving through a ditch and causing another vehicle to crash into and damage a garage door.

Carrie L. Moore, 42, was driving eastbound on the 1600 block of Polk Avenue at about 6:40 a.m. when she lost control of her car in the snow. Her car spun off the road, struck a mailbox and continued through a ditch and came out and struck a parked vehicle, shoving it into a garage door.

No one was injured in the crash. The parked car had damage to the front bumper, hood and front passenger side panel.

Moore was arrested on charges of operating an uninsured motor vehicle and driving too fast for conditions.

-Compiled by cops and courts reporter Cathy Bayer.

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OUR POSSIBLE FIRST LADY

U. Maine – I believe that nationality, race, sex, sexual orientation or any other mitigating factor should not trump the message that is transmitted. Simply, it's not the vessel, it is the message that counts.

So when Michelle Obama stated that this was the first time that she was really proud of America, I cringed. It's not because she's black or that her last name is Muslim and, no, I did not take her words out of context. It's because of the message that she was sending using those words.

Does she really feel this way? What if her husband loses – will her newfound faith in America go by the wayside? Is the presidency too high a price to satisfy this pride? I'm not sure I want to be associated with a first lady who believes nothing good has happened in more than 230 years of this country's history.

It saddens me to think that there are people in our country today who trivialize the sacrifice of lives of brave men and women so that this message can be heard without fear of criminalization. Mrs. Obama has every right to say what she wants, when she wants.

I don't believe that she should be made to apologize if she really feels this way; that is her choice. I do believe that the message she sends is not a productive one in regards to the position she might hold.

While I hope that she and a whole lot more people can see the history of this country in a better context, it is not for me to mandate, but it is for me to vote. As we go through this election cycle, let's not only listen to, but question, the messages that the candidates send; not blindly follow because of rhetoric.

When someone says that it is time for change, let's ask what kind of change.

Michael Craft  
The Maine Campus

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Drawn from the news | Adam Tedder



STAFF EDITORIAL

Locking down Stevenson Hall a smart move

Stevenson Hall has always been set apart from the other residence halls on Eastern's campus. It's the one hall that requires its residents to be an upperclassman. It's the only dorm that allows both males and females to live on the same floor.

It's even the tallest building in Coles County. But it's also the only building on campus that allows access to the building to everyone and their cousin without requiring a key.

Anyone can walk in the front door of the residence hall without a key to the dorm, and get in. Until next fall, that is.

And, until recently, we thought it was pretty safe.

Stevenson Hall has never had a lockdown system, which also sets it apart from all 11 of the other halls on campus.

The building comes equipped with eight resident assistants living on each floor, a full-time complex director and associate resident director. It employs a full-time secretary who works five days a week and there is also an assembly of night assistants who help the University Police Department.

But it's still the only residence hall that doesn't require key access.

In residence halls like Lawson, Andrews, Thomas and Taylor, a key is required to use the elevators or gain access to stairwells.

But not in Stevenson. Since it is an upperclassman dorm, students, and their visitors, get a little more freedom within the building.

Last week, the university decided that this extra freedom was probably not such a great thing, after all.

The shooting at Northern Illinois University reiterated Eastern's decision to spend \$75,000 on a new lockdown system for the residence hall.

Student Hall Council proposed the new lock system last year after the Virginia Tech shooting in April.

And we think it's a great idea. Every other residence hall on campus requires a key for students to enter.

So why doesn't Stevenson Hall? There's really no reason to not lock it down. Stevenson houses approximately 370 students who, if their dorm room doors happen to be unlocked, are subjected to whoever may be wandering the dorm's halls.

And it could be anybody. With the new lockdown system, which will be

**OUR VIEW**  
**• Situation:** Eastern is spending \$75,000 on a new lockdown system for Stevenson Hall – the only hall on campus without one.  
**• Stance:** It's about time. In lieu of the Northern Illinois University shooting, locking down Stevenson Hall is a good thing.

in place by the start of the Fall 2008 semester, it will still allow residents with keys access to all 10 floors of Stevenson with one key.

Aside from the people running the front desk and the resident assistants on each floor, like every other residence hall on this campus, Stevenson residents may now rest assured that not just anyone can wander up the stairwell or take a ride in the elevator.

Plans are set in place for a revamped elevator requiring a key for access and new doors in the stairwells that will automatically lock

and unlock. That's where the money is going for the new system.

This new system may also reduce the number of thefts on campus. From the 2007 campus crime statistics, theft was the biggest problem, topping off at 67 counts.

Stevenson's lockdown system won't prevent theft from ever happening, but theft may decrease after a key is required to get into the building.

Michelle Hopper, complex director for Stevenson Hall, said, "There has been conversation for years why Stevenson is not keyed off."

It makes no sense to key off every other residence hall on this campus, and not Stevenson, the only dorm that allows males and females to live on the same floor and allows access to anyone to enter any floor of the building.

It makes no sense to risk the safety of 370 students when the technology and money are there to make changes for a safer building.

Members of Stevenson's Hall Council recognized last year that things needed to start running a little differently.

Campuses across the United States, and now even in Illinois, are not getting any safer by themselves.

This university fortunately recognizes this and is taking steps to ensure students' safety to the best of its ability.

Now, those 370 students can sleep easier next fall.



KATIE ANDERSON

Acceptance across the board

Sitting in my living room three years ago watching the 77th Academy Awards, I noticed them.

Foreigners. Penelope Cruz and Salma Hayek presented the Oscar for sound editing.

In thick accents and with an obvious camaraderie and pride, they announced "The Incredibles" had won and Michael Silvers and Randy Thom collected their golden figurine.

It wasn't the winner that I remembered. It was the presenters.

It was clear these women were not on stage to fill a minority quota, but to be recognized as talented.

Hayek had been nominated for best actress for her role in "Frida" in 2003 and Cruz had been rising in popularity on the silver screen at the time 2001's "Vanilla Sky" and 2003's "Gothika" were released.

The Oscars of my childhood were changing. Branching out.

That same year "Al Otro Lado Del Rio" from "The Motorcycle Diaries" won the award for original song. And this, as the title would suggest, was not even in English.

It managed to even win up against the pop hit "Accidentally In Love" from "Shrek 2" and the classic "Learn to Be Lonely" from Andrew Lloyd Webber's "The Phantom of the Opera."

There was a perceptible warmth and respect from the audience when the women were announced as presenters and when "The Motorcycle Diaries" received its awards.

That year also saw Columbian Catalina Sandino Moreno nominated for best actress for her performance in "Maria Full of Grace." It felt as if Oscar's big golden hand was patting himself on the back for being so progressive and inclusive.

The 77th Academy Awards stuck out for me and I still remember sitting on my couch thinking, this is marking something and we're going to continue to see this trend. The rules are changing on who is acceptable to nominate and let take home the little golden man.

The 79th Academy Awards saw an out-pouring of Academy adoration for Mexican-born Guillermo de Toro's "Pan's Labyrinth." And this year, the 80th Academy Awards was rife with non-Americans. Spaniard Javier Bardem won for supporting actor in "No Country for Old Men," Marion Cotillard took home the award for leading actress for her work in "La Vie en Rose," Irishman Daniel Day-Lewis won best actor for "There Will Be Blood" and Londoner Tilda Swinton won best supporting actress for her part in "Michael Clayton."

And there were a host of other foreign industry workers nominated, including Brit Julie Christie, Aussie Cate Blanchet and Spaniard Cruz.

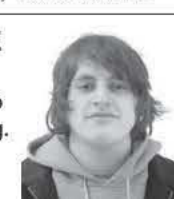
After last night I'm positive we are seeing a trend in "acceptance." My question is, are we seeing it because Warner Brothers, Paramount and Miramax have just now been flooded with headshots of foreign talent?

Was it because the rest of the world finally now caught up to American acting skill levels? Or maybe it is because of the revenue represented in foreign markets makes it OK to hand off awards to members who may not deliver their acceptance speeches in American English.

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CONTINUE THE DEBATE

**ONLINE**  
Visit DENnews.com to read Chris Essig's blog. "The Dalai Lama and Sid Vicious aren't so different after all."



"It was in detox that Levine started his path toward enlightenment. As he says, repressing selfish desires is very punk rock."

-Chris Essig

STUDENT GOVERNMENT | NOTEBOOK

# Vigil planned Sunday for NIU shooting victims

By Rick Kambic  
Student Government Reporter

Student Government is planning a candlelight vigil for Northern Illinois University.

The vigil will be held on Sunday in the south quad at 7 p.m. to remember the five lives lost in the Feb. 14 shooting at NIU.

"I know it's cold out and students have homework to do, but this is a tragedy that hit so close to home, and I think students should be able to take 30 minutes out of their day to remember those who lost their lives," said Megan Ogulnick, Student Senate speaker.

Student Government will distribute black and red ribbons this week.

The ribbons and literature from the counseling department will be distributed from a table set up outside the food court in the Martin

Luther King Jr. University Union, Ogulnick said.

Fliers for the event will be posted in all residence halls and academic buildings, Ogulnick said. Similar fliers were distributed in the same locations last year to honor the victims of the Virginia Tech shooting.

"It's sad that I looked back at last year's flier to see what I did then," Ogulnick said. "It's unfortunate, but still important even if you don't know anyone involved."

She said about 100 students attended that vigil.

Rich Higginbotham, student vice president for student affairs, said that he believes students will attend this year's vigil.

"I believe students will show up," Higginbotham said. "You have to look at it in another way, 100 students is more than zero."

The list of e-mail addresses from

registered student organizations will be used to inform students of the vigil.

### Election informational meeting to be held

An informational meeting will be conducted on March 3 at 6 p.m. in the Arcola/Tuscola room.

The meeting will be the first of its type and will encourage students to participate in the elections as candidates, supporters or voters.

"With declining numbers, we're trying something different because students just aren't interested in voting and we need to find out why," Ogulnick said.

Voter turnout is down from 399 in 2006 to 387 during this December's election.

She said most members of Student Government were introduced by friends, roommates or classmates.

She also said the meeting can help interested students who do not have connections to current members.

Students will be told how to run for election, what each job commitment entails, how to join or create a party and how the election operates.

### Student Organization Council meeting Thursday

Representatives from registered student organizations will have their chance to address their concerns to Dan Nadler, vice president for Student Affairs.

Nadler will address campus issues and take questions during Thursday's Student Organization Council meeting at 5 p.m. in the 7th Street Underground.

"A lot of organizations have problems on campus in different aspects of the university," Higgin-

botham said. "About 20 to 25 organizations showed up to the SOC meeting last semester, and I was the only speaker."

Of those who attended, Higginbotham said there were few Greek organizations.

"I want as many organizations as possible to attend, but I don't expect all 180 to show up," Higginbotham said. "I would be happy if 20 or 30 attended because it means those 20 or 30 really want their questions answered and changes made."

While the concerns vary and Higginbotham did not provide specific concerns, he said participation is vital to initiating change.

"It all depends on what the RSOs ask for," Higginbotham said. "The more RSOs asking for the change, the more realistic it will be."

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## » Violations

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If unescorted guests are caught roaming the halls or leaving by themselves, the person they came to visit would get in trouble, said Hudson.

From 2005-2006, 20 unescorted guests were documented and referred to Judicial Affairs.

"We don't want people wandering around, causing a problem on safety," Hudson said.

Sanctions for such violations within housing are based on how serious the situation is.

Hudson said he strives for resi-

dents to learn consideration for others. All the sanctions are educationally based on what is best for the community.

"When violations occur in residence halls, the RA on duty will approach the resident by knocking on their door and if the RA knows that resident is there and won't answer, we have to call the hall director," Hahn said.

Identification and Panther cards are requested when documents have to be made. If the person who is involved with a situation does not attend Eastern, Eastern is allowed to contact other school's Judicial Affairs as well.

When a document is made, it

is sent to Judicial Affairs and to the director of the building.

"Students are here to try to figure out boundaries," Hudson said. "We are serious about being a good citizen, and the judicial process reinforces positive learning."

Warnings are also given, but only in cases that have little impact on other surroundings.

Hahn and other RAs in Lawson Hall have what she calls "the buddy system." If they need backup there is always someone on each floor to call, Hahn said.

It is the RA's decision whether or not to call for backup or to distinguish what should happen, she added.

Once a resident is documented they have an option to meet with a student judicial board.

In larger issues, a resident has an option to meet with a hearing officer in Judicial Affairs.

"Accountability is important on floors," Hahn said. "We are not here to watch over residents, but we're here to help them adapt to college."

RAs have gone through training to prepare themselves for possible situations.

Prior to getting hired as a RA, students must attend two workshops to meet people and get to know personalities and go through an interview process.

When students are hired, they

then have two weeks in the summer where they go through an intensive program.

Acting out situations and allowing new RAs to confront the situation, is also a part of the training process.

Hudson said the University Police Department are seldom involved in the event of a violation. When drug issues happen, the police are immediately notified.

"All semester, I had to document one write up, and I feel we are doing a good job of making sure everyone is safe," Hahn said.

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## » Winter

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When the resolution was passed in January, it was voted down by five senators based on one of two factors: involvement of other organizations or encroachment on duties usually undertaken by University Board.

"I think it was kind of sad that it was just Student Senate," said Ryan Kerch, a junior biology major

and member of both Student Senate and University Board. "If this is something like First Night, there should be more campus organizations. The senate didn't seek out orientation."

Kersch didn't feel like the senate had become too involved in assignments usually taken up by University Board, but at the same time expressed concern regarding the entertainment value of the event, saying it shouldn't be strictly entertainment.

Rogers, however, insists on the recruitment and involvement aspect of the event, hoping to attract students in the vicinity of the quad, either coming out of dining halls or coming from their dorms.

"If providing, as incentive, entertainment, it could help more students get involved on campus," he said.

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## » Tuition

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He added he knows the General Assembly values higher education.

"I believe, if there is anyway they can help out higher education, they will do it," Perry said.

As for the capital money section of Blagojevich's budget proposal, Perry said there is around \$30 million set aside for Eastern.


The \$30 million, if approved,

would go towards Eastern's new co-generation steam plant that is dependent upon capital money for completion.

The money would also be used to fund Doudna Fine Arts Center equipment and various capital renewal projects.

"If that is finally approved in the budget, then that would help us out a lot," Perry said.

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## WORLD BRIEFS

The Associated Press

**IAEA documents may point to Iranian nuclear development**

VIENNA, Austria — The U.N. nuclear monitoring agency presented documents Monday that diplomats said indicate Iran may have focused on a nuclear weapons program after 2003 — the year that a U.S. intelligence report says such work stopped.

Iran again denied ever trying to make such arms. Ali Ashgar Soltanieh, the chief Iranian delegate to the International Atomic Energy Agency, dismissed the information showcased by the body as “forgeries.”

He and other diplomats, all linked to the IAEA, commented after a closed-door presentation to the agency’s 35-nation board of intelligence findings from the U.S. and its allies and other information purporting to show Iranian attempts to make nuclear arms.

**Suicide bomber attacks center with wheelchair**

BAGHDAD — A man in a wheelchair laden with explosives persuaded security guards Monday to push him into an Iraqi operations center, where he blew himself up in an attack that killed the center’s deputy commander.

The infiltration, along with a U.S. report that insurgents used an adolescent to carry out a suicide attack against a mosque last week, was the latest indication that al-Qaida in Iraq is expanding its tactics to avoid detection before a bombing.

The Iraqi military indefinitely banned all motorcycles, bicycles and hand-pushed and horse-drawn carts from Baghdad’s streets on Sunday, two days after a bomb hidden under a horse-drawn cart exploded downtown, killing three civilians.

**NY Philharmonic to play concert in North Korea**

PYONGYANG, North Korea — Swirling dancers and musicians beating traditional drums welcomed the New York Philharmonic to North Korea Monday for a historic cultural exchange between countries that have been technically at war for more than a half-century. The Philharmonic is the first major American cultural group to visit the isolated communist nation and the largest-ever delegation from the U.S. to visit its longtime foe.

## CAMPUS | LECTURE

**Death by brutality inspires mother****Speaker uses personal experience with police to address serious topic**By Emily Zulz  
Activities Reporter

Dr. Loretta Prater’s son was killed from police brutality on Jan. 2, 2004.

He was intoxicated.

He was also an African American.

He left the place he’d been drinking at and pulled his car off the road not far from there.

He got out of the car and took his clothes off.

The police were called and, soon after, four police officers were on the scene.

Prater said the police called her son uncooperative and belligerent, which Prater said was not the case.

She said just because someone does something foolish is not a reason for punishment.

Prater’s 37-year old son, Leslie Vaughn Prater, was taken down to the ground, handcuffed behind his back and pepper sprayed.

He was then beaten and kicked.

The four officers then positioned themselves on top of Prater’s son so he could not breathe.

Prater said none of the police involved admitted this, but it was concluded based on the eyewitness and condition of the body.

Prater is bringing her personal experience, along with an overview of literature she has read, to her presentation “Guilty until Proven Innocent: Experiences of African-American Males and Police Brutality.”

Her lecture takes place at 6 tonight in room 2030 of Lumpkin Hall as part of African American Heritage Month.

“As an educator and a mother of a victim, it was my responsibility to not remain silent and talk about these matters,” Prater said.

Throughout her experience, Prater said, she has learned more than any textbook.

Prater is currently the dean of the College of Health and Human Services at Southwest Missouri State University but worked at Eastern previously for five years as chair of family and consumer science department.

“I would not wish this upon my worst enemy,” Prater said.

She said it is something “you just don’t ever get over.”

Prater’s son was in Chattanooga, Tenn., when he died, a neighborhood known for its police brutality.

For this incident, the police involved were given a week off with pay and then were let back out on the street.

CHUCK PHILLIPS | DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES

**“Young men, particularly young black men, need to know several things. Number one, how to handle themselves when it comes to dealing with law enforcement. (They) need to know the consequences for not acting accordingly.”**

She said to this day — four years later — there still has been no accountability from them.

Prater said she is not condemning the police because the majority of them are doing their job.

She said it is the 15 percent not doing their job that are creating all the problems. She said this percentage of the officers continue to be brutal over and over again. This 15 percent is responsible for 70 percent of the actions.

She said the problem is they are not removed from their positions.

“We have to tell what’s going on because this needs to stop,” Prater said.

She said talking about police brutality is the only way it is going to stop. It will continue and get worse, if it is not addressed, Prater said.

“I call it terrorism,” Prater said. “We got people right here that’s killing our citizens.”

She said when police brutality is done one at a time it is not seen, but collectively Prater said she feels it’s an epidemic.

This is why Phi Beta Sigma is sponsoring Prater’s lecture — to make people more informed about police brutality.

“Young men, particularly young black men, need to know several things,” said Chuck Phillips, director of Human Resources and advisor for Phi Beta Sigma. “Number one, how to handle themselves when it comes to dealing with law enforcement. (They) need to know the consequences for not acting accordingly.”

Some members have witnessed or experienced cases of police brutality, although they did not think of it as such at the time.

Michael Curtis, Jr., a senior management information systems major and phi beta sigma president, was driving in a predominately white neighborhood near Chicago when he was pulled over for the type of car he drives — a black Monte Carlo with tinted windows.

He said what started as a routing traffic stop escalated into a search and seizure.

Curtis and his friend were pulled out of the car and spread across the back of Curtis’ car.

He said the police searched the car but didn’t find anything.

“They took some money from me,” Curtis

## WANT TO GO?

- **WHO:** Dr. Loretta Prater
- **WHAT:** “Guilty until Proven Innocent: Experiences of African-American Males and Police Brutality”
- **WHERE:** Room 2030 of Lumpkin Hall
- **WHEN:** 6 tonight

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## POLICE BRUTALITY

**The Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994**

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Source: U.S. Department of Justice Web site

said. “(They) threw everything out of the car out on the street and everything.”

Curtis said this is why it is important to have Prater on campus to educate people on how to act toward police. He said at the time he didn’t really know what to do.

“I was really trying not say to much but then didn’t want to say the wrong thing,” Curtis said. Curtis said the lecture will help others know what should or should not be said or done to police to help de-escalate the situation.

Prater said she really wants people to come out and hear her lecture.

She said it could save them or save someone’s family members.

The more information people have and the more educated people are the better off they will be, she said.

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## STATE BRIEFS

The Associated Press

### Lemont native wins for best original screenplay

LEMONT — A Lemont couple may have been a bit worried some years back when their daughter went to work as an exotic dancer under the stage name of Diablo Cody.

But Pam and Greg Busey are definitely proud of their daughter Brook, especially now that she's won the best original screenplay Oscar for "Juno." The movie is the humorous story of a pregnant teenager who decides to put her baby up for adoption.

The 29-year-old Cody is a graduate of Benet Academy.

### Robbers hit fashion show at Chicago hotel

CHICAGO — Chicago Police were searching for two robbers who allegedly got away with as much as \$20,000 from a fashion show audition at the Hilton Chicago Hotel on South Michigan Avenue.

Police said no one was hurt in the holdup late Sunday night on the hotel's third floor. Officers said the person in charge of the fashion show, told them the robbers got away with some \$20,000 in cash, but police could not verify that amount.

### Peoria teacher pleads guilty to sex with student

PEORIA — A former Peoria special education teacher has pleaded guilty to charges she had sex with one of her students.

Jodi Church will serve the four-and-a-half-year sentence she received Monday in state court concurrently with a seven-year federal sentence she was given earlier for a separate case.

In the earlier case, she pleaded guilty to using the social networking site MySpace.com to try to persuade another Manual High School student into having sex. Mark Wertz is her attorney.

He says the guilty pleas and sentencing allow her to take responsibility for her actions, pay her debt to society and, in his words, "lead a full life when she's released."

## STATE | CAMPUS LIFE

# NIU students return to class

## Monday begins a journey to normalcy after Feb. 14 shooting

The Associated Press

DEKALB, Ill. — Students carried backpacks stuffed with books, headed in and out of class, grabbed something to eat and plopped down in the library just like always.

But there was nothing normal about Northern Illinois University on Monday. Not with white crosses on a small knoll and television news trucks parked around campus.

And not with crime scene tape strung in front of the auditorium where 11 days earlier a gunman wordlessly pumped bullets and buckshot into a crowded class, ending the lives of five students before taking his own.

"You've got to move on," said Jonathan Brock, a 25-year-old studying industrial management, who was clearly not quite ready to do that as he looked for a spot to add his thoughts to message boards on which students have expressed their grief, faith and anger.

One after another, students said they were happy to be back at classes for the first time since the shooting, doing what they are supposed to be

doing — if for no other reason than maybe it could take their minds off what gunman Steven Kazmierczak had done.

"It was something to do other than sit around and think about it," Lee Scott, a 21-year-old from nearby Sycamore, said after getting out of his sociological inquiry class.

In many classes, students used silence to turn down teachers' offers to talk about the shooting, relieved to talk computer science or economics. Students instead expressed determination to get on with their lives.

"That's not going to define my college experience, one day out of the three years I've been here," said Dan Beno, a 20-year-old junior from Beach Park.

One of students most seriously wounded in the attack, Maria Ruiz-Santana, was to be released Monday from a hospital in Downers Grove, doctors said.

More than 20 pellets from a single shotgun blast hit her in the chest, head and neck, and she underwent five hours of surgery.

The 20-year-old Ruiz, a criminology major, is more resolved than ever to go into law enforcement and isn't angry at her shooter, her father said at a hospital news conference.

"She feels sorry for this guy," Alfredo Ruiz said.

But his daughter "was devastated" to learn Saturday that two friends, Catalina Garcia, 20, and Ryanne Mace, 19, died in the attack.

The three had been sitting together near the front of Cole Hall, Ruiz said.

On the quiet, rural campus in DeKalb, students seemed to feel that maybe they aren't as removed from the big city, or its perceived problems, as they believed. Or perhaps not as independent as they once thought.

"It's not half as safe as I thought it was," said Kathryn Neeves, a 22-year-old junior.

And students said they'll move on feeling differently not only about their school, but also themselves.

"Something has been taken," said Kristi Bradford, a 19-year-old from Bloomington. "But something was given back. It made me grow up a little."

Early Monday morning, NIU President John Rogers noted the students "do need each other." Others agreed.

"I used to not feel close to other college students. We were doing the same thing but we had nothing in common," Scott said after his sociology class. "Now I feel close to my classmates even though I don't even know who they are."

## NATION | SPACE

# Navy missile hits satellite's fuel tank

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon said Monday it has a "high degree of confidence" that the missile fired at a dead U.S. spy satellite in space destroyed the satellite's fuel tank as planned.

In its most definitive statement yet on the outcome of last Wednesday's shootdown over the Pacific, the Pentagon said that based on debris analysis it is clear the Navy missile destroyed the fuel tank, "reducing, if not eliminating, the risk to people on Earth from the hazardous chemical."

The tank had 1,000 pounds of

hydrazine, a toxic substance that U.S. government officials believed posed a potential health hazard to humans if the satellite had descended to Earth on its own.

The presence of the hydrazine was cited by U.S. officials as the main reason to shoot down the satellite — described as the size of a school bus — which would otherwise have fallen out of orbit on its own in early March.

The satellite lost power shortly after reaching its initial orbit in December 2006.

Pentagon officials had said almost immediately after the shootdown by a missile fired from the USS Lake

Erie that it appeared the tank had been hit squarely, but they conducted further analysis before reaching a final conclusion.

As of Monday there had been no reports of debris landing on Earth, and it is unlikely any will remain intact to impact the ground, the Pentagon statement said.

"By all accounts this was a successful mission," Gen. James Cartwright, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said in the Pentagon statement Monday. "From the debris analysis, we have a high degree of confidence the satellite's fuel tank was destroyed and the hydrazine has been dissipated."

## NATION BRIEFS

The Associated Press

### Nader announces campaign for president

WASHINGTON — Ralph Nader on Sunday announced a fresh bid for the White House, criticizing the top contenders as too close to big business and dismissing the possibility that his third-party candidacy could tip the election to Republicans.

Nader is still loathed by many Democrats who accuse him of costing Al Gore the 2000 election.

Nader said most people are disenchanting with the Democratic and Republican parties due to a prolonged Iraq war and a shaky economy.

Nader, who turns 74 later this week, announced his candidacy on NBC's "Meet the Press."

### Obama photo on internet causes stir

WASHINGTON — A photograph circulating on the Internet of Democratic Sen. Barack Obama dressed in traditional local garments during a visit to Kenya in 2006 is causing a dustup in the presidential campaign over what constitutes a smear.

The photograph portrays Obama wearing a white turban and a wraparound white robe presented to him by elders in Wajir, in northeastern Kenya.

The Web site The Drudge Report posted the photograph Monday and said it was being circulated by "Clinton staffers."

"I just want to make it very clear that we were not aware of it, the campaign didn't sanction it," Clinton spokesman said.

### Man dies after bitten by shark off Florida coast

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — An Austrian tourist died Monday after being bitten by a shark while diving near the Bahamas in waters that had been baited with bloody fish parts to attract the predators.

Markus Groh, 49, was diving Sunday when he was bitten about 50 miles off the coast of Fort Lauderdale, said Karlick Arthur, Austrian counsel general in Miami.

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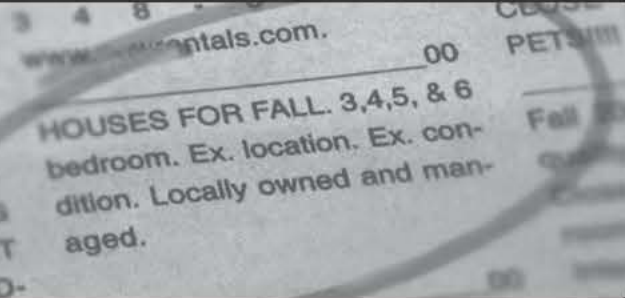
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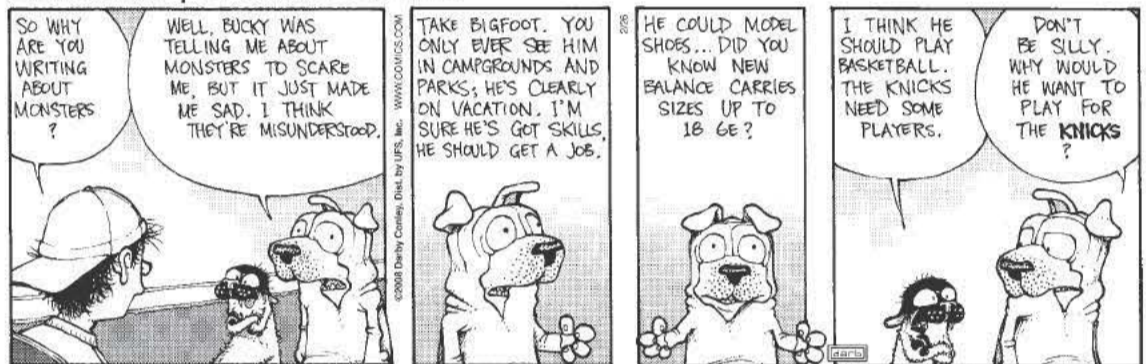
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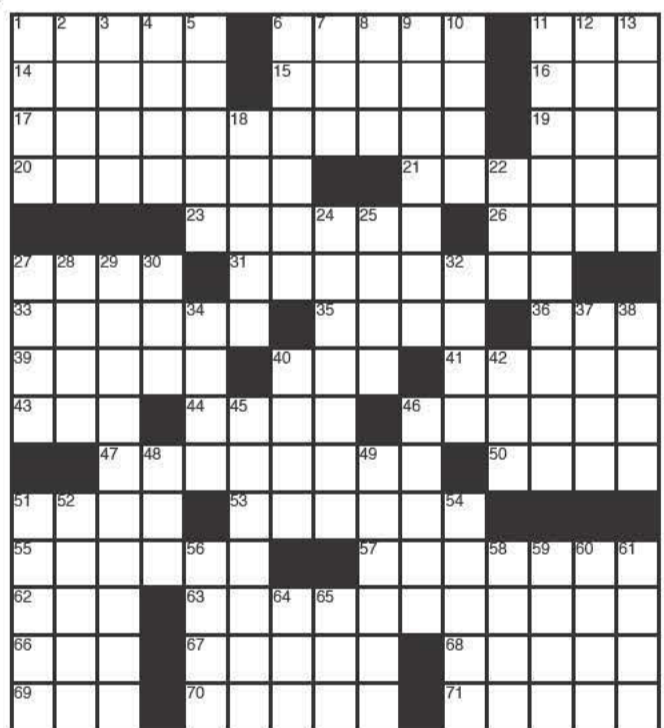


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- ACROSS**
- 1 Some charity fund-raisers
  - 6 Outspoken
  - 11 Org. with a code
  - 14 Singer Davis with the 1998 hit "32 Flavors"
  - 15 Airplane seat choice
  - 16 Old \_\_\_\_\_, London theater
  - 17 Joie de vivre
  - 19 Lab eggs
  - 20 Accomplish
  - 21 Star-related
  - 23 Prank player
  - 26 "South Park" kid
  - 27 Precursor of Bell or shell
  - 31 Speed-happy driver
  - 33 Book in which the first Passover occurred
  - 35 Castle protector
  - 36 Middle-earth meanie
  - 39 Teacher's charge
  - 40 Paris's \_\_\_\_\_ Invalides
  - 41 Colder and windier
  - 43 "\_\_\_\_ a Tramp" ("Lady and the Tramp" tune)
  - 44 Singer Pinza
- DOWN**
- 46 Popular setting for a wedding
  - 47 Fantastically wonderful
  - 50 Snare
  - 51 Daughter of Czar Nicholas I or II
  - 53 Arctic bird
  - 55 Newswoman Katie
  - 57 Diner sign filler
  - 62 \_\_\_\_\_la-la
  - 63 Speaking manner
  - 66 Go wrong
  - 67 Proficient
  - 68 O.K.
  - 69 Newsmen Koppel
  - 70 Fix, as laces
  - 71 This puzzle's theme



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- 10 Famous Virginia family
- 11 Lofty place for an academic
- 12 Pepsi vis-à-vis Coke
- 13 Symbol of justice
- 18 Racetracks
- 22 Bout decision
- 24 Didn't stay on
- 25 Kerfuffles
- 27 Part of M.I.T.: Abbr.
- 28 Highway toll unit
- 29 Its academy is in New London, Conn.
- 30 Some E.R. cases
- 32 \_\_\_\_\_ vez (again, in Spanish)
- 34 Preowned
- 37 Singer McEntire
- 38 Wheat, barley or beans
- 40 In \_\_\_\_\_ of
- 42 First drug approved to treat AIDS
- 45 90210, for Beverly Hills
- 46 Feeling of loss
- 48 Person obeying a coxswain
- 49 Significant
- 51 Four duos
- 52 Peter of "M"
- 54 Super stars
- 56 \_\_\_\_\_-Tass news agency
- 58 Court plea, informally
- 59 Tributary of the Colorado
- 60 Rent-\_\_\_\_\_ (security person for hire)
- 61 Wraps (up)
- 64 Snare
- 65 Prefix with dermis

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MEN'S BASKETBALL | OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE NOTEBOOK

# Governors have chance to take title outright

By Matt Daniels  
Editor in Chief

Austin Peay needs one more Ohio Valley Conference win to earn its second straight regular season title.

The Governors, who have already clinched a share of the league title, play two games on the road this week at Eastern Kentucky and Morehead State.

Murray State needs one more win in its final two league games to clinch at least second place.

The Racers are the only other team that has a chance to earn the No. 1 seed for the OVC tournament – and only if Morehead State stays in its current spot at third place and the Eagles beat Austin Peay on Saturday.

But for the Racers to accomplish this, Austin Peay has to lose both games this week while Murray State needs to beat Tennessee Tech and Tennessee-Martin.

Both teams would finish with 14-6 conference records, but the tiebreaker goes to Murray.

The Racers have split both their games with Austin Peay, making the

OVC STANDINGS		
School	Overall	OVC
Austin Peay	19-10	14-4
Murray St.	16-11	12-6
Morehead St.	14-13	11-7
UT-Martin	16-14	11-8
E. Kentucky	14-13	10-8
Samford	13-14	9-9
Tennessee St.	12-15	9-9
Tennessee Tech	12-18	9-10
SE Missouri	12-17	7-11
Jacksonville St.	6-21	4-14
<b>E. Illinois</b>	<b>5-22</b>	<b>4-14</b>

TOP 10 SCORERS		
Name	School	PPG
1. L. Hudson	UTM	25.7
2. B. Price	TSU	17.9
3. A. Fisher	TTU	16.6
4. M. Weddle	UTM	16.5
5. M. Rose	EKU	15.7
6. D. Reed	AP	15.3
7. G. Robinson	TSU	15.2
8. A. McKenzie	TTU	14.8
9. G. Robinson	TSU	14.7
10. B. Carter	MUR	13.9

TOP 10 REBOUNDERS		
Name	School	RPG
1. D. Northern	TTU	9.1
2. A. McKenzie	TTU	8.4
3. G. Robinson	UTM	8.3
4. K. Faried	MOR	7.9
5. L. Hudson	UTM	7.8
6. F. Lockett	AP	6.9
7. J. Houston	TSU	6.3
8. D. Dials	EKU	6.2
9. L. Buchanan	MOR	6.0
10. A. Mbodji	JSU	5.9

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE	
<b>Thursday</b>	
•Murray St. at Tenn. Tech	– 6 p.m.
•Tenn St. at Morehead St.	– 6:30 p.m.
•Austin Peay at E. Kentucky	– 6:30 p.m.
•Jacksonville St. at E. Illinois	– 7:15 p.m.
•Samford at SE Missouri	– 7:30 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	
•Tenn St. at E. Kentucky	– 6 p.m.
•Austin Peay at Morehead St.	– 6:30 p.m.
•Samford at E. Illinois	– 7:15 p.m.
•Jacksonville St. at SE Missouri	– 7:30 p.m.
•UT-Martin at Murray St.	– 7:30 p.m.

head-to-head tiebreaker null. The next tiebreaker would go for how both teams fared against the third-place team.

Austin Peay has already won its first game this year against Morehead and play the Eagles on Saturday, while the Racers have won both.

**SEMO still has a chance for tournament spot**

If Samford, Tennessee State or Tennessee Tech each win one game this week, ninth-place Southeast Missouri is eliminated from the post-season. If SEMO loses either of its

two remaining games, the Redhawks are also eliminated from the OVC tournament.

If the Redhawks win their two games this week, while Samford, TSU and TTU lose all their games this week, multiple tiebreaking scenarios would have SEMO eeking into the tournament.

Tech only has one league game this week, and it's against second-place Murray State on Thursday.

"Obviously, we have a chance to control our own destiny if we win," Tech head coach Mike Sutton said. "So the OVC tournament, for us,

starts on Thursday."

**League doesn't fare well with BracketBuster event**

The league went 4-6 in its 10 BracketBuster games this past weekend.

Morehead State suffered the most lopsided loss of any of the OVC schools with an 89-57 loss at Colonial Athletic Association school James Madison.

James Madison head coach Dean Keener announced his resignation on Friday, effective at the end of the season, and Morehead State head coach

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Donnie Tyndall said that played a factor in the game.

"They came out with an emotion and intensity level that, according to their people, they haven't had all year," Tyndall said. "They whooped us as bad as you could be whipped."

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» **Murphy**

FROM PAGE 12

If Samford loses two straight and Eastern wins two straight games, the Panthers will be ahead of Samford and at least in third place.

At this point, the conference tournament schedule could change several times in the next seven days.

One thing is certain, however. SEMO has clinched at least a share

of the regular season title.

Regardless of the confusion, Eastern will play in the OVC tournament for the second time in three years.

It's a crazy process that is natural around the end of February and the beginning of March, but the Panthers can rest easy knowing their season will extend past Saturday's game.

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» **Robinson**

FROM PAGE 12

Even though he looks up to his brother, Wyatt came on the campus tour and got all the attention.

"He is kind of a ham," Robinson said.

Wyatt is not the only junior high student who looks up to his big brother. Robinson is a mentor for PORTA Central students and a

teacher's aide.

Robinson has enrolled as an honors student at Eastern. Lynch said few football players are members of the Honors College, but it was something Robinson was interested in.

Lynch said he thinks Robinson will provide depth at tight end.

"He will really benefit from eating a lot of food and lifting for his first year," Lynch said.

Robinson said he is not surprised the Eastern coaching staff wants him

to put on about 40 pounds because, at 225 pounds, he needs to bulk up.

But until he starts at Eastern in the fall, Robinson can be found on Friday nights playing basketball in the small-town gymnasium in front of a packed house.

That is if he can get through the traffic at the one stoplight to make it to the game on time.

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# ALL ACCESS WITH MARIE BAKER

## Sophomore makes most of opportunities

After scoring a career-high 13 points in 14 minutes against Tech on Thursday night, Eastern sophomore women's basketball player Marie Baker talked with Staff Reporter John Twork about everything from why she wears the No. 5 to how she can improve Lantz Arena by filling in the Panther logo at center court.

### What role do you play on this year's team?

My role has definitely changed from last year because of how great (sophomore forward Maggie Kloak) and (junior forward Rachel Galligan) have both been playing this year. My role, along with (junior forward) Julie Lipperd and (freshman guard) Jerika Carpenter and some of the other girls that don't play so much, is we prepare them for the next victory that we hope to get. So working hard in practice, and just playing our best so they can compete against our best and be ready to play against the best the next game.

### What was the transition like to Division I basketball?

Probably for all of us, high school was really good for us. I was the tallest one, and it was great. As far as the transition, the speed of the game and adjusting to playing defense differently, because it's a completely different game. Speed is probably the biggest thing, and the overall strength and energy you even need to just play one possession.

### Why did you choose to play basketball at Eastern?

(Head coach Brady Sallee) had talked to my high school coach, and he invited us to their camp. I remember sitting in the hallway during a break and one of the assistant coaches at the time came out and was talking to everybody and I'm like, "Hi, I'm Marie." And she's like "Yeah, we know who you are and actually Brady would like to talk to you," and I was like, "Oh, who's Brady?"

I was really nervous, and I didn't know why he wanted to talk to me, but he told me that he'd been watching me play. He made it clear that he didn't want anyone to come (to Eastern) unless it feels right. And just listening to him say that, I could see myself here and I hit it off very well with him. He played the main role in me coming here.

### How do you prepare to enter the game as a sub?

It's nerve-racking, because it's like, "Oh, Rachel has two fouls, or Maggie will pick up a couple," and I'm like, "Oh my God, is it happening?" But we're a very close-knit team, and the confidence that we all have in each other and that my teammates have in me, I'm ready to play when that time is needed for me to come in and play.

### What was Thursday's game against Illinois Tech like?

There was a lot of excitement, not only because of me personally scoring, but also the excitement of my team and how excited they were for me being successful. It's just the greatest feeling in the world.

### How did it compare to the Tennessee State game?

I think (Kloak) had gotten in foul trouble, and (Sallee) called me in there and I knew, "Here's my chance, and every second I'm on the floor I need to do something with it." So instead of going out there scared, I went out there like I was playing with my teammates, who



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Marie Baker takes time off the court on a regular basis to rock-out to her own beat.

are my friends. That makes it so much easier and more fun to play. Any time I get the chance to contribute in any way I know I have to capitalize on that.

### How has the team grown since starting 0-7?

That 0-7 start was just exhausting and frustrating. It was a big strain on us emotionally and physically, and we had come off a really tough pre-season this year. But we came together over the pre-season, and we were able to overcome that obstacle, and the 0-7 start was just another hurdle in our path. With both (Galligan) and (sophomore guard Jessica Huffman) going down, it called for other people on the team to step up

and take charge so we could be successful. As soon as that tough pre-season schedule was over with, we had been practicing playing at a higher level than the rest of our conference was. I really believe that's what gave us the ability to have such a successful start in (Ohio Valley Conference) play.

### What's the feeling like going into the tournament?

We're very excited, but also filled with a lot of nervous energy too because we've never really been in this position before – to be able to say we're playing for the championship. We know what it takes and we know what has to be done, so we're prepared and we have confidence in

ourselves and we have confidence in our coaches. If we do everything that we've been working on this whole year, then we should come out with the wins that we are looking for.

### What part of your game has improved the most?

The mental part of my game has gotten a lot better. I remember my freshman year, anytime my number was called I was like a deer in headlights. Like "Oh my God, what do I do." I've become a lot more comfortable with the coaches and the systems.

### Do you have any pre-game rituals or superstitions?

When we split up in our groups

to stretch, I always help (Galligan) up, and she jumps and I always say something to her and she says something back. Or I always like to be the first one out to get the rebound out for (Huffman) on the lay-up line. But we're all pretty superstitious.

### Why did you pick the No. 5 for your jersey?

As awkward as it looks, me the big girl with the little number. Actually in high school I was No. 52. There was this girl who graduated four years before me, and everyone was always comparing me to her, so that jersey was just given to me. I kept the number, but I wanted to make a name for myself. Then they recruited me and I found out Ms. Galligan had (No. 52), so they gave me the options. So I chose five, and it actually works out perfectly for me because it has half of the number in there, and there are five people in my family and my address back home is actually just five.

### How do you entertain yourself on long bus rides?

I'm like the team back-massager. My arm for some reason doesn't get tired, so everybody takes turns and for like a half-an-hour apiece I scratch their backs, and that's like our bonding thing. Life on the road is tough, but we make it work with movies and we really got (Sallee's) head to hurt when we were doing a sing-along – it was a good 45 minutes of old 90s music.

### What is one thing you want to improve in Lantz Arena?

If I really could do something right now, I would fill in the Panther. It bothers me that he is empty. He kind of looks like a sad Panther. If it were just filled in, then maybe we could look a little more intimidating.

### When did you first have an interest in basketball?

I was probably three, and my brother got this Larry Bird cardboard basketball hoop for Christmas and he didn't like it, and I thought it was a lot of fun. I've always liked it since I was a little girl growing up and watching the Bulls. It's always been a part of my life, and it's always been so fun.

### What basketball moment sticks out the most?

Last year it was one of the first games and (Kloak) and I both got put in the game together. She got the ball at the top of the key, and I remember ducking in and I was like, "Ball!" It was like slow-motion, and I was thinking in my head, "Oh my God, I've got to catch this."

So I caught it, and I turned and I made the basket. We both ran in the middle of the floor and were like "Oh my God, you did great." We were like embracing in the middle of the floor, and everyone else is like, "We're still playing." And (Sallee's) like, "What are you doing." I owe my first college basket to Maggie Kloak.

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KEVIN MURPHY

## Final week could change seeds

This week is perhaps the most important week for the Eastern women's basketball team.

The Panthers have already secured a quarterfinal spot in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament set to start on March 4.

A top-four league finish is already guaranteed with Eastern's current 13-5 record in the OVC. The Panthers will host a first-round tournament game because of their top-four ranking.

But this week will be crazy, as weeks leading up to the conference tournament usually are.

Austin Peay and Tennessee-Martin have been eliminated from the tournament and Morehead State and Tennessee Tech are battling for the eighth spot.

What is still up for grabs are the rest of the tournament seedings.

Despite the pressure of the last week of the regular season, the Panthers have to worry about how they play.

The Panthers obviously want to finish better than fourth because it will look better historically. However, there is a more logical reason for Eastern to want a better seed.

If Eastern wins its first round game as a No. 4 seed, and Southeast Missouri does the same as a No. 1 seed, the Panthers would have to face the only team that has beaten them twice this season in the semifinals of the tournament.

Eastern plays Jacksonville State on Thursday and Samford on Saturday.

The Gamecocks and the Panthers have had some classic games lately. Eastern lost a double overtime game last season in Charleston, 103-98.

The Panthers answered this season with an 83-81 double overtime win in Jacksonville, Ala.

It is important to win out against Jacksonville State and Samford.

If Eastern does, the Panthers will move to 15-5 in the conference.

This final week will determine the Panthers quarterfinal and potentially semifinal opponents.

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### FOOTBALL | RECRUIT SPOTLIGHT

# A big deal for a small town

## Robinson brings athletic, academic prowess

By Nicole Milstead  
Associate Online Editor

PETERSBURG — Keagan Robinson is a big deal in a small town where the Friday night hangout is the Hardee's parking lot. It's a place that has one hotel with 24 rooms and only one stoplight for the entire county.

The 6 foot, 6 inch senior from Petersburg signed a National Letter of Intent on Feb. 6 to play tight end for the Eastern football team.

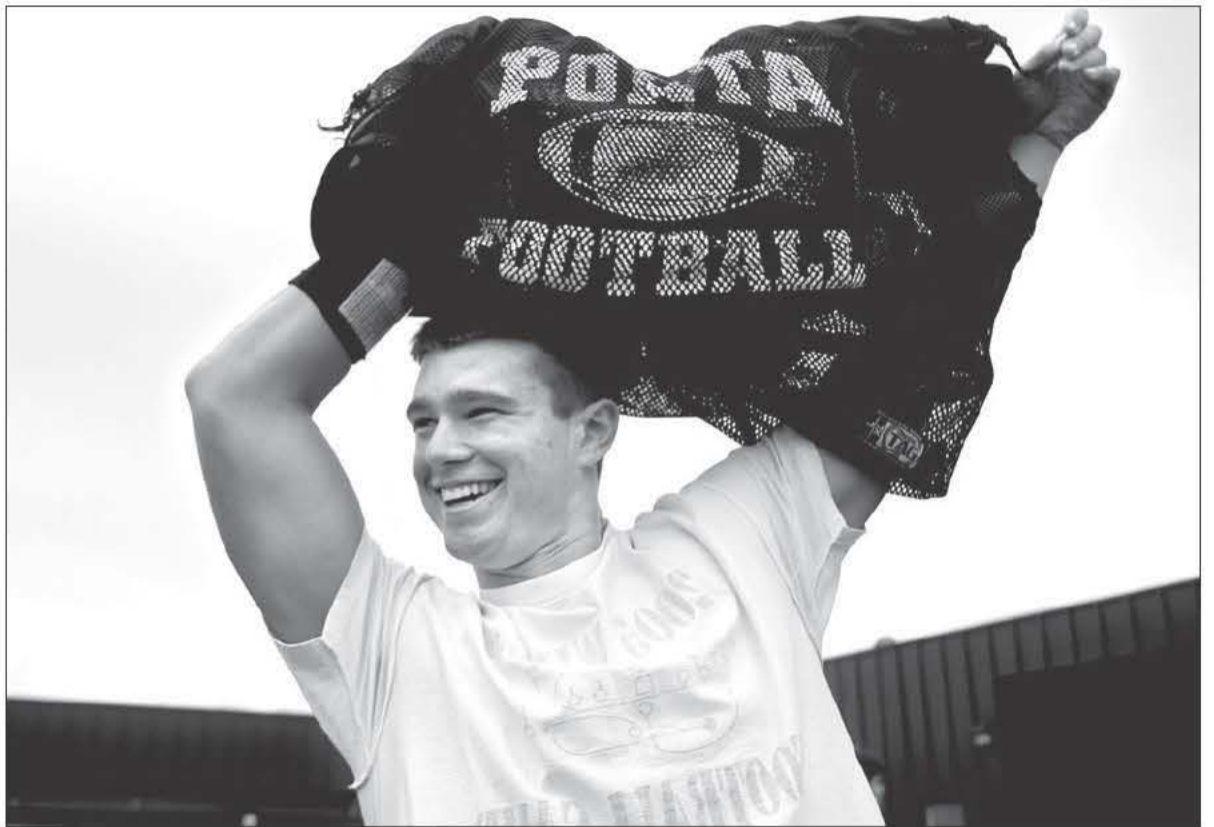
For Robinson this is the big time. He is the first football player from PORTA High School, which is a co-op of five small towns, to play football for a Division I school.

"I hope more than anything it will open the door for others," Robinson said.

Robinson is becoming more of a local celebrity than ever.

"I called Heubner Tires to get my car fixed and they asked for my name," Robinson said. "I said Keagan Robinson. The man on the other end replied with 'Oh you're going to Eastern, congratulations!'"

But it wasn't the big school that made Robinson choose Eastern. Even in the fall, several Football Championship Subdivisions schools including Eastern and Illinois State and Truman State (a Division II school) were interested in Robinson.



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PORTA High School senior football player Keagan Robinson prepares for practice on Wed., Oct. 17, 2007. Robinson signed a National Letter of Intent to play tight end at Eastern on National Signing Day on Feb. 6.

### MORE ONLINE

• Check out dennews.com for the multimedia package about Keagan Robinson.

He came to visit Eastern with his family and knew this would be his home for the next few years.

"The coaching staff was so great and the school was like (Petersburg)," Robinson said. "It was nice like high school only bigger."

Eastern wide receivers coach Mike Lynch recruits in the Springfield area. He got the word there was a talented player on the PORTA team. Defensive backs coach Bobby Babich and Lynch got Robinson's

tape and really liked his size, athletic ability and speed.

Robinson said he was amazed at how friendly Eastern's campus was — even to his 11-year-old brother, Wyatt — who came to visit because he likes the attention even more than Robinson.

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### ATHLETICS | ATHLETIC DIRECTOR SEARCH UPDATE

# Second female finalist visits Eastern

## Current Drake administrator wants student-athletes to have full college experience

By JC Clark  
Staff Reporter

Eastern athletic director candidate Jean Berger believes in the value of the college experience.

During a campus on visit Monday, Drake's current associate athletic director and senior women's administrator spoke about the difference of what happens off the field, more so than what transpires on it.

"It's a part of university life," Berger said about athletics. "It's not about the locker room."

Berger was the fourth of five finalists to visit campus.

Berger said not demanding academic success from athletes is "using athletes" for their talents and ignoring the main purpose of university life — to get an education.

Berger said she views collegiate athletics from a "front porch" philosophy meaning athletics may be one of the first things people notice about a university, but it is not a school's reason for existing.

She mentioned the alleged recruiting violations of Indiana head basketball coach as an example.

"If you're Kelvin Sampson, maybe that's not a good front porch to



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Associate Athletic Director from Drake University, Jean A. Berger, speaks about how she feels like Drake and Eastern Illinois have a similar feel as a small school on Monday afternoon at her campus visit in the Effingham room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

have," Berger said.

The Iowa graduate said student-athletes should be ambassadors for their university.

Berger's current employer has established these values through its men's basketball program, with four of five starters earning a grade point average of higher than 3.0. However, the team has also displayed success on the court, currently holding a record of 24-3, and recently defeating No. 8 Butler 71-64 on Saturday in Indianapolis.

Berger also emphasized the impor-

tance of university values while trying to gain student attendance at sporting events.

"It's not about winning," said Berger. "You have to constantly communicate and educate what you stand for."

Berger spoke to former Eastern staff and coaches while researching the position, and she said she found that she appreciated the university's and the Charleston community's values. She said Drake and Des Moines, Iowa, are similar to Eastern and Charleston.

"It's a good place to live," said Berger. "It's a good place to work."

Berger has also been involved in women's issues in collegiate athletics throughout her entire career.

Berger holds a seat on the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Issues Committee — a position she started in August 2007.

Berger served on the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee from 2000-2005. Drake's Athletic Director, Sandy Hatfield-Clubb, is the first female athletic director at a school playing Division I basketball in the state of Iowa, and one of only 25 in the nation.

Berger has been involved in athletics administration since 1985, when she began her career as the sports information director at Wayne State College in Wayne, Neb. In July 1990, Berger took a similar position at Wichita State, as the assistant sports information director. Berger began at Drake in 1992, and has remained there since.

Berger received a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism from Iowa in 1982, and went on to earn her Masters of Science in physical education and sports studies in 1989 from Iowa.

A second open session with Berger will be held today at 9:30 a.m. in the Effingham Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

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## EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

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SOFTBALL  
**Friday vs. Indiana**  
Noon — Chattanooga, Tenn.

SOFTBALL  
**Friday vs. Marshall**  
2:15 p.m. — Chattanooga, Tenn.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK  
**Friday at OVC Championships**  
3 p.m. — Nashville, Tenn.