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### CAMPUS

# Men call out stereotypes at event

### Group presents mock-pageant to test push-up, rap skills

By Felicia Darnell  
Staff Reporter

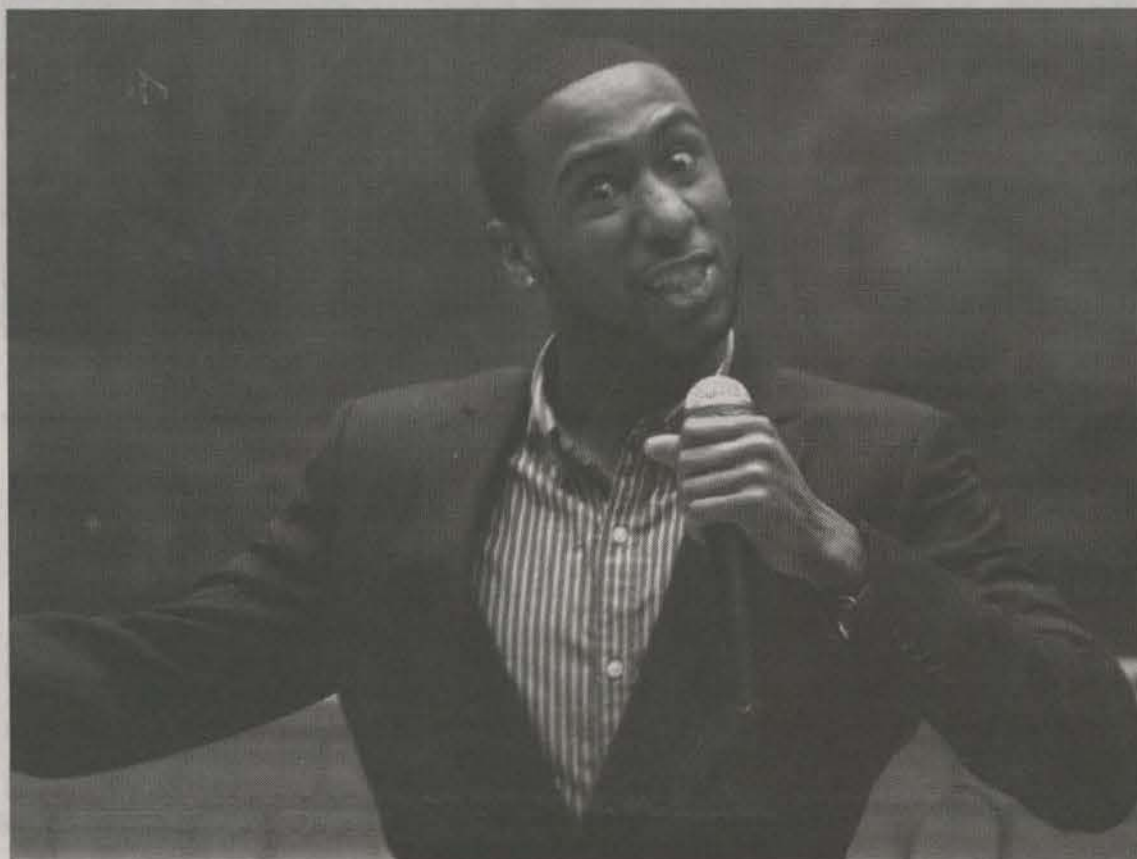
The Strong M.E.N.toring group presented the "Not A Genuine Black Man" forum to challenge stereotypes placed on black men on Monday.

The event opened with a mock-pageant that tested competitors on free-styling rap, pick-up lines and push-ups.

The group poked fun at stereotypes about the unrealistic ideas that all black men can rap, pick-up women and are in prime physical shape.

The event was meant to bring the audience's attention to the influence of the media on stereotypes.

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Darnell Tyms, junior English major, raps during Mr. Man 2012 Pageant, an ice-breaking exercise presented during the Strong M.E.N.toring sponsored event Not a Genuine Black Man in the Phipps Lecture Hall of the Physical Science Building on Monday.

### CAMPAIGN

# EI&U campaign reaches 106 percent of goal

### Staff Report

After 15 months, the EI&U Expect Greatness Campaign for Eastern exceeded its \$50 million goal by about 6 percent with more than two years to spare in the campaign's timeline.

The fundraising campaign launched in October 2010 and was scheduled to raise \$50 million by July 2014.

Robert Martin, the vice president for university advancement, said he discovered that the campaign had reached about \$53 million on Friday.

"The alumni, faculty, staff, administrators and others involved in the Eastern community have all pulled together to surpass our goal and show that they really believe in EIU," Martin said.

The campaign also surpassed its \$12 million goal for planned gifts titled the "Fund for the Future" by more than \$7 million as they raised about \$19.4 million.

Martin said the campaign focuses on the four main support areas of students, faculty and staff, capital improvements, and programs.

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### LECTURE

# Pakistani professor addresses women oppression

### Professor speaks on education, status of women in Pakistan

By Rachel Rodgers  
Administration Editor

In Pakistan, gender issues affect several policies, including education, as only 25 percent of children are enrolled in school, a professor from Pakistan said Monday.

Sarah Safdar, a business administration professor at Iqra National University in Pakistan, presented the lecture titled "Oppressions to Opportunities: Status of Women in Pakistan."

Safdar has worked in education for more than 35 years and has written five books and more than 50 articles on topics such as health, child rights and education.

The event was sponsored by the Education Scholars, the Department of Secondary Education and Foundations, the College of Education and Professional Studies, and the School of Continuing Education.

Safdar said 80 percent of enrolled children in finished primary school, but there was a gap between genders.

"When I talk about women in terms of development, the first thing that comes to mind is education," Safdar said.

**"It is difficult to bring change in the attitude of a person, but awareness and time can make a big difference."**

Sarah Safdar, business administration professor at Iqra National University

Safdar said she found 100 percent of enrolled girls finished primary school compared to the 85 percent of enrolled boys who finished, even though far less girls attend school than boys in Pakistan.

"The reason for this is that the boys who come from rural and tribal areas give up their education early to help their parents with agriculture and farming, and other trade areas," Safdar said.

Safdar also presented 2010 data from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, which found that more males were enrolled in primary and secondary school than females, and more overall both genders tend to drop out as they get older.

Stephen Lucas, the chair of the

Secondary Education and Foundations department, said Safdar provided insight into the cultural differences in education that many people do not normally think about.

"People tend to say that our schools are like schools in different countries and students have the same opportunities as we do, and yet here is a country where women don't have (the) equality of opportunity," Lucas said.

Safdar gave a 60-year history of Pakistani women and how their opportunities changed from regime to regime.

"It is difficult to bring change in the attitude of a person, but awareness and time can make a big difference," Safdar said.

She also spoke about how people have strived to progress the rights of women beginning with Muhammad Ali Jinnah, the founder of Pakistan, who said "no nation can rise to the height of glory unless your women are side by side with you."

However, the road to gender equality consisted of many speed bumps such as the Hudood Ordinance of 1979, which encouraged "Islamization" and discrimination toward women under the rule of President Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq, Safdar said.

There were several attempts to repeal the ordinance, but significant change did not occur until 2006 with the Women's Protection Bill.

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Sarah Safdar, professor and dean of faculty for management and social sciences at Iqra National University in Pakistan, speaks Monday about women's education during her lecture "Oppression to Opportunity: Status of Women" in the Buzzard Hall auditorium.

## EIU weather

TODAY

WEDNESDAY

Scattered Showers  
High: 48°  
Low: 36°Mostly Cloudy  
High: 58°  
Low: 35°For more weather visit [castle.eiu.edu/weather](http://castle.eiu.edu/weather).

## ONLINE

College Cuisine Blog:  
"Easy Mardi Gras  
Jambalaya"

Today is Mardi Gras, and just because you are a college student on a budget does not mean you have to miss out on eating good Cajun food. In this post, Doug T. Graham will walk you through making Jambalaya with easy-to-follow steps with pictures, as well as explaining the difference between it and gumbo.

## Photo Desk Blog: A weekend of photos from ICPA

Assistant Photo Editor Seth Schroeder talks about the photos he took for the "Shoot Chicago" photography competition at the Illinois Collegiate Press Association in Chicago over the weekend.

Check out these blogs at [dailyeasternnews.com](http://dailyeasternnews.com)

## CORRECTION

The Daily Eastern News printed the incorrect date for the benefit mentioned in the article "Joyce's to host Haiti benefit." The date is today from 5 to 9 p.m.

The News regrets this error.

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## Welding away



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Junior art major Marquez Noble welds steel together Monday in the sculpture studio of the Doudna Fine Arts Center. Noble said he is working on a piece to enter this weekend for the All-Student Art Show.

## CITY

## City Council to vote on additional left turn lane on Ninth Street

By Kathryn Richter  
City Editor

The Charleston City Council will introduce various resolutions and ordinances today in order to improve traffic flow and traffic safety in Charleston.

The council will be discussing a resolution that would approve ESI Consultants, Ltd., for designing an additional left turn lane at Ninth Street and Lincoln Avenue.

Mayor John Inyart said the project could start around summer of 2013 if the city council approves of the proposal and the funds to sponsor the project are found.

Inyart said the project is especially important because of the traffic that tends to accumulate at that particular intersection.

"What we hope to gain from that is to reduce the bottleneck at Ninth and Lincoln," Inyart said.

The city council will also discuss two ordinances that would affect the traffic near and around Jefferson Elementary School, located on Jefferson Avenue near the square.

The first proposed ordinance would allow two more stop signs at the intersection of Jefferson Avenue

and Ninth Street, making the intersection a four-way stop. The same will be done to the intersection at Jefferson Avenue and Seventh Street, if the ordinance is passed.

The first proposed ordinance would also allow two stop signs from the intersection of Jefferson Avenue and 10th Street to be moved so the traffic traveling on 10th Street would stop, instead of stopping the traffic traveling on Jefferson Avenue.

The second proposed ordinance dealing with the traffic surrounding Jefferson Elementary School would outlaw parking within 20 feet of a crosswalk that is located in a school zone.

Inyart said cars that are parked too close to the crosswalk could be dangerous for kids.

"It was part of the conversation with the schools," Inyart said. "I think these are all designed in the interest of improving safety for the pedestrians, many of them are pretty young."

The city council will also discuss on whether or not to increase the speed limit on Sixth Street from Jefferson Avenue to Van Buren Avenue from its current speed limit of 20-30 mph.

Inyart said the reduced speed limit was originally put in place because the entrance to the Charleston Carnegie Public Library previously faced Sixth Street and the former Charleston Area Senior Center was located on the street.

Inyart also said the senior center would load busses on the street as well as load vehicles for the Meals on Wheels program on Sixth Street as well.

Inyart said the Charleston Carnegie Public Library's entrance was moved to face Fifth Street and the senior center moved to a different location.

The city council will also introduce a resolution that would have The Upchurch Group, of Mattoon, design banner poles for Charleston that would display advertisements for events in the city of Charleston as well as for Eastern.

Inyart said Eastern and the city will split the cost of the project. The location of the poles are not yet known.

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## CAMPUS

## Cultural African dances to be taught at workshop

By Robyn Dexter  
Campus Editor

Students will learn various African dances in the workshop "Black Movement: African Dance and Slide Workshop" taking place on Wednesday.

Jorjoh Joof, the vice president of the African Student Association, said she hopes the workshop shows participants the types of dance her group has been working on.

Joof is a senior family and consumer science major.

"We have a group through the African Student Association where we get together and make up African dances to our own cultural music," she said. "We perform every chance we get."

The group has also performed at the Red Show to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS, and has worked with other groups like GLAM Modeling.

The workshop, which is a part of Black History Month, will take place at 7 p.m. on Wednesday in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The organization usually makes up their own dances to African music and performs them whenever they get the opportunity, Joof said.

"We're not a big dance group, but within our own organization we just get together and have fun," she said.

She said the ASA group is mostly comprised of females, with one or two males that participate from time to time.

Joof said there will be three or four girls from the ASA group teaching students at the workshop on Wednesday.

The group will teach participants the dances they have been working on and performing at events.

Joof said she is excited to see how the event turns out.

The dance group from the African Student Association will share the workshop with members of Eastern's chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Members will also be teaching dances to participants.

"Whoever wants to come out to the workshop and learn the dances is welcome," she said.

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## Hair Benders of Charleston

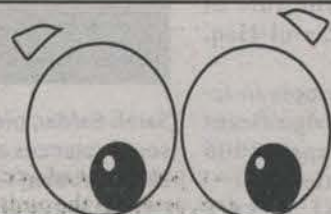
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for State Representative

Former Governor Jim Edgar and State Representative Roger Eddy are pictured here during an endorsement session in Springfield. Governor Edgar has endorsed Eddy in the race for 110th District State Representative. Edgar said Eddy "supports job creation plans that will help get Illinois working again."

## Edgar Calls Eddy

"Solid Fiscal Conservative"

Charleston... Governor Jim Edgar recently endorsed State Rep. Roger Eddy in the race for 110th District State Representative. Edgar said, "Roger Eddy is a strong voice for downstate Illinois. He consistently stands up for our shared Republican values. Roger offers a solid, fiscally conservative approach to state finances."

Edgar continued, "Roger Eddy opposed the borrowing and spending spree that put Illinois deep into debt. We need the common sense approach Roger Eddy brings to protecting taxpayers at the State Capitol."

PHOTO BY PEOPLE FOR EDDY

## BLACK STUDENT UNION

# Miss Black EIU competition celebrates 41 years

By Felicia Darnell  
Staff Reporter

A 41-year-old tradition will take place with the naming of the 41st Miss Black EIU on Saturday.

Contestants Ashley Bell, a senior family and consumer sciences major, Brittany Carr, a junior sociology major, Keiyanna Franklin, a senior special education major, and Destiny Winford, a sophomore psychology major, will all be competing on Saturday.

The contestants will be competing in five categories: creative expression, African garment, talent, a question and answer category in evening gowns and a pre-interview with the judges.

The Black Student Union will present the new Miss Black EIU after the event begins at 6 p.m. on Saturday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Andre Allen, the Black Student Union president, said there are different rounds that a panel of faculty judges will evaluate and tally scores to chose the winner.

Allen is a senior communication studies major.

Miss Black EIU's responsibilities include being the Black Student Union's homecoming queen candidate and the planner of the next year's pageant, Allen said.

Allen said the new Miss Black EIU must embody certain qualities.

"A good Miss Black EIU is a



Vanessa Payne, a junior psychology major, (middle) stands between Timery Jackson, a junior elementary education major, (front) and Shaun Johnson, a sophomore English major, (back) during the introduction of the contestants Feb. 26 at the 40th anniversary of Miss Black EIU in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

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woman that values education, heritage and success," Allen said. "She will be someone that will represent Black Student Union and Eastern Illinois University in a positive light."

Dana Barnard, the assistant director of Student Life Office and the advisor of the Black Student Union, said Miss Black EIU is a spokesper-

son and an official representative of the BSU.

Allen said Miss Black EIU's role is important to the campus.

Barnard said the contestants have been preparing for four months after having been through an application process and having firm academic standards.

Barnard said to be a contestant, students have to have a 2.5 GPA, have to pay an application fee of \$40 and raise an additional minimum of \$500 for the BSU and the Miss Black EIU pageant.

"We always have a new theme and add a unique factor to the pageant," Allen said.

Barnard said it is important for students to attend.

"They're putting this on to showcase their talents," Barnard said. "(The contestants) put in a lot of work."

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## UNIVERSITY BOARD

# Professor to pull back curtain on Illuminati rumors, truths

Dozens of Illuminati conspiracies to be addressed

By Andrew Crivilare  
Staff Reporter

No two rumors about the Illuminati are ever alike.

Depending on who is asked, the Illuminati are secret fraternity of international politicians, members of the Hollywood elite or a defunct order of rouge Freemasons.

These conspiracies and dozens of others will be addressed as part of the University Board's "The History of the Illuminati" lecture at 7 p.m. on Thursday in the 7th Street Underground of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Angie Bradley, the lectures coordinator for the University Board, said she wondered for a while whether or not the Illuminati portrayed in Dan Brown's novels "The DaVinci Code" and "Angels and Demons" had any truth to them.

Bradley said she eventually realized that other people had a similar curiosity and began planning a lecture to address them.

"The Dan Brown novels portray the Illuminati as something they may not have been," Bradley said. "You may find out some of the rumors are true."

Bradley said she had serious doubts about the validity of the Illuminati's alleged ties to celebrities

**"As a mason, I've taken an oath to not divulge certain information from the craft."**

Gustavo Albear, an assistant professor of secondary education and foundations

and politicians.

"Rumors that Beyoncé and people like that are in the Illuminati is kind of ridiculous," Bradley said. "To be honest, I think a lot of people just make things up."

In order to dispel rumors and assert the facts, Bradley reached out to Gustavo Albear, an assistant professor of secondary education and foundations.

Albear is a high-ranking member of the Freemasons, a group known for keeping its own rituals and secrets often associated with the Illuminati.

"I understand the fictional principles that Dan Brown came up with to sell books," Albear said. "I'll try to (separate) the fact from the fiction."

Albear said people who believe the Illuminati are in fact social puppet masters who control the day-to-day lives of the populace have given up on hard facts for an easy-to-understand fantasy from authors.

Albear said a question and answer session will follow his lecture, but also noted that his membership in the Masonic order means he cannot answer certain questions about his group.

"As a mason, I've taken an oath to not divulge certain information from the craft," Albear said. "Once I do finish the history (of Masons and Illuminati), I'll answer the questions I can within the constraints of my Masonic obligation."

Bradley said Albear's knowledge of the Illuminati should not be taken as a sign that he is a member of the group.

"He's not in the Illuminati," she said.

Albear said the heart of the confusion surrounding the true nature of the Illuminati is the fact that an author like Brown, who brought the group to public attention, has no obligation to give an accurate depiction of the secret sect, only an interesting one.

"Writers don't have restrictions on what they write," Albear said. "He's building a story, he's not building fact."

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## CAMPUS

# Summer session deadlines approaching

By Robyn Dexter  
Campus Editor

Student deadlines for summer session applications ranging from on-campus and off-campus studies, online and study abroad, and electives and general education at Eastern are vastly approaching.

A few weeks ago, students received cards in their mailboxes regarding these deadlines.

Bethany Craig, from the office of Continuing Education, said summer sessions are beneficial to students wanting to expand on their education once the spring semester has concluded.

"If have several classes needed to take, you could break up your classes a little and take a few over the summer," she said.

She said doing this could also help students who want to get ahead in their education.

Since classes are offered in three different summer sessions, Craig said students can be more flexible with their summer schedules and take classes either during the day, evening, on weekends and online.

The summer sessions on campus include May 14 to June 9, June 11 to July 21, as well as June 11 to Aug. 4.

"Students can focus their energy on just one or two classes in the summer and if they need extra help from their instructor, that help is there," Craig said.

Craig said getting the information out to students that these opportunities are available is a big factor in their participation.

"Every student received a postcard at their permanent address over the holidays, as well as the cards that were sent

Registration dates by academic standing

- Graduates and post-baccalaureates - March 19
- Seniors and priority students - March 26
- Juniors - April 2
- Sophomores - April 9
- Freshmen - April 16

out a few weeks ago."

Craig said she thinks spreading the word early is key.

"Although it's a little ways away, summer comes pretty quickly," Craig said.

Students can also take classes online over the summer or study abroad.

Shelby Leak, a junior elementary education major, said she is studying abroad this summer.

"I'm doing my senior seminar in Italy," she said.

Leak said she will travel to cities such as Venice, Rome and Florence and do her class work on site and online.

She said she has been going through the application process with the study abroad office and her professors, and is in the process of getting her passport.

"We get to stay in three and four-star hotels, so I'm really excited," she said.

Study abroad application dates for summer and fall are due March 1, and the deadline for Spring 2013 study abroad programs is Oct. 1.

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**STAFF EDITORIAL**

## Know your rights when pulled over

DUI arrests by the University Police Department have increased over the last few years. UPD Chief Adam Due said this is a result of better training for officers and more funding for the department.

The increase is a good thing, as more arrested drunk drivers means less people driving drunk.

As we, and everybody else, have said a thousand times, driving drunk is stupid, dangerous and unfair to everyone else in the community. Getting behind the wheel after you've been drinking is one of the fastest ways to severely set yourself back in life. A first offense can cost you up to \$2,500 in fines (and several thousand more in legal fees), up to a year in prison and a suspended license.

Worse, you could kill someone, a guilt you'd have to carry far beyond your 14-year prison sentence.

Students can also lose scholarships and future opportunities for financial aid.

The best way to protect yourself against these consequences is to avoid driving whenever you've been drinking. Period.

The UPD is right to enforce this law stringently. But the righteousness of the law should not be a reason for drivers to disregard their natural rights when they have been pulled over.

Be respectful, calm and cooperative. Being rude, argumentative and aggressive will only make things worse. In our experience, UPD officers (and call them "officers") are generally friendly, like their jobs and care about Eastern and its students.

You are under no legal obligation to tell the officer where you have been or what you have consumed. You also don't have to guess why he or she pulled you over. Anything you say can and will be used against you in court, and police don't need to read you your Miranda rights unless you are under arrest and they are about to question you about a crime. You can politely refuse to provide any information, beyond your license and proof of insurance.

Under Illinois law, there is no penalty for refusing to perform any kind of field sobriety test. Likewise, you have every right to refuse a portable breathalyzer test without legal consequences. You cannot be punished for refusing any test prior to your arrest. People commonly confuse these tests with the evidentiary breathalyzer test performed at the police station after the arrest. You can refuse it, but there are consequences: a 12-month license suspension, for starters. If you take it and fail, your license will be suspended for six months, but the test will be used as evidence in court.

Much of these decisions should be based on the particular circumstance. For example, if you haven't been drinking, or had a beer a few hours ago, taking the portable breathalyzer will help you prove your sobriety and get you on your way.

If you find yourself in cuffs at the police station, be polite and respectful, but don't volunteer information until you've consulted with a lawyer.

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**COLUMN**

## Back off my bitty bouffant, short hair is hot

On Feb. 20, the U.K. newspaper *The Independent* published an article highlighting "Harry Potter" star Emma Watson's post-Her-moine life. Although the profile was as exciting as waiting in line at the DMV, one confession from the British star caught my attention.

"(When I chopped off my hair) I had journalists asking me if this meant I was coming out, if I was a lesbian now," Watson told *The Independent*. "That haircut did make me realize how subjective everyone's opinion is."

The face I made after reading this comment was very "Rage Meme" worthy, I assure you.

Reading something like this disturbs me on many levels. First of all, it upsets me that just because a woman chooses to have short hair, people believe it gives them the right to assume her sexual orientation.

And what irks me more is that there seems to be a negative connotation about women having short hair. Young or old, gay or straight, the way a woman wears her hair should say no more about her than the clothes on her back or the ink on her skin (see previous column for my rant about women with tattoos).

I've had short hair for the majority of my adult life and I can say that it's a wondrous way to live. I see women like Audrey Hepburn, Marilyn Monroe and, more recently, Michelle



**Shelley Holmgren**

Williams and Carey Mulligan, and I applaud them for having the cojones to wear their short locks with pride and confidence.

After I saw Rooney Mara's tough partially shaved mane in David Fincher's "Girl with the Dragon Tattoo," it took everything in me not to go pure "Edward Scissor Hands" on my own 'do. However, I'm glad I let a professional chop off my hair instead—it would have ended up more Robert Smith than Carey Mulligan.

Cutting your hair off can be extremely liberating. The time I used to take taming the beast of long and ferocious curly hair is now better spent on more productive tasks ... like watching "Ghost Adventures" or baking corn bread for my staff.

Rihanna is a great example of what a haircut can do for a career. Remember that "Pon de Replay" she released in 2005? Yeah, most people

don't. However, two years, a short hairdo and a collaboration with Jay-Z and Timbaland later, and "Umbrella" became the song that even your grandmother had as a ringtone.

But not all of us can collaborate with Timbaland to find the confidence to commit to a short hairstyle.

In 2008, U.K.'s *The Daily Mail* asked 3,000 men which hairstyle they preferred on women—43 percent of men preferred long, wavy hair on women.

In other news, the world actually isn't flat.

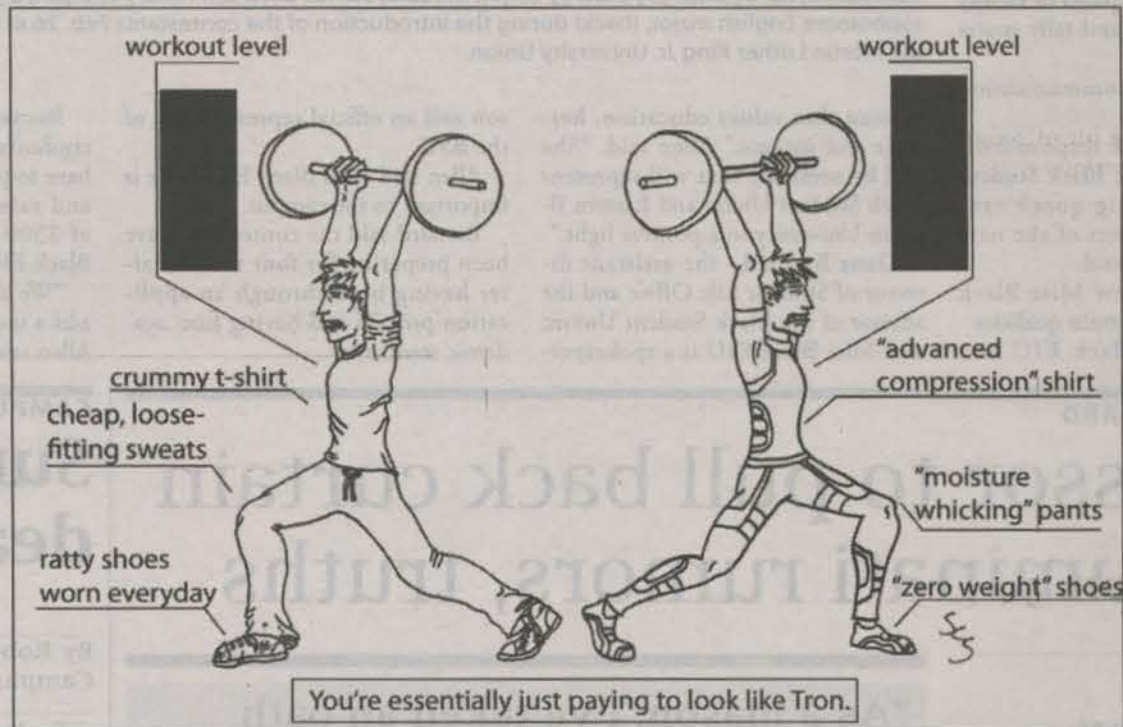
Long hair is typically linked to femininity, Willow Smith and '80s hair bands. A woman doesn't have to rock a mane worthy of White Snake to be feminine.

Also, if men were actually aware of how long it took to accomplish such a "pleasing" style (sometimes equatable to an epic journey through Mordor), they may reconsider.

Hobbits naturally have beautiful, luscious curls. Most women do not. Remember this, gents. At the end of the day, no matter what length, style or texture your hair may be, it comes down to one thing: confidence.

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**FROM THE EASEL**



**SETH SCHROEDER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS**

**COLUMN**

## Haters gonna hate, but you don't have to join them

Let's talk about something that will be of interest to both females and males: what women are wearing to the gym.

By my own admission—and my fluctuating pant size—I am not a frequenter of the Student Recreation Center. Whether it's because I am actually busy or because I like to portray myself as being always on the go, I have maybe been to the rec center about eight times this year. (Two of those times not a single bead of perspiration was formed.)

A much-loved Jenna Marbles video, "What-bitches wear at the airport," and a discussion with some of my best friends about the state of female gym attire convinced me that I had to return to the rec on a mission.

I was to infiltrate the rec center a la Gloria Steinem's "A Bunny's Tale" and observe the scantily clad gazelles in their natural environment—at their local watering hole.

When I finally got to the watering hole, the gazelles were prancing around in skimpy little outfits and I was hardcore judging.

I saw more cleavage there than in 50 Cent's "Candy Shop" video. Perhaps it was my own insecurities, but then it hit me: these girls might not know how exposed they are. My body is different and just because I can't wear something doesn't take away someone else's right to rock it. (I still think leggings can be



**Nike Ogunbodede**

pants when paired with the right outfit.)

Was I the perpetrator of a girl-on-girl hate crime? The answer was a resounding YES! (Go straight to jail... Do not collect \$200.) I was drinking a tall glass of hater-ade. Why am I so critical of my female comrades when the male patrons of the gym are just as douchy?

If anything I should be building up their self-esteem in a world where any size more than 4 is considered not good enough.

But is it really our fault? Can we be blamed when we are merely a reflection of our society?

The answer is no...and yes. Let's try not to get angsty. I learned this lesson from one of my least-favorite guest characters on what seems like the never-ending story of the CW's "One Tree Hill," or what I like to call "The Brooke Davis Show. (Sophia Bush is the best.)

Unfortunately, Anna Taggaro imparted these words of wisdom:

"Don't be too fat, or too thin, or too dark, or too light; don't be too sexual, or too chaste, or too smart, or too dumb. Be yourself. But make sure you fit in."

That's what society expects and it's messed up. In the words of "The Breakfast Club," we were brainwashed.

Women are much more likely than men to develop an eating disorder. Only an estimated 5 to 15 percent of people with anorexia or bulimia are male, according to National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders, Inc.

Men suffer just as much from the pressures put on them and, while they common suicide more often, women are more likely to try to end their lives.

What we need to do is give a big middle finger to other people's standards and say, "I like that I have thighs," or, "Kudos to that girl in the gym who is brave enough to rock that shirt even though I might not be able to."

So stop judging each other because other people will do it for you. You're special...you are the only you that there will ever be. Why try to fit in when you were born to stand out?

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## Go Panthers!



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Billy the Panther cheers on basketball fans before the women's game against Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville Saturday in Lantz Arena. While Billy is the current face of Panther athletics, previous mascots include the original Percy the Panther from the 1940s and a female panther named Bonnie who represented the women's teams in the late 1990's.

## CAMPAIGN, from page 1

The donations will be used for several projects including increasing scholarship opportunities, funding the construction of a new science building and supporting research and creativity of faculty, Martin said.

From 2010 to 2011, faculty and staff contributions increased by 75 percent.

In 2010, 20 percent of faculty and staff donated to the campaign, and in 2011, the contributions increased to 35 percent.

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The EI&U Campaign is the largest fundraising movement in Eastern's history, and the campaign reached about 78 percent of its goal in January 2011, three months after its launch.

Martin said the campaign had reached 99.9 percent of its goal at the end of December.

## PAKISTANI, from page 1

"It was interesting to see how they made a little bit of progress at a time and sometimes there was progressive law formulated but it did not translate into things changing," Lucas said.

Safdar said many inequalities between women and men rooted in the Pakistan society structure of patriarchy.

Sara Boro, a first-year graduate student in the College of Student Affairs, said she was intrigued that many laws emerged to try and

empower women and treat them equally, but it took decades for the laws to be enforced.

"I also thought it was interesting that Pakistan revolves around three sets of laws that are legal, cultural and religious, whereas we have a strict separation between religion and the government," Boro said.

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## MEN, from page 1

Jazmine Thompson, a junior sociology major, said she did not know what to expect, but she knew what she wanted to get out of the experience.

"(I wanted) a good definition of a black man," Thompson said.

Using sociological concepts reinforced by demonstrations, videos, games and article presentations, the presenters attempted to get their points across.

The presenting group members also showed the audience statistics on social impacts.

Delton Pierce, one of the presenting members of Strong M.E.N.toring, said the purpose of the forum was to change the audience's stereotypical notions.

"(The mission is) to break down today's stereotypes of what today's black male is supposed to be," Pierce said. "We're trying to change minds (and) end the categorization."

Leonard Gilbert, a junior management information systems major, said he wanted himself and the members of the audience to walk away with a new perspective.

"(The event is) really important so people get a better understanding," Gilbert said.

Yusef Carr, a freshman music major, said he wanted the event to spark camaraderie.

"We just need to break down barriers," Carr said.

Tiajuana Newell, a sophomore communication studies major, said she hoped the guys in the audience took something away from the event.

"I hope they learn to speak and be active around the black community on campus," Newell said.

Tristan Webb, a junior sociology major, said the people that did not attend missed out on a good message.

Darnell Tyms, another presenting member of Strong M.E.N.toring, said the group plans to continue the event for later years.

Chaase Woodruff, a sophomore applied engineering and technology major, said the event was a good lesson for younger generations.

"(People who were not there) missed an open forum about how African-American males should act," Woodruff said. "The people that didn't come missed out."

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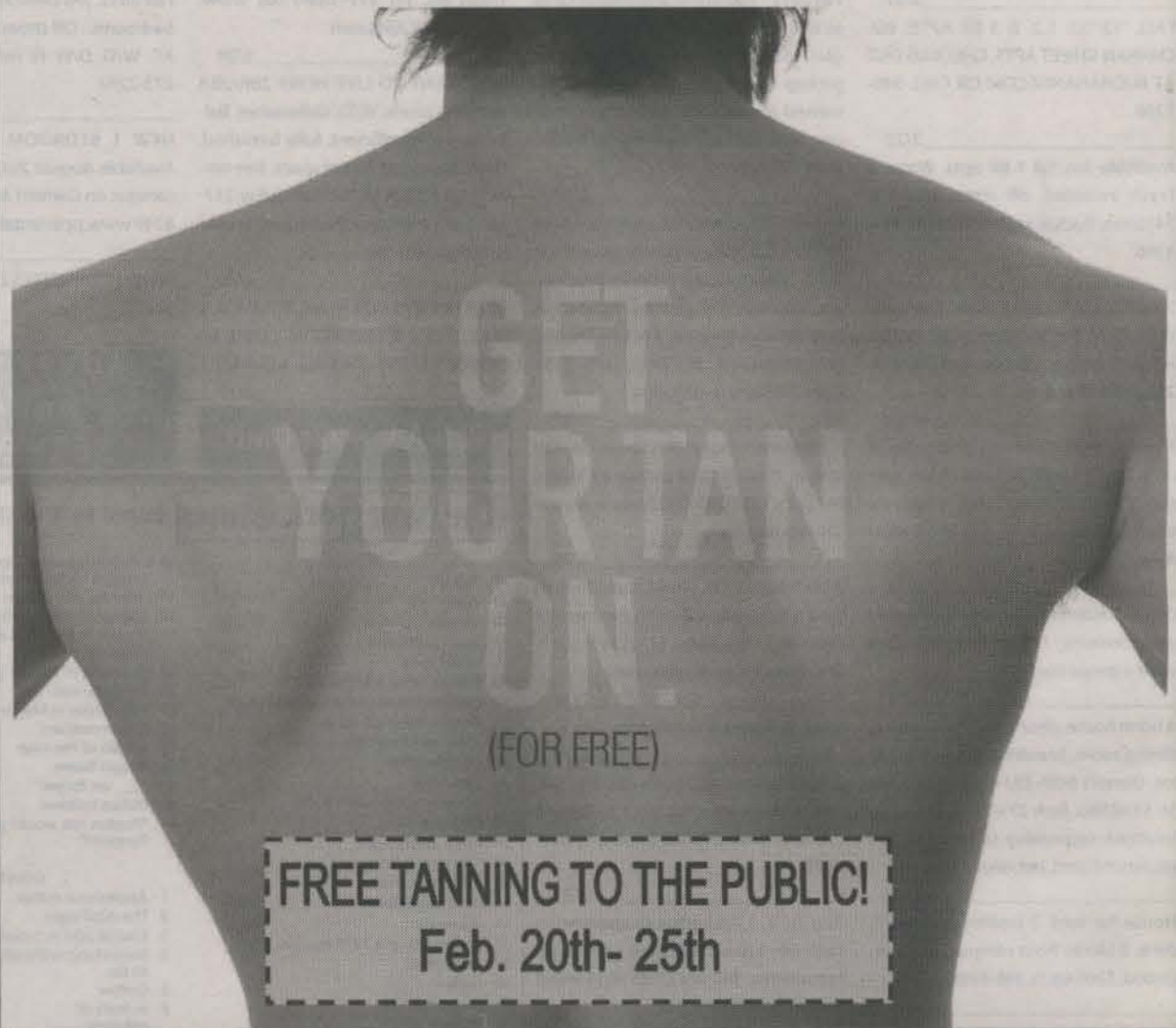
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SWIMMING

# Panthers take fifth place at conference championships

By Nick Blankenship  
Staff Reporter

Both of Eastern's swim teams returned home from conference competition Sunday morning earning a fifth-place finish at the Summit League Championships.

The Summit League Championships were held Feb. 15 to Feb. 18 in Rochester, Mich. The other five teams competing were Oakland, South Dakota, South Dakota State, Western Illinois and Indiana University-Purdue University of Indianapolis.

For the men, Oakland placed first, following with South Dakota State, South Dakota, IUPUI and Eastern and Western Illinois. On the women's end, Oakland also won, followed by South Dakota State, South Dakota, IUPUI, Eastern and Western Illinois.

Although Eastern earned next-to-last place in the competition, there is no reason for the teams to hold their heads down, according to athletic training major Michael Bower. Bower explained that the team performed well considering they have been outnumbered roster wise the entire season.

When describing his third Summit League Championship appearance, Bower revealed that he was both excited and calm before the opening horn. "I was really excited to see how the team and me would perform," Bower said. "I was nervous because I was swimming in an event I never had competed in before (1650-yard

Freestyle)."

The team was determined to show they were a dangerous team regardless of size according to Bower.

Mackenzie Anderson earned a fourth-place finish in the women's 200-yard Medley, while Olga Livshits, Morgan Roberts and Katelynn Paige placed fifth in the 200-yard Freestyle.

Anderson, Kelli DiCanio, Paige and Livshits qualified for fourth place in the 400-yard Medley. In the 400-yard Freestyle, Livshits, Mary Lacine, Katie VanHootegem and Paige placed fifth. Lacine, VanHootegem, Nikki Peck and Hailey Foss placed fifth in the 800-yard Freestyle.

For the men, Michael Lacine, Rich Waszak, Chacour Koop and Joe Ciliak placed sixth in the 400-yard Freestyle. Lacine also placed fifth in the 200-yard Freestyle with Daniel Enge, Adam Jones and Matt O'Hagan.

Waszak, Koop, Lacine and Ciliak placed fourth in the 800-yard freestyle, while Waszak, Enge, O'Hagan and Ciliak placed fourth in the 400-yard Medley.

Bower is looking forward to next season, but says the team needs to make roster improvements in order to compete with best again. "We're deep, but we need to pickup more recruits to keep up in numbers with the other schools," Bower said.

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SOFTBALL

# Team opens season on high note

By Erik Jensen  
Staff Reporter

The Eastern softball team opened up its season with two wins and a loss in the Georgia State Tournament. On Saturday the Panthers took the field against IUPUI in Atlanta, and beat them 3-0 in a pitchers duel.

Eastern ace Stephanie Maday pitched a complete game shutout while only allowing three hits and a walk. She also had seven strikeouts in the win.

The real surprise of the game would have to be freshman shortstop Bailey O'Dell. O'Dell finished the game with three hits in three at bats and a run scored.

"O'Dell had a great game and a solid weekend at shortstop," head coach Kim Schuette said. "She came out of the gates ready to go."

Sophomore Morgan Biel and junior Ally Seplak also had good games for the Panthers. Biel had a hit and scored her first run of the season, while Seplak finished the game with two hits and a run.

Even though it was not necessarily pretty, Schuette was happy to get the win.

"We were glad to get a W that first game out," Schuette said. "It wasn't pretty, but it was nice to find a way to score, get the lead early, and relax a little bit so we could start playing some better ball. We were very aggressive on the bases and caused some havoc for their defense, which is what we have really been focusing on lately in practice. Maday threw a great game one against a much improved IUPUI team."

Eastern's second game in the tournament took place on Sunday as the Panthers took on tournament host Georgia State.

This game was the low of the weekend

for Eastern, as they were only able to accumulate one hit as a team, and ended up losing 7-0.

"Unlike game one, we found ourselves down early in the game because of several defensive miscues and fumbles," Schuette said. Georgia State sophomore Kaitlyn Medlam twirled a gem, pitching six innings while only allowing one hit. She also finished the game with eight strikeouts.

Sophomore Hanna Mennenga took the loss for Eastern in her first start. She pitched four and one-third innings, giving up seven runs (five earned), nine hits and a walk. She also struck out four batters. Schuette was quick to point out that Mennenga pitched a lot better than it would seem.

"Mennenga threw a better game than the scorebook shows, but we didn't help her out of the early hole we dug," Schuette said.

Georgia State started the game of with five runs in the first inning, which was just too much for Eastern to overcome. Morgan Biel came up with the lone hit for Eastern.

The Panther's third and final game took place Sunday afternoon against Chattanooga.

It was a tight game throughout, and when it was time to start the seventh inning the game was tied 4-4.

The inning began with Biel reaching base. She would eventually get around to third by the time that senior Hailee Hanna came to the plate. Hanna, who was pinch-hitting for Hayley Pieper, would have the chance to give her team the lead. Hanna won the at bat with a game winning RBI that plated Biel.

Schuette thoroughly enjoyed the game, and was excited to end the tournament on a high note.

"Game three was a great game to watch, play and win," Schuette said. "UT Chattanooga has been a very strong softball team, and we competed for seven complete innings. This was a game in which we played a lot of players and several people contributed little things that did big things both on defense and offense. It was a good game to cap off the weekend and a good win to grab."

Maday picked up her second win of the tournament with seven strong innings and six strikeouts. She also gave up four runs and walked two batters.

"Maday had a very good weekend overall. I was pleased with her and her approach and leadership out there," Schuette said. "Just as she said, pitching against UTC and the things that happened in that game are going to make her a better pitcher this year and more prepared down the stretch."

Biel continued her strong tournament play with three hits in four at bats, to go along with a run and walk. Her batting average for the tournament was .500.

"Biel had a real good weekend offensively for the team and that was about it," Schuette said. "We hope to fix some little things this week that are going to make a big difference this weekend."

Overall, Schuette was pleased with Eastern's tournament play.

"It's good to be 2-1 against those teams," Schuette said.

"Most importantly, after our day off, I think our players and coaches are looking forward to practice and to fix some things. The hunger and drive for practice are back and that is what you want for a good team who has big goals," Schuette said.

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Panthers fighting for tournament aspirations

By Rob Mortell  
Staff Reporter

If the Eastern's men's basketball team's season could be compared to an actual game, the Panthers would be down by eight points with two minutes left in the game.

Not an impossible comeback, but certainly a very difficult one.

The Panthers find themselves at 5-9 and in ninth place in the Ohio Valley Conference standings. They are one game behind three teams for the last three available spots in the tournament as five places have already been decided.

The three teams immediately ahead of the Panthers are Austin Peay, Eastern Kentucky and Jacksonville State, who all stand at 6-8.

Eastern plays Morehead State and Eastern Kentucky on the road for its final two OVC games. The Panthers are 5-8 on the road this season; although, they are 3-3 on the road in conference games.

In order to make the tournament, a number of things have to happen.

Austin Peay and Jacksonville State hold the tiebreaker over the Panthers because both teams beat them in their only meetings this season. This means that if the Governors and Gamecocks win one more game (and both teams face the 0-14 University of Tennessee-Martin Skyhawks), the Panthers will

be unable to pass either team, leaving just Eastern Kentucky in their way of grabbing the eighth and final spot.

Passing Eastern Kentucky is the most likely scenario for the Panthers; however, the Colonels' schedule is weak. The only other team they play is Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, who is 5-9 in the OVC, but remains ineligible for the tournament this season due to NCAA rules.

Eastern needs Eastern Kentucky to lose to SIU-E, and then, most importantly, the Panthers need to beat the Colonels. If this happens the Panthers will be guaranteed to have the eighth spot in the tournament, a dance that eluded them last season. This is the Panthers' most plausible path to the tournament; however, Austin Peay or Jacksonville State could lose both games; and if the Panthers win both of theirs, they would make it into the OVC tournament.

Most importantly, the Panthers have to win their next two games if they want a serious shot at making the tournament. Hope is not completely lost, but with a loss it will completely fade. Right now, winning is more important than ever, and Eastern fans just need to hope that the Panthers have a little Reggie Miller comeback gene in them.

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Senior guard Jeremy Granger goes for a layup during Eastern's game against the University of Illinois-Chicago Saturday in Lantz Arena. Eastern lost 63-67.

## FOOTBALL

# Panthers announce 2012 schedule

Staff Report

Eastern's football team has announced its schedule for the 2012 season. The schedule features 11 games, five at home and six games being played on the road.

First-year head coach Dino Babers will begin his Panther career with a home game against in-state rival Southern Illinois-Carbondale on Aug. 30 at O'Brien Field.

Following the game against the Salukis, the Panthers will hit the road for two consecutive games as they will make stops to play the Western Michigan Broncos, and will round out the road trip against Illinois State in the 101st meeting of the Mid-America Classic. The Panthers beat the Redbirds in dramatic fashion with a 33-26 win on opening night in 2011.

Eastern will begin a favorable conference schedule following the 101st Mid-America Classic, as they will play four of their seven Ohio Valley Conference games at O'Brien Field. The Panthers will kick off the conference portion of their schedule with two consecutive home games against Murray State and Austin Peay before heading south to face the Tennessee-Martin Skyhawks.

Following the brief one-game road trip, the Panthers will return to O'Brien Field for a Homecoming contest against the Jacksonville State Gamecocks on Oct. 13, before hitting the road again for two straight conference games against Eastern Kentucky and Tennessee Tech, respectively.

Eastern will round out its conference portion of their schedule by welcoming the Southeast Missouri State Redhawks to O'Brien Field before playing their final game of the season against non-conference foe Central Arkansas in Conway Ark.

## 2012 Schedule

8/30 at 6:30 p.m.:  
Southern Illinois...O'Brien Field

9/8 TBA:  
Western Michigan...Kalamazoo, Mich.

9/15 TBA:  
Illinois State...Normal, Ill.

9/22 at 6:30 p.m.:  
Murray State...O'Brien Field

9/29 at 1:30 p.m.:  
Austin Peay (Family Weekend)...O'Brien Field

10/6 TBA:  
U-T Martin...Martin, Tenn.

10/13 at 1:30 p.m.:  
Jacksonville State (Homecoming)...O'Brien Field

10/27 TBA:  
Eastern Kentucky...Richmond, Ky.

11/3 TBA:  
Tennessee Tech...Cookville, Tenn.

11/10 at 1:30 p.m.:  
Southern Missouri...O'Brien Field

11/17 TBA:  
Central Kansas...Conway, Ark.

## BASEBALL

# Panthers split at Jackson State Tournament

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Eastern's baseball team opened its season at the Jackson State Tournament, turning in a 1-1 record before a water main break caused the remainder of the tournament to be canceled.

The Panthers opened their season against the Mississippi Valley State Devils in Jackson Miss., with a commanding lead behind a good mix of base running, small ball and timely hitting.

Eastern put its mark on the game early on as it scored eight of their 11 runs in the first three innings of play. The Panthers offensive outburst was a team effort as five Panthers recorded multi-hit games against the Devils.

The trio of Caleb Howell, Jacob Reese and David Ciaglia did the majority of the damage as they combined for five of the nine RBIs en route to the 11-2 win. Howell reached base in each of his four at-bats, going 2-for-2 with two RBIs. Howell also made the opposition show off their pitching repertoire as he drew two free passes in the win. Ciaglia carried the big stick for the Panthers, recording his first long ball of the season, knocking in two RBIs and going 2-for-4 from the plate against the Devils. Reese was equally impressive recording a game-high three hits in the win. Reese also recorded his first RBI of the season against Mississippi Valley.

The Panthers also dominated from a pitching perspective, as the duo of Christian Slazinik and Darin Worman were nearly unhittable in their first appearances of the season. Slazinik got the start against Mississippi Valley, giving up zero earned runs over six innings of work. Slazinik struck out five and surrendered just one walk en route to picking up his first win of the season. Worman was excellent in relief, striking out six of the 11 batters he faced in three innings of work.

In the nightcap of the double-header, the Panthers faced off against host Jackson State and fell by a score of 2-1 to round out the Jackson State Tournament.

Eastern was sharp on offense against Jackson State as 12 Panthers found their way on base, but only one player managed to cross home plate in the loss. "We had 12 or 13 men on base and nine in scoring position," Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz said. "You can harp on that, but I'm excited we are getting guys on base."

The poor execution with runners on base hampered the Panthers as they left 11 men on base in the loss to Jackson State. "It was a good game, a very good game," Schmitz said. "They threw a lefty and we have had trouble with that a little bit in the preseason. You get guys on base and you have to get them in, and we didn't do that."

Redshirt-senior Mike Hoekstra posted one of the best appearances



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Troy Barton, junior pitcher, throws the ball to first during a March 22, 2011, game against Chicago State at Coaches Stadium. Eastern's baseball team will face Southeastern Louisiana in Hammond, La., at 6 p.m. Friday.

of his career against the Tigers, recording 10 strikeouts and giving up just three hits in 6.2 innings of work. Hoekstra also showed great command of his pitches, giving up zero earned runs and issuing just one walk in his first start of the season.

## Around the OVC

With the Panthers opening their season over the weekend, the other nine teams in the Ohio Valley Conference were also in action.

The Austin Peay Governors started their season on a good note as they came out on top in three of their four games over the weekend. The Governors began their season

with three consecutive wins over Illinois State that was highlighted by a walk-off home run by Reed Harper, before rounding out the weekend with a loss to the Redbirds on Sunday.

Eastern Kentucky and Southern Illinois-Edwardsville also started their seasons on a good note as they each ended the first weekend of the season with records of 2-1 with a pair of wins over East Tennessee and Memphis, respectively.

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