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Students address negative portrayal of African-American female artists

The National Association of Colored Women’s Club also spoke about influential black musicians

By Coraima Vazquez
Contributing Writer | @DEN_News

The National Association of Colored Women’s Club had students singing their lungs out during the “Ladies In Hip-Hop” karaoke and game night Monday in the 7th Street Underground of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Kendall Jackson, the event coordinator for NACWC, said she was inspired to put the event together because of the lack of knowledge and recognition when it comes to African-American female artists.

She said it was important that the NACWC ladies show how valuable black women are in society.

Jackson said hip-hop was picked as the ideal theme for the event because hip-hop is one of the music genres in which black women are often sexualized or called ghetto.

She said that means they are often sexualized or called ghetto.

This was our chance to show or teach the audience that black women are much more than that,” she said.

The CTF clients really love coming here,’ Garner said. “Their faces light up whenever they walk in the (Martin Luther King Jr. University Union) and see us waiting for them to eat. It is a great feeling.

Because the kinesiology and sports studies students take care of the athletic portion of the volunteer activities, the Office of Civil Engagement and Volunteerism needs volunteers to eat lunch with the clients from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Food Court.

Lunch is not provided by the Office of Civic Engagement and Volunteerism.

Charleston Transitional Facility seeks volunteers

By Mays Omar
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A local organization that offers day programming to people with developmental disabilities is looking for people to volunteer for its programs.

The Charleston Transitional Facility is an organization that helps people with disabilities with different services and programs.

The Eastern baseball team won three games against the Tigers, improving 4-2 on the season.
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Photographer depicts issues for indigenous people

By Olivia Swenson-Hultz

When photographer Alexandra McNichols-Torroledo began hearing about forced displacement in her home coun-
ty of Colombia in 2011, she knew she had to take action. Since then, she has centered much of her work around ex-
ploring the forced displacement of the Embera-Wounaan indigenous people by leftist guerrilla groups. Many were dis-
placed through tactics such as abduction and murder.

McNichols-Torroledo discussed and showed her work at the lecture "Cultural Survival and Land Disposi-
tion" Monday in the Buzzard Auditorium.

McNichols-Torroledo emigrated from Colombia when she was 21.

"During her time living in Colombia, she never imagined this kind of dis-
placement happening. Colombia has one of the highest portions of displaced people, at 7.3 million."

McNichols-Torroledo recalled almost dying when exploring a land mine in the Colombian jungle.

She displayed images of emaciated children, plagued by illness and contam-
ination.

"McNichols-Torroledo saw many fami-
lies in search of shelter with no posses-
sions, not even shoes. There were times when she witnessed children being ex-
posed to evils such as prostitution."

Despite all this, McNichols-Torroledo noted that in one picture she showed the audience, the children are jumping.

"As a photographer, even in the worst circumstances, beauty can be found," she said.

McNichols-Torroledo also likes to document the traditional culture of Co-
lombians. She showed the audience in

Buzzard photographs of a shaman ritual, which involves attempting to summon spirits with fire.

She said it is important to her to show that Colombians are still practicing their traditional lifestyles despite their dis-
placement. In America, McNichols-Tor-
roledo worked to document the Stand-
ing Rock Sioux Tribe Reservation’s pro-
tests against the Dakota Access Pipeline.

McNichols-Torroledo did this after being awarded a grant by The Indiana Arts Commission, which she wanted to use to photograph Native people in the United States.

"I love seeing indigenous people fighting for their rights in America," she said.

Her Standing Rock coverage features images of reservation members protest-
ning, camping out in teepees that are clus-
tered together and protesters being ar-
rested.

"We have to change the concept of civilization. The cost that other people are paying is high because we’re destroy-
ing Mother Nature," McNichols-Torro-
ledo said in response to what she saw at

Standing Rock.

Regarding photography, McNichols-
-Torroledo said that she owns two digital
and three analog cameras.

She said when she first started de-
veloping her interest in photography, she could not afford to buy one of her own. She later purchased her first cam-
era when she was 20.

McNichols-Torroledo said she uses all of the cameras that are made available to her besides cellphones, but her favorite is her Nikon D7200.

She said the older cameras and advice aspiring photographers to use all of the resources that are made available to them.

"It’s not the camera that’s important," she said. "It’s the eye of the photogra-
pher."

McNichols-Torroledo has degrees from Indiana University, where she ob-
tained a Master of Fine Arts at the Uni-
versity of Notre Dame in Notre Dame, Colom-
bia. She has covered cultural issues in the United States, Colombia and The Do-
minican Republic.

She has also published four books on photography, "Stone Faces," "Diaries of Death," "Dreams and Nightmares" and "Encounters."

"Let’s talk more about indigenous cul-
ture. This gave me an inside look into their problems," said Charleston resident Tristan Croucheson.

Alex Woolley, a junior studio art ma-
or, said the lecture was an eye-opening experience.

"These photos are more than just per-
formance art. You can enter into an idea that’s not usually used, and details can be expressed more accurately," Woolley said. "You can also get more insight into people’s views and conditions through photography."

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Services offer academic support for student athletes

By Cody Powers

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Though student athletes find themselves juggling to the best of their abilities in their studies, they have a sup-
port system called Panther Athletic Support Services.

These services are led by Cindy Almon, the direct-
or of academic services.

All of Eastern’s sports teams are divided between Almon, as well as Kyle Callender and Katie Mnichowicz, both assistant directors of academic services.

"We divide up the teams so that athletes have more one-on-one (time) with us," Almon said.

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"The department also offers free tutoring services five nights a week from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. In addition to tutoring and study hours, grade re-
ports are completed on athletes."

"We do them about every five or six weeks us-
ing the online computer access system called ‘Grades First.’" Callender said. "Basically it sends out grade requests to professors who have student athletes in their classes."

Callender said this helps keep track of student athletes and helps determine which ones are marked "at risk."

"Professors can put in that it’s a lack of atten-
dance, or a lack of good grades on exams, quizzes, homework or papers," Callender said. "Whensoever it may be, we evaluate that and typically bring them into our office with meet with them and evaluate why they are at risk and create a plan of action of how we’re going to go about handling it or adjusting to help them (succeed)."

Another service that helps athletes stay on top of their grades is an academic calendar created by Al-
mom, Callender and Mnichowicz that has all the athletes’ assignments in it based upon the syllabi the athletes received.

"This helps them stay on track, and it helps us when we have our meetings to make sure they’re do-
ing all of the right assignments," Almon said.

"We have high expectations. These are leaders. They are representing teams and the univer-
sity."

-Cindy Almon, director of athletic academic services

A student athlete’s school schedule is based around that athlete’s practice schedule. They meet with their academic advisors, then come back to Pan-
ther Athletic Support Services to make sure their classes are OK with their practice schedule.

"If we think it might be too hefty of a schedule, we just make a suggestion to wait on certain courses until next semester, when you’re not in season," Al-
mom said.

Almon said she tries to make sure they do not make suggestions about schedules that would pro-
long an athlete’s time at Eastern.

"We have about 450 student athletes, 18 differ-
ent teams," Callender said. "Every team goes about handling their athletes a little differently. For exam-
ple, with football, (Almon) meets with a significant number of them every week. We probably meet with about 50 to 75 different athletes in total every week. Students are constantly going in and out of the academic advisors’ offices, asking them for guidance on different things.

“We have an open door policy,” Almon said. "Almon said they meet with all athletes for an hour in the fall and stress to upperscholars the im-
portance of asking to help the new incoming class and guide them."

“They (students) want to reach out, they help them out, because they know it’s what it’s like,” Almon said.

In terms of practice, Callender said there are differ-
ent windows depending on what season the sport is in.

"Fall sport athletes have to be in an eight-hour window for an extended period of time when they get back (from winter break) in January," he said. "Until the middle of February when it transitions to a 20-hour window."

In the fall semester of 2017, 204 student athletes and 17 teams posted a 3.0 or higher GPA.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Keep up with work during the semester

As it gets warmer outside and the days get longer, it might seem like we have all the time in the world. It is easy to glance out the window in class one moment and become completely distracted with the sun and people outside, so we completely forget to pay attention. Even though it would be easier and more fun to go outside and forget about all your responsibilities, we are still in the middle of the semester, and there is still work to do.

That doesn’t mean we have to be shut inside studying, however. If it’s nice, bring your homework outside. Study with friends on the bench by Booth Library, or on the Doubina Steps for a nice change of pace. That way, you can get your stuff done while enjoying the clear skies and warm weather while it lasts, because we all know how unpredictable it is in Illinois.

This means, of course, the fact that it is nice outside is no excuse for not doing your work or even procrastinating. There are still ways to get what you need to done, especially as midterms are coming up and there is still so much to do.

Do what you can to keep up with everything, and as always, don’t be afraid to ask for help if you need to. Summer will be here before we know it.

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Opinions

As always, I try my hardest to stand up and support LGBT rights, as I am a member of the community myself. As far as we have gotten with our rights, it is sad to see that there are still so many people out there who will never change and will continue to be judgmental.

One thing that bothers me is when I go up to a friend or someone I know and they are with another person I do not know, the other person automatically makes a comment something to the effect of “Who’s that gay guy?” or “Why is he talking to you?”

Come on, people. We are in 2018 and you should know better than to treat people of the LGBT community like this. We are humans just like you.

As I have said before and will continue to say, the only difference between us and you is that we are either attracted to someone of the same gender as us or some of us feel that we are not the gender we were born to.

Why should my sexual preference define who I am? It is simply a preference, to be who I am and proud of my sexuality. I respect people like me who have had to deal with the constant judgement, attacks, brutality and hatred. It is simply not right for us to have to go through this.

My younger self would have just walked away and let people treat me like this, but not anymore. I have grown older and wiser, and I will stand up to any one person who makes a comment toward me that is rude or who attacks me.

I am not afraid to be who I am and I am not afraid of what other people think. I think that we have to let go of our fears and stand up to people and let them know that we are not going to let them get away with this.

We have to fight, and although it may seem like a never-ending fight, it is a battle worth fighting for. We have to self-respect and self-worth and we cannot let the haters take that away from us.

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Stop second guessing; go with your gut

Deep within the pit of our stomach is that feeling of our “gut instinct” that nudges at us when we have to make a difficult decision. Weighing the options usually consists of putting that heavy gut feeling or instinct down while you try to juggle lighter and better options of comfort.

We usually go through these options because we want to appease others’ feelings at the expense of our own.

For example, of some of my friends do not want to send “risky” text messages to some one of the same gender as us or some of us feel that we are not the gender we were born to.

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Don’t judge a book by its cover

Just like when someone prefers Coke over Pepsi, I do not see people defining others based on preferences like that.

One of my goals in life is to continue to stand up for LGBT rights and hopefully, someday it will not be an issue for people. I understand there will always be people out there that seek to hurt and judge us, but we have to stand strong and show those people that we are not “sick” or “weird.”

I wake up every day and although my sexuality does not define me, I am proud of who I am and I am proud of my sexuality. I respect people like me who have had to deal with the constant judgement, attacks, brutality and hatred. It is simply not right for us to have to go through this.

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Time for sunshine

COURTNEY SHEPHERD | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Today’s quote: “Life isn’t about waiting for the storm to pass; it’s about learning to dance in the rain.”

-Vivian Greene

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People might call me an enabling for telling them to send the text message, to be petty or to “overshare” their feelings, but I think everyone should be an ally for themselves.

We do not always need validation from someone else before we do something; sometimes we are just right the first time in our decision-making.

Usually our gut is looking out for us, and even if our choices lead to rejection, the worst thing someone can tell you is no and that is OK. There are other options.

Even though I believe in “enabling” with reason, I still think people should make decisions constructively and safely. Do not just jump off of a cliff to achieve personal growth. You will probably just break a few bones.

Although sharing your personal truth can sometimes be uncomfortable and fill the room with a little bit of tension, it is better to get it out there than to hold it in.

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New system streamlines scholarships for students

Called ‘AcademicWorks,’ it would let students fill out one general application

By Parker Valentine
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Eastern’s new scholarship system hopes to simplify the application process. The system, called “AcademicWorks,” is one all students who want to apply for scholarships can use.

When they go to Eastern’s AcademicWorks website, students will find a list of scholarships available with brief information about each one’s qualifications. To apply to scholarships, students need to sign into the website with the same NET ID and password used for all of their Eastern accounts. They can then complete a general application and apply for specific scholarships.

After the general application is completed, the system will automatically match the student to all the scholarships they are eligible for based on the information provided. If there are any other scholarships the student is eligible for, the system will recommend them, though more steps might have to be taken for those.

Brad Green, director of development services said the mass import of student data is what led to the streamlining service.

“AcademicWorks has the capabilities of importing the student data from our Banner system. The information imported allows our students to apply for scholarships without putting in the information normally requested such as name, address, GPA, major, etc.” Green said.

Green said now, instead of an entire background questionnaire, students will only have to answer one or two questions for the majority of scholarship opportunities.

The system has also allowed donors easier access to the students who get the scholarships they fund. Green said before, students would come to the Neal Welcome Center on campus and complete multiple tasks to thank their donor, including a student story and card.

The student story and thank you cards would then be sent in the U.S. mail. Now students can complete all these tasks online. This may even lead to new scholarships, Green said.

“We hope that this component will encourage our donors to expand their contributions or support for their scholarships. We also hope that the system will stimulate new scholarship possibilities,” Green said.

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Audience members and sang along to multiple throwback Hip-Hop songs. Ariel Taylor, a family-consumer-sciences major, was the first participant to sing karaoke. She said she sang along to her favorite artist Lauren Hill. However, karaoke was not limited to only black female artists. Before the night ended the NACWC ladies and part of the audience got up on stage and sang along to “Can You Stand the Rain” by New Edition, a black male group artist.

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Loving the weather

Casey Smith (right), a freshman criminology major, and Abby Lee (left), a freshman public relations major talk to each other while enjoying the warm weather Monday afternoon.
Panthers look to continue win streak

By Adam Shay
Baseball Reporter | @DEN_Sports

The Eastern baseball team is coming off a sweep against Memphis University as they travel to Belleville, Ill. for a single game against Lindenwood.

The Panthers now have a record of 4-2 after the three-game sweep and are going into the game against Lindenwood on a four-game win streak. The Panthers were 0-6 going into their seventh game last season.

As for Lindenwood, they have played a significant amount of games more than the Panthers. So far on the season, they are 6-8 and 0-3 in conference play. Going into the game, Lindenwood is on a four-game losing streak.

The Panthers are playing with a higher level of confidence compared to last season due to their success. Over the first six games, the players are continuing to improve and are starting to get into a rhythm.

“We as a team have been playing very good baseball as of late,” senior centerfielder Joseph Duncan said. “You can see guys are starting to get more confident each game. I think we have a great opportunity to keep the ball rolling Tuesday.”

On the season, Duncan has a .333 average with nine hits, driving in five RBIs and totaling 15 bases. In the last game of the series against Memphis, Duncan caught fire as he went 3-for-5, driving in three RBIs.

Duncan this season has been focused on keeping it simple at the plate. Hitting is very contagious and it helps when the whole lineup is filled with great hitters, Duncan said.

Junior pitcher Carson Haws has been a consistent pitcher this season, he leads the team in multiple pitching categories. In the two games he has started, Haws has thrown a team high 12.2 innings with 14 strikeouts, totaling his ERA to 2.13, allowing three earned runs.

Also pitching well on the season has been senior pitcher Michael Starcevich. Through 7.2 innings of work, he has allowed five hits and one earned run, giving him two saves in his three appearances.

Offensively, redshirt junior Hunter Morris is leading the Panthers with 10 hits, putting him at the third highest average on the team at .400. Morris also leads the team with 15 total bases and is tied for a team high of six RBIs.

The last game Lindenwood played they lost 11-1 against William Woods-Missouri. Between freshman pitcher Cooper Patterson and senior pitcher Tyler Morgan, they combined for allowing ten hits and 11 earned runs.

This year, senior catcher Matt Crook leads Lindenwood in multiple offensive categories this season. Crook is batting .320 and has team high two home runs and 15 RBIs, as well being tied with junior first baseman Cullen Stockley with 16 hits.

Last year on April 19, the Panthers won their only game against Lindenwood 8-5, led by a three RBI performance from Duncan and a two RBI game from senior third baseman Dougie Parks. The two teams will play at 4 p.m. Tuesday on the GCS Ballpark.

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Men’s tennis team splits weekend matches

By Vince Lovergine

Men’s Tennis Reporter | @DEN_Sports

The Eastern men’s tennis team shut out an opponent for the first time since last April with a 7-0 sweep over Northern Illinois this weekend.

Eastern picked up its third win of the season and ran its winning streak up to two.

The Panthers claimed the doubles point winning all three doubles matches. Junior Victor Krueger and senior Adam Winters beat their doubles opponents while freshman Connor Ward and sophomore Gage Kingsmith defeated their doubles opponents.

Senior Grant Reiman and freshman Logan Charnosneu won an 8-0 win playing at No. 3 doubles over Cardinals players, Ty Well on the season, scoring six or more runs in three of the five games played so far.

That was seen in game three, but the real difference was pitching, as Kasen Hans earned his first victory of the season.

Hans tossed 7.2 innings while earning four strikeouts and allowing just four runs, and Haberer followed that with three strikeouts in 1.1 innings of relief.

Eastern improves to 4-2 on the season and runs its sweep streak to two.

Junior Dustin Wilson pitches during the Panthers’ game against Murray State in March of 2017 at Coaches Stadium. Wilson pitched 3 innings and picked up his first win of the season as the Panthers defeated the Racers, 7-5.

By Maher Kawash

Baseball Reporter | @DEN_Sports

The Eastern baseball team found its stride on a road trip to Memphis, pulling off a three-game sweep over the Tigers.

The Panthers got some solid pitching at the beginning of the series with Alex Stevenson tossing 7.1 innings while notching three strikeouts and only allowing one run on eight hits in game one.

He was accompanied by a streaking Logan Beam, who singled to right for an RBI, leading Eastern to the 3-1 victory to start the series.

That was just the start, as the Panthers got help from Jimmy Gomez’s two hits and Hunter Morris knocking in a run on one hit at the plate.

Michael Stacevich was vital in game one, earning the save in the 1-2 innings pitched while racking up a strikeout and walking one hitter.

The Panthers have found themselves in some close games to start this season, and that continued in game two, where they barely escaped a 10-9 victory thanks to a strong start offensively.

Eastern got started with four runs in the first inning as Jimmy Huber knocked in two runs on a single to right.

The Panthers were also assisted by Jake Haberer, who bounced back from his first loss of the season last week, with his two strikeouts and no runs allowed in 1.2 innings pitched.

Matt Albert showed his dominance at the plate, knocking out his first home run of the year. Andrew Curran showed up as well, with two hits in three at-bats that resulted in one RBI and two walks.

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Joseph Duncan has been a catalyst offensively for Eastern in the last three seasons, and that continued in game three.

Morgan Schapp was tied 4-4 in the second set at No. 6 singles when his match was left unfinished. Charnosneu was down 4-0 in the second set at No. 3 singles when he was left incomplete.

In this match, Kercheval said the team could not find a rhythm and Southern Utah was a very solid team.

“We just didn’t stay out on the court long enough to really give ourselves a chance,” he said. “We had some guys battling and fighting in their matches, but as a team it went too quickly and we couldn’t change the momentum to our favor. But, we are still learning how to compete the way we need regardless of the opponent and their level.”

Eastern fell to 3-8 on the season, but return home to Darling Courts Sunday against Lindenwood.

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