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### BLACK HISTORY MONTH

# African culture demonstrated through dance

## Workshop attracts, intrigues students

By Ashleigh Owens  
Staff Reporter

Students gathered at the University Ballroom for "Black Movement: African Dance and Slide Workshop" to celebrate various types of dances, both African and urban on Wednesday.

EIU African Student Association (ASA) dancers, who have been established for a year now, decided to showcase their African dance moves to students. The members of the group were from numerous countries such as Haiti, Nigeria, Gambia and Ghana.

Kayla Garner, a member of ASA and dancer, explained how the organization wanted to spread African culture on campus through dance because most of the dances were derived from Africa.

Garner is a sophomore family and consumer science major.

During the dance, the University Ballroom was divided into two sections with one side was chosen for students practicing African dance while the other were for those dancing urban style.

While dancing to the beat of live drums, students got in rhythm with dance moves inspired from African culture. Regardless of experience, student instructors encouraged anyone to take part in the dance.

It was not until the "Cha-Cha Slide" was played that students jumped out of their seats to join in the workshop.

Popular dances such as the "The Wobble", "Cupid Shuffle" and more were enjoyed as students participated. During the urban style, even the African dancers ran to the other side of the ballroom to participate.

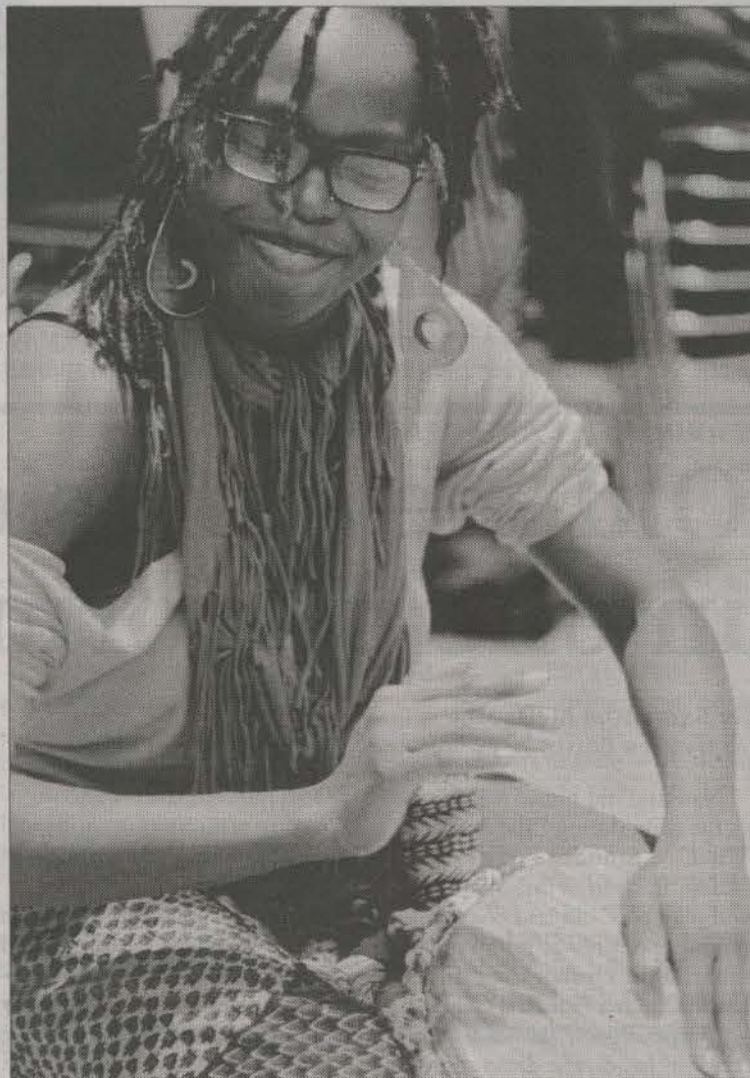
Vaushawn Brown, a senior kinesiology major, played the Dunun drum.

While Kadija Stallings, a sophomore fine arts major, performed on the Djembe drum during the performance.

Stallings, who already had experience with drums, said she was glad for being involved in this event.

"It's a blessing to share talent and culture with students who may or may not have been exposed to African culture," Stallings said.

The EIU's African Student Association (ASA), NAACP and the Black Student Union hosted the



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Art major Kadija Stallings plays the djembe drum to provide the beat for dancers Wednesday during Black Movement, an African dance and slide workshop in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. The event was put on by members of the African Student Organization as part of Black History Month.

event.

The workshop was organized for Black History Month. In the past ASA has also performed for the Red Show to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS.

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### TARBLE ARTS CENTER

# Eastern alum to close art exhibit with discussion

## Staff Report

Eastern alum Naomi Sugino Lear will give an artist lecture at a closing reception at 7 p.m. Monday in the atrium of the Tarble Arts Center.

Lear, an art professor at Columbia College in Columbia, Mo., attended Eastern where she received a bachelors in art and music.

Lear's art exhibit is titled "Longviews: Recent Paintings & Drawings by Naomi Sugino Lear" and features artworks that are long and narrow, according to a press release from the Tarble Arts Center.

Lear's artwork is inspired by artworks in Japan as well as Lear's interest in where people spend most of their lives. The paintings are often painted from both ends to show a different perspective, according to the press release.

Lear's artworks have been shown in many exhibits around Illinois and Missouri in places such as the Illinois Art Gallery in Chicago, the Lakeview Museum of Arts and Sciences in Peoria, the Parkland College Gallery in Champaign, and the Illinois State Museum in Springfield.

Lear's exhibition and talk is a New & Emerging Artists Series program of the Eastern Illinois University College of Arts & Humanities, the Eastern Art Department, and the Tarble Arts Center.

The event is free and open to the public.

### STUDENT GOVERNMENT

# Student senate updates letter writing campaign

## Signatures for physical science building being collected

By Amy Wywiałowski  
Staff Reporter

Jarrod Scherle, executive vice president of the student government, said, during the student Senate meeting on Wednesday, that he has collected 685 letters within a week in support of the new science building.

The collected letters are part of his letter writing campaign where he hopes to get 2,000 letters by the April lobby day.

The letter's voice student's opinions on performance based funding and encourage state senators to vote in favor of a new science building for Eastern.

"We're currently eighth in line with the Illinois Board of High Education with the science building money," Scherle said. "Our goal is to get that moved up or get

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Jarrod Scherle, executive vice president of the student government

the board to allocate more money for the list."

Scherle's original goal was to collect 1000 letters to give to Springfield senators in April. He launched the campaign at last week's meeting.

Scherle congratulated the senate members and asked them to continue to collect letters and said he hopes to gather a packet for each senator complete with a cover letter explaining the process.



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Jarrod Scherle, executive vice president of Student Senate, praises his fellow senators for their progress on their letter writing campaign Wednesday night in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union's Arcola-Tuscola Room. Student Senate is gathering up the letters to take to Springfield on their Lobby Day in April.

ter explaining the process.

"We're basically asking them to help us out on this one," Scherle said.

Besides, Scherle's update, the student senate met to give committee and executive reports.

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### CAMPUS NEWS

# 9th Street Hall evacuated, caused by masonry work

## Staff Report

9th Street Hall was evacuated Wednesday after vapors from masonry work seeped into the building.

Vicki Woodard from University Marketing and Communications said workers had been doing routine work on the chimney of the building with spray-on sealer when the fumes seeped into the building through vents and windows.

The Charleston Fire Department evacuated the building Wednesday morning and worked to air out the building.

Jenny Reed, an academic advisor in the building, said she was in the middle of a meeting with a student between 11 and 11:30 a.m. Wednesday when a firefighter from the Charleston Fire Department told her she had to evacuate the building.

"I finished my discussion with my student outside on the bench by the pond," Reed said.

Reed said it took a few minutes before they were told to go home for the day.

"I didn't know what was going on, but it seemed like the situation was being assessed," Reed said.

The building is scheduled to reopen at 8 a.m. today for regular operation.

## EIU weather

TODAY

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FRIDAY

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## Blog: Celebrity Smack Talk



In this week's Celebrity Smack Talk, Dominic Renzetti dishes on the recent controversy between WWE superstar C.M. Punk and Grammy-award watcher Chris Brown.

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## Laughin' it up



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Omar Solomon, admissions counselor for the Southern Illinois & Missouri area, laughs on his way out of work. Some admission employees stayed late to call potential students about their interest in Eastern.

## DOUDNA FINE ARTS CENTER

## Old, new music mixed in one performance

By Samantha McDaniel  
Activities Editor

New and old music will mingle in the wind during "The Art of the Wind" on Saturday.

The Eastern Wind Symphony will play both old and contemporary compositions at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Alan Sullivan, the interim director of bands, the director of the Panther Marching Band and the Eastern Wind Symphony, said he thinks the program will interest people.

"I think it's a nice program with some older material and some very contemporary band literature," Sullivan said.

Sullivan said the band will play a piece from 1980, "The Hounds of Spring" by Alfred Reed, a piece from 2010, "Hymn for a Blue Hour" by John Mackey, a piece from 2007, "Give us this Day" by Maslanka, "Black Dog" by Scott McAllister, and "Dance of the Jester" by Peter Tchaikovsky.

Sullivan said he wanted to entertain the audience in a variety of ways.

"I wanted something that was traditional and I wanted some contemporary pieces, which will show

off the power of the wind band and the various colors that are available from wind and percussion instruments," Sullivan said. "I also wanted to do a transcription, so we will be closing with a transcription of Tchaikovsky."

Sullivan said Magie Smith, a music department personnel and a teacher of clarinet, will be joining the Eastern Wind Symphony to perform as a soloist.

"We are going to feature Dr. Smith on a piece called 'Black Dog,'" Sullivan said. "It is a really neat clarinet concerto. The composer used one lick out of Led Zepelin's 'Black Dog' as his inspiration for the piece."

Sullivan said he is excited to see the piece performed on Saturday.

Sullivan said the students benefit from performing with a professional artist.

"It's a great idea, because it shows how wonderful of a player she is; and with any soloist that performs with the Wind Symphony, it shows off their technique and musicality and their wonderful abilities as musicians," Sullivan said. "And it gives students in the ensemble the chance to hear soloist performing with the wind band."

Sullivan said he is excited for the audience to see this performance.

**"I wanted something that was traditional, and I wanted some contemporary pieces, which will show off the power of the wind band...."**

Alan Sullivan, director of the Eastern Wind Symphony

"I am looking forward to sharing with the audience what we have been working on musically," Sullivan said. "The kids in the band have been great, and to be able to share their gifts and talents with the audience is just a very special feeling."

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## CAA

## Council on Academic Affairs to discuss new courses

History of courses offered through School of Cont. Ed. also to be discussed

By Amy Wywialowski

The Council on Academic Affairs will meet today at 2 p.m. in Room 4440 of Booth Library. The council will deliberate on seven possible new courses and hear a presentation on the School of Continuing Education special courses.

Of the possible new courses, all of them come from the Foreign Language department and three include the title of Advanced Oral Proficiency in the language of French, Spanish and German. The other four courses include beginning and intermediate level classes in the language of Italian.

If approved the classes would be available in the fall 2012 semester for the first half of the classes (Beginning Intermediate Italian I) and for the Spring 2013 semester for the second half of the classes (Beginning and Italian II).

Also on the agenda is a presentation by Dr. Mary Herrington-Perry of the Academic Affairs department about School of Continuing Education special courses that have been offered throughout Eastern's history.

Perry will talk about these past courses and give information about special course offerings for summer 2009-Spring 2012. She will also present findings and data about summer 2009-Spring 2012 Special Courses that Eastern will offer.

There are no committee reports on the agenda; however, there is one request for executive action regarding the revision of prerequisites for Communication classes.

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## JIM EDGAR ENDORSES EDDY for State Representative



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."

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."

## FUNDRAISING

## Trivia night to benefit St. Jude Hospital

By Robyn Dexter  
Campus Editor

Prizes such as gift cards and tickets to a St. Louis Cardinals game are only a few of what students have a chance to win at a trivia night Thursday.

Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority is sponsoring the trivia night to raise funds for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Caitlyn Buchanan, the president of ESA, said the top three groups will be getting gift cards.

"The top prize for the winning group will get a gift card basket holding \$150," she said.

Each round will have a different themed basket, such as an Eastern-themed one.

"In between rounds, we will be giving away prizes including two St. Louis Cardinals tickets, as well as Chicago White Sox and Bears memorabilia," Buchanan said.

The different rounds will include categories such as sports, Disney, history and some Eastern trivia.

"We're anticipating about 100 people to participate, and also expecting a lot of people to register at the event," she said.

Registration is \$20 per team up until the event begins at 7 p.m. on Thursday.

"All of the money is being donated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and it's the whole purpose of the event," Buchanan said.

Registration forms for teams of five people can be received in the Student Activity Center in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, and groups can sign up before the event as well.

The trivia night will take place in the University Ballroom of the Union.

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## CAMPUS

## Professor elected chair of national society

By Rachel Rodgers  
Administration Editor

A friend of Kathleen O'Rourke once told her to grow where she was planted, and she has expanded her Eastern-embedded roots to a national level.

O'Rourke, a family and consumer sciences professor, was elected the chair of the board of directors for the Kappa Omicron Nu National Human Sciences Honor Society, which she first joined in 1993 when she was an undergraduate student at Eastern.

As chair, she will represent more than 140,000 members in more than 100 campus chapters throughout the nation.

O'Rourke's two-year term as chair will begin in January 2013, and she will work alongside the current chair, Deborah Tippet of Meredith College in North Carolina, until then.

She was the president of Eastern's chapter of Kappa Omicron Nu in 1995 when she was a graduate student at Eastern, and O'Rourke has served as co-adviser to the chapter for the past nine years.

Jayne Ozier, of Charleston, who was the chapter adviser when O'Rourke was a student, said when she first met O'Rourke, she thought she was an organized, systematic, dedicated person who believed in inspiring excellence in not only herself, but her peers as well.

"She takes those same characteristics that I saw in her as an undergraduate student and applies them to

her personal, professional and daily life," Ozier said. "She is one of the people I feel proud of everyday."

O'Rourke said she feels like she has come full circle as she started as a student being shaped by mentors like Ozier, and now she has transitioned to serving as a mentor to her students.

"I feel like I have the opportunity to give back to my student and try to model for them the importance and value of leadership and what it means to be a strong, ethical leader," O'Rourke said. "Being a leader is surrounding yourself around great, capable individuals who also want to touch the lives of others."

Ozier said besides educating and caring for others, O'Rourke also diminishes negative experiences and focuses on positive aspects of life.

O'Rourke was diagnosed with endometrial cancer, a type of uterine cancer, in January 2005, and Feb. 2 marked the seventh year of her being cancer-free.

"I think surviving cancer helped her to proactively focus on her and other people's positive traits, and she makes the best out of the good things in life," Ozier said.

O'Rourke became an adviser to Colleges Against Cancer, the Eastern chapter of the American Cancer Society, in 2006.

"It was an important way for me to turn my experience into something positive to raise not only money, but awareness and education with others," O'Rourke said. "Everyone



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Kathleen O'Rourke, professor of family and consumer sciences, speaks in Klehm Hall Friday.

has been touched by cancer in one form or another, so this has been an opportunity to reach out to the community to make a difference."

O'Rourke said the Kappa Omicron Nu chapter has placed in the top-three fundraising teams in Relay for Life for the past few years, and they have raised funds from about \$40,000 to \$65,000.

As chair of the national society, O'Rourke will lead the board of directors as they work through developing new initiatives, new goals and new plans for the coming year, she said.

The society hosts a national conference each year, and the 100th annual conference will occur in August at Michigan State University, where

the society was founded.

O'Rourke recalled her first conference in 1995 and said she sat entranced as the society leaders spoke.

"One after another they spoke, and their messages were so powerful relating to leadership and reflective human action, and it really inspired me to work hard on developing my leadership skills," O'Rourke said. "I think that I have the opportunity to touch some lives who will sit in the same audience that I did and so that is why I get so excited working with the students."

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# Positive start for contract negotiations

Every few years, contract negotiations pit faculty and staff against the administration in a process that is often long, bitter and hard on the community. Future negotiations are likely to be fairer and smoother, thanks to an agreement by the University Professionals of Illinois (the union representing the faculty and staff) and Eastern administrators to change the whole approach to contract negotiations.

The new approach, interest-based bargaining, uses a federal mediator to guide negotiations toward a rational conversation about the best middle ground.

Positional bargaining, the traditional approach, is more like a game of give and take — and somebody always loses. However, political science professor Grant Sterling, EIU/UPI chief negotiator, explained to *The DEN* on Feb. 22 that interest-based bargaining can shake things up.

"Each (negotiating team) comes to the table with certain issues they would like to have resolved, rather than asking for a specific change." What benefits does this approach offer?

It means during bargaining, issues are discussed, rather than simply shot down. With a federal mediator serving as a facilitator, the negotiations become more like forums for positive change.

From June of 2010 to February of 2011, the negotiation teams from both the administration and UPI/EIU met periodically. And most often, progress was not made. The last round of negotiations were not easy. They were strained by tense concerns over furloughs (at the time, they were being implemented at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana), as well as credit-units and salaries.

And not all issues were resolved. Eventually, it was brought to the point that a federal mediator was brought in to help the process along.

When UPI and the administration were able to come to an agreement for the last round of negotiations in late February 2011, it was bitter-sweet because the two teams were only able to come to a two-year agreement instead of the traditional four-year contract.

With this new approach, negotiations will also begin sooner. Wednesday's meeting with the federal mediator was the first between the administration and UPI/EIU. In the past, negotiations did not begin until May or June.

"During the last negotiation, I heard some members talk about interest-based bargaining because they knew I had experience with it when I first interviewed for the president position," President Bill Perry told *The DEN*. "I reviewed my knowledge and came to the conclusion it would be worth a try."

We commend Perry for wanting to try this new approach. Negotiations are never easy — it's impossible to stay emotionally neutral when so many lives are affected by the decisions made during them.

Although it is still too soon to determine how successful this new method of bargaining will be, we hope the administration and UPI will be able to reach an agreement that satisfies both parties.

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## COLUMN

# Storied columnist tells all, reveals true identity

Sometimes I feel like I'm asked about my middle name as frequently as the president. Unlike Barack Hussein Obama, I practically invite the question by preferring my middle initial present with my name at every opportunity.

Tinker.

The "T" in Doug T. Graham stands for Tinker.

As you can imagine, I had a difficult time dodging childhood nicknames. In fact, because of the shouts of "Tinker Bell" and "Doug Funnie" and "Graham Cracker," I denied to some I had a middle name at all.

Luckily, I've changed some since grade school. The older my peers and I got, fewer and fewer people saw "Tinker" as an embarrassing blemish they could poke fun at.

As my embarrassment over my middle name faded, my interest in middle names grew.

I always asked people what their middle names were and why they were given it. Based on those conversations — some incredibly boring and some fascinating — and data on the most common middle names over time, it seems like there are two distinct kinds of middle names: those chosen because they go together well with the first name and those chosen because they are



**Doug T. Graham**

family names.

The first category seems to be more popular of the two. For women, the names Lee, Marie and Elizabeth have been constantly popular throughout the past few generations, partly because of the way they sound. I chose those names as examples because they reflect the importance of syllables that some parents give in choosing a middle name.

For men, the popularity of John, Michael and Alexander as middle names are also because of this phenomenon.

It should not surprise the reader that "Tinker" was not picked because it sounded good.

My parents' plan was that my name be a combination of the names of my grandfathers Douglas, on my father's side, and Darwin, on my mother's side.

The story goes that my mother asked her

father's permission and he turned her down because he didn't like his name. Instead, he insisted I inherit his last name. Thus I was christened Douglas Tinker Graham. The irony that the middle name I despised for so many years was considered the lesser of two evils is not lost on me.

So, who cares about this stuff, right? Don't people only hear their middle name when they are in trouble, anyway?

While I'll admit middle names are the least important of the three names we Americans have thrust upon us by our parents at birth, they are still a crucial part of our identity.

Take the whole Hussein case as an example: If middle names meant nothing, why did so many people care even one bit that the Democratic candidate for president would have to sign the name of a former enemy of the state?

While our names rarely our own doing, they reflect who we are. As an adult, I could get my name changed to "Rock Badass" or "Joe Nation," but I have chosen not to do so (yet!) because of what my name says about me.

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## FROM THE EASEL



ETHAN KINSELLA | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Alums to athletic department: Fire Mike Miller

To the Eastern administration, board of trustees, athletics director Barbara Burke and the athletics department:

We are writing this letter to steadfastly disapprove of the acceptance of mediocrity within the university's athletics department, specifically in the department of men's basketball.

Mike Miller, who has coached the Eastern Illinois University men's basketball team for the past seven seasons, has a contract expiring at the end of this season.

We present a set of facts you undoubtedly are aware of:

Mike Miller's overall record during that span is 75-128.

Miller's record within the Ohio Valley Conference is 44-82.

During his tenure, Miller has won a single game in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament. This season, it is unlikely his team will even qualify for the tournament.

An inordinate amount of players Miller recruited left the program before they graduated for one reason or another. That

list includes: Ross Laux, Tom Burke, Wes Wilkin, Bil Duany, Kyree Brown, George Tandy, Austin Hogue, Freddie Perry, Bobby Jolliff, Mike Robinson, Brandon D'Amico, Justin Brock, Will Hamilton, Romain Martin, Levi Noel, Shaun Pratl and Isaac Smith III.

In 2008, Miller made \$126,013. Bob Spoo, the legendary football coach who had numerous winning seasons in a 20-plus-year career, made \$113,456.

Miller's best season was in 2009-10 when his team finished 19-12, a season that was considered a breakthrough and building block toward bigger and better things for the program.

The following season, the team finished 9-20.

Throughout Miller's tenure at Eastern Illinois University, the administration and athletics department have not only accepted mediocrity, it has rewarded mediocrity. Under Miller, Eastern Illinois' men's basketball program has been one of the country's worst while conference rivals such as

Murray State and Morehead State have risen to national prominence.

We are writing this letter to inform Miss Burke and the administration that we are 100 percent opposed to the acceptance of mediocrity.

Eastern Illinois is a proud university that has found success on the athletics level on many occasions.

Men's basketball, along with football, is supposed to be the crown jewel of the university.

Right now, it is a joke.

Miss Burke, if you are serious about building the athletics department to national prominence, you absolutely cannot keep rewarding mediocrity.

It is, quite simply, unacceptable. And as alums of this fine university, we are embarrassed.

Orion Buckingham  
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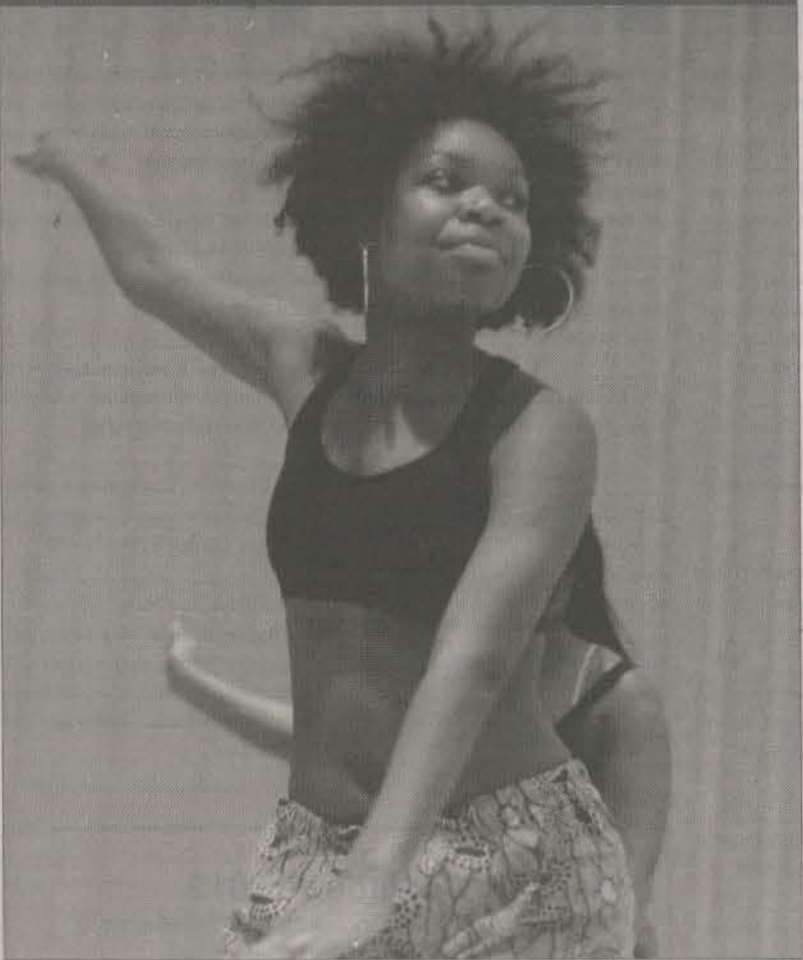
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## All about the rhythm



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Faythe Missick, a junior political science major and founder of the African Student Association, teaches participants the first moves in a dance Thursday during Black Movement, a workshop on African dance and slide in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

## SENATE, from page 1

Zach Samples, the student speaker of the senate, explained the importance of having a weekly meeting despite a lack of business.

"Our meetings are more than just a time to do business," Samples said. "It is also a time for all of us to collaborate and get on the same page."

Samples announced that strategic planning discussions would take place at the group's retreat and talked about the open forum that will take place on March 28.

"We wanted the strategic plan to be a team building activity and more hand on and explain how it works better," Samples said. "This way the process will go quicker when it comes to the senate floor."

Samples also informed the senate members about the open forum meeting which runs like a regular

meeting but takes place in the University Ballroom.

"It's just like a regular meeting, but is in the University Ballroom and we invite all the departments on campus," Samples said. "We typically have 50-100 people in attendance, publicize it more, and have free food."

The senate members discussed the success of their "Blue Out" event and hope to do something similar during the softball and baseball seasons.

The student senate meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

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## RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION

# RHA prepares to welcome kids, friends to campus

## Disney-themed program to attract kids for fun activities

By Elizabeth Grubart  
Staff Reporter

The Residence Hall Association is getting ready for a weekend filled with a variety of events that are geared toward children and family members of all ages.

Kids and Friends Weekend is on Friday and Saturday.

On Friday, there will be a showing of "The Muppets" at 7 p.m. in the Buzzard Hall Auditorium.

On Saturday, children will be taken to the residence halls where they will be participating in a multitude of events.

Jacob Deters, a junior music education major, is the Taylor Hall representative for the RHA and the programming chair for Kids and Friends Weekend.

"RHA is looking forward to opening our campus to kids and family members to show them what Eastern has to offer," Deters said. "Kids can expect everything from face paintings and sand art to a Mad Hatter tea party."

He said that he admires the window paintings and said that they all looked great.

The last day to register for Kids and Friends Weekend is Thursday.

Deters also mentioned the results of the residence halls window paintings will be revealed soon.

"I am excited about seeing this project come to life," Deters said. "I hope it all goes well."

Eastern's delegation from the Illinois Residence Hall Association also came back from their conference last Sunday.

Other members of IRHA from across the state came together to work on leadership training and other events during the weekend.

Each delegation from the schools put together a role call, banner, display and other ways to show their school's spirit.

"Our delegation this year won best role call," Deters said. "We had fantastic spirit and definitely left a great impression on the other schools."

A few members won individual awards as well.

Jake Nees, president of RHA, won student of the year, Colleen Nelson won National Residence Hall Honorary conference coordinator of the year, and David Arnold won adviser of the year.

"Delegates attended programs

**"RHA is looking forward to opening our campus to kids and family members to show them what Eastern has to offer."**

Jacob Deters, programming chair for Kids and Friends Weekend.

that included topics such as new hall programs, how to be a leader and life after housing," Deters said.

Delegates will be sharing their information to each of their residence halls and to the RHA members during their meeting tomorrow at 5 p.m. in Thomas Hall.

To register for Kids and Friends Weekend, visit Eastern's website.

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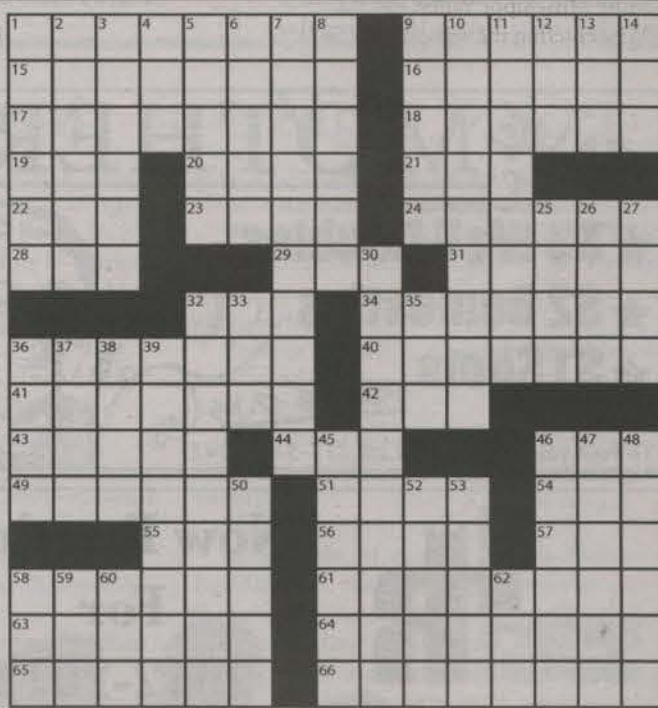
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TENNIS

# Tennis teams hit the road

By Staff Report

The Eastern's men's and women's tennis teams will be on the road as the men's team takes on Ball State and the women's team takes on Evansville.

So far this season, the women's team is 2-4 overall and are 2-2 on the road with them losing two straight matches.

Senior Amanda Dibbs holds a record of 4-2 overall, beating Erin Filbrant of Dayton in two sets, each with a score of 6-1.

Dibbs also beat Natasha Tomishima of Southern Illinois University-Carbondale in three sets with scores of 6-4, 3-6, and 7-5.

Dibbs also beat Chicago State's Ruta Grinvalde in two sets, each with the same score of 6-1 and beat Caterina Keifer of Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne in three sets with scores of 7-5, 7-6, 7-4.

In doubles, the team of sophomore Janelle Prisner and junior Merritt Whit-

ley has won three matches this season.

They have defeated the teams of Kathleen Hawkins and Nini Sujashvili of Western Michigan, Sammi Hornbarger and Maureen Stevens of Dayton, and Juan Rosalia and Juan Rosalina Tejopravito of Chicago State.

The match against Evansville will be this Saturday in Evansville, Ind. The match will start with a new time, beginning at 7 p.m.

The men's team is 0-3 on the season. Senior Matyas Hilgert has gone 2-1 in singles play, beating Robert Salcedo of Dayton and Vuk Poledica of St. Louis.

In doubles, Hilgert and junior Michael Sperry lead the men's team.

Sperry and Hilgert have won two matches, beating the teams of Andrew Hanley and Benito Benalcazar and Poledica and Andrew Feder of St. Louis.

The match against Ball State will be this Friday in Muncie, Ind. Match time will start at 2 p.m.

## DEFINING, from page 8

He also leads the team in blocks. In his first season of action,

Chavis is scoring 7.7 points per game on 52 percent shooting from the field. The Panthers are led by senior guard Jeremy Granger.

The 6-foot-1-inch team captain is averaging 15.6 points per game. He also leads the team in assists, steals and free throw shooting.

Freshman guard Joey Miller gives Granger a solid option in the backcourt. Miller is scoring 10.6 points per game, while shooting 30 percent from

beyond the three-point line.

Sophomore forward Alfonzo McKinnie gives the Panthers a threat in the low post with his activity and rebounding. He is averaging 10 points per game and leads the team with seven rebounds and one block per game.

Tip-off is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. today in Ellis T. Johnson Arena in Morehead, Ken.

The Panthers are 5-8 on the road this season.

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## SLAZINIK, from page 8

The sophomore lefthander will look to improve on his freshman season by staying consistent in his second year on campus.

"For myself, I just want to stay consistent throughout the season," Slazinik said. "I just go out and do my job and try to help the team win."

Coming off of a strong performance against Mississippi Valley, the Panthers will be entering the second weekend of the season with momentum on their side.

Eastern was picked to finish seventh in the Ohio Valley Conference pre-sea-

son polls but are determined to prove doubters wrong this season.

"Our team goals are the same as they are every year: to win an OVC championship and go to a regional," Slazinik said. "We have a good team this year. It will be fun to see how far we go."

Slazinik will once again get the start in the opening game of the series against Southeastern Louisiana on Friday. The game is scheduled to start at 6 p.m. Friday.

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## DEFENSE from page 8

Sallee said the Panthers only played about one half of good defense against Tennessee-Martin and still almost won the game.

Against Southern Illinois-Edwardsville on Saturday, Sallee said the team lacked effort. "If you go back and watch film, or don't even watch film, you can point to the effort where (SIU-E) played that much harder than we did," Sallee said.

Sallee said the Panthers will have to play championship-level defense during the next two games to come out with wins.

He also said the Panthers have to embrace who they are. "It's time to be who you are," Sallee said. "Luckily for us, who we are is a 21-6 team and pretty doggone good. We're a Ta'Kenya Nixon-led basketball team with a lot of really good parts to the puzzle."

With the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament coming up, Nixon said it's time for Eastern to embrace who it is rather than worry about fixing things.

"There's not much time to fix a lot," Nixon said. "We're trying to be the best team we are right now."

Wyss said losing two of the past three games has helped realize how intense the last month of the season is.

"We saw what February means and know what we have to do to stay where we're at, and prepare for the tournament coming up," Wyss said.

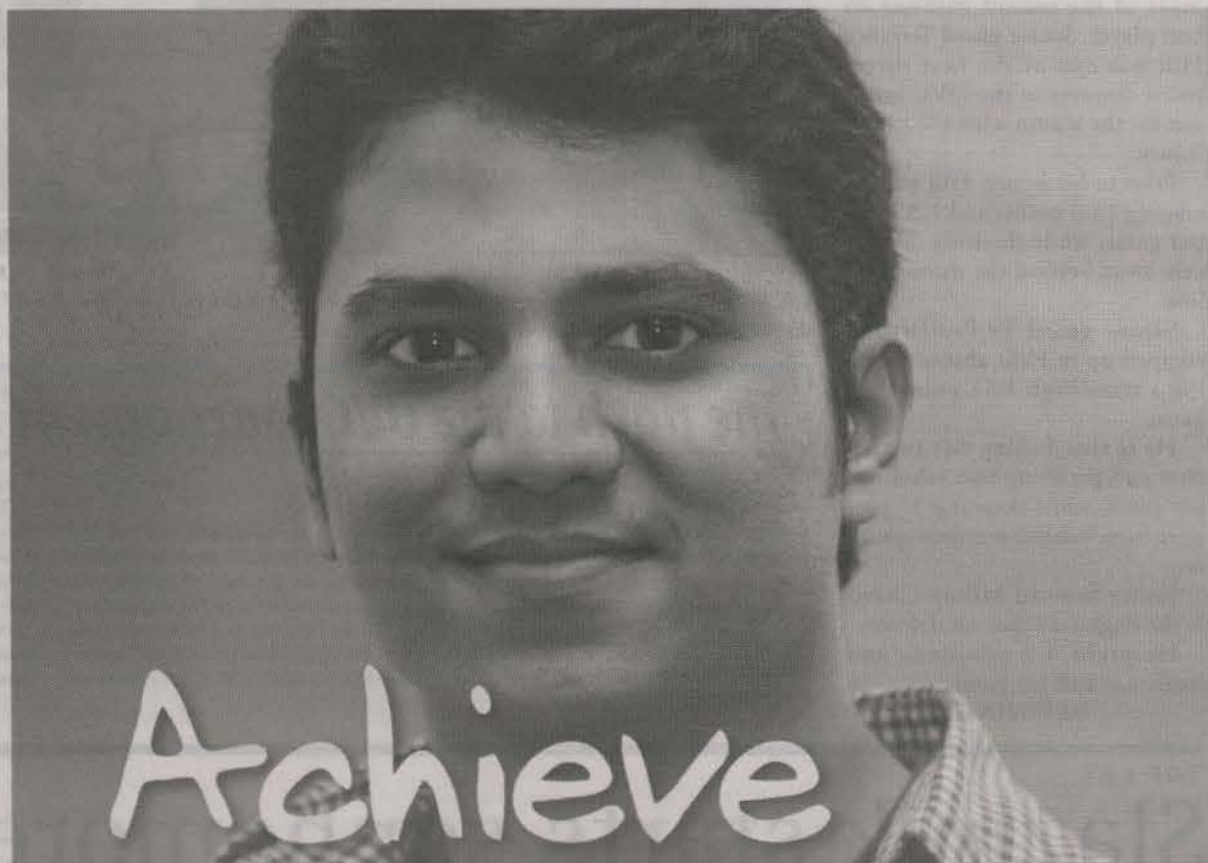
The Panthers will play Morehead State at 4:15 p.m. today in Morehead, Ky.

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SHEA LAZANSKY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Senior forward Chantelle Pressley works to keep Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville junior forward Kiara Connor away from the hoop during the Panthers' game against the Cougars in Lantz Arena on Saturday, Feb. 18. The SIUE Cougars defeated the Panthers with a final score of 59-54.



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MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Panthers prepare for season-defining game

By Rob Mortell  
Staff Reporter

Eastern's men's basketball team will play its most important game of the season against Morehead State.

The Panthers need a win if they want any hope of making the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament.

Right now, they stand in ninth place at 5-9 and are one game behind Austin Peay, Eastern Kentucky and Jacksonville State, who hold the final three spots at 6-8 in conference play.

The last time Eastern played Morehead, it lost by one point in Lantz Arena on Feb. 4; however, since that loss, the Panthers are 3-1 overall, with the three wins coming against OVC teams.

At 8-6 in conference play the Eagles have already clinched a spot in the conference tournament; although, they are still fighting for a possible third seed in the tournament.

Morehead is one of the best defensive teams in the OVC, giving up just 62 points per game and ranks second behind Murray State in terms of scoring defense.

The Eagles are also tied for first in the conference in steals per game (8.2).

Morehead has been playing most of the season without its best player. Senior guard Terrance Hill was one of the best three-point shooters in the OVC but is out for the season with a left knee injury.

Prior to his injury, Hill was averaging 13.3 points and 1.3 steals per game, while shooting 38 percent from beyond the three-point line.

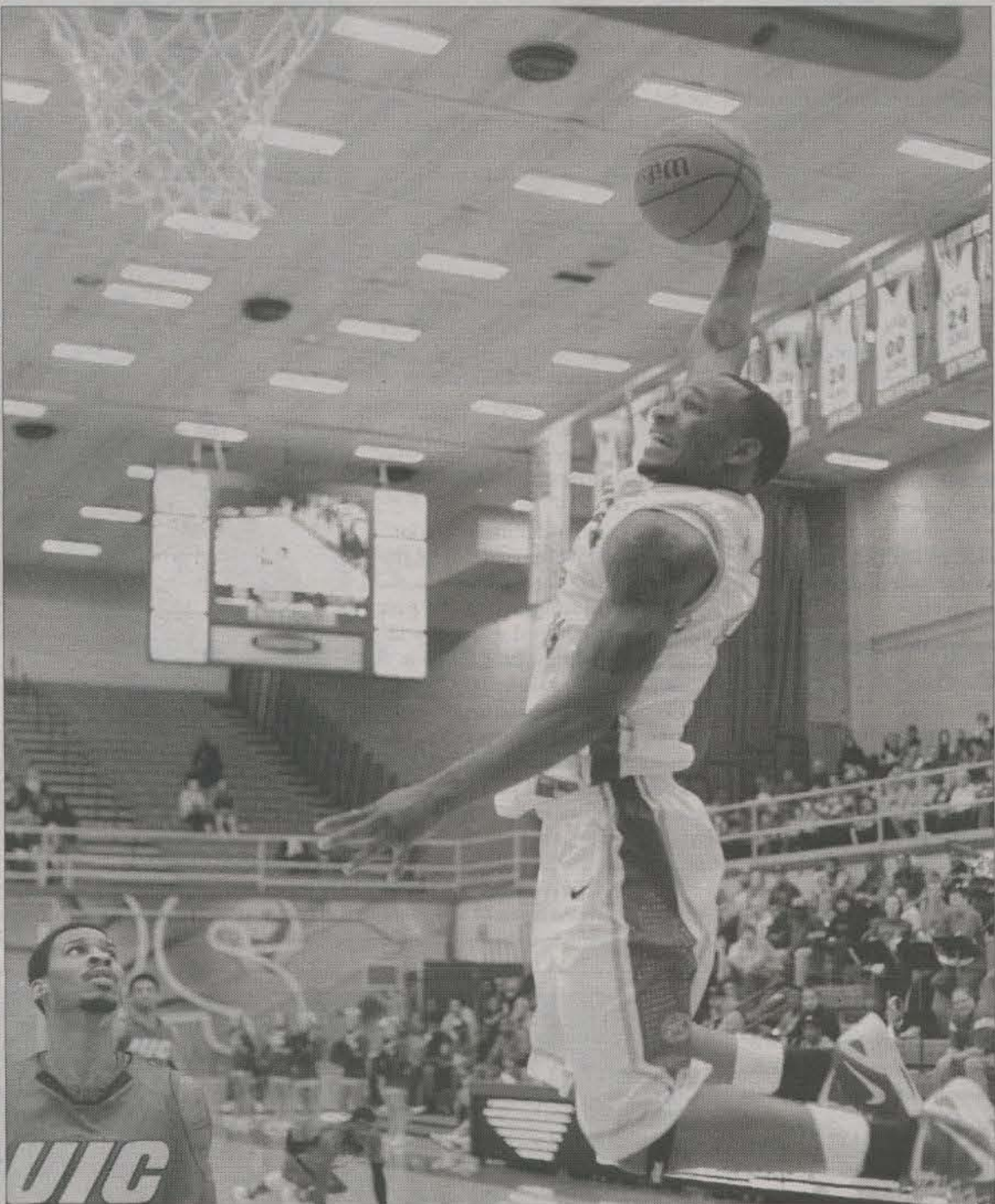
Senior guard Ty Proffitt has stepped up in Hill's absence scoring a team-high 10.1 points per game.

He is also dishing out two assists and grabbing two rebounds per game, while shooting 37 percent from behind the three-point arc.

Junior forward Milton Chavis is the Eagles' anchor on defense.

He grabs 4.3 rebounds and steals one ball per game.

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L.C. Doss, a red-shirt senior guard, goes in for a dunk during Eastern's 63-67 loss against the University of Illinois-Chicago Saturday in Lantz Arena.

## The path to the OVC tournament ...

For the Eastern men's basketball team to have any shot at making the Ohio Valley Conference tournament, the Panthers absolutely need to win their remaining two games against Morehead State and Eastern Kentucky.

Because the Panthers do not hold any tiebreakers over any teams still in the running for the tournament, any

loss would eliminate them from tournament contention.

As well as needing to win out, the Panthers would also need either Eastern Kentucky, Austin Peay or Jacksonville State to lose all of its remaining games.

Austin Peay has one game remaining on Feb. 25 on the road against Tennessee-Martin. Eastern Kentucky takes on

Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville on Feb. 23 and Eastern on Feb. 25, both at home. Jacksonville State plays its two final games at home, against Southeast Missouri on Feb. 23 and against Tennessee-Martin on Feb. 25.

If the Panthers do make the OVC tournament, they would not be able to secure any higher than a No. 8 seed.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Defense key to success

By Alex McNamee  
Staff Reporter

Nobody on the Eastern's women's basketball team expects today's road game against Morehead State to be as lopsided as its 20-point win in the two teams' previous game.

Eastern head coach Brady Sallee said the Panthers may have played their best half of basketball in the game against Morehead State Feb. 4. The Panthers led 42-13 at halftime in the game.

"That's unheard of," Sallee said.

Sallee said the team knows it's going to get Morehead State's best shot, especially on the Golden Eagles' home floor in Morehead, Ky.

"(Morehead State is) a prideful bunch," Sallee said.

Going into today's game, the Panthers are more focused on playing the way they know they can play, especially on defense.

Junior guard TaKenya Nixon said the Panthers got selfish on defense during the past three games, in which they went 1-2.

Nixon said the Panthers usually play a team defense, and they have to get back to that. "We have to be the EIU we've been all year, not the EIU we've been the past week," Nixon said.

Nixon said she thinks the Panthers can win their final two regular season games, today and Saturday, if they return to playing team defense.

Junior guard Kelsey Wyss said playing team defense will take away Morehead State's strengths.

"As long as we're communicating and playing our defense, it doesn't matter what they do," Wyss said.

In the Panthers' last two losses, Sallee said the team was not playing consistent defense.

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ONLINE

## Story: Action heats up in intramural semi-finals

Wednesday night saw a handful of intramural basketball games take place in the Student Recreation Center. Tensions ran high as semi-final games were underway and win-or-go-home implications were felt by both players and spectators.

To see the full story, check out [dailyeasternnews.com](http://dailyeasternnews.com).

TOP CAT

# Slazinik starts sophomore season with win

By Jordan Pottorff  
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Sophomore pitcher Christian Slazinik has been named Top Cat for his performance in the season-opening win over Mississippi Valley State on Feb. 17 in Jackson, Miss.

Slazinik got the opening-day nod from Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz and delivered with one of his stronger outings of his career. Slazinik kept the Mississippi Valley Devils lineup in-check as they were not able to scratch across an earned run on the sophomore southpaw.

"To get a win on the first game of the season was huge for the team," Slazinik said. "We hit extremely well and we sort of gave ourselves a glimpse of how good

"Our team goals are the same as they are every year: to win an OVC championship and go to a regional."

Sophomore pitcher Christian Slazinik

we can be if we don't make mistakes."

On the way to picking up his first win of the season, Slazinik tossed a six-inning gem that had him striking out five and surrendering just one free pass in the 11-2 win. He was also able to keep the Devils' offensive attack off the bases as they managed just four hits with Slazinik on the mound. "I just threw my fastball

a lot," Slazinik said.

"Nothing special, I just kept throwing and tried to have them make the mistakes instead of getting myself in trouble."

Slazinik is coming off of a freshman season that had him posting a record of 2-5 with a 5.57 ERA in 14 appearances. Slazinik also totaled 29 strikeouts in 42 innings.

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Sophomore pitcher Christian Slazinik throws against Southern Illinois-Carbondale March 24, 2011, at Coaches Stadium. Slazinik allowed just two runs on four hits in the baseball team's 11-2 season opening win at Mississippi Valley State.