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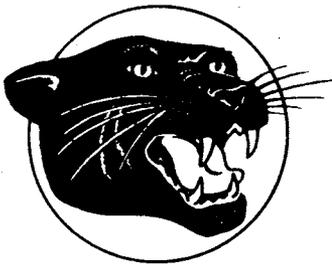
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CHARLESTON, IL--Danny Beard, assistant basketball coach at Eastern Illinois University, will be the head coach of a collegiate all-star team that will tour three South American countries this summer.

Athletes in Action, the sports affiliate of the Campus Crusade for Christ chose Beard, a former AIA player, to head a team that will spend five weeks in Brazil, Honduras and Guatemala competing against amateur teams from those countries.

"It's a goodwill mission essentially . . . an opportunity to play basketball but, more importantly, an opportunity for me to use my abilities to share Christ with these people.

"We'll spend five days in the middle of June training in Miami then head for those countries . . . most of the time will be spent in Brazil. The tour actually runs five weeks, June 23 -July 31," Beard explained.

Most of the players are from Division I universities including Alabama, Oregon, Arizona State and Marquette.

"I still have to raise \$2800 to finance my trip . . . as do all of the players but we'll get it done . . . it's a great chance for me to do something I really believe in."

Beard, a second year EIU assistant, was a former standout guard at Kansas State. Originally he prepped at Sparta, IL.