PHOTOS

A night of culture at the Heritage Ball

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On Thursday, March 5, the university hosted the annual Heritage Ball in the Adanti Student Center Ballroom, transforming the space into a New Orleans–themed celebration that highlighted culture, community and tradition. The event followed the theme "New Orleans French Quarter Midnight" and featured bright colors, festive decorations and a lively atmosphere that welcomed students and guests. Attendees arrived in formal attire to honor heritage and take part in one of the Multicultural Center's signature traditions. The evening opened with a dinner service and continued with performances that showcased cultural expression and student talent. The event concluded with a dance led by DJ Fire, drawing a full crowd to the floor as the Ballroom shifted into a late-night celebration. The Heritage Ball remained a meaningful space for students to gather, celebrate and reflect on the importance of cultural heritage.

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Sociology major Maya Patterson, a junior, with her visiting sister Malia Patterson posing for a photo.


Photo booth props including beaded necklaces and masks.


DJ Fire mixing beats to play music.


Students and faculty sitting down listening to speakers.



University alumni Fihayya Plair, Baatinu Plair, Sakinah Plair and Shahiyda Plair dressed up and standing for a photo.

Owls advance to NE10 Championship


Guard Jillian Martin, a graduate, walking through the pre-game routine.


Forward Tish Blackwood, a freshman, trying to shoot the ball.

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On Thursday, March 5, the university women's basketball team defeated Southern New Hampshire University 71–54 in the NE10 Semifinals at James Moore Field House to advance to the NE10 Championship game. The win marked the program's fifth appearance in the title game and improved the Owls to 23–5 overall. Guard Hope Fox, a senior, delivered one of her strongest performances with 20 points, seven rebounds, six assists, five steals and three blocks. Forward Tish Blackwood, a freshman, added 16 points and eight rebounds, while guard Ally Sentance, a senior, came off the bench to score 18 points, including four three-pointers. Guard Taeya Steinauer, a sophomore, forward Rheyna Steinauer, a senior, and guard Jillian Martin, a graduate, also contributed across the stat sheet as the Owls erased an early 15–2 deficit and controlled the final three quarters. The victory pushed the university to 3–0 all time against SNHU in NE10 Tournament play and secured a trip to face Bentley University in the conference championship.

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Guard Ally Sentance, a senior, looking for someone to pass the ball to.


Guard Hope Fox, a senior, making a layup.


The crowd cheer on the Owls after a basket is scored.


Forward Arianna Gerkin, a sophomore, shooting the ball.