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BOT votes to approve 1.5 percent tuition rise

By Stephanie Markham Editor-in-Chief | @stephm202

Eastern's Board of Trustees gave its approval on a 1.5 percent tuition increase, a renewed PBS membership for WEIU TV and various other purchases Friday during its final meeting of the semester.

New freshmen and transfers as well as graduate students will pay \$289 per credit hour if they are Illinois residents, an increase of \$4 from the previous rate.

Out-of-state students will pay \$361 per credit hour for undergraduate tuition and \$694 per credit hour for graduate tuition, increases of \$5 and \$10, respectively.

State law dictates that tuition for new undergraduate residential students is locked in for four continuous academic years.

President David Glassman said the recommendation for a tuition increase in fiscal year 2017 comes from the president's council based on the assessment of Eastern's future budgetary needs.

Glassman told the Illinois Senate during a hearing earlier this year that tuition increases would only be minor to keep up with operations and not used to fill in large gaps from the state.

By comparison, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville is raising tuition by 9 percent; Southern Illinois University Carbondale is raising tuition by 3 percent, and some community colleges are looking at 10 to 12 percent increases in tuition.

Eastern is spending \$275,000 to renew WEIU TV's membership to Public Broadcasting Services, or PBS.

Paul McCann, interim vice president for business affairs, said this is an annual contract, and the cost is estimated based upon the number of stations involved in the PBS system.

He said the cost this year has increased about \$25,000.

According to the rationale for the purchase, students are able to gain valuable experience with a PBS affiliated station, and WEIU is recognized as one of the top broadcast training programs in the country.

The board also approved spending \$59,099.44 for a two-year lease of two new Panther Shuttle buses from Southern Bus Mobility in Breese, Ill.

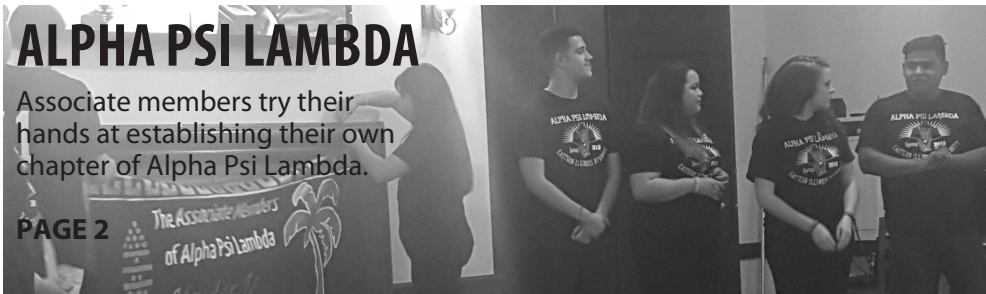
McCann said the university would save \$8,000 to \$9,000 by switching to this bidder from the previous company, Midwest Transit Equipment in Kankakee.

He said Eastern entered into an agreement with students about five years ago that annual student fees would pay for shuttle buses, which has been established and followed through.

"Our part of the deal was that we would provide them with a shuttle bus service around campus," McCann said. "We have attempted to keep those buses current and modern so that we keep the ridership of the service up and we use the students fees in an appropriate way."

The buses, which are replaced every two years, are expected to arrive within 90 to 120 days from the time they are ordered.

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DEN People of the Year: Fund EIU

Members reflect on rallying support, uniting voices

By Stephanie Markham Editor-in-Chief | @stephm202

What began as another frigid February day now marks the pages of Eastern's history as the time when an unprecedented sea of school spirit and political unrest flooded the campus with one goal in mind — to Fund EIU.

For those behind the scenes of the Feb. 5 rally on the Library Quad, the week leading up to it was a busy one. None of them predicted their efforts would inspire nearly 2,000 people to show up in support, or that their fight would be just as needed three months later as it was on day one.

But their undying dedication is what earned the participants in Fund EIU the title of *The Daily Eastern News* People of the Year.

When Fund EIU was started, Eastern had been without a state appropriation for almost eight months, and 200 employees were just being notified that they might not be returning to work. That's when Kate Klipp, a 2007 Eastern graduate and Charleston resident, decided to start a rally and organized faculty members, union leaders and students to get things moving.

Klipp said her No. 1 goal was to create a bridge between the university and community, so she reached out to people from both facets that she knew were passionate.

Paul Danyi, a political science professor, took on roles including closely analyzing movement in Springfield and enlisting students to get involved.

"We believed really strongly that this couldn't just be some faculty and community thing, that it's almost strange to talk about students plus community as if students are not also community," Paul Danyi said.

Four students who took the reigns on recruiting include junior political science majors Catie Witt, Frida Arellano, Austin Mejdrich and Jack Cruikshank.

Witt said they all were in Paul Danyi's class together; he prompted them to help out, so they began mobilizing students the Friday before the rally. On Witt's part, this included slipping fliers

underneath doors in Greek Court and reaching out to resident assistants and the presidents of every registered student organization.

"Somehow, I don't know how, but somehow in one week's span we had all those students knowing," Witt said. "Everyone was sharing everything, and everyone knew about it."

Arellano took a similar job, promoting the rally among RSOs she was involved in, on her Facebook page and through word of mouth.

"My part was advertising," Arellano said. "It was times when I just got some friends and we were out giving fliers to students; we also went out and got the fliers stamped and we were taking them all over campus, putting them on bulletin boards."

Mejdrich said Fund EIU evolved from a microphone for everyone to let out their frustrations into a source of public information, especially now that Eastern has got some funding to get through the summer but not enough to cause excitement.

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FUNdFest unites community for cause

By Cassie Buchman Associate News Editor | @qjbuchman

Members of the Eastern and Charleston community came together to support and fundraise for laid-off Eastern employees at Saturday's FUNdFest at the Coles County Fairgrounds.

Even though it was raining, many people came out to see bands play their music. Vendors set up their stands to sell kettle corn, fries and other festival fare, and art was shown in an exposition. Children could be seen jumping in bounce houses and playing carnival games.

Donations were taken around the event, and a table for displaced workers was set up where they could receive a voucher for free food, free games, and raffle tickets so they could win prizes. There were also applications where displaced workers could put down their information so Support EIU Employees could reach out to them to help them find a job, community outreach program, or paying their bills. Guy Brewster, a volunteer at the displaced workers table, said he had been telling people to send laid off employees his way so they could be helped.

"I think (this event) serves so many different purposes," Brewster said. "It serves as a reminder that we are all a community as whole, to help each other out and uplift each other."

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JASON HOWELL | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Billy Hung, media coordinator for Eastern's chapter of the University Professionals of Illinois, speaks to the crowd at FUNdFest on Saturday at the Coles County Fairgrounds.

Graduation ceremonies set for colleges

Staff Report

Graduation will be held on May 7 and will have separate ceremonies for each department.

Commencement will begin at 9 a.m. with the College of Sciences and the Graduate School. Each graduating student will get seven tickets.

At noon, the College of Arts and Humanities, the Graduate School and the School of Continuing Education or General Studies will have their ceremony and the graduating students will receive seven tickets.

At 3 p.m., the College of Education and Professional Studies and the graduate students will have their graduation ceremony and each student will receive six tickets.

At 6 p.m., students from the Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences and the Graduate School will be graduating and will also receive six tickets.

Additional tickets can be purchased May 6 in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union and will be sold on a first come, first serve basis.

Students who are unable to pick up their tickets during the normal distribution hours can call Alumni Services at 217-581-6616, and they will be held until the day of the ceremony.

Students should arrive between 60 to 90 minutes before the ceremony to distribute tickets to their guest.


Students can pick up their caps and gowns from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday in the Charleston-Mattoon Room of the Union. Students must have a photo ID when picking up their caps and gowns.

If someone else goes to pick up a student's cap and gown they must have a signed note from that student with their name, E-number, college degree and major.

Any student who will not be on campus until commencement day can pick up their caps and gown in the Fieldhouse of the Lantz Arena an hour before commencement on graduation day.


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Associate members for Alpha Psi Lambda Fraternity Incorporated show current members of the Greek organization a banner they created for the La Fiesta event. The 12 students planned the night to show the interest that have in establishing the Greek-lettered organization on campus.

Fraternity associates seek full crossing

By T'Nerra Butler
Multicultural Editor | @DEN_News

Associate members showed chapters of Alpha Psi Lambda Fraternity Incorporated their interest in founding a chapter on Eastern's campus at their La Fiesta on Saturday. Alpha Psi Lambda is a Latin American, co-educational Greek-lettered organization. The night introduced the aspiring students at Eastern to those who have already joined the organization. The students are in the process of trying to get neighboring chapters involved for networking purposes. Sergio Romero, a freshman psychology major, said the event was held to present the students of campus who are interested in crossing to the already established chapters of the Greek organization. He also said the night was put into action to build connections. The group consisted of 12 students who each had a line number. "We're getting our voices out there because there's not a lot of people

who know about us," Romero said. If the students actually are initiated on campus, they will be considered the founding members of the fraternity at Eastern. Adam Sandoval, a senior middle level education major, said the campus lacks diversity when it comes to the Latin American community. He also said if this organization is established, they can spread awareness of that fact more effectively. "We wanted to create that bond between associate members and others from different chapters," Sandoval said. Francisco Castellanos, a freshman engineering major, said the Latin American population on campus is fairly low. The event showed the campus that they are here and want to see an increase in the Latin American community, Castellanos said. Although there is a high interest to found the organization, Castellanos said whether they cross as members is still to be determined. In order to complete the process, the 12 students need to go through many steps.

"It is hard. Just creating a colony is hard," Castellanos said. Being an associate member shows others that they are interested, but the students cannot yet do any of the Alpha Psi Lambda chants, traditional hand signs or wear the Greek letters. "Something that we strive to do is to build those relationships between us and the other members," Castellanos said. Throughout the night associate members were found mingling with the other chapters of the fraternity. Kristin Routt, the adviser of the group, said most of the students come from the Latin American Student Organization. "(The students) have worked over the last several months to convince the national office in Chicago that they have the energy and commitment to start a colony and eventually a new chapter," Routt said. During the night, associate members gave presents to their "parents," who are already members of the fraternity and guide the students through some of the processes.

"They really help us to get us to where we want to go as far as the organization," Sandoval said. Laurn Garza, the assistant associate member educator for the 12 students, was one of the parents for the night. She said being a parent to two of the associate members involved her leading the students, and being a resource. Garza crossed Alpha Psi Lambda in the fall of 2011. "Academics is really important to us because we are here to graduate," Garza said. "We want them to stay focus with their schoolwork." Garza said with this possibly being the first Latin American Greek organization on campus, it would bring an outside family to those in the Latin American community. "It will bring a home away from home while they're at school, because that's basically what we are," Garza said. T'Nerra Butler can be reached at 581-2812 or tabutler@eiu.edu.

Campus office hours to change for summer

Staff Report

The campus-wide summer office hours will go into effect on May 9 through Aug. 12 and will be using a four-and-a-half day workweek instead of a 5 day workweek to save energy and about \$500,000 in utility costs. Eastern has used the shorter workweek for several years and decided to

compress the workweek again. Every employee will be working with their supervisor to make sure they achieve the 37 and a half hour workweek. Once the summer hours go into effect, all offices will and must be open Monday through Thursday between 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4:30 p.m. On Friday, offices will be open from 8 a.m. until noon.

Every office will be changing their voice mails, signs and other public communication to inform people of their summer hours. Normal office hours will resume on Aug. 15. The President's Office, Admissions Office, University Police, Booth Library and the Renewable Energy Center will keep their regular business

hours and stay open on Friday afternoons for on-going operational needs. These hours will also be excluded from observed holidays including Memorial Day and Independence Day. Summer classes scheduled to meet on Friday afternoons will be moved to buildings where there will be air conditioning.



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Two students and a professor in the Special Education department stand before a group of high school students from across the state while answering questions about a brief press conference they gave on the recent Special Olympics. The representatives from the Special Education department gave the press conference as part of a contest for the Illinois High School Association Journalism State Finals Friday. The state contest was mainly housed in Buzzard Hall, but rooms in Klehm Hall, Lumpkin Hall, the Doudna Fine Arts Center were also used.

Graduate art students feature collections in Tarble

By Derek Wunder
Staff Reporter | @DEN_News

Master of Arts candidates formed arguments through their artwork at the 2016 Graduate Art Exhibition on Friday.

The exhibition, which will run until Sunday at the Tarble Fine Arts Center, is the product of a year-long studio art program that guided students in creating a body of work to defend, made from different mediums.

The main galleries at Tarble opened April 16, with the closing reception for the main galleries happening from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday.

Each student had their own theme for their collection accompanied by their artist's statement.

Gwendy Stewart, a graduate student participating in the exhibition, said every student worked with different mediums and in different areas.

Through the use of multiple mediums like photography, woodworking, cloth and crocheting, Stewart said her work conveys a sense of separation and moving out as well as the passing of traditions between generations.

"Crochet has been passed down through many generations of my family. I was taught by my mom way back in junior high, then I hated it. I couldn't get the hang of it. I had to put it away. But I loved that carrying down of tradition," Stewart said.

"So I picked it up and started doing it again and fell in love with it."

Stewart said she experimented with different themes, like feminism and religion, until she settled on a family theme for her artwork.

In her artist statement Stewart wrote, "By combining an old craft with a new concept, I enhance my understanding of fading memories, separation and transition between old and new."

Some of the artwork Stewart has in the exhibit are yarn, fabric and wood multimedia pieces including "Folded Neatly Tucked Away" and "Degrees of Resolution: Fading Memories."

Another participant in the Graduate Art Exhibition, Lindsay Reveland, said she combined mediums and history in her artwork through the use of old toys as the subject for her oil paintings in order to express her appreciation for things that do not feel "quite right."

"There's something about the history of old toys that kind of ties into the feeling of the 'not quite right' thing," Reveland said. "Toys are traditionally happy-go-lucky and we love toys, but I have kind of turned them into something not so joyful."

In her artist statement Reveland said, "through an attempt to eliminate the gap that lies between failure and success, my aim is to establish a deeper appreciation for the unfamiliar, the unusual and the unsatisfactory."

Some of Reveland's work in the show includes a piece made with oil on panel named "Barely Bearing," and the oil, spray paint, charcoal and metallic marker multimedia piece "March of the Pigs."

Reveland said she plans to continue creating art even after school ends.

"I know that after this show I want to keep making art," Reveland said. "I already told my professors that I'm going to build like five panels so I have something to work on."

Stewart said she appreciated how the program pushed her out of her "linear" ways of thinking.

"While here, I discovered where the art happens," Stewart said. "The best thing I've loved out of this whole thing was that I feel like now I am more of the artist instead of just the maker, and that's been great."

Other candidates from the studio arts program featured in the exhibit include Ryan Arteaga, Lindsey Becker, Jeremy Chavez, Ashlynn Frey, Nathan Motsinger, Natalie Pivoney and Jacqueline Wright.

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Shelby Niehaus

Don't mistake anger for a lost argument

Think back to the last few times you argued with someone. Did you become angry during any of those exchanges? If you did, did your opponent use your anger as a signal that they had won the argument? On the other hand, have you ever used someone else's anger as a sign that they had lost an argument?

All too often, anger is used as an indicator of a lost argument. While it's irritating to be told you've lost because you're mad, we forget that using anger as a losing marker can be (and often is) a powerful political tool.

Take this hypothetical situation for example: a woman who has been catcalled all her life and a man are arguing about street harassment. In this situation, the woman has been subject to demeaning speech and dehumanization multiple times and lives in a world where street harassment is common and often somewhat accepted. She has stories and experiences, some of which might be frightening or distressing memories.

In contrast, her opponent has likely never been catcalled. He might have stories or experience, but they might all be second-hand knowledge.

Let's say that, in this hypothetical argument, the woman begins to get angry that her opponent cannot understand why street harassment hurts. Hypothetical Male Opponent uses her anger as a sign that he has won.

Who has more stake in the argument? Whose personhood is on the line?

People who have an emotional stake in a fight are much more likely to anger than people who don't. It's natural; when you have something to care about in an argument, especially when it's something deeply personal like your dignity, then you're more likely to anger than someone who has no dogs in the fight.

Keep in mind that, in a patriarchy, Hypothetical Male Opponent has the power in this situation. If he claims that his opponent's anger is an automatic loss, he is essentially shutting down important discourse about a defined problem on his own terms, effectively using superficial rules about politeness and civility to protect his power and keep it at his disposal.

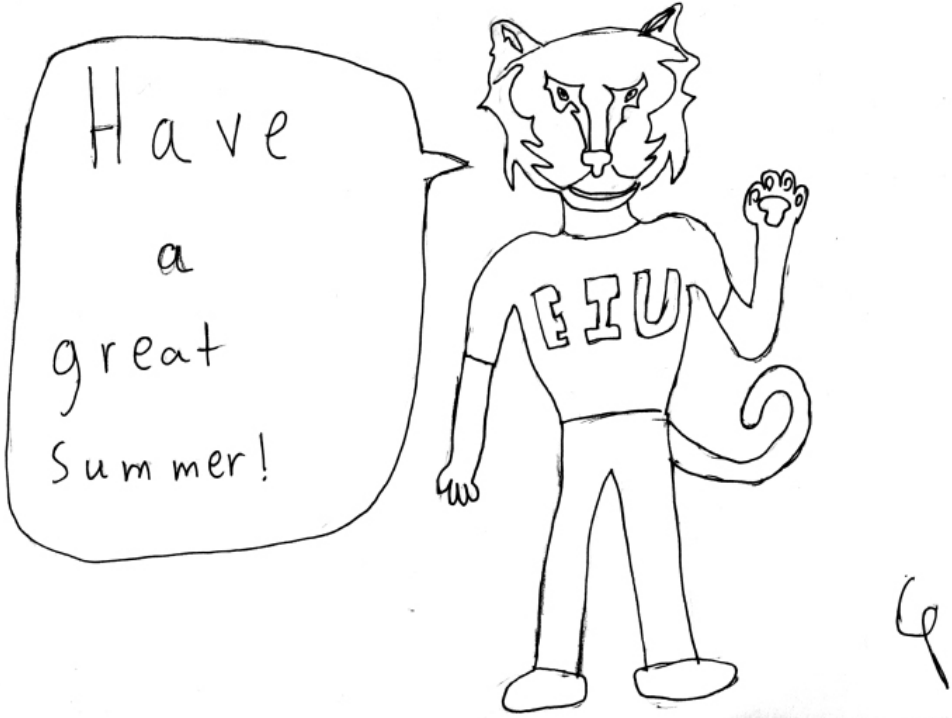
While the verbatim "I've won because you're mad" line is usually limited to children and novice debaters, the sentiment that anger is a loss or a condition for argument closure is a pervasive one. How often do powerful groups refuse to talk to minority groups because the minority groups are somehow too angry? How common is it for the powerful to characterize the weak's anger as unfounded?

Anger in an argument is not an automatic loss. Anger is a natural state; it simply comes more easily to people who have an emotional connection to their debate.

If you ever consider bowing out of an argument just because your opponent is a little steamed, pause and wonder if you're using anger as an excuse to shut down a conversation.

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Almost There



CHRIS PICKARD | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Staff Editorial

Fund EIU members deserve recognition

Around this time every year, the editorial board of *The Daily Eastern News* typically selects one person from the Eastern community who we determine has had the greatest impact on our university.

But this time around, there was no one person who stood out to us more than the collective efforts of Fund EIU.

This political movement started on our very own campus has affected students, faculty, staff, alumni, Charleston and beyond more than anything else this past year or in recent memory.

This is why we voted to select members of Fund EIU to be our DEN People of the Year for 2016.

This plural title goes to everyone who helped to organize and carry out the Fund EIU mission — demanding vital funding for our institution.

The basis of Fund EIU has been planning and executing the massive rally in February and keeping the campus informed on happenings in Springfield via social media ever since.

However, the group's efforts have inspired further lobbying and rallying in Springfield

and countless letters and phone calls to legislators.

Not only has this given our campus a unified voice and galvanized us to speak out for the future of our beloved university, our educations, and our livelihoods, but it has also inspired passion and political awareness from all corners of campus.

Students who never bothered to know their local representative before were suddenly making phone calls or dropping their obligations for the day to head to Springfield to show legislators that Eastern was not going down without a fight.

The exemplary exercise of the First Amendment by Fund EIU has set an example for others at Eastern while modeling values that staff members of *The News* hold dearly as journalists.

Though this distinction is intended for everyone who in someway or another promoted the cause to Fund EIU, there were leaders in this moment whom should be recognized.

Community member Kate Klipp hatched the idea for the rally and recruited leaders from all over Eastern and Charleston to set

her plan into action.

Faculty members Paul Danyi, Claudia Jansen Danyi and Michael Kuo all recruited student involvement and used their individual fields of expertise to contribute to the continuation of Fund EIU.

Some of the students who then took it upon themselves to spread the word include junior political science majors Catie Witt, Austin Mejdrich, Frida Arellano and Jack Cruikshank.

Another student who proved essential is Akeem Forbes, a junior English major who started a GoFundMe campaign to purchase buses to send students to Springfield.

May 2 marks not only the final print issue of *The News* for this school year; it is also the day after that Eastern has gone through 10 complete months without a budget.

This is why we at *The News* wanted to dedicate this editorial space to honor members of Fund EIU who have gone above and beyond to make sure the passion to keep Eastern going never dies down.

The daily editorial is the majority opinion of the editorial board of *The Daily Eastern News*.

Compassion should be a more common value



Molly Dotson

The older one walked toward me and said she was sorry because her husband was Larry Plank, but not the auctioneer.

We exchanged our farewells, and then I was off once more to locate this man.

Not even 10 minutes later though, I received a phone call from the woman with whom I had just spoken.

She had found more information and assured me that I was looking for Larry Eugene Plank as opposed to the other Larry Plank, whose house I was about to visit.

This kind woman gave me not only the auctioneer's address, but his parent's address as well.

I was absolutely astounded by this stranger's extra effort to point me in the right direction.

However, this was not the last nor most extraneous way in which a member of this community went out of her way to help me.

I pulled up to the address I thought the previous woman had told me.

Right before knocking, a little old lady, who was dressed in attire similar to the other woman's, came to the door.

Before she even spoke, I could see in her eyes that she was a caring and helpful soul.

She invited me into her house. I told her about my escapade, and she thoughtfully listened.

She said she knew where Plank lived and then drew me a detailed map on how to get there.

This was by far the nicest measure any stranger has ever taken to help me.

When I thanked her, she said, "I just know how it feels to be lost."

Such compassion and hospitality is so common in communities like this.

I just wish values expressed by the people of this community were more common everywhere in the world.

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“Through the rally and subsequent momentum for Fund EIU, the momentum that got people to go to the rally in Springfield a couple weeks after, Fund EIU became the funnel through which everyone could express their outrage,” Meijdrich said.

Cruikshank added that media presence surrounding the rally got people’s attention, as a representative from Gov. Bruce Rauner’s office responded to it soon after.

“The whole mentality at the beginning was let’s actually do something now,” Cruikshank said. “It was difficult, but I think we did an excellent job of bringing momentum to the student body.”

Another faculty member to help with movement was English professor Michael Kuo, who said he got involved because his students were worried about Eastern’s future, and he wanted to help do something about it.

“I’ve been part of this university since 1967, as a faculty brat, an undergraduate, a grad student and an instructor,” Kuo said. “I deeply care about Eastern’s success.”

Claudia Janssen Danyi, a communication studies professor, used her expertise to assist in crafting Fund EIU’s message.

“We wanted to build sort of an umbrella in which everybody could be partisan for Eastern, no matter how they felt politically about Springfield,” she said.

She said the Fund EIU Facebook page had more than 1,000 followers within a few days, and the amount of support from alumni and others was overwhelming.

“We felt that we needed to make a statement, and it needed to be big so we could get recognized,” Claudia Janssen Danyi said. “Initially, we thought if we could get 300 people to come, that would be good, and we actually thought we could do it in front of the library where the clock tower was because that would make it look



JASON HOWELL | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Austin Mejdrich, a junior political science major, speaks to a crowd during the Fund EIU rally on Feb. 5 in on the Doudna steps. Mejdrich was one of the members of Fund EIU who was recognized as The Daily Eastern News People of the Year for uniting the campus in the fight for state funding.

full.”

In handling much of Fund EIU’s social media presence, Claudia Janssen Danyi strategically promoted the rally and created a clear focus for the group of demanding a clean higher education appropriations bill.

“We thought if this was about a budget, then the university is a very small tree in a whole forest,” she said. “We very much tried to push for a clean bill not be hostile to anyone.”

Claudia Janssen Danyi said Fund

EIU was careful not to promote any bills that “had poison pills in them” or that might not have a shot of going anywhere, and the group largely focused on getting people to call and write to legislators.

Paul Danyi said keeping the rally partisan for an issue rather than a political party took an enormous amount of energy.

Some criticized Fund EIU because the only legislator who spoke at the rally was a Democrat; however, Paul

Danyi said the group intended to be fair.

“We reached out to a large number of politicians, including Gov. (Jim) Edgar, working on an incredibly short timeline, getting whole thing put together in six and a half days,” Paul Danyi said. “There were even students we had lined up who didn’t have time to speak.”

Although months have passed since the initial rally and Eastern is still without a budget, Klipp said she

is optimistic for students to take over the Fund EIU movement, potentially create a registered student organization and keep the conversations going.

“Students are the most influential voices we have,” she said. “They are a massive group of enlightened voices, and I hope they take it and run with it.”

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Andy Eggers, president of Support EIU Employees, said no words could describe how he felt about the turnout of the event.

“It’s life-changing,” Eggers said. “There’s been multiple times when it looked like it was going to fold, but here we are today. It’s full of people, people are buying, hopefully after today we have a great fund for these people.”

He was especially taken aback by the amount of volunteers and people who came out despite the rain.

Plumbers and other tradesman came out to help with the rain and many businesses helped out financially.

“We all pitched in and changed the setup and tried to make this event as good as it can be,” Eggers said.

Eggers said the community was tight-knit, loving and caring.

“When faced with a giant threat, we’ll come together, just like (we) always have, and we will all stand up and try to take care of each other,” Eggers said.

Now that FUNdFest is over, Support EIU Employees will finish putting together the formula to release the relief fund.

They have the applications, which will go to a board that will be created to oversee the relief fund.

The funds will go out after May 17, Eggers said.

The group is now looking at the possibilities of 5ks and more raffles as the summer progresses.

Joe McLean, former office man-

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-Kim Turner, former office administrator for the communication studies department

ager for the Women’s Resource Center and the foreign languages department, was touched by the show of support from others at the event.

“We are still a family, they still have our backs,” McLean said. “We’ve all been going through this for the last ten months.”

When he was first laid off, McLean said he felt alone and would never imagine something like FUNdFest happening.

A lot of the work McLean did for FUNdFest was done staring out his back window at Lawson Hall, as part of his property is Eastern’s property.

“I have been as connected to EIU as ever,” McLean said. “Since I’ve been laid off I’ve been (working) from the time I get up until the time I go to bed to get this done.”

The event had many people speak from the university, including Billy Hung, media coordinator for the

University Professionals of Illinois, Kim Turner, the former office administrator for the communication studies department, and William Weber, the former vice president of business affairs.

Turner spoke about the transitions and challenges she has had since being laid off in March.

“It seems as though we have been stuck on an endless emotional roller coaster,” Turner said.

Turner said when people do not lose their jobs when they are laid off- they also lose a part of their identity.

“They lose their sense of purpose. It’s not just a job. It’s part of who we are,” Turner said. “Not a day goes by when I’m not wondering what’s going on on campus, or think about the co-workers or students I used to see regularly. Part of my heart is still there, and it always will be.”

Turner said workers are essential,

and Eastern is not the same without them.

“Those of us who lost their jobs are not just numbers, or budget line items,” Turner said. “We’re real people with real lives who have been turned upside down.”

However, she said when reflecting on the past several months, she knew the community is strong.

“If there is one positive thing we can take from all of this, it is that it brought us all together,” Turner said. “I have never felt more connected to this community than I have during this crisis.”

Hung encouraged solidarity in audience members.

He said people should look past barriers such as skin color, language, religion, nationality, sexual orientations and gender identity to recognize people are all just trying to earn a living and support their families.

“If we can do that, we can push

back on the idiocies of Springfield,” Hung said. “We need to come together. Our state is in trouble, we are in trouble because many politicians refuse to be accountable for their actions.”

Chicago City Clerk Susana Mendoza, who is also the Democratic nominee for Illinois Comptroller; Tammy Duckworth, US Representative for Illinois’ eighth Congressional District; Illinois State Sen. Scott Bennett of the 52nd district and Illinois Rep. Reggie Phillips of the 110th district spoke as well.

Phillips said this is not the end, and that the only way to get things is accomplished is by respect and working together.

“The fact that we have 177 people who have been laid off from Eastern Illinois University is a travesty,” Mendoza said.

She talked about how devastating it was when her mother was laid off from her job.

“When you are going through this, know that you’re not going through this alone,” Mendoza said.

Duckworth said it is wonderful the community is getting together to help people who are suffering.

“I want to be very clear about this-you are suffering needlessly,” Duckworth said. “We need our leaders in Springfield to compromise on our budget and fund our schools.”

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Other expenses approved Friday include \$400,000 for a renewed membership to the CARLI database for Booth Library, \$500,000 for a renewed telephone service agreement with Consolidated Communications, and \$600,000 for additional library resources from EBSCO Industries.

McCann also shared with the board that Eastern would be contributing about \$1.7 million to the \$45 million in

total the state requires universities to put toward the cost of the healthcare system.

“We do pay this on a quarterly basis; we extend it out as much as we possibly can, but it is a current cost of doing business in the state of Illinois,” he said. “It is one that is always very difficult for us because this is something that we really don’t have a choice in.”

In other business, the board approved the names of 14 pro-

fessors for tenure and gave the OK for a new master’s program in cybersecurity.

Blair Lord, the provost and vice president for academic affairs, said the program would be a collaboration between technology and business and represents an area that is growing rapidly in demand.

“We would be building our expertise in offering low-residency online programs,” Lord said. “The coursework is al-

most entirely delivered online with some lab experiences required in short-term summer residency.”

The new master’s program will now go to the Illinois Board of Higher Education for approval. The board’s next scheduled meeting is for June 24 on campus.

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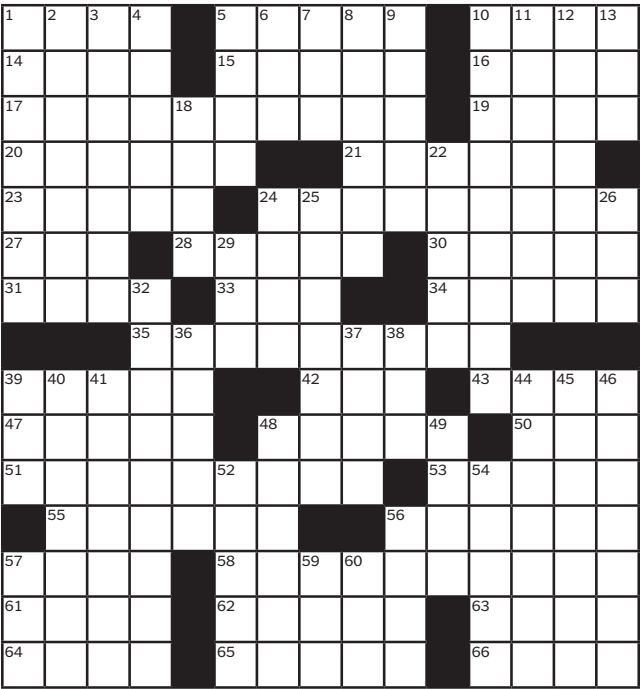
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Softball team wins 2 of 3 games against SIUE

By Sean Hastings
Sports Editor | @DEN_Sports

The Panthers took two of three games against Southern Illinois Edwardsville to continue their strong play in the Ohio Valley Conference.

The Eastern softball team improved its record to 15-7 to have sole possession of the No. 2 spot in the standings heading into the final weekend of the season. The Panthers are right behind Eastern Kentucky at 15-6.

Eastern got a pair of wins by scores of 4-3 and 4-1 behind the bat of senior first baseman Kylie Bennett who drove in four runs over the weekend.

After not playing the final three games of last weekend's games against Belmont and Tennessee State, Bennett came back strong this weekend hitting a home run in the first and second game.

"Being benched last weekend was really hard because of course I want to help my team as much as I can," Bennett said. "I wasn't producing last weekend like I should have been. This weekend felt really good. I needed this for myself as well as to help the team. It helped my confidence going into senior weekend for sure."

Senior April Markowski opened the scoring in the fourth inning to give Eastern a 1-0 lead after stealing third and scoring on an error by the third baseman. Bennett homered in the sixth to make it 3-0.

The Eastern seniors took care of driving in the runs in the first game as Haylee Beck drove in the game-winning run in the top of the seventh inning. Southern Illinois Edwardsville tied the game in the sixth inning.

Freshman Jessica Wireman dominated in the circle allowing just one hit that came in the sixth inning. All three runs were unearned after three errors in the inning.

Eastern had its 11-game OVC win streak snapped in the second game of the series but got right back on track in the final game of the series. Once again, it was the seniors who took care of driving in the runs as Katie Watson, Bennett and Beck drove in all four runs.

Eastern jumped out to an early 2-0 lead after Watson and Bennett hit back-to-back RBI doubles in the first inning. Watson was not on the



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Senior first baseman Kylie Bennett drove in four runs this weekend against Southern Illinois Edwardsville. She also had two home runs in the three-game series with the Cougars.

bases for long as Bennett drove her in right after Watson drove in Beck.

Beck added another late insurance run in the seventh inning with an RBI single that drove in freshman center fielder Kayla Bear. Bear went 2-4 in the game.

Bennett went 3-4 in the game with two doubles and a home run. She almost had a second home run as her second double of the game hit the top of the fence and bounced straight in the air and fell back into play.

"I try not to think about it," Bennett said. "I just approach each at bat as a new one, and of course when I'm doing well, it's easier to go into it with a confident attitude. I am really happy

with the team's overall performance this weekend. We are all very excited for the tournament."

Wireman turned in another dominating performance pitching all seven innings allowing just one run on five hits. Wireman didn't get the strikeouts she usually does but got the Cougars to fly out 14 times.

She improved her record to 15-17 and lowered her ERA down to 3.18.

The home run ball downed the Panthers in game two as they lost 3-1 with all three runs being scored by way of a home run. Tess Eby hit two home runs for the Cougars.

Eastern outhit Southern Illinois Edwardsville

but those long balls were killer.

Junior Amber Toenyes got the start at the designated hitter position this weekend and led the Panthers with two hits. Junior Andrea Roberts drove in the team's only run in the sixth inning with a single to centerfield, bringing in pinch runner Taylor Monahan.

Sophomore pitcher Michelle Rogers was handed the loss in the game. She went four innings and allowed two runs on three hits.

Eastern will celebrate senior weekend next weekend against Southeast Missouri.

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Grugier-Hill drafted to Patriots in 6th round

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The New England Patriots selected senior linebacker Kamu Grugier-Hill with the 33rd pick of the sixth round in the NFL Draft. He was the 208th overall pick.

This is the second Panther drafted by the Patriots in the last three years.

Grugier-Hill will join former teammate Jimmy Garoppolo who was drafted in the second round of the 2014 draft.

He became the 15th Eastern Illinois player drafted in the NFL.

Grugier-Hill is projected to move to safety at the NFL level, although he was a two-time, first-team All-Ohio Valley Conference selection.

The past year, he had 70 tackles with 16.5 tackles for loss, 6.5 sacks, three fumble recoveries and one interception, while missing two games.

He earned OVC Defensive Player of the Week following the game against Tennessee Tech. He had eight solo tackles, three tackles for a loss, one sack and one interception.

His season high came against Jacksonville State with 11 tackles.

He also had four tackles for a loss with half a sack against Southeast Missouri.

He was the team's leading tackler as a junior with 97.

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Athletic consultant evaluates Eastern

By Sean Hastings
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The Eastern athletic department brought in a consultant to do an evaluation of Eastern athletics at the beginning of the spring semester.

"She did a comprehensive review of the athletic department and looked at all of our programs and department's units to determine what we were offering and at what level we were doing," Athletic Director Tom Michael said.

Helen Grant came in and met with every head coach at Eastern as well as a few student-athletes from each team, the Eastern support staff and administratively, Michael said.

Just like every area on campus, athletics was affected by Springfield's inability to pass a budget.

Eastern had to cut \$320,000 from athletics last summer, Michael said.

"It's been difficult on campus," Michael said. "We have positions that remain open, we have coaching positions that we haven't been able to fill because of our hiring freeze. That's made it difficult."

Eastern football coach Kim Dameron's staff has four positions that have not been able to be filled.

The Panthers went through recruiting and spring practice without those positions.

"Our normal staff consists of me and 10 full-time coaches," Dameron said. "This spring we had four full-time positions open and the coaches we had took mandatory pay reductions or furlough days."

Dameron said they had to do 40 percent more work on significantly less pay.

"This includes coaching and recruiting in a tough environment," Dameron said. "The

number of players we have on our team doesn't fluctuate with enrollment. This was difficult but we didn't sit around and wallow in self-pity. We had a job to do and we did it."

Football is not the only program affected by the lack of money.

Michael said they have been prudent on team's recruiting.

"We've really tried to manage it with our coaches," Michael said. "Being extremely prudent on their recruiting visits. We have really been prudent on when we bring recruits on campus, who we're bringing in, things like that, so it's really shaped us."

The teams aren't just recruiting for the fall of 2016; teams have already begun recruiting for 2018.

Teams have to keep recruiting but there have been some restraints put on them from a pure budgetary standpoint, Michael said.

"As important as it is to get out there, it's obviously immediately important that we do everything we can to balance the budget this year," Michael said.

As of right now, Kiki Lara is the soccer director, after being the men's head coach last season.

He is still coaching the men but oversees the program as a whole as well.

Jason Cherry was not rehired as the women's soccer coach for next year, so last year's assistant coach, Raymundo Gonzalez, has been helping to work with the women as their coach.

"When we get the approval to hire another coach then we'll have to make that decision," Michael said. "Raymundo has done a great job this spring (with the women)."

Grant was here for a week at the beginning of the semester to complete her evaluation of Eastern athletics.

"The information preliminary has been very beneficial to us as we have evaluated where we're at, what we need to do and what needs to take place," Michael said. "We're still grinding out the financial details of everything that's taking place without a state budget, that's complicating things."

The athletic department is working with President David Glassman and the president's council to get all the information they need to make the best decision, in addition to the information Grant found in her review of the department.

A few other duties Grant had while she was here was looking at the budget, scholarships being offered, all aspects of what they are doing from a departmental and experience standpoint and how it falls in relation to Title IX.

Michael added that staying compliant to Title IX is an important piece of the process they are going through.

The women's rugby team was suspended at the beginning of the year due to safety reasons.

"That was part of the evaluation," Michael said. "I think the concert remains with rugby that it was in the fall in terms of interest level in that and the impact level that it had."

There is no word on whether a program will have to be cut.

Michael and Glassman talk weekly in regards to where enrollment will be in the fall and what kind of impact it will have on the institution as a whole.

Michael said it is tough to say where things will be because there is "not a light to say we're going to get the money here...and this is how we can proceed."

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Baseball team’s losing streak extends to 4

By Maher Kawash
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Another Ohio Valley Conference series resulted in three more losses for the Eastern baseball team as its rebuilding season continues.

The Panthers traveled south for a three-game series against Eastern Kentucky and are still without a series victory 43 games into the season.

With inclement weather in the forecast for the weekend, the two teams faced off in a doubleheader Friday, while the series finale followed Saturday.

But two chances on Friday could not result in a win, and Saturday offered a back and forth affair in game three.

The series sweep extended the Panthers losing streak to four, and they dropped to 7-36 this season.

Eastern also continues to struggle in conference matchups as its record in the OVC dropped to 2-19. It was game three that offered the Panthers their best shot at earning a win, but six lead changes resulted in the completion of a three-game sweep.

Eastern got out to an early 1-0 lead in the third inning with an RBI single from sophomore Cale Hennemann.

After senior Jason Scholl extended the lead in the fourth with an RBI groundout, the Panthers led 2-0.

But that lead was erased quickly as Eastern Kentucky got to the Panthers’ starter Chase Thurston for three runs in the bottom of the fourth.

After exchanging leads in the fifth and seventh once again, it was the eighth inning that decided this one.

With the Panthers trailing 6-4 heading into the eighth, Eastern cut into the deficit with three more runs in the top half of the frame.

After scoring one run on a wild pitch, the Panthers got two more on a double from Frankie Perrone.

After Perrone gave Eastern the 7-6 lead heading into the bottom of the eighth, it was on sophomore Andy Fisher to close things out.

But the Colonels had other plans as they got to Fisher for two runs in the bottom of the eighth to take an 8-7 lead.

The chaos would end there with no runs in the ninth, and Eastern Kentucky completed the three-game sweep. Fisher earned the loss after allowing five runs in 3.2 innings pitched, and Thurston received a no decision.

While game three offered the most hope for the Panthers, games one and two appeared to play out like the rest of the season has.

Seven runs allowed in the final three innings proved to be another late inning falter for this team.

Eastern mustered together 10 hits in game one but only earned three runs out of it.

The Colonels jumped out early in game one with two runs in the first on the Panther’s starter Brendon Allen.

Eastern made it a game with two runs in the fourth off a back-to-back doubles from Scholl and Matt Dunavant followed by an RBI single to tie the game from Perrone.

But most of the offense went cold after that, scoring just one run in the eighth.



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Freshman Nick Maton bunts during the Panthers’ game against Belmont April 22 at Coaches Stadium. The Panthers lost, 21-9. The Panthers suffered a recent four-game losing streak and have 11 games left.

Allen pitched 6.1 innings while allowing five runs, and Jake Haberer came in for relief after that.

But Haberer’s struggles continued on the season as he allowed another three runs in 1.2 innings pitched.

Haberer has now allowed a run in eight of his last ten appearances on the mound for the Panthers.

Allen was still responsible for the loss though, and Dunavant and Perrone were the only Panthers to record

multiple hits in game one.

Game two of the series offered a late inning comeback by Eastern, but the Colonels put an end to that.

After senior Matt Wivinis allowed seven runs in the first six innings, the Panthers trailed 7-1. But Eastern strung together some late runs.

The Panthers scored runs in the sixth, seventh, and eighth to cut the lead to 7-5 heading into the ninth.

That was all though as the come-

back attempt fell short once again, and Wivinis fell to 1-9 this season.

With their losing streak at four and 11 games left on the year, the Panthers return home now for a four game home stand. Eastern returns to action Friday with the beginning of a three-game conference series against Morehead State at Coaches Stadium.

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Track, field teams compete at Drake Relays

By Mark Shanahan
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The men’s 4x100-meter relay team had the highest finish among Panther competitors over the weekend at the Drake Relays.

The relay team included junior Jonathon Boey, freshman Ja’Marcus Townsend, junior Jamal Robinson and senior Christian Ilunga-Matthiesen. The relay team finished sixth in the finals on Saturday with a time of 40.96.

Junior Riley McInerney had the other top 10 finish on Saturday in the men’s steeplechase finishing sixth with a time of 9:10.86.

McInerney learned several things about the tough field of competitors he went up against.

“It was my slowest race of the year, but there were still several good things to take away from it,” he said. “I got experience running the steeple in really bad weather, which could come in handy at conference or regionals. I’ve never been in a big steeplechase field like that before. Most of my steeples have been at small meets, so running at the Drake Relays helps me see what the other runners at regionals will be like.”

He said he will keep the same approach moving forward.

“My approach will be similar for

conference,” he said. “Eastern Kentucky has two elite steeplechase runners, and Belmont has a freshman stud as well. I’m capable of competing with those guys, so I will have a similar mentality of getting into a good position early on and then hanging with the leaders and go for the win.”

Junior sisters Ruth and Rachel Garippo competed in the women’s steeplechase. Ruth finished in 11th place with a time of 10:51.95, and Rachel was 16th with a time of 10:59.30. The women’s distance medley relay team finished 11th with a time of 11:50.93 on Saturday. The relay team consisted of senior Amy Yeoman, senior Dhiaa Dean, senior Kristen Paris

and senior Kristen Rohrer.

Junior Kendall Williams was 14th in the men’s long jump with a jump of 22 feet and 1.75 inches. Junior Bryn Buckwalter placed 15th in the women’s shot put with a throw of 46 feet and 10 inches.

The Panthers had two top ten finishes in Friday’s action. Sophomore Haleigh Knapp was seventh in the women’s high jump with a height of 5 feet and 8 inches. The women’s 4x800-meter relay team finished eighth with a time of 8:47.20.

Buckwalter placed 21st in the discus with a throw of 143 feet and 2 inches. Senior Amina Jackson was 22nd in the women’s 400-meter hur-

dles with a time of 1:01.94. She was a part of the 4x400-meter relay team that placed 18th with a time of 3:52.28. Senior Cassidy Strohl, sophomore Darneisha Spann and Dean joined her on that relay team.

In the Thursday action, Paris was 10th in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:10.69. Senior Mark Pedziwiatr was fifth for the men in the same race with a time of 1:51.64.

Both teams will be back in action on Friday, as they host the EIU Twilight at O’Brien Field.

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He also had three interceptions and 9.5 tackles for loss.

He earned OVC Defensive Player of the Week on November 12, 2014 after a 19-tackle game at Tennessee Tech.

He had double-digit tackles in games against Eastern Kentucky, Jacksonville State and UT Martin.

His three interceptions came with one each against Illinois State, Tennessee State and Tennessee Tech.

At his pro day last month, he ran a 4.45 second 40-yard dash, a 1.52-second 10-yard split with a 6.89-second 3-cone, 4.20-second short shuttle, 38.5-inch vertical leap, 10 foot nine inch broad jump and 15 bench press

reps at 225 pounds. Grugier-Hill is 6-foot-2 weighing in at 208 pounds.

He attended high school in Hawaii at Kamehameha high school where he played safety and punter.

He played 12 games at linebacker his first year with the Panthers, making four tackles, one for a loss in his first game.

His season high in 2012 came against Central Arkansas where he had seven tackles, five of them being solo.

As a sophomore, he played in all 14 games making five starts early in the year.

He made 43 tackles in 2013 and his game high came against FBS op-

ponent Northern Illinois with 11.

He ended that year with five tackles for a loss, one forced fumble and two pass break-ups.

Grugier-Hill was not available for comment.

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