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COACH OUT

Eastern volleyball coach Sam Wolinski's contract with the university was not renewed for another season.

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Senior music major Todd Hazelrigg has been performed everywhere from Mac's Uptowner to the BBC.

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Arctic Antics



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Cara Sovcie, a sophomore family and consumer sciences major, Hannah Wilton, a sophomore biological sciences major and Miranda Lovett, a junior marketing major, skate on synthetic ice at Arctic Daze in the University Ballroom at the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Thursday night. The Special Events Coordinator for the University Board, Sienna Mark, said the UB coordinated this event so students can have fun and prioritize mental health because of the stress put on students during finals week.



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Jimmy Sutfin, a junior teacher education major (right) catches Kelsey Knopp, a sophomore special education major (left), before she falls at the Arctic Daze event in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Thursday night.



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Students do some arts and crafts at the Arctic Daze event in the University Ballroom at the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Thursday night. During the event, students could also skate on synthetic ice.

CAA votes to revise physics, philosophy departments

By Brooke Schwartz

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The Council on Academic Affairs voted in favor changing several aspects of the physics department made because of difficulties it has fully staffing colleges and departments.

Steven Daniels, chair of the physics department, was at the meeting to answer any potential questions about the changes.

"We have decided to revamp our entire curriculum so that we could present a cohesive and high-quality program given the constraints of staffing that we have," Daniels said.

Changes the department has already made included changing the number of concentrations in the physics department from seven to five and cutting out some classes from the curriculum.

The CAA voted to change the current Dynamics course to be broader and more effective.

Daniels also proposed reorganizing a current two-semester Quantum Mechanics class to not only have a more equal number of semester credit hours, but to also include the teachings of a lower-level Quantum Mechanics introductory course, therefore eliminating the need for said course.

Along with the physics major, three options were changed at the meeting: the astronomy option, the engineering physics option and computational physics option.

"With all of (the proposed changes), we wanted to draw on the strengths of the ... university and select (a) course or two that other departments were teaching to strengthen the program," Daniels said.

All proposed changes to the physics program were unanimously passed by the council.

Julie Dietz, chair of the health promotion department, proposed the idea of breaking up the emergency management and disaster preparedness option, housed in health studies, to reduce required credit hours from 73 to 51 and create two defined potential education and career tracks: a first responder track and an emergency management track.

Dietz said this change would help make the program more manageable, especially for transfer students and students wishing to pick up extra credits at Lake Land College.

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Students who did not evacuate fire could face penalties

By Mallory Kutnick
Contributing Writer | @004_News

Though most residents left the building after a fire in the attic of Douglas Hall Tuesday evening, those who remained may reap the penalties for disregarding their own safety.

In an article of *The Daily Eastern News*, University Police Sgt. Ryan Risinger said some students did not follow evacuation procedures.

"There are some students who did not respond to the fire alarm," he said.

Mark Hudson, director of university housing and dining services, said such penalties begin with a talk with the Office of Student Standards.

Residents who continue to ignore fire alarms after speaking to

Student Standards could incur fines or face probation or community service, Hudson said.

"Our job is to make sure we offer the safest environment possible," he said. "We take that responsibility very seriously."

Hudson said finding students still inside the building during a fire involves knocking on doors and looking for lights left on and people visible in windows.

The fire department decides when residents can safely return to their halls.

Housing has several preventative measures and resident training programs in place to prepare for fires.

These include regular floor meetings, fire drills at the start of each semester, tests of the alarm system on the first Tuesday of every month and emergency plans posted throughout each building.

Hudson stressed the importance of preventing injury over ignoring the inconvenience of having to leave. He said some people

may be reluctant to go outside, especially in cold weather and not of their own accord.

In the case of a small, isolated fire such as Tuesday's, however, students were safe in the lobby and were not required to step foot outdoors, Hudson said.

Hudson said unexpected alarms can catch people off guard and may contribute to an unwillingness to evacuate.

"You might be a little disoriented," he said. "Then you know what to do."

In the end, though, Hudson said leaving the premises is simply a matter of free will.

"We had some students who just chose not to leave," he said. "They make assumptions that might be dangerous for them."

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Democrats unveil plan to remove Ill. from voter registration database

CHICAGO (AP) — Democratic state lawmakers announced a plan Thursday to halt Illinois' participation in a controversial multi-state voter registration database after efforts to persuade the State Board of Elections failed.

The legislation would remove Illinois from the Kansas-run Interstate Voter Registration Crosscheck Program, a free and voluntary program that helps states deter-

mine if voters are registered in more than one state.

However, advocacy groups in Illinois and elsewhere argue Crosscheck isn't secure and could contribute to voter suppression. They've also raised questions about the partisan ties of Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach. He oversees Crosscheck and is a chairman of President Donald Trump's election fraud commis-

sion, which is investigating unsubstantiated claims that millions voted illegally in 2016.

Advocacy groups including Indivisible Chicago and the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois pushed for a recent legislative hearing where an expert pointed to security flaws with emailed passwords and unsecured servers storing voters' names and dates of birth.

"It's clear that a novice computer hacker can find their way into the voter files of Illinois voters because of the Crosscheck system," said state Sen. Bill Cunningham, a Chicago Democrat. "That needs to end."

However, it's unclear if the bill could immediately affect Illinois' participation. Legislators don't meet until January when Illinois typically submits Crosscheck data.

Transgender student denied use of girls' locker room sues district

PALATINE, Ill. (AP) — A suburban Chicago school district that was the focus of a federal complaint over a transgender student's use of a girls' locker room was sued Thursday by a high school senior who claims being denied such access, an allegation district officials reject.

The lawsuit was filed in Cook County Circuit Court against Palatine-Schaumburg High School District 211 by Nova Maday, 18, a senior at Palatine High School. It asks that Maday be allowed to use the girls' locker room to change for physical education classes.

American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois spokesman Ed Yohanka is supporting Maday in her lawsuit.

"I just want to be treated like every other girl in our school," Maday said in a written statement. "Even after the school district agreed to allow another transgender student to use the locker rooms in her school, they have resisted and made things harder for me. I just want to be able to get

dressed for P.E. classes without having to jump through a bunch of hoops."

Maday has lived as a girl for most of her high school career and has had to change for gym class in private areas away from the girls' locker room against her wishes, according to Yohanka.

"The allegations in this lawsuit misrepresent the accommodations extended to this student and District 211's approach to working with and supporting transgender students," said Superintendent Daniel Cates. "Every transgender student in District 211 who has requested use of the locker room of their identified gender has been offered such access, along with other supports within an individual support plan."

Cates said transgender students who have requested use of the locker room of their identified gender have been offered such access.

"The Illinois Department of Human Rights has already dismissed this case,

stating there was no evidence of discrimination," he said. "We will vigorously defend and protect compassionate, fair and equitable support for all students, and, at the same time, we continue to defend our supports for transgender students at the federal level."

The roughly 12,000-student, five-high school district previously allowed a transgender student at a different high school to use the girls' locker room with a private changing station. That followed a 2013 federal complaint and intervention from the administration of then-President Barack Obama.

During the debate over that student's access, District 211 board members decided against a single policy for all transgender students, opting instead to handle each request individually.

But as that debate was going on, Yohanka said school officials were denying Maday's request to use the girls' locker room at Palatine High School.

Lawsuit disputes abortion-coverage expansion in Ill.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — More than a dozen groups and lawmakers who oppose abortion have filed a lawsuit challenging a new law providing taxpayer-funded abortions.

The Thomas More Society filed the action Thursday in Sangamon County Circuit Court. It says including abortion among procedures covered by state employee health insurance and Medicaid beginning Jan. 1 is illegal.

Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner signed the measure Sept. 28. It infuriated conservatives who claim he promised to veto it.

GOP state Rep. Peter Breen is Thomas More's lawyer. He says taxpayers morally object to financing up to 30,000 abortions annually.

He adds it's illegal because there's no state budget to cover them and because lawmakers held onto the legislation so long that the Constitution bars it from taking effect earlier than June 1.

Employers suffer for not addressing harassment

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — When it comes to sexual harassment allegations, no employer wants to find itself in the position an Indiana university was in during the 1990s, when a woman complained to a senior administrator that the school's chancellor had groped her.

A jury awarded the woman \$800,000. Although a judge later slashed that to \$50,000, the message was clear: Failing to address allegations of sexual misconduct in the workplace can have expensive legal consequences for employers.

Earlier this year, a former University

of California, Santa Cruz student who alleges she was raped by a professor settled her claim against the university system for \$1.15 million over what she says was its failure to address previous allegations of sexual harassment and sexual violence by the faculty member.

It is with that reality in mind that companies are swiftly firing powerful men accused of misbehavior and taking a zero-tolerance attitude toward such wrongdoing. But whether a no-mercy approach is a good idea is a matter of debate.

While businesses are usually within their rights to swiftly fire employees accused of misconduct, as was done this week with former "Today" show host Matt Lauer and former "Patriot Home Companion" personality Garrison Keillor, such actions can also backfire, legal experts say. For example, they say, women who just want the harassment to stop and don't want to see anyone get fired might hesitate to come forward.

Philadelphia-based employment attorney Jon Segal said zero tolerance for harassment is important, but the conse-

quences should be commensurate with the offense and should include steps short of firing, such as mandatory training, suspension or demotion.

For employees who choose to sue, the timeframe can be short for raising the allegation: 300 days if employees want to sue in federal court.

Time limits don't mean lawsuits can't be brought over older complaints of harassment. For example, employees can argue that a recent incident within the 300-day limit allows them to revisit an older complaint outside that window.

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Himes to lead students in theatrical performance

By Travis Moody
Staff Reporter | @DEN_News

A group of students will be performing "Devised Theatre Programs," covering themes of social justice with the help of Ron Himes, director and founder of the Saint Louis Black Repertory.

Beginning on Monday of this week, Himes began helping several students compose their own pieces. These will be performed 7:30 p.m. Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday in The Black Box Theatre of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

C.C. Wharram, director of the Center for the Humanities, said Kevin Doolen, chair of the theater arts department, played a major role in getting Himes to Eastern.

"I know that Himes and Doolen used to work together several years ago," Wharram said.

Recently, Himes received the Larry Leon Hamlin Producer Award at the National Black Theatre Festival, and Doolen had called to congratulate him.

Wharram said they began to discuss many contemporary issues, such as the riots that took place in Charlottesville, N.C. in early August.

"I believe that's part of where the idea for having a social justice-themed performance came from," Wharram said. "Mr. Himes was doing some work in southern Indiana and agreed to come to campus before he went all the way back to St. Louis."

While audience members do not need tickets to attend, Wharram suggests people arrive early to get a seat.

"The Black Box can only hold around 120 people, and I expect this to be, and hope it will be, a very popular event," Wharram said.

Wharram said he was impressed with how timely these performances are, stating they can also be difficult.

"It's often associated with theater that it takes a while to cross all the T's and dot all the I's," Wharram said. "Compared to many other theater pieces when they are performed, this one is extremely timely, and the issues it talks about regarding social justice are still prevalent today."

Conor Baltz, the assistant technical director in Doudna, described himself as the liaison between Doudna and the theater department.

"I've seen the first rehearsal and a little bit of the next two," Baltz said. "Students will be performing monologues and music that they've created."

Baltz said the show behaves as a sort-of narrative rather than a bunch of different, random acts and performances.

Following the show, there will be a discussion with the audience, which will play an integral part for the performance as a whole.

Wharram said he believes the discussion will provide a great way to break down the barrier between the audience and the stage.

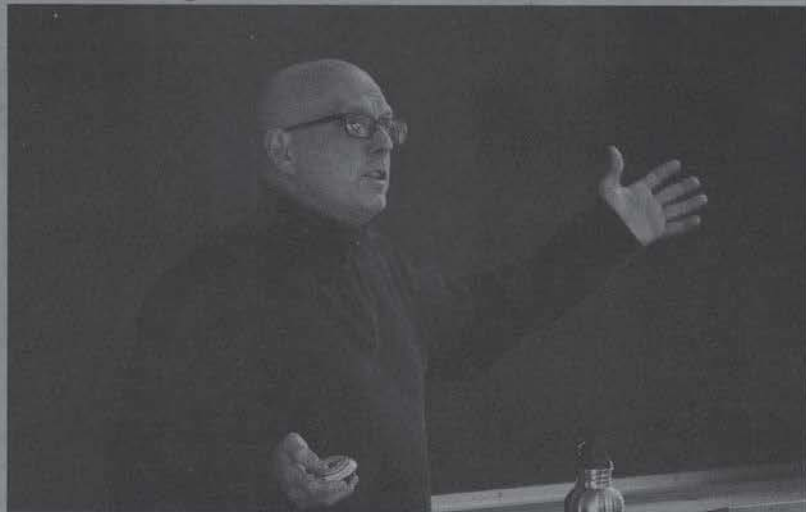
"The idea of theater is for the audience to be active in the performance, but they often feel as if they need to be passive," Wharram said. "This will provide a way to get them involved in the performance they just saw and become a part of the experience."

Baltz said as a college campus, there are a lot of different views floating around, and this is a way to bring everyone together.

"As a student I think it's really cool that Eastern holds events like this," Baltz said.

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Advocating altruism



QIAN CHENG | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS
Mylan Engel Jr., a philosophy professor at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, presents "Effective Altruism through Omission and Action" at the Coleman Hall Auditorium Thursday night. "You can try a 24-hour or 36-hour (fast), and just see what is like," he said, explaining one of the ways people could be altruistic. "You might have a deeper appreciation for why so many people around the world were forced to make that choice. Your empathy and your compassion will rise up at that peak."

Students reflect on nearly a year of Donald Trump being president

By JJ Bullock
Assistant Sports Editor | @DEN_News

If there is one thing that both Republican and Democratic students at Eastern can agree on when it comes to President Donald Trump's near-year in office, it is that it has been unique, to say the least.

The business mogul turned commander-in-chief has drummed up no shortage of controversy around himself, from his always-active Twitter page to the controversies surrounding him regarding Russia and North Korea.

Because of this, Trump's time in office has commanded the attention and criticism from both parties.

Eastern students such as student senator and "conservative-leaning" senior Randy Prince have taken notice of the things Trump has done in office, but note that his lack of political experience has made his time in office unorthodox.

"There (are) a lot of things that he really needs to reign in. You can tell he is not a politician," Prince said. "The way he is running the White House is the way he was running his business."

Prince gives Trump a little leeway when it comes to some of his untypical behavior in office because he is still adapting from the business world to the political field.

"When you run a business, no one really pays attention to what you are doing. I bet you Bill Gates and Mark Zuckerberg, they've done some weird things behind-the-scenes but no one notices, they just look at their business," Prince said. "But now (Trump) is in a public office, and he's not catching on to the fact there is a lot of stuff you can't do when you're in the public office."

Not all students are willing to give Trump the same benefit of the doubt though.

Sophomore Sam Reiss, president of the EIU College Democrats, described Trump's time in office thus far as a failure, saying he has not gotten anything done in office.

"Just looking at it from a purely non-partisan (standpoint), like what has he accomplished? There really hasn't been anything," Reiss said. "They have tried with healthcare, they are trying with tax reform, but there really hasn't been anything he has been able to do legislation-wise over the last year."

The message Reiss and his organization

try to put out has not changed because of their dislike for the president, however.

"I think we are less about just plain old resisting Donald Trump, but more about what can you do, what specific policies can the country do to make things better for people," Reiss said. "Generally, I think just going anti-Trump and just that being our whole message as a larger party, I think that would be a mistake."

One group that has begun to focus on different issues since Trump took office is the EIU Progressives, according to the organization's president Juan Nevarez.

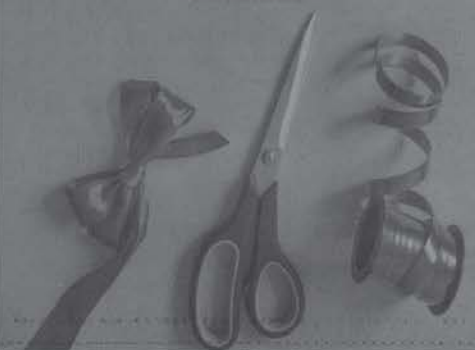
The mission of the progressives is to get people out to vote and focus on social justice issues, but Nevarez believes that developments in the Republican party have led to an incorrect view on millennials, which his group aims to put to rest.

"There is an image that we are kind of entitled and that we're asking for things that we don't deserve," Nevarez said. "Which I think is completely ridiculous, because we're asking for social justice."

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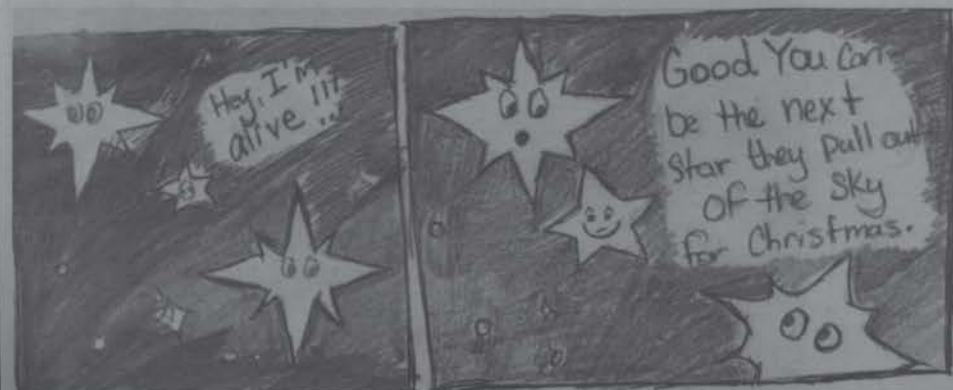
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Season's Greetings



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Character goes a long way in our lives

Last week, while on a Wal-Mart adventure, I hit the front end of a car. No one was hurt, but my frustration peaked. Still though, I kept calm about it and traded insurance details with the person I hit. Both of us were not sure whose fault it was, so I offered to take the blame for it.

I have learned through the years to take responsibility for my actions and accept the consequences to come. Being on my family's insurance still. I did not want the deductible to increase when I only have four years left on their plan.

So in the end, I decided to pay out of pocket. Luckily, I have made the realization that I should save money. I paid for the damage, and that was all there was to that.

But this chain of events shows deeper than just the idea to be fiscally responsible.

Having good character can take you to many places in life. The way we act toward different people shapes events in our lives everyday.

Instead of being angry and upset at the driver, I decided to be calm and act appropriately. This, in turn, made the driver calm and easygoing as well.



Ben Leman

Yeah, I am sure we were both angry and frustrated, but to get through this in a fashionable manner, some emotions have to be put aside to get the job done.

About three days later, the driver's insurance agent called me.

Having been raised to treat people with respect and courtesy, I addressed him as sir. This surprised him a lot and established a good first impression.

We talked about what happened, and I stepped up to say I would pay out of pocket. The agent was moved by my "responsibility and willingness to step up."

I met him in person, and we talked about each other. He was in the army and was a journalist himself for a time.

He told me most of the people he sees come off as frustrated and place blame on each other. They act rude and selfish. Growing up, he told me his dad had three rules: do not lie, do not steal and do not cheat.

The agent lived by these rules. After our conversation he called the auto dealership. He asked to take a percentage off the claim. He appreciated how I handled things. That really meant a lot.

Long story short, the way we act in certain situations influences the reactions of others and the end state. If all we do is act rude to each and be negative all the time, then what we put our work into suffers as well as relationships with friends, family and strangers.

I am blessed to be raised by parents that taught me the value of character. Respect goes both ways. Try it some time and you may be surprised yourself.

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Save money, be creative this season

With the holiday season in full bloom, I am sure plenty of us are scratching our heads and contemplating what special gift we can possibly give each of our loved ones.

The possibilities are endless when it comes to finding a gift, and if you are anything like me, I either find a million things to give one particular person or a million things I want.

Oh sure, they make shopping look easy on the commercials, but by the time I walk into the store to find something for a friend or my mom I feel like crawling up a fetal position and crying because I second guess myself and my budget.

Shopping for gifts is difficult because we want to make sure everyone on our list gets something they will like or can make some use of, all while making sure we have enough money in our pockets for rent and other miscellaneous bills.

And yet, I feel bad when I have to put a price limit on a gift for someone I really care about because I love them so much I want to spoil them for this one holiday. Unfortunately, what I tend to forget is that I am terribly broke and cannot even afford to order takeout on a weekend. Now, I know I am not the only one who feels this



Analicia Haynes

way. Of course, for those who saved big and finished shopping for those on their lists during Black Friday and Cyber Monday, congrats. You are all some of the very few who have the patience for that kind of shopping.

However, the rest of us tend to wait until the last minute because we are too busy jostling our minds to figure out what to get. For Pete's sake, sometimes it hurts me when I have to decide what to get for dinner let alone my best friend for Christmas, but I digress.

Rambling aside, the point is you do not have to kill your bank account or your brain cells when it comes to finding a gift for the people on your list.

There are plenty of inexpensive gift ideas to give someone, just check out Pinterest. Believe it or not, sometimes some of the best gifts you can ever give are ones that are homemade.

You could make a photo album of some great memories you shared with a good friend, or make your way to Joann Fabrics and get all the supplies you need to make a cute poster for your sister or mom. Think about themes too. Is the person in college or a high school senior? If that is the case, then you can create a care package filled with food and maybe a pot to make the food in.

Take the time this season to think about what gifts you will give and be a little creative with the presents you share.

The more thought you put into a gift, the happier you will make that special person in your life.

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Staff Editorial

Fire safety is important

Despite it being taught to us since elementary school, it looks like some people still need a refresher on fire safety.

For instance, if there is a fire alarm going off, leave the building that is potentially on fire.

This may seem obvious or like common sense to some.

However, after Wednesday's fire in Douglas Hall, it came to our attention that some students did not evacuate properly.

In an article in Wednesday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, University Police Sgt. Ryan Risinger said some students did not follow evacuation procedures.

"There are some students who did not respond to the fire alarm," he said in the article.

Mark Hudson, director of university housing and dining services, said some people might be reluctant to go outside, especially in cold weather and when it is not of their own accord.

We realize it might be getting colder outside, but being chilly for a period of time is probably preferable to being burned or inhaling large amounts of smoke.

Is a fire alarm inconvenient? Yes. Going outside and evacuating the building takes time that could be used for studying for finals or other projects. We all know that time is a precious commodity, especially now as the semester winds down to a close. And of course, we have no idea if the fire alarm going off is blaring because someone made a cooking error or if there's an actual fire. However, getting a few minutes of studying in is not worth putting one in danger.

Hudson was right when he stressed the importance of preventing injury over ignoring the inconvenience posed by leaving the building for a short while.

Firefighters know what they are talking about. It is their job to know what to do in a fire. If they say to evacuate, it is usually safe to assume that one should evacuate.

Apparently, students who did not evacuate will have "a talk" with the Office of Student Standards.

This is ridiculous. It should not take a conversation with Student Standards for students to know to evacuate a building when there is a fire. The penalty of being in a burning building is what should "scare" people into leaving a place that might be on fire, not the penalties posed by Student Standards.

In short, go outside and evacuate the building like you are supposed to in case an emergency starts. It could be a false alarm or burnt popcorn, or it could be something dangerous. You have no way of knowing. The daily editorial is the majority opinion of the editorial board of *The Daily Eastern News*.

A note about the column from Wed.

The column "Are we punishing the poor enough?" was meant to be a satirical piece. It does not reflect the views of the columnist or the editorial board of *The Daily Eastern News*. The column was supposed to have an editor's note explaining that it was intended as satire, however because of an error in communication it did not go through. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

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This program change was also passed unanimously.

A proposed addition to offer Anatomy and Physiology I and II honors courses was presented by Anabela Maia, a biological sciences professor.

The change would potentially give students a better chance on obtaining a higher score on the Medical College Admissions Test, which would allow them to get into a more successful medical school, Maia said.

Having these courses would allow honors students who are majoring in biological sciences to gain honors credits from taking it. Right now, the class is not officially counted toward a biological sciences degree but is recommended for students to take.

This proposal also passed unanimously.

The philosophy department proposed the reduction of required credit hours, a possible integrated philosophy degree program and a new ethics minor.

An integrated program would mean those who decide to get an integrated philosophy degree would be required to take 24 philosophy credits and 15 credits from whichever area the student chooses.

Philosophy department chair Jonelle DePetro said this type of program and the reduced required credits for a normal philosophy degree would hopefully encourage more students to be involved with the department.

"We're hoping that this will be something that will be attractive to students and also something that allows them to follow their interests; their scholarly interests, their research interests, their academic interests and their career interests," DePetro said.

All three of the philosophy proposals were unanimously passed.

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CAT to put on show for Christmas season

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The Charleston Alley Theatre will close its 27th season by premiering a play by a Sullivan native.

"Tinker, Tailor, Elf, Spy" was written by Matthew Gerard Burns. It will run 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday at the Charleston Alley Theatre.

The play is a one-act comedy that is a tale of "intrigue, betrayal and redemption for a young elf who is brainwashed by the villain Jacqueline Frost," according to a press release.

As a spy, she infiltrates Santa's workshop and steals the magic of Christmas.

The cast includes Sam Kruckeberg as Elf, Carrie Diennan as Ermenegarde, Blake Richards as Elgar, Crystal Dagerhardt as Peach O' Cream, Marie Jozwiak as Pippy, Alyssa Lynn Hilbert as Marsh Le' Mello, Cody Borntriger as Santa, Leah Piescinski as Narry the Narrator, Elijah Snyder as Buggy Malone, Heather Gardewine as Pearl and Sarah Rundles as Pehmellah Dehborah.

Newcomers to the CAT include Quinn Miller as Blitz, Kaleb Reed as Bonkers and Heather Siegel as Jacqueline Frost.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and free for children 12 and younger. Those interested can make reservations by calling 217-345-2287.

The show coincides with Christmas in the Heart of Charleston, an annual holiday celebration in the Charleston Square.

Someone dressed as Santa will be in City Hall, and the event will include chestnuts roasting over an open fire, carriage rides and music performances.

Christmas in the Heart of Charleston is free.

It starts at 4:45 p.m. and is set to go until 6:30 p.m. Saturday, starting with a parade.

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SUBMITTED PHOTO | TODD HAZELRIGG

A picture of senior music major Todd Hazelrigg performing. Hazelrigg, from Kankakee, has been seen performing everywhere from the BBC to Mac's Uptowner in Charleston. Hazelrigg is a full-time student and also acts as his own manager, doing his own bookings, promotions and scheduling. He performs at least six times a month.

Music student follows passion

Todd Hazelrigg has played for the BBC, at the Uptowner

By Eddie Hacker
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Choosing to follow his dream by switching from physics to music performance, senior music major Todd Hazelrigg has performed everywhere from the BBC to Mac's Uptowner.

In 2016, Hazelrigg helped the production of the BBC series "Great American Railroad Journeys" on their episode featuring the Kankakee railway station. In the episode, Hazelrigg performs Arlo Guthrie's song "City of New Orleans" on a platform stage in the Amtrak station.

Hazelrigg got the opportunity to be on the TV show because of a folk song he wrote titled "Kankakee," which instantly became a local favorite in his hometown.

A video of Hazelrigg playing the song surpassed 16,000 views on Facebook, which led to a feature about Hazelrigg in *The Daily Journal*.

The Daily Journal referred the BBC to Hazelrigg after they asked the newspaper to suggest a local

musician to be on the show.

"I love music, I love to play it every day, and when it came right down to it I knew I wanted to do it for the rest of my life," Hazelrigg said. "I decided to pursue a degree in music. I don't think I could imagine it not being a part of my life."

A proud father and touring musician, Hazelrigg decided to bring his talents to Eastern in 2015. As a student, he still manages to perform live at least six times a month, sometimes more if his schedule allows it.

Hazelrigg is not only a full-time student; he also acts as his own manager by doing his own bookings, promotions and scheduling.

At future shows, Hazelrigg said people can expect a new loop he has been experimenting with, as well as beatboxing, covers and original bluegrass songs.

Hazelrigg has been a professional musician for over ten years. After graduating from Wilmington High School and later Kankakee Community College, pursuing his bachelor's degree moved him to Charleston.

By playing at Mac's Uptowner multiple times each year, this venue has become a regular one for him.

Most recently, Hazelrigg has

performed at Kindred Spirits in Mattoon, Mac's Uptowner and the C-U Folk & Roots Festival in Urbana.

"I never know exactly what I am going to play until I see the crowd. Every show is different, every crowd brings a different energy," he said.

Hazelrigg returned to Mac's Uptowner to perform on the Charleston Square Nov. 18.

"I first heard (Hazelrigg) at the Uptowner for his Halloween show a couple years back," said Randy Watson, a manager for the Blue Fruit Snacks, another band that plays at Mac's Uptowner. "He's just always brought a good energy to the place and he's slowly turning into one of my favorite local acts."

Watson said seeing Hazelrigg at the C-U Folk Festival was a completely different show compared to his Mac's Uptowner set.

To learn more about Todd Hazelrigg, those interested can go to his Facebook page at Todd Hazelrigg Music. His latest album on the WEFT Sessions Vol. 2 is on YouTube.

"It's refreshing to see him bring a different energy every show," Watson said.

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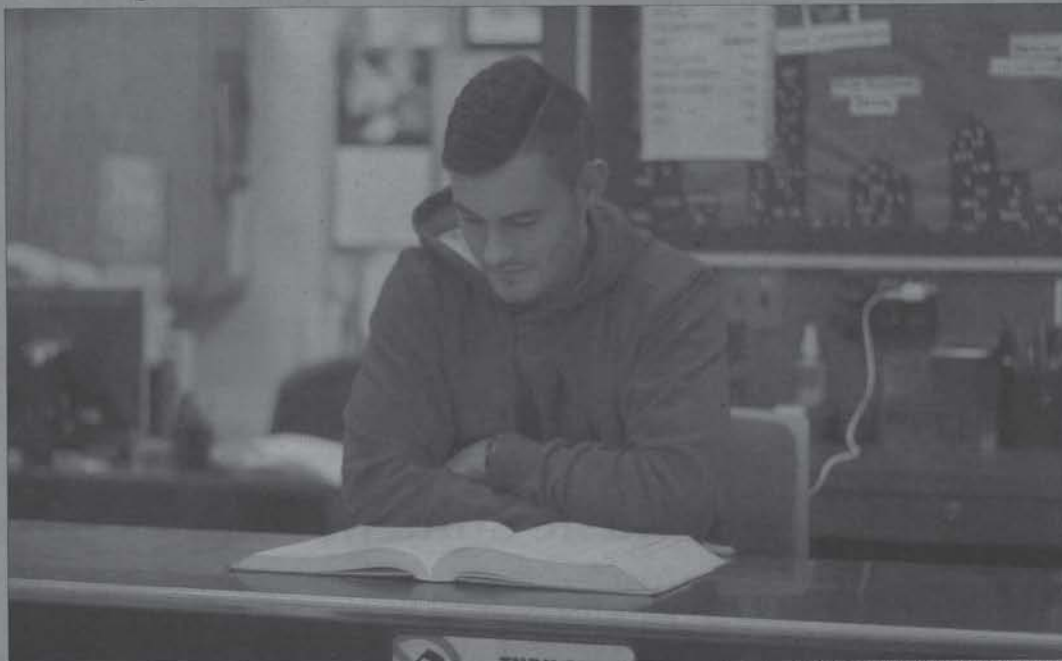
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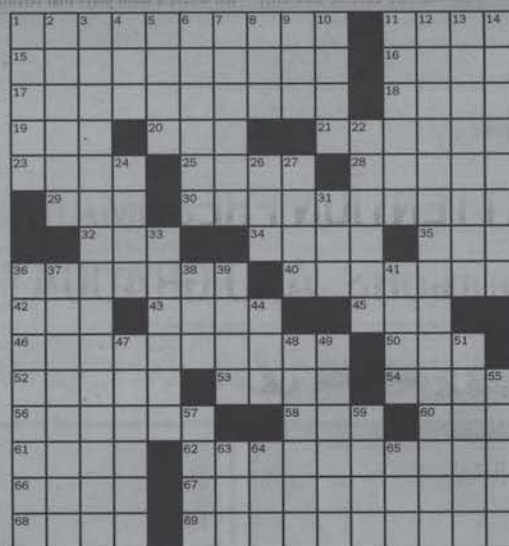
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Panther swimmers excited for Saturday

By Adam Shay
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The Eastern men's and women's swim teams' meet this weekend is different compared to all the other meets this season because there are no individual swimming events. The meet will only include relays and medley relays, making it essential for the team to work together.

The Eastern men and women's swim team will be in Terre Haute to swim at the Indiana State Relay Meet this weekend.

With this meet being different than the rest, Panther swimmers are more than excited to com-

pete. Since there are no individual events, the swimmers are referring to the meet as more laid-back, but expect to still perform at a high level.

"This meet is all relay events and considered kind of a 'fun meet,'" senior Steve Fishman said. "Expect us to have fun and hopefully post some good time."

Since this is a relay race, the swimmers have not been focusing on individual times. Fishman has not been working on anything specific during this week's practices. However, making the adjustment from a week off of swimming has made the practices tougher.

Even though the upcoming meet is more relaxed, the Panthers are still having rough practices since they returned from break. When it comes to specifics during practice, there has not been much to change.

"It's been a rough week of practices so I think being able to have a more laid-back meet like this is nice," senior Brandon Robbins said. "As a whole, I think the team is excited that the meet is so close. No real adjustment as far as practice goes."

In Eastern's last meet at the House of Champions, the Panthers combined for six top 25 finishes. One of the men's swimmers,

senior Matt Jacobs, performed well enough to earn Swimmer of the Week in the Summit League.

There is still much work to be done to fix some things from last week's meet. One thing the Panther swimmers have been working on is adjusting their exchanges during the relays.

"At the last House of Champions meet, relay exchanges were not the greatest, so we have been working a lot on those," junior Martee Grainger said. "This meet will be a more fun meet because it's all relays and much less intense. It's much lighter of a meet than normal."

In the beginning of the year,

Grainger suffered a small ACL tear which has set her back. Since then, Grainger said she has been working on her endurance the most because her 200-freestyle has taken a hit. Her shorter events have returned naturally for her.

Grainger was one of the women swimmers who helped finish in the top 25 in the 400-Free Relay (3:37.11).

For the women swimmers, junior Lauren Oostman will not be participating due to an injury. The rest of the swimmers will be able to compete on Saturday.

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BASKETBALL | OPINION

No need for panic in women's basketball team

By JJ Bullock
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Before the Eastern women's basketball season started I wrote a piece detailing how much better the perennial losing program would be this season under the guidance of new head coach Matt Bollant. Even after the teams 1-5 start, I am sticking with my prediction.

I questioned my prediction a couple of times this season, especially after the team's ugly loss to Delaware Nov. 26. But, after taking a step back and taking a breath, my evaluation of the team remains the same. They will be better, they have been better, they are just the unfortunate victims of a tough schedule.

The excuse its too early to tell how the team is, is not the issue

here, what makes it difficult to assess the team so far this season has been the context of the games they are playing.

Eastern opened the regular season with a blowout 93-64 loss to Northern Illinois. If you take that game for its surface level information, it looks bad. The Panthers lost by 29 points and the Huskies carved through the Eastern's defense like a warm knife through butter.

But, what is important to understand about that game is that Northern Illinois is one of the best mid-major programs in the country with the best offense Eastern will play all season. The Panthers knew before the game they had their work cut out for them and they were probably outmatched.

This was the case in not only

the Northern Illinois game, but actually almost every game they've played this season. The 81-46 loss to Wright State, Eastern knew it was outmatched. The team's 80-62 loss to St. Joseph's, the Panthers said that would be the best team they would play all season.

The one loss that is difficult to justify is the 66-37 loss to Delaware Eastern had on Nov. 27. That loss is so bad however, I think it can be removed from consideration when evaluating the team. Eastern shot 18 percent total from the field and a nearly unthinkable 9.5 percent from three-point range.

The game was described by Bollant as being one where simply the team could not make shots. Any game, in any sport for that matter, where a team plays that terrible

is probably just a flash in the pan game.

Despite what their record shows on paper, this team and coach are better than they were last season, and many of the seasons before that.

Senior guard Grace Lennox has been the same old Grace Lennox this season, which is a good thing for the Panthers. She is coming off her best game of the season in Eastern's loss to Cleveland State where she scored 24 points and added five assists and five steals.

However, it has been the play around Lennox that has Eastern trending upward.

Sophomore forward Jennifer Nellis has taken a big step upward this season, as predicted by Bollant before the season.

She is averaging 8.7 points per

game, 4.5 rebounds and has been much more open shooting the ball this season.

Junior guard Carmen Tellez has been off and on shooting the ball this season, but eventually she will return to form and when that happens, the team will be closer to where they want to be this season.

Freshmen like Taylor Steele and Grace McRae have been getting plenty of playing time starting and off the bench.

As the newcomers continue to develop and the veterans continue to make contributions, the team's improvement from last season will be very evident by the end of the year.

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Wolinski's contract not renewed by Eastern

By Sean Hastings
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Eastern volleyball coach Sam Wolinski's contract was not renewed by the university. Wolinski coached the Panthers for their last three seasons.

Eastern sports information director Rich Moser confirmed her dismissal over the phone Thursday afternoon.

Wolinski was hired in March 2015.

During her tenure, Wolinski coached the Panthers to a 36-56 record, which included two trips to the OVC Tournament, but also included a record-breaking season for losses at home in her second season. Eastern went 0-12 in Lantz Arena in 2016.

"I'm grateful to (Eastern athletic director) Tom Michael and EIU to have had the opportunity to serve as the volleyball coach here," Wolinski said. "I'm thankful for my time and wish the girls all the success in the world."

Wolinski coached the team to the OVC Tournament in her first season, but it ended with a first-round loss to Tennessee Tech. Eastern made the tournament in 2017, but was knocked out in the second round by Murray State. The Panthers got past Southern Illinois-Edwardsville in the first round.

Eastern finished with a 15-15 record in 2017.

One of the highlights of the Panthers' 2015 season, Wolinski's first year as head coach, was when they handed Murray State its first loss of the season as it came into Lantz Arena with a perfect 9-0 record.

Before coaching at Eastern, Wolinski spent two years (2013-2014) as the assistant coach at Mississippi State, 14 years (1999-2012) as a head coach at Division III Rhodes College, where she won two Coach of the Year awards. She spent one year as an assistant coach at Earl-



FILE PHOTO | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS
Eastern volleyball coach Sam Wolinski shakes the hands of Tennessee Tech players following Eastern's win Oct. 20 in Lantz Arena. Her contract was not renewed by Eastern as it was announced Thursday afternoon.

ham College in 1998.

Eastern was her first Division I head coaching position.

The Panthers spent their 5-26 as a rebuild season as there were five freshmen on the roster and one transfer junior and no seniors.

Eastern showed life throughout the 2017 season, and that warranted its run to the second round of

the OVC Tournament.

Eastern graduates four seniors at the end of this academic year including Maria Brown, Hayley Richardson, Allie Hueston and Josie Winner.

Brown spent three seasons playing under Wolinski.

"I'm just really excited to see the program grow," Brown said. "I'm

excited to come back next year and watch the girls play. They have so much potential, and whatever coach they get will be lucky to have them as a group."

The Panthers have just two seniors returning to next year's roster with the return of Taylor Smith and Abby Knight.

Both players played their only

three seasons with Wolinski as their head coach.

"I just appreciate all the time and effort that (the Panther's coaching staff) put in over their three years here at EIU," Smith said.

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Panthers recognize need to close out games better

By Sean Hastings
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From the outside looking in, a 2-4 record does not look good, but diving deeper into those four losses tells a different story.

Eastern has one loss to Nebraska, which came as the Panthers were unable to score down low and one loss to Marquette, which was again because the Panthers could not hold off the Golden Eagles long enough.

In two of the toughest games that Eastern will play all season, it was with those teams until the final second.

However, those two games, even though they were losses, have the Panthers feeling good with how they can match up with any team that comes across their path.

"It's definitely a confidence booster," junior transfer Michael Chavers said. "We know the things that we need to get done. Just closing out games, minimizing our mistakes like turnovers."

Eastern plays Bradley University on the road Friday, and last year Eastern let a three-point lead slip in the final 2:46 of the game and ended up losing in overtime 87-83.

Aside from Eastern having to

focus on holding its lead up until the final buzzer, Bradley rebounds and rebounds a lot.

Bradley out-rebounded 53-30 in last year's matchup.

"We know they crash the glass really hard," junior transfer Jajuan Starks said. "I heard they won the game off offensive rebounds."

Both Chavers and Starks have made quick impacts on the Panthers in just their first six games playing at the Division I level.

Starks leads the team in scoring and rebounds, averaging 16.8 and 6.3 per game, respectively.

"I'm loving it here at Eastern," Starks said.

Chavers said it has taken some time for everything to get clicking for them as newcomers, but he feels comfortable where they are at now.

Eastern has a tough test with Bradley Friday.

The Braves are 6-1 and have a 68-53 win over Indiana-Purdue University Indianapolis. The Panthers squeaked by with an 80-79 win.

Once again, that game went down to the wire, but Eastern was able to make a few extra shots down the stretch to hang on to the win.

Senior guard Terrell Lewis hit

two free throws to give Eastern its 80-79 lead with just six seconds left in the game.

Bradley averages 67.9 points per game with three players averaging double digit scoring nights.

Darrell Brown is the leading scorer for Bradley with 13.1 points per game.

But going back to what Starks said about Bradley "crashing the glass," Bradley holds true to that statement.

It has two players with over 50 and 51 rebounds this season. Thomas Donte is the second leading scorer for the Braves and has 50 rebounds, and Elijah Childs leads the team with 51 rebounds this season.

The next highest rebounder is at 38, which is Dwayne Lantier-Ogunleye.

Starks leads the Panthers with 38 rebounds. And that is not to say they are a bad rebounding team. They out rebound their opponents on average.

Both Starks and Chavers said limiting the bad mistakes will help them be able to close out games better.

Tipoff is set for 7 p.m. in Peoria.

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FILE PHOTO | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS
Junior Jajuan Starks goes up for the dunk in Eastern's win over Illinois Nov. 3 in Lantz Arena. Starks is the Panthers' leading scorer and said they need to get better at closing out games.