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Eastern's top 10 highest paid faculty

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University President David Glassman has the highest paid salary at Eastern in 2021 and makes 66.2% more than the second highest paid salary.

In 2021, Glassman's salary was \$325,412 along with an additional compensation of \$32,289. In total, Glassman made \$357,701 in 2021. Glassman's first salary at Eastern was \$278,643.38 in 2016, and he now makes 16.784% more than when he started five years before.

The second highest paid salary goes to Jay Gatrell, the provost and vice president for academic affairs, who made \$195,765.43 in 2021. This is a 3.03% increase from his starting salary in 2017 of \$190,008.

Sean Reeder, vice president of business affairs from 2020 to 2021, had the third highest salary at \$178,500.

This is the same amount he made his first year in 2020. Sean Reeder left Eastern on March 31 to work at the University of Missouri. Matt Bierman is the current vice president of business affairs.

Melody Wollan had the fourth highest salary at \$178,054.92 in 2021. Wollan became the associate dean of Lumpkin College of Business and Technology in 2020 with a starting salary of \$176,292.

From 2020 to 2021, Wollan received a one percent increase in salary. Wollan has worked at Eastern since 2005 starting as an assistant professor of management.

The Dean of Lumpkin College of Business and Technology Austin Cheney received a \$177,760 salary making him the fifth highest paid salary in 2021. Cheney also received a \$3,000 additional compensation, so he made \$180,760 in 2021.

Cheney started as the dean of Lumpkin College of Business and Technology in 2020 and had a starting salary of \$176,000. He received a one percent salary increase from 2020 to 2021. Cheney first started working at Eastern in 2014 as the department chair

Table with 2 columns: Name and Salary Comparison (2021 vs. First Salary). Rows include Glassman, Gatrell, Reeder, Wollan, Cheney, Wetstein, Baumgart, Willems, Michael, and Shinde.

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of the school of technology when he made \$129,999.96.

Kenneth Wetstein, the vice president of university advancement, made \$176,750 in 2021. Wetstein had the sixth highest salary in 2021 at Eastern.

He began as vice president of university advancement in 2020 when he made \$175,000. Wetstein received a one percent increase from 2020 to 2021.

Joseph Baumgart, the medical director of health services, made \$176,749.96 in 2021 and had the seventh highest salary at Eastern. Baumgart began as medical director in 2020 and made \$174,999.96 and was given a one percent increase from 2020 to 2021.

John Willems, the interim department chair of the school of business, made \$170,556 and was given a \$4,200 compensation payment in 2021. Willems made \$174,756 total in 2021.

Willems first became the interim department chair in 2019, and his starting salary was \$159,096. Within two years, he received a 7.2% salary raise.

Willems first started working at Eastern in 1995 as a visiting professor of computer management.

Director of Athletics Tom Michael had the ninth highest salary at \$164,848.16 in 2021. Michael started as the director of athletics in 2015 and made a \$142,857.11 salary.

This gives Michael a 15.4% salary increase in the span of six years.

The tenth highest paid salary at Eastern is Jaysinha Shinde, a professor of accounting, who made \$153,477 with a \$13,608.30 compensation. In total, he made \$167,085.30 in 2021.

Shinde became a full professor of accounting in 2021. Before in 2020, he was an associate professor of accounting and had a \$142,965 salary. Becoming a full professor provided him a 7.4% increase in his salary. Shinde started working at Eastern in 2010 as an assistant professor in the school of business.

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Eastern to spend \$110K on president search

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Eastern is set to spend over \$110,000 on the search for a new president with a company who run executive searches, Greenwood/Asher & Associates.

With University President David Glassman retiring June 30, 2023, Eastern is working on searching for a new president.

Eastern chose Greenwood/Asher & Associates to hold the executive search for Eastern's new president.

The contract agreeing to the cost and payment for Greenwood/Asher & Associates was signed on June 29 and agreed to choose a candidate as Eastern's new president within a year of signing the agreement.

Within the agreement, Eastern has to pay a professional fee of \$110,000 not including expenses on behalf of the institution.

The \$110,000 will be billed in thirds, \$36,666, from Eastern during the first three months after the agreement was signed.

Greenwood/Asher & Associates have waived the indirect expenses for Eastern.

Indirect expenses usually equals to 12 percent of professional fees, \$13,200.

The indirect expenses fee covers "engagement and administrative assistance."

Another additional expense is the Greenwood/Asher & Associates expenses.

This expense will not exceed \$10,000 without prior approval.

This expense will cover Greenwood/Asher & Associates' travel expenses, phone, video or web-based technology outreach expenses, faxes, postage, copies of reports, supplies and other costs which apply.

An undetermined additional expense for Eastern are client expenses.

Client expenses are any additional expenses not included in any other Greenwood/Asher & Associates fees and expenses.

- \$110,000
- ≤ \$10,000
- Expenses finding candidates
- Travel
- Background Checks
- Private Investigator(s)

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- Advertising
- Online research for newspaper headlines and articles
- Services of private investigator for extensive background checks

This fee also includes Greenwood/Asher & Associates normal third party background checks on three to five candidates, which is included in the client expenses fee.

The indirect expenses, Greenwood/Asher & Associates expenses and client expenses, will be billed to Eastern on a monthly invoice.

Greenwood/Asher & Associates are responsible for the effort to present the best possible candidates.

However, the contract states Greenwood/Asher & Associates are not responsible for the guaranteed performance of the chosen candidate, nor are they directly or indirectly liable for any acts or omissions by candidates referred to Eastern.

Greenwood/Asher & Associates agree to provide equal opportunity for all candidates without discriminating qualified candidates based on race, gender, sexual preference or identity, religion, national origin or disability.

If the candidate chosen to be Eastern's new president is terminated within a year for reasons that should have been identified by Greenwood/Asher & Associates, the company agrees to conduct a replacement search.

A replacement search will still have monthly invoices for Eastern and will only occur if Eastern's receivables are current.

Receivables are any time money is owed to a firm for services rendered or products provided that have not yet been paid.

The agreement and payments to Greenwood/Asher & Associates will be completed once Eastern provides the selected candidate to be Eastern's new president's contract or letter of offer.

- Client expenses can include a variety of additional fees and expenses including but not limited to:
 - Candidate travel
 - Candidate background work (includes leadership assessment)
 - Mintz Group (a company who

- provides verification, building security, emergency preparedness, asset tracing, computer forensics and investigations services)
- Any other third party vendor besides Mintz Group
- Degree and education verification

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Economic professor weighs in on debt forgiveness

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Eastern Economic Professor Teshome Abebe weighed in on the likelihood of the economy crashing and the effects of Biden’s student loan forgiveness plan.

Biden announced a student loan forgiveness plan for college students on Aug. 24 ranging from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

There are some criterias for who qualifies for student loan forgiveness. Individuals have to make less than \$125,000 a year, or \$250,000 for households.

Anyone under these conditions will soon be able to apply for a \$10,000 student loan forgiveness.

Those who have received Pell Grants are eligible for \$20,000 forgiven.

Abebe explained the current amount of total student debt in the United States and the expected forgiven amount of debt.

“Biden’s proposed cancellation of some student debt was expected for a while,” Abebe said. “To date, around \$34B has been forgiven. With the current proposal via executive order, the total amount forgiven could be as much as \$300B. Total student debt is estimated at about 1.6 trillion.”

The \$1.6 trillion is a generous prediction towards just how much student debt there is, Abebe said.

The Illinois Fifteenth Congressional District Representative Mary Miller, released a press statement regarding concerns of Biden’s student loan forgiveness plan.

“Joe Biden announced a \$300 billion taxpayer-funded bailout for leftist colleges and universities that prey upon young people by selling them worthless ‘humanities’ degrees, so they can become foot soldiers in the Marxist revolution destroying America,” Miller said. “In the midst of the Biden Recession, Joe Biden is using working class taxpayers to pay off his donors and voters at a time of historic debt and record inflation.”

Many other politicians have expressed concerns of how the market and economy would be affected by Biden’s student loan forgiveness plan.

One continued concern expressed was this would lead to the market crashing.

However, Abebe said the United States’

economy is strong enough to withstand the predicted billions in loan forgiveness.

“The \$300B figure out of about \$1.6t [estimated total student debt amount] is 18 percent; and the \$300B is barely one percent of our GDP (Gross Domestic Product) -- very tiny and would not make much difference in this big economy to make it ‘crash,’” Abebe said. “Our economy is more resilient than that.”

Abebe said the effects of Biden’s student loan forgiveness plan are both negative and positive. He said it does not treat students of different time frames fairly.

“On the negative side, it treats students of different times differently, and that is somewhat unfair,” Abebe said.

However, Abebe said the loan forgiveness could have positive effects on the economy as well.

“On the positive side, borrowers do

not have to postpone major life events like having children or buying a house,” Abebe said. “These help fuel the economy and prevent the economy from being stunted. It also has positive effects on reducing wealth disparities among the different racial groups. Debt reduction could also help college enrollment, saving some colleges from their demise.”

Though, Abebe also mentioned concerns how Biden’s plan will affect future student debt.

“Overall, there are issues that this debt may not solve completely,” Abebe said. “For example, would students continue to borrow recklessly, are there better ways of funding college and what happens to the overall volume of student debt? These are legitimate questions and the debate around them is worth having.”

Abebe advised current and past college students to look into this opportunity and see if they qualify.

“Who was forgiven, what colleges were forgiven, etc. are details students need to check out as soon as the particulars are spelled out by the Education Department and the financial advisors in student service offices,” Abebe said.

Ultimately, Abebe said Biden’s plan is more so a political act.

“Student debt reduction is also a political act,” Abebe said. “Biden campaigned on it, and now delivered. Seen in that light, it is a political transaction as Biden tries to maximize his electoral advantage as well.”

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Carman's potential: firefighter training

By Luke Taylor
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Carman Hall was closed nine years ago as ongoing costs became too great in the face of decreased enrollment. Since then, rumors have flown surrounding one question: What will Eastern do with that building?

Currently, Carman is full of chairs and other dorm furniture, for the most part, and stands slightly separate from the rest of campus.

Occasionally, the parking lot will fill with firetrucks and resident assistants in training who get hands-on experience in clearing a residence hall floor when fire alarms are triggered.

The rest of the year, Carman is surprisingly quiet, almost looking abandoned despite nearby apartments, as well as Greek Court and University Court.

This isn't an invitation for anyone to vandalize or otherwise "mess with" the building, assures housing and dining director Mark Hudson.

Carman has been equipped with internal and external cameras and other security systems to watch it while slightly out of sight from the other buildings.

"It's still a safe asset that we have to protect," Hudson said.

Back to that question, though: will Carman continue as a glorified storage facility or will more uses be found?

Hudson says that the university may be looking to expand on the existing function of fire safety training in the building.

Resident assistants are trained on evacuation through smoke on the inside of the building and firefighters from various departments have used the outside for high rise rescue training.

In the future, Eastern may collaborate with the Fire Service Institute in Champaign to bring in more firefighter trainees from more areas to make use of the building.

This opportunity is rare; multi-story buildings which are still structurally sound don't get abandoned very often, especially not in a location where training could reasonably be held without endangering nearby buildings.

The training could get slightly more

intense, too.

Carman was once the largest residence hall on campus, with capacity for over 800 students. Now, around 350 rooms lie empty. Each one is an opportunity for training.

Firefighters could be trained in real-life situations as each room is set on fire individually for trainees to extinguish safely.

High-rise rescue training could still continue on the exterior, and even the elevators indoors could offer opportunities for education.

The one part of Carman which most likely wouldn't be used for this program would be what used to be the dining hall.

Since that part of the structure has almost entirely separate systems running it, items currently being stored in residential areas could be moved there to continue taking advantage of that use for the space.

One bump in the plan may be the asbestos in the building, which is also one of the reasons it has not been converted into anything where people might be inside long-term.

Hudson says that the Fire Service Institute could look into getting grants to have the asbestos removed prior to training in order to make it safe to be inside.

None of these plans are fully confirmed at this point; while members of Eastern's administration are on board, there are further details to work out and contracts to be made.

Hudson also says that no one should take Carman's inactivity as a residence hall as a sign that the university is struggling in some way.

"Sometimes people make the jump between, 'gosh, we've closed Carman, so therefore, oh, my gosh, how are we going to be a viable institution,'" Hudson said.

He referred to closing Carman as a "right-sizing process" as the university adjusted to a larger off-campus market for student housing.

Carman is also considered "far away" compared to the rest of the university buildings. Eastern has a very small campus, so being across a street at the far end from most academic buildings is farther than some students are interested in walking.

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FILE PHOTO

Miss Ruth Carman speaks after President Gilbert C. Fite dedicated the new coeducational dormitory in her honor in 1971. The dorm residents presented her with a painting of the building done by Susan Sparks.



IKUYA KURATA/Photo editor

That's a winner!

Above: Becky Campagne (right), a freshman zoology major, wins a bingo game. Her prizes include cookies, a candy bar and a CD. Bingo took place Wednesday in the Carman Hall Dining Room. About 200 students participate in the event, which was a part of Panther Preview.

Right: Eastern President David Jorns announces the number, "0-69," for a bingo game during the event, "Big Time Bingo" as part of Spring Panther Preview Week Wednesday night in Carman Hall. Jorns was one of celebrity callers, along with Lou Hencken, vice president for student affairs and Richard McDuffie, athletic director.



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Students open up about financial struggles

By **Kyara Morales-Rodriguez**
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'The broke college student.' A nickname associated with the classic college experience — four years of eating ramen, dumpster-diving and taking advantage of anything that is free.

It is an age-old joke, it is practically a rite of passage, but for some college students, it can be a very real and very difficult experience.

Jasiah Hilliard, a junior biology student, said he has been facing financial struggles since he arrived at Eastern.

"I would say like most students when you first get here, obviously you do your splurge and buy a bunch of things, but I will say for me, I didn't really tell myself when to stop," Hilliard said. "So that really set me up for failure for my freshman year, so I'll probably say, a month or two into freshman year, that's when things started to go bad."

For Hilliard, facing financial issues can be detrimental to his mental health.

He said that it can be difficult having to give up certain things, like going out with friends, because he has to support himself financially.

"For me personally, my financial status affects me as a whole," Hilliard said. "I would say when my pockets are low, I'm low. That's just me as a person. I don't think that's for everyone. But I would say whenever I'm not being able to hold myself up, it gets me in that place."

Jennifer Montas, a senior English student, said that facing financial problems as a college student can make it difficult to access food.

She said that struggling financially requires planning, budgeting and knowing what food is available, which is "a lot of extra work."

"I think the biggest issue comes with food, especially on holidays, like [Labor Day], where everything is shut down," Montas said. "Sometimes it's hard to not only get food and pay for it, but also to get transportation to food because we don't have a car either. It's a little bit difficult sometimes."

Being a college student typically means having to take care of tuition, groceries and everyday expenses by yourself.

For Alexis Rhoades, a freshman biology education student, this experience is a reality. She said that before coming to Eastern, she was working two jobs.

Now that she is looking for employment again, she said it is hard being unemployed because she has no money but needs to support herself.

"I would love to go home and see my family, but gas costs money, and I'm trying to eat my own food and stuff," Rhoades said.

Facing financial hardships as a college student sometimes means having to find employment.

Drew Shrader, a senior marketing student, said he is paying for his college education by himself, so he works during the school year.

He said that working has helped him a lot in covering his finances, adding that his job helps him pay for school and rent.

"I work on my family's farm, and so that takes up a lot of my time," Shrader said. "So I'm basically a full-time student, then working when I'm not there."



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(Above) Jasiah Hilliard, a junior biology major, talks about facing financial struggles.

(Top Left) Alexis Rhoades, a freshman biology education major, and her friend Kendal Normile who attends Parkland College talk about working multiple jobs while attending school.

(Bottom Left) Jennifer Montas, a senior English major, talks about the mental health struggles which come with financial struggles.



Facing financial struggles does not just affect college students' day-to-day experiences, it can also affect their long-term plans and goals.

Michael Roman, a freshman psychology student, said that he is concerned about his college debt and how he can pay it off in the future.

"With Biden's new plan, I was a little bit more at ease, but yeah, I'm pretty concerned," Roman said.

Hilliard said that sometimes as a college student, one will set certain long-term goals, but financial struggles can make it difficult to achieve them.

He said that no one knows what is ahead, and a problem can "either put you ten steps back or it completely knocks you off board."

"Me personally, not being smart financially, it obviously has," he said. "You come into college, and you're like okay, I'm here, I want a car, apartment, this and this and this and you want it at a specific set date, but obviously things don't turn out the way that they should be."

Eastern provides resources for students, some of which students said they found helpful. Merit scholarships, academic advisers, food pantries, libraries—there are many resources students said could help those struggling financially.

Brielle Dukovac, a freshman music education student, said that a good on-campus resource is the Center for Gender and Sexual Diversity.

"There's this resource on campus

for gender nonconforming students or trans students where they can get gender-affirming clothing, which I absolutely love, and to my knowledge, they can get it for free," she said. "And I think it's stuff like that, that really makes me like it here and how accepting and helpful everyone is here."

Even with the resources available, some students think there is still more to be done.

Shrader said that sometimes resources can be "kind of hard to find."

"I do know that there's always more that could be done, especially for people that are in worse situations than I am," Montas said. "I just feel like the work is never really done."

Some college students said that planning, saving money and creating good spending habits is everything when you are a college student, and they advise other students to do the same.

"The first thing I would say is definitely try to plan as much as possible, but I know not everything goes as planned," Montas said. "I would just try to use all the resources you can. Try to plan with other people that are also having financial issues, so maybe just think of ideas together. In terms of scholarships, find as many as you can, but it really does depend on what's around you and what you have at your disposal."

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(Above) Brielle Dukovac, a freshman music education major, talks about campus resources.

(Top Right) Drew Shrader, a senior marketing major, talks about working on his family's farm during the school year

(Bottom Right) Michael Roman, a freshman psychology major, talks about college debt and Biden's recent forgiveness plan.

EDITORIAL

Thousands of dollars go down the drain

As President Glassman's term comes to end on June 30, 2023, a new term for another president must begin. With that, the start of a search for a proper candidate for the position is already in motion.

Well, the search comes with a cost. A six-figure cost. Eastern is set to spend over \$110,000 on finding a new president. The recipient of this large bill is Greenwood/Asher & Associates.

A contract with the executive search company was signed on June 29, 2022. The \$110,000 will be divided into three bills of \$36,666.

But the payments do not stop there. There is also an undetermined additional expense for client expenses. This line includes candidate travel, background work, degree and education verification, and even private investigators.

Who knew this search would be this expensive? What if the search goes longer than a year? Could this total pile up to an even greater expense?

There is even a disclaimer that Greenwood/Asher & Associates are not responsible for the performance of the chosen candidate. If the candidate is fired within a year, the firm will find a replacement.

We at the Daily Eastern News are concerned about this grand bill expected with the search for our new university president.

Our last editorial was discussing how valued professors wanted a livable wage

due to a global pandemic and national inflation. But here is administration spending six-figures on finding a new president.

It is just disappointing to see as our professors desperately deserve a wage that reflects their hard works and the effort they put into making Eastern what it is. A place of higher learning and educating thousands of students for a large variety of careers and services.

Will our next president see the desperate need for this change? Will they see that our professors deserve more?

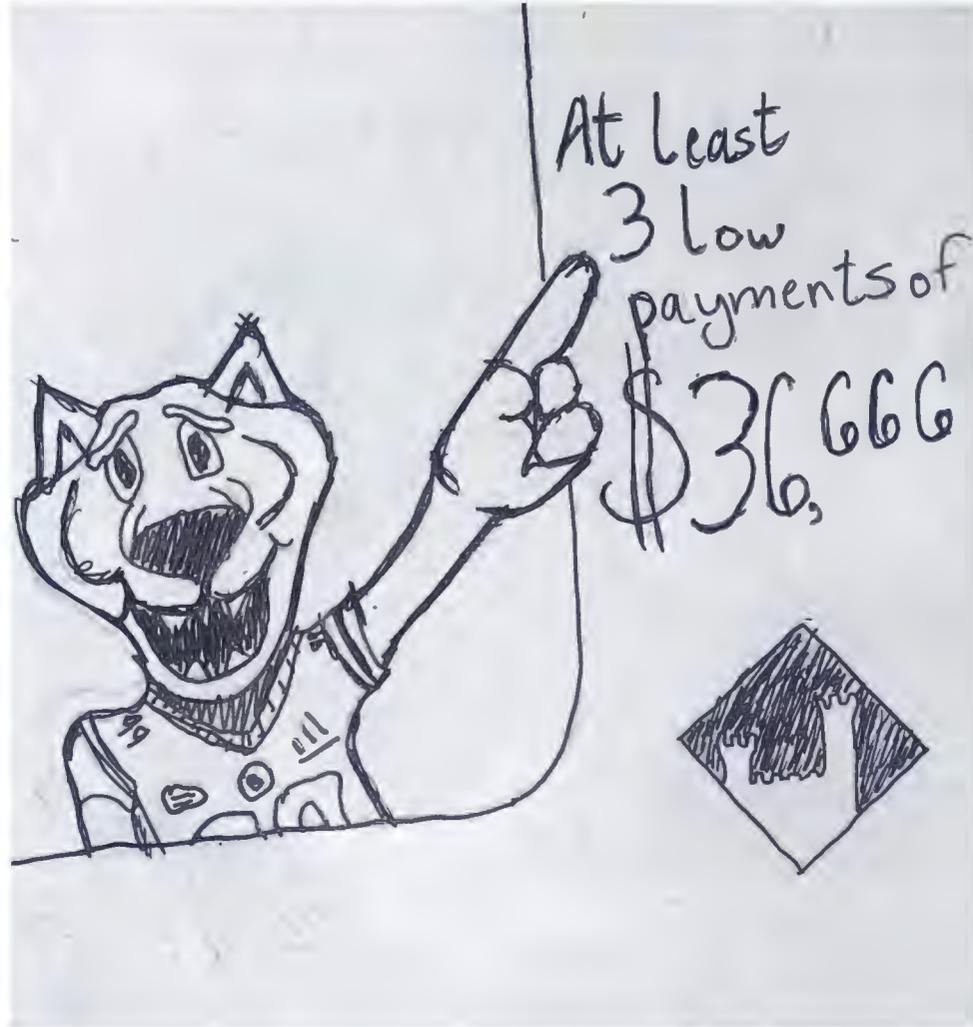
One of the various additional fees is advertising. That could have been a professor's raise to improve their quality of life and support their families.

Another additional fee is for the Mintz Group. This is a company who provides verification, building security emergency preparedness, asset tracing, computer forensics, and investigation services.

Why hire two different groups to look into candidates when administration could have found one company who did both? It is the simple things like this that concern us. Was the university looking into the best financial options?

While searching for a president is a huge undertaking, we know there are processes that come with it and may only make sense from an administration standpoint.

But this is what our tuition money is going towards. We pay to attend Eastern and we deserve to know where our money goes.



Comic by Rob Le Cates

Quote of the Week:

" Money is good for nothing unless you know the value of it by experience. "

Phineas Taylor Barnum

COLUMN

Financial aid differences from community college to EIU

I went to community college and transferred to Eastern last year. Community college has this perception, to most people I talked to, that it is basically high school 2.0.

People seemed to be flabbergasted to hear that my entire community college experience costs less than the cost that an on campus student pays for one year to live in a residence hall.

Living on Eastern's campus for the 2022-23 school year costs a student \$10,394. That is assuming that the student gets the 12+ meal plan.

For two years at the community college I went to, sixty credit hours cost \$8,010. Sixty credits takes approximately two years to complete and many students have jobs off campus and had to pay a variety of different bills.

For example, I can't drive. Because of that, I had to take the bus to and from class



Katja Benz

everyday. I had to pay for that out of pocket, meaning that was not included in my bill.

On the other hand, now I don't have to pay for bus fees, because I walk everywhere

that I need or want to go.

When I was looking at the cost of attendance for Eastern, I was surprised to see a few things. First of all, I noticed that the fees are different at each school.

For example, my community college just lists how much the cost per credit hour is for each individual student type, whereas at Eastern, fees are included in the entire cost of attendance. Students have to pay fees, regardless of how many credit hours they are taking, just because they are attending Eastern.

The second thing I noticed is that the cost of attendance is for the whole year at Eastern. At my community college, they only shared things the students needed to know about costs for the semester.

While I understand that many students are worried about how much Eastern costs for the entire year, they will also be worried

about how much they are paying per semester.

It isn't like students can split the bill down the middle. Students and their families are looking for itemized bills so that they can plan ahead and move around money to be able to afford school.

Finally, I've noticed that many students expect to pay for the entire year and do not get it explained that the cost of attendance as well as financial aid packages is for the whole year, whereas they expect to get money for attendance twice.

While it makes sense to me, it may not make sense to others. I just wish that everything was explained to every student when they need it.

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Dr. Yolanda, powerful and empowering leader

As a young, black woman on a predominantly white campus, it is important that black women have access to other women who look like them and can relate to some of the experiences that we go through.

Coming to Eastern, I made a point to make friends with other black women because they can relate to the things that I go through when it comes to being black and a woman.

I joined Strong S.H.E. during my first semester at Eastern.

S.H.E. was not too prominent on campus once I started my freshman year due to COVID. But once my second year came around, I loved going to Blair Hall every Tuesday at 6PM to just have genuine conversations with other black women on campus.

The thing that I've seen as issues, specifically involving the black community or black women in general, are things that we all bring to S.H.E. and discuss.

With the growing population of black women on our campus, from freshmen to transfer students, Strong S.H.E.'s mission is to build a unity amongst black women on Eastern's campus and be a resource for



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black women looking to find some sort of comfort or safety, even if it is just for an hour or two.

Strong S.H.E. has recently taken a hit with our current on campus advisor, Dr. Yolonda Williams-Goliday, moving on to a different job away from Eastern.

Strong S.H.E. and Dr. Yolonda both work with the Office of Inclusion and Academic Engagement. I, along with the other beautiful ladies of S.H.E., sat in Dr. Yolonda's office as she explained to us why she would no longer be working for Eastern, and the moral of the story is that Dr. Yolonda

knows her worth.

I believe Dr. Yolonda's bosses and Eastern did not do their due diligence in making sure that Dr. Yolonda was properly compensated for all of her amazing achievements.

She recently obtained her doctorate and wanted a higher title in the office and more money, which her bosses said that they could not provide.

I find that very hard to believe, but not only is Dr. Yolonda leaving behind her job in OIAE or her position as the advisor for the Omicron Delta chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc., she is leaving behind Strong S.H.E., a program that is so small and closeknit but means a lot to all of us.

Is there any other kind of group on campus tailored to the success of black women on our campus and a way for us to have conversations with women who can relate to one another? There isn't.

As a member of Strong S.H.E, we are currently seeking an on campus advisor to help us aid in our journey through college while also going through real world issues.

It would be amazing for us to just meet as we are, but we want S.H.E. to grow and become an amazing resource on campus for black women.

We were planning events, meeting topics, and there's still so much of the school year left for S.H.E. to spread its wings and blossom into a life-changing program.

For Eastern and anyone who was over Dr. Yolonda, refusing to give her a raise and a better title in the company, I hope that you see what a wonderful woman that Dr. Yolonda is and the impact that she has made here at Eastern as an advocate.

Strong S.H.E. means a lot to me and all of the other ladies I've made connections with through S.H.E.

It is an important asset to Eastern's campus, and we want more engagement and to see S.H.E. become bigger than ever.

We love you Dr. Yolonda, wish you the best on your new journey, and thank you for pouring your all into Strong S.H.E.

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"I Came By" offers familiar thrills in a suspenseful way

A Netflix original movie where there aren't annoying characters and actors giving weak performances for a large check?

It seems there is a first for everything.

However, this is a small and safe step in the right direction.

"I Came By" was directed by Babak Anvari and stars Hugh Bonneville, George MacKay, Percelle Ascott, and Kelly Macdonald.

It tells the story of a graffiti artist who discovers that a well-known judge is hiding a monstrous secret within his home. With this newfound discovery, the artist as well as others try to bring justice to the grotesque acts of Judge Blake.

To start, the marketing for this film is incredibly misleading. The film makes viewers think that George MacKay's character will be a leading part of the film. However, that is not the case, and his character is barely



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in the film.

With that being said, it does help the film by establishing that nobody is safe from Judge Blake and that there are no happy endings for some people.

The acting in this film is also very impressive with Percelle Ascott being a notable standout. He plays the friend of George MacKay's character

and brings a wide range of emotions to his performance in an appropriate way.

Hugh Bonneville, known mainly for "Downton Abbey", is also very entertaining as the menacing Judge Blake that covers his tracks when others try to reveal his secret to the police.

The characters in this film are also understandable with their actions except for a few instances. The writing also does a good job at informing the audience of why Judge Blake commits unspeakable acts and how his childhood has affected him into his adulthood. It does this in a way that is subtle and not just an exposition dump to give the audience information.

"I Came By" does provide some thrills and suspense that makes viewers want to continue watching and wanting to see what happens to the characters. With this, the film keeps you adequately engaged

throughout its runtime.

Visually, the cinematography and camera work in "I Came By" is static and unremarkable. Not to say that it is terribly mediocre, but there is nothing to set it apart from other thriller films.

What this film really struggles from is not leaving a strong enough impression that makes the audience think about it even within minutes after the credits roll.

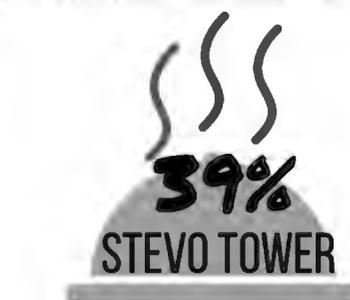
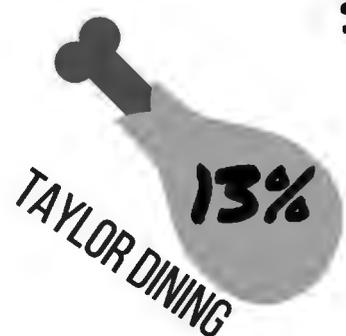
It is a run-of-the-mill thriller that struggles to find its own voice.

With competent but uninspired cinematography and a story that does the most with what it can, "I Came By" is a film that will unfortunately disappear within Netflix's catalog by the end of the month.

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LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

STUDENTS SAID THEIR FAVORITE DINING HALL ON CAMPUS IS:



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EIU Students: you pay a fee, so show up to games

Remember back in 2020 when all we wished for was to go to an athletic event of some sort? It is so weird that we had to wish about going to those events. But now we are finally able to fully attend athletic events and personally, that makes me so happy!

The thing is, I did not see very many students attending games last year and the same thing is happening again this year. Usually, colleges have a pretty decent turn out in the crowds.

The teams feed off the vibes and energy of the crowd and it most definitely makes a difference in the games. Students being there and cheering on their fellow Panthers is so important and I would love to see more of you out there.

As a former athlete, I understand just how important it is to have the stands filled whether it is an exhibition or a big game. We feel that ener-



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gy on the court or field and it keeps us going.

Did you know you also pay an athletic fee in your tuition? Both undergraduate and graduate students both pay \$173.64 per semester. Part time students pay 14.47 per credit hour each semester.

Therefore, while admission into different events is labeled as free, you

actually paid for it in your tuition. So, you might as well go out and watch these games!

College can be a very chaotic and busy time but going out and supporting one of our many teams can be a relaxing thing to do with friends on the weekend or on a weeknight sometime. Attending college sporting events is a great way to get to know people and to make memories throughout your college career.

Some of my best memories of college so far are from being at various EIU sports games and matches. Go onto the EIU athletics website and check out the different times of games and matches going on around here in the next few weeks.

From what I have seen so far from our fall season sports, it is going to be a good one! I have been covering women's soccer and I am super pumped to see how their season turns out.

They have a great team this year, so if you want to see some quality soccer, head on out to Lakeside Field.

Panthers, let's show some of that EIU pride and fill the stands this year! It is sure to be an exciting time and it will be much more exciting if we fill the stands and come together to watch these events.

We have so many options here at EIU. Go ahead and support football, basketball, soccer, softball, baseball, tennis, track, cross country, golf, swimming, and volleyball! There are so many events going on each week so be sure to gather some of your friends and head to a game soon!

I hope to see everyone at the first home football game this Saturday against Chattanooga at 6 p.m. Let's fill up O'Brien Field!

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It is difficult to cover sports when people do not answer me

When I took over as sports editor for the Daily Eastern News this year, I knew that I would be facing challenges that I had never faced before but one remains constant; people not responding.

I completely understand that everyone has their own lives, jobs, families etc. I completely and wholeheartedly respect the idea that life outside of work needs to remain life outside of work.

I am the first person, once outside the walls of the newsroom, to completely disconnect from work and do things that I enjoy. It is good for one's mental health to relax outside of such a stressful environment. However, I am never quick to completely ignore someone when they try to reach me.

With the technological advances that have been made within the last 10 years, it is virtually impossible to not see if someone has tried to reach you. There are tons of options that allow you to bring your phone



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with you, even if you do not have your phone. As someone who owns an iPhone and an Apple Watch, I always know when someone texts, calls, or emails me. I know that everyone does not have an iPhone and Apple Watch to alert them when someone is trying to reach them but there is no excuse to blatantly ignore someone. When it comes time for me to do a

story that does not involve covering a game and then typing up a quick story, things become more difficult because those who I try to reach out to simply do not answer me.

I first reach out to the person over email if I do not have their phone number and I know the common rule is to allow that person 24 to 48 hours to respond. If someone does respond to me within the same day, it is always great. However, lately, it has been a struggle to get coaches and other athletic staff to respond back to me. There have been moments where I have texted and get ignored. I have also emailed, and I get ignored. Coaches and athletic staff, when this happens, your team does not get covered and designing the sports pages for our weekly print edition gets extended my hours. Things happen, we are all human. We forget, we genuinely did not see the email, or we were going to re-

spond and something else came up in the middle of responding.

However, I should not have to beg or jump through what seems like hundreds of hoops to get a response. If I reach out a week in advance of when the story needs to be done, I expect some sort of response.

I love covering sports on campus and getting behind the scenes stories that our readers genuinely care about, but I cannot do that if coaches and athletic staff continue to be difficult to work with.

I am here to cover sports on campus and if you do not want me in your inbox 100 times or seeking out your personal phone number, then, please, respond to my initial email and our text message. Both of our jobs will be much easier. I want nothing more than to do us both justice but that begins with you answering me on time, please.

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Eastern men's soccer team are 1-2-1 after four weeks of play

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The Eastern men's soccer team are four weeks into their regular season and currently sit at fourth place in the Summit League.

The Panthers picked up their first regular season win on the road last weekend over Purdue Fort Wayne. The win also marks the first of the Josh Oakley era.

Junior midfielder Julian Smith had the lone goal for the Panthers against the Mastodons.

Sophomore forward Sam Eccles is seventh in the league in shots with seven in four games played. Eccles is also second in the league for goals with two on the season.

Sophomore goal keeper Chad Smith earned his first shutout of the season against the Mastodons despite facing 17 shots.

Smith is first in the league in shutouts following his performance against the Mastodons. He is also fifth in the league for saves with 16, averaging about four saves per game.

The Summit League is currently being led by Denver as they are 3-0-1 overall.

Sam Bassett currently leads the league in goals with three. Bassett also leads the league in points with seven.

Pioneer goalkeeper Isaac Nehme is currently tied with Panther goalkeeper Smith for shutouts per game with one.

Nehme is last in the conference for saves with six.

The Panthers will start league play on Oct. 1 against Southern Indiana at Lakeside Field. Southern Indiana are currently in last place as they are 0-4 overall.

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FILE PHOTO

Eastern forward Lenni Kirschner fights for possession with an opponent in Eastern's 1-0 loss to Purdue Fort Wayne on Sept. 3 at Lakeside Field.

Football equipment manager talks equipment costs

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The cost of equipment for a college football game day is undeniably costly and for the Eastern football team, it may be more than what some think.

Coordinator of equipment and stadium facilities for the Panthers, Clint Bays, provided a breakdown for each piece of equipment and their cost:

- Helmets: \$425
- Shoulder pads: \$325
- Game jersey: \$160 (retail)
- Game pants: \$100 (retail)
- Cleats: \$120 (retail)
- Padded girdle: \$50
- Socks/knee pads/compression top/wrist bands: \$60

Breaking that down even further, it costs a little over \$1,200 to equip each active player per game day. Bays said that helmets are the most expensive, but they provide technology needed to protect each player.

"Helmets are definitely the most expensive. Our helmets have sensors (Insite technology) that alert the athletic trainers when a player has an intense impact," Bays said.

"It will tell the athletic trainers how severe the impact and to what region of the head the impact took place. It also allows us to have a weekly analytics report of the total impacts per player and the severity of the impacts. It can be done per player or by position group."

There are a total of 22 players on and off the field during a regular football game, 11 players on offense and 11 players on defense.

With the cost of equipment at a little over \$1,200 per player per game, the cost of equipment per game, in total, is a little over \$27,000.

There are 11 games in the regular season, therefore, it costs a little over \$300,000 each season to fully equip



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Number 6, Jonah O'Brien a redshirt sophomore quarterback runs the ball during the Panthers' the season opener against Northern Illinois University at Huskies Stadium in DeKalb, Ill. Thursday night. The Panthers lost 34-27 against the Huskies. O'Brien threw 25-of-34 passing for 276 yards with three touchdowns.

each active player and non-starters.

Safety standards set in place by the NCAA may create the need to purchase more pieces of equipment, adding to the yearly cost for equipment.

Bays said that the team has the support of the athletic administration to purchase necessary protective equipment.

"Our program has the support of our administration, and we are proactive in trying to purchase safe equipment for the athletes," Bays said. "We have always tried to stay ahead of the safety standards set in place by the NCAA."

In addition to the initial purchasing of the equipment, there is also time and effort put into maintaining the equipment.

Bays said that maintaining the equipment daily requires special attention.

"There is continual maintenance on most everything including proper cleaning, all parts and pieces inspected," Bays said.

"Game jerseys and game pants all have to be laundered with special care."

There comes a time when the equipment needs to be replaced in order to keep up with safety protocols.

Bays provided a breakdown of when the equipment needs to be replaced and said that it can vary due to amount of use and the position of the player.

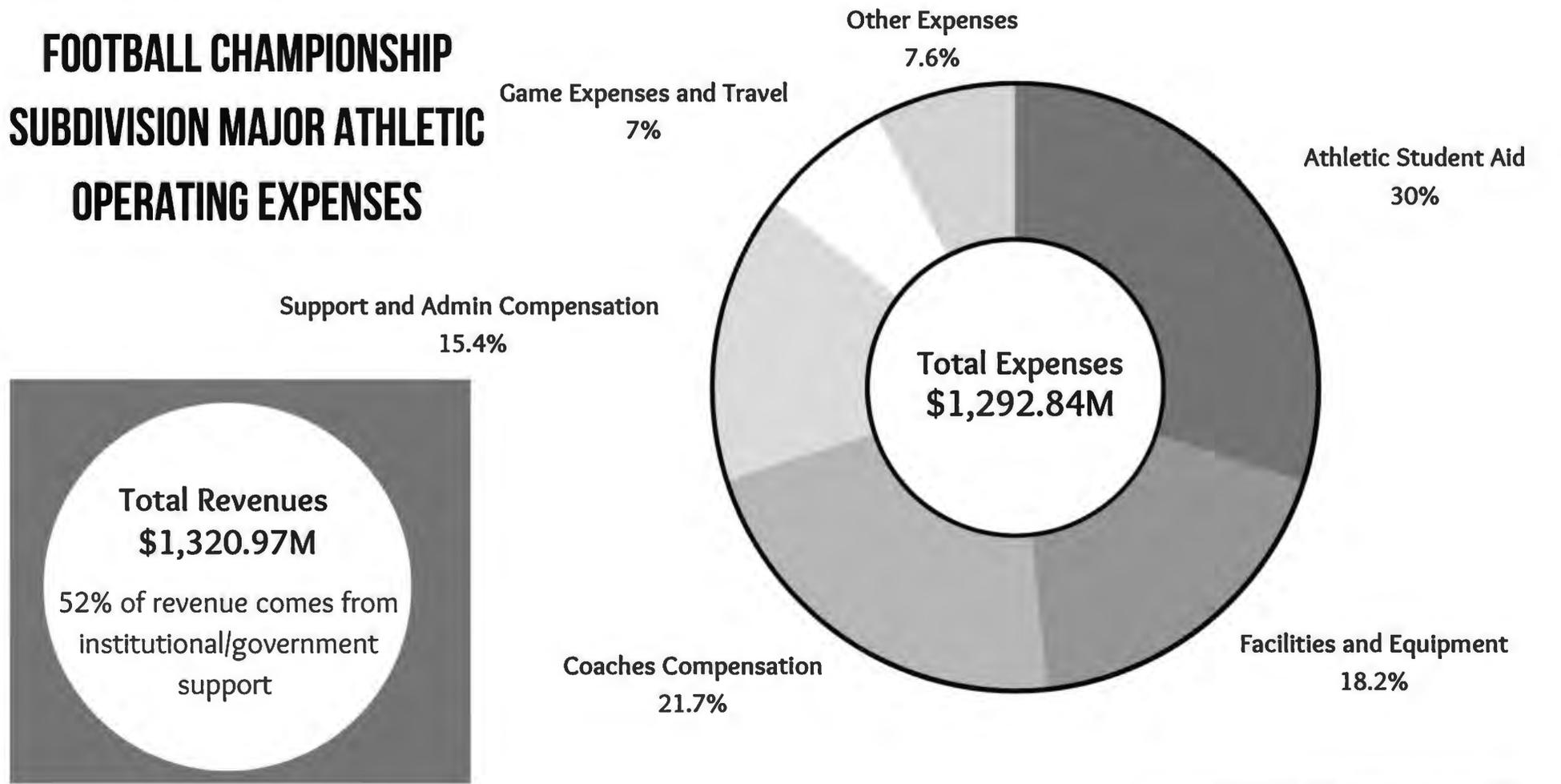
- Helmets: can be recertified for 10 seasons but are usually replaced after 5-7 years.

- Shoulder pads: normally last 5-10 years depending on usage and player position.

- Jerseys: replaced every 2-3 years.

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FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION MAJOR ATHLETIC OPERATING EXPENSES



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Football team season opener through photos

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It is one thing to experience a college football game through writing, but it is another to experience it through photos. Here are five photos that encapsulate what it was like to be at the season opener.



The Panthers warm up by running drills before the season opener against Northern Illinois University at Huskies Stadium in DeKalb, Ill. Thursday night, September 1, 2022. The Panthers lost 34-27 against the Huskies.



Reid Littleford, a football operations graduate assistant, conducts stretches and drills before the season opener against Northern Illinois University at Huskies Stadium in DeKalb, Ill. Thursday night.



The Panthers go on the offensive once the ball has been snapped during the second quarter of the season opener against Northern Illinois University at Huskies Stadium in DeKalb, Ill. Thursday night, September 1, 2022. The Panthers lost 34-27 against the Huskies.



Phoenix Porter, a redshirt freshman linebacker, hypes up and encourages teammates after a play the second quarter of the season opener against Northern Illinois University at Huskies Stadium Thursday night. The Panthers lost 34-27 against the Huskies.



Redshirt Sophomore Runningback Jaelin Benefield runs the ball during the third quarter of the season opener against Northern Illinois University at Huskies Stadium Thursday night. The Panthers lost 34-27 against the Huskies. Benefield had 10 carries for 71 yards.