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# Homecoming event run-down



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The homecoming parade will be held at 9:30 am on Saturday.

**By Payton Liggins**  
 Reporter | @DEN\_news

Eastern has a long-standing tradition of celebrating Homecoming Week with several exciting events.

This year, Homecoming Week will be held from Oct. 2 to Oct. 8.

Eastern's Homecoming Week is an opportunity for students, alumni, faculty, staff and the community to come together and celebrate the university's spirit.

The week-long celebration will kick off on Monday, Oct. 2 with Bingo and Bagels with Billy in the Library Quad, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

At this event, participants will be served breakfast and have the opportunity to chat with Billy the Panther!

One of the main events everyone has been voting for, students will find out who won Homecoming King, Queen, Prince and Princess at the Coronation in the Grand Ballroom, MLK Jr. Union starting at 7 p.m.

On Tuesday, Oct. 3, Family Fun Night in the University Ballroom at the MLK Jr. Union will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Come out,

On Wednesday, Oct. 4, Cosmic Bowling Mixer will be hosted at EIU Lanes in the MLK Jr. Union from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

On Thursday, Oct. 5, Casino Royale will be hosted in the Grand Ballroom at the MLK Jr. Union from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Let's see who wins the most dining dollars!

On Friday, Oct. 6, a Block Party will be hosted at O'Brien Stadium Parking Lot from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Let's party the night away, before the main event.

Finally, on Saturday, Oct. 7, so many great things will be going on. A pancake breakfast will be hosted in Dirty's parking lot from 6:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and the 2.5K Fun Run/Walk starting at Old Main will begin at 9:00 a.m.

EIU's Homecoming Parade will start at 9:30 a.m., the parade runs through the heart of campus and is a great way to see the creativity and enthusiasm of Eastern students.

The parade will feature the EIU Panther Marching Band, cheerleaders and student organizations.

The Panther Parade will start at 9:30 am from 7th and Division Streets and will end at

there will be tailgating behind the O'Brien Stadium.

Right after tailgating, it's time to show our Panther pride at the football game, where the EIU Panthers take on a rival team UT-Martin.

Let's pack the student section and cheer on our Mid-America Classic Champs! The stadium will be filled with fans wearing the school's colors and cheering on the home team.

Let's have a great Eastern Homecoming Week. It's a time to celebrate and have fun and exciting times with all members of the campus community, and a great way to bring the alumni back and celebrate the school's history and traditions.

With events ranging from Bingo and Bagels with Billy to tailgating, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

These events are designed to bring students together, fostering a sense of community and pride in the university.

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FRONT PAGE BY HARPER HANCOCK & ASHANTI THOMAS

## What's Happening October 4 - 11

### Wednesday

**Narcan Training**  
 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. - Kibben Hall Room 2111  
**Homecoming: Cosmic Bowling Mixer**  
 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. - EIU Bowling Lanes, MLK Jr. Union

### Thursday

**Homecoming: Casino Night**  
 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. - Grand University Ballroom, MLK Jr. Union

### Friday

**Homecoming Block Party**  
 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. - O'Brien Field Parking Lot

### Saturday

**Homecoming: Rotary Pancake Breakfast**  
 6:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. - Dirty's  
**Homecoming Parade**  
 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

### Sunday

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### Monday

**Mindfulness Class**  
 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. - Effingham, MLK Jr. Union

### Tuesday

**Pickleball: How to Play**  
 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. - Small Gym, Room 2120, McAfee Gym

### Wednesday

**Best Buddies: Basketball and Bags**  
 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. - McAfee Gym

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# Lawrence, Trimble crowned as head homecoming royalty

**Story by Cam'ron Hardy**  
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The first day of homecoming week ended with Eastern's annual Homecoming Coronation Monday in the Grand Ballroom in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Doors opened at 7 p.m. and students were lined outside of the door eager to find their seats.

Student candidates were promoting others to vote for them for about two weeks. Students were able to vote for the 2023 homecoming prince, princess, queen and king from Wednesday until Friday of last week.

The coronation began promptly at 7:15 with Christian Watson, a senior Spanish major with teacher licensure, and Ashley Mickens, a senior early childhood education major, thanked everyone for attending.

Nora Joseph, a freshman English major, ran for homecoming princess due to her trying to break out of her comfort zone.

"I told myself when I got to college, I would put myself out there at least once," Jones said.

She did not realize how many people would be in attendance and was a little nervous about that.

Initially she was not too worried about losing since she mainly just wanted to get her name out, but after she saw the princess crown, she kind of wanted to win, but her main goal was just putting her name out and building connections with people.

Ashaureah Reed, a junior fashion merchandising and design major, attended the event for two reasons. One of the reasons being that she works for Eastern's University Board and was volunteering to help. Her other reason was in support of her friend Nicholas Trimble.

This was Reed's first time helping the University Board set up.

Reed also finds homecoming week the "most exciting time of the year."

"It's a lot of fun activities that's outside the box and people think about new stuff every year," Reed said. "It amazes me, all the new stuff that they think about every year."

There were numerous nominees for both the prince and princesses.

Every candidate was courted and applauded for when their name was called. All of the candidates dressed elegantly and stood on stage in anticipation for their name to be called.

The time came for the prince and prin-

cess to be announced.

After all the nominees were announced, there was a drumroll preceding the announcement of the homecoming prince.

After a suspenseful pause, Sheldon Turner, a sophomore accounting major was announced the prince.

Turner represented the Zeta Nu chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.

Turner said it was a "blessing" to be able to win.

"Kudos to all the candidates and everyone," Turner said. "This is something new, this is a new experience to me. It's something I didn't do in high school, so to really get myself out there, it's a blessing."

Turner said it was a part of his fraternity's tradition for the "Neos" or the newest inductees to run for homecoming court.

Turner said his courageous spirit allowed him to be victorious in winning homecoming prince, as well as his willingness to make a change to Eastern.

After another suspenseful pause, the 2023 homecoming princess was announced to be Rochelle Carter, a sophomore nursing major.

Carter said she was joyful and very happy to win.

Her being nice to others and using her resources allowed her to be victorious in the homecoming court.

"I'm a [resident assistant], (RA), so just making sure that the other RA's are on my side, and having their residents vote for me," Carter said.

Carter also said that she greeted people and asked for their vote.

She said that she ran to be the face of the community.

"I want people to know who I am, so now they do," Carter said.

The time came for the king and queen to be announced.

After a drum roll, and a suspenseful pause, Nicholas Trimble, a senior psychology major was announced as the 2023 homecoming king.

Trimble said winning felt "great, nothing short of amazing. I appreciate everyone who voted, [I] appreciate everyone, all the judges looking over my application. I appreciate all the other candidates that enrolled and got up there and represent EIU. I really appreciate that."

Last year's homecoming king was Nile Hill, a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., an organization that both Trimble and Turner are a part of.

Trimble said it felt great to have both of his brothers be a part of the homecoming



PHOTOS BY ASHANTI THOMAS | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

TOP: The 2023 EIU Homecoming Royalty Court awaits the announcement for who is going to be crowned queen and king.

BOTTOM: Winners, Rochelle Carter as Princess, Sheldon Turner as Prince, Hannah Lawrence as Queen, and Nick Trimble as King, take the stage at the homecoming royalty coronation Monday night.

run, but said it is not anything out of the ordinary.

"Previous Alpha's have had a history of winning homecoming king, and so for me to win the crown was just another thing that was added to the legacy or the tradition, but it feels really great to know that the campus really interacts with us," Trimble said.

Lastly, the homecoming queen was announced, and the name that was read was Hannah Lawrence, a junior nursing major.

Lawrence said the feeling was "surreal." She wanted to represent the Black Student Union and felt amazing and grateful to win and have the crown.

To increase her chances of winning, Lawrence said she gave cookies and candy during the week. She also had promoted herself on social media. Her being known on campus created an urge for her to run.

Her peers encouraged her to run but she was indecisive because she is a junior and is also busy with school. She said a lot of people cheered her on to run and she did.

After she was announced, the crowd chanted her name, and all the winners took photos together.

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EDITORIAL

# What is hazing and why we report on it?

It's 2023. So why is hazing still a problem?

There is a distinct difference between hazing and being part of a light-hearted tradition.

*The News* reports on hazing so we can expand the knowledge towards the community because it can happen to anyone, anywhere, no matter the circumstance.

We believe hazing of any sort is unacceptable and should not be tolerated.

Eastern shares the same sentiment, as last week was National Hazing Prevention Week which informed students on the myths and facts of hazing.

One of the myths about hazing said hazing "only a little bit" is not really that bad, which is obviously false.

Another myth that was mentioned is that current members should go through hazing because alumni and current members have experienced it.

There is no good reason to haze. Breaking a tradition of hazing is possible, but it takes a group effort to stop these ridiculous situations.

Eastern defines hazing as any act happening on or off campus that is initiated by one or more persons within an athletic team or student organization that causes embarrassment or violates a Code violation or an illegal act.

In Illinois, the consequences of hazing are not only handled within the group, they can also have legal repercussions. Hazing is illegal in the state of Illinois through the Hazing Act.

Hazing can be classified as a Class A misdemeanor, except hazing resulting in death or great bodily harm is a Class 4 felony, according to Eastern's Hazing policy.

Hazing is a national problem, so much so that high schools and colleges take the time to educate their students about National Hazing Prevention Week, which is the last full week in September each year.

Eastern's swim program is at least the third program to face suspensions due to allegations of hazing in the last month.



Comic by Ellen Dooley

Boston College suspended its swimming and diving program indefinitely after allegations of student-athletes forced to drink their own vomit.

Texas A&M suspended most of its men's team after a video recorded by a neighbor showed freshmen duct-taped together and consuming alcohol, soda or milk.

This past summer, Northwestern University fired head football coach Pat Fitzgerald for "his failure to know and prevent significant hazing in the football program."

The hazing that was reported at Northwestern al-

legedly involved "sexualized acts of a degrading nature."

*The News* wants to spread awareness on the topic of hazing and remind people that hazing can happen to anyone.

Just because we are located in a small town, that does not mean that this type of stuff can't happen to people in our community.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

# Silence leads to speculation

By Rob Le Cates  
Editor-in-Chief

With any sort of conflict that leads to a legal investigation, especially one carrying as much weight as hazing on a college campus sports team, there needs to be a level of respect given to parties involved.



Eastern announced Thursday the men's swim team is suspended for all competition this semester following a hazing allegation and released a statement Friday saying there would be no further comment about the ongoing investigation.

The investigation is being conduct-

ed through the Dean of Students' office with help from the Finegan, Rinker, and Ghrist law firm.

The problem with silence is the Eastern community wants to know the truth after finding out about the allegations, and due to parties not talking it leads people to speculate and, in turn, assume the worst of the situation.

This investigation at Eastern is a bigger deal than some may understand and this situation has implications not just the team members involved.

This affects both the men's and women's teams, the families and friends of the players, the coaching staff, fans, donors who support athletics, the athletics department and the entire university.

Does this mean the accusations are false, *no*.

Does this mean the accusations are true, *no*.

The urge for information should not outshine the respect people deserve when an investigation of this weight happens, even if the allegations are true or not.

When people come forward and talk about hazing allegations, those who never thought what they experienced is hazing or are hesitant to discuss their own experiences would feel validated to know they are not alone.

People should feel able to speak freely about a situation without fear of backlash and consequences.

There still should be a conversation but done in a way to not impede on the ongoing investigation.

We need to protect people, *not* the situation.

The types of information that would benefit would be an outline of what

happened and a timeline.

With very few facts able to be confirmed, damaging rumors are destined to develop and cause widespread misinformation.

This could include minimizing or exaggerating the situation, painting those involved in false light, devaluing a victim's experience or events similar to those of other schools.

A basic outline of what happened and a timeline would reduce the amount of speculation.

If more information were present, gossip would be diminished, people would understand that information is going to be provided as available and would be less likely to create absurd, harmful theories.

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# Is Jake Paul a legitimate fighter?

By **Brie Coder**  
Columnist



Last month, Netflix debuted the documentary “Untold: Jake Paul the Problem Child,” which chronicles the life of Jake Paul and how he went from an Internet influencer to a “legitimate boxer.”

Yes, I put legitimate boxer in quotation marks because there seems to be a debate within the combat sports community about whether or not Paul deserves to be welcomed into the squared ring with open arms.

Paul, 26, started his whirlwind romance with boxing in 2018.

Having been an athlete growing up behind the scenes of his charismatic Vine and YouTube vlogging, there was an adrenaline rush that never seemed to die down, and boxing revitalized that dopamine release.

Boxing, a decorative combat sport that began to make headways in 688 BC, was more for a man testing his survival skills. Legendary fighters of the product, such as Joe Louis, ‘Sugar’ Ray Robinson, Mike Tyson and Muhammad Ali, took an oath to live and die for this industry, refusing to make a mockery out of the only profession that gave them their bread.

It was a legitimate sport that spectators never sneezed at until Paul stepped between the ropes. Like a shadow in the night, skepticism followed Paul like a bad habit all throughout his notorious combat sports journey.

Paul’s risky career in boxing began after the former Disney Channel star and his brother, Logan Paul, were called out by another pair of brothers: KSI and Deji Olatunji.

With critics in his ears and the godfathers of boxing watching rather closely, the pressure to be taken seriously was heavily placed on Paul’s shoulders.

Facing Olatunju in an amateur contest on August 25, 2018, Jake came out swinging and earned his first-ever victory in his first-ever fight with a technical knockout after the fifth round.

Still, the boxing community was not

smitten by Paul’s lucky strike. Out to prove the haters again, Jake honed his craft in skilled fighting and officially announced his professional boxing debut against another YouTuber, AnEsonGib.

Once again, fans of the sport pondered, “Where are the professionals in this bout? Why are celebrities dismantling the once highly critical sport we once adored?”

Facing harsh criticism once more, Paul had no choice but to tear the roof down with a TKO punch in the first round at 2:18 against AnEsonGib.

The same heavy-hitting TKOs would follow for Paul, gaining him two more victories after AnEsonGib. Those fighters were basketball star, Nate Robinson, and Bellator MMA and ONE Welterweight Champion, Ben Askren.

Paul went from crawling to walking right into the big boy’s background on August 29, 2021, three years after his first amateur fight, where he picked a sparring date with former UFC Welterweight Champion, Tyron Woodley.

These two carried a two-bout rivalry, which saw Paul win both times: first time via a split decision and a TKO shot in the sixth round.

With the juices flowing and the cockiness brewing, Paul, with a 5-0 undefeated streak, took the gamble of a lifetime when he challenged “The Spider” Anderson Silva to a contest.

Mind you, Silva is a former UFC Middleweight Champion with a 3-2 and 34-11 win record in boxing and mixed martial arts, respectively.

After an explosive back-to-back slugfest that went all eight three-minute rounds, Paul walked out of the squared circle with a unanimous 78-73 score. How?

Feeling like the king of boxing, the judges knocked Paul down a peg when he couldn’t win them over on January 27, 2023, against Tommy Fury, the half-brother of the mythical and vicious heavyweight champion, Tyson Fury.

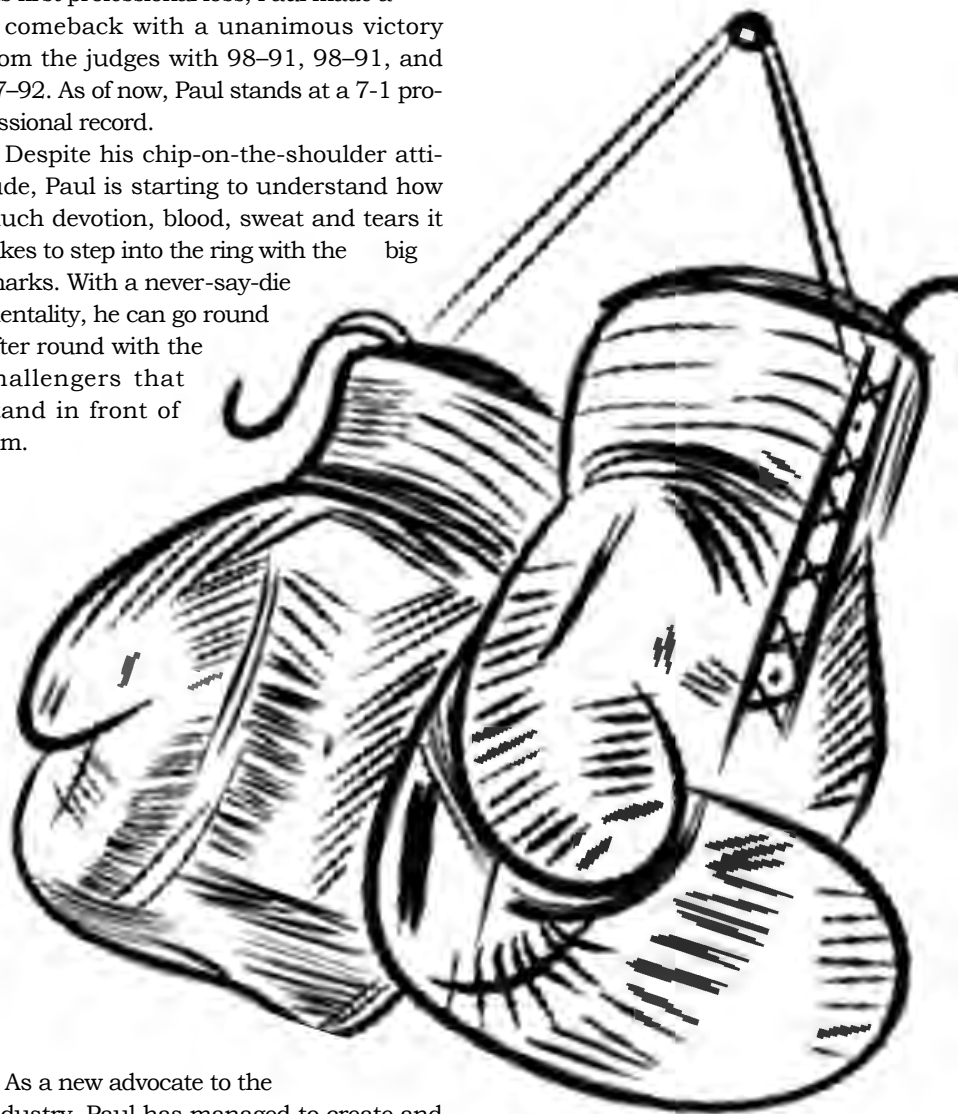
Lucky for Paul, the loss came from two judges’ scorecards, favoring Fury with 76-73.

Three months later, Nate Diaz, a former UFC fighter, chose Paul as his opponent for his professional boxing debut.

The two fighters went toe-to-toe for ten rounds, extending the original agreement of eight. After rolling with the punches from

his first professional loss, Paul made a comeback with a unanimous victory from the judges with 98-91, 98-91, and 97-92. As of now, Paul stands at a 7-1 professional record.

Despite his chip-on-the-shoulder attitude, Paul is starting to understand how much devotion, blood, sweat and tears it takes to step into the ring with the big sharks. With a never-say-die mentality, he can go round after round with the challengers that stand in front of him.



GRAPHIC BY VERONICA GIPSON

As a new advocate to the industry, Paul has managed to create and co-own his own promotion, Most Valuable Promotions, which helps younger talents of all ages, sizes and genders find their footing in the business.

He is also trying his darnedest to form a unionization to ensure fighters are protected from the blows they take in the ring. So, has Paul brought travesty to boxing?

One thing that is hard to ignore is the fact that Paul is a draw.

Thanks to his vlogging platform, he has established a cult-like following of a million-plus subscribers.

He is revealing the boxing businesses to other ventured demographics, which adds a livable profit to the industry and its fighters.

Does the boxing world have an issue with him? Of course.

Most observers argue whether it’s true that Paul brings in millions of pay-per-view

buys and has earned his position to co or main-event his matches.

Furthermore, most of them fear change, but in an industry like this, change is necessary.

What was once a dying pass time, Paul breathed new life into this traditional clashing sport, or did he?

Is Paul the “Problem Child” he claims to be? Yes. But should we crown him with the handle of a professional fighter? That’s up to you to decide.

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# Is writer’s strike actually over?

By **Jade Maxwell**  
Columnist



Welcome to another week of the Catch-Up, the column where I fill you in on the goods from pop culture and dish out my opinions about it.

This past week, the Writers Guild of America officially ended their strike on September 27th and although we’re all excited about our favorite shows and movies to finally come out, this strike isn’t just something we should forget about.

This strike went on for a record-breaking 148 days.

Eastern had their own faculty strike last semester which lasted 6 days. Now, there’s talks about the United Auto Workers going on strike as well.

What does this say about our country, our community?

Americans, famous or not, have been cheated by the people above them.

Writers and actors have been overworked and underpaid, the average auto worker has been underpaid, and our own faculty has been overworked... and yeah, you guessed it, underpaid.

Striking in 2023 should say a lot to us. People are tired of putting in mountains of work, just to not see the fruit of their labor!

Even we as college students are tired of

being overworked and not seeing any benefits.

Although we should celebrate the win for Hollywood’s workers, we should not forget what is being done to the American people.

The people with power and wealth think that they can keep it to themselves and leave us the crumbs.

And clearly, that isn’t working anymore. Never in my 20 years of life have I seen so many strikes happening back to back.

To me, it shows that foul treatment of people who work day and night to quite literally keep the country running will not be tolerated and will not be accepted anymore.

Now that is what I want to celebrate. Every person deserves fair and equitable pay, kind treatment, and the freedom to pursue their careers without being choked to death

by expensive living costs and lower wages at work. My message to all to you, dear reader?

If you want something, you go for it. If you know you’ve been wronged, speak out about it.

You are deserving of fairness and kindness. And although you may not generate a three-month-long, historic strike or a viral speech... you may just inspire others to stand up for what they know they deserve.

You may just create change. No matter big or small that change may be.

And with that, I wish Hollywood’s Finest a huge ‘welcome back’ to work and good luck to all of you out there

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# Eastern alumna becomes director of Secret Service



SUBMITTED PHOTO | KIMBERLY CHEATLE

Kimberly Cheatle is the 27th Director of the U.S. Secret Service. She was sworn in to office September 17, 2022.

By Cam'ron Hardy  
News Editor | @DEN\_News

President Joe Biden needed someone to become the director of the Secret Service.

Eastern graduate Kimberly Cheatle answered the call.

"For me, it was such an honor to receive that call, and an easy decision for me to be able to come back and lead the agency; an agency that I grew up in and a mission that I absolutely love," Cheatle said after receiving a phone call from President Joe Biden asking to become the director of the secret service.

Cheatle had been in communication with the administration for months before the phone call came through.

Cheatle said the president's staff called her asking if she was available for phone call from the president, and 15 minutes later, the president asking if she would lead the agency.

She was the second female to be the director of the Secret Service.

Graduating from Eastern in 1992, the current director of the United States Secret Service, describes how she got to where she is.

Kimberly Cheatle was sworn into office to become the 27th director of the United States Secret Service on Sept. 19, 2022.

*"For me, it was such an honor to receive that call, and an easy decision for me to be able to come back and lead the agency; an agency that I grew up in and a mission that I absolutely love."*

- Kimberly Cheatle

When searching for colleges, Cheatle chose Eastern because she wanted a mid-size campus school." She also wanted to stay close enough to home in case she wanted to go home on weekends.

"My four years at Eastern were great," Cheatle said. "I lived in Pemberton my freshman and sophomore year in the dorms, and then I moved over to I think the triad."

Until her junior year, Cheatle was undecided until she declared on her sociology major.

With the sociology major, Cheatle chose a concentration in criminal justice which is still incorporated into the line of work that she is in today.

During her senior year, Cheatle started looking into her career choices in depth.

"I started really looking at various law enforcement entities and looked at state and local law enforcement and then at the federal law enforcement agencies," Cheatle said. "[I] really loved the fact that the Secret Service has an integrated mission of doing both investigations and I actually applied with the Secret Service before I even graduated from

Eastern."

Cheatle applied in 1992.

She also credits the criminal justice courses for helping her throughout her career.

Two and a half years passed before Cheatle was hired.

During the first nine months after she applied, Cheatle said the Secret Service was not really hiring.

Cheatle said there are a number of steps that must be passed in order to be accepted into a role.

There is an immense background investigation, a polygraph examination and a physical exam.

Before becoming the director, Cheatle was in a number of positions.

Her first office was in Detroit where she mostly worked investigation.

In this position, Cheatle learned how to interview people and sharpen her protection skills.

Cheatle eventually moved to Washington and worked protection for former Vice President Dick Cheney and his family for roughly six years.

During this time, the 9/11 attack took place.

Cheatle worked to help protect Cheney when the attack happened.

"The vice president was in his office in the west wing of the White House, and we obviously, at that time thought the nation was under attack, and [we] received a call on our secure radios that there was potentially an inbound aircraft that was headed toward the White House," Cheatle said.

Cheatle knew she had a job to accomplish and knew that making sure Cheney was safe, before her own well-being, was a part of it.

"I know myself and all of the team members that I was working with, our priority was to ensure the safety and security of the vice president, and after we were able to establish his security, and make sure that he was safeguarded, we then turned our attention to other people that were on the White House complex that day," Cheatle said.

Cheatle did not check in with her family regarding her safety until later that night.

After leaving that assignment, Cheatle went to work in Maryland and conducted programs with training new agents and officers as they were preparing to graduate and join the agency.

Cheatle then left to go into the Inspection Division, which Cheatle described as "kind of the Secret Services' version of Internal Affairs like most police departments have."

Cheatle later went back to Grand Rapids, Michigan, to run the office for a few years.

Cheatle then went to become supervisor on the vice president's detail for a couple of years. She said she traveled "extensively" with Biden and the First Lady Jill Biden.

She was later assigned the dead of training and ran the entire training facility, including both the physical, developing and distance learning training programs.

She later moved to Atlanta where she oversaw investigations and protective missions for the state of Georgia.

Cheatle then moved back to Washington where she was the assistant director for protective operations. Within this role, she took on the responsibility of the entire Secret Ser-



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U.S. Secret Service Director Kimberly Cheatle shakes hands with the Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas.

vice's protective mission, which included the president, vice president, former presidents and national special security events that are coordinated by the Secret Service.

Cheatle was the first female to hold this position.

At this point, 27 years passed, and Cheatle retired from the Secret Service.

"I thought I had reached the pinnacle of my career here at the agency," Cheatle said. "So, I retired, went into private industry, worked for Pepsi Corporation security and continuities of facilities for Pepsi."

While she was working there, she was able to utilize the skills from the Secret Service in the position. She was responsible for protecting both the facilities and the people of Pepsi.

After about a year into the job, Cheatle received a call from current President Joe Biden, asking if she would be interested in leading for Secret Service.

There are also "a number of checks" that Cheatle does for the applying candidates she said.

Cheatle said that the agency is divided into three different categories that support the agency.

There are staff members that are special agents, which "serve an investigative capacity and then also work protection for the president [and] vice president," Cheatle said.

There is also a uniformed division officers whose main job is to safeguard the White House, the Naval Observatory and the embassy district in Washington.

This division also provide for the special teams such as magnetometers and the energy response team.

Lastly, there are mission support people. She said she works with all of the people on the agency.

"When you look at our agency compared to other federal agencies, we're kind of mid

seized but it really does feel like a family at this agency, and throughout my career, [I] have had the opportunity to work with many of the folks within the agency," Cheatle said. "I've had a pretty diverse career and that's one of the great things that the Secret Service offers is diversity and assignments and careers.

She said that she knows most of the people by face or name.

With working with all those people, she thinks of it as a privilege.

"It's an honor to be able to lead this agency and to work with the caliber of people that I do every day," Cheatle said.

Cheatle said the Secret Service works well with developing leaders.

Cheatle did not have any background in military and law enforcement. She thinks that there is a common misconception that people have to be a part of that to join the Secret Service.

The Secret Service have mentorships that help people throughout their career.

Cheatle said she is privileged to go through the ranks and have it be her career.

"I think all of those assignments and that diversity in my career has led me to this position that I'm in today to be able to lead the organization," Cheatle said.

There will be a recruitment event at the Homecoming football game on Saturday. There will be officers and agents from the Secret Service visiting Eastern to talk to the students.

Students will have the opportunity to learn about the job, get information, learn how to apply and understand what the process is. Cheatle said they are looking to talk to everyone and students do not have to have an interest in law enforcement to join.

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## McKinney Hall wins boat race

Story by Claire Meek & Photos by Sia Deykoontz

The boat race is an annual tradition held to conclude the Neighborhood Week. This year's theme was superhero based. All of the boats were designed based on different superheroes.

Al Jones, sophomore history major and Robbie Rollins, junior family consumer sciences education major, were the rowers for the McKinney boat.

Jones assisted with building and painting the boat, as well as making the capes for the hall's uniform.

Jones rowed the boat to the other side, and then Rollins rowed the team to victory.

Jones said his main objective was to not

spin the boat.

Rollins and Jones discussed their game plan before the event started.

"We talked about long, long, strong rows basically because if you do short consecutive ones, you're gonna start spinning and spinning and spinning," Rollins said. "So the process was the long powerful rows that got out to the other side. Then on the way back, I was trying my best to do the same thing and that ended up allowing us to pass multiple boats."

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Robbie Rollins, a junior family consumer sciences major rows McKinney Hall's boat back to land in one piece to win the residence hall boat race on Thursday afternoon at the Campus Pond.



Lawson Hall's boat starts to sink while on the way back to land Thursday evening.



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Freshman political science major, Mason Tegeler plays as character Richard Hannay in *The 39 Steps* play in Doudna Fine Arts Center Thursday evening.

# '39 Steps,' a laughter filled night

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The comedic play, *39 Steps*, was held on Thursday, Sept. 28. The play was well attended by a crowd of people enjoying the laughs and fun created during the show.

The play occurred in the black box in Doudna and some thought that anyone can relate to the play even if you do not know the movie *39 Steps*.

"I think like a lot of the characters have such comedic purposes that even if you do not fully understand even like a lot of the show, if you do not understand what they are saying or something," freshman theatre major, Meadow Hazucha said. "You can still not totally relate to them but like sympathize with them. Like if they make you feel emotive,"

This is the first time Hazucha has watched a play in the black box at Doudna. However, they have watched shows on other theatre stages.



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Cast members for '39 Steps' play introduce themselves before the play.

"So far, I have never seen a production in a black box, all the shows that I have ever seen have been on just straight up proscenium stages so seeing them use this space it is cool being able to be this close to eye level like with the actor was like super cool," Hazucha

said. "Their tech aspects are cool."

Mason Tegeler was the main actor and hoped to bring the character of Richard Hannay to life with his acting skills.

Tegeler is enormously proud of the team he worked with to put on this play.

"I just want to say that I am proud of all of us," freshman political science major, Mason Tegeler said. "I just want to thank Michael Bryan the director and my family and friends for their support all the way through this process."

Tegeler stated that he thinks that "folks should come out and see the '39 Steps' because it is a fun show.

It is a laugh all the way to the end. It is fun, it goes by quick, and it is just a lot of fun, a lot of fun to perform and a lot of fun for folks to watch."

The show is still going on strong and there are a few more performances through the month of October.

Tegeler also mentioned how anyone can see the show and welcomes people to come to the show.

"I really hope that folks come out and watch, I hope they enjoy it, and we have three more days left for performing until the first," Tegeler said.

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# Creating repurposed art with Clark

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The Tarble Arts Center holds many events and displays, but on Sept. 28, a special guest gave a presentation entitled “Art Speaks.”

Hadley Clark, an artist with an educational background in painting as well as garment design and construction, shared her journey with her art through a collection of stories and imagery.

The event had a large turnout, and guests were asked to indulge in the drinks and snacks provided at the entrance. The event lasted from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Clark’s unique story gave the audience insight concerning providing a purpose to discarded material.

Through a series of images and videos, Clark gave the audience her path and interest. Art can take on many forms, but Clark’s specialty is Fashion. She uses fashion to create her own take on art.

“Ever since I was little, my mother would sew our clothes, and I loved how I could take two different articles of clothing and piece them together, creating a new garment,” Clark said.

She had a love for clothes and every material; she wanted to be in the world of fashion and art. She knew she wanted to harness love in her own powerful way.

Clark presented how she gives purpose to old discards. Having a presence to absence built a sanctuary for both her and her practice.

Art is her life, so Clark focused on how she could change the capitalistic fringe regarding textile waste.

Her pieces of art were shown to the audience. The first art piece she recognized was titled “Till Death Do Us Part” and consisted of models wearing clothes made with textile waste. Although this was a non-traditional way to make clothes, Clark wanted to capture the active waste from clothing materials.

“Clothes carry us through the world we live in,” Clark said during her presentation.

Clark opened a store/art installation in Kansas City, Missouri. It was foreign to people living in her community, and understanding the art took some time. With the cultivation of her store, Clark wanted to explore her options for putting her art out for the world.

She set up an Instagram account that started to kick off. It provided an outlet for her to meet other artists.

“As a creator, you want to find more of your people,” Clark said.

She was creating pieces of clothing that were meant to have an underlying meaning rather than for a person to wear.

One example of this is a motorcycle jacket that is connected to a set of curtains.

Between the jacket and curtains surfaced the original fabric of the curtains and jacket. The art connected the final piece along with the scraps it took to make.

Clark has made distinctive art throughout her career, and you can view her passion on her website, hadleyclark.com, or her Instagram: @hadleyaclarck.

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Hadley Clark presents on her studio practice at Tarble Art Center Thursday evening.

## COLUMN

# The perfect family friendly movie

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After three Baudelaire children’s parents die in a house fire, they move to live with their distant relative, Count Olaf (Jim Carrey) who tries to trap them in order to obtain their parent’s inheritance money. After the Baudelaire children leave him, they find that Count Olaf is not easy to get rid of.



Based on the book series, “A Series of Unfortunate Events,” the film is perfect for families to enjoy.

The 13 book long series began in 1999 and concluded in 2006, and the film came out in 2004.

Since being produced by Nickelodeon Movies, it was already intended for children and as a former child, I loved this movie and rewatching it as a somewhat adult, I still really enjoyed watching it.

The opening scene with the jolly elf and then the narrator saying that was not what the movie was going to be about was unique. It could have thrown audience members off guard, and it was a distinctive way to inform viewers.

Carrey did an exceptional job with his acting performance. Throughout the movie he had to portray different characters to get involved in the Baudelaire’s lives including his regular personality, a pirate, and an animal enthusiast.

He did not overdo his part which kept the acting fun and fresh for children, while also keeping it appealing to adults.

The acting from the children was not the best, they were pretty much worried the entire movie, understandably, so nothing was too special with them. They each had their own specialties which was a nice touch.

The eldest child, Violet Baudelaire, played by Emily Browning, was best with engineering and creating things. Klaus Baudelaire, played by Liam Aiken, was the middle child and a reader and remembered everything that he read. Sunny Baudelaire, the youngest, was only four years old and all she did was bite things, which came in handy at some times.

One of the ways that this film makes itself appealing to pretty much any audience is because it masters that balance of suspense and eeriness. It seems like they get very close to crossing a line and giving the movie a PG-13 rating, but they never cross it, allowing it to have the PG rating.

The music is very lowkey and adds darkness and depth to scenes when it is necessary.

My favorite scene from the film was the train scene when they are stuck and are trying to move the tracks.

There is only a short amount of time to figure out the situation. Obviously, the main suspense came from the plot and them trying to figure out how to get out of the situation, but with the spooky music in the background when the scene starts, it captivates the audience.

Additionally, seeing them use their abilities to complete a goal was appealing the first time, then it kept happening and kind of made it less interesting. This scene was the scene where it was most captivating. It was the first time where we see how far Count Olaf was going to get the inheritance money.

As the scene progresses, the music changes and matches the pace of the action. Another one of my favorite scenes is when the Baudelaire’s meet with their aunt Josephine, Meryl Streep, and the house is being destroyed.

The music helped keep me interesting along with the action and the suspense of the plot.

The set up with Josephine telling the kids what to worry about and then the events happening was a poor execution.

She had already told us what to expect

and it would have been better if that had not been said.

The ending was kind of a cliff hanger. There was the continuous Easter eggs of telescope.

We find out that all the relatives and both parents of the Baudelaire children were a part of some group that discovered fires, but we never get a full explanation about it.

Also, audience members never get a final answer about how the Baudelaire mansion was burned down.

We can assume it was Count Olaf, but we do not get a definitive answer.

The CGI was not the best either. With it being made in 2004, it kind of makes sense, but there were times where it was noticeable, but not to the point where it was distracting.

In 2017, A Series of Unfortunate Events was turned into a series and concluded in 2019.

While grossing \$211.5M at the box office with a budget of \$140M, A Series of Unfortunate Events makes itself a great family night type of movie.

It is appropriate and interesting for all ages.

Rate: 4.5/5.

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# Eastern's last-minute comeback to win over Lindenwood Lions

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The Panthers were down 1-0 against the Lindenwood University Lions with 10 minutes remaining in the game.

That was until the 81st minute when senior midfielder Felipe Kerr Lourenco kicked a shot that deflected off a defender to the bottom right of the goal where freshman forward Ashur Eshew was able to tap it in for a goal that tied the game 1-1.

"I play as a six, I don't go forward a lot but we need a goal so I step a little bit up to try to score and I'm very happy that I could take a shot," Lourenco said. "I think was going in, but whatever Ashur just took it, I'm happy for that, it's a goal, that's what matters."

The Panthers scored their next goal just six minutes later when sophomore forward Casey Welage took a pass from Lourenco and took the ball up the right side, just outside of the box.

Welage then crossed the ball inside to senior forward Sam Eccles who finished off his left foot.

"It was kind of a broken play there; the ball was bouncing out the top of the box," Welage said. "I was able to get down, tap the ball to Felipe and I saw space out wide. I knew we needed a cross in those last moments, so I went outside and Felipe played me a good ball in. I looked up and I saw a little bit of space in there and I was like 'I got to hit this spot,' hit the spot and straight to the corner we went."

"As soon I seen him; I've made eye contact and I'm just hoping he's going to put it into an area that I can just run forward onto," Eccles said. "... I thought I'm just going to think that he's thinking the same as me, he's going to cross it and I just got to hit the spot. He put in a perfect ball and then instinct kind of kicks in, don't think about it too much and get a foot on it."

This goal was Eccles' third of the season and it takes him up to eight points on the season.

He is already two goals away from his goal total last season (5) and three points away from his point total last season (8).

This is Eastern's first win since Aug. 28th against Governors State University.

"[The win] feels awesome," Welage said. "We've been working really hard all season. We've all had a goal to

*"We've been working really hard all season. We've all had a goal to play in November and the chance to play in November is finally here and we capitalized on the opportunity."*

-Casey Welage



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Senior forward Sam Eccles dribbles between two Lindenwood defenders Thursday afternoon. Eccles scored the game-winning goal.

play in November and the chance to play in November is finally here and we capitalized on the opportunity. It came late but we were able to scratch out a dub."

The last time that Eastern scored more than one goal in game was 15 games ago on Oct. 1st of last year against the University of Southern Indiana.

"Obviously it feels huge for the guys, but we've been telling them all the time . . . that those things are possible if you keep working at it," Head Coach Josh Oakley said. "I don't think we

were at our best today, it was obvious in the game, we were nervous. . . but when you get a win like that in the last 10 minutes both goals are scored and you win the game 2-1, it's well deserved from the guys because they didn't quit."

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Sophomore Forward Casey Welage tries to steal the soccer ball from Lindenwood Lions defender.

# Panther football has best start of season in a decade

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The Panthers improve to 4-1 after they beat the Northwestern State Demons at Turpin Stadium Saturday evening.

This is the best start the Panthers have had since 2013.

Here are some events that happened with EIU football alumni when the Panthers started 4-1 in 2013:

**1. Jimmy Garoppolo was the Panthers' starting quarterback as a senior at EIU.**

Garoppolo won numerous awards throughout the 2013-2014 season with the Panthers, including the Ohio Valley Conference Male Athlete of the Year and the Football Championship Subdivision Athletics Directors Association (FCS ADA) National Offensive Player of the Year.

Garoppolo also won the Walter Payton Award at the end of the 2013-2014 football season.

**2. Tony Romo was in his ninth season with the Dallas Cowboys.**

Romo, a former EIU quarterback, led the Cowboys to an 8-8 season as the team finished in second place in the National Football Conference's East Division.

Romo ended the 2013-2014 season recording 342 of 535 for 3,828 yards with 31 touchdowns.

**3. Sean Payton resigned as the head coach with the New Orleans Saints.**

Sean Payton, a former EIU quarterback, resigned with the Saints after a season-long suspension due to running a bounty program within the organization.

**4. EIU's current head coach, Chris Wilkerson, started the head coaching position at University of Chicago.**

Wilkerson ended his first season with the Maroons as he led the team to a 6-4 record.

Eastern closed out non-conference play with a 19-10 win over Northwestern State.

Wilkerson and the team are looking to advance to 5-1 on Saturday as they play University of Tennessee-Martin.

Kickoff is scheduled for 2 p.m. at O'Brien Stadium.

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The Panthers improve 4-1 after winning over the Northwestern State Demons at Turpin Stadium Saturday evening. This is the best start to the season since 2013.

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## Athletes of the Issue

**BLAKE RUFFIN**



Redshirt sophomore safety Blake Ruffin provided a game clinching interception to help the Panthers beat the Northwestern State Demons 19-10.

Ruffin's interception led to a field goal by senior kicker Stone Galloway to make the game a two-possession game with eight minutes left in the fourth quarter.

Ruffin finished the game with 13 tackles.

**MACKENZIE ALDRIDGE**



Senior runner Mackenzie Aldridge set a 5K personal record and placed in 67th place at 18:04.6 at the Louisville Cross Country Classic.

Aldridge's previous 5K personal record was 18:09.2 at the EIU Walt Crawford Open to start the 2023 season.

# Eastern exits break as highest-ranked OVC team in volleyball

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Eastern's volleyball team is ranked 68th out of 344 Division I teams in rating percentage index (RPI) volleyball rankings.

2.31 aces per set.

Eastern is also ranked sixth in the nation recording 127 aces so far in the 2023 season.

The Panthers are also ranked 41st in the nation for assists per set as the team is currently averaging 12.55 assists per set.

Eastern is currently tied for fifth in the nation for their 14-1 record on the season.

Eastern has three players that are in ranked in the Top 50 as individual players.

Rochaix is currently ranked 31st in the nation in assists per set with an average of 10.42 assists per set.

Rochaix has recorded 542 assists throughout the 2023 season.

Martinez Mundo is currently ranked is currently ranked fifth in the nation in digs per set with an average of 5.78 digs per set.

Martinez Mundo has recorded 318 digs throughout the 2023 season, and she is ranked 11th in the nation for most digs.

Senior outside hitter Giovana Larregui López is currently ranked sixth in the nation for aces per set with an average of 0.63 aces per set.

Larregui López has recorded 33 aces throughout the 2023 season, and she is tied for 8th in the nation for total kills.

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Eastern's volleyball team is looking to continue their four-game winning streak against Morehead State on Thursday and Friday.

The Panthers play Morehead State on Thursday at 6:00 p.m. and Friday at 4:00 p.m.

Both matches will be held at Lantz Arena.

The Panthers are coming off of a nine-day break from play. The Morehead State Eagles just played last Saturday in a loss against Western Illinois.

The players believe this extra rest could be a benefit to them in the coming matches.

"[The bye weekend] was something we were looking forward to because we had a really hard preseason," Senior defensive specialist/libero Christina Martinez Mundo expressed. "We were looking forward to having a break before things got hectic with school and midterms."

During this break, the Panthers have been ironing out any issues they have noticed in past games.

"We've been really working on our tempo and also our attitude in the games," sophomore setter Catalina Rochaix said. "We've also worked on communication, always working on communication."

The Panthers are 14-1 on the season and undefeated (4-0) in conference play.

The Morehead State Eagles are coming in with an 8-8 record. They are 3-1 in conference play.

Eastern expressed the seriousness they will give Morehead State regardless of their record.

"[Morehead State] has a history and tradition of winning," Head Coach Sara Thomas said with respect. "They know how to win, and just because they struggled last weekend doesn't mean they will struggle against us."

The players echoed their coach's sentiment. Martinez Mundo expressed how the team has been locking in and focusing on themselves, not their opponents.

"We do follow what other teams do but we try to focus on us as much as possible," Martinez Mundo said. "But we are looking forward to playing against them and using the many things we have worked on this week."

Do not take this team's lack of smugness as a lack of confidence. The team agreed that the Panthers have a very confident squad in both practices and games.

"We are confident as a team," Rochaix said. "We have a really good practice every day, so we are confident in ourselves."

As a team, the Panthers are ranked 68th out of 344 Division I teams in rating percentage index (RPI) volleyball rankings.

Eastern is the highest-ranked team in the Ohio Valley Conference and the second-highest-ranked team out of Illinois, following Northwestern in 49th.

The Panthers are ranked fourth in the nation for aces per set. Eastern averages