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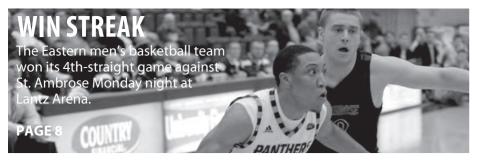
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Layoff notices to be given shortly

By Cassie Buchman Associate News Editor | @cjbuchman

Layoff notices will be given to certain non-instructional employees this week or next week so layoffs can begin in March.

A 30-day notice is needed to be given to individuals being laid off.

Glassman recently emailed the campus alerting them of these layoffs, saying hundreds of non-instructional employees would need to be temporarily or permanently laid off if no appropriation was received by the state.

Eastern is currently owed \$40 million in funding from the state as well as \$9 million for Monetary Award Program Grant reimbursements.

Call backs, where laid off employees can get their jobs back if funding allows it, will happen when an appropriation is given to Eastern.

President David Glassman said the administration is still collecting information and reviewing personnel data before sending these notices.

"I have to do it thoughtfully and diligently," Glassman said.

He said there is not yet a specific day that has been decided, just that they will go out late this week or next week. The vice presidents worked on reviewing things

over the weekend, and are now talking to leaders in different divisions on campus. They will then go to Glassman to discuss what needs to be done next.

The layoff notices will not go out Tuesday. For layoffs to begin in March, employees will need to be provided with notice soon, Glassman said.

Jennie Thompson, a building service worker, said the impending layoffs were stressful for a lot of the people she works with, especially those with less seniority.

Civil Service workers have bumping rights, meaning they are able to take the job of employees with less seniority if they so choose. If an employee does not have seniority, they will be laid off.

Patty Shonk, the chief union steward of the American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees union, said the union can help people make sure their bumping rights are figured out, that all the civil service rules are followed and everyone understand the process.

As chief union steward, Shonk said she is able to listen to those who have been laid off, as well as sit with them when being told about layoffs and answer questions they may have.

Thompson said it will be tough for many if more people are laid off. This is because civil service workers already have more areas to work on to make up for the people who are not longer at the school because of last summer's lay offs.

If more people are laid off, these areas will only get bigger and these employees will have to work harder. Despite these worries, Thompson said she thinks Glassman is doing the best he can.

"It's not his fault, it's the government's," she said. "None of us blame him, just the state itself."

She said the legislatures need to be locked up in their office until a budget gets passed, or at the very least, should not get paid until one does.

"(They are) messing with livelihoods here," Thompson said.

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Flipping Around







JOSH SAXTON | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

The Zuzu African Acrobats performed for students on Monday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr University Union.

'Fund EIU' rally aims to inspire change

By Stephanie Markham Editor-in-Chief | @stephm202

Frustration at legislators' inability to pass a state budget is prompting concerned members of the Eastern community to rally in the hopes

of inspiring action.

Kate Klipp, a Charleston resident and 2007

Eastern graduate, is organizing the rally and said she has been coordinating with students, faculty,

staff and community members to get as many involved as possible.

Klipp said the rally, scheduled for 4 p.m. Fri-

day on the Library Quad, would consist of student speakers, music and "hopefully a lot of people wearing EIU blue." A group met Thursday night to plan the ral-

ly, and the following morning is when various social media sites went up declaring the "Fund EIU" movement, Klipp said.

As of press time, Fund EIU has more than

As of press time, Fund EIU has more than 1,000 likes on Facebook, about 100 followers on Twitter and about 40 followers on Instagram.

Klipp said the non-partisan group aims to raise a positive message about Eastern while urging legislators in Springfield to pass a bill funding higher education.

"Eastern's budget problem isn't just about faculty losing their jobs. They have families, and those families live here; this town will suffer greatly without EIU, so we wanted to show that we're in it together."

Kate Klipp, Charleston resident and rally organizer

"We are trying to show the state how much we care about our school and that we stand behind it and that we stand with (Eastern President David) Glassman," she said.

Jon Blitz, president of Eastern's chapter of the University Professionals of Illinois, said he was involved in the initial planning meeting for the rally and is encouraging members of his union to attend.

"We just want people there, and we want our members to get involved and show some action to indicate that this is the situation, which is very grave at this point in terms of funding for EIU, for Western, for Chicago State, for all higher education institutions in Illinois," Blitz Although Blitz will not be able to attend the rally on Friday, he said he anticipates it being a big event and putting some pressure on the legislature and the governor to pass a budget.

As of February, Illinois has gone eight months without an approved budget.

Catie Witt, a junior political science and communication studies major, is one of the students helping to put together Friday's rally.

Witt said her political science professor asked if she could help spread the word, and she is now reaching out to registered student organizations, resident assistants and Greek life so they can inform others of the rally.

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Tuning Up



Members of the EIU Pep Band play a plethora of peppy songs before the men's basketball game against St. Ambrose Monday in Lantz Arena.

City council to vote on waiving fees

By Lynnsey Veach Staff Reporter | @DEN_News

The Charleston City Council will vote on an ordinance that would waive the building and plumbing fees that come with building a single-family residence

at Tuesday's meeting. Mayor Brandon Combs said the city is seeking to promote residential growth within Charleston with this program.

If approved, this temporary program would start Wednesday.

Waiving these fees can help local developers and developments save some money on the initial process (of building a house),"

Combs said waiving these fees would also make it easier for citizens to build homes in the city. Since it is a new program, the council will evaluate and see if the program should be continued in the future.

Another item on the agenda is

changing the ordinance on alcoholic beverages.

Two items on the agenda are focused on taxes levied for 2015. One item concerns the previous

upgrades to the water treatment Combs said instead of passing the cost of renovating the plant

onto the citizen's property taxes, the city pays for it out of the water/sewer fund. Everyone that pays his or her

water/sewer bill each month is helping to pay for the cost of the renovation of the water treatment

The other item is about Charleston Rotary Aquatic Center.

Instead of taxing the citizens of Charleston for renovations on the Aquatic Center, the city uses the other general fund income.

A street closure request is on the agenda, made by Charleston resident Dawn Drake. The streets between the Immanuel Lutheran Church and the Grand Ballroom in

the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union will close for the Drake/ Hendrickson Wedding Ceremony on June 11.

The Housing Outreach Prevention Education of East Central Illinois will be requesting two raffling licenses at Tuesday's meeting. One of the days for raffle licens-

es will be on Feb. 23, 2016, for their annual Bowls of HOPE Raffle at 7 p.m. at the Wesley Methodist Church.

They are also requesting a permit for the Children's Committee Raffle on Aug. 16, 2016, with the time and location to be an-

The purpose listed on the raffle license form is to raise money for their domestic violence program-

The St. Charles Borromeo Council #4024 Knights of Columbus is requesting a raffling license for weekly drawings from Feb. through Dec. 2016, to raise funds for operating and charitable

The Charleston American Legion Post #93 has also filled out a request form for a raffling license, on April 7, 2016 at 7 p.m. at VFW Post #1592, 1821 20th St., to raise funds to support Post #93 Honor Guard and other Legion Programs.

Another requested raffle license on the agenda is for a benefit for Chris Cox.

This event will be at 7 p.m. on Feb. 20, 2016, at the Panther Paw Bar & Grill, 1412 4th St.

The County Council on Aging is requesting a raffling license for tickets to be sold on Feb. 12 and 13 for the Murder Mystery Fundraiser at the LifeSpan Center.

Combs will be re-appointing Nora Pat Small to a 1-year term as Ex-Officio Member of the Charleston Historic Preservation Commis-

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What's Happening on Campus?

Dust, Drought & Dreams Gone Dry Exhibit | All Day **Booth Library**

Kim Krause: The Nature of Things | 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Tarble Arts Center

Freedom from Smoking: Session 2 | 4:00 - 6:00 PM
Booth House. Visit www.eiu.edu/freedomfromsmoking for more information,

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EIUnity conference to return for 8th year

By Jocelyn Jones
Staff Reporter | @OldyellOwbricks

The 8th annual EIUnity Diversity Conference will explore a wide range of topics, ranging from inequality to being a first generation college student.

Those who resgistered will be able to attend different workshops and expand their minds on these issues.

The conference will take place throughout various rooms on the 3rd floor of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union on Friday.

Event coordinator James Griffin said the conference is an opportunity to bring all of the groups on campus to one place to openly share their stories and experiences.

He said he hopes those who attend will learn something new.

Mona Davenport, the director of Minority Affairs, said when the conference began eight years ago there were about 30 participants and few workshops.

"I think it is our responsibility as an institution of higher education to continue to educate our students, faculty, staff and administrators on diversity," Davenport said. "We will have over 175 participants registered and a keynote speaker that is an EIU Alumni."

Griffin said the conference would be a good opportunity for people to come out and learn something about a culture or race that they knew nothing about before.

He said he absolutely sees a need for this event.

"I think it is a good and important time not only here in Charleston, but in the world right now as we are seeing race issues," Griffin said. "There may be times when (students) are not comfortable."

Griffin said the atmosphere of the conference is expected to be fun and people are expected to step outside of

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		They Don't Appreciate, They Appropriate! Coleman Auditorium 7 p.m.	3	4 2 nd Annual	5 ElUnity Diversity Conference 3 rd floor University Union 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.	6 Children's readin Ballinger Teacher's Center, Booth Library 10 a.m. NAACP Image Awards: "Black Reign" Grand Ballroom 7 p.m. \$15 (Formal Attire)
7 Sigma Gamma Rho "Food for the Soul" Dinners		9 Untold Truth: Chi-raq Monologues 7 th Street	10 NPHC: History of Strolling and Stepping	11	12	13
Cultural Center 3:22 p.m. \$5 & \$6	Arcola-Tuscola, University Union 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Underground	Phipps Lecture Hall, Physical Science Building 7 p.m.			

Here is the schedule for the first two weeks of African-American Heritage Month. For the complete schedule, visit www.thedailyeasternnews.com

their comfort zone.

He said sometimes people have to be uncomfortable in order to actually learn something new.

Davenport said she believes the diversity conference will make students more knowledgeable on differences and the importance of being inclusive.

"Our EIU family is coming to learn—you cannot be in any other mood but happy when you learn more," Davenport said.

She said tension comes from people being unaware of the different cultures

surrounding them.

Griffin said there can be occurrences on campus where someone might have experienced something they felt was based off of race.

He said President David Glassman has supported a more inclusive atmosphere on campus and it is important for administration to show they do not tolerate such things happening.

"We are trying to work on doing some diversity related programming for faculty and staff to help them adjust and know how to deal with the diverse population of students that we have here," Griffin said.

This is Griffin's eighth year planning the event and he said over time, he was able to master coordinating the event.

"I would hope that the administration, Charleston community and campus would be in support of it. I think it will send a positive message," Griffin said. "It will show that we as a community and Eastern support people no matter where they come from."

Topics of workshops students can attend range from sexuality, inequality,

health, privilege and being a first generation college student.

EIUnity, the Office of Minority Affairs and the Office of Student Affairs sponsor this event.

Workshops range from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will conclude with a game of Multi-Cultural Jeopardy in the Grand Ballroom from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The conference is free and lunch is provided for those who register by Feb. 2.

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Academy excited about upcoming event slate

By Analicia Haynes

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The Academy of Lifelong Learning will be teaming up with community partners to put together several events for February.

Marita Metzke, the project coordinator for the Academy, said the purpose of the events is to provide learning opportunities for adults in the community.

Two events, "The Race Across America" and a presentation on fracking will take place at the Charleston Carnegie Liberty.

The Race Across America presentation will be from noon to 1:30 p.m. on

Feb. 10 and will host two guest speakers, Keith and Ellen Wolcott.

According to the Academy's program, the Wolcotts completed a 3,000-mile non-stop bicycle race from coast to coast.

The Wolcotts traveled at least 250 miles a day in June 2014.

They will talk about the challenges that they faced and overcame, including the recovery after the race.

Metzke said they will discuss their overall experience, how they prepared for the race, and why they did it.

The fracking presentation will be from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Feb. 17.

According to the BBC, fracking is the process of drilling down into the earth

and injecting a mixture of water, sand and chemicals at a high pressure in order to release the gas inside.

"I'm super excited about the fracking presentation because it's a political issue that affects people's livelihoods," Metzke said.

According to the Academy's program guide the class will explore both sides of the process in hopes of helping people come to their own, educated decision.

"It's fascinating and it's being addressed from so many angles," Metzke said. There will be two presenters discussing the pros and cons of the fracking industry.

Both events are free and open to the

public

Along with the presentations, Academy members and community members can attend the Bird Club meeting at 6 p.m. Feb. 23 at the Douglas-Hart Nature Center and a presentation called "Talking about the generations: From 'A little dab'll do you!' to 'Just do it!" from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Feb. 25.

According to the program, the "Talking about the generations' presentation will increase knowledge and understanding and improve relationships between the different generations.

At the presentation, participants will learn more about each generation, how generational differences affect relationships and how to recognize and appreciate the commonalities among various

Although the Bird Club is free and open to the public, but the "Talking about the generations," talk is a nominal fee of \$3 for Academy members or \$5 for non-members.

If anyone wants to attend any event they must call and register before the deadline

"It's for planning purposes," Metzke said. "We just want to make sure we have a seat for everyone who attends."

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4 OPINIONS



Chris Picazo

Stop crying, go to class

In my three-and-a-half years of attending college, I have met many kinds of people. I could go on about the different kinds of students I've met, but I'll just get straight to the point of what I want to say.

There are too many students that take their college education for granted. As college students, we have been given an opportunity to continue our education after high school to obtain a degree.

This is a luxury not many people get to have, so why take this gift for granted by skipping classes because you were too tired or complaining about all the homework you have to do?

Honestly, if there is no family emergency or life crisis in your life and you live on campus, you don't have a reason to skip.

Eastern's campus is so small, so why not just get up and walk the less than a quarter mile from your dorm to class?

To give you more motivation to go to class, let's break down the cost of a college class.

Eastern's tuition for in-state students is approximately \$8,550 for the 2015-16 academic year or \$4,275 for a semester. If you have a class that meets up twice a week for 16 weeks, you have 32 total meetings.

If you have five classes that are like this then you meet up a total of 160 times a semester for all of your classes. Take \$4,275 and divide that by 160, and you get the answer of about \$26.72.

Every time you miss a class, you waste about \$27. You could do a lot of things with that like buy three Jimmy John sandwiches with tip, four movie tickets at the AMC Showplace Mattoon 10 or about 100 cups of Ramen.

But instead you choose to stay in bed because you don't want to go to class. You already paid to go, so why not just go?

Then there are students who go to class, but complain about all the work they have to do.

Everyone has to do the work in class, so complaining about something that is meant to help you grasp a concept of the class is going to do nothing. People should not get special privileges because they cannot handle the work load.

If you think all of your classwork right now is too much, then life after graduation will most likely be more stressful for you.

Everything that happens in our academic college careers is meant to help us. Nothing is unimportant or taught without a reason.

There are students who will probably read this and think everything I have said so far is dumb, and I'll argue that you are students who probably don't take your education as seriously as you should.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported in 2015 that 68.4 percent of high school graduates attend college or a university the following fall after graduation.

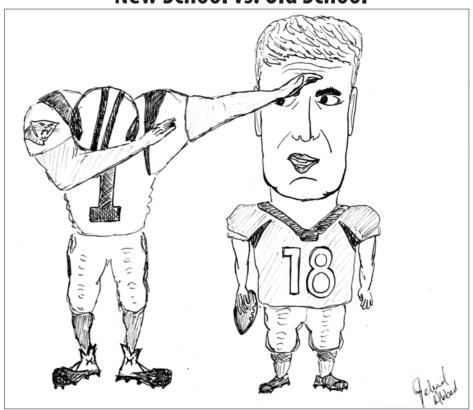
Be thankful to be part of that 68.4 percent that gets to continue your education immediately after high school.

Stop complaining about the work and go to class.

Almost 8,000 students have to do it every day on this campus.

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New School vs. Old School



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Staff Editorial

Celebrate African-American Heritage Month

February is not just another month. Monday was the start of African-American Heritage Month, and...

The month began as week in 1915 known as National Negro History Week.

The week was dedicated to promoting achievements made by African Americans.

The reason the month of February was chosen is to coincide with birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass.

According to History.com, the event inspired communities around the country to organize celebrations, host lectures and create history clubs.

By the 1960s, the week evolved into a month thanks to help of the Civil Rights Movement and growing awareness for African-American history.

African-American Heritage Month has been part of our history for more than 100 years now, and while the history should be celebrated every month, everyone should take the

month to learn more about why it is celebrated and the history.

In Monday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, the article titled "African-American Heritage Month events begin," said there are events planned throughout the month of February with events taking place almost every day during the month.

The theme this year is "Black Awakening," and Yolanda Williams, a gateway adviser and the African-American Heritage Month chair, said the theme is meant to show awareness of what is occurring around the world with people of color.

The events are not exclusively planned for just the African-American students.

Like Williams said in the article, the month is planned to celebrate a heritage, and people of all backgrounds can attend.

A calendar of events can be found on *The News*' website.

Actually take the time to attend the events

if you have free time.

The events are being put together for a reason, and they are to celebrate a heritage.

Take the time to learn about a culture that you may not know much about.

Learn and celebrate the rich traditions of African Americans.

Learn about the misrepresentations and misunderstandings of the culture.

Also remember that February is not just the month to exclusively learn about African-American heritage.

Learning about another heritage can happen in any month of the year, not just February.

African-American Heritage Month allows us as a society to be open as we embrace the past.

Be aware of what happened in the past, and be aware of what is happening now.

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

You don't need a date on Valentine's Day

I would like to first put this disclaimer here: I don't hate romantic relationships.

Now, having said that, what I do hate is Valentine's Day.

No, I am not bitter, and I am not lonely. Between working for *The Daily Eastern News*, being president for the Swordfighters Guild and having a social life, I am anything but lonely.

What I am, though, is sick and tired of hearing people complain about how they cannot celebrate because they do not have anyone to share Valentine's Day with due to the lack of a romantic partner or a partner of any sort.

Wrong! (If you feel this way, well you can have your own opinion but hear me out.)

My best Valentine's Day was when my mother got me a teddy bear back when I was 12, and I think she got me some candy as well.

That was special to me because I was having a rough day (a very rough day).

I believe we celebrated Valentine's Day at school, and since I was not popular, I don't think I got any valentine's cards that day. So it was exciting to see my mom get me a teddy bear (I named it Owen), and I felt special.

My worst Valentine's Day was when I was still engaged (I'll spare the details), but I went all out, the whole nine yards: dress,



Liz Dowell

heals, everything.

My "oh so loving" boyfriend at the time looked at me, walked upstairs and fell asleep.

I'm not kidding. That's what happened. So I ordered a pizza and ate in my dress and called my best girlfriend.

Anyway, after having said all that, my point is there are a lot of different ways to celebrate Valentine's Day.

My best friend from high school and I trade cards that we make saying "Happy Dead Valentine's Day," not because we hate it, but because we are weird and we built our relationship out of weirdness.

So by passing cards that's a way for us to celebrate our relationship.

This year, my friend and I decided to invite our other male single friend to hangout and watch "The Walking Dead."

My point is you do not need to be in a serious or in a romantic relationship to celebrate Valentine's Day.

I just do not like those couples that wait until a corporate holiday to share sweet things with each other.

You should not be waiting for a corporate holiday to express your love to your partner.

For that matter do not wait until a corporate holiday to tell the person you have feelings for that you like them.

Grow a back bone and just tell them. Invite them to coffee, a movie or a walk in the park.

It could be anything. Just don't wait for Valentine's Day.
Why wait a month when you could be

having fun now?

But either way, there is a bunch of ways

But either way, there is a bunch of ways to celebrate Valentine's Day.

Quite honestly if I was in a relationship on Valentine's Day and they didn't like "The Walking Dead," I'm ditching them for my friends.

Daryl Dixon has my heart.

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Witt said although students do not always attend campus events, she hopes they will realize the importance of the budget issue.

She said even seniors graduating soon should recognize the significance of funding Eastern's future.

Klipp said another goal of the rally is to get the attention of other schools like Western Illinois University, Chicago State University, Northeastern Illinois University and the University of Illinois and prompt them to start their own rallies and continue with the "Fund our Future" campaign.

She said the point of having the rally on campus was to promote a sense of camaraderie between the city and Eastern.

"Eastern's budget problem isn't just about faculty losing their jobs," Klipp said. "They have families, and those families live here; this town will suffer greatly without EIU, so we wanted to show that we're in it together."

Klipp said past appeals directly to the legislature have gone unheard.

"There was a student action day just a couple of months ago, and there were tons of students there; they even made their way into the House chambers, and they didn't listen," she said. "I'm not sure what it's going to take to get them to listen; maybe we all need to start banding together at the same time."

Other than spurring an appropriations bill or at least a roundtable discussion from the legislature, Klipp said her hopes are that students take the reigns of the movement and run with it.

"I'm hoping they'll go to Springfield," she said. "Who knows, maybe spend their spring break in tents outside the Capitol Building."

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Sunny Stroll



JOSH SAXTON | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Eric Hiltner, a Charleston resident, walks his dog Harlan Pepper, a 1-year-old Pit Bull mix, past Buzzard Hall on Monday.

Senate to hear budget concerns, answer questions

By Analicia Haynes

Administration Editor | @Haynes1943

President David Glassman and Blair Lord, vice president for academic affairs will address the ongoing budget crisis and answer questions 2 p.m. Tuesday in room 4440 of Booth Library at the Faculty Senate meeting.

President Glassman said he will be discussing the possible layoffs and furlough days as well.

Charles Wharram said the Faculty Senate will listen to what the president would like to suggest and offer feedback.

Wharram said there is a binding contract between

the union and the administration with regard to faculty and staff.

Though he cannot speak for the civil service, Wharram said there cannot be furlough days that are individually demanded without a certain number of things happening first

"Basically, what it all amounts to in the end is that unless the union agrees to have furlough days, there can't be any," Wharram said. "So there would be a vote of the collective bargaining unit to decide whether or not we will do furlough days."

The Faculty Senate would

have no say in the vote but if members wanted to offer suggestions to President Glassman they could if they wanted, Wharram said.

"Our job is to listen to what the president would like to suggest and give him feedback," Wharram said.

Possible questions that the President will address include the logistics on how the situation will be figured out and what the "domino effect" would be if the faculty decides to take furlough

days.

"How much revenue would that put back into the presidents' budget so that he doesn't have to lay off peo-

ple?" Wharram said. "Because really at the end of the day that would be why faculty would be taking furlough days, so that other people wouldn't be laid off."

Other possible questions include how furlough days would work for faculty who are teaching five days a week and what would the result would be of giving up one furlough day in terms of how many days it would be per month, Wharram said.

"Do you just furlough times of the day when you're not working or do you just have to say a class is given up?," Wharram said. "How does that work out?" Wharram said the furlough days would amount to a voluntary pay cut.

"We don't want other people to get laid off, we don't want the services of the university to suffer and we don't want to see our classes diminished," Wharram said. Wharram said President

and what he is doing is emergency planning.
"I don't think the presi-

Glassman's hand is forced

dent wanted to do any of this stuff," Wharram said. English professor Jeannie

Ludlow said the situation at hand was bad to begin with.
"My bottom line is there is

one bad guy in this story and

it is our governor," Ludlow said. "I believe that he is trying to starve Illinois students of higher education."

Wharram said the strategy being used is cutting off the universities' money so it will force the union to do things they do not want to do.

"That's called blackmail," Wharram said. "What really gets under my skin is those kinds of questions (of collective bargaining and rights) are going to be negotiated using this kind of hostage taking method."

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Come back tomorrow to get the scoop on what's happening at EIU and in Charleston!

Conference Call



Martina Austin, a senior health studies major, speaks about what she feels makes a Miss Black EIU during the Miss Black EIU press conference on Monday in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The New York Times Crossword

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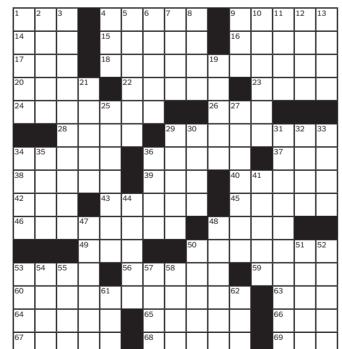
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Sophomore Matt Jacobs swims the men's 200-yard individual medley against Western Jan. 16 at Padovan Pool. Jacobs took second place with a time of 2:03.51

Eastern swim teams finish regular season

By Sean Hastings

Sports Editor @DEN_Sports

The regular season is over for the Eastern men's and women's swim teams, and they now prepare for the Summit League Conference meet Feb. 17-20.

The women finished with a 5-6 record overall and the men finished 1-8 overall.

While the records may not show it, the Panthers were swimming much faster this year than years past.

This season included many personal bests, and first career wins and contributions from freshmen to seniors.

The men have a very young roster this year.

_ The young swimmers have shown on multiple occasions that the future is bright for the squad.

There were only three seniors and three juniors on the roster with eight dividual win.

freshmen

Seniors Kyle Ruckert, Jake Roberts, and Dylan Ferguson have led the Panther's young roster this season.

The three have been close friends since their freshman season.

Ruckert and Roberts both swim

the distance events.

They push each other to get better,

Ruckert said.

Ruckert has a top time of 10:26.22 in the 1000-yard freestyle, and Rob-

erts has an in season best of 10:15.90. While the seniors have been posting fast times, the freshman have also had strong starts to their respective ca-

In the team's most recent meet, freshman Jason Manning dropped nine seconds in the 500-yard freestyle relay from his previous best time.

The week before, freshman Nicholas Harkins earned his first career inHarkins took first in the 200-yard individual medley, and then took second place over the weekend losing by less than a second.

Freshman Alex Laleian earned a first place finish in the men's 200-yard butterfly with a time of 2:01.39 back on Nov. 7 when the Panthers hosted and defeated Valparaiso on both the men's and women's sides.

The women on the other hand, have a more experienced team with seven seniors on the roster and just four freshmen.

But, just like the men, have had contributions from all levels.

Senior Kaylee Morris was arguably the most consistent swimmer for the women as she won all but one 50yard freestyle event in which she comneted

She won all but two 100-yard freestyle events that she was in.

Her in season best time for the 50-

yard freestyle is 24.44 seconds.

Her time of 52.45 seconds in the 100-yard freestyle at the House of Champions is an in-season best.

Morris holds the school record in both the 50 and 100-yard freestyle.

She set both records last year.

Freshman Lauren Oostman has also seen her fair share of first place finishes this year.

Oostman swims the 100 and 200-yard backstroke events.

She has also seen time in the 500-yard freestyle.

Oostman swam an in season best time of 59.68 seconds in the 100-yard backstroke at the House of Champions meet.

She also posted an in season best time of 2:05.95.

She is just two seconds shy of breaking the 200-yard backstroke record and three seconds shy of the 100-yard backstroke record.

Former Panther Amy Smith, who was a freshman at the time, currently holds both records.

Oostman said at the beginning of the year that breaking both records were goals of hers. The Panthers have just the Summit

League Conference meet remaining on the schedule. Eastern's main focus all season is on

the conference meet.
Indiana-Purdue University India-

napolis will host the meet Feb. 17-20. The men and women both took

last place in last year's conference meet. However, both men and women are swimming much faster in their respective events so it will be interesting

to see how things play out this year.

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Men's tennis team falls in 3rd-straight loss

By Tyler McCluskey Staff Reporter | @Den_Sports

The Eastern Illinois men's tennis team lost its third straight match on Saturday against the Northern Illinois Huskies, 5-2.

Senior Robert Skolik, at the number one spot, won in straight sets 6-0, 6-4, over NIU's Carlos Manzanas,

Senior Ryan Henderson, in the number two spot, defeated Tom Hjertonsson 6-3, 6-0.

"They both took control from the onset and were relentless until they closed out the matches. Rob is really starting to find his form and gain confidence, and Ryan continues to play well as he has in our first 3 matches," coach Sam Kercheval said.

For the Panthers, senior Jacob Wendell and sophomore Jared Woodson both made their first appearances of the season.

Wendell, playing at the number six spot on short notice, lost to NIU's Erich Schuette 6-1, 6-1 only playing in singles.

Woodson paired up with sophomore Grant Reiman in doubles.

They lost, 6-3 to NIU's Schuette and Austin Russell, 6-3.

Both Woodson and Wendell came off of injuries and have been limited in practice.

Sophomore Trent Reiman was out with an injury.

"From the beginning, we have always said that at some point, we will need every one of the guys to step in

and compete whenever they are called upon," Kercheval said. "This was a time we needed some other guys to step up."

Senior Rui Silva lost to NIU's Georg Lundkvist 6-2, 6-1.

Kevin Daun defeated Reiman 6-3, 6-1.

Freshman Ognjen Jevtic lost 6-3, 6-0 to Russell.

"We play with the strategy we have worked on in practice and look to implement it in matches," Kercheval said. "Some of the things in practice came through during our match with NIU, but we need to continue to work on being able to execute those against any type of player."

The Panthers were swept in doubles play by the Huskies.

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-Sam Kercheval, head tennis coach

Jevtic and Henderson lost 6-4 to Manzanas and Hjertonsson.

Silva and Skolik lost to Daun and Lundkvist, 6-4.

The Panthers are looking at the positives from the match against NIU.

"Robert and Ryan finding their rhythm in singles and our doubles

play continuing to get better are important things going forward," Kercheval said.

The Panthers will travel to Champaign Friday to take on Western Illinois at the Champaign Park District.

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Men's basketball team wins 4th straight

By Maher Kawash Staff Reporter | @DEN_Sports

The Eastern men's basketball team put up a season high 101 points en route to its fourth straight win.

The Panthers 101-59 victory improved their record to 10-13 on the season, as well as the team's fourth straight victory in Lantz

Eastern is now 7-3 at home, and will play four of its last six games in Lantz Arena.

Although Eastern finished with a 42 point win, the Panthers got off to a slow start in the game.

The Panthers trailed for the first three minutes of the game before going on a 10-2 run to take the lead.

"Those guys can really shoot, and we probably allowed them to run too much of their offense early on," Eastern coach Jay Spoonhour said.

With four straight wins now, the Panthers seem to be clicking on all cylinders with just six games remaining in the season.

"We are playing pretty well by doing the things we are supposed to be doing," Spoonhour said.

The Panthers got a strong showing from a few players as junior Demetrius McReynolds led the way for Eastern.

In just 19 minutes played, McReynolds scored 22 points while snagging eight rebounds to lead EIU to the win.

"Good things happen when you work like McReynolds does, and he works on his craft all the time," Spoonhour said.

Juniors A.J. Riley and Anthony Johnson also scored 14 points each in the victory.

Eastern's 101 points scored was the team's highest point total since



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Junior guard Demetrius McReynolds was the leading scorer with 22 points in the Panthers' 101-59 win against St. Ambrose Monday in Lantz Arena.

December 22, 2009.

With the Panthers leading by 20 points at the beginning of the second half, guys like Johnson had some extra playing time.

Johnson's 14 points was good for a career high, and came out five of six shooting from the field.

"I just try to stay ready at all times, and my teammates always give me confidence when I get in the game," Johnson said.

After averaging just eight minutes played per game, Johnson stepped up in the second half for the Panthers in his 17 minutes

The Panthers shot 56 percent from the field in the game, while most of their success came in the second half when they shot 63 percent.

Eastern was also able to win the battle in the paint as the team outscored St. Ambrose 41-26 under the basket.

Rebounds also proved to be an important part of the win as the Panthers topped the Bees 46-36 on the boards.

While Eastern continued to score on offense, they also limited the Fighting Bees to shoot just 32 percent in the game.

The Panthers will now turn their focus to the next game against Southeast Missouri on Sat-

Eastern has positioned itself well enough to finish the season strong, as the Panthers sit atop the OVC West at 6-4.

The Panthers will look to improve on that when they tip-off at 11a.m. Saturday against SEMO.

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Track, field teams set records at Indiana

By Mark Shanahan

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The track and field teams had many top ten finishes during the two days of the Indiana Relays.

On the first day, two records were broken, and there were 13 top ten finishes.

Sophomore Haleigh Knapp, who broke the school record at the EIU Early Bird, broke the record again in the women's high jump Friday night.

She broke the record this time with her leap of 5'11.25" which is currently 10th best in women's NCAA Division I.

Knapp was proud of how the teams performed last weekend.

"There were a lot of personal records and I'd say the team did pretty well," she said. "We can always keep working and keep getting better, but I think the team as a whole did well."

Senior Dhiaa Dean also broke her own record in the women's 600-meter run. She finished in third place with her time of 1:32.91.

Senior Janie Howse moved up the Eastern record books in the shot put with her toss of 46'09". She is now ninth all time and it is currently the second best in the OVC.

Amina Jackson and Quincy Knolhoff also had top ten finishes for the women in the 600-meter and the 5000-meter races.

Iackson finished with a time of 1:36.21, and Knolhoff finished with a time of 18:43.42. For the men, seniors Eric Gordon

and Calvin Edwards each posted top five finishes and had new season best marks. Gordon finished in third place in

the pole vault, and Edwards placed fourth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 21.85 seconds. Sophomore Davion McManis

and junior Jonathon Boey also had top ten finishes for the men.

McManis' leap in the long jump was the ninth furthest distance in the contest. Boey finished 10th in the 200-meter dash.

On the second day, Boey outraced the competition as he finished first in the 60-meter dash with a time of 6.88 seconds.

Junior Riley McInerney finished 10th in the mile run with a time of 4:11.61.

Freshman Ashton Wilson had a new season best mark in the men's high jump and is currently second best in the OVC.

For the women, on the second day, senior Amy Yeoman had her indoor best time in the 800-meter

Her time of 2:13.52 moved her up to seventh place in the Eastern



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Senior sprinter Briana Walker competes during the John Craft Invite on Saturday.

record books.

Junior Anita Saffa finished sixth in the 60-meter dash with a time of

The 4x400-meter relay team of Jackson, Dean, Darneisha Spann and Cassidy Strohl finished in eighth place with their time of events.

That was the team's new season best time and it is the fourth best in the conference.

Eastern ended up with 20 top ten finishes total in the weekend's

They will travel to Notre Dame next weekend for the Notre Dame Meyo invitational.

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