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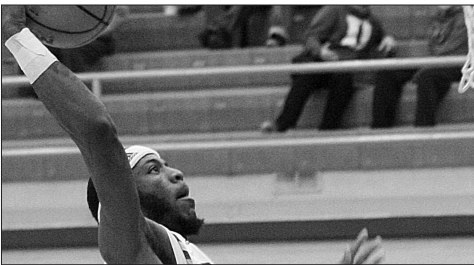
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The athletic department is looking for new people to be Eastern mascot Billy the Panther

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Beibei Liu (left), a senior marketing major, and Zhiyao Hou, a freshman, talk with their friends while painting rocks at the Rock Painting Party in Buzzard Hall Thursday evening. This event was coordinated to bring awareness to the special education department.



Kaitlin O'Hern, a junior special education major, laughs with her friends at the Rock Painting Party in Buzzard Hall.



Unnati Patem, a freshman management major, talks with her friend at the Rock Painting Party in Buzzard Hall Thursday afternoon.

'Charleston Rocks' comes to Buzzard

By: Bailey Flesner
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Colorful, hand-painted rocks can be found all over the community because of "Charleston Rocks."

Emily Fitzpatrick, a junior early childhood education major and member of Sigma Rho Epsilon, said people find the rocks and then post them on the Charleston Rocks Facebook page.

"(People) re-hide (the rocks) for you," she said. "Going to the Facebook page is also a good way to get ideas of where to hide your rock or possibly even find one."

This new activity was brought to Buzzard Thursday evening by Sigma Rho Epsilon, when people came to the building to paint rocks supplied by the organization.

Sigma Rho Epsilon is an honors special education fraternity. This is the first time they have hosted a Charleston Rocks event.

"The people painting the rocks are encouraged to put uplifting quotes on them, or a link to a website," Fitzpatrick said. "We are just really trying to get special education awareness out in Charleston. It is a good way to communicate with people in the Mattoon and Charleston area, as well as Eastern about special education."

People of all ages can participate in Charleston Rocks.

Rocks can be found all over the Charleston and Mattoon area, but this is not the only place in the country that participates in painted rock events.

Special education professor Stephanie Woodley, the faculty adviser for Sigma Rho Epsilon, said her family went to Florida for spring break last year and they also did a painted rock activity.

"I had never heard of it. My mother-in-law saved an article the local paper wrote about it to give it to me so we could look for rocks around where we staying," Woodley said.

Woodley said Charleston Rocks is meant to bring the campus community and Charleston and Mattoon communities together.

"I think it is mostly just to put a smile on someone's face. It's kind of like a little scavenger hunt for everyone," Fitzpatrick said. "When you find one it makes you feel a part of the whole thing. I know someone who found a rock at Wal-mart the other day and took a picture of it on the shelf, posted it to the Facebook and hid it again for someone else."

Fitzpatrick said everyone with an Eastern email was notified of the rock-painting event.

"Turnout was a lot higher than we expected, so we are really happy about that," she said.

Sigma Rho Epsilon hosts projects for new members every semester and decided to go with this event to unify all of the education majors.

"We try to change it up every semester, but if this continues to be a highly popular thing we could see ourselves hosting something like this again," Fitzpatrick said.

Michael Gordon, a freshman psychology major, said he heard about the event from a friend who majors in special education.

"I would definitely go again," Gordon said. "I had heard about Charleston Rocks before but I didn't know exactly what it was until I came to this event. It was a really good time."

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Geology/ geography keeps up despite challenges

By Brooke Schwartz
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A lack of faculty members has left the geology and geography department with some challenges, but they have been working on keeping the program up-to-date, according to Diane Burns, chair of the geology and geography department.

Burns presented her programs' evolution over the past couple of years to the Council on Academic Affairs.

Both programs are short faculty members, but geology only has one full-time faculty member. As Burns is a chair, she has a half-time load. The other geology faculty member is half-time as well, because she also works as a teacher co-ordinator.

Two former geology faculty members left a week before the start of the semester.

Burns said the remaining faculty members are trying to make the best out of the time they have.

"We need to make sure that we can still deliver a good program with a very few number of faculty," she said.

Both programs have seen ups and downs with enrollment, but Burns said that while the overall campus enrollment was down 5 percent, the geology program was up 3 percent.

Before the budget impasse, the geography department was able to update and renovate their labs, which along with the faculty and the material, has led to the program being ranked second out of the seven geography programs in Illinois, Burns said.

Burns said the goal of the program, and of geology in general, is to help students in their respective areas to make a better and cleaner future.

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Daylight Saving Time ends soon

Staff Report | @DEN_News

The beginning of a new season means that it is time to 'fall back' as daylight saving time ends 2 a.m. Sunday.

Clocks will need to be set back an hour.

Daylight saving is observed in about 70 countries, including many in North America and Europe, according to USA Today.


In the article, it stated that the U.S. began daylight saving during World War I as a way to conserve fuel with the Standard Time Act of 1918.

Daylight saving will return Sunday, March 11, 2018.

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Federal Reserve chairman nominated by president

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump tapped Jerome Powell on Thursday to replace Janet Yellen as Federal Reserve chair when her term ends in February, choosing a moderate member of the Fed's board who has backed Yellen's cautious approach to interest rate hikes.

Powell, 64, is seen as a safe pick whose selection will likely assure investors hoping for continuity at the central bank. Some analysts see Powell, though, as more inclined than Yellen to ease financial regulations and possibly to favor a faster pace of rate increases.

Trump made the announcement in a Rose Garden ceremony with Powell standing beside him. He said Powell had earned the "respect and admiration of his colleagues" in his five years on the Fed's board.

The president also praised Yellen, the first woman to lead the Fed, whom he decided not to nominate for a second term. He called her a "wonderful woman who has done a terrific job." In a departure from previous announcements of

new Fed chairs, Yellen was not in attendance Thursday.

Powell himself said it had been a privilege to serve under Yellen and her predecessor, Ben Bernanke, and said he'd do all he could to meet the Fed's dual mandates of stable prices and maximum employment.

Sung Won Sohn, an economics professor at California State University-Chanel Islands, suggested that the new chair would likely deviate little from Yellen's policy leadership if the economy performs as expected.

If confirmed by the Senate, Powell would become chairman when Yellen's term ends Feb. 3.

Unlike the past three Fed leaders, Powell lacks a Ph.D. in economics and spent years working at investment firms. In choosing him, Trump decided against offering another term to Yellen despite widespread approval for her performance. The Yellen Fed and its go-slow approach to rate hikes have been credited with helping nurture the continued recovery from the

Great Recession. Now, she will become the first Fed leader in decades not to be offered a second term after completing a first.

Conservative Republicans, who have complained that the Fed has grown too independently powerful, praised the selection. Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell pledged quick consideration of Powell's nomination and said the nation needs "a more transparent and accountable Fed."

Democrats expressed discontent that Yellen hadn't been given a second term.

"Janet Yellen has been one of the most successful Fed chairs in history, and she deserved to be re-nominated," said Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts.

Trump acknowledged in a recent TV interview that his decision on a Fed chair might have less to do with Yellen's performance than with wanting to impose his own stamp on the Fed.

Though Yellen's term as Fed chair ends Feb. 3, her term on the board lasts until 2024. She hasn't said whether she plans to remain on the board.

UIS makes safety improvements in auditorium

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — A report says safety corrections have been made at a University of Illinois Springfield auditorium after one concert patron was hurt and another died from a fall earlier this year.

The safety report commissioned by the university says unspecified steps have been taken at Sangamon Auditorium to prevent a recurrence. It also says that the 2,000-seat performance venue needs to improve its hazard-reporting process and training of employees on safety policies for the protection of workers and the public.

"We are pleased to have received the Sangamon Auditorium Safety Audit, and we are carefully reviewing the report to assess any needed improvements," University spokesman Derek Schnapp said. "As we have noted before, the safety of our guests is a top priority, and the report confirms the auditorium is a safe facility. We're looking forward to another great season of outstanding performances."

Grey and Associates of Champaign conducted the study for \$5,000, The State Journal-Register reported.

Schnapp said damage settlements have also been finalized with the family of the man who died, John Kremitzki, 51, and the patron who was injured, Gregory Hoffman, 57.

Kremitzki fell through an opening near the auditorium's main stage during a break in a Pink Floyd tribute show in March. Hoffman was injured trying to help Kremitzki.

Kremitzki died the following day at a nearby hospital. An autopsy concluded he died from blunt force injuries to his abdomen. He also suffered fractures to his ribs, spine and pelvis, as well as a broken right leg.

Hoffman broke both of his legs and jaw. He was released from the hospital nine days after the incident.

Passports to indicate if holder is registered child sex offender

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's registered child sex offenders will now have to use passports identifying them for their past crimes when traveling overseas.

The State Department said Wednesday it would begin revoking passports of registered child sex offenders and will require them to apply for a new one that carries a "unique identifier" of their status. Those applying for a passport for the

first time will not be issued one without the identifier, which will be a notice printed inside the back cover of the passport book that reads: "The bearer was convicted of a sex offense against a minor, and is a covered sex offender pursuant to (U.S. law)."

The department said in a statement posted to its travel.state.gov website that registered child sex offenders will no longer

be issued smaller travel documents known as passport cards because they do not have enough room to fit the notice.

The changes come in response to last year's "International Megan's Law," which aims to curb child exploitation and child sex tourism, but also has been criticized by civil libertarians for being overly broad and targeting only one category of convicted felon.

New GOP tax bill would cut tax rates, breaks

WASHINGTON (AP) — With fanfare and a White House kickoff, House Republicans unfurled a broad tax-overhaul plan Thursday that would touch virtually all Americans and the economy's every corner, mingling sharply lower rates for corporations and reduced personal taxes for many with fewer deductions for home-buyers and families with steep medical bills.

The measure, which would be the most extensive rewrite of the nation's tax code in three decades, is the product of a party that faces increasing pressure to produce a marquee legislative

victory of some sort before next year's elections. GOP leaders touted the plan as a sparkplug for the economy and a boon to the middle class and christened it the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.

"We are working to give the American people a giant tax cut for Christmas," President Donald Trump said in the Oval Office. The measure, he said, "will also be tax reform, and it will create jobs."

It would also increase the national debt, a problem for some Republicans. And Democrats attacked the proposal as the GOP's latest bonanza for

the rich, with a phase-out of the inheritance tax and repeal of the alternative minimum tax on the highest earners — certain to help Trump and members of his family and Cabinet, among others.


Underscoring problems ahead, some Republicans from high-tax Northeastern states expressed opposition to the measure's elimination of the deduction for state and local income taxes. Senate Finance Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch of Utah called the House measure "a great starting point" but said it would be "somewhat miraculous" if its corpo-

rate tax rate reduction to 20 percent — a major Trump goal — survived. His panel plans to produce its own tax package in the coming days.

The House Republicans' plan, which took them months to craft in countless closed-door meetings, represents the first step in their effort to reverse what's been a politically disastrous year in Congress. Their drive to obliterate President Barack Obama's health care law crashed, and GOP lawmakers concede that if the tax measure collapses, their congressional majorities are at risk in next November's elections.

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Check out books, rent movies, and utilize study spaces.

New person needed to be Billy the Panther

By Madalyn Schoonover
Contributing Writer | @DEN_News
Eastern's Athletic Department is looking to hire a new person to be Billy the Panther for the upcoming athletic season.

They are hoping to fill the position by the start of next week. There are currently two students who take on the role, but with a busy sports season starting soon, along with the other events Billy participates in, they want to spread out the games evenly between three Billys to lighten the load.

"We're looking for someone that isn't afraid to stand out," said Trevor Bittenbender, the graduate assistant of marketing and contact for Panther Athletics. "The person needs to love to give as much as possible."

Bittenbender spent some time as Billy the Panther himself, and said that while he thinks of himself as an introvert, Billy helped him to open up to his more goofy sides, and gave him a behind-the-scenes look into the world of Eastern Athletics. He said that being Billy helped him to get his foot in the door of the athletic department and gave him

a better understanding of the way the events are organized.

"A mascot has to be willing to give it their all, but it comes naturally when you're being Billy," Bittenbender said.

So, what exactly does it take to be Billy the Panther?

According to Bittenbender, the main qualities necessary to be the best mascot include being outgoing, caring, humorous and having a genuine love for Eastern. "You'll be giving high fives, taking pictures with kids and playing pranks on fans," Bittenbender said.

Bittenbender said the perfect candidate must be willing to "give it their all."

Ryan Alderman, a senior exercise science and pre-med major, has also spent some time as Billy the Panther this year.

"You need to be someone who is laid back and knows how to have a little fun," he said. "Everybody loves a Billy who is interacting with the fans, playing games with them, pulling pranks, dancing around, giving hugs and high fives."

The perfect Billy candidate also needs to have



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Billy the Panther helps Mahmoud Almizal, an applied engineering and technology major and Luther Harris, a kinesiology and sports studies major, prepare for a presentation in Booth Library. Eastern's Athletic Department is currently seeking another person to be the mascot.

availability for sports games. Women's basketball kicks off on Nov. 3, with games taking place all the way into February.

"The best part about being Billy is doing some ridiculous thing and everybody laughing and having a good time because of it,"

Alderman said. "You won't find another job where you get paid to dance and have fun, so take advantage of it if you get the chance."

One of the current Billys will be graduating this year, so the student chosen to be the new Billy can stay on into the next school year.

Mascots receive \$8.25 an hour. Billys are also known to show up at other campus events, such as: admissions days, orientations, social media ads, recruitment activities and other Eastern-sponsored events.

"(Being Billy) doesn't feel like a job," Bittenbender

said.

Those interested in applying to be Billy the Panther can contact Bittenbender at tlbittenbender@eiu.edu for more information.

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'Next to Normal' musical to be presented at Doudna

By Alana Reinhardt
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Eastern's theatre arts department will give its audience a glimpse into the life of a family dealing with the effects of their mother's bipolar disorder in next week's musical production of "Next to Normal."

The rock musical also delves into the heavy topics of drug use, family loss and suicide.

These themes may seem deep for a rock musical setting, but Director Anne Thibault said her cast and crew are up for the challenge.

"I knew from directing the musical 'Dogfight' last year that we had extraordinary talent here, and we would be able to tackle this complex, hauntingly beautiful rock musical," Thibault said.

Thibault said "Next to Normal"

"'Next to Normal' is about mental illness, but it's also about family, belonging and the shifting nature of love. It's also about loss and how people face their lives after dealing with tragedy."

-Anne Thibault, director of "Next to Normal"

is one of the great American musicals of the past decade.

It won the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, an honor bestowed on very few musicals.

Thibault says there is more to the show than just its darker elements.

"'Next to Normal' is about mental illness, but it's also about family, belonging and the shifting nature of love," Thibault said. "It's also about loss and how people face their lives after dealing with tragedy."

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The show has six lead characters along with a chorus.

Frank Monier, who plays father and husband Dan Goodman, said "Next to Normal" has been one of his dream shows to work on because it is hard, interesting and a really lovely piece of art.

"This show has so many layers within it that it will almost be impossible not to be able to relate to a character on the stage," Monier said. "Whether it is dealing with

mental illness or just understanding what it's like to live in a dysfunctional family, everyone in the audience will be able to relate to something."

Monier said this show will be great for Eastern students because there are many people struggling with mental illness on and off campus.

"This show allows not only those who don't understand what living with mental illness is like to do so, but also allows for those struggling

with those realities to really connect and feel for others who struggle with them too," Monier said.

The show coincides with the Doudna Fine Arts Center's tenth anniversary, during which the fine arts department will present three shows about the art and act of memory.

Performances will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 8-11 and at 2 p.m. on Nov. 12.

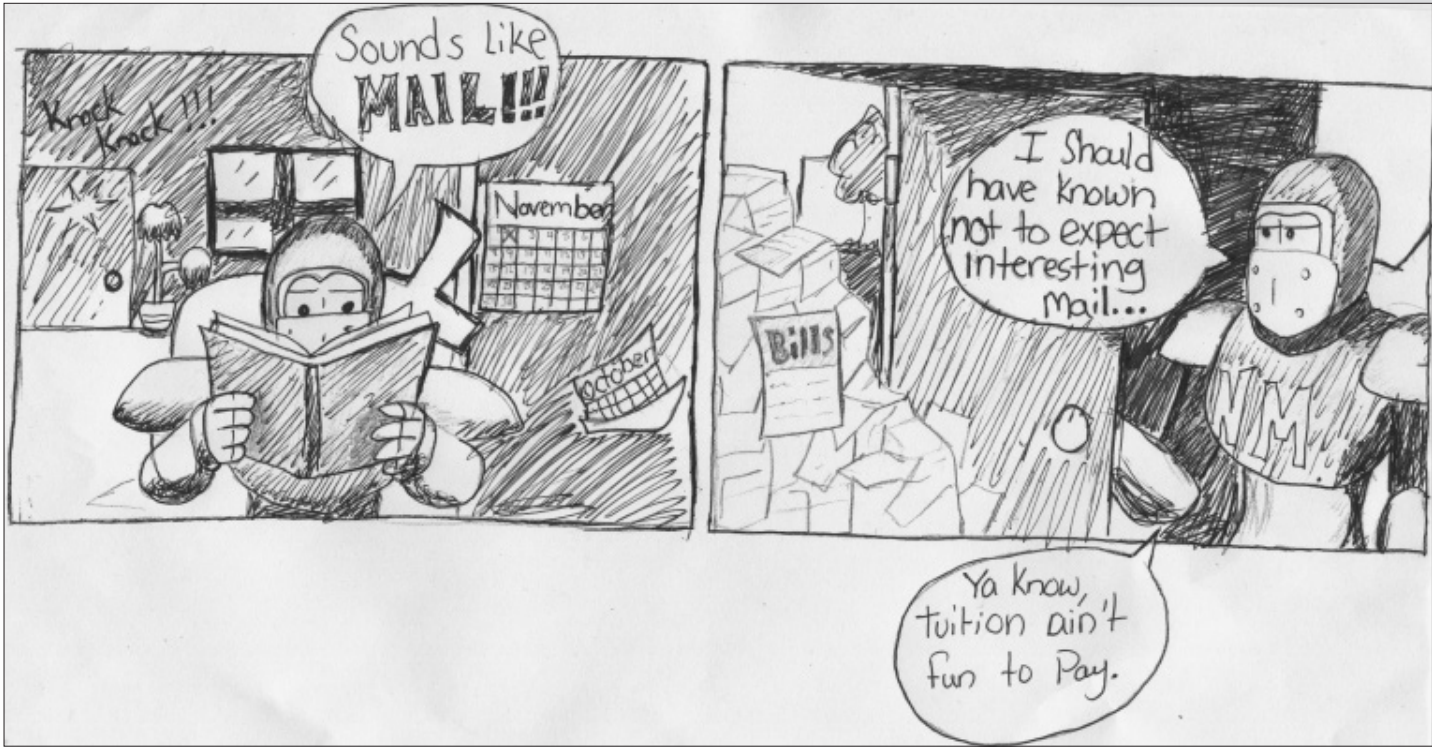
Tickets are \$13 for general admission, \$11 for Seniors and \$5 for students.

Reservations can be made by Doudna Fine Arts Center Box Office at 217-581-3110 or by emailing doudnatix@eiu.edu.

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Receiving mail: Expectations vs. reality



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Sean Says: Blackhawks are a good costume

Halloween is a time to go all out. And as a senior in college, I finally embraced the weekend and actually did this year.

In previous years, I just threw something together last minute and ended up basically just doing the bare minimum.

For this year's get-up, I needed serious commitment from not only myself, but my seven friends who planned on joining in on it.

I spent the last month or so growing out my facial hair to the point where it became scraggly and gross. It had never gotten that long before, but this was a serious weekend for us.

We were going to be the Blackhawks and I was headmaster coach Joel Quennville. I ended up shaving down to a mustache, but that was not enough.

I dyed my hair gray and dyed the 'stache gray as well. I even wore a suit. Not going to lie, I pulled off the old guy look.

But without my group, my "costume" is just some kid walking around dressed up in a suit, gray hair and a creepy gray mustache. It would have made no sense. Which is why the key to that night was that we stayed together, or I at least had to have three of the seven with me at all times.

We were committed.

It was the perfect costume idea among a



Sean Hastings

bunch of good friends. So shoutout to Andrew Shaw (Dan Howard), Patrick Sharp (Kyle Paulsen), Patrick Kane (Dwight Faber,) Patrick Kane part two (Kurt,) Jonathan Toews (Anthony), Niklas Hjalmarsson (Juan Sindac) and Jonathan Toews part two (Khalil Johnson).

Also, I have to give credit to the referees, Kelsey Jones and Sarah Gosciniak. Lots of bad calls, but they were vital to the operation.

Dying my hair gray with the special Halloween spray I got from CVS scared me, I am not going to lie.

Because my hair is way longer than Coach

Q's, I tied it back in a bun to make sure that it looked shorter than it was. Problem with that was that my hair hardened because of the spray, and I feared ripping my hair off my head.

Everything turned out A-OK in the end.

Like I said at the beginning, this took commitment from the top to bottom, and with Dan being a graduate, he made the trip to Eastern for the weekend. That may have been one of the best things for us.

We did not have enough jerseys here to supply the entire team, so he was able to stop at my house, pick up three extra jerseys and sticks for everyone.

The pictures were priceless. So priceless that when I submitted it to the Chicago Blackhawks Store for the Halloween costume contest, I was chosen as a winner and got an autographed puck.

I wish I could be Coach Q for one more night.

Who would have thought that going all out on Halloween would lead to a signed puck by a Blackhawk? Even if I was not going to get it, I would do it again in a heartbeat.

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Staff Editorial

Remember all of life's positives

As college students, it is easy to think we are 'broke.'

Many students, upon not being able to afford another cup of coffee at Starbucks or Java, or being able to afford the \$100 sweater they had their eye on, will roll their eyes and tell their friends "I'm so poor."

While there are, of course, students who do deal with food insecurity and have trouble making ends meet, there are some others who complain about being poor even though they really are not.

Not being able to get that caramel drizzle double shot frappa-mocha-latte is not the same thing as actually being in poverty.

We can all easily get in a rut by complaining about things like this, and not realizing that life is fleeting, and we need to make the most of the days we have.

That is why this November, as everyone gets ready for Thanksgiving, it is important to remember all the things we have that we are thankful for.

Yes, you might not be able to, but you are able to further your education. That is one thing you can be thankful for. Because of a multitude of reasons, some people do not get to have the same opportunity.

It is easy to grumble about yet another test, or assignment that we need to do. We at *The Daily Eastern News* are guilty of doing the same. However, this not only makes us seem ungrateful, but it also makes it easier to get in a frustrated mindset. Pretty soon, you are stuck in a rut of constant complaints and constant irritation, and forget to see all of the good the world has to offer. Though it might not seem like there is much these days, life goes on, even in the darkest days. There are always babies being born, or soulmates getting married. Society is getting more accepting, and we are able to communicate better than ever with the help of technology. There are definitely wide-scale and small-scale things to be happy and thankful for.

Even if it is something as small as just barely passing a test you knew you flunked, or getting to meet your friend for coffee for the first time in forever, there is always a reason to be grateful. While it is important to acknowledge, process and deal with negative feelings, little positive things are just as important to realize.

Do not let Thanksgiving, when your family goes around the table and names "one thing they are thankful for" be the only time you show gratitude this season. Instead, try to be grateful all year round.

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

Progress is a process; take health one step at a time

When I wake up in the morning feeling sleep deprived, my eyelids carry the same heaviness as my heart.

When my deafening alarm blares, I sink into a deep, suffocating sand. I do not face the day as a time of new opportunity. Iwnstead I face the question I often pose to myself: Why did I have to wake up today?

Then comes the battle of trying to rip myself from my coffin of slumber. Most days it is hard, and others I never got into bed to sleep in the first place.

Now, I am trying to live a more positive life after spending much of my time trying to convince myself I deserve to be happy.

Even though it is easier to give in to how I was feeling, I had to understand the weight I was carrying in the cliché statement, "It is OK to not be OK."

Sometimes trying to be happy is a fight. However, it is one worth being a part of so I do not go on to the path I was on before.

A year ago, I slipped the most. My rib cage was



Abbey Whittington

fighting to keep in the explosive emotions writhing within and somehow, I also felt empty.

I had never felt more alone in my life. Even though I had my friends and family, I was isolated by myself.

I screamed for help in notebooks and with razor blades that I thought could help replace the fingerprints of my abusers.

Nothing helped. Even if those moments of re-

lief came from harming myself, the blood and scars would always remind me that I let them define me. I was weak.

Toleration of these thoughts was no longer an option. There was no way to escape my skin that still does not feel like my own.

I ripped open my brown leather-bound notebook and I had a plan to take my life.

Running through each line with goodbyes and elaborating on why I wanted to leave felt like drowning.

My room was a blur because my eyes were flooded with saltwater. I felt like I was sinking again and I thought my lungs were going to burst.

I forgot how to breathe and I could not swim through whatever this was. It felt like there was no surface.

Letting go seemed so much easier than barely holding on.

It was a knock that made me stop writing. I quickly cleaned my wounds, closed my notebook and did my best to hide what was literally behind my closed door.

When I opened the door, no one was there. It must have been a floormate, or maybe I was hearing things.

As I closed the door, I realized I could breathe again because I was preparing myself to hide for an interaction.

After some deep breathing, I was able to review what I had written, and I felt like I was invading space even though it was my own.

My mind was in a dark, eerie place I hope I never return to.

Somehow a knock pulled me from myself, and I realized I treated my body as my abusers had.

Once I realized this, I tore out those pages, walked to an alley and took a lighter to my words.

I watched the warm orange and blue flames destroy the pages, and the ashes told me I could only get better one step at a time.

That fire was putting my first foot forward.

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“We deal with the earth, both sides, and we’ve got the past. We’re trying to shape the future by understanding the present and the past together,” she said.

The geology department has been able to get new equipment through government organizations that order a surplus of equipment and only charge shipping costs.

Burns said this helps the department better manage its resources. The two majors are “discovery majors” that students often do not discover on their own, she said. Instead, they find them through required general education classes.

Both programs have openings in future careers, with the need for careers in geographic information systems increasing 30 percent since 2014, and a shortage of 95,000 geology-related employees estimated for 2020, Burns said.

The geography department has been working to increase online classes to allow students to get a degree from a distance.

Also at the meeting, the sociology and anthropology department’s name was changed to sociology, anthropology and criminology, which according to the proposal is a change driven by the addition of the bachelor’s in criminology, which was added to the curriculum this fall.

The last item for discussion was a request of the CAA to better define interdisciplinary majors and how one should go about updating or changing programs that span across multiple departments.

The concern for committee members is that the way it is now, a faculty member could change a program that might affect another department without talking with that department or notifying them.

CAA bylines state that if a program update involves another college, the department proposing the changes must go through the dean of the other college, the chair of the specific department and the department’s curriculum chair.

Many CAA members brought up that this policy had not been enforced for some time, and that it might not be specific enough to include majors and minors.

The discussion was tabled, with geography co-director Barry Kronenfeld offering to write up a potential byline that would address these concerns.

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A group of students laugh before playing “Survival Bingo” in Pemberton Hall’s Great Room Thursday.

Students win, learn at bingo

By Travis Moody
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Tensions were high as students competed against each other during Survival Bingo Thursday night in Pemberton Hall.

Members of the Academic Initiative and Retention committee read ways to improve study habits between every few numbers during the game.

Lee May, a member of the AIR committee, said Survival Bingo was a great way for them to address the issues they focus on most.

“The main benefit is that bingo’s a good, lighthearted, fun thing to do to take your mind off the woes and worries of school,” May said.

Some of the study tips advised students to visit professors during office hours, take a five-minute break every 30 minutes and listen to the proper music while studying.

“Everyone listens to music when they study, but not everyone is making sure they’re listening to appropriate music to

increase cognitive development,” May said.

Music should be instrumental, a low volume and have a tempo near 60 bpm.

Another study tip suggested students to study in a group, saying “teamwork makes the dream work.”

Christyna De Lude, a sophomore psychology major, said she was excited to win the holiday beverage prize basket, which included mugs, hot chocolate and marshmallows.

“I usually never win anything, so this was really nice,” De Lude said.

Avery Norris, a sophomore foreign languages major, said she thought Survival Bingo would be a fun activity to do on her birthday, which was Thursday.

“I ended up winning, and I chose the spa basket because I need the opportunity to relax,” Norris said.

Norris said as she got closer to getting her winning bingo, she could feel the tension building.

Allison Koch, a senior kinesiology and sports studies major, and Ashley Ker-

sten, a senior family and consumer sciences major, both won the last round of bingo and split the prize basket between themselves.

“We came together as friends, so we figured it would be easier for both of us to split (the prize),” Koch said.

Kersten said before they won, it was intense because they both had multiple cards with only one or two empty spaces on them.

“At first we had to compete with another student in trivia because all three of us won at the same time,” Koch said. “She got the first one right, and we both got it wrong. It kind of worked out perfectly.”

May said students should not hesitate to go to activities on campus, and getting involved can help improve not only their social life, but their academic life as well.

“You might meet someone, or you might learn something new, like tonight,” May said.

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Jammin’ Out



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Gilliane Talavera and Alyana Robinson, both senior accounting majors, listen to music and play the guitar outside of Lumpkin Hall Thursday afternoon. Robinson said the two were “jamming out” and enjoying the nice weather.

The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0929

- ACROSS**

1 Sushi bar fish

4 English socialite Middleton

9 Slack-jawed

14 Zinger

15 Yo-yo

16 Contrail contents

17 They have tubes attached

18 Gabriel García Márquez called him “the greatest poet of the 20th century, in any language”

20 Male-or-female

22 Electrify

23 Stationary basketball attempt

26 Puny arms?

28 Takes off

30 Slightly fermented baked dish

31 Appropriate game
- 34 Type of property, in real-estate lingo

35 Streaming hiccups

37 Band of scouts

39 French 101 word or, with a different meaning, Spanish 101 word

40 Consequently

41 Sushi bar beverage, perhaps

43 M.M.A. stoppage

44 Parent company of Reebok

47 Image on many a rupee banknote

49 Grouper, for one

52 Greatly regret

54 Brand of fruit-flavored hard candy

56 “Call sometime”
- 59 Cable channel owned by NBCUniversal

60 Sharp

61 Burn a bit

62 Item that names a person holding it when its middle letter is removed

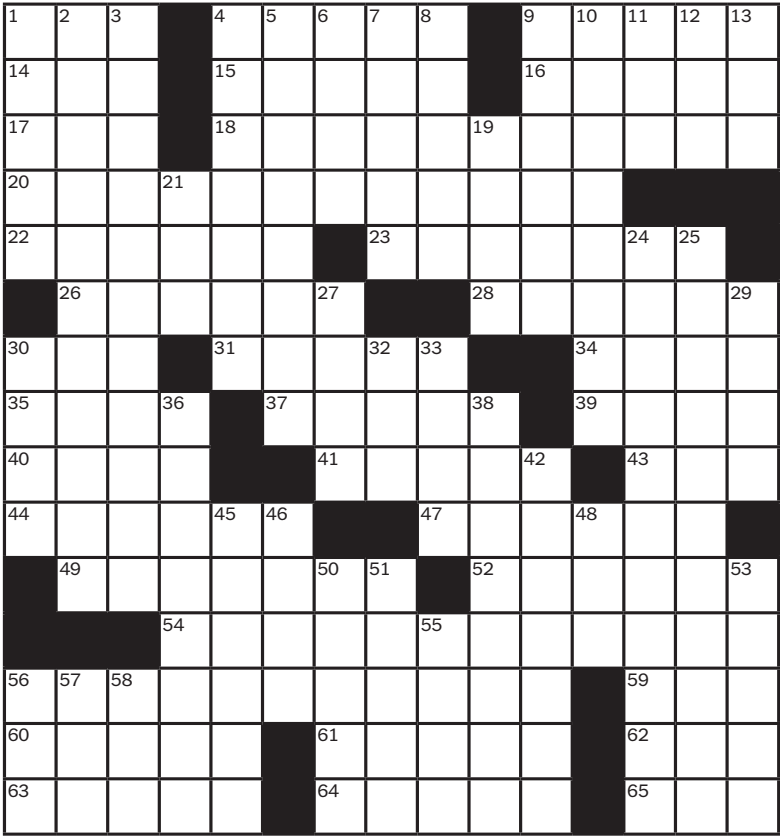
63 Math whizzes, stereotypically

64 Bill of 2015’s “Trainwreck”

65 University department, in course descriptions

DOWN

- 1 Female friend, to Felipe
- 2 Modern transports used while standing
- 3 “Nothing to get worked up about”
- 4 Interjects something
- 5 Words from the chickenhearted
- 6 ___ Xtra (Coca-Cola product)
- 7 Ancient Greek city-state
- 8 Make a right turn?
- 9 Opposed
- 10 Onetime presidential candidate with a divinity degree from Yale
- 11 “The Simpsons” character who claims he can recite pi to 40,000 places
- 12 Sheller’s discard



PUZZLE BY DAMON GULCZYNSKI

- 13 Baseball’s dead-ball ____

19 Like some monuments: Abbr.

21 Really liked

24 No longer struggling

25 Brain power like you can’t believe?

27 “Sweet love of my life,” in a 1976 Bob Dylan song
- 29 Fair

30 Prayer, e.g.

32 What’s not a sin in math class?

33 Judith of TV’s “Nashville”

36 Float fixer

38 Bone of the hand or foot

42 Lividly

45 Mushroom producers

46 Point of ____

48 Rap’s Run-____
- 50 Division indicator

51 Home to Raqqa

53 “30 Rock” character with the same first name as its actor

55 Peel

56 Silence

57 Home ____ advantage

58 Certain neckline

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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Football team with senior day Saturday

By Sean Hastings
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The Eastern football team will honor its 21 seniors Saturday for senior day before the Panthers' game with Eastern Kentucky.

This season has not gone in the direction the Panthers could have hoped or the way anyone would have thought.

For starters, the Panthers have been without their starting senior kicker since the warmups before the first game of the season. Nick Bruno injured his leg and has not kicked for Eastern this year.

And the bad luck continued for redshirt senior Mitch Kimble, who once again, was injured and missed a significant amount of time.

"I feel bad for Mitch because his last two seasons have really been ruined because of injury and he hasn't been able to show what he can truly do," coach Kim Dameron said.

Kimble, when he was healthy, showed that he was one of the top quarterbacks in the Ohio Valley Conference.

And senior day is meant to honor the contributions that he and his 20 senior teammates have made over their careers at Eastern.

Dameron said this group of guys have shaped the culture at Eastern.

"This senior class has done a great job of leading this football team," Dameron said. "This senior class is the reason we won so many games

early close. They just believe and they keep doing the little things the right way. They've showed really great leadership."

He said it is going to be sad to see them leave, but hopefully the Panthers have more than two games left.

Dameron noted that this group of seniors have been around for some big wins.

Last year, Eastern beat Miami-Ohio and Illinois State. They were 7-1 two years ago and made the playoffs.

"This senior class has done a lot," Dameron said.

The last two losses hurt the Panthers' chances of getting a playoff berth and their season can be over in three weeks.

Dameron said the Panthers have made too many mistakes this season.

"It's been that we have to keep the games close and win them close in the end," Dameron said. "The ones that we've let get away from us, the reason for that is mostly because of turnovers."

Eastern picked up four wins in a row to start its OVC portion of its schedule, but all came down to the last play.

Even Eastern's non-conference season opener against Indiana State came down to a Kimble touchdown pass to Dennis Turner with three seconds left in the game.

"We have to make sure we don't do things that prevent us from being successful," Dameron said.



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Joe Caputo attempts to sack Jacksonville State's quarterback in the Panthers' loss Oct. 21. Eastern hosts Eastern Kentucky this Saturday for senior day.

All season has made do with what it had, and has this as its final chance to play at O'Brien Field in front of the home fans this season. Eastern is 4-2 in OVC play and the Colonels are 3-3. Kickoff is set for 1 p.m. at O'Brien Field.

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Volleyball team has another tough road test

By Tom O'Connor
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At 6-6 on the season, the Panthers must secure, or otherwise surrender, admittance to postseason play.

Only the top eight teams in the standings obtain a ticket to the Ohio Valley Conference tournament in two weeks and the Eastern volleyball team, currently seventh among all opponents, will face three playoff hopefuls in a matter of two weeks.

The Panther volleyball team's aspirations might very well be contingent upon a matchup

against Belmont.

A year has passed since the two teams clashed against one another, a match in which the Panthers lost 3-1.

With the Panthers on the precipice of tournament play, the team must be on the same page. Coach Sam Wolinski rhapsodized over the Eastern volleyball team's cohesion, acknowledging the continuity she has witnessed throughout the season, and highlighting her players' skill at communicating.

"It's not just the same people over and over again," Wolinski said. "There are others, whether it is on the court or on the

bench that are all helping to maintain that energy and that constant communication that we need to be successful."

After 25 games, eight of them on the road, fatigue certainly has a means of imbedding itself into the team's psyche, especially since the Panthers play the remaining three matches on the road.

"It is that time of the year where you are worried about the number of jumps a lot of people are taking. You want to manage that fatigue factor," Wolinski said.

Wolinski said the Bruins tend to play an up tempo style of play and typically run a 5-1 system.

The Bruins can set off a flurry behind Arianna Person who, for the purposes of preparing for Saturday's match, will be on the Eastern volleyball team's radar. She has been the force behind the Bruins' offensive prowess, scoring enough points to be third in the OVC.

The Bruins bear dominance on the other end as well. As a defensive juggernaut, the Bruins hold a .176 opponent hitting percentage, the paradigm of defensive persistence.

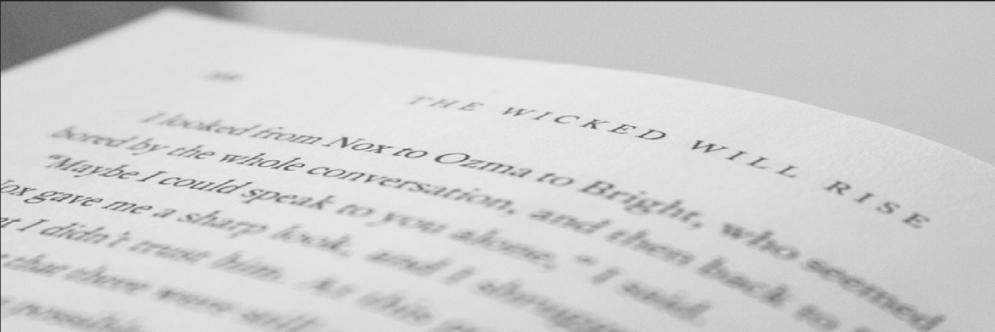
"We have seen them on film as a coaching staff so we will kind of get ready for them a little bit more on Thursday, but they have a great

outside hitter," Wolinski said.

Nevertheless, the Bruins struggle to close out sets down the stretch, as they have a record of 3-4 in matches that extend to a fifth set. The Panthers, by contrast, have not lost in such matches.

Eastern enters Saturday coming off a 3-0 loss to Southern Illinois Edwardsville, while Belmont came up short in four of the last five, losing to Tennessee State on Tuesday.

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Women's basketball hosts Indiana State

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When new Eastern women's basketball coach Matt Bollant heard the Panthers' men's team was hosting a game for charity against the University of Illinois on Friday, he knew he had to get in on the chance to raise money. He just needed to find an opponent.

Bollant gave a call to his former program at Illinois to see if the women's team would be willing to make the trip with the men's. Unfortunately, the answer was no, as the Illini had a game already scheduled with Marquette.

He then turned his attention to Western Illinois, which also was not sure if the potential scrimmage would work for it. It was then Bollant reached out to Indiana State, and the game he wanted came together.

"They said pretty much right away, 'yeah we can make it work,'" Bollant said.

Ticket sales from the game benefit hurricane relief efforts.

From a basketball perspective, the game gives Bollant and the team a good chance to learn about themselves and see if defensively they can play better against the Sycamores than they did last year.

"They gave up 88 points and lost 88-61 to Indiana State last year. Can we be different? They return five really good players, five of their top seven. So, I think Indiana State is going to have a great year. Can we compete, are we at that level yet?" Bollant said.

If there is one area of the game Indiana State can control, it is the frontcourt where the Sycamores feature a dangerous duo of two six-foot plus forwards with a knack for scoring and rebounding.

"I think they are going to come in really confident and they return their two best players who are seniors; Ashley Taia and Wendi Bibbins are really good basketball players and two players that are two of the better mid-major players in the country," Bollant said. "So, they're going to come in ready to go and excited for their senior year and anxious to show people that Indiana State is going to be a good basketball team this year."

That twosome make an interesting matchup for any opponent, as they can score from inside and spread the floor with perimeter shooting.



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Junior forward Halle Stull takes a jumpshot in the Panthers' loss to Southern Illinois Edwardsville Jan. 2017. The Panthers host Indiana State in an exhibition match.

Taia led the team with 12.1 points per game last season and 61 total assists. Where the 6-footer Taia really makes things tough on a rival's game plan is her ability to play the perimeter like a wing. Her hybrid style of play led her to lead Indiana State in three-pointers made last season with 57. Her 193 attempts from beyond the arc also led the team.

Bibbins presents a different challenge entirely. At 6-foot-2, she along with Eastern's Halle Stull will be the tallest player on the court. Bibbins averaged 10.2 points per game and was incredibly efficient from the field last season with a 48 percent field goal percentage. Her biggest

impact on the game is in the rebounding category where she had a team best 8.3 rebounds per game.

Bibbins provides an interesting element to the game, as Eastern's top rebounder from last season Erica Brown is gone, which makes it yet to be seen which players step into her role and counteract Bibbins in this exhibition match. Bollant is particularly looking for senior Jalisha Smith and sophomore Jennifer Nehls to fill the role.

"I think Jalisha (Smith) probably...will guard a post player because she did such a good job in our scrimmage and she is so active inside," Bollant said. "And then

we will mix up different people on Taia as well, but the biggest thing is whoever is guarding needs to try and take away their strengths."

Nehls is one player Bollant said has taken a leap forward since her debut season last year. As a freshman she battled inconsistency playing 18 minutes per game, averaging 5 points and 3.7 rebounds.

"If there is any player that has gotten better since I have gotten the job it's probably Jennifer Nehls," Bollant said. "She is just such a warrior and plays so hard and I think she is going to go from not having much of a role as a freshman to being one of our best players as a sophomore."

There is an added element of excitement to the game Eastern does not encounter often. Lantz Arena has sold out for Friday's games.

"When your first basketball game at EIU is a sellout, not very many people would believe that," Bollant said. "Obviously, it goes for a great cause and the Illinois men are a big part of that coming here, we understand that but we are going to have a great crowd in our game and its going to be exciting."

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Eastern, Illini to square off in sold-out game

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A Big 10 opponent, thousands of dollars raised for hurricane relief and a sold out Lantz Arena is what the men's basketball team's game with the University of Illinois brings to the table.

The game was scheduled just one week before game day with talks starting Oct. 24. It is an exhibition game for both teams, which gives Eastern a free look at a Big 10 opponent before starting its regular season on the road at Nebraska, another Big 10 team.

Friday's games, with the women playing before the men, are about raising money for hurricane victims.

Coach Jay Spoonhour said there is no drawback to playing this game and that everything that comes out of Friday is a good thing.

"This will be a really nice thing," Spoonhour said. "It's great for the local fans, local Illinois fans who get to see their team play, it's good for our fans, you get

to see Illinois (for the first time). That's pretty neat for how many years Eastern has been here."

The Panthers bring back a core group of players with four seniors leading the charge. Terrell Lewis is the longest standing Panther on the roster. Muusa Dama, Montell Goodwin and Ray Crossland all played their first year as Panthers in 2016-2017.

That team was not able to make the tournament, but a rejuvenated squad is ready to get the Panthers back to the tournament.

Eastern brought in a few key pieces to fill the gaps that Eastern had last year. The Panthers brought in players who are able to drive to the basket, and how Spoonhour wants it sometimes, getting fouled.

Lewis would drive last year, but he was not able to draw the fouls.

Eastern brought in guys who are able to do that, Spoonhour said.

The Panthers do have a string of shooters who can go off on any given night. Last year when the shooting was there, the Panthers were able to shoot out a win, but

the games where it was not, they did not have a driving game to fall back on.

Having both this season gives Eastern a different look. Eastern Kentucky's coach Dan McHale said Eastern might be the team to beat in the OVC.

The University of Illinois came away with a 20-15 record in 2016-2017 and an 8-10 record inside the Big 10.

The Illini have a new coach in Brad Underwood after he took the reigns of the program in March.

The women and Indiana State go head-to-head in their charity game 4 p.m.

The men's team and the University of Illinois have a tipoff time of 7 p.m.

The game sold out in just over 24 hours. The first 450 students wearing blue with a Panther Card will be let in.

The last time Eastern filled the stadium like it has for Friday's game was in 2014 against Murray State.

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Senior Ray Crossland goes up for a dunk at Lantz Arena Feb. 2017. Eastern hosts Illinois for a charity game Friday night.