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A guest musician performed in the recital hall of the Doudna Fine Arts Center Tuesday night

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Steve Fishman, a member of the men's swimming team, proposed to his girlfriend over winter break

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Fog in the Quad



Ashley Trost, a freshman biological sciences major, Leann Moran, a freshman pre-nursing major and Joshline Gonzalez, a freshman kinesiology and sports studies major, walk through the morning fog to class Tuesday in the Library Quad. They all said they only had two minutes to get to class.

Faculty Senate discusses creating 'vitalization' group

By Brooke Schwartz

Administration Reporter | @brookesch_wartz

The Faculty Senate looked at the possibility of creating another "vitalization" group at its Tuesday meeting.

Institutional repository librarian Todd Bruns, who is currently on the Workgroup Review Committee, brought up the idea of making a group that could create its own recommendations for the university.

The idea appealed to many, with economics professor Teshome Abebe citing the appeal of a visionary group that could work without a pressing time constraint and could therefore discuss the future of Eastern, and not necessarily just how to improve the present-day campus.

"I think, either because of the shortage of time or perhaps the environment does not allow (the current Workgroup Review Committee) as a group to do this, but I don't feel that there has been discussion about imagining the future in a thorough, deliberate, careful way. We talk in general," Abebe said. "The idea of (the current Workgroup Review Committee) came up because people felt threatened. We see transformations taking place all around us, but transformation does not necessarily mean that jobs are going to completely disappear. The two are separate because jobs are likely to change.

During the vitalization project, originally proposed by Eastern President David Glassman in 2016, different workgroups made recommendations for programs in various areas around campus. These recommendations included programs that could be outsourced, consolidated or deleted, ways programs could reduce costs and inefficiencies and improvement plans to develop other programs. A common criticism of these workgroups was that many of these recommendations were made in the span of one semester.

A Workgroup Review Committee was then created, which looked at the recommendations Workgroups no. 8 and 9 made during the vitalization project.

Biological sciences professor Billy Hung said a new committee could ensure recommendations from past workgroups are being implemented as Eastern's financial feasibility changes.

The discussion of the current administration's follow-through with faculty recommendations brought up the idea of potentially drawing up a new shared governance system on campus which would put the Faculty Senate in the center of implementing and OK-ing plans.

Music professor Stefan Eckert said although the pressure of adding more big-picture items to the Faculty Senate's agenda made him nervous, it might be more beneficial for the campus as a whole.

"I think the interesting part is we'd find out more as faculty," Eckert

PHOTOS BY BROOKE SCHWARTZ | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS Joshua Awalt, the interim associate vice president for Information Technology Services, updates the senate his department is working hard to prepare for the campus-wide switch from Banner 8 to Banner 9, dealing with academic partnership, the WiFi on campus and more.

said. "(Governance on campus currently) is really decentralized, and we do rely on our administrators giving out little morsels of information; we barely ever see the big picture."

A longer discussion on a potential faculty-driven continuing vitalization committee and the idea of making Faculty Senate more central in passing ideas was added to the senate's Jan. 23 meeting.

Provost Jay Gatrell has staffed a search committee for the position of a permanent library dean, a search that he said will hopefully lead to a list of potential candidates after spring break.

Eastern's various committees have been working on improving the campus for a while, and it is now time to start on bigger improvement projects, Gatrell said.



PHOTOS BY BROOKE SCHWARTZ | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS Teshome Abebe, an economics professor and member of the Faculty Senate, said he was in support of a continuing, faculty-driven committee that was focused on looking at the future of Eastern.

"As President Glassman had just said the other day, we've done a lot of low-hanging fruit, and now it's time to start doing some heavy lifting to make this into an environment where all students can thrive and where our mission really is to serve our students in the region and the state," Gatrell said.

Joshua Awalt, the interim associate vice president for Information Technology Services, visited the Faculty Senate at the meeting to update it on technology.

Awalt said winter break allowed ITS to update Wi-Fi around campus, with eight buildings being changed from 1.8 gigs to 10 gigs and an order being signed for the rest of the academic and administrative buildings to also receive this update.

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State and Nation

Trump suggests 2-phase immigration deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Searching for a bipartisan deal to avoid a government shutdown, President Donald Trump suggested Tuesday that an immigration agreement could be reached in two phasesfirst by addressing young immigrants and border security with what he called a "bill of love," then by making comprehensive changes that have long eluded Congress.

Trump presided over a lengthy meeting with Republican and Democratic lawmakers seeking a solution for hundreds of thousands of young people who were brought to the U.S. as children and living here illegally. Trump last year ended the Obamaera Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, which shielded more than 700,000 people from deportation and gave them the right to work legally. He gave Congress until March to find a fix.

The president, congressional Republicans and Democrats expressed optimism for a deal just 10 days before a government shutdown deadbe flexible in finding an agreement to narrow the scope of the negotiaas Democrats warned that the lives of hundreds of thousands of immigrants hung in the balance.

"I think my positions are going to be what the people in this room come up with," Trump said during a Cabinet Room meeting with a bipartisan group of nearly two dozen lawmakers, adding, A group of journalists observed the meandering meeting for an extraordinary length of time — about 55 minutes — that involved Trump seeking input from Democrats and Republicans alike in a freewheeling exchange on the contentious issue.

'My head is spinning from all the things that were said by the president and others in that room in the course of an hour and a half," said Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill. "But the sense of urgency, the commitment to DACA, the fact that the president said to me privately as well as publicly, 'I want to get this done,' I'm going to take him as his word."

The White House said after the line. Trump said he was willing to meeting that lawmakers had agreed like to see that but I think we have

tions to four areas: border security, family-based "chain migration," the visa lottery and the DACA policy. Democrats and Republicans are set to resume negotiations Wednesday.

But the exchange raised questions about how far Trump would push for his high-profile border wall.

In describing the need for a wall, the president said it didn't need to be a "2,000-mile wall. We don't need a wall where you have rivers and mountains and everything else protecting it. But we do need a wall for a fairly good portion."

The unusually public meeting laid bare a back-and-forth between the parties more typically confined to closed-door negotiations. At one point, California Sen. Dianne Feinstein, a Democrat, asked Trump if he would support a "clean" DACA bill now with a commitment to pursue a comprehensive immigration overhaul later.

Trump responded, "I would like it. ... I think a lot of people would to do DACA first."

The president said he would insist on construction of a border security wall as part of an agreement involving young immigrants, but he said Congress could then pursue a comprehensive immigration overhaul in a second phase of talks.

House Republicans said they planned to soon introduce legislation to address border security and the young immigrants. Trump said, "it should be a bill of love."

Trump's embrace of a "bill of love" brought to mind his past criticism of former GOP presidential rival Jeb Bush, who said many people come to the U.S. illegally as an "act of love." Trump's campaign posted a video at the time with a tagline that read, "Forget love, it's time to get

The president appeared to acknowledge the potential political pitfalls of pursuing a more permanent deal, telling the lawmakers, "I'll take all the heat you want. But you are not that far away from comprehensive immigration reform."

Wisconsin launches ad to lure Chicagoans to boost workforce

Scott Walker's job-creation agency has launched a push to convince Chicago-area millennials to leave the big city and relocate to Wisconsin in hopes of boosting the state's workforce.

The Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation began its Think-Make-Happen In Wisconsin" advertising campaign on Monday. The project is designed to attract more workers to Wiscon-

The state's lack of workers figures to become a larger problem in coming years as electronics giant Foxconn Technology Group moves closer to opening a massive flat-screen manufacturing plant in Pleasant Prairie, about halfway between Milwaukee and Chicago. The company has said the plant could employ up to 13,000 people.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Wisconsin's labor force stood at 3 million people

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Gov. as of November. The Chicago-area workforce alone was 4.7 million that month.

WEDC officials say they're trying to change a national perception of Wisconsin as flyover country with nothing to offer except snow, dairy farms, cheese and the Green Bay Packers.

We just don't have enough people," said Kelly Lietz, vice president of WEDC marketing. "People don't think of Wisconsin in the terms of all the opportunities it has to offer. People outside the state don't know and don't under-

The \$956,000 campaign calls for placing ads on Chicago commuter trains and train platforms as well on drink coasters in downtown Chicago bars and restaurants. Ads also will appear in health clubs and on social media targeted at people between the ages 21 and 34 who live in or around Chicago and at Wisconsin college alumni who

have scattered across the country.

Jack Lavin, president and CEO of the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, said in an email to The Associated Press that Chicago has invested heavily in things that attract and retain young talent, including universities, parks and public transit.

"At the end of the day, the Chicago region offers career opportunity and a great quality of life," Lavin said. "Millennials in our workforce know that. It's why they came here, and why they stay."

Most of the ads boast that Wisconsin's shorter commutes translate to less stress and more time for family, friends and exercise. Other ads tout Wisconsin's lower housing prices, lower property taxes and the state's lakes.

The campaign, two years in the making, is slated to run through the end of June. WEDC is paying for the campaign out of its 2018

NEIU names 4 finalists for the president position

CHICAGO (AP) - Northeastern Illinois University has named four finalists for president, a post that has been vacant since fall 2016.

The Chicago Sun-Times reports the four finalists are Morgan State University Vice President Gloria Gibson; Portland State University vice provost Sukhwant Jhaj, State University of New York vice chancellor Carlos Median and Tokyo's Soka University deputy vice president Maria Guajardo.

Richard Helldobler has served as Northeastern Illinois' interim president since Sharon Hahs' departure in 2016, after a decade in the post.

University spokesman Mike Hines says no hiring deadline has been set for the new president. He adds it hasn't been determined whether there will be additional interviews to further narrow the final-

Northeastern Illinois enrolls about 9,000 students and occupies 6.7 acres in Chicago's North Park neighborhood.

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Jacob Hardy, a music performance major (left), Eric Dawson (middle left) a music major and music professor Jemmie Robertson (right) perform with Peter Steiner Tuesday night in the recital hall at the Doudna Fine Arts Center.



Collaborative Pianist Kevina Lam and Peter Steiner bow after their performance in the recital hall Tuesday night at the Doudna Fine Arts Center.



Peter Steiner performs in the recital hall of the Doudna Fine Arts Center Tuesday night.

Guest trombonist plays in Doudna Tuesday

Peter Steiner performed with faculty, students

By Olivia Swenson-Hultz Online Producer | @DEN_News

When trombonist Peter Steiner arrived from Vienna, Austria, to Eastern, he had never met his accompanist, collaborative pianist Kevina Lamb, before.

Steiner came to the Doudna Fine Arts Center's Recital Hall on Tuesday night, performing with both Eastern students and faculty members.

Music professor Jemmie Robertson discovered Steiner through his friend Bradley Palmer, who serves as a trombone professor at Columbus State University in Georgia.

When Palmer and Steiner collaborated on a CD, Palmer sent Robertson some clips of their work.

"I admire his musicianship in the pursuit of excellence," said Robertson.

He decided to invite Steiner to perform at Eastern as the musician was about to embark on a tour of college campuses last year.

This year, Steiner returned to Eastern as part of a 40-college campus tour across the country.

Aside from Eastern, he will also be performing at Millikin and DePaul University.

Steiner began playing the trombone at just six years old.

"I chose the trombone because it is the loudest instrument and my mom didn't want me to play the drums," he

Steiner decided to continue his dream of music performance at the Music Conservatory in Italy.

Then, he attended the Mozarteum Salzburg in Austria. He then attended the Juilliard School of Music where he met Joe Alessi, a composer at Juilliard who has hosted workshops attended by Robertson.

Steiner has performed at the Vienna State Opera and works for The Thein Instrument Company, in addition to making campus tours.

Steiner's advice for aspiring musicians is to "be curious, and keep finding interesting things."

Steiner's performance Tuesday featured seven tracks, only one of which was initially written for trombone.

He said the piece expressed "the classical and jazzy components of trombone very well."

Steiner had to transcribe other pieces that were initially written for instruments like the flute to fit his own.

The performance also featured a trombone quartet performing a piece by Beethoven by the name of "Drei Equale für vier Posaunen" that included two Eastern students, Eric Dawson and Jacob Hardy.

Robertson also joined in for the quartet.

"I enjoy going on campus tours because they're the easiest way to play as much as possible and to work with great students," Steiner said.

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of anything

Going on adventures while being young creates an incredible amount of opportunities and useful experiences that will be beneficial for years to

However, those adventures do not necessarily have to be long, perilous journeys halfway around the world, nor do they have to break the bank.

On the contrary, adventures entail just about anything, such as a camping trip or a road trip to the best amusement park, whichever one it is now; those kinds of things are so hard to keep track of.

But it does not stop there. Taking a course that is outside of your comfort zone is an adventure, trying out for a team is an adventure, going on a bar crawl is a glorious, intoxicated adventure (that we hope to remember), going away to college, getting married—those are all adventures, and not one is better than the other.

Sure, one might seem cooler or more exotic; however, the point of an adventure is not to look cool to everyone else. It is learning something about yourself or some life lesson that has been engraved in your destiny and will help shape the individual you become. Also, you need to have at least some fun doing it, even if the fun only lasts for a while.

Adventures, even small ones, are needed for self improvement, there is no doubt about that, but that does not mean you should go rushing off to some foreign land to accomplish something you never thought you could.

Regardless of the type of adventure, financial security should take priority and can determine whether or not you make it home from the adventure you decided to take.

The last thing anyone wants to do is have to sell their belongings or hitchhike home (which is incredibly dangerous and is not a justifiable option

by any means).

Plan ahead, if you can, especially for bigger journeys.

Do not get caught with your pants down just because you were in a hurry to go somewhere.

Make sure there is enough money in the bank and you budget for meals. If you want to keep it cheap, do not eat out as much and check out what sights you can see, whether you are on that road trip or somewhere in Europe.

Always be sure to consider your survival. Although it is important to consider all the possibilities and be aware, do not overwhelm yourself with negative thoughts like "I'm going to run out of money" or "I'm going to die."

And if you do start planning an adventure and find out you cannot afford to go, then that is OK too and does not mean your life is over or boring.

Life requires a heck of a lot of patience, so learn some, save your money for some good times and remember it could always be worse—you could be in jail.

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Quote of the Day

No act of kindness, however small, is ever wasted.







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STAFF EDITORIAL

Be respectful of all majors, programs

Both on the internet and in real life, jokes about other people's majors are prevalent. Whether they are about how "easy" someone else's major seems or how "you'll never get a job in that field," it seems like what people study is now an easy target.

While these jokes may be funny, they can have some consequences, especially if it starts encouraging a negative perception of a certain major or field of study.

As cheesy or sentimental as it might sound, it takes all kinds of skills to make a society

We need people who have strong STEM skills for the more technical parts of life just like we also need those with degrees that are based in the humanities.

Some career paths may seem more lucrative and others may hold the stigma of not paying well or having enough job opportunities, but any field has the possibility to lead to success. You might not end up having a job that is exactly what you went to university for, but you will most likely still use the skills from your degree in various ways throughout your career.

Every major and degree program requires work to succeed. It may require different kinds of work, and there may be times during the semester when the workload differs, but a college degree would be worthless if there was not some kind of work involved in achieving one.

It is ridiculous to make assumptions about

Some career paths may seem more lucrative another person based on their chosen field. As students, we are more than our majors, just like as adults, we are more than just our caretra any field has the possibility to lead to suc-

It can be easy to get stuck in a rut and have a mindset where we are only thinking about the classes we need to take for our own majors or our own programs. That is why, if you can fit it into your schedule or you talk to your adviser about it, perhaps consider taking a class that has nothing to do with your major. It could be a fun challenge, and you could find a new interest you never knew you

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

Gender does not define rules of fashion

Many people believe that because you are a certain gender, you have to have a certain type of fashion.

For instance, girls wear makeup and purses, while guys wear baseball caps and carry wallets in their back pockets.

For me, I do not think that your gender should define what you can and cannot wear. Growing up, I was never very a fashion-

I had nice clothes, a nice wallet and different things like that, but I never necessarily cared about the way I looked or presented myself.

It was not until I got out of high school that I took a large interest in my fashion and style.

Most men do not care too much about materialistic items, but I started caring.

I started learning how to coordinate different outfits with different accessories.

I started buying more clothes and more accessories to fill up my closet, not only because I liked them, but also because I knew what looked good with each piece of clothing I had.

Today, I am a completely different person than I was six years ago.

I always try my best to look somewhat decent.

I wear makeup occasionally and I carry a purse or what some people would call a "murse."

There have been times that I have been judged because of my choice to wear make-



Andrew Paisley

up and carry a purse or even sometimes wear perfume.

think.

I know what my taste in fashion is, and I

The thing is, I do not care what people

know what I like.

I got a small coach bag for Christmas, and I wear it every day now.

Someone made a comment about it last week to me.

It made me realize the majority of the population is still so judgmental and still so set in their ways of fashion.

I think it is completely OK for a man to wear what he wants and for a woman to wear what she wants.

Just because we are who we are does not mean we are limited to how we can express ourselves or what we can wear.

What kind of life would we have if we let the world control us in this way? It certainly would not be fun. For me, I do not like to wear tennis shoes, sweatshirts or basketball shorts every single day just because I am a guy.

My choice of style is a sweater, jeans, comfy shoes and maybe even a scarf to go with it.

When I go out clubbing or to different events, I like to slab a bit of makeup on my face, fix my hair, squirt some cologne or perfume on and grab my bag to accompany me where I go.

I walk into a public place and half the people I run into, usually females, are obsessed with my makeup or how I style my-

The other half of the people I run into start glaring at me, their jaws drop because they just cannot believe that a guy would carry a purse and wear eyeliner and

Why is it anyone's business what I choose to do with my image?

Why do I have to let other people tell me how I can look?

It is not their face that is wearing makeup or their bodies that are carrying a purse.

Whatever you choose to wear is what makes you who you are.

You should never let someone try to dictate what to wear.

You do what makes you happy and what makes you feel good inside.

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ITS is currently prioritizing two projects, Awalt said. These are a switch from Banner 8 to Banner 9 and an academic partnership designed to help simplify enrolling a student, making the process more technologically efficient.

"How can we take maybe a process that takes two days and skinny it down to a couple hours (for staff) but still have the integrity that we have here on campus, as far as having that high academic standard that we're not just pushing everything, (while) still allowing us to operate efficiently?" Awalt said.

Awalt said the other priority, the switch to Banner 9, will be campus-wide and will have to be implemented by the end of this calendar year.

The switch includes background changes that most users might not notice, but it will be more user-friendly and will not require the use of Java, allowing for more updates, he said.

ITS is also beginning to work on a plan to refresh all campus technology within the next eight years, something that has not been done as frequently because of the recent fiscal hardships Eastern has faced.

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Structure fire breaks out at Cahokia Lane

Staff Report | @DEN_News

The Lincoln Fire Protection District was dispatched to a structure fire at 12:28 a.m. Tuesday at 3746 Cahokia Lane.

According to a press release, no injuries were reported.

When crews arrived, they found a 50 x 70 pole-type structure that was converted into a home. The fire had started in the wall from a wood stove and extended up the stairs and into the attic, according to a press release. Crews made a quick interior attack to stop the fire from extending further. The residents were home when the fire started and attempted to extinguish it but were not able to because it already extended upstairs. The Lincoln Fire Protection District was on the scene for about two hours. The damage is estimated at \$40,000 to the building and contents. The fire is listed as a component failure of the wood stove.

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Cocoa from Chi Alpha



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Rendie Hamilton, a junior nursing major and president of Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship and Mark Bettinger, the campus pastor/adviser for Chi Alpha, give out free hot cocoa and fliers Tuesday morning outside of Coleman Hall. Hamilton said they did this to help students warm up in the cold weather and to spread the word about their fellowship.

Charleston Chamber of Commerce to honor annual Citizen of the Year

Staff Report | @DEN_News

The Charleston Area Chamber of Commerce will honor a small business and the Outstanding Citizen of the Year at its annual dinner and awards ceremony.

Lawyer-Richie Florist is the "Small Business of the Year," and Dee Braden will be named Outstanding Citizen of the Year. At the dinner, the Diplomat of the Year will also be announced.

The ceremony is set for 5 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 27 at the Grand Ballroom in the

Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

This year's theme is "A Roaring Good Time." It will start with cocktail hour and hors d'oeuvres. According to a press release, there will be a selfie station and tickets available to purchase for a wrapped bottle of wine from a wine pull. Live music will be provided by Eastern's Jazz Quartet.

The meeting portion of the program is set for 6:30 p.m., with a buffet dinner to follow. The awards will be after dinner.

A cash bar will be open all evening. The

press release said dressy attire is appropriate.

Table sponsorships are \$550 for a table of eight, \$650 for tables of 10 or \$750 for tables of 12. Individual tickets are \$55 per person. They can be purchased online at the Chamber of Commerce's website or by calling 217-345-7041.

The deadline for reservations is 4 p.m. Jan. 19.

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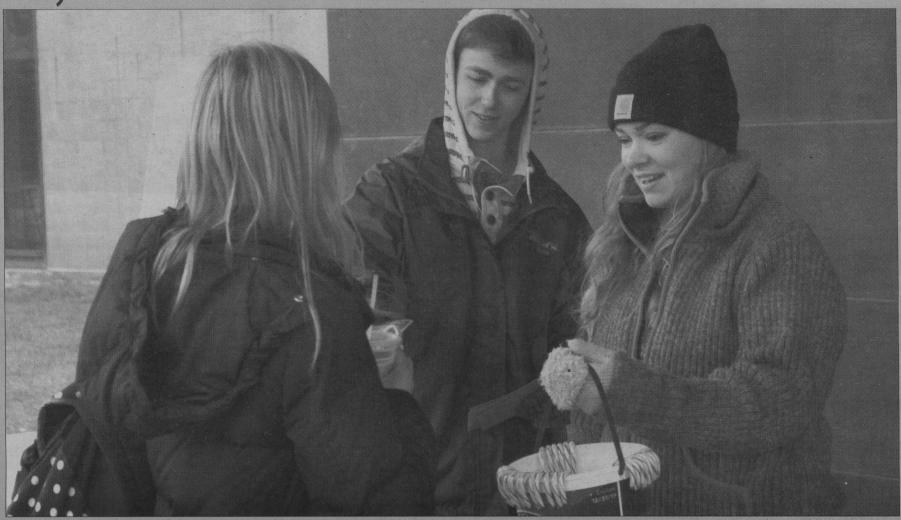
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Tasty treats



JORDAN BOYER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS Robbie Gladu (center), a junior studio art major and Hannah Hohlbauch (right), a senior psychology major, give out fliers, packs of gum and candy canes to students Tuesday morning outside of the Doudna Fine Arts Center. They were handing out fliers for events at the Christian Campus House, one of them being a movie night on Friday at

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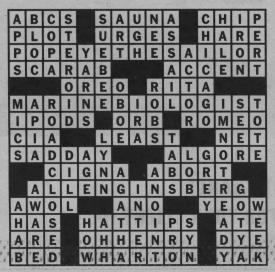
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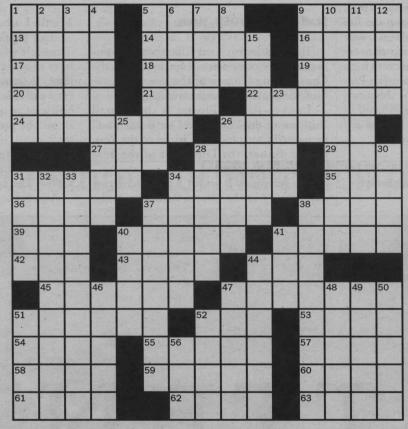
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- 36 Molybdenum, for one: Abbr.
- 37 Mares' hair
- 38 Measure (out)
- 39 Milliliter, e.g.: Abbr.
- 40 Makes repairs on
- 41 Mount Sinai climber
- 42 Mo. with St. Patrick's Day
- 43 Moab's neighbor, in the Bible
- 44 Math calculation
- 45 Material from Angora goats
- 47 Mouth-puckering drink
- 51 Muhammad Ali fight site

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- 23 Multi-Emmywinning "How Your Mother"
- 25 Modern communications
- 26 Mansions, for
- 6 Meaning of Caesar's "Veni" 7 Maintainer of law
- and order north of the U.S.
- 8 Midwife to the fairies, in Shakespeare

52 Muted, as lights

53 Mountainous

state: Abbr.

54 Molecular unit

"Memoir of

55 Model Campbell

Glamour and

Dysfunction"

writer Janowitz

Broderick voice

58 Marlin's son, in a

Pixar movie

60 Motto word on

the Great Seal

63 Mount Olympus, at 72,000 feet, is

DOWN

actor in "Blade

cabinets and

violins use it

4 Minute length

5 Meeting places

3 Muse of memory

Runner'

2 Makers of

Walsh,

its highest peak

61 Mini-metropolis

in Utah

62 Man in the

1 M.

59 Matthew

- 9 Manager of a house
- 10 Military schools
- 11 Most direct
- 12 Make the judgment to be
- 15 Mathematical sets

- 34 Main house on an estate

of a sort, in brief

- 28 "Melts in your mouth" candy
- 30 Midwest college town
- 31 Mining find
- 32 Michigan State, for a Spartans alumnus

- 33 Musician's tempo keeper
- 37 Mean relatives?
- 38 Motion creates it
- 40 More than a snack
- 41 Mother's Day flower, in Australia
- 44 Monkey, for one
- 46 Message on a sign at a televised game

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- 47 Middle state
- **48** Microwave brand
- 49 Make bones about something
- 50 Midterms, e.g.
- 51 Mexican's hand
- 52 Major-_
- 56 Marksman's skill

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Panther swimmer becomes engaged over break

By Adam Shay Swim Reporter | @DEN_Sports

Some Eastern men's and women's swimmers practiced over break; however, senior Steve Fishman only swam once, as he was busy celebrating his recent engagement.

On Dec. 22, Fishman proposed to Nikki Peck, his girlfriend of over three years. Not only is Peck his future wife, but she has been much more than a girlfriend to Fishman and has supported him throughout his swim career.

"She's always kept me in a positive mindset and has always been my number one fan," Fishman said. "She motivates me to do my best, and when I don't do well, she's there to get me out of my funk."

A specific moment when Peck helped motivate Fishman happened last year right before conference in February. Fishman said he was unsure about how well he was going to perform since he was coming off of a broken collarbone, but Peck helped him push through.

"She got me out of my funk and told (me) to go and do my best and leave everything in the pool," Fishman said. "I ended up breaking a record for the 400 IM."

Peck is a fourth-grade teacher, making it a challenge for her to watch Fishman compete. However, this year, she has been able to make a few trips to Eastern and to away meets to watch Fishman swim.

Fishman said his teammates and coaches have all congratulated him and been supportive. Specifically, coach Jacqueline Michalski is excited for Fishman and his future wife.

"It has been a pleasure to watch the love story of Peck and Steve evolve over the last four years," Michalski said. "I had a feeling that their relationship would take another level and was excited to hear of the news of their engagement over break."

For some student athletes, becoming engaged in college is a huge step and could affect their school life, altering their athletic performance or their school work. Fishman has done well at

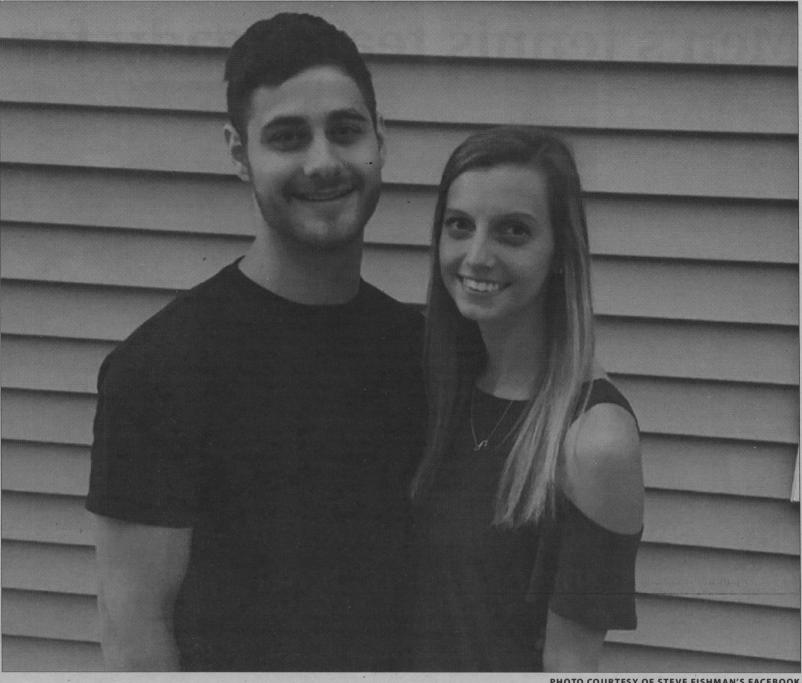


PHOTO COURTESY OF STEVE FISHMAN'S FACEBOOK

Stevé Fishman, member of the men's swimming team, proposed to his fiancee, Nikki Peck, on Dec. 22. Fishman is a senior from Normal, and Peck is a fourth-grade teacher.

balancing all aspects of collegiate life, and Michalski has no concern with Fishman's performance.

"Steve has always done an amazing job," Michalski said. "And balancing all areas of life, so I knew he would be able to finish the season strong."

However, break is over and Fishman is now back to focusing on his school life. The Panthers' winter break is only three weeks, but the Panther swimmers returned after two weeks.

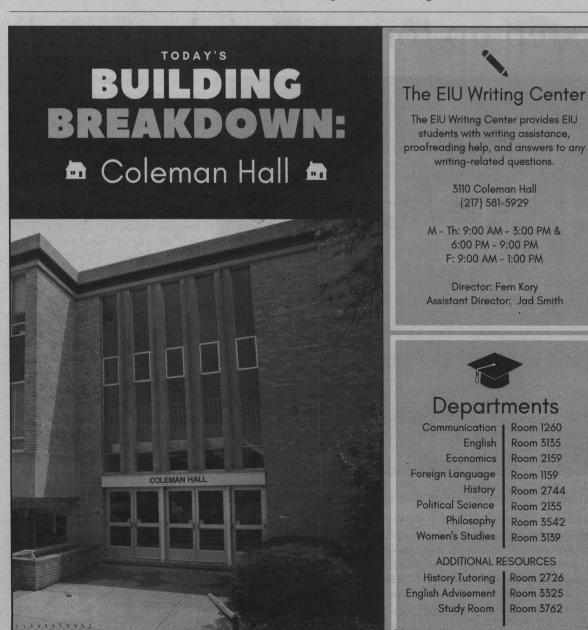
Easing back into rhythm and shaking off the rust is not the case for Pan-

ther swimmers as they return to a vigorous practice schedule.

"We came back a week earlier and did triple practices as 'hell week' to really push us and get us ready for our conference coming up in February," Fishman said.

The Panther swimmers' next meet will be Jan. 13 as they travel to Evansville, Indiana to compete against Evansville for their first meet of 2018.

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Men's tennis team ready for season

By Vince Lovergine
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The Eastern men's tennis team had its struggles over the course of last season, piling up only five wins in 24 matches.

An encouraging sign in the eyes of the Panthers is they won their last two matches of the season against Hanover and Illinois-Springfield.

Eastern coach Sam Kercheval said it was a good sign to finish on a high note with a couple wins, because they are returning most of their players this season.

"I don't know that those two wins mean anything when it comes to expectations this year," Kercheval said. "The development of our very young team throughout last year, the experience gained and the time together certainly are good things we will lean on as we head into this season."

Eastern was led by juniors, now seniors, Jared Woodson, Grant Reiman and Trent Reiman.

Trent Reiman and Woodson tied for second on the team in wins with six, trailing Marko Stefan Janjusic with 11 wins.

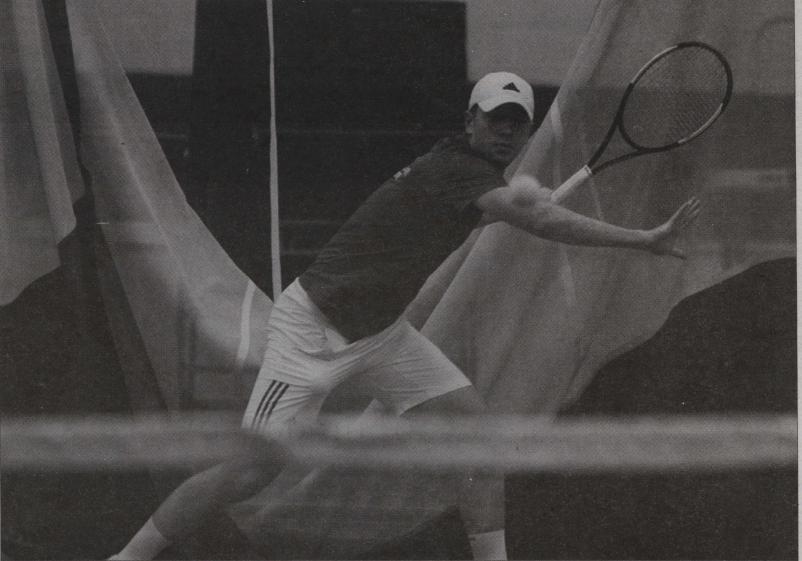
The Panthers opened their 2017 spring season with an 0-4 record before earning their first win against St. Francis 7-0.

Eastern traveled to Indiana last season, and the Panthers fell short, losing 7-0.

Indiana dominated in singles and doubles competition, as Eastern scored less than two points in eight of 12 matches.

In doubles competition, it was more of the same, scoring more than three points just once in three matches.

In the Illinois State Fall Invitational this past fall season, Eastern



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Eastern sophomore Freddie O'Brien returns a ball at a team practice in October. O'Brien had a 4-5 record in singles play for the Panthers last season.

had a nice performance from one of its younger players, Freddie O'Brien, posting a 2-1 record in singles play opening the competition with a 6-2,

At the season's end a year ago, Kercheval noticed his players were

had a nice performance from one of buying in more, which Kercheval sees its younger players, Freddie O'Brien, as an encouraging sign.

"I noticed in the last tournament that a couple of our underclassmen guys were starting to say and do some things that they hadn't in the past," Kercheval said. "That was really encouraging because it shows that they are mentally buying in more and more to how we are doing things, and if they continue with that, they are putting themselves in a position to make a jump for themselves and this team."

The Panthers return to Bloomington, Indiana to square off against Indiana, to open the spring season on an 11-game road trip.

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OPINION | WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Underclassmen need to step up for women's basketball

By Kaitlin CordesWomen's Basketball Reporter | @DEN_Sports

The Eastern women's basketball team is without senior guard Grace Lennox and junior guard Carmen Tellez because of injury.

Without the team's leading scorer and one of the squad's biggest rebounders, the underclassmen need to step up to salvage what's left of the season.

The Panthers were handed their 12th straight loss Saturday when Eastern Kentucky snatched a 67-51 win over the struggling Eastern team. Scoring was lacking on Eastern's side with a four-point first quarter attesting to the team's difficulty posting points.

Lennox last played on Dec. 18 when the team traveled to Fort Wayne, Indiana, where she once again was the squad's leading scorer, with 25 points total.

Eastern has played seven games without Lennox. She is still a top scorer on the team with her 123-point total ranking third overall on the roster.

Freshman guard Taylor Steele and sophomore forward Jennifer Nehls are the leading scorers with 132 and 131 points, respectively.

Steele and Nehls are the two players the Panthers need to push through the remaining games without Lennox and Tellez. Nehls has already secured a spot as a domi-



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Freshman Grace McRae drives to the basket through two Indiana State defenders in the Panthers' 77-70 win over Indiana State Nov. 3 in Lantz Arena. McRae finished with five points.

nating rebounder as she owns the team-high 72 rebounds on the sea-

Nehls can also help the Panthers at the free throw line. She is .688 percent at the stripe, second only to Steele who is shooting .767 percent from the free throw line.

Steele notched 13 points against Eastern Kentucky, and she scored a season-high of three made three-pointers. She has yet to repeat her season-high 21 points in one game, but Steele has already shown she has the ability to do so.

Eastern's bench has shown it

can handle a heavy workload with players like freshman guard Karle Pace and junior forward Halle Stull making waves in the Panthers' scorebook.

Pace and Stull were both powerhouses for the Panthers last Saturday despite their loss to the Colo-

nels. Pace notched her season-high nine points and pulled down four rebounds of her own. Stull led the scoring, putting up 16 of the 18 bench points by Eastern.

Stull was also four-of-five from beyond the arc. Her back-to-back threes in the second quarter provided Eastern with an extra boost to whittle down Eastern Kentucky's 28-point lead.

If there is any bright spot to be found in Eastern's dreary season, it should be that the bench mostly made of underclassmen does not waver in the face of a challenge. The bench players are willing to battle through tough games without the team's leading scorer.

If anything, that tenacity should attest to the team's cohesiveness. The team's chemistry is undeniable when they are on the court.

What the Panthers need to do now is to rethink their offense. They need to recreate plays to open up space for a scoring opportunity that doesn't involve Lennox. Eastern should make use of the assets they have remaining without the performances of Lennox and Teller

While these changes may not turn the season around completely, they will give Eastern a fighting chance and a few more wins.

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