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Illinois Rep. Reggie Phillips (left) discusses the budget crisis with Kimberlee Feltt (right), a Charleston resident, Tuesday during his traveling office hours at the Lerna Village Hall in Lerna, Ill. Phillips heard from several members of the Eastern staff and several Charleston residents. Phillips said being allowed to borrow against future appropriations would be the best solution for Eastern right now.

## Phillips talks Eastern funding

By Cassie Buchman  
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Rep. Reggie Phillips, R-Charleston, had office hours Tuesday in Lerna to talk about Eastern's financial crisis and to answer constituents' questions.

Because of the inability of Gov. Bruce Rauner and the General Assembly to agree on how to fund the state, public universities in Illinois have not seen appropriations for eight months.

Phillips, who represents the 110th district containing Eastern, said he conveys the people's voice in Springfield, and he has been working two or three ways with the Rauner.

Kimberlee Feltt, a Charleston resident, told Phillips she did not care about the political stuff she was seeing in Springfield.

**"I don't really give a rat's banana about our agenda right now. What I'd like to have right now is funding."**

Reggie Phillips, Illinois House Representative

"I want to see change, and I want to see stuff happen," Feltt said. "What are you going to do to make sure that I have a roof over my head, that my husband has a paycheck in three months?"

Phillips said he has been asking Rauner to let Eastern borrow the money it needs to operate, and Phillips thinks Eastern getting a loan of \$24 million was the best idea to solve the financial crisis.

"That's not going to work," Feltt said. "What's our credit rating? It's terrible."

Phillips said the credit rating does not matter; the university can still get the loan, which would get the university through six months.

"What's the alternative if we don't get it?" Feltt asked.

Phillips said he has told Rauner he will alert the media if Eastern is not allowed to get a loan.

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## UPI gives members update on budget

By Cassie Buchman  
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Eastern's chapter of the University Professionals of Illinois will talk about furloughs, the budget and the financial situation of the university at its general body meeting at 5 p.m. Wednesday in Coleman Hall Auditorium.

Jon Blitz, the president of Eastern's chapter of the UPI, said the union needs to be convinced furlough days are necessary before agreeing to take them.

"We're trying to figure out, 'do we really need to do this?'" Blitz said. "I expect to, but we're not going to go into it blindly."

The UPI would need to see if the semester could go on without faculty members taking furlough days before deciding to take them.

"What are furloughs going to look like? We don't know," Blitz said. "It's a question of, if we have to go that way, the sky's the limit."

The UPI would have to negotiate, and Blitz said there were no answers to these questions. He said the negotiations would be similar to the ones that happened over the summer with the annually contracted faculty layoffs.

"It would need to get done quickly, if it gets done," Blitz said. "Ultimately, it would have to go up for a ratification vote."

Blitz said he cannot dictate a substantive change in the contract. While the executive board members of the UPI did not see the furloughs coming, they did sense they would need to meet because of the current financial situation.

Local UPI president John Miller will be at the meeting to discuss the situations at other campuses with a UPI chapter. Legislative director Nick Yelverton will talk about Springfield.

The Fund EIU rally, which will take place at 4 p.m. Friday in the Library Quad, will be discussed as well, with the UPI membership being encouraged to go. Coffee and cookies will be set up outside at 4:30 p.m. before the meeting.

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## Senate hears of 200 layoffs, Lord's retirement

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President David Glassman announced he would layoff more than 200 civil service personnel by the end of this week or next week Tuesday afternoon at the Faculty Senate meeting.

Blair Lord, the vice president for academic affairs, announced his retirement Tuesday afternoon at the meeting. Lord said after a number of discussions regarding his future and the no confidence vote, he decided to retire June of 2017.

Lord said he wants to stay on for an additional year and a half because he wants to continue working on goals, initiatives and ongoing work.

"We are in the middle of continuing to work on the revised university learning goals and moving them intentionally into the general education curriculum and ultimately into the majors," Lord said. "That is something that would require a lot of my attention."

Lord said Glassman also had academic affairs

look at a number of possible new degree programs that would be attractive to students.

"Those things require someone to stay, and I think that would be some things that I could help finish up," Lord said.

Glassman said the additional number of layoffs is needed for the university to get through the semester.

"If we operate as normal and don't do the things that I talked about in my letter to campus, we wouldn't make it to June," Glassman said.

Glassman said although three bills have been cycled through Illinois that attempt to fund higher education, the university cannot sit and wait to see what will take place.

"To do the least harm to our students' learning environment is to reduce our costs by the measures that I already enacted, which deal with travel, capital budget, other types of expenses," Glassman said. "We still need additional funds to get us through and that is in the area of layoffs and furloughs."

Glassman said only those who will be affected by the layoffs be notified.

"The sooner the letters go out, the sooner layoffs can occur," Glassman said. "I would rather take the time to make sure."

Glassman said it is possible an appropriation could be passed and as a result some or all of the letters could be resent. He said it was also possible that during the time period that the letters are sent out, another alternative measure of cash accumulation from furloughs could result in the resending of layoff notices.

"It's unfortunate because you're telling someone that there's some glimmer of hope but it might not happen," Glassman said. "We're dealing with people's lives and it keeps you up at night."

Glassman said to have additional funds to make it through the semester, he will ask individuals in Administration and Professional units to take furlough days on top of the days they already have.

"I do have the ability, as I understand it, that I can furlough non-negotiated civil service individu-

als who are not in the union and are not going to be laid off," Glassman said.

Glassman said all individuals in the A and P units have furlough days, even those under \$50,000. Steven Scher, a Faculty Senator, said 200 sounds like an awful number of people.

"I wonder what percentage of our remaining civil service staff that involves and how will that be distributed over different types of employees like clerical staff, maintenance staff, and BSW staff," Scher said.

Glassman said it would be about a third, and asked the vice presidents to look at their personnel rosters to see what it would look like if a third of the employees had to be taken out.

"We haven't made any formalized decisions yet," Glassman said.

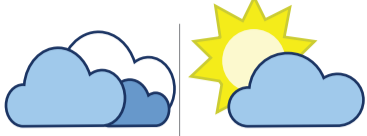
Glassman said he has been encouraging suggestions and looking for nuggets of wisdom that can help with a solution that the university is looking for.

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# Sax Solo



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Willie Morris, a sophomore music major, plays "Giant Steps" Tuesday in the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

# Family opens home for Panama student

By T'Nerra Butler  
Multicultural Editor | @DEN\_News

Over the years, members of the Snow family has welcomed different students from various parts of the world into their home, and this time around they are hosting a woman from Panama.

Diane Snow, a social worker at Sarah Bush-Lincoln Health Center, and Michael Snow, a minister at First United Methodist Church in Mattoon, served as a host family to several students for the last few years.

The couple said they have hosted through two programs, one being The Language Company. The company works with students from different areas around the world in order to hone their English skills.

Loriene Santos, a student from Panama who is studying at The Language

Company, is staying with the Snows for the time being. Michael Snow said they were hosts for a couple of students from Taiwan last summer through the home-stay program.

The couple got started in hosting through the Rotary Club in Mattoon. They have hosted around six students throughout the years.

"It's a bit different because all of the Rotary kids were in high school, and those from The Language Company are in college," Michael Snow said. "We kind of had to be more like parents to the younger ones."

Diane Snow said they help provide meals, transportation and answers to any questions the students might have especially when they first arrive to America.

Michael Snow said the experience is always interesting as well as enjoyable because they get to work with each student

and find out what their needs are.

The Snows said they have traveled abroad and have had their children study abroad, so they take the hospitality they receive and try to reciprocate it.

"When we first started it felt like we were helping someone else in the way our kids had the opportunity to travel," Diane Snow said. "All of the students have been absolutely wonderful."

The students often prepare meals and give their hosts a taste of their culture, Michael Snow said.

"It helps teach us about their culture," Michael Snow said. "One of the big things about culture that we share is the different kinds of food."

The students they hosted stayed around six months, but they can stay between one to nine months. Michael Snow said a lot of the students have not been to America or even flown on a

plane before their stay.

"That's a bit of the fun in it, the nurturing and helping someone feel comfortable," Michael Snow said. "And we know how it can feel to go to a different place and not being able to understand what's going on."

The bonds built with the students are the best part of hosting, the Snows said. Diana Snow said they usually take their students on a trip to Chicago or St. Louis. She said Santos went with them on a trip to Ohio to visit their family.

Last year the couple had two students who were from different countries staying with them at the same time.

"It's always fun to learn about a different part of the world through a student," Michael Snow said.

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# Student Senate to swear in new members

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The Student Senate will swear in new senators for the semester at its meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Committee chair positions will also be announced along with which committee each senator is on.

This is the first official meeting of the Student Senate after last week's orientation. At orientation, senators took personality tests, which will be used to place the senators in committees.

Maralea Negron, speaker of the senate, said the tests also helped senators learn more about each other.

The senate will only be voting on giving one of the senators a leave of absence. The senator in question is leaving for personal reasons but wants to still hold their position when they come back.

In the past, the speaker of the senate usually approves or denies leaves of absence. However, since this is Negron's first time dealing with this situation, she thought the senate should vote on it in accordance with the senate bylaws.

This semester, Negron said she wants to focus on getting committee projects going faster.

According to Negron, the senate was made up almost completely of new senators last fall, but she thinks it retained more senators in the transition from the fall to spring semesters.

More than half of the committee chairs this spring are returning senators, unlike the large number of rookie senators acting as new chairs last semester.

Negron said having experienced committee chairs helps with the flow of things because returning senators know that they need timelines, dates and set-in-stone plans in order for events to happen.

Negron also wants to work on retaining more senators and working with the internal affairs committee chair.

"Students want to get involved, so they're like 'I want to do student government,' and they don't realize how much of a time commitment it is," Negron said.

Negron said student government is

not just going to weekly meetings.

"We're the decision making body, so you have to be very involved in student government," Negron said. "You have to put your all into the organization. If not, it's just not a good fit for you."

She said student government is an organization where people get what they put in.

Since the Student Senate still has open seats, Negron said they would probably use appointments to fill these positions.

"We don't want to just appoint people randomly," Negron said. "If we just appoint people randomly they just get thrown in."

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## What's Happening on Campus?

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# Committee advises appreciation, not appropriation

By Torri Griffith  
Staff Editor | @DEN\_News

In topics ranging from Kylie Jenner to cornrow braids, the African-American Heritage Month committee discussed various topics of cultural appropriation.

Nicholas Wright, associate resident director, and Farrah Dean, a junior biological sciences major, coordinated the forum titled “They Don’t Appreciate, They appropriate”.

The open discussion forum took place in Lumpkin Hall Auditorium Tuesday and consisted of five panelists: Corinthian Bethel, a senior family and consumer sciences major; T.M. Linda Scholz, a communication studies professor; Julianne Adegoriolu, a junior kinesiology and sports studies major; Caitlyn East, adviser for National Pan-Hellenic Council and Dionte McWillis, a senior history major.

“This forum is to stimulate and challenge the way we think,” Wright said.

The forum opened with a YouTube video, which debunked seven myths about cultural appropriation.

A main point in the video was the fact that dominant groups take trends from underrepresented ethnic groups and marginalize them.

Dean said she believed the definition of appropriation is the adoption or use of elements of one culture by members of different culture.



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Jajuan Jeffries, a senior health studies major, speaks about the cultural differences during the “They Don’t Appreciate, They appropriate” panel on Tuesday in the Lumpkin Hall Auditorium.

“My definition of cultural appropriation is taking another culture’s fashion, artifacts, symbols, rituals or language and exploiting it for personal gain without giving credit to the group it comes from,” Wright said.

When being asked about the differences between appropriation and appreciation, Adegoriolu spoke about understanding meanings of cultures and copying cultures.

“Appreciation is when you represent that culture and its entire entity,” Adegoriolu said. “You understand the different aspects of fashion, languages, foods and you can relate them to that culture’s morals and

values.”

Bethel said he believes when other cultures are borrowed, the culture is used in a stereotypical way.

“I have never seen appropriation where it was used to benefit someone,” Bethel said.

Scholz said she believed borrowing aspects of other cultures for convenience is a problem within itself.

“Oftentimes when people borrow from another culture to benefit them, it is usually the dominant culture borrowing from the non dominant culture,” Scholz said. “They appropriate it and commodify it for their own use.”

The forum then discussed the topic of Kylie Jenner and the things she does that can be seen as cultural appropriation.

Ashley Howard, a senior communication studies major, said that African-Americans do not own certain trends such as cornrow braids, but it is embedded into their history.

“When a Kardashian wears cornrows it is deemed as edgy or trendy, but when I walk out of the house like that I am deemed as ghetto,” Howard said.

Dean said she believed many dominant races are now going for the exact features that African-Americans were once judged about.

“I think that African-Americans have been judged and talked about to destroy their confidence and to enforce self hate within the black communities,” Dean said. “As a child I was ridiculed for having very full lips, and now everyone is going to great lengths to get them.”

Adegoriolu said when people in power appropriate, the act is taken on as a trend, and because they have that power they are not ridiculed as they should be.

Scholz said appropriation is an issue among women as well.

She said appropriation also causes a divide between African-American women and white women.

“White women tend to take on these particular traits or characteristics they assume are OK, then she

makes money for it on the backs of black women,” Scholz said.

Wright said that you could not appropriate races, only cultures. He said culture is not a trend.

“If you have no appreciation for the black culture, then you should not use it when it is convenient for you” said Dean.

Wright said he wanted students to take away many things from this forum.

He said he wanted students to know culture is not a costume, to develop a respect for cultures other than their own, to not be afraid to have an open dialogue about topics that are centered around diversity and to know the real definition of appropriation.

The forum concluded with the watching of a YouTube video by Amandla Stenberg.

In this video she pointed out several examples of cultural appropriation and the many ways that it is disrespectful to the black community.

Wright said cultural appropriation is an issue because it promotes negative stereotypes of marginalized populations and has the power to incorrectly rewrite history.

“What would America be like if we loved black people the way we love black culture?” Stenberg said in the video.

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# City Council talks futures of Eastern, city development

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Eastern’s future ended up being a topic of discussion at the Charleston City Council meeting on Tuesday, with an alum encouraging citizens to attend Friday’s Fund EIU rally.

Kate Klipp, a Charleston resident, 2007 Eastern graduate and an organizer of the Fund EIU Rally, said she encourages the city to promote Eastern by attending the rally.

The rally is scheduled for 4 p.m. Friday.

“We would like the city to endorse our project and also attend,” Klipp said.

Klipp said community members, students, faculty and alumni are continuously offering to help out with the rally.

“We have staff members that are

still reaching out and offering to help even after they’ve just received notice they no longer work for the university,” Klipp said.

Mayor Brandon Combs said because many residents work at Eastern, it is an important part of Charleston.

“Eastern is a valuable asset to the Charleston community,” Combs said.

Council members voted in favor of an ordinance that will waive building and plumbing fees that come with building a single-family residence.

This will begin on Feb. 3 and last for the rest of 2016.

Combs said this is a pilot program that will help promote residential growth within Charleston.

“We will review it and decide if we want to move forward with it,” Combs said.

Council members voted in favor of

amending Ordinance Title 3 Chapter 3: Alcoholic Beverages, which was placed on file for public inspection at the last meeting on Jan. 19.

Combs said this amendment gives the City of Charleston two special-use permits to use in a 12-month period. This also allows the consumption of alcohol on authorized city properties during these two special uses.

Council members voted in favor for the resolution of abating the tax levying for the year 2015, for the debt service of \$6.14 million general obligation from the renovation of the wastewater treatment plant.

Combs said the city uses water city revenues to meet the debt service instead of levying taxes to citizens.

The council also approved the resolution of abating the tax levying, concerning the debt service of

\$950,000 to the Charleston Rotary Aquatic Center.

The Land Lease Agreement with Central States Tower III, L.L.C., which was placed on file for public inspection at the last meeting was approved at Tuesday’s meeting. This agreement will allow Central States III, L.L.C. to be placed at the former waste treatment’s grounds.

The council approved a street closure request for the Drake-Hendrickson Wedding Processional on June 11. The streets between the Immanuel Lutheran Church and the Grand Ballroom in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union will close for the wedding.

The Housing Outreach Prevention Education of East Central Illinois requested two raffling licenses for their Bowls of Hope event and Children’s Committee Raffle. The requests were

approved by the council members.

The St. Charles Borromeo Council #4024 Knights of Columbus requested a raffle license for weekly drawings starting February through December 2016 was approved.

The council approved the Charleston American Legion Post #93 request for a raffle license to support Post #93 Honor Guard and other legion programs.

The County Council on Aging also requested a raffle license for the Murder Mystery Fundraiser at the LifeSpan Center was approved.

Combs announced his reappointment of Nora Pat Small to a 1-year term as Ex Officio Member of the Charleston Historic Preservation Commission.

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## Don't forget about us

There are times, I must admit, when I wish I could live a life in a bubble. Isolated from the traumatic problems that infest our society, I would live life carefree and without an ounce of stress, fear, or doubt.

Of course, after processing such a wretched thought I remind myself that certain individuals died for my right to know endless amounts of knowledge that so many others could only dream about.

Therefore, I have always wondered why my fellow peers are not familiar with the nerve-racking budget crisis at hand. At first, I assumed it was a direct result of free choice.

See, we all have the option to choose what we hear and what we read and so on and so forth (I can't begin to count the times I've said this). It could be a possibility that their ignorance, then, is of their own creation.

Now, before you approach me with torches lit and pitch forks armed and ready to impale the nearest bystander, allow me to clarify.

I realize that on the flip side there are many of my peers who choose to be informed. However, that doesn't make up for the seemingly large amount that seem uninformed.

Perhaps they decided not to pick up a newspaper or listen to the morning report on the radio or television.

Or maybe they chose to listen to their music too loud when their professor was talking about the given situation, drowning out the potential knowledge that could easily influence their future and whether or not they attend school in the next year.

Though our ability to choose has a tremendous effect on what we know and don't know, I've come to the conclusion that this idea is only a single piece of the overall puzzle.

I feel that a student's choice to not know can be the result of the neglectfulness of others who decide to not tell that particular student about what is going on.

It is so easy and typical to sugar coat the truth as long as it is for the sake of the students or so that's what the excuse seems to be.

Yet, why must individuals go out of their way to have the students not realize any effect of the challenges the university is going through? It's not like this is our life and future on the chopping block here that we need to worry about or anything.

To say that you have no idea what is going on is vile and is nothing more than a pity excuse to avoid knowing that our future will suffer if we don't do anything about it.

This isn't a procrastination moment, stop with the excuses and do something. Of course, I may sound like I'm just regurgitating information that has already been preached. However, the more talked about a subject is the more attention it will cultivate.

Therefore, I recommend taking your future into your own hands and stop acting like everything is okay and there's nothing to worry about.

I know, that if the state doesn't get it together, I may not have the opportunity to return next year because I can't afford college.

Naturally I'm only speaking for myself but I'm positive that I'm not the only one.

We're students, we're the future of America and of this state, so please don't leave us out in the cold.

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## Since the World's Been Turning



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### Staff Editorial

## Take time to learn about 'It's On Us'

"It's On Us" is a national campaign meant to help keep both women and men safe from sexual assault.

According to the official "It's On Us" website, the campaign is "a promise to not be a bystander to the problem, but to be a part of the solution."

It involves recognizing and identifying situations that may be considered sexual assault, and intervening to create a safe environment for everyone.

According to a White House report released in January 2014, nearly one in five women have been raped, and one in 71 men have been raped.

The report also indicates younger people are more at risk to be sexually assaulted. One in five women and one in 16 men have been sexually assaulted while attending college.

In September 2014, the White House launched the "It's On Us" campaign and many universities across the country have taken part to take a stand against sexual assault.

Eastern has even participated in the cam-

paign and recently held an event to spread awareness.

A dodgeball tournament titled, "Knock Out Sexual Assault," was organized Thursday to help spread awareness of the campaign and have people sign the pledge to help stop sexual assaults on campus.

While the tournament is a good way to help spread awareness, people may have forgotten the reason why it was held while they were competing in dodgeball match.

The tournament was held to make people become aware of a nationwide problem that is persistent on college campuses.

Don't just focus on a dodgeball tournament. Put more focus on the bigger picture.

In Friday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, the article titled, "Teams pledge to end sexual assault," said 81 people competed in the tournament.

Of those 81 people, only 30 signed the nationwide pledge of the "It's On Us" campaign. If the other 51 people have not already taken the pledge online, why didn't they sign it

at the event?

Many know that sexual assault is an issue, but people don't seem to realize the severity of the problem.

The campus as a whole needs to recognize the problem and take action or else it's just going to be an ongoing issue across all college campuses.

This is something we should be talking about on campus instead of ignoring it. While no criminal sexual assaults or sexual harassment crimes were reported in 2015, according to the criminal statistics given by UPD, it does not mean that something did not happen.

Don't brush off the issue next time you hear about it. Take the time to become aware and help spread awareness for the campaign.

It does not take much to learn about the campaign. Just go to ItsOnUs.org to become familiar and take the pledge.

The more students that actively participate in the campaign, the safer our campus can be.

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## It's OK to have your own personal time

With the publication of *The Daily Eastern News'* Housing and Dining Guide, I began to reflect on how I could have made my nearly four years of living in a university setting better.

Looking back, I wish I had known how to navigate a communal living space as someone who is wholeheartedly an introvert.

The main difference between introverts and extroverts is how they get their energy; an extrovert feeds off interactions with other people, while an introvert needs time alone to recharge, especially after long periods of being around people.

Most colleges, including Eastern, require freshmen to live in a residence hall, which means many end up with a randomly placed roommate.

While my first-year roommate and I never had any epic battles, having to share a room was still a huge adjustment.

My biggest source of stress during my first year came from never knowing when I'd be able to have time to myself.

Sharing a bedroom means the place where you normally relax is also the place for your roommate to do the same.

So after a long week, I would not necessarily be able to have my own space to unwind like I was used to, unless she happened to go out for the weekend.

Or, if I needed to have a mid-week mental breakdown, I was not guaranteed to be able to do so in privacy.

This was of no fault to my roommate, as



**Stephanie Markham**

the room was just as much hers as it was mine. However, this was incredibly taxing to me as an introvert.

After two years of living with random roommates in the residence halls, I decided to spend my junior and senior years in an off-campus studio apartment.

This was probably one of the greatest things I've ever done for myself, because I naturally function the best in when I can have a good amount of time alone.

However, for those introverts who are still making it work among the company of others, there are certain things you can do to make life easier.

For instance, if you aren't able to get your own apartment just yet, don't be too stubborn to pay the extra fee to buy out a room in a residence hall.

This situation may actually be ideal for

introverts or anyone with social anxiety.

With your own room in a residence hall, you can still lock yourself in whenever you need to, but you have the added bonus of having a resident assistant looking out for your best interests, and you can easily reach out to others on your floor if you need someone to talk to or hang out with.

If you can't buy out a room, make sure you develop good communication habits with your RA and your roommate early on.

If you have difficulty with this, try bringing a trivial problem to your RA in the beginning of the year so that you are used to going to him or her and you know the two of you can talk if needed.

Also, don't be afraid to ask your roommate to give you some space if you feel you aren't getting enough. It wouldn't hurt either to explain your situation, so if you don't feel like talking one day your roommate will understand.

It also helps to have somewhere else to go, such as a sibling's or friend's apartment.

There are plenty of places on and off campus where you can go to essentially hide from the rest of the student body.

What's important is finding your personal balance of social interaction so you can be productive and happy.

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Phillips was not in Springfield to vote on a bill for providing funding for community colleges and Monetary Award Program grants Thursday.

Phillips said he was not there because of "personal business," but this will not happen again. He said he was told the bill was a hoax, but he will be present for the next vote.

The question was raised of

whether or not Rauner still wanted to have Eastern around, and Phillips said he absolutely does. He said he has the ears of Rauner and the legislature to encourage them to give Eastern funding.

"My No. 1 priority is EIU," Phillips said.

Someone brought up the point that the inactivity of the state legislature and fighting over

agendas made it hard to have faith.

"I don't really give a rat's banana about our agenda right now," Phillip said. "What I'd like to have right now is funding."

Phillips said he would be at the Fund EIU rally at 4 p.m. Friday in the Library Quad.

Cay Kolling, a program assistant from Information Technology Services, said it was like

there was no human factor when it comes to the financial crisis.

"Look at all of these social services that have closed and had to stop giving services and assisting people," Kolling said. "We have lost already so much good, young talent at EIU. Are parents still going to want to send their children to EIU?"

Phillips said he attempted to work with former Eastern Pres-

ident Bill Perry and volunteered to be in groups for improvements, but no one got back to him.

"They didn't want us in there trying to say, wait a minute, we need to change our programs," Phillips said.

He said he is meeting with President David Glassman to get new programs, and he has met with people who have said Fac-

ulty Senate being in control is why there are no new programs.

"As long as Faculty Senate has the strength and the power over Eastern, then there has to be someone who says enough," Phillips said. "Change the programs, bring the students in."

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# Library panel to inform students on Dust Bowl

By Liz Dowell  
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Booth Library will have a panel titled "Illinois Plow and Breaking the Plains: Technology, Ecology and Agricultural Production during the 1930s" on Wednesday.

The panel is a part of a bigger exhibit in the library called "Dust, Drought, and Dreams Gone Dry."

Debra Reid, a professor of history, will be talking about Illinois agriculture during the panel.

The focus on the panel is how the bulk of the problem that caused the Dust Bowl was the type of agricultur-

al machinery used on the Plains.

"You have to have equipment to harvest or its not reasonable to plant so much grain," Reid said. "The real issue is that over production is just one component of a series of things that happened to make it an ecological disaster."

Reid said one of the things that could have been a part of what caused the Dust Bowl, besides over planting and harvesting, was the change from using a plow behind a mule to using tractors.

The tractors that were used on the Great Plains were manufactured out of Illinois.

"But what happened is a lot of the equipment was manufactured from companies in Illinois," Reid said.

Reid also said Caterpillar Inc. was one of the main companies that was mentioned in the 1940 film "The Grapes of Wrath." Reid said even though the Dust Bowl is associated with Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico, Illinois also felt some of the effects.

"There were massive floods on the Mississippi here during the Dust Bowl," Reid said. "There were consequences of too little rain here, but it had nothing like the magnitude of the Great Plains."

Janice Derr, the program coordinator, said students should be encouraged to attend the seminars because not many students know about the Dust Bowl.

"I don't know really if this is something that students know a lot about," Derr said. "If you mention the Dust Bowl, I don't know if students could really tell you a lot about the Dust Bowl. I think it's a time period that we don't know a lot about, and again I think a lot of people associate it with that (Western Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas) part of the country. They don't think it affected other parts of

the country."

Derr said it is almost impossible to have a natural disaster as big as the Dust Bowl not affect anywhere else.

"We can't have a devastating event like this happening in one part of the country and it doesn't affect other parts," Derr said. "Even just this idea that the dust was across this entire country, and I think that's something that people don't know about; I didn't know that when I started on this project."

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"I'm hopeful and optimistic that the appropriation is going to come in before we're sitting at Lanz at graduation," Glassman said.

Glassman said it is possible that if an appropriation is given and results in an \$8.6 million cut in the budget, then not all of the individuals who are going to be laid off will return.

Jimmie Robertson, the chair of Faculty Senate, asked how much more would the layoffs of 200 civil service workers help the university.

Glassman said the estimate is about \$3 million, and the university "can make it."

Scher asked what faculty members can do to get students and parents to

understand the seriousness of the topic.

Glassman said he cannot coordinate such events, but it has to be organic start with the students.

"Noise can be made, calls can be made, things can be made," Glassman said. "People have to do it."

Glassman said the university is as nervous as can be.

"In the 36 years that I've been in higher education, I've never seen these types of challenges," Glassman said.

Amy Rosenstein, a Faculty Senator, said there are certain members of the surrounding community as well as students who might unaware of the issues and they may not understand what is going on.

Glassman said the students' reaction is a result of the university doing everything possible to have the students not realize any effect of the challenges the university has gone through.

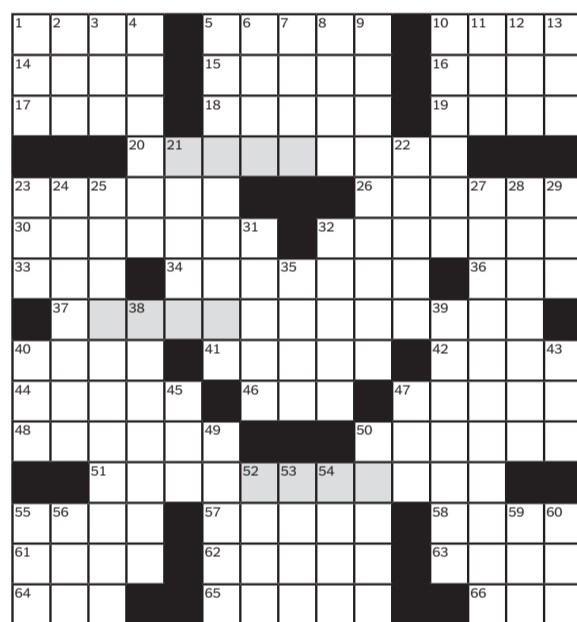
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## The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 1230

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- 1 "No \_\_\_" ("Sure thing")
  - 5 Big ray
  - 10 At the home of, abroad
  - 14 Last performer at Woodstock, informally
  - 15 Letter-shaped construction piece
  - 16 Competent
  - 17 Palm starch
  - 18 Chutzpah
  - 19 Bloodhound's asset
  - 20 Physics Nobelist who pioneered in quantum mechanics
  - 23 TV monitors?
  - 26 Antarctica, so to speak
  - 30 Dead-on
  - 32 Old knockoff of an IBM product
  - 33 Vast expanse
  - 34 Everglades transport
  - 36 Sinful
  - 37 Federal Reserve chairman under four presidents
  - 40 Sums: Abbr.
  - 41 "That's really cool!"
  - 42 Many rushers
  - 44 Maestro Zubin
  - 46 The shakes, for short
  - 47 Moon in "Return of the Jedi"
  - 48 Equipment at fast-food restaurants
  - 50 Big shrimp
  - 51 Football Hall-of-Famer with a nickname befitting his elusiveness on the field
  - 55 Bamako is its capital
  - 57 String quartet member
  - 58 Lip-puckering
  - 61 "\_\_\_ on both your houses!"

- DOWN**
- 1 One- or two-piece attire, for short
  - 2 Small inlet
  - 3 Modern version of "Jumping Jehoshaphat!"
  - 4 "Lincoln" or "Gandhi"
  - 5 Something that makes a difference?
  - 6 Man's name that's a homophone of 16-Across
  - 7 Almost any character on "The Big Bang Theory"
  - 8 Rikki-tikki-\_\_\_
  - 9 Yanqui
  - 10 Nix
  - 11 "Game of Thrones" ainer
  - 12 Center of excellence?
  - 13 Letter after wye
  - 21 Beelike
  - 22 Sales reps maintain them: Abbr.
  - 23 No. 2s
  - 24 Nondairy coffee additive
  - 25 Ruddiness
  - 27 Try to avoid getting punched, say



- PUZZLE BY MARY LOU GUIZZO AND JEFF CHEN**
- 28 Incessantly
  - 29 Struck (out)
  - 31 Goofed
  - 32 See 35-Down
  - 35 With 32-Down, 1950s counterculture figures
  - 38 French comic series that has sold 350+ million copies worldwide
  - 39 Fine, e.g.
  - 40 Big inits. in bowling
  - 43 Soon-to-be grads
  - 45 The Who's "Who \_\_\_ You"
  - 47 Long time
  - 49 Last royal house of Italy
  - 50 Some still-life fruit
  - 52 Royal title
  - 53 Film character who says "Adventure. Excitement. A Jedi craves not these things"
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# Sophomore swimmer sets example in, out of pool

By Sean Hastings  
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Sophomore swimmer Patrick Wood has a work ethic in the pool and in the classroom that surpasses anyone that coach Jacqueline Michalski has ever seen, she said.

When he is in the pool, he will always do more than what is asked of him and more than what the team has to do.

"He always will go above and beyond whatever is asked of him," Michalski said. "If I say do at least a 200 (yard) cool down at the end he'll do 300 yards. He always just wants to do more."

When the Panthers are in practice, Michalski some times will tell the team to choose to do something, and Wood will choose something difficult.

The swimmers will usually choose a type of drill. For Wood, the biggest thing he learned in coming to Eastern as a swimmer and as a student was learning how to fail, he said.

"When I first came here, the first week of practice, I was trying to go with the fastest group interval, and I couldn't hit the times," Wood said. "It just kind of shows you that you have to take a step back and work one day at a time."

Taking everything one day at a time relates to everything in life for Wood. The change from high school to college was a big difference.

"You screw up on your first test, you got to go back and figure it out," Wood said. "Just like in the pool, you're not making the set one day, you go to figure out if it's your diet or whatever you should change to figure out how to get better."

At the beginning of the season, Wood had to deal with some blood sugar issues, which kept him from swimming the way he wanted to.

Wood felt tired and fatigued throughout his races, and it took some time to fig-



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Sophomore Patrick Wood will be swimming the 400 yard individual medley and the 200 yard butterfly events at conference. Wood has also maintained a 4.0 GPA through his first three semesters.

ure out what was causing it. The solution for Wood was to get a better diet.

The Panthers were able to go home for two weeks over winter break and train with club and high school teams, which helped Wood get back to where he wanted to be.

"I think that was good to kind of mentally regroup," Wood said. "Coming back I kind of had a more positive mind set and I was more excited and started to enjoy it again. I started putting up better times and I've been happy with that so far."

Since Wood has got his blood sugar straightened out, he has become a much better swimmer, Michalski said.

At the beginning of the season, Wood was in the middle of the row for the butterfly swimmers on the team, but now he is right up at the top as the team's top "flier."

It would be expected that Wood's work ethic goes into his training, which has made the difference.

Although Wood was not able to keep up with the fastest interval when he first came into Eastern, he has made it there now and is posting much faster times.

Wood's strength as a person and strength physically is what contributes to his work ethic, Michalski said.

"He's really been focusing on doing everything right and that takes a re-

ally strong person to do," Michalski said. "I don't think I can say it enough that he does the right thing and that is really exciting as a coach to have on your team."

But when swimmers have the strength that Wood has physically, their bodies get more beat up and can have a harder time posting faster times in season.

Michalski said for Wood, having a positive outlook to go along with his work ethic will get him even faster times. The Panthers will be tapering the next two weeks before conference, which will really help Wood get rested and have a great conference meet.

Wood connected learning how to fail with having a positive outlook for meets

and schoolwork.

"When you have all these failures in the sport you have to figure out how to pick your head up and keep going," Wood said.

Wood will be swimming the 400-yard individual medley and the 200-yard butterfly events at the Summit League Conference meet Feb. 17-20.

Throughout the regular season, Wood competed in butterfly, backstroke, and freestyle events to help him be better in the individual medley event. The 400-individual medley has each of those strokes in it.

Wood's work ethic has paid off in the pool and also in the classroom, as he as posted a 4.0 GPA in each of his first three semesters at Eastern.

It is difficult for anyone to get the highest possible GPA, but Wood has done it as a member of Honors College and majoring in athletic training with a pre-medication concentration.

"It's really busy," Wood said. "But with swimming it gives me a schedule so it helps me keep myself organized. Jacqueline (Michalski) is really good with helping me stay on top of my academics."

He added that it is true for the whole team since Michalski came at the start of last season.

"When she came in, it's kind of changed the culture with GPA," Wood said.

Last year, the men's GPA was not very high but Michalski worked with them and have raised their GPA and it is something that Wood is proud of, he said.

Wood will have two weeks of tapering before he and the rest of the Eastern swimmers travel to Indiana-Purdue University Indianapolis for the Summit League Conference meet.

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# Men's basketball team rises to 1st place in OVC West

By Maher Kawash  
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The Eastern men's basketball team has won four straight games, three of those wins being against Ohio Valley Conference opponents.

With those three straight wins in the OVC, the Panthers are now up to first place in the OVC West.

Eastern sits at 10-13 overall on the season, while the team's 6-4 conference record gives them a half game lead on the 2nd place Murray State Racers.

The Panthers have arguably

knocked out the harder part of their schedule, as they have already played the teams in the stronger East division.

The OVC East is seen as the better of the two divisions, as it carries some elite teams.

Belmont is the lead dog in the conference, sitting in first place of the OVC with a half game up on 2nd place Tennessee Tech.

Although Belmont still sits atop the conference, the Bruins saw their undefeated streak in the OVC come to an end.

The Bruins fell to Tennessee Tech

89-79 last weekend, making things much tighter in the conference.

While those two top teams stand strong in the East, they are joined by Tennessee State, and Morehead State as contenders for the conference tournament.

As the East continues to prove its talent, teams like Eastern Kentucky and Jacksonville State continue to struggle.

EKU sits at the bottom of the East with a 3-6 record, while Jacksonville State is just a half-game ahead of them at 4-6.

The bottom of the West division continues to struggle as well.

While Eastern and Murray State battle for the top spot, teams like Austin Peay, Southeast Missouri, and Southern Illinois Edwardsville struggle to stay relevant.

With the East standing strong in the OVC, it looks like just two or three teams will make it out of the West division.

With that being said, Eastern has set itself up well to contend for a conference tournament berth.

In the Panthers' last six games of the

season, the team plays four in Lantz Arena.

Eastern has been most successful at home, posting a 7-3 record to defend its home court.

The Panthers also play the bottom three teams in the OVC West in four of the team's last six games.

Eastern looks to extend its winning streak and stay in first place as they welcome Southeast Missouri into Lantz Arena Saturday at 11 a.m.

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## TOP CAT Haleigh Knapp | Track and Field



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Haleigh Knapp, sophomore high jumper, broke the school's high jump record after her jump of 5'11.25" during the Indiana Relays last weekend. She set the previous record earlier this season.

# JUMPING INTO EASTERN HISTORY

## Knapp breaks school's high jump record

By Mark Shanahan  
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After breaking the high jump record at the Indiana Relays last weekend, sophomore Haleigh Knapp now has the 10th highest jump in women's NCAA Division 1.

Knapp set the school record to begin the season at the EIU Early Bird Meet, then broke her own school record again with her jump of 5'11.25" over the weekend at the Indiana Relays.

She discussed what it was like leading up to her record setting leap.

"Whenever I get to a height like that I kind of try to clear my thoughts because usually at that point you just start overthinking a lot of things," she said. "You just kind of need to rely on your muscle memory and relax and jump."

Knapp's previous record was a jump of 5'10.50". This was a big step up from her freshman season, as her season best mark was 5'7". The offseason and preseason helped her achieve the new record.

"During preseason we do a lot of sprint workouts," she said. "I try to modify some of them so I don't hurt my shins, which includes a lot of biking. I lift a lot heavier than I did last year so I think I got a lot stronger this year so that helped."

In the process of setting the record, the sophomore knew she was going to clear the bar once she left the ground.

"For me it's pretty easy to tell if I hit it down or not," she said. "Once I hit the mat I knew I had broken the record."

Setting the record to start her second year of track and field at Eastern and then breaking that

same record a few months later was something Knapp could only dream of coming into the collegiate level, she said.

"Nothing compares to when it actually happens," she said. "The first meet I originally broke the record and this past meet at Indiana I broke my own record. Never in a million years had I expected my sophomore season to go like that."

High jump is the only event that she competes in. In the indoor season last year, Knapp earned first team All-OVC in the event the OVC Indoor Championships with her height of 5'6". That was not her best height of the indoor season however, as she had a leap of 5'7" at the Grand Valley Big Meet.

She was also part of the women's team that won the OVC Indoor Championship in her freshman year. During the outdoor season, she earned second team All-OVC in the high jump with her second place finish in the OVC Outdoor Championships. The second place finish was also her best leap of the outdoor season at 5'7".

Knapp has been running track since 7th grade and stuck with it after trying out the high jump event.

"In middle school I tried a lot of sports, but track was the one sport I ever stuck with and it's because one of the weeks we tried field events and I tried the high jump and I loved it," she said. "I got the hang of it really easily so I stuck with it and just kept getting better."

Knapp enjoyed a very successful career at Morris Community High School, where she earned three-straight IHSA Class 2A titles in the high jump. She was the state champion her junior and



Haleigh Knapp

senior years by clearing 5'8" both times. She first won state her sophomore year with a height of 5'7".

Her parents and coaches are the people she credits for helping her get to where she is today.

"My parents are so supportive and I can't ask for any better parents," she said. "Especially how much they support me and my sports. My club coach who coached me all throughout high school, his name is Bob Cervenka, he just knows high jump. That's all he does and he's just very helpful. And obviously coach Akers."

Knapp and her teammates will be back in action this weekend at the Notre Dame Meyo Invite.

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### Favorite Artists

- Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros
- Red Hot Chili Peppers
- Tom Petty
- Beyoncé

### Favorite Shows

- Grey's Anatomy
- Making a Murderer
- Gossip Girl
- Saturday Night Live
- The Office



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The sun sets just behind Lawson Hall on the South Quad on a cool evening.

## Benefits, drawbacks range for living spaces

By Jeff Coy  
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Many Eastern students can see the pros and cons of on- and off-campus living.

"The nice thing about living off campus is living closer to off-campus life such as the bars and restaurants," said Alex Westerman, a senior kinesiology and sports studies major. "(The) bad thing is being too close to the bars and having drunk (people) walking through your yard."

Willie Morris, a sophomore music major, currently lives in Ford Hall and lived in Thomas Hall his freshman year.

He said he plans on living off-campus next year at a cheaper price. Though Morris said he is excited to live off campus, he also enjoys having

on-campus dining and having food ready without needing to cook.

He said it is more convenient to live on campus as an underclassman because of the campus parking restrictions. Most of Morris' classes are in the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

These factors make college life more convenient, he said.

Andy Doto, associate resident director at Taylor Hall, said data from Eastern shows the GPA for on-campus students is higher than those who stay off campus.

"(While) being on campus, you're closer to campus resources," Doto said.

Doto said being closer to resources really does make a difference.

He said the first year of college for students is

by far the most difficult because of the transition in their life. First-year students who live on campus also have resident assistants to help mentor their college experience.

Eastern's Institutional Research Office collects data over the years to provide accurate information in regards to the student body, programs and employees. The information office provides helps to guide the university in planning efforts.

A report from the Institution Research Office showed in the spring 2014 semester on-campus freshman had an average GPA of 2.66 while off campus freshman had a 1.97 average.

On-campus sophomores had a 2.93 average while off campus sophomores had a 2.54 average, and on-campus juniors had a 3.06 average GPA while off-campus juniors had a 2.89 aver-

age.

For seniors, those who lived on-campus had a 3.12 average GPA while off-campus seniors had a 3.1 average all together.

Jayce Smith, a senior applied engineering major, has lived in Campus Pointe for the last three years.

"I prefer to live off campus; there's just more privacy," Smith said. "I even have my own bathroom with my room. My apartment is also right next to Walmart, which makes grocery shopping convenient." Smith said he could not imagine living with noisy floor mates he "has" to live with.

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## Free movie streaming available in residence halls

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Eastern's residence halls have been able to access Residence Life Cinema, a movie streaming service provided by Swank Motion Pictures that features a wide selection of movies and adds even more choices every month.

Mark Hudson, director of Housing and Dining, said the selection of movies is based on both what the company has available and what students are interested in.

"What happened there is that the company has gotten more things in their inventory and they're offering them to us, and I think we are just tapping into them," Hudson said. "Students have an input. We have a committee that looks at (the choices) and decides what they want to

see."

Matt Boyer, the assistant director of residential life and conference services, is in charge of the committee of students deciding what films should be selected each month.

The committee is made up of student workers and members of the Residence Hall Association's executive board.

Boyer said the committee is given a set list of 100 top movies and the student members decide which of these choice they like best.

"They give us the top 100 for the semester, then we select 16 additional movies each month for a four-month period," Boyer said.

Some of the new additions to the movie streaming service this year include popular shows such as "House of Cards" and a new category titled "New To The Library," which gives

Eastern students even more selection and variety.

Boyer said the TV show is a new addition starting this semester, and he hopes they will be able to continue adding new shows on a monthly rotation as well.

"Matt basically gets some students together and helps figure out what they want to have on there going forward," Hudson said.

"I'm guessing that those are probably format changes that the company is making as they are getting more feedback from people as to what will be most helpful," Hudson said. "Certainly what happens is in those (committees), they talk about the service and what's working well, and I know Matt has conversation with the company and gives them feedback."

Hudson said there was most likely a collective interest from those who use the service that

help to make the change. He also said the movie streaming was viewed a couple thousand times a month.

"For last semester, I think we were, if I remember it correctly, 13,000 views for the fall semester," Boyer said.

Hudson said early on when Eastern first started using the movie streaming service, there were some problems with the compatibility of the service on some browsers, which has since been fixed.

He also said Eastern is working on developing a system where students can visit the Housing and Dining website and have an input on what movies they would like to see in the future.

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# Residents urged to practice fire safety

Fire chief says food hazards cause majority of alarms in student homes

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The Charleston Fire Department responds to active fire alarms on campus about three times a week, said Fire Chief Pat Goodwin.

Goodwin said the most common cause of an active fire alarm at Eastern is burnt food. He said most of the problems are microwave-related, and he recommends students not leave their microwaves unattended. Goodwin said students should remember the cooking time is “four minutes, not 40 minutes.”

Goodwin said something not attended to and forgotten about can easily cause a fire issue.

During an activated fire alarm, Goodwin said students should take the alarm seriously and evacuate the building.

Kelsey Cripe, the resident director for Andrews Hall, said one of the biggest fire safety concerns is students who do not leave the building when the alarms go off.

“Treat each fire alarm with the same urgency every time,” Cripe said. “You never know the cause of a fire alarm, so treating each one seriously is very important.”

According to Eastern’s student handbook, failure to follow procedures during an active alarm will result in a minimum of a \$50 fine.

Each residence hall has a fire drill once a semester, usually during the second month.

Mark Hudson, the director of Housing and Dining, said this is because the human brain is imprintable.

“Once you hear that alarm go off, and you walk down the stairs, your



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A Charleston firefighter packs up his gear after responding to a fire in room 5G of Stevenson Hall on Aug. 27. The fire was caused by burning incense in a styrofoam cup in a closet. The fire was quickly extinguished by sprinklers in the room.

brain remembers that,” he said. “So if a situation comes up that would be an actual fire, the brain recalls that and knows what to do.”

Hudson said the basic procedures for a fire alarm are to use the stairs, not the elevators and to get at least 500 feet away from the building.

In 2014, there were 65 active fire alarms and two fires during the year, compared to 89 active fire alarms and no fires in 2010.

While Eastern seldom has actual fires, Hudson said University Court is the area that typically has the most incidents and that those are usually cooking fires.

Last semester, there was a fire in a room in Stevenson Hall after a student had incense in his room that caught on fire.

“Treat each fire alarm with the same urgency every time. You never know the cause of a fire alarm, so treating each one seriously is very important.”

-Kelsey Cripe, Andrews Hall resident director

According to the student handbook, candles, oil lamps, incense and any other combustible materials are not allowed in any university housing facility.

Coffee makers, crock pots, toasters and other cooking appliances are also not allowed in residence hall rooms. Electric blankets, lava lamps, space heaters, hot plates and recently added hoverboards are prohibited in on-

campus housing to comply with fire safety regulations. Hudson said hoverboards were banned because of the present fire safety issue.

“That’s not a ‘let’s not have fun’ thing, it’s a ‘wow, the national safety people are saying these things could combust,” Hudson said.

Hudson said the university wants to make sure it has policies in place that reinforce the safety for the resi-

dents. “Our responsibility, by running residential environments, is to make sure we keep them as safe as possible,” Hudson said. “That is dependent on behavior of the residents. Their decisions do things that affect the rest.”

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# Students keep dining centers up, running

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The dining centers around campus are more than a place of employment to Eastern's student workers.

The university's housing and dining services employs more than 300 students in its food operations. This includes Panther Catering, Java B&B and the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Food Court. Collectively the most student workers are located in the residential dining centers, which employ around 200 students.

Jenn Rodriguez, a junior communication studies major, started working at Java last semester and said she likes working within her school schedules.

She said one of the best parts of her job is seeing a different person every day.

"I get to see familiar faces as well as get to know new ones," Rodriguez said.

One her first day, Rodriguez said she was overwhelmed.

She said Java is a fast-paced environment, and it took her a while to adjust. She said the busiest times are the periods when students get out of class, usually 10 minutes before the hour.

Tyler Handy, a senior biology major, is a student manager at Taylor Hall. He has worked for the dining centers for more than a year and said he left Stevenson Hall for Taylor because of the different set ups.

"They have really different styles of serving, and I feel like I constantly have something to do at Taylor," Handy said. "When you don't have much to do, your shift drags."

Handy said the only reason he had to go to Stevenson was because of the Student Manager In Training program. Whoever went through the program got selected to work at other dining centers, and Handy got switched.

Handy said student managers get 18 meals a week and see an increase in their paycheck.

"There's a lot of transferable skills that you can develop here, especially with managing," Handy



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Wonae Fair, a sophomore biological sciences major, bags cotton candy on Jan. 28 during the State Fair Dinner in Taylor Dining Center. Fair also spun the cotton candy, which was a new experience for her.

said. "That's really good experience for the real world."

Ty Goodlow, a sophomore applied engineering & management major, works at Thomas Hall and said he needed a job to keep him busy when he was not in class.

He said the key to working in the dining halls is patience and communication.

"The interaction with all of the students is the best," Goodlow said. "You get to meet new peo-

ple every day and develop different bonds and just socialize."

Mark Hudson, director of housing and dining, said when students are looking for a convenient job, they often turn to the dining centers.

"It's a good marriage of need and want," Hudson said.

Hudson said years ago the Residence Hall Association requested for Thomas Hall to be the designated center to be open when the campus is

closed.

He said the centers consolidate when the number of students on campus is down.

"We are very careful to not waste the students' money," Hudson said. "If we kept more centers open, we would have to raise room and board rates to cover the extra cost."

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# Director clarifies meal plan misconceptions

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Functioning as a home away from home, the dining centers provide students with hot meals and desserts that almost resemble home-style cooking.

Though workers at Thomas, Taylor, or Stevenson dining centers try their best to shine light on any questions students may bring to the table, there are still plenty of misconceptions that surround the dining centers.

Mark Hudson, the director of Housing and Dining, said one of the biggest questions asked is why students cannot use leftover meal swipes.

"People buy a number of swipes per week based on their projective usage," Hudson said. "We know based on historical numbers that students will miss about a third of the meals provided."

As a result, Hudson said when the pricing of those meals is taken into consideration, the Housing and Dining staff reduces the food cost by the amount of potential uneaten meals.

"If they (students) do eat their meals, they're getting a better deal than when they don't eat them," Hudson said. "So if we allowed people to have their meal swipes roll over and they were able to use them, then it would drive up the cost of a meal plan."

Hudson said another question students typically have is why students cannot lend an extra meal swipe to a friend.

"One person is only going to eat so much," Hudson said.

Hudson said the issue is that the meal plan is built on one person's food consumption and is based on the

known fact that students tend to miss meals.

"So if you and I shared a meal plan, well, sure we'd use 15 meals every single week, but it's not based on the number of meals," Hudson said.

Hudson said certain rules have to be in place to control and keep the cost of food down and give students a good return on their investment.

That is why students cannot use their meal swipes for a friend.

"The room and board plan at Eastern is amongst the least expensive in the state," Hudson said. "So when you compare our most popular plan with other state plans, we're amongst the most affordable and our students are amongst the most satisfied based on student evaluations."

Hudson said overall the goal is to ensure that students have flexibility and variety when it comes to dining on campus.

"Dining Dollars were also added and are meant to give students extra flexibility with their meal plan," Hudson said.

Dining Dollars can be spent like cash in the Thomas "C" store, the Panther Pantry, Java Beanery & Bakery, and the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Food Court. It is another way to help give students variety in their food options.

The Dining Dollars can also be used to buy an extra meal for the week or pay for a friend.

Meals are priced differently based on the type of meal, but if a student uses Dining Dollars they get a 20 percent discount, Hudson said.

"With the discount, breakfast is \$4.85, lunch is \$5.95, and dinner



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Shruthi Reddy Gujjutu, a freshman applied engineering and technology major and student worker in the Union, swipes a student's Panthercard during dinner time at the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Food Court Tuesday.

and brunch are \$7.25," Hudson said. "You can't go any place else and get the same deal or the same nutritional value."

Along with Dining Dollars, students can also use bonus swipes any way they want and those are replenished at the end of each semester, Hudson said.

What students also do not know is

that the dining staff tries to help students move around from center to center to get greater variety with their meals and avoid getting bored with options.

Hudson said he wants to encourage students to take advantage of all the different centers on campus.

Students also wonder why they cannot use a meal swipe in the food

court. Hudson said this is because the food court is a retail operation.

"We want to drive them back to the centers because that's where the capacity is to feed them and the food court is not intended to be their main source of meals," Hudson said.

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