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The co-chair of Illinois' Green Party talked about the benefits of making public higher education free for students.

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## Potential tuition increase looked at during meeting

By **Analia Haynes**

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A potential tuition increase was introduced to the Student Senate Wednesday night.

Paul McCann, the interim vice president of business affairs, said incoming freshman, transfers and potentially graduate students can expect to see anywhere from a zero to 2 percent increase in tuition for FY 2018-2019.

"Most likely we'll see a one or a one and a half increase," he said.

A 1 percent tuition increase could mean an additional \$200,000 for the university, which means about \$3 per credit hour or around \$45 for a full-time student per semester, he said.

The university already increased tuition for FY 17-18 and 16-17 each by 1 percent and increased the room and board rate by one and a half percent for FY 17-18.

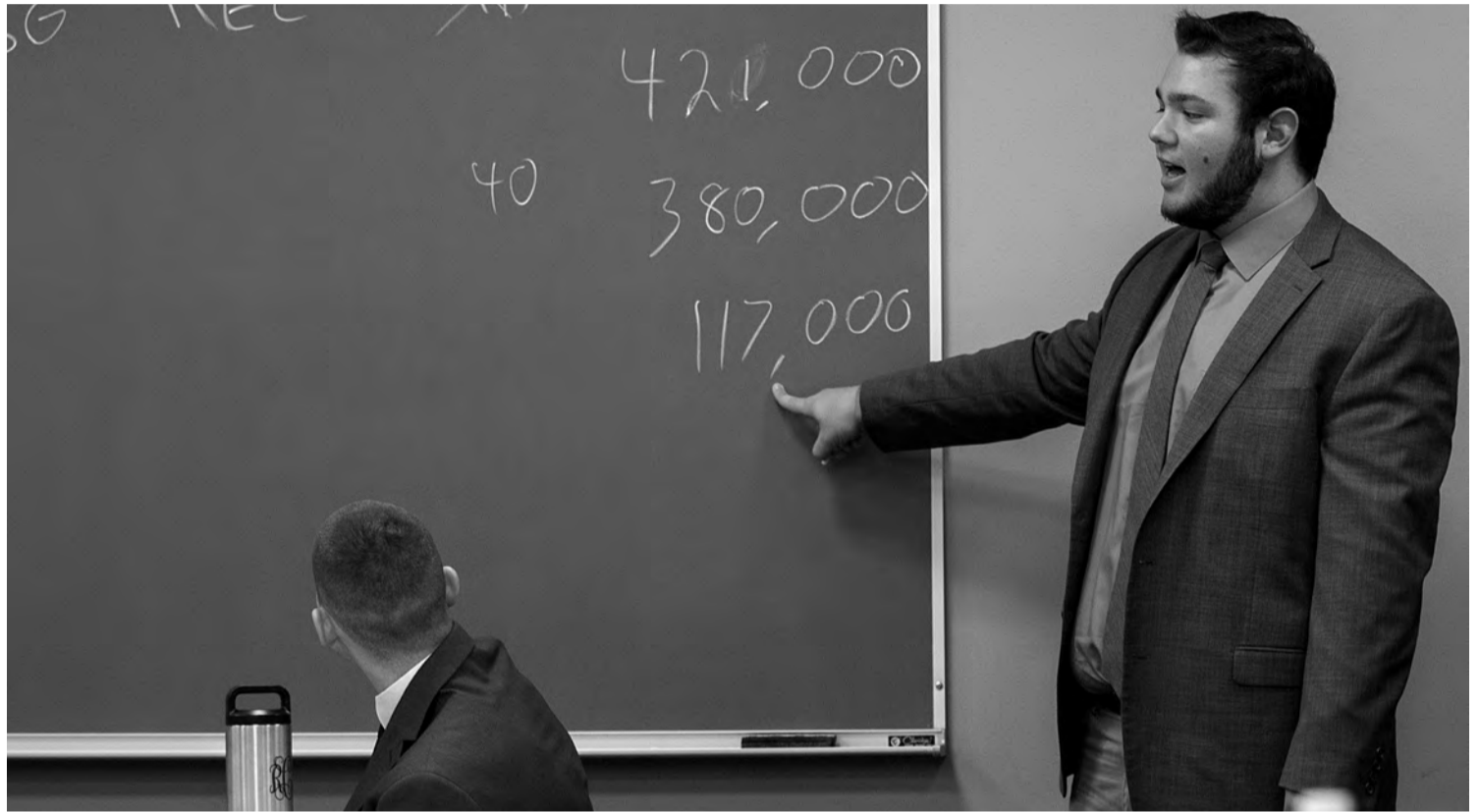
"No matter what we do, we're still going to be on the lower end of the total cost of tuition (in the state)," he said.

McCann said when the university looks at tuition increases they compare the current tuition rate and changes to it to that of other competitors as well as what Springfield is doing, or not doing.

He said for FY 18-19 the university is anticipating some salary increases and pay raises.

"We've already entered into a number of contracts with the unions. So far those have amounted to about a 1 percent increase through those groups. We still have the faculty union to resolve, the police union. Although we reached a tentative agreement it has not been approved with (the Board of Trustees)," he said.

Another factor McCann said the university is considering when it comes to the deci-



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Zac Cohen, the student vice president of student affairs, gives a presentation during a Student Senate meeting Wednesday night on the approved Apportionment Board bills that allocated the funds for the student government, University Board and Student Recreation Center budgets for next year.

sion on a tuition increase is the non-negotiated civil service employees, who have not seen a pay increase in over five years.

"We're looking at all those factors and trying to come up with a reasonable tuition increase for FY 18-19," he said.

McCann said the increase would be inevitable, regardless of the projected increase in student enrollment for next year, because of a

high inflation rate.

"We need to look at some type of enrollment (or tuition) increase. The inflation rate is about two percent and our costs continue to go up. We need to do something," he said. "We know costs are going up. If inflation goes up 2 percent do we want to be at inflation or are we OK to be below it? We're trying to make sure the operating budget isn't hurt too

much."

Though a decision has not been reached regarding the increase, McCann said he anticipates that something needs to be brought to the Board of Trustees at its April meeting.

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## Art students collaborate with local businesses

By **Parker Valentine**

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An Eastern Graphic Design class is conducting a project that will give local business the opportunity to reinvigorate and change their brand identity.

The class, ART 4921, taught by art professor Samantha Osborne, is an advanced graphic design course for seniors.

Osborne said the project is an attempt to provide materials, such as new logo designs and others, for local businesses that will elevate their identity and profile within the community.

The class is separated into four groups; each group is assigned a different local business to work with.

The businesses that are taking part in the project are CCAR Industries, Bike and Hike, Plush Boutique and Home Again Consignment Shop. All businesses are local, though they do range in business models.

CCAR Industries is a not-for-profit organization founded with the goal of enhancing the quality of life for East Central Illinois citizens with developmental disabilities or other functional limitations.

Natalie Standley, a student in the group dedicated to helping CCAR, said they presented three different ideas to the organization.

"They pulled what they liked from some aspects and what they didn't like from others. We pulled all that feedback to make one conclusive look based on those three looks," Standley said.

Standley is confident after CCAR viewed the ideas yesterday that feedback was positive from the organization.

Bike and Hike is a store that sells multiple styles of bikes, with a location in both Effingham and Charleston. The design project only consisted of the Charleston store.

Travis White, a student in the Bike and Hike group, said the store requested a look that was more updated and more relatable to present customers.

"We gave more tamed down colors, more earthy colors. They had a very bright green that was almost neon," White said. "They also liked that we included a bike in the design."

Brendan Lynch owns the Charleston location of Bike and Hike. He said for continuity purposes, he is going to maintain the current design style for the store, though did refer to some of the students' ideas as brilliant.

Plush is a women's clothing and children's boutique in the Charleston Square.

Olivia Jakubowski, with the Plush group, said they wanted to give a more professional look to the establishment.

"It's not bad, it just needed updating to be more contemporary, more legible, with less embellish-



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Bike and Hike advocacy director Brendan Lynch's dog Teo watches on as students present re-branding ideas to help with the store's identity and profile within the community Wednesday in the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

ments," she said.

Jakubowski's group took a similar approach as the CCAR group in terms of presentation. Each of the four designers in the group made a model, and after feedback from Plush, made two models based on feedback.

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# Local weather

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## More info found on shooter

SAN BRUNO, Calif. (AP) — Just hours before she shot and wounded three people at YouTube headquarters, Nasim Aghdam calmly told police who found her sleeping in her car that she was having family problems and had left her home.

During the 20-minute interview with officers early Tuesday, she did not mention being angry with YouTube or having accused the company of suppressing her video posts. She gave no indication she was a threat to herself or others.

Later that day, she went to a gun range before walking through a parking garage into a courtyard at YouTube's campus south of San Francisco, where she fired several rounds with a handgun and wounded three people. She then killed herself.

The sequence of Aghdam's activities emerged Wednesday as police continued gathering information about the attacker and her motives.

Agents with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives searched two Southern California homes where Aghdam had lived. Spokeswoman Ginger

Colbrun would not confirm the locations but reporters saw agents entering homes in the communities of Menifee, southeast of Los Angeles, and 4S Ranch, north of San Diego.

Police, meanwhile, visited a gun range not far from the YouTube headquarters.

Investigators do not believe Aghdam, who was in her late 30s, targeted anyone in particular, and there is no reason to believe she illegally obtained the semi-automatic 9mm pistol used in the shooting, San Bruno Police Chief Ed Barberini said.

Authorities are still trying to determine whether she got past security measures to enter YouTube headquarters, he said.

Two women wounded in the shooting were released Wednesday from a San Francisco hospital. The third victim, a 36-year-old man, was upgraded from critical to serious condition.

The day before the attack, the shooter's father, Ismail Aghdam, said he warned police that his daughter was upset with how YouTube handled her videos and might be planning to go to its offices.

Police in Mountain View said they

spoke to Ismail Aghdam twice after contacting the family to report finding his daughter and that he never told them she could become violent or pose a threat to YouTube employees.

When officers found Nasim Aghdam, she was in her car near a strip mall in Mountain View, about 25 miles from YouTube and home to the company's owner, Silicon Valley giant Google. She told Mountain View police who spoke to her around 2 a.m. Tuesday that she had come to the area to stay with relatives and was looking for a job, police said.

They let her go, saying there was no indication she needed to be detained.

Nasim Aghdam used the name "Nasime Sabz" online, a law enforcement official with knowledge of the investigation told *The Associated Press*. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the official was not authorized to discuss the case.

A website in that name decried YouTube's policies and said the company was trying to "suppress" content creators.

## Mueller says Trump is non-target

WASHINGTON (AP) — Special counsel Robert Mueller's team of prosecutors has informed President Donald Trump's attorneys that the president is not currently considered a criminal target in the Russia investigation, according to a person familiar with the conversation.

The person, who was not authorized to speak publicly about private conversations and spoke on condition of anonymity, told *The Associated Press* on Wednesday that the president is considered a subject of Mueller's probe — not a target. A subject is typically someone whose conduct is of interest to investigators but prosecutors are not certain they've gathered enough evidence to bring charges.

The designation could change at any time, though. The development was first reported Tuesday by *The Washington Post*.

Trump's designation as a subject came up as prosecutors and the president's legal team negotiate the terms of an interview with him. The president has said he wants to speak with Mueller's team, but his lawyers have not publicly committed to allowing him to be questioned.

Trump attorney Jay Sekulow declined to confirm or discuss the conversations with Mueller.

White House lawyer Ty Cobb also declined to comment.

The Justice Department typically treats people involved in investigations as witnesses, subjects or targets. Mueller's determination that Trump is a subject suggests he's more pivotal to the investigation than a mere witness, a designation for someone who has observed events of interest to agents and prosecutors.

Although targets tend to be people the government is gathering evidence against with the goal of prosecuting, subjects have a much looser, broader definition.

Still, the import of the designation wasn't immediately clear. It is not known, for instance, if Mueller's office has concluded that, at the moment, there is insufficient evidence to consider Trump a target. It is also possible that prosecutors agree they are bound by a Justice Department legal opinion that contends that a sitting president cannot be indicted.

A grand jury is the way indictments are issued. Yet the White House wit-

nesses with the most direct information about Trump's actions in the White House have spoken privately with Mueller's team instead of being summoned before the grand jury, a possible indication that their statements are being used for the purposes of assembling a report rather than pursuing criminal charges.

Mueller's team has signaled that they're interested in discussing several key episodes in the early parts of the Trump administration as they probe possible obstruction of justice.

Prosecutors have told the legal team they want to question Trump about the firings of former FBI Director James Comey and former national security adviser Michael Flynn.

Investigators want to discuss conversations Trump had with Comey in which the former FBI director has said the president encouraged him to end an active investigation into Flynn. They're also interested in the events leading up to Flynn's February 2017 firing.

Investigators have said they want to hear from the president to understand his intent and thinking during those events.

## Illinois courts debate teenage defendants' social media law

CHICAGO (AP) — Illinois courts are considering if a state law that allows judges to limit teen defendants' social media postings unfairly restricts First Amendment freedoms.

Illinois judges have seen how social media can amplify gang disputes. Judges have imposed restrictions to defendants' social media usage with the goal of curbing violence, the *Chicago Tribune* reported.

But appellate courts have recently split over if such orders infringe on a person's free-speech rights.

Some attorneys for juveniles said the restrictive orders can be too broad, while prosecutors have argued that the main goal is protecting juveniles.

Juvenile Court Presiding Judge Michael Toomin's office drafted language last year for judges to use at sentencing that bars "photos, videos or messages promoting street gang activity." The language also allows judges to order teens to remove existing content from social media.

The state Supreme Court may eventually need to draw clearer boundaries, experts said.

## U of C officer now being investigated

CHICAGO (AP) — University of Chicago officials say a school police officer shot and seriously wounded a student while responding to a call about a burglary.

*The Chicago Tribune* reports university President Robert Zimmer and Provost Daniel Diermeier said in an email that three university officers responded just before 10:15 p.m. Tuesday in the city's Hyde Park neighborhood. The officers encountered the male student breaking car and apartment windows with a long metal pipe. The email says the student charged at police when they ordered him to drop the pipe.

One of the officers fired, hitting the student in the shoulder. The student was taken to a hospital in serious condition.

Chicago police and the school's Department of Safety and Security are investigating. The officer has been placed on administrative leave pending the outcome of the investigation.

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# Student Spotlight: Mitchell has speech success

The junior political science major won first place at a National Championship on March 24-25

By Andrew Paisley  
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Winning first place in the persuasive speech category of the National Speech Championship Tournament is something that Edwyn Mitchell, a junior political science major, is proud to have accomplished both this year and last year.

Mitchell, president of Eastern's competitive public speaking team, competed in five different categories at the 2018 National Speech Championship Tournament on March 24 and 25 at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Along with winning first place in the persuasive speech category, he also became the national quarter finalist in the informative speaking category and was awarded third place in poetry interpretation.

"Having won the championship last year, I truly was not sure how to make a comeback and win the same place again this year," Mitchell said. "I knew I wanted to win again though, so it took a lot of hard work and determination and I pushed myself hard to win again. It was really just an amazing feeling to hear them announce me as the winner this year."

Mitchell did not get involved in speech until his sophomore year at Homewood-Flossmor High School.

"During my freshman year, I was walking down the hallway one day with a friend and we were having a debate about something," Mitchell said. "The coach of the speech team overheard us and said we should join the speech team. I thought about it, but I had just come to that school and I was not ready to join any clubs or anything."

Mitchell said when he became a sophomore the speech coach approached him again, and he decided it was time to get involved.

"My parents have always encouraged their children to get involved with different activities instead of sitting around and doing nothing," Mitchell said. "I was already involved with mixed martial arts, but I have always considered myself sort of



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Edwyn Mitchell, a junior political science major, is the first person in U.S. history to win 1st place National Champion in persuasive speaking at the National Speech Championship Tournament for two years in a row.

a nerd and I had a lot of opinions about different social issues, so I decided speech would be a good platform for me to voice those issues."

Mitchell competed in the oratory/persuasive speaking category of the regional tournament during his senior year of high school, and made it to the state tournament, coming in sixth place.

He said getting to state pushed him to do better, and he de-

ecided to attend a university with a competitive speech team.

"When I got to Eastern, I realized that the speech team here was a lot smaller than the one at my high school," Mitchell said. "It helps because I can actually have a better opportunity to voice my opinions."

For his persuasive speech at the National Speech Championship Tournament this year, Mitchell decided to write about police misconduct.

"Whenever a police officer engages in some sort of misconduct, what happens is the victim or the victim's family gets a minor compensation from the city," Mitchell said. "It makes sense to me, but I think instead of the money coming from taxpayers, we need our police officers to have liability insurance that comes from the insurance department, which covers compensation to victims, and our cops need training on how to de-escalate during situations and learn how to use speaking techniques to reduce hostile situations."

Mitchell took these ideas to Eastern President Glassman and the University Police Department.

"I hope they can implement these techniques into their programs," Mitchell said. "If these ideas go through, I would like to eventually submit them to the city and county police departments to see if they could be implemented."

Mitchell plans on going to graduate school and studying public administration.

"I have always wanted to be in the position of an administrator or a director," Mitchell said. "I think that will give me an avenue to speak about things that are important to me, and it gives me a chance to use my voice as a media and lead others the best way I can."

Mitchell said he encourages students who are very passionate about social issues and justice, or have an opinion they need to address, to join the speech team.

"It is really good to have access to a platform and be able to voice your opinion," Mitchell said. "I have learned that if you really set your mind to it and put forth full effort, you will absolutely achieve your goal."

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## A brisk beginning



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## Do not limit yourself, change is good

Coming out of high school, I had this fantastical idea that I would find my chosen career, land an amazing job, find the love of my life and live “the dream” all by the age of 25.

I know, I know, 18-year-old me had some high expectations for 20-something me.

As graduation sneaks up on me, I have become more aware that I have no idea what I want to do with my life. And you know what? I am OK with that.

Not because I’m a carefree college kid, or a lazy millennial, but because I realized living with such a structured and rigid plan only sets me up to be unprepared for the vast possibilities that life could hand me.

I realized my goals did not leave much room for improvisation or really any freedom.

In the four years I have been in college, I have gone from wanting to live in the big city, to wanting to live in a small, rural town, to wanting to live isolated in a small cabin in the mountains with a dog.

I have gone from wanting to work for a big-time news publication, to wanting to be a war correspondent, to wanting to be the next big thing in science fiction.

I have changed styles, interests and hobbies, all in four short years.



## Angelica Cataldo

Who I was when I was 18 years old certainly did not account for so many changes, and I think that was the biggest flaw in her thinking.

Now that I have turned down two job offers and changed the focus of my working plan, I have now seen first-hand that change is good.

I still have many of the same interests and hobbies I had coming out of high school, but my friends and my beliefs have changed drastically.

My parents always told me people change, and I did not want to believe that, but as I got older I realized nothing has ever

been truer.

I no longer want the same things as the old Angelica, and I certainly do not want to live out her heinous life plan.

I am not sure what the future holds for me, and I do not plan on always knowing. I think that is the fun in life.

I will never say make goals more realistic and within your reach, because I think anything is possible if you truly want something in life, but I certainly would not limit yourself to such a narrow point of view.

Leaving room for the surprises life throws at you lets you be flexible. You willing to try new things, and not be afraid to stray from the path you have tried to pave for yourself.

I am not saying run away and join a cult; I am simply saying do not limit yourself to a rigid plan, or you could miss out on some wonderful opportunities that may present themselves to you in unusual ways.

Life has a weird way of working out and if you get too wrapped up in whatever you are doing, you might blind yourself to ways you can grow and change.

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## Take a moment to enjoy your everyday life

I have had a pretty good week. Actually, I have had an incredible month. Friendships with faculty and peers are flourishing, I received two substantial scholarships, two weeks ago I was in Cincinnati presenting some of my research, and, while maybe not as fun as those previously mentioned, I started a new job that I love. Things in almost every sector of my life are going so well and I feel good about myself the things I am working on.

So, naturally, I am suspicious.

Not that life has to suck all the time, but that ends up happening a lot. Good news flies under the radar and minor inconveniences, while just the metaphorical equivalent of a speedbump, send us spiraling into a fiery disaster because we had a million other things on our mind and forgot that we were going 90 mph. College is tricky like that. Everything moves so quickly that it is nearly impossible to keep up, so now that I am ahead I cannot help but think that I am but an Icarus-type figure. Just up in the sky minding my own business, not realizing that I have a dramatic plummet into the dark awaiting me. But why focus on what disaster awaits me when I can relax and enjoy the ride?

This realization came to me on Monday on my way back from a night class. It was almost 10 p.m., I had been up since 6:15 a.m. and I wanted



## Abigail Carlin

nothing more than to just go to sleep. I walked through the door and almost missed my friends in the living room, patiently waiting for me to join them. You see, they had waited because they knew I was dying to see Zak Bagin’s “Demon House,” and despite most of their hatred for ghost hunting, there they were.

We started the movie, and not even five minutes into it, the lightning lit up my house and the thunder shook us to our core. It was the perfect setting for a horror movie and I was cuddled up with my best friends. To think I almost missed that night of screams and laughter for homework and sleep. I stayed up way past my normal bedtime and pushed my homework to the side so I could enjoy a perfect sleepover, and even though

I woke up to a flooded basement and a mountain of work to do, I could not help but smile.

Regardless if things are going well or not, do not sacrifice these kinds of moments for routine or obligation. The to-do list never ends, but college will. The end of my junior year is creeping closer and closer every minute, and while I look forward to all summer and senior year have to offer, I cannot help but dig my feet deeper into the carpet and wish for one just more moment in this space, exactly as it is, exactly as I am.

Give yourself a homework break. Hit the snooze button one more time. Get one more round with your friends and stay for just one more dance. Let the dishes sit for one more night and grab your keys and meet your friends at the library. Text them good morning and make some plans. Allow these wonderful memories to come to you and do not shy away from anything today. The senior sentimental feelings will soon sweep you away with regret and incessant nostalgia, so take the time to make some memories you’ll never forget, or at least something to make you smile when the world catches up with you once more.

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## STAFF EDITORIAL

## Attend class, try in school

We at *The Daily Eastern News* have three simple words we would like to share with you.

No, it’s not “I love you” or “It’s happy hour.”

What we want and need to tell you is...

Go to class.

Something so easy to say but apparently harder to do, going to class at the beginning of the semester is similar to the Juicy Couture tracksuit phase of the 2000s: it starts out strong and dies out quickly.

And believe us when we tell you, everyone notices. Especially your professors and the members in your group project.

Think you’re safe sleeping in and blowing off class because it’s an “Easy A” course? That “Easy A” can be taken away as easily as it could have been given if you simply showed up, participated and did your work.

Plan on taking the backseat while the members of your group do your part of the project on top of their own assigned responsibilities? Oftentimes, group projects are actually graded on the individuals and their contributions. We doubt your group members will feel obligated to give you your share of the glory in exchange for your failure to share the workload. Chances are your professor will be on their side and given your absences and lack of effort, this will be an easy decision for them to make.

Scrambling to figure out a way to manage stress and deadlines? Good luck getting an extension on any of your assignments. We’re sure your professors would be more than understanding of their student who has more absences than there are grains of sand on a beach. We bet they totally believe you have had strep throat for the past 10 class periods, too.

On a more serious note, we understand that life gets in the way. Life’s obstacles that present themselves to us can affect how we feel and perform as a human, and especially how we feel and perform as a student. But there is a line: being purely lazy is not an excuse.

Being able to afford a college education and receive a degree is a luxury that not everyone has access to. By being lazy and skipping class, you are not only being disrespectful to your professors and classmates, but you’re also taking a privilege for granted.

Next time you want to skip class for whatever illegitimate reason you are trying to convince yourself is a valid excuse, consider how your absence will affect your grades. Think about how it changes the point of view your classmates and professors have of as not only a student, but also a professional. Think about how much money you are wasting that someone who wishes they could have so they could be in your position.

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# Green party co-chair talks free higher ed

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Rich Whitney, the co-chair of the Illinois Green Party discussed how free public education could be obtained and how it would positively impact society at the Charleston Carnegie Public Library on Wednesday evening.

Whitney said free higher education would help the United States move toward becoming an egalitarian society and would help reduce differences between people of different skin colors and ethnicities.

“When you have a better educated society, people are able to rise out of the circumstances they’re born into,” Whitney said. “Free education isn’t a perfect solution but it will benefit people economically.”

Whitney said some argue someone else would have to pay for students’ free education.

However, this would not necessarily mean an increase in taxes, he said.

Currently, Americans hold \$1.31 trillion of student loan debt, according to a report by The Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and about 70 percent of college seniors hold at least some debt.

Whitney said the United States is falling behind when compared to other countries in public education.

The U.S ranks fourteenth in the

world in terms of 25 or 30 year olds with some form of higher education, Whitney said.

Nordic countries such as Germany, Norway and Denmark have successfully adopted free public education in addition to other countries such as Chile and Argentina, Whitney said.

States such as California provided tuition-free education into the ‘60s, but tuition has skyrocketed since Reagan’s administration imposed reinstating tuition costs, with the University of California’s tuition going from \$647 in 1947 to \$ 10 thousand dollars in 2010 for state residents.

Whitney said the regular military budget is \$ 700 million dollars a year and free public education would cost approximately \$ 100 million, so cutting the federal budget by one-seventh would be one tactic to achieve free higher education.

Another tactic Whitney suggested was implementing the Green Party-supported La Salle Street tax, which involves taxing financial assets.

Emma Pikula, a junior history major, said she thinks obtaining funds for higher education through tactics such as the La Salle tax is interesting.

“I think that people need to pay their fair share to fund higher education and that we need to avert funds from where we spend too much



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Rich Whitney, the Co-Chair of the Illinois Green Party, discusses how free higher education could be obtained in The United States.

money,” she said.

Additionally, Whitney said instead of the government borrowing money from the federal reserve system, it could issue the money directly into the economy.

“Higher education is supposed to improve social mobility, but if we stay on the track we’re to become a kind of gilded aged society where only the very wealthy can afford it,” Whitney said.

Juan Nevarez, a graduate student in political science said he thought Whitney shared some insightful per-

spectives.

He added that when considering how to fix the state of Illinois, a lot of different ideas need to be put onto the table.

“I believe that tactics need to be a little more incremental, but I support free education in the long run,” Nevarez said.

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# English professor to give talk on writer

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English professor Jad Smith will discuss how science fiction writer Alfred Bester transformed the genre at 9 a.m. April 10 in the Coleman Hall Auditorium.

His talk will focus on how Bester combined elements of modernism and popular pulp fiction, according to a press release.

The talk is free and open to the public. It is the keynote for the annual English Studies Conference. This conference will feature presentations by English students and returning alumni.

“Professor Smith has written two books on the subject of science fiction writers whose work deserves further attention,” said Dana Ringuette, chair of the English department, in the release. “This keynote gives our students and community a chance to hear from a national expert on science fiction and the genre of cyberpunk.”

Smith has authored two books: “John Brunner” (2013) and “Alfred Bester” (2016). Both of these appeared in the University of Illinois Press’ “Modern Masters of Science Fiction” series. His work on eighteenth-century British literature has appeared in journals such as “English Literary History and Eighteenth Century: Theory and Interpretation,” as well as various other publications.

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Home Again Consignment Shop is a furniture resale shop on 18th Street in Charleston.

Aurelia Tauscher is with the Home Again group.

Tauscher said the main request from the store was to make design options that make the store more noticeable as a furniture store to passersby. It also requested a more consistent social media presence.

“We redesigned their logo, we made stuff look more consistent throughout their store ... we did little signs inside the store, their color scheme, their website,” Tauscher said.

“We made one consistent design and color scheme they could use throughout their store and on social media.”

All the groups presented their ideas to the businesses Wednesday. Now the students will wait for responses from the businesses.

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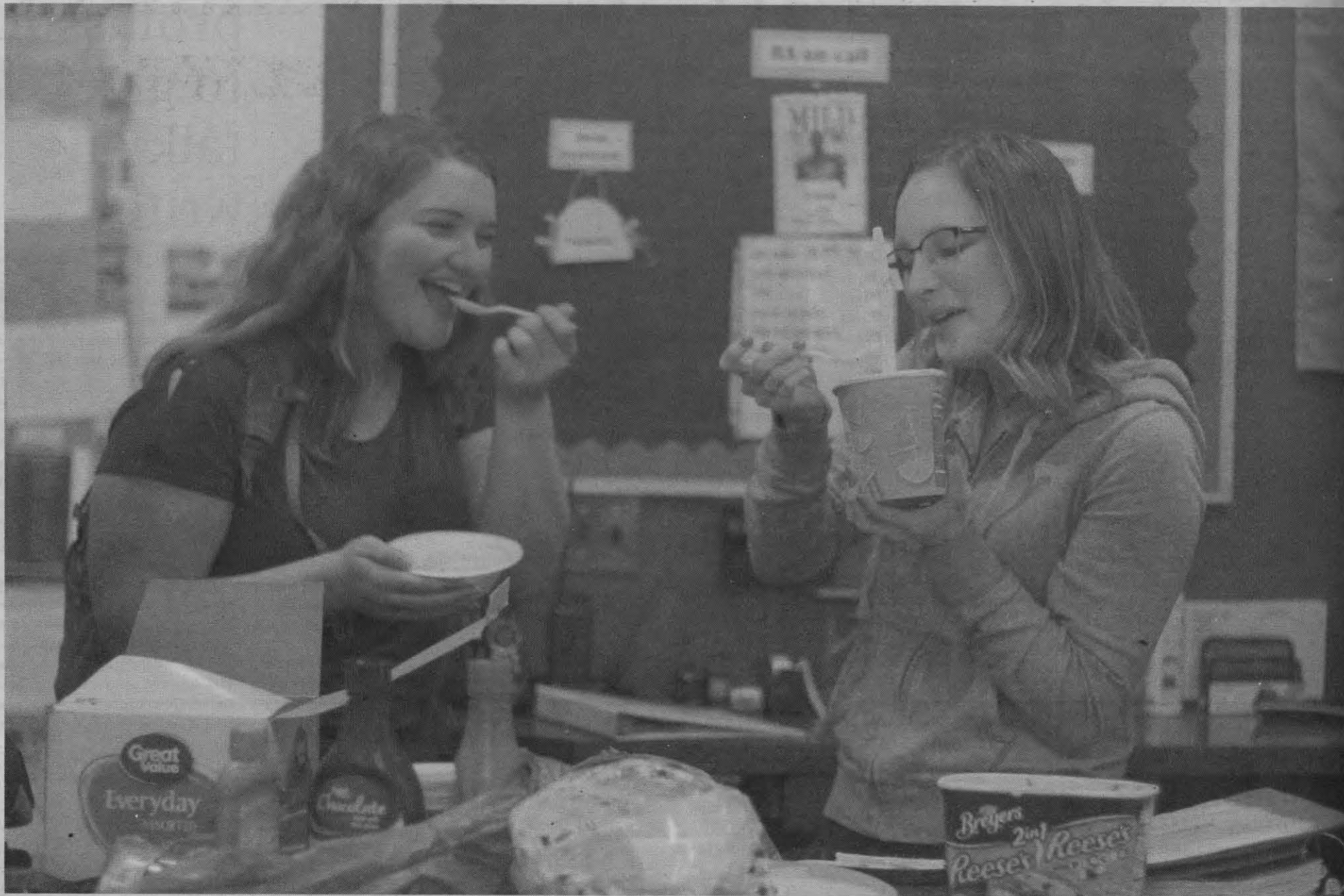
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# Social Sweetness



Charlotte Williams (left), a sophomore marketing major, and Aubrey Schuh (right), a junior special education major, enjoy the leftovers of an ice cream social at the front desk of Taylor Hall Wednesday evening. THALIA ROULEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

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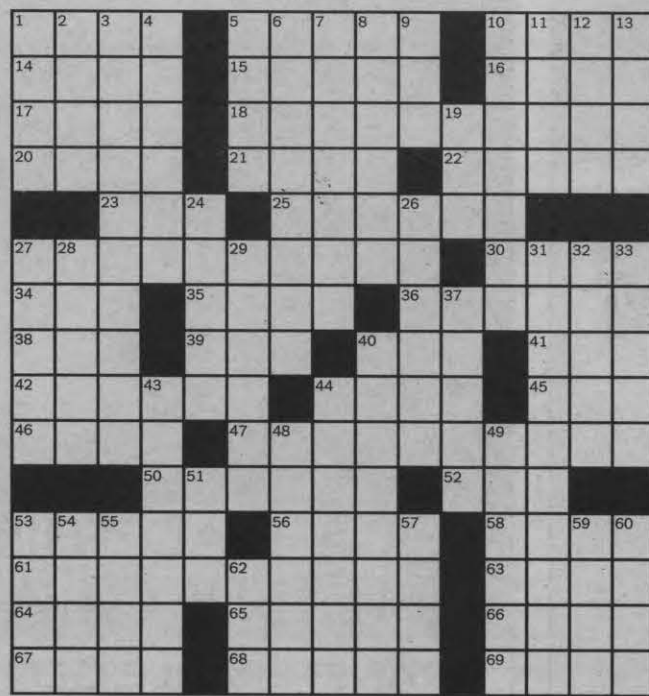
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Sorority letter
  - 5 Spread around
  - 10 Leader in white
  - 14 Mao Zedong or Mahatma Gandhi
  - 15 Castle with famous steps
  - 16 \_\_\_ Karakum (Asian desert)
  - 17 Conservative
  - 18 "Bring it on!" or "Let's rumble!"
  - 20 Narrow margin
  - 21 Fictional home in Georgia
  - 22 Spinny billiards shot
  - 23 Potato harvesting aid
  - 25 Hardly
  - 27 Writing/editing aid
  - 30 Band with the aptly titled album "Powerage"
  - 34 Girl's name that's a body part in reverse
  - 35 Argentine author Jorge \_\_\_ Borges
  - 36 "Yeah, right"
  - 38 Haute couture inits.
  - 39 Shape on a suspension bridge
  - 40 School yardstick, for short
  - 41 No mas!
  - 42 Bring about
  - 44 Pupil \_surrounder
  - 45 \_\_\_ budget
  - 46 Dum-dum
  - 47 Recommend, as an applicant
  - 50 Was on first
  - 52 One might be nervous
  - 53 Where many people make connections
  - 56 Take a header
  - 58 Honker
  - 61 Classic letter puzzle — or, when parsed differently, a hint to three Down answers in this puzzle
  - 63 Like goo
  - 64 "Don't look at me!"
  - 65 Playwright Chekhov
  - 66 Gritty genre
  - 67 Kind of terrier
  - 68 Awkward period, often
  - 69 Up (for) or down (for)

**DOWN**

- 1 Baked pasta dish
- 2 Taxing subject, briefly?
- 3 Pre-Olympic event
- 4 "Moving right along ..."
- 5 Strain
- 6 Period when mammals first appeared
- 7 Backslide
- 8 Treat as a saint
- 9 Monsoonlike
- 10 Wide-brimmed hats
- 11 Assns.
- 12 Things at the ends of dogs' legs
- 13 Otherwise
- 19 Texter's qualifier

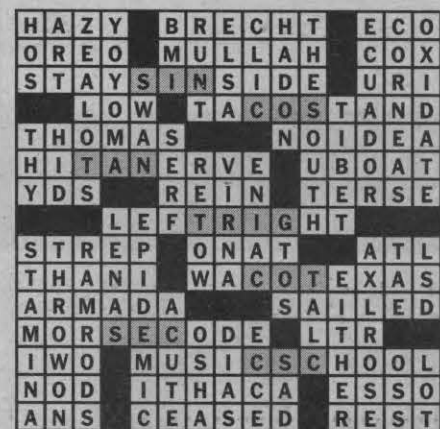


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- 24 Show of brilliance
- 26 Pay a visit
- 27 How some jokes are delivered
- 28 Evening stroll
- 29 Blue area on a Risk board
- 31 Place for a marshmallow
- 32 Product with a pipe on its packaging
- 33 Annual cinéma award
- 37 Attacks
- 40 Where a bowl is set
- 43 Last-ditch
- 44 Repeat for emphasis
- 48 Disharmonize
- 49 Entertaining, in a way
- 51 Foot: Lat.
- 53 Has control over
- 54 Tee shot goof
- 55 Bohemian
- 57 Writes
- 59 Take the top off
- 60 Literary heroine who says "Even for me life had its gleams of sunshine"
- 62 Chewed stimulant in the Mideast

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# Room to improve for the Panthers

By Adam Shay  
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When comparing this year's Eastern baseball team to last season, despite a better overall record at this point from last year, there have been major differences in this year's statistics.

Last year, the Panthers finished with an overall record of 21-35. Looking at the current statistics, the Panthers' offense has not been as efficient as last year; however, the pitching has improved immensely.

Even with 27 games left this season, it will be challenging to meet last season's offensive success. By the end of last year, Eastern had a team batting average of .279, whereas this year, the team's batting average has dropped to .255, placing them eighth in the OVC.

The major decrease this year has been their homerun production. At 20 homeruns this year, the offense will have to step up and start hitting the long ball every game if they plan to match their last season total at 87.

However, the addition of redshirt junior first baseman Hunter Morris has been a bright spot this season. Through 21 games, Morris is third on the team with a .310 batting average, five home runs as well as leading the team with 27

RBI's.

A player who has made hitting improvements this year is been redshirt junior catcher Josh Turnock. Though he has only played 14 games, his average has jumped an incredible 75 points to .367, which leads the Panthers.

Senior centerfielder Joseph Duncan has been one of the most durable players the Panthers the past two seasons. Since he has played every game and has a batting average that consistently hovers around .300, he is on pace to lead the team in hits like last year.

As for the pitching, it looks like the team's ERA will increase by nearly two runs this year. The pitching was ranked higher last week in the OVC, but due to giving up 45 runs in three games against Tennessee Tech, the Panthers ERA jumped to 6.21.

Nevertheless, there are Panther pitchers who have made significant improvements from last season. For instance, senior closer Michael Starcevic has found a rhythm this year, compiling a solid season with a 3.80 ERA and a team high four saves in 23.2 innings pitched.

Also, the addition of junior pitcher Tyler Jones has been near lights out for the Panthers this season. Through 24.2 innings pitched, based on innings thrown, Jones has the lowest ERA on the



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Junior Tyler Jones delivers a pitch in Eastern's loss to Tennessee Tech Friday at Coaches Stadium. Eastern's baseball team is struggling compared to where it was one year ago.

team at 1.82, giving him a 2-2 record in five games started.

As for fielding, the Panthers started the year hot as they ranked third in the OVC in fielding percentage for a couple weeks. Since then the errors have started to pile up, placing them eighth in the

OVC with a percentage at .963, one point lower than last year.

If the Panthers hope to make a push for the OVC tournament, their offense needs to produce more runs and decrease their errors, supported by their improved pitching. With that being said,

there are plenty of practices and games to make those gradual improvements.

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## Freshman O' Brien sees golf as lifetime sport

By Kaitlin Cordes  
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Freshman golfer McKenzie O'Brien constantly has golf on the brain. The sport has been in O'Brien's life since high school, but it was not always her main focus.

O'Brien said when she was growing up, she played a few rounds of golf with her dad during the summer, but it took an injury her freshman year of high school to really turn her onto golf.

"I tore my ACL that year in a basketball game, so I missed almost all of that golf season, and it made me realize that I could go somewhere with this sport," O'Brien said.

That is when O'Brien realized that golf is something she could take with

her over her lifetime. She said she loves that the game is mentally and physically challenging while being more laid back than other sports.

While casual summertime golf games with her father spawned a passion for the sport, O'Brien said neither her mom nor dad are avid golfers, adding that the two play for leisure and recreation. O'Brien said her favorite aspect of being a golfer is that the game can be played casually, like her parents play, or competitively.

The Davenport, Iowa native's love for golf was able to flourish with a little help from geography. O'Brien said the John Deere Classic golf tournament is played 30 minutes from her hometown every year, so she attends every year.

It is at the John Deere Classic that O'Brien discovered professional golfer Jordan Spieth. She describes Spieth as her golfing idol, and O'Brien even met her favorite golfer one year at the tournament.

Finding success in golf was not hard for O'Brien. In high school, she qualified for the qualifier twice for the Iowa State Golf Tournament, where she placed 17th each year. O'Brien placed third in her conference senior year, earning first team all-conference honors and second team all-state honors.

O'Brien said her first season at Eastern has been dotted with some struggles because of a new schedule and new courses.

"When I first got to Eastern, I struggled in the fall season. I wasn't

used to playing so much golf, and the distances were longer than I was used to," O'Brien said. "With the help of coach (Mike Moncel), I am starting to get my swing back to how it should be, and I hope to see some success in these last two tournaments."

O'Brien's ultimate goal for her rookie season is to keep improving on all aspects of her game. She said the team has not practiced a lot this spring because of the weather, but that has not kept her from working on her own.

O'Brien said she easily meshed with the team, and she shares a close bond with her fellow Eastern golfers. In the off-season, O'Brien said she and some of her teammates play on intramural soccer and volleyball

teams, and they gather for games of UNO at the upperclassmen's homes.

With the end of the season approaching, O'Brien said she will most likely spend her time off playing basketball and pickle ball along with working on her golf game. She said she will also spend time with her teammates and her close friend and fellow freshman golfer Sara Guetersloh.

To add to her already impressive résumé, O'Brien said she plans to attend Palmer College of Chiropractic in Iowa to become a chiropractor. She said her ultimate goal is to work as a chiropractor for a professional sports team.

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Sophomore Stella Cliffe returns the ball on her backhand in her doubles match Friday at the Darling Courts. Cliffe was named OVC Women's Tennis Player of the Week on Wednesday.

## Cliffe named OVC player of the week

By **Dillan Schorfheide**  
Women's Tennis Reporter | @DEN\_Sports

Stella Cliffe has been working on keeping the tennis ball in play with patience, as well as playing smart throughout the spring season, and her work has been noticed by the Ohio Valley Conference.

Cliffe, a sophomore, has been named the OVC Women's Tennis Player of the Week for the second time this season. She has been given the honor for her performances over the weekend in Eastern's 5-2 and 7-0 wins over Belmont and Tennes-

see State.

Against Belmont on Friday, Cliffe defeated Maria Plaksina in straight sets, 6-0, 6-2, then on Saturday, she defeated Tennessee State's Ani Popiashvili in straight sets again, 6-4, 6-1.

Cliffe said she did well against both teams on things that she has worked on all season.

The wins in the No. 1 singles position improved Cliffe's overall singles record for the spring to 12-6 and her record in the No. 1 spot to 6-4.

Cliffe said she has really seen an im-

provement each week she has gone out and competed from the start of the season.

"I've really been working on good shot selection to be able to compete with the top players on each team that I come up against, as they are all very tough opponents," she said.

Cliffe's high level of performance on the court this season has trickled over into doubles play as well, where she and duo partner, senior Grace Summers, have won 11 doubles matches this season, including a 5-0 start in OVC play.

The first time Cliffe earned the honor of being the OVC Women's Tennis Player of the Week was in the week of Feb. 4.

Over the weekend of Feb. 3 and 4, Cliffe won both of her singles matches in straight sets against Western Illinois University and Saint Louis University at the No. 2 spot in the lineup.

In that same weekend, Cliffe and Summers won both of their doubles matches and helped Eastern win the doubles point in both team matches.

"I'm really happy to have got the award again this spring because it gives me a lot

of confidence going into my next matches knowing that I am capable of getting the wins and competing at a high level consistently," Cliffe said.

Eastern is currently 10-10 this season and 4-1 in OVC play. The next action for the Panthers is this weekend, when Murray State will host the Panthers on Friday at 1 p.m., then on Saturday, Austin Peay will host Eastern at 2 p.m.

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## Woodson, Kingsmith starting to click for Eastern

By **Vince Lovergine**  
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The duo of sophomore Gage Kingsmith and senior Jared Woodson have been one of the forces for the Eastern men's tennis team in doubles play competition this season.

With Kingsmith and Woodson earning its fifth win this spring in doubles play against Tennessee State, they are 3-1 in conference play, and 7-8 overall.

This tandem is also second on the team in doubles wins, only trailing sophomore Freddie O'Brien and senior Grant Reiman, who are 10-11 and have won their last two matches.

The Panthers have two matches left on the spring schedule with one of those being against OVC opponent Austin Peay.

Woodson and Kingsmith played in doubles competition last season, but the two were not teamed together.

Even though both players lost, teaming these two up this time around could give them a chance to win and earn the point.

All spring the doubles point for Eastern has been crucial when jumping out ahead of teams. This has happened in every match besides one where Eastern clinched the doubles point, but did not win the match.

For Woodson, he knows the doubles point is crucial and working together with Kingsmith will bring further success.

"We've been telling our selves that the more we stay relaxed, and the more that



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Senior Jared Woodson returns a ball on his forehand during doubles. Woodson and his partner, sophomore Gage Kingsmith (left) have found success this season as a doubles team.

we know and understand that we're playing well, the results will come," he said. "Gage has a really strong serve and strong qualities and if I could just use my quickness at the net and it should put us in a good position no matter if we win or

lose." "It kind of came out of nowhere, we just started playing well after coach (Sam Kercheval) made the final lineup and I think the result is because we have a different confidence level and who knows

what could happen, and we hope we can pull out a win," Woodson added.

For Kingsmith, he noted having the strong serve will be key and mixing things up within the match.

"I like to serve big early in the match

to make sure they can't get a rhythm," he said. "I try to mix things up and have that opponent not find that rhythm so I can settle in."

As the season has progressed, a lot of Eastern players have built better chemistry with each other and for Kingsmith, it shows as he has been teaming up with Woodson.

"I feel super comfortable out there with him, I know what he's going to do, I know he knows what I'm going to do, it just comes easily," Kingsmith said. "We don't have to force anything which is nice."

For Kercheval, finding those different doubles teams is difficult, but having teams click helps a lot.

"We put them together in the fall because I think they can play and should play the same way," Kercheval said. "They should serve and crash the net, they should return and come in, and getting them on the same page really helpful because they both know what each other should be doing."

With Woodson being a senior and coming down to his final matches, Kercheval said this has helped Kingsmith.

"Gage has had a year to grow up, and I think Jared has done a nice job keeping Gage on track, and with Jared being mellow guy, it's helped a lot," Kercheval said.

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