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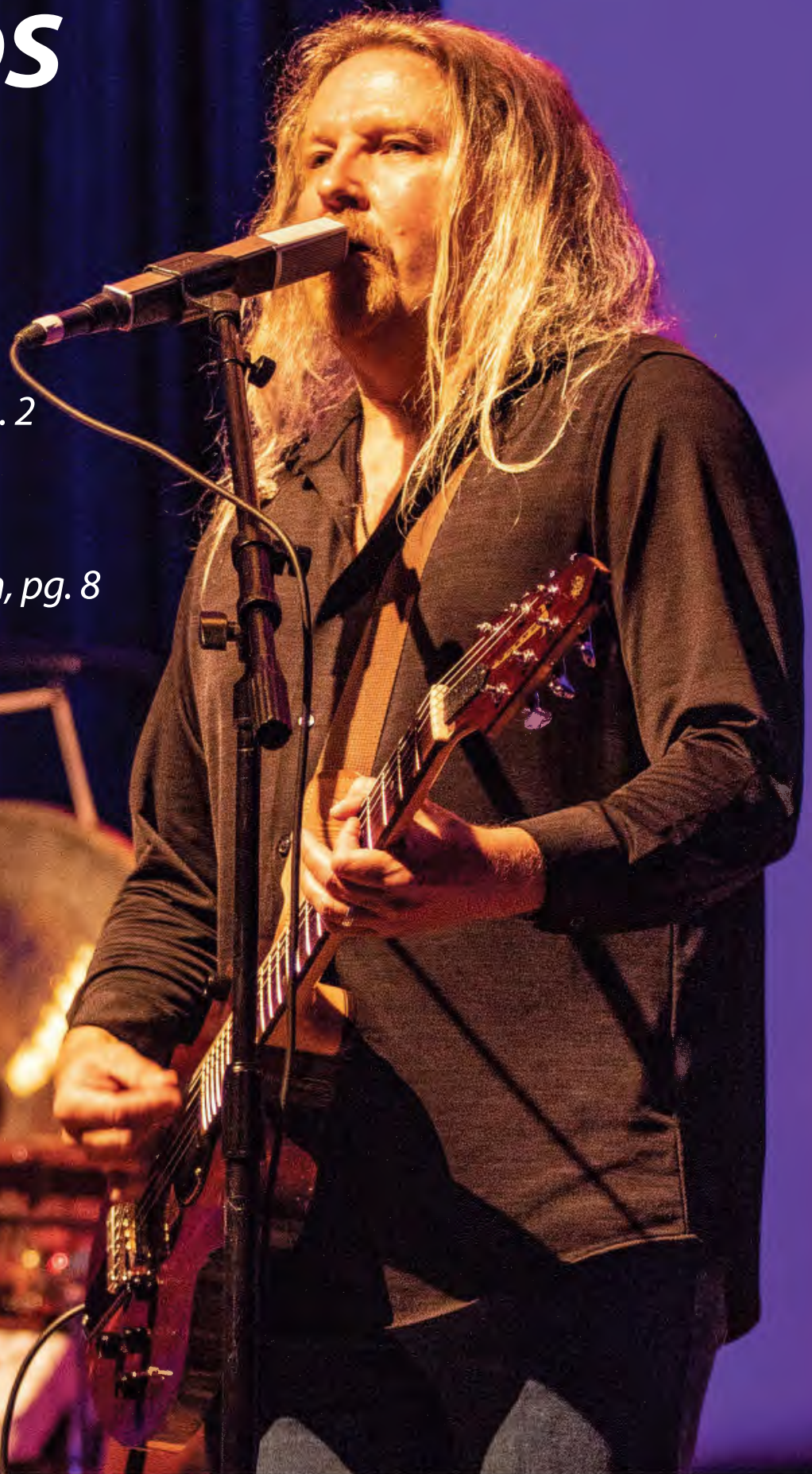
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Scott McDonald, guitarist and vocalist, strums his electric guitar during Tusk- The Ultimate Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band's performance Saturday night in the Dvorak Concert Hall. Audience members enjoyed some of the changes presented in Saturday's show. Those changes included the solos the band performed and the Fleetwood Mac history sprinkled in between songs. McDonald said the band plans to continue to change the show and make viewers' experience better. He said the band wants to return to Charleston if they have the chance to.

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Tusk unites generations through music



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Vocalist, Kathy Phillips belts during Tusk- The Ulitmate Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band's performance Saturday night, August 27, 2022, in the Dvorak Concert Hall on the Eastern Illinois University campus in Charleston, Ill. After the concert Phillips said she thought the show went phenomenally and the crowd was super high energy.

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Tusk, a Fleetwood Mac cover band, performed in the Dvorak Concert Hall Saturday night. The band covered the 1977 album "Rumors," adding their own zest to the show.

Members of the audience of all ages said the show was a resounding success.

Heather Butler, a Toledo, Ill. resident, said the vocals and instruments during "Songbird" brought tears to her eyes. Butler wore a Stevie Nicks inspired outfit to the concert.

"Brought tears to my eyes," Butler said. "Especially for a cover band, it's just one of those songs that hit me in the soul, in my heart."

Allie Hayes, a Mattoon resident, sat in the second row and during the show, jumped out of her seat and waved her hands in the air.

"They were truly magnificent," Hayes said. "The genuine instruments and the beauty of the whole thing, just beautiful voices."

Hayes had listened to Fleetwood Mac growing up with her parents and still loves

their music

Although she didn't know Tusk before the concert, she knew it was going to be a good time.

Much like Hayes, Eastern students Makenna Boyd, a senior English education major, and EJ Hicks, a graduate student studying English said they didn't know of Tusk, but saw it was a Fleetwood Mac cover band and decided to go.

"It was a ton of fun, and now I'm going to listen to Fleetwood Mac for the next week," Boyd said.

Mary Annen and Stacy Shess, Peoria, Ill. residents, have traveled around Illinois to see Tusk perform.

Although this was their third time seeing the band, James and Butler said the energy is near-original to Fleetwood Mac. James said during each show there is something slightly different from the last.

Unlike previous shows, vocalist and pianist Kim Williams, educated audience members on the original band's history and solos, highlighting the individuality each artist offers the band.

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Bassist Randy Artigliere plucks his guitar after finishing his solo during Tusk- The Ultimate Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band's performance Saturday night. Artigliere has played bass for more than 30 years.



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Drummer Tom Nelson plays the drums during Tusk- The Ultimate Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band's performance.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AUG 31-SEP 7

WEDNESDAY

Student Government
7 p.m. - Arcola/Tuscola Room, MLK Jr. University Union
Happy Hacks for More Positivity and Improved Well-Being
1 p.m. - LifeSpan Center

THURSDAY

Council on Academic Affairs
2 p.m. - Witters Conference Room, Booth Library
Charleston Community Band
7:30 p.m. - Kiwanis Park

FRIDAY

Women's Walt Crawford Open
3:45 p.m. - Panther Trail
Men's Walt Crawford Open
4:30 p.m. - Panther Trail

SATURDAY

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HERE!**

SUNDAY

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MONDAY

Labor Day - No Classes

TUESDAY

Faculy Senate Meeting
2 p.m. - Witters Conference Room, Booth Library
Volleyball vs Western Illinois
6 p.m. - Lantz Arena
Charleston City Council Meeting
6:30 p.m. - City Hall

WEDNESDAY

Student Government
7 p.m. - Arcola/Tuscola Room, MLK Jr. University Union

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EIU-UPI contract ends during negotiations

Eastern's chapter of the University Professionals of Illinois have continuously met and negotiated with Eastern's negotiation team for the EIU-UPI's new contract since March 21. Today, the old contract ends while negotiations are still ongoing with 11 proposals tentatively agreed to and 25 proposals still being negotiated.

EIU-UPI is the union representing Eastern faculty which are tenured or tenure-track, referred to as Unit A, and annually contracted faculty and academic support professionals, referred to as Unit B.

Currently, the Collective Bargaining Agreement, CBA, is the contract between the EIU-UPI and Eastern, which governs the rights and compensation of work conditions for all Eastern employees with a job position within Unit A and B.

The CBA is renegotiated by EIU-UPI and Eastern's negotiation team every four years. Although negotiations for the new contract are still ongoing, the old contract expires today. The plan is for the old contract's conditions and agreements to continue until the new contract is finalized.



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Members of the Unified Payments Interface Union socialize before the negotiation team meets with Eastern Illinois University's administration team at Booth Library on Monday afternoon, March 21, 2022.

EIU-UPI, Eastern yet to reach agreement on twenty-one proposals

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There are 13 proposals from EIU-UPI and eight from the negotiation team continuing to be negotiated for the new contract.

The EIU-UPI proposed an across the board raise for nine percent the first year and an added six percent each year for the next three years of the new contract. The reasoning behind these percentages are to make up for several years of small or no across the board raises.

Eastern counter offered for a 1.25% increase the first year and then a potential raise ranging from zero to 1.75% raise depending on each professor's full-time first time student retention rate and the state allocation.

EIU-UPI rejected Eastern's counter offer.

A proposal following Eastern rejecting the original proposal was for the ASPs work conditions. Within the proposal there were 11 demands from EIU-UPI and one from Eastern.

EIU-UPI accepted Eastern's demand while Eastern has accepted two of the EIU-UPI's demands with seven rejections and two partial rejections.

Eastern accepted the conditions for documentation changes to job descriptions and work places along with travel time to and from the work site is considered work time.

EIU-UPI accepted a December window of

reviewing the work plan for Eastern.

The seven rejected conditions from EIU-UPI by Eastern were:

- Five to ten flex work days
- Reimbursement for office expenses if assigned to work from home
- All workloads for advisors are only 90 percent full time equivalent on advising
- Variety of items on a equal time off procedure
- An alternate work plan for ASPs who do not work typical nine to five hours
- Notification for relocating the work site, with relocation costs, if ASPs move residences for more than 30 miles away
- The option for if something occurs on the way home to be able to go home and work remotely if it would take more time to drive back to campus then continue the drive home

Two counters and one proposal covered wording changes in the contract.

The following proposals were made by EIU-UPI, countered by Eastern's negotiation team and EIU-UPI rejected that counter offer.

A merit increase from \$71 to \$111 for the first year of four with the new contract with an additional increase of \$7 each year of the contract.

Eastern countered for an increase to \$75 which remains the same throughout the contract; EIU-UPI rejected this counter proposal.

The EIU-UPI made a proposal regarding Performance Based Increases, PBI. The current contract has faculty waiting until their fifth year to apply and then get a PBI of \$186 every four years.

EIU-UPI proposed a gradual increase over the next four years of the new contract from \$286 to \$341.

Eastern counter offered the first PBI to be after eight years of work, with \$300 per

month. After that, longevity added for every four years of \$186; EIU-UPI rejected.

EIU-UPI proposed for Achievement and Contribution Awards, ACA, to increase from \$110 to \$193 and additionally increase by \$12 for the second and third year with a \$13 increase for the fourth year. Eastern countered for \$115 per month for nine months for all four years of the new contract; EIU-UPI rejected this offer.

Overload pay increases from \$1,215 to \$2,083 the first year with \$2,208 the second, \$2,341 the third year and \$2481 for the fourth. Eastern counter offered an increase for each year starting and ending with \$1,230, \$1,243, \$1,255 and \$1,268; EIU-UPI rejected this offer.

A proposal about the ACFs non-instructional work which Eastern countered that it could be assigned as formal work and EIU-UPI rejected.

EIU-UPI proposed for parental leave to increase from 30 days to 6 to 8 weeks, which Eastern countered to 60 days and was rejected by EIU-UPI.

A proposal to adjust the minima tables was countered by Eastern and rejected by EIU-UPI.

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An extended version of this coverage can be found online on The Daily Eastern News website:

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University proposal for raise increase options

First Time/Full Time Retention Rate	State Appropriation	Resulting Across the Board Pay Raise
Less than 76-78%	Flat	1%
More than 76-78%	Flat	1.5%
More than 80%	Flat or increase	1.5% and 0.125% payout
Less than 76-78%	More than 7% from prior	1.25%
More than 76-78%	More than 7% from prior	1.75%
More than 80%	More than 7% from prior	1.75% and 0.125% payout
Less than 76-78%	Decrease from prior	1.75%
More than 76-78% or more than 80%	Decrease from prior	1%

Union, university reach tentative agreements on eleven proposals

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There are 11 proposals from both EIU-UPI and the negotiation team which have tentative agreements. Nine of the proposals come from EIU-UPI and two from Eastern's negotiation team.

Of the 11 proposals, the two proposals from administration are for emails to become an official form of communication and for ACFs hired through a national search to be able to have the title "Visiting Teaching Professor."

There are nine proposals from EIU-UPI which have also been tentatively agreed to.

It was tentatively agreed for the ACF renewal date to be changed and added clauses to the process.

ACFs during the old contract received a new contract each year and were notified on April 10 if they have a new contract for the next year. For those who weren't re-

newed and would not have a job at Eastern next year, they only had the summer to find a new job before the next year starts in August. Now, ACFs are notified on April 15 if they are not renewed. However, if an ACF has had five satisfactory or higher annual evaluations, they are notified on Jan. 1 if their contract will not be renewed.

Then, if an ACF has had eight annual evaluations of satisfactory or higher, they get a non-renewal notice with their one-year contract giving them a year and a half to find a new job.

Finally, all eligible work must be assigned to ACFs, up to 24, before administration can hire adjuncts.

Another EIU-UPI proposal was for sabbaticals for Unit A. The old contract had one sabbatical per 16 Unit A faculty or sabbaticals rounded by fractions. All the sabbaticals awarded, 70 percent have to be full-pay for half a semester.

The new negotiation has one sabbatical

per 15 faculty and sabbaticals rounded up by 1/100 of a fraction. At least one sabbatical will be half pay for a full year, with the remaining sabbaticals being full pay for one semester.

It was agreed for changes about if ASPs must work during inclement weather. Originally, ASPs had to either show up on campus when classes are canceled, or use personal time off.

Now, there are some changes to potentially allow ASPs to be able to work from home if conditions allow it.

In order for an ASP to be able to work from home when classes are canceled instead of coming to campus or using paid time off: classes have to be canceled by inclement weather, any on-campus events requiring the ASP were canceled and the ASP having available work that can be done from home. Otherwise, ASPs have to use paid time off if any events requiring them were canceled or come to campus.

It was agreed upon for an update for the process of portfolios to be made in the new contract. Originally, portfolios could be either print or electronic portfolios.

It was added that anyone hired after Au-

gust this year will use electronic portfolios while those who started before August will transition to using electronic portfolios no later than January 2024 with possible extensions to January 2026.

Eastern will provide the necessary forms for portfolios electronically, or if they do not, portfolios can revert to being printed.

Access to portfolios will be restricted to only the authors and assigned evaluators until the evaluation is finished. IT can also access portfolios for management, and faculty will retain access in cases of any grievance or sanction actions.

There are four other proposals from EIU-UPI tentatively agreed to as well. This includes adding gender identity into the non-discrimination clause of the new contract, an adjustment to the language about union dues, and a portfolio is not required for irrevocable notice of retirement.

Another proposal was for a union office to be added on campus, which will be in Lumpkin Hall, and access to union membership information through Eastern.

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EDITORIAL

Eastern admin not 'All In' for professors

We at the Daily Eastern News support Eastern's chapter of the University Professionals of Illinois, EIU-UPI, in their ongoing negotiation for a new contract with Eastern.

The negotiations have been ongoing since March of this year and despite their current contract ending today, the negotiating is still ongoing.

EIU-UPI represents a large variety of employees on campus including professors, academic advisors, annually contracted faculty, the tenured and tenure-track faculty and academic support professionals.

Currently, negotiations are continuing to try and increase pay for those in EIU-UPI, but Eastern's administration is fighting back on it.

EIU-UPI is arguing that they haven't received more than one percent pay increases a few times in over 10 years.

With inflation and a pandemic, EIU-UPI is saying many faculty within this union do not make a livable wage.

We at the News have many employees within EIU-UPI as professors, advisors and some of us work with them during our on-campus jobs. We fully support EIU-UPI and want their new contract to have increased pay and better benefits.

Administration is fighting back hard on the demands from EIU-UPI and are rejecting and counter offering proposals that are worse than the conditions in the old contract EIU-UPI is trying to improve.

It seems that once again Eastern is "All In" unless they would have to spend more funds on taking care of their employees.

It was just last year when the American Federation of State, County, and Munic-



Comic by Rob Le Cates

ipal Employees Local #981, AFSCME, finally received a fair contract with Eastern. However, it took time, strikes and protests to get a fair contract.

Now it seems Eastern did not learn to treat their employees better the first time,

so here we are doing it again.

To show your support towards your professors, advisors, and many more in EIU-UPI make sure to let administration know how you feel about the subject and attend the upcoming Teach Out on Sept. 8.

The News knows all too well that Eastern's administration will not listen behind closed doors of a negotiation meeting, so we have to show the fight outdoors where everyone can see for Eastern to become "All In" for their own employees.

Quote of the Week:

"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.."

Henry Ford

COLUMN

The Writing Center is a hidden gem on Eastern's campus

To me, writing is like an escape. As I went through long lists of majors and academic areas of study my senior year of high school, I tend to sit back and reflect on why I loved writing so much. Why this passion was so much different than the other things I loved to do.

Writing is the foundation of academic study, and I am not just saying these things as an English major. I have found that all of my friends, no matter the major, are writing papers for class.

So, how is it that not many students know about or utilize the help of the EIU Writing Center?

There was one instance where I had a friend who was struggling with a writing assignment for a class she was taking. So, I recommended that she go to the writing center and have them help her out. She looked at me and went, "what is the writing center?"

It's almost like a hidden gem here at Eastern.



Kyla Moton

Professors put the writing center as a resource in their syllabi. I even see posters for the writing center on the cork boards in residence halls. But it is such a wonder that student do not use the service as much as they should.

Is it out of nervousness? Out of fear that the paper won't be good enough?

Who knows what the problem may be.

But, how can we as students here at Eastern help to promote the writing center?

Personally, I have decided to start implementing promotion for the writing center on my tours. I am an admissions ambassador on campus. I find that when I am walking past Coleman to get to the south quad, I get a lot of great reactions when I bring up the writing center and all it has to offer.

Not many other universities or even high schools have this kind of writing help for their students, so it should be something that every student takes advantage of.

I believe that there could be improvements made to the advertising done for the writing center. For example, maybe there could be a promotional video put on the EIU social media pages to help.

One reason why I believe that Eastern students don't utilize the writing

center is because they don't want to feel that awkwardness or nervousness that comes with asking for help.

It's very scary having to ask people that you don't really know for help, especially when they're critiquing your work. But the writing center is there to help you. Your tuition is paying to keep the writing center free, so why not use the resource to the best of your ability?

Being able to advocate for yourself and realize when you need help from someone other than yourself is an essential skill whether this is your first year at Eastern or your third.

Don't be too hard on yourself! It is only the beginning of the semester and we have so much more time to improve and get the hang of things. Good luck to everyone this semester!

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COLUMN

Student loans are not the real problem- this is

This week, the Biden administration announced its plan for broad-based student loan forgiveness. Most federal loan borrowers will qualify for up to \$10,000 in debt cancellation; others may be eligible to have as much as \$20,000 of their student debt canceled.

That's great—but (1) it's too little, too late, and (2) student loans are not the problem.

In making its announcement, the White House acknowledged that the real cost of attending college has tripled over the last four decades.

Today, U.S. students pay an average of \$10,300 per year to attend a public college or university in their home state.

Going to a public school out of state? Then you'll spend closer to \$23,000 per year. Students at private colleges shell out an average of \$38,000 each year to attend.

You know what hasn't tripled? Inflation-adjusted household income. Over the same period, that's up only



Trent Jonas

about 16 percent—and it actually fell between 2019 and 2020, to around \$67,000.

The average savings rates among adults living in this country have also utterly failed to keep pace with the cost of attending college.

So, an average U.S. family with a student who hopes to attend private college will need to spend well over half of its household income to send their child to school—and they prob-

ably don't have the savings to cover it.

Granted, lower income families may qualify for some assistance, but don't even get me started on federal financial aid.

A \$6,000 Pell grant doesn't get you very far these days—even at a super-affordable school like EIU. In fact, the only thing that's really kept pace with the cost of attending college is the amount of loan debt students carry when they graduate.

In 1980, a graduate who had to borrow to attend college walked away with an average of \$3,900 in student loan debt. Today, that figure is right around \$25,000—or more than six times what it was 40 years ago. Even so, the problem isn't student loans. The problem is how little value this country places on higher education.

For some reason, our society seems unable to pull itself high enough above its bootstraps to see that a high school diploma and a

hard-working attitude does not get you too far in a service-based, technology-driven economy.

Something has to give. Many European countries—Germany, France, Denmark, and several others—offer free or extremely low-cost (hundreds, not thousands, of dollars per year) higher education. They do so not only for their own citizens, but to any qualified applicants. If you want to attend school in Iceland, Germany, or the Czech Republic, you can—practically free.

So, while the president's student debt cancellation plan is nice-ish (given how little it helps and how many it's ranked), it's not what we need. What we need is an overhaul of the higher education system in this country. And it needs to start with subsidized higher education for all.

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COLUMN

"Corn kid" shows online fun, memes are no longer free

Recently, I've been experiencing nostalgia for what the Internet was when I first started using it: an endless sea of individuals speaking into the void, hoping others would like what they said or made or did.

When brands first stepped out of their "Advertisement" boxes on the sides of sites and started interacting as users, they were met with the derision that always comes for new things.

Something changed as marketers began to understand the power of social media.

"Influencer," once a title said with a light scoff which evoked images of beauty YouTubers starting drama, has become the dream job of so many in my age group and younger.

When I first started using social media, anybody could have content get super popular, enjoy their fifteen minutes of fame and fade away in comfort. Then, for a while, it felt like only the already famous could get anywhere, stratifying YouTube and Instagram most notably.

TikTok swept in and changed all that, allowing anyone and everyone the chance to randomly gain attention once again. It's different, now.

Before the influencer era, "blowing up" was a one-off, exciting moment in your life. Now, we're encouraged to mon-



Luke Taylor

etize, to use "growth hacks," to acquire an "audience."

If you're unfamiliar with what this looks like and why I care, I have some case studies.

Remember "Charlie bit my finger" from 2007? One of the earliest truly viral videos featured a pair of brothers just being silly in the way kids are. It was everywhere; everyone saw it, laughed at it, transformed it into another meme.

I'm sure the kids and their family dealt with a lot of weirdos online. There's no way they didn't- but that was really the extent of things, for the moment.

Compare that to the "corn kid" who has gotten a lot of attention this month. A TikToker who interviews people in

public asked a child about the corn he was eating and the kid's enthusiasm and pure love for corn was adorable.

Again, the video has been shared around, made into GIFs and even turned into a song which has been in my head for days.

Then, scrolling my TikTok feed, I saw it: an ad for Cameo, a platform where people can pay to get personalized video messages from celebrities, which featured this "corn kid."

"Most wholesome thing on the Internet arrived on Cameo," it read. "Corn kid for president."

This kid is at most 10 years old. He did not make that Cameo account and there's no way he has his own bank account for that revenue. Maybe it's getting stashed away in a college fund or something, but that's a big "maybe."

Seeing that sucked all of the joy out of this little video for me. This was a kid expressing his pure love for something, unbothered about his public image because again, he's a child.

It feels like I'm being sold a product at the expense of this child's privacy and time and public image. Adults do this, too. One video or post goes viral and then they'll keep trying to capitalize on what they can.

Instead of a forum to share ideas or

art or weird memes about the apparent "war" between gamers and furies, the Internet now feels like a massive competition game show.

We've taken this really amazing tool and platform and used it in possibly the worst way as capitalism once again steps in the way and people struggle to do anything as a hobby or just for art.

Everything we do gets posted online, and not just to show people; if a post doesn't get lots of views and attention, it's seen as some kind of failure.

"Charlie bit my finger" was recently sold as an NFT for \$760,000. Anyone can still watch it, but it is now the "intellectual property" of one individual.

While I could go on forever about the evils of cryptocurrency and blockchain, this just feels like the perfect snapshot of everything disappointing about this.

Everything we enjoy has become marketable. Fun is no longer free. Entertainment is sandwiched between ads, algorithmically designed to keep you watching for as long as possible.

It seems impossible to stop this now, but if we can fix one thing, I'd ask that we leave kids out of it.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

WHICH DINING HALL ON CAMPUS IS YOUR FAVORITE?

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LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

85% OF STUDENTS FEEL PREPARED FOR THIS SEMESTER

Alpha Psi Lambda creates own council

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Alpha Psi Lambda takes their leave from the NPHC to create their own council known as the Multicultural Greek Council. NPHC, or the National Pan-Hellenic Council, is best known for being the council for the Divine Nine.

The president of Alpha Psi Lambda, Luis Paniagua, talks about how excited he and other members of the group are to take this next big step. He also notes how there is a lack of multicultural organizations and groups on campus.

The upbringing of the Multicultural Greek Council will now provide opportunities for other future fraternities and sororities to come into light.

"It's more like, you have a place and then from there, it can grow to more different organizations, like an Asian fraternity or sorority, different cultures," Paniagua said. "This would now be the umbrella for everybody who's multicultural."

Even though this is a huge change, Pa-

niagua said they will still be working closely alongside the NPHC to ensure that this huge change is a successful one. He describes it as the marketing stages for a brand-new chapter.

Not only that, but Alpha Psi Lambda has finally been able to earn an official meeting room in the Martin Luther King Junior University Union.

Due to insurance issues, Alpha Psi Lambda could not have a house, but Paniagua still expresses how this is a step in the right direction.

"We needed an office space. The Spanish department was so nice and would always let us use one room specifically, but if we wanted to use the Culture House, it was kind of an obstacle," Paniagua said.

Earning an official office space was a huge success for Alpha Psi Lambda.

Although some may complain about not having a chapter house, Paniagua says that this has actually worked to their benefit cost-wise.

"We're the most affordable group on campus because we don't have you living



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Alpha Psi Lambda is part of Eastern's new council called the Multicultural Greek Council. Prior to the new group, Eastern has several different councils including: the National Pan-Hellenic, Interfraternity and Panhellenic councils. Alpha Psi Lambda President Luis Paniagua said his goal for the semester is to help create a "home away from home" for fellow Latino students and to get involved with the other councils.

on campus," Paniagua said. "That's what makes things really cheap."

Paniagua and his fellow members of Alpha Psi Lambda all show great excitement about being able to create the Multicultural Greek Council.

Despite this new change, Paniagua still expresses a large amount of gratitude to those in the NPHC, thanking them for allowing Alpha Psi Lambda to be a part of their council.

"We'll always be grateful and thankful to the NPHC for allowing us to participate and be a part of them," Paniagua said. "Even if things were limited, they always welcomed us, and we're hoping to collaborate."

Although Greek life can be intimidating, Paniagua assures that even though rush week may be a bit hectic, the feeling you have once you receive your letters is indescribable.

"It's really like, kind of a push that feels hard because obviously, going through initiation and stuff with all the Greeks is hard," Paniagua said. "But it's like, once you get your letters, it's like damn, it was worth it."

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Undergrad helps ensure allergy safety for fellow students

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Panther Dining Undergrad Assistant Sam Mazzocco speaks about Eastern's allergy free food program that is available to students in all dining facilities, as well as how he ensures every meal is safe for students.

When it comes to having food related allergies, finding safe meals can prove to be difficult. When students with dietary restrictions come to Eastern, they need to be able to eat foods that are not only safe for them, but taste good as well.

In order for this to happen, Sam Mazzocco works alongside the cooks on campus to ensure that every meal is perfect for every student.

Mazzocco said the allergen friendly line caters to the big eight allergies: soy, egg, shellfish, normal fish, dairy, tree nuts, peanuts and gluten.

Regardless of these most common food allergies, referred to as the Big Eight, Mazzocco and his team also help regulate food sensitivities. Making sure to stay away from abrasive ingredients, phosphates and monosodium glutamate.



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Mahveen Arshi, a graduate student studying computer technology, serves chicken sandwiches and tater tots at Thomas Dining Monday afternoon.

Mazzocco said the student body plays a big role in what foods are served.

"The incoming student population comes from all over the country, and with that comes different flavors, tastes and different cultural preferences for foods and different needs," Mazzocco said.

co said. "I think EIU strives to be somewhere that encompasses and accommodates all people, no matter what their background or dietary preferences or needs are."

Mazzocco said he looks at what foods are being shipped to the school and creates different lists of allergy free safe

meals from there.

"I am there as much as I can be for our students," Mazzocco said. "That's probably my number one goal of my job or my job function is to be there for students and take out the thinking for students while they're making their food choices. Students generally aren't here to think about where I'm going to get my next meal or how I'm going to meet my dietary needs. Leave that to the dining team and me."

Finding out which foods are allergy friendly or not can be difficult for students.

"If you have more severe allergies, I definitely worked to be open with [the students]," Mazzocco said. "I communicate with them to make sure that their dietary needs are met."

Although his job does help students find the best foods for them, Mazzocco still encourages students to have a balance of eating healthy and eating what you enjoy.

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OVC women's soccer teams find early success

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Goalkeeper Daniela Bermeo, a fifth year player, clears the ball during the Panther's first game of the season on Thursday afternoon at Lakeside Field. The Panthers and Valparaiso University Crusaders tied.

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Junior Midfielder Jenna Little shoots the ball, scoring the first point of Sunday afternoon, August 21, 2022, game against the Purdue Fort Wayne Mastodons at Lakeside Field. The Panthers won 2-0 against the Mastodons.

Jackson. Goalkeeper Sam Blazek has a save percentage of 0.900 after saving a total of 27 goals in four games. The Lions are looking promising so far as they were placed to take ninth in the OVC. Lindenwood will begin OVC play at home against Little Rock on Sept. 18.

Tennessee Tech

The fifth-place team is Tennessee Tech (1-2-1). They have played IUPUI, Lipscomb, Furman, and Western Kentucky. The Golden Eagles have scored a total of five goals so far this season. Two of those goals are from forward Chloe Smith, who is has the second most goals scored in the OVC. Forward Yao Giada Zhou leads the OVC in assists with three. Tennessee Tech will begin its OVC play at Eastern Illinois on Sept. 18.

Morehead State

Morehead State (1-3) currently sits at

sixth place in the OVC after four games. In the four games they have played Central Michigan, James Madison, Marshall, and Evansville. They started off strong with a win against Central Michigan and have lost the last three. While goalkeeper Michelle Jerantowski has given up 8 goals, she has made 14 saves.

The Eagles have two goals this season that were scored by forward Nicole Fiantaco and defender Anna Lohrer. Morehead State will begin OVC play on Sept. 18 at home against Southern Indiana.

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Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (1-3) was slated to finish first in the OVC preseason polls but are currently in seventh place. So far, they have played Indiana State, IUPUI, Northwestern, and Loyola Chicago.

After the win against Indiana State, they have lost three in a row. They had

some tough opponents in Northwestern and Loyola Chicago, where they gave up seven goals in total. In the game against Indiana State, midfielder Sidney Christopher scored the game winner in the 86th minute of the game, which led to her winning the Aug. 23 OVC Offensive Player of the Week. The Cougars will begin OVC play on Sept. 18 at Southeast Missouri.

UT Martin

The defending OVC women's soccer champions UT Martin (0-2-1) sits in eighth place after they have yet to win a game. So far, they have faced Kentucky, Appalachian State, Western Carolina.

They have scored two goals, one by forward Megan Drake and midfielder Catey Hunt. Goalkeeper Poppy Bastock has given up six goals but has made 23 total saves and has a 0.793 saving percentage.

The Skyhawks have a few more matches, including one against former OVC opponent Austin Peay, before they begin conference play on Sept. 22 at University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

University of Arkansas at Little Rock

Another new team, Little Rock (1-2) is currently in last place in the OVC. They have played Memphis, Central Arkansas, and Arkansas Pine Bluff so far this season. They have scored six goals and have given up seven. Defender Abbie Smith scored two goals within ten minutes in the win against Arkansas Pine Bluff. Midfielders Amaya Arias and Serenity Thake also scored one goal each to seal the win.

The Trojans have utilized both Paige Henry and Peyton Urban at the goalkeeper position. Together they have a 0.550 saving percentage so far. Little Rock looks to improve as the season continues. The Trojans will open OVC play on Sept. 18 at Lindenwood.

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The women's soccer teams of the Ohio Valley Conference will start conference play in less than a month and the newly added teams are shaking up the standings.

Southern Indiana

As one of the new teams in the OVC, Southern Indiana (2-1-1), they are playing well and are currently at the number one spot in the OVC with a .625 winning percentage. So far, they have faced North Dakota, Winona State, Rose-Hulman, and Northern Illinois.

The Screaming Eagles' top scoring player is freshman midfielder Peyton Murphy who has scored four of their six total goals. She scored three goals in the win against Rose-Hulman. Murphy leads the OVC with four goals. The other players who scored their other two goals are forward Taylor Hall and midfielder Avery Schone. Their goalkeeper, Maya Etienne, has a 0.838 save percentage with 10 total saves. Southern Indiana will begin OVC play at Morehead State University on Sept. 18.

Eastern Illinois

Eastern Illinois (1-0-3) is currently in a close second place in the OVC also with a .625 winning percentage. They have played against Valparaiso, Purdue Fort Wayne, Indiana State, and University of Illinois Chicago this season. EIU has three ties and won one game against Purdue Fort Wayne. The two goals that the Panthers have this season come from midfielder Jenna Little.

Goalkeeper Daniela Bermeo, who has a 1.000 save percentage has recorded a total of 22 saves in four straight shut outs. As the season goes on, Bermeo's saving abilities could be dangerous for the rest of the OVC.

EIU dominated the OVC's Aug. 23 Players of the Week. Defender Sarah Hagg won Defensive Player of the Week and Bermeo won Goalkeeper of the week. EIU will begin conference play hosting Tennessee Tech Sept. 18.

Southeast Missouri (SEMO)

Southeast Missouri (2-2) sits at third place in the OVC. They have played Missouri, Illinois Springfield, Missouri State, and Columbia College (Mo.). They have a total of three goals scored by midfielder Zoey Memmel and forwards Cayla Korner, and Megan Heisserer. Freshman goalkeeper Sophia Elfrink has 2 shut-outs and 27 total saves with a .900 saving percentage.

The Redhawks' season looks promising as they have many who can score as well as a goalkeeper who is starting off her college career strong. SEMO will begin OVC play on Sept. 18 at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

Lindenwood

Lindenwood (1-2-1) is another new team in the OVC this season and are currently in the fourth-place spot in the conference. They have played Southern Illinois, Omaha, Northern Illinois, and Milwaukee this season. Their win against Southern Illinois was their first Division I win. The Lions have scored two goals this season. They were scored by forward Mia Corrigan and midfielder Rachel

Wilkerson era to begin Thursday against NIU

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The Coach Wilkerson era for the Eastern football team will officially begin this Thursday as the Panthers will travel to DeKalb, Illinois to take on the defending Mid-American Conference Champions, Northern Illinois.

Coach Chris Wilkerson said that opening his era with the Panthers against the Huskies is exciting for him.

“Excited. I think the biggest thing, you know, the guys have really worked hard during spring practice and during pre-season camp and you get to that point every single year and they are ready to play against somebody else,” Wilkerson said. “It just happens to be an amazing opportunity to go to DeKalb and play against nine win defending MAC champions, picked first in the league and returns 22 starters from last year’s team. It’s an amazing opportunity for us to see where we are at and see the guys compete against someone else.”

The Panthers will utilize their returning players against the Huskies. Defensive linemen Jordan Miles and Tim Varga were selected to the defensive preseason ALL-OVC team along with safety Jordan Vincent and corner Russell Dandy.

The Panthers led the OVC in team tackles for loss last season with 71, which ranked 33rd in the FCS during the season. Both Miles and linebacker Colin Bohanek led the team with 11 tackles for loss, which tied for the conference lead. Bohanek was second on the team and in the conference for tackles with 89.

Offensively, the Panthers will look to wide receiver Isaiah Hill. Hill missed the majority of last season due to injury but was able to return for the final five games of the season. In those five games, Hill led the team with 39 catches for 493 yards.

The Huskies are coming off a 9-5 season where they were the MAC Champions. Returning redshirt-senior quarterback Rocky Lombardi was named to the watch list for the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award last week. Lombardi passed for 2,600 yards last season with 15 touchdowns.

The Huskies also return sophomore

wide receiver Trayvon Rudolph who caught 51 passes for 892 yards and Cole Tucker who caught for 41 passes for 575 yards. Defensively, the Huskies will rely on safety C.J. Brown who led the team last year with 109 tackles.

Wilkerson said that the Panthers’ defense will have to push Lombardi to throw the football more in order to succeed on Thursday.

“Coach Hammock has done a phenomenal job of establishing an identity at NIU. He’s been a running backs coach most of his career. He’s been at the University of Wisconsin, he’s been at the University of Minnesota, Northern Illinois University, the Baltimore Ravens and every stop along the way they have played with a physical presence in their offense that runs through their running back,” Wilkerson said. “Their offensive line is big and physical. Their quarterback Rocky Lombardi did transfer from Michigan State. He is a very good athlete, and he is a winner. He fits very well in their system, and he can certainly do things with his legs and his arms. We have a unique challenge our defense is going to have to try and force them to throw the football a little more than they would like to.”

Just ahead of the season opener, three Panthers were named to the College Gridiron Showcase Small College Watchlist. Wide receivers Isaiah Hill and Justin Thomas made the list along with OVC Newcomer linebacker Foday Jalloh.

Jalloh said that he must push himself harder since being named to the list.

“It’s a great blessing honestly but the only thing is though I just know that now that there are more eyes on me, I just have to work even that much harder,” Jalloh said.

Thomas said that being named to the list means a lot because his efforts have paid off.

“It means a lot especially being on a team full of studs like this. It’s just a blessing really to see hard work pay off and to be recognized,” Thomas said.

Thomas said that he believes that the Panthers will leave DeKalb after successfully upsetting the defending MAC Champions.

“It adds a chip on our shoulder be-



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Redshirt sophomore quarterback Jonah O'Brien throws the ball during a practice drill Monday afternoon at O'Brien Field.

cause we are obviously probably doubted against to a lot of people but to us, we have had a very productive camp and I think that with the talent on this team, we can do a lot of things. We can shock the country,” Thomas said.

Jalloh said that the Panthers can shock many people come Thursday evening.

“Great opponents so that means you just have to come out and match their energy and physicality and I believe that we can go out there and shock the world.”

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Redshirt sophomore wide receiver Nile Hill (left), and senior wide receiver Justin Thomas (right), run out the rest of the play after the whistle was blown during practice Monday afternoon.



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Senior quarterback Dom Shoffner stretches with his teammates during practice Monday afternoon at O'Brien Field.