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MASTER MULDOON

Eastern's Patrick Muldoon proves himself as a freshman basketball player.

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Eastern professor Debra Reid presented on the agricultural causes of the Dust Bowl during a panel Wednesday.

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Employees, students reflect on layoff notices

By Cassie Buchman
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The 200 layoffs of civil service employees announced by President David Glassman at a Faculty Senate meeting Tuesday have been on the minds of many at Eastern.

Glassman said work is still being done to identify positions that will be laid off.

Those who have been laid off will receive a letter and other information about the layoff, and will stop working at the end of the 30-day notice.

Laura Smith, treasurer of the Civil Service Council, said she was overwhelmed when hearing the number of layoffs would be 200 since she originally thought the number would be 150.

Although civil service workers now know how many layoffs will happen there is still uncertainty about other aspects.

"It makes you feel numb, because you do not know who this all affects," Smith said.

Smith said since civil service workers numbers were already lowered, the additional layoffs put everyone in a tense position.

To prepare for the layoffs, Taylor Dining Center, where Smith works as a clerical worker, is looking at hours, menus, student hours, when their peak times are and other factors that will help even more.

Though they run a tight ship, Smith said, and they are cutting down on certain things.

"We haven't bought office supplies since way back when," Smith said.

Because there will be less staff, Smith said there will be more crunching.

While people have worked to make up for less staff from previous layoffs, this will only increase, Smith said, though they will be able to handle it.

"The job aspect is not the problem," Smith said. "The uncertainty is. They say 200 people on campus, well they have to factor in that those people have families."

Smith said the layoffs will also affect those in the community because there will be less people out spending money in stores around Charleston.

Smith anticipates getting bumping rights, meaning she would go back to being a supervisor in the food court if she were to be laid off.

While she has no problems going back, what bothers her is that the person whose position she would take would be gone.

She said though she wants to keep a job. She does not want anyone else to lose theirs, but if she has bumping rights and that is the way it falls, that is how it is going to have to go.

"We have so much (of a) family structure and so much concern and so much compassion for our fellow employees," Smith said.

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Pumping Iron



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Casey Acree, a graduate student, prepares to lift weights in the Student Rec Center on Wednesday. Acree was born with one hand, but it does not limit his productivity. He has played multiple sports growing up. "Most stuff I've been able to figure out" he said. Acree visits the Rec Center twice a day.

Eastern student attends Iowa Caucus

By Luis Martinez
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The Iowa Caucus officially marks the beginning of the 2016 presidential election, and Davenport, Iowa was the site where anyone who has been following the election can hear representatives for the different candidates.

Jose Durbin, the president of the Political Science Association, attended the caucus on Monday after being invited by one of his friends who is a supporter of candidate Marco Rubio.

"The reason I chose the caucus was because one of my friends called me Sunday night and asked if I wanted to go to Iowa on Monday for the caucus. It was just a random trip," Durbin said. "He was speaking for Marco Rubio and I said 'sure, I'll go,' so I rode up there with him. We rode up to Davenport to go to the caucus, because for one I've never been to a caucus and the political science major in me was like 'yeah I'll definitely go.'"

Durbin said when he first arrived at the caucus, it was very different from what he initially imagined it to be.

"It's very different from we think of as a primary here, because in Illinois you can't have any politicking within 50-100 yards, but there you can have them all the way until you get inside," Durbin said. "You can wear any candidate's buttons you want, but in Illinois you can't do that. It would be called electioneering."

Durbin said the caucuses in Iowa are run by the parties rather than by the state, whereas in Illinois, they are typically run by the State Board of Elections.

"The caucus I was at, Rubio won with 49 votes and Cruz came in second with 27 and Trump came in third with 18. So I was very surprised with the results. I didn't think Rubio would come in third," Durbin said.

He said he was hoping Rubio would win, but it is interesting to see the results of the polling numbers.

"If numbers were correct, Trump would

have went off with this one, but he didn't," Durbin said. "He ended up getting tied with delegates. He's tied with Rubio, so if the polling numbers were correct he would have been first."

Durbin said he found the whole trip to be quite the learning experience, and now he can say that he has been to a caucus.

"They had (representatives) standing. You had two minutes to give a (speech) about that candidate and why (they) believe that candidate should win, so each person had the chance to do that."

The caucus Durbin was at had a representative from the Jeb Bush, Marco Rubio, Rand Paul races.

"I didn't expect that because in Illinois, you can't tell who you're going to vote for in the polling place," Durbin said. "People were literally tearing pieces of paper off and writing down who they wanted on a blank piece of paper and turning it in."

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Glassman confirms summer, fall semester classes amid budget crisis

Staff Report

Eastern President David Glassman sent an email to all students to assure students and families of his expectation of an appropriation from the state of Illinois.

"Once the state passes a budget, which I be-

lieve will happen soon, public universities will begin to receive their funding and institutions of higher education will once again be able to provide the full breadth of services expected, and EIU will be able to move forward on our pathway to success," he said.

The state has entered its eighth month with-

out a budget. The state owes the university \$40 million as well as an additional \$9 million MAP Grant reimbursement.

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Kala Edwards, a sophomore kinesiology and sport studies major, shelves shirts in the University Union Bookstore on Wednesday.

Poetry slam to showcase talents

By Jocelyn Jones

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For the second time around the Black-On-Black Rhyme poetry slam will provide the campus with verses 7 p.m. Thursday in 7th street Underground in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The Black-On-Black Rhyme poetry slam plans to showcase the talents of different poets.

Yolanda Williams, the African-American History Month chair, said the slam is an event that can be important, as well as entertaining in any month but it is in African-American History Month because it is an event that the committee came up with last year and it was a big success.

“(The theme) is a positive aspect on the very sad and negative adage on Black-On-Black Crime that we hear

every day,” Williams said.

Williams said poetry has always been a part of the African and African-American culture and Black-On-Black Rhyme is another way they are trying to keep this part of the heritage alive.

Poetry is a way to play with words, sounds and dialects using rhyme in repetition, with or without music, Williams said.

“When it comes to poetry, to me there is never a wrong or right way to use words,” Williams said.

Poetry has always been a way to express feelings whether good, bad or indifferent, Williams said.

“Poetry evokes raw emotions. It is a way to tell a story our story, be it my personal story or the story of my people, the people of the African diaspora,” Williams said.

This year, two featured poets, Kle-

vah and T.R.U.T.H will grace the stage. They are from the Campaign-Urbana and Chicago area and together they are known as Mother Nature.

Rovion Reed, the agent for Mother Nature, said the two work as a hip-hop duo and also do workshops, lectures and other types of events.

He said they would bring raw consciousness to Eastern’s stage.

“They talk about the issues that matter to us as black people, as people of color, as marginalized people,” Reed said.

Klevah, one of the poets, said she thinks emceeing rap or poetry allows people to release what they know and feel.

“It allows other people to learn and invites other people to be comfortable about their own expression. I feel like for black people, that’s essential,” Kle-

vah said.

Williams saw Klevah perform at the talent showcase last summer founded by two Eastern alumni who established the company HigherED Talent LLC.

“HigherED Talent is a full service programming company that focuses on providing quality entertainment and educational events to the college market,” Williams said.

The company is committed to providing empowering experiences for students throughout the nation.

7th Street Underground was the chosen venue because Williams said she felt it was an intimate and positive space that sets the atmosphere for anyone who loves poetry.

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Council cancels Thursday meeting

By Analia Haynes

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The Thursday meeting for the Council on Academic Affairs will be canceled.

Marita Gronnvoll, the CAA chair,

said the meeting was canceled because there are no items to act upon.

“There’s nothing urgent to put on the agenda,” Gronnvoll said.

Gronnvoll said the meeting’s cancellation has no connection with the Fund EIU Rally.

Gronnvoll said it is rare to cancel meetings. Future meetings are expected to be carried out normally because there are classes that still need to be added to the fall catalog.

Classes that will be added to the fall catalog must be submitted to the

CAA for review by March 10.

“We don’t anticipate any cancellations because the deadline is looming,” Gronnvoll said.

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What’s Happening on Campus?

Dust, Drought & Dreams Gone Dry Exhibit All Day Booth Library
Kim Krause: The Nature of Things 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Tarble Arts Center
School of Technology Construction Club Meeting 7:00 - 8:00 PM Klehm Hall 3115

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Professor talks about agriculture, Dust Bowl

By Liz Dowell
Copy Editor | @DEN_News

Students and members of the community learned about the tools made for harvesting during the Dust Bowl during “The Illinois Plows and Breaking the Plains: Technology, Ecology and Agricultural Production during the 1930s.”

This lecture was about how the wheat agriculture during the time of the Dust Bowl was at its peak.

Debra Reid, a history professor, said farmers of that era were driven to sustain themselves and their families.

“Farmer’s decisions are driven by profit or by the means to feed and house versus sustaining themselves,” Reid said. “Agricultural economic philosophy is a capitalist or more of a social welfare idea that operates for the benefits of a family or community.”

Reid said one way to interpret the Dust Bowl is to wonder if the farmers of that time really did think about sustainability.

“Did farmers operate in a way that sustained the environment or not?” Reid said. “The Dust Bowl, in many people’s opinion, is the perfect example of how farmers did not think about sustainability.”

Jalen Washington, a senior management major, said prior to the panel he did not know much about the Dust Bowl.

“Well, for one I didn’t know nothing about none of this so it’s very touching to hear about it, emotionally in a way, defiantly hear-

ing about all the families that had to go through that and the fact that they couldn’t really control it at that point,” Washington said. “They were unaware of what they were doing.”

Washington said that he was glad to find out that the panel was mostly about what caused the Dust Bowl.

“I liked that she kinda turned the direction away from the families that went through it and just talked about the machinery and how that played a major role in what happened,” Washington said.

Symiya Amos, a sophomore majoring in sociology, said when she first heard of the panel she thought it would be presented differently.

“I thought it was going to be different,” Amos said. “I came in thinking it was like the presentation. I went to the movie, the first event, and I thought it was something like that.”

Amos said she knew about the Dust Bowl before she attended the panel but did not know the details of it.

“I knew that, I didn’t know in details but I knew that it was an event in the ‘30s that dust was affecting people and agriculture,” Amos said.

Camille Harper, a sophomore undecided major, said that she was interested in attending the panel and liked the fact that a very diverse age group attended it.

“I felt that it was interesting. I liked that it brought out an interesting crowd,” Harper said. “I didn’t think that it would be all different ages.”

Harper said she knew a little bit



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Debra Reid, history professor and panelist for the Booth Library event, talks about Illinois agriculture and how the plow broke the plains.

about the Dust Bowl from a class.

“I knew about it because of class and I knew that it was affecting people and people were dying from it,” Harper said. “Before today I have never attended an event about it.”

Harper said she was surprised to find out about how many people were affected by the Dust Bowl and how many people died from it.

“Students should come out. More people should come out and learn

about it because I feel like it’s a part of our history and it’s something you should know,” Harper said.

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Student Senate discusses latest president email

By Luis Martinez
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The Student Senate had its first official meeting of the semester and discussed President David Glassman’s latest email in regards to Eastern’s current financial situation.

Student Body President Shirmeen Ahmad said she thinks Glassman chose the quickest way to inform the students of the information laid out in the email.

“Email is the fastest response and I think right now it’s something that needs to be done,” Ahmad said. “You can hold a press conference and stuff, but this is the best way to get it out.”

Ahmad said Glassman’s main concern is to make sure students know that Eastern knows what it is doing.

“They have plans, they’re just looking at the ‘if this happens, if

that happens, if that’s going to continue to happen’, so that they’re prepared,” Ahmad said. “In the end, it’s all about where the university is, and I think students are just looking at it as an ‘oh man, this could happen’ instead of a ‘but this is where we’re actually at right now.’”

Glassman’s email was not originally meant to be included in the senate agenda, but Maralea Negron, the speaker of the senate, passed a motion before the meeting began to include the email for further discussion by the senators.

Courtney Sage, the student vice president for student affairs, said the reason for bringing up the matter to the other senators was so they could tell other students on campus who are confused what is actually happening.

“This is a state budget issue. This is something that is out of our con-

trol,” Sage said. “We do know for certain that students have been going to different faculty, trying to find out what is going on.”

Sage said it is important for senate to tell nervous students the school is not closing down to keep morale up.

“In times like these, we do find that students get a little nervous, and it causes morale to go down,” Sage said.

Senator JaLisa Smith said she felt like Glassman’s email was “impersonal.”

“I know that this is his first year here, so a lot of students don’t really know who he is,” Smith said. “I love his optimism about it. Yes, we have the Prowlin’ with the President, but I just feel like to see his face more regarding issues like him telling students personally everything is going to be okay and all that.”

Smith asked how many students outside of student senate and not in leadership positions across campus check their email regularly enough to see Glassman’s latest email.

Senator Gabriella Ramirez said she felt like she would liked to have heard more information regarding the 200 layoffs Glassman brought up during the Faculty Senate meeting Tuesday.

“I felt like I got more from the DEN article than what he said because he was being very general,” Ramirez said. “I asked a question earlier like how are we able to stay open this whole semester. I wished he would have given us more information because it’s very general.”

Sage said she agrees with Smith in terms of having more of a face-to-face interaction with Glassman about Eastern’s financial future, but because times are becoming more

hectic, it would be hard to do so.

“His schedule is so booked. I mean we had to move our meeting today just because he’s on the phone with all of the presidents of the other universities trying to figure out what to do,” Sage said. “It is something that he’s spoken about with the (executives). He wishes that he would have gotten more face time with us to begin with, but he came in as president with bigger issues than he even knew about.”

Sage said the reason Glassman does not want to go into detail is to try to avoid scaring students more.

“He didn’t want it to be like that, which is why he asked for our feedback,” Sage said. “He doesn’t want to freak people out more.”

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Stephen Kowalski

How to fix Illinois debt

In case you were not aware, the state of Illinois is in debt. And while debate continues to escalate on the issue of the state's budget, there is one question that must not be overlooked: "How can we increase our funds?" Well, I have a solution.

My proposal involves multiple steps that we must take together in order to increase the income of our state, while simultaneously decreasing the spending.

The first thing we must change is our interpretation of the phrase "going green." When people hear that saying, they assume it means a more positive and cleaner form of energy. Instead, what I want them to think about is the green of the dollar. "Going green" in this new sense would mean profiting as much as possible from the environment, including the allowing of construction on our state's nature reserves.

As of right now, that land is nothing more than a home to inferior animals and a pretty picnic area for elderly couples. There is no excuse for us to not be building new businesses and homes on the reserved acreage. Nature will always grow back, so cutting down forests and paving over bodies of water should be of no concern.

Taken from the practices of Flint, Mich., businesses should also be allowed to dump whatever wastes they need to into our lakes and rivers. When the water supplies of our state become undrinkable, the sales of soda will increase, as well as the income our state receives from the sales tax of said soda.

Another sector that seems to be getting a lot of attention is the education program. Our state is so far removed from the real world that they believe the only way a child can learn is through a teacher in a classroom. Rubbish! Thanks to the Internet, the idea of a schoolteacher is outdated.

Illinois has already done a great job in curbing teachers, but we need to really pull the trigger and completely eliminate the education system and allow children to learn through Google. By cutting schools completely, we will save a massive sum of money. We are so close already; we just need that extra push.

Another issue is that the amount of money available to Illinois seems to be growing smaller by the day.

In order to counteract this, we must stop our money from escaping. I speak, of course, of building a massive wall around our state borders in order to keep the greenbacks from escaping.

Some may argue that this would only further submerge our state in debt through the cost of construction, but not unless we force our bordering states to pay for the aforementioned wall. I can think of no other effective way to stop our money from disappearing.

There is always the option of a bake sale as well. I can bake a pretty delicious snickerdoodle that will get our state out of its billions of dollars of debt.

We need to start thinking of the now.

Today is yesterday, and yesterday is tomorrow. If we do not get things under control and eliminate our useless spending on social programs, there might not be an infrastructure left in need of support.

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Illinois Weather



IRVING COLEMAN | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Staff Editorial

Rauner not the only politician to blame

Many fingers have been pointed and words have been shouted across both sides of the state legislature and across Illinois in regards of blaming each other for the current budget crisis.

A lot of this blame often goes to Gov. Bruce Rauner, with very good reason.

The Daily Eastern News has been incredibly vocal about Rauner's role in Illinois' financial crisis and how he is hurting state universities.

But when the state has gone an astonishing eight months without a budget, it makes sense that he would not be the only one at fault.

Although Rauner is responsible for much of the economic suffering in Illinois, it is a blatant unwillingness to compromise in those from both political parties that keeps the budget stagnant.

Both Democrats and Republicans will say they want to cooperate with each other- it's just the other guys who won't stop being so darn stubborn.

However, neither one considers any movement in any direction a "compromise" unless they get exactly what they want.

Obviously, this is not a compromise.

In any compromise, someone's going to be left unhappy.

According to *The Chicago Sun-Times*, Gov. Rauner said they could have had the budget done if it was not for Speaker of the House Michael Madigan.

However, also in *The Sun-Times*, Madigan accused Rauner of using "diversionary tactics" that show he is acting extremely to push for non-budget issues such as business reform.

This one case of name-calling is a symptom of a larger disease plaguing Springfield- the disease of never ending conflict and stubbornness that has afflicted both parties.

Both Rauner and Madigan, and many more, are invested in name-calling and passing the blame to the other and Illinois

is none the better for it.

According to *The Northwest Herald*, whenever Madigan wants to advance legislation, he "obviously keeps one eye on the next election and how each bill will impact his party's chances" and he is a "skilled legislator" who knows how to maintain power.

He, like Rauner with his business reform, has an agenda he wants to push, which jeopardizes the state of higher education as well as the state as a whole.

Those in power in Illinois do not have higher education in mind- they barely have the state they govern in mind, and they do not care about the people they are hurting as long as they get their agenda passed.

Unless either of these men get everything they want, Illinois and Eastern will continue to live in uncertainty.

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

Illinois primary is approaching quickly

Can you believe that the 2016 Presidential Election is only nine months away? The time is approaching quickly, but what's coming even faster is March 15.

I mean, we are only six weeks away from this landmark day for our state.

I've written columns about this before, but I still don't think the message has reached students on campus.

March 15 is an important date in Illinois, and I hope you know what is going on in our somewhat OK state.

If not, don't worry because I'm going to tell you anyway. March 15 is the date for the primary in Illinois. What are the primaries you ask?

The primary election is a preliminary election used to select candidates to lead a party.

Before a candidate can be on the ballot representing the party they are affiliated with, they must first win the support of their political party.

Primary elections come before the general election, which is used to select the President of the United States, and the entire process kicked off on Monday with the Iowa Caucus.

It is an exciting time, and I hope all students on campus are paying attention to what is going right now.

The Iowa Caucus showed that the Democratic nomination could be a much tighter race than expected, as Hillary Clinton narrowly defeated Bernie Sanders.



Chris Picazo

According to the *New York Times*, Sanders was originally 40 points behind Clinton when the two candidates first announced their intentions to run for president.

Monday night showed us that Hillary Clinton received 49.9 percent of votes and Sanders received 49.6 percent of votes. It was called a tie, and according to Iowa's Democratic Caucus guide, a tie can be settled with a coin toss.

Clinton was able to win six precincts through this rule and put her ahead to win Iowa.

On the other side, Ted Cruz was able to beat Donald Trump for the Republican Caucus.

Regardless of what your political party preference, make sure to pay attention to the candidates, and what is happening right now.

If you haven't been keeping up with the candidates, right now is the perfect time. The primaries give more attention to the candidates, and you can find one that best represents your beliefs and ideologies.

We are all adults on this campus, and we should all be old enough to vote, so your exercise right to do so next month.

Register to vote now, because the last day for voter registration is Tuesday Feb. 16. That is less than two weeks away.

You can register to vote at the County Clerk's office, through the mail or even online.

If you for some reason haven't already done so, go do that as soon as possible.

Students should be aware of what is going on in politics especially when it comes to presidential elections.

We have the opportunity to select the next president, so this isn't just something we should ignore.

Pay attention now to make an informed vote next month. Then continue to pay attention to what goes on until the general election on Nov. 8.

The more you pay attention to what is going on now, the more educated you will be to make an informed vote by the time the primary and general election come.

Don't wait to register because before you know it, it's going to be too late.

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Professor ready to showcase book on Bigfoot findings

Staff Report

After six years traveling to five different states, journalism professor Joe Gisondi will be presenting a lecture about his adventures in his book, "Monster Trek: The Obsessive Search for Bigfoot," at 6 p.m. on Thursday in the Buzzard Hall Auditorium.

Bigfoot researcher Harold Benny will be sharing his experiences with Gisondi.

In his book, Gisondi tries to cover what motivates Benny and others in their obsessive searches for Bigfoot.

Bigfoot has been an icon in American folklore for 400 years.

Gisondi traveled to Florida, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Virginia and Ohio to talk to believers of Bigfoot.

Before coming to Eastern in 2002, Gisondi worked as a journalist for more than 20 years.

"If you want to find a good story, find people who are passionate about something," Gisondi said.

For more information on the lecture, contact the journalism department office at 581-6003 or journal@eiu.edu.

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Because of this family structure, Smith said it would be a challenge to see so many people gone especially since the university is still adapting to layoffs from last semester.

"We'll just absorb what more we have to do," Smith said. "Do I think the university can sustain (the layoffs)? We're gonna have to. We don't have a choice. We have to do what we have to do to keep the doors open."

She said everyone is taking baby steps but moving forward.

"We're still here. We're still here every day," Smith said.

She said they were here for the students and they will not suffer from what is going on.

"They are our outside family that we have brought into our family," Smith said. "We are your future and you are our future."

Smith said others on the civil service council had the same concerns as she did regarding the how, where and when the layoffs will happen.

She said at a meeting this week, everyone said different things with one main concern- what is best for Eastern.

Although civil service workers are the ones who will be laid off, their loss is felt by other members of the university.

Gopal Periyannan, a chemistry professor, said as someone who works in a science department, they have research labs that need help with things like the roof leaking.

"Many feel the pressure," Periyannan said.

Todd Bruns, an assistant professor at the library, said like every oth-

er department theirs is already down to the wire because of the last round of layoffs and retirement.

He said in a way, he was not surprised by the number of layoffs because of what was happening in Springfield.

Bruns said he did hope students would get involved and even get their parents involved to say how much higher education is needed.

Tatierra Baker, a junior early childhood education major, said students want to go to school and get their career, and everything happening makes it hard for students to go to school.

She said a lot of her friends did not know what to do in all the uncertainty.

"(It's like) you've come so far, just to think that it might be taken away from you before you can get to that finish line," Baker said.

Morgan Shaffer, a senior communication studies major, said it is ridiculous that it has come to the point of laying off 200 people who are essential to Eastern.

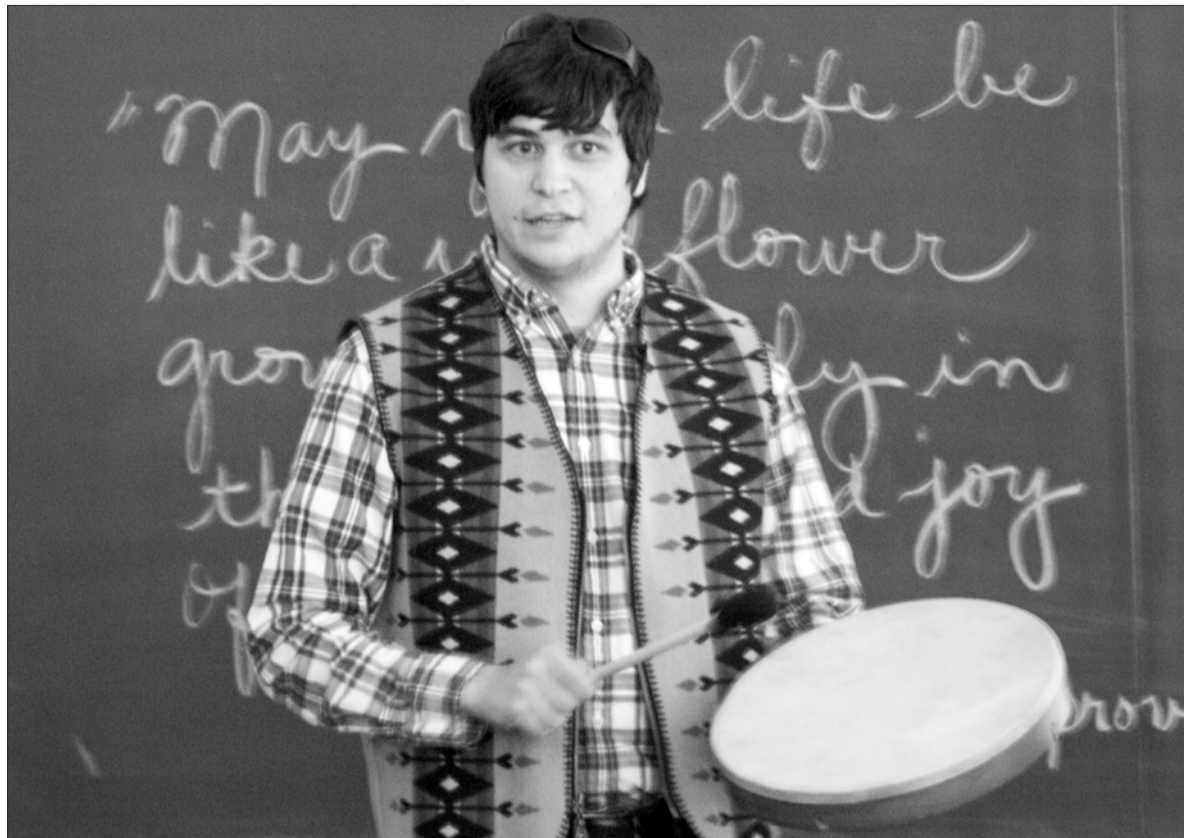
"What are they doing up there? They need to pass a budget," Shaffer said.

Shaffer knows office workers who say "hi" to her and ask her how she is doing, who have become her friends.

"It would be really upsetting if they were to be let go," Shaffer said. "They've been here 20 years and it's sad they have to be let go because the state can't get their act together."

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Cherokee Choreography



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Ivan Dozier, the former Chief Illiniwek, demonstrates a Cherokee dance Wednesday during an expressions of dance class in McAfee Gym. Dozier portrayed Chief Illiniwek for five years but recently passed it on because he graduated.

CUPB to have special meeting

Staff Report

A special meeting of the Council on University Planning and Budgeting will be at 5 p.m. Thursday in the Arcola-Tuscola Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The reason for the meeting is for President David Glassman to update the CUPB on his plans for

layoffs and furloughs.

Glassman announced 200 layoffs for civil service workers at the Faculty Senate meeting on Tuesday.

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

This will include those who make under \$50,000.

At their last meeting the CUPB talked about the budget as well.

"It is a totally unbelievable situation in the state of Illinois," Glassman said to the CUPB. "It's as if they made EIU a private university without telling us."

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Durbin said he feels like the first caucus is going to set the pace for the entire political race.

"We've already seen several leave the race, Mike Huckabee, Rick Santorum is announcing he is leaving the race, and also several GOP. The field's going to shrink in the next couple weeks I would say," Durbin said. "On the Democrat side, you have Martin O'Malley that left the race. If you don't come in the top four in the Republican field you're not going to have any money to raise for the next election, and on

the Democrat side, that was a tie. They were flipping coins to decide some delegates."

Durbin said he thinks this upcoming election is going to be decided on states, which have not had a huge role to play so far.

"I think it's going to be a great race in this presidential cycle, I think we're going to see some more states that have not been in play to decide elections," Durbin said. "I think they're going to end up being races that decide this election, who's going to make it."

Durbin said he wants student to know how important voting is going to be come March 15.

"I just want everyone to know that their vote matters, and I want people to come out that day," Durbin said.

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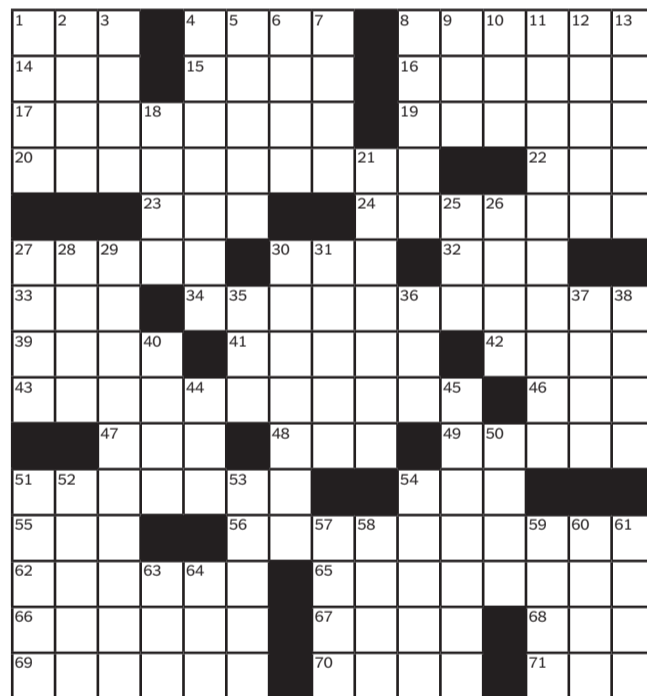
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Dr. Karen Gaines gets work done on her laptop in the Doudna Fine Arts Center on Wednesday. Dr. Gaines is the chair of biological sciences department.

The New York Times Crossword

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Eastern baseball team gears up for 2016 season

By Sean Hastings
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The Eastern baseball team will get its 2016 season underway with a three-game series with Southern Mississippi Feb. 19-21 in Hattiesburg, Miss.

The Panthers lost the first 23 games of the 2015 season before getting their first win of the season against Tennessee Tech.

Eastern would go on to win 12 more games and lose 13 more, finishing 13-36 overall and 9-21 in Ohio Valley Conference games.

Following the end of the season, coach Jim Schmitz was fired after spending 21 years at Eastern. Schmitz finished with a 538-576-1 overall record.

He won 10 more games than any other coach in Eastern history.

Former assistant coach Jason Anderson took over the head coach job after spending three years as an assistant. Anderson spent 11 years playing at the professional level as a pitcher.

Eastern lost eight players to graduation last year, including its top hitter, Caleb Howell. Howell hit .407 on the season and drove in 35 runs.

The Panthers, however, brought in eight freshmen for and returned eight seniors for the 2016 season.

The Panthers brought in infielder/outfielder Dane Toppel, infielder Jimmy Govern, infielder Nick Matton, outfielder Tyler Tesmond, infielder/outfielder/pitcher Jordan Flint, outfielder Jackson Mueller,



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Sophomore outfielder Joseph Duncan narrowly makes it to first during the Panthers' 18-7 loss to Murray State on March 28 at Coaches Stadium. Duncan had one run on two hits during four at bats during the game.

pitcher Ryan Bund, pitcher Cole Berry, pitcher Austin Warrem, and catcher Zack Forney.

Senior pitcher Jake Johansmeier is returning for the Panthers after pitching the most innings last year. Johansmeier threw 74 innings and posted a 6.81 earned run average.

Sophomore pitcher Luke Dietz posted the best earned run average for the Panthers last year with a 3.07 ERA. Dietz threw 14.2 innings.

Senior outfielder Demetre Taylor

is also back for one more year. Taylor posted the third highest batting average on the team last year with an average of .384.

He also led the team with 46 runs batted in, nine home runs, and four triples. He also stole six bases in 2015.

Eastern will play 13 non-conference games until before they take on Austin Peay March 11.

Their first home game will be March 1 against Indiana State.

The Panthers will take on 2014 College World Series Champion and 2015 College World Series runner up Vanderbilt Feb. 24.

Former pitcher for Vanderbilt Carson Fulmer was drafted by the Chicago White Sox in the first round in the MLB draft in June of 2015.

The Panthers will start to regularly play OVC games March 24 when they host Jacksonville State.

Eastern will host 2015 OVC

champion Morehead State May 6-8 in a three-game series.

Eastern will also travel up to Champaign to take on the Fighting Illini April 5.

Illinois will also come to Mattoon to take on the Panthers April 9.

Eastern has a chance to bounce back this year after having a rough 2015 season.

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Men's tennis team prepares for 2 weekend matches

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The Eastern men's tennis team will have two matches this weekend.

On Friday, they will take on Western Illinois in Champaign at 12:30 p.m. and on Sunday they will face Saint Francis.

The Panthers are coming off a 5-2 loss to Northern Illinois University last weekend.

Despite the loss, the Panthers feel like they have made progress. Seniors Robert Skolik and Ryan Henderson both won their matches in straight sets with Skolik defeating NIU's Carlos Manzananas 6-0, 6-4, while Henderson beat

Tom Hjertsson 6-3, 6-0.

"It's senior season, so it was nice to get the first win," Skolik said.

Keeping focused mentally is the key to getting the win, coach Sam Kercheval said.

"We will look to all our players, but especially the seniors, to keep focused on the next match," said Kercheval.

Despite three-straight losses, the Panthers look at the improvements that have been made from the beginning of the year.

"I've certainly seen a change the first few weeks in our decision making," Kercheval said. "The guys are doing better at playing the right ball from certain positions on the court. Our consistency

has improved a lot in a few short weeks from competing."

This will be the fourth match for the Panthers, so it is still early in the season.

"We've made a lot of improvements from when we came in the fall, but we still haven't played enough matches to really see how we can apply what we've learned," Skolik said. "So I think we're still waiting on some success in the matches and I think we'll feel pretty comfortable after that."

The Panthers were swept in doubles play, but continue to work together as unit in practice and hold to their strategy.

"Chemistry is a big part of doubles but I also work with all the guys to

make sure we are playing with the same strategy," said Kercheval.

As for the Leathernecks, this will be their first match of the season. Their last match against Wright State was cancelled. They did, however, take part in the Valparaiso Invitational during the fall.

Freshman Ben Yeacker and senior Zane Schudlach won their first matches. Freshman Nolan Jones lost his two matches 6-0, 6-2 to Purdue and then 6-4, 6-4 to Toledo. Sophomore Surya Sawhney lost to Youngstown state and to Toledo. Senior Ross Smith lost in his first two rounds and then won in the final day of competition. The Leathernecks were swept in doubles in all three

rounds.

The Panthers will have a day to keep in rhythm and prepare their strategy before playing Saint Francis on Sunday.

"It's about getting the body loose, making sure you are able to recover both physically and mentally and staying focused for the quick turnaround," Kercheval said.

Saint Francis will be facingavenport University the day before facing the Panthers. That will be their first match of the season. The Panthers are 3-0 against the Fighting Saints all time. That match will be in Joliet at 1 p.m.

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Muldoon makes impact coming off bench

By Maria Baldwin
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Patrick Muldoon, freshman forward for the Eastern men's basketball team, had an unlikely start to basketball.

Muldoon's athletic career started on the soccer field when he was younger, excelling during the years he played, until he met his step-dad.

"I was a goalie and a center defender until I was about 13," Muldoon said. "My step-dad was a big basketball player growing up. Once he met me he saw the potential I had to become a basketball player and he started a team for me when I was in eighth grade."

Although Muldoon grew up in a soccer family alongside his brothers, he eventually developed the skills for basketball and put in the work to become the force he is today for Eastern.

This season Muldoon has played in all 23 games thus far, averaging 16.9 minutes per game.

He has scored 98 points on the year. His game high was 12 points against Marshall.

Muldoon's field goal percentage is .472, shooting 47% from the field. He also averages 3.2 rebounds per game.

The off-season is a time when athletes reflect on their past season, but for others, it's a time when they get stronger to benefit them in the coming season.



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Freshman forward Patrick Muldoon goes up for a shot during the Panthers' 88-49 loss to Indiana on Nov. 13 in Bloomington, Ind.

"For the past couple years, the biggest thing I work on in the off-season is gaining weight," Muldoon said. "Being stronger and getting to be stronger at the level that I'm at now is going to be needed."

As a high school player in Basehor,

Kan., Muldoon earned All-State honors after he helped lead his team to the quarterfinal round of the state playoffs.

Coach Jay Spoonhour noticed the energy Muldoon brought to the game and recruited him because of his

toughness on the court.

"Pat (Muldoon) has always been tough," Spoonhour said. "The fact is, you can never have too many tough, competitive guys. He is both of those things."

Muldoon knows the strength that

he brings to the court is in his energy.

"Growing up I've always been someone who has provided a spark and I'm just an energy-type player," Muldoon said. "Having three older brothers growing up, it was always a hectic atmosphere and no matter what situation I've been in I've always been myself and have found myself in a leadership role."

Muldoon has become a reliable player off the bench, not only for Spoonhour, but for starting point guard Cornell Johnston as well.

"He brings a lot of energy on defense," Johnston said. "He's one of the hardest playing guys on the basketball court at all times. He can shoot, which helps because he's always looking for a shot."

Muldoon has played the forward position his entire life, and is planning to put in the off-season to become a bigger and stronger asset to the team.

"What I like most about being a forward is that it is a grittier job," Muldoon said. "It's more of a physical game. You're down there fighting for rebounds, and being able to see the floor from a different perspective you become a voice for the team."

The Panthers are back in action on Saturday at 11 a.m. against Southeast Missouri in Lantz Arena.

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Football team adds 13 to roster on National Signing Day

New players, many of whom enter with awards, show promise

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The Eastern football team added 12 recruits along with one transfer on National Signing Day for the 2016 season.

The Panthers signed recruits at several positions to fill the needs of players leaving due to graduation.

This is the third recruiting class under head coach Kim Dameron, and is one that he said he is proud of.

"Our recruiting never stops, and today is just the first day of signing day, not the last," Dameron said.

One of the biggest signings of the day was the one of Scotty Gilkey Jr., who is the son of former Eastern tight end Scott Gilkey.

Gilkey Jr. is a 6'4" 225 lbs. quarterback out of Tulsa, Okla. who will be expected to compete from day one.

"When he gets here, he is going to have a chance to compete for a starting job," Dameron said. "If he comes in here as a true freshman and wins the job, then he'll get the job."

Gilkey Jr. was rated as a three-star from Rivals.com, and he threw for 1700 yards and rushed for 560 yards while scoring a total of 21 touchdowns in his senior season.

His father was a tight end for Eastern when Tony Romo was the Panthers' starting quarterback.

"Gilkey Jr. is family to us and we are very excited for what he can bring to this program," Dameron said.

Dameron has high expectations for this class to fill the needs of this team, and mentioned that everyone will compete.

"Everyone we have will compete for a starting job, because we compete every

"Everyone we have will compete for a starting job, because we compete every day."

Kim Dameron, Eastern football coach

day." Dameron said. "The one who can perform the best and do well in high pressure situations will start."

Raymond Crittenden was another signee for the Panthers, as he comes in to help at the safety position.

Crittenden measures 6'1" and 185 lbs. and comes from Hallandale, Fla.

Crittenden helped his team in a 10-3 season during his senior year, which led to a playoff berth.

He also ran track in high school, placing fourth in the Florida Class 2A state track meet in the 300m hurdles as a junior.

Iziah Gulley is other safety that signed in this class. He comes in at 6'2" and 180 lbs.

Gulley is from Camden, Arkansas, and finished his senior season with 58 total tackles.

Gulley also had three forced fumbles and one interception. He helped his team advance to the Class 5A State Playoffs in his senior year.

The team also added the talents of three cornerbacks, in Jordan Jackson, Julian Hess, and Mark Williams.

Jackson is the second Arkansas recruit and comes in at 6' and 165 lbs., hailing from Blytheville, Ark.

Jackson is a lock down corner that earned 5A East All-Conference honors three times in high school.

Jackson had 38 tackles and 14 pass break-ups along with one interception during his senior year.

He added some versatility by advancing to the state track meet in the 4x100 relay as a junior.

Hess is the second corner in the

class, and is a local product for the Panthers.

Hess is 6'2", 175 lbs. native of Champaign, and his mother is an instructor at Eastern.

He played both sides of the ball in high school, but will move to defense at the college level.

In his senior season, Hess had 28 catches for 571 yards and seven touchdowns, while adding 42 tackles on defense.

Mark Williams comes in at 6' and 160 lbs. out of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., playing for the cornerback position.

Williams is the son of former NFL cornerback Darryl Williams, and won back-to-back State Championships in high school.

He led his team to a 27-2 record in two years with 30 tackles, six pass break-ups, and two interceptions in his senior season.

Williams also earned honorable mention All-Broward County as a senior.

Sticking on the defensive side, the Panthers added the talents of defensive end Alex Smith.

Smith is 6'2" and 230 lbs. out of Pompano Beach, Fla., and began his career as a running back.

He switched to defensive end in his senior season, and earned All-Broward County Honors.

On the other side of the ball, the Panthers signed two offensive linemen, one running back, one tight end and one wide receiver along with the two quarterbacks.

Drew Walega comes in as a 6'6" and

275 lbs. offensive lineman out of Chicago.

Walega will help out at tackle after helping his team advance to the IHSA Class 7A playoffs as a junior.

Jason Mitchell is the other lineman in the class, and is from Indianapolis.

Mitchell is 6'6" and 330 lbs. He blocked for an offense that averaged 210 rushing yards, and 190 passing yards per game.

He also earned honorable mention All-Central Indiana Honors.

Running behind those two will be running back Darshon McCullough who comes in a 5'9" and 173 lbs.

McCullough is from Chicago and attended Marist High School.

He rushed for 614 yards and scored eight touchdowns as a senior, while splitting time as receiver as well.

While averaging 5.0 yards per carry as a senior, McCullough caught 69 passes for 1,116 yards and 12 touchdowns.

According to coach Dameron, McCullough has the same mold as current Eastern running back Devin Church.

"He has a very similar style of play like Church does, and you can see how well Church has done in our offense," Dameron said.

Cole Hoover comes in to play tight end for the Panthers, and is also a local product.

Hoover played for the Charleston Trojans in high school, and is the son of late Eastern offensive line coach Jeff Hoover.

He played both sides of the ball, while splitting time at linebacker.

Hoover led CHS with 62 tackles as a senior to earn All-Apollo conference honors at linebacker.

Jacob Ivey Jr. comes in listed as a 6'4" and 230 lbs. wide receiver from Memphis.

Ivey Jr. also played basketball, and was a member of the AAU Division II National Championship team during the summer.

Bud Martin is the lone transfer for the Panthers, coming in out of Florida International University.

Martin is a 6' 214 lbs. quarterback who redshirted his 2014 season and did not play in 2015.

With Jalen Whitlow graduating, Martin will be one of the quarterbacks contending for a starting job.

Although the Panthers have a solidified recruiting class, the team is not done yet.

According to Dameron, four more recruits are coming in next weekend, and the class could continue to grow.

"Our staff went out with three objectives in terms of bringing young men into our program," Dameron said. "Guys who could run, guys who had high character, and finally guys who have a passion to learn and earn a degree from Eastern Illinois."

Eastern has a set standard that it looks for in a recruit and Dameron believes that is what they have in this class

"We accomplished all of those objectives with this group of players," Dameron said.

Dameron looks to continue to build on a program that finished 7-5 last season, and ranked 23rd in the FCS Coaches Poll.

"This is the first day of signing for national letters of intent, but recruiting for us never stops and we intend to bring in a few more high quality players to compete at EIU," Dameron said.

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