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# Students 'all smiling' at Skating Party

By **Cam'ron Hardy**  
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On Thursday, Eastern hosted a skating party to allow students to get excited for homecoming. The event took place in the University Ballroom in the Martin Luther King Jr University Union from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The event was held last year at Panther Bash and there were some improvements within the party.

Yaree Wilson, a senior computer and information technology major, works with the University Board as the coordinator. Wilson said his main role with the University Board is using the sound and lighting at functions for a more enjoyable time for students.

Wilson said one of the improvements from last year was making the event "bigger."

"It was such a big turnout [last year]," Wilson said. "We actually had to set a limit last year about the amount of time you could skate, but this time we extended it to the whole University Ballroom."

Wilson also comments on the improvements that can be made for next year.

"I think I want to be able to turn the lights down a little bit more, diversify the music a bit more, and promote the event a bit more too," Wilson said.

Ashaureah Reed, a sophomore fashion merchandising and design major, was present at the event and talked about the improvements made since last year.

"I don't think that they had food last year," Reed said. "Then at the other door on the other side [there's] a photoshoot [area], and I don't think that was here either."

Reed said that she's excited that it's Homecoming Week, and that's why she came out to the event.



BY CAM'RON HARDY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

**Above:** From left, Stanley Alston, a freshman biological sciences major, Jubril Ayoola, a freshman computer informations and technology major, and Elijah Barnes, a freshman business major, work together to skate.

**Below:** Kajah Williams, sophomore studio arts major, skates at the Homecoming Skating Party.

"Me and my friends wanted to come outside to have fun," Reed said.

Reed also said that she was present at the skating party that took place last year. She enjoyed this year more because she was at this event longer and with her friends.

Reed said that her and her friends were "all smiling." She also plans on coming to an event like this in the future if it were to happen again.

Joshua Doty, a junior music education major, was present at the event.

Doty said that his friends convinced him to go to the event. He also said that if the event were to take place again, that he would participate.

Eastern will hold other events throughout the rest of the week to help students get in the spirit of Homecoming Week and for them to get involved.



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## WHAT'S HAPPENING OCT 19-26

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

**SATURDAY**  
Pem Hall Haunted House  
7 p.m. - Pemberton Hall

**MONDAY**  
Spend-A-Day Department of Music  
8 p.m. - Doudna Fine Arts Center

**THURSDAY**  
Council on Academic Affairs  
2 p.m. - Witters Conference Room, Booth Library  
Art Mix  
3:45 p.m. - Tarble Arts Center  
Jazz Combos  
7:30 p.m. - Doudna Fine Arts Center

**SUNDAY**  
Eastern Symphony Orchestra and Choirs In Concert  
4 p.m. - Doudna Fine Arts Center

**TUESDAY**  
Resiliency for Beginners  
3 p.m. - Arcola/Tuscola Room, MLK Jr. University Union  
Art Mix  
3:45 p.m. - Tarble Arts Center  
Percussion Ensemble  
7:30 p.m. - Doudna Fine Arts Center

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# Class of 1972 celebrates 50 year anniversary

By Cam'ron Hardy

Features Junior Editor | @DEN\_News

Members of the class of 1972 were invited to Eastern for the weekend to commemorate their 50-year anniversary and celebrate the 2022 Homecoming Weekend.

A reunion dinner took place in the University Ballroom in the Martin Luther King Jr University Union on Friday. Members of the class that attended the ceremony were given pins for their accomplishment.

Mary Anne Hanner, one of the members of the class of '72, was in attendance and received a pin. Hanner taught at Eastern for 30 years in the communications disorders and sciences department. Hanner is also the president of the Alumni Association at Eastern.

"We have the mission of supporting EIU alumni and EIU itself," Hanner said. "We do that by supporting recruitment activities for Eastern because the Alumni Association is helped by alumni from EIU. The more students we have, the more alumni we have."

Hanner talks about being a student at Eastern, and what it means to be able to help students.

"It's so rewarding," Hanner said. "We were you. We know that being a student [is] a tough time in your life. It's a great time, you develop many great friendships and relationships with faculty members, but our goal is to support programs at EIU and support students [and] help them reach their goal."

Hanner reminisced on her own time as a student 50 years ago.

"50 years ago, I graduated, so 54 years ago I came here as a student, not knowing for sure where my life was going, and I developed a profession here," Hanner said. "I developed lifelong relationships with friends, and I guess I wouldn't've had a great career without EIU."

Hanner also talks about how her perspective changed after becoming a teacher at Eastern. She says she took things for



BY ROB LE CATES | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Mary Anne Hanner, president of alumni services, accepts a 50 anniversary commemorative pin from University President David Glassman during the class of 1972's 50 anniversary reunion.



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Members of the graduating class of 1972 gathered in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Ballroom for their 50 year anniversary. All graduates were greeted with a complimentary dinner and 50 year memory pin.

granted how things were just set for her and other students.

"When I came back as faculty member, and then later as a dean, I realized that the most important thing is that we have facilities that support students, that we

have services that support students, that we make it as easy as possible for students to get to class," Hanner said.

Later in the night, at 6:30 p.m., there was a tribute donor recognition award. The EIU Foundation presented the Philan-

thropist of the Year award.

There were two recipients for the award. One of the awards went posthumously to Margery and Paul Davis.

There was another award given to Gail Richards.

Richards gave a little bit of her background information when she gave a speech while accepting her award.

Richards told her story of when she was younger and how her parents volunteered a lot, and that is how they allowed Richards and her siblings to pursue their interests.

"It wasn't anything [my parents] ever talked about, but it was constantly modeled for us," Richards said. "We give back, you share your gifts and by doing that, you give other people opportunities they might not have had, and you make them feel appreciated. So that became my philosophy that I tried to live by."

Richards also told the story of how she gave gifts to Eastern when "the morale was low."

Richards said she went to a local florist and asked if they could help her with an idea she had.

"If I gave you a \$100 bill once a month, could you stretch that to 10 gifts and would you deliver them to people on Eastern's campus," Richards said.

The florist was able to do it, Richards said.

"So for once a month, for two years, I would gift ten faculty and staff from Eastern," Richards said. "I would type an anonymous note of appreciation, I would put it in an envelope with their name and their department, and I would take it to the florist, and they would come up with flowers, balloons, and deliver it on campus. And I thought at least there are ten people, once a month, that know someone noticed and appreciates what they're doing for Eastern Illinois University."

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# Eight Eastern alumni receive awards Saturday night

By Madelyn Kidd

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On Saturday night, eight Eastern alumni were given awards by Eastern's Alumni Association at their annual Alumni Awards.

Jamie Enge, an alum from the class of 2011, was awarded the 2022 Outstanding Young Alumnus/a Award on Saturday night.

The Outstanding Young Alumnus/a Award is granted to alumni who are 35 or younger and has "excelled" in a new career or public service.

Enge is the regional director of postsecondary success for KIPP Forward Chicago since June.

Previously, Enge was the director of postsecondary success for OneGoal, a non-profit organization in Chicago to help young students have an opportunity to attend a postsecondary education.

At Eastern, Enge was in Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and the director of academic affairs in the Black Student Union his senior year as a family and consumer sciences major.

Enge is the co-founder and chief operating officer for The Collegiate Black Male Network, an organization to help young

Black men graduate through a mentoring program.

Enge is a volunteer director of college coaching and counseling at PeerForward, a non-profit meant to help youth from low-income households improve their lives and future by providing opportunities for careers and colleges.

Enge was awarded the 2020 Counselor of the Year from the Illinois Counseling Association.

Enge was also awarded the 2020 Counselor of the Year from the Association of Child and Adolescent Counseling in Learning.

Currently, Enge is working towards getting a doctoral degree in counseling at Regent University in Virginia.

Deborah Will, an alum from the class of 1993, was awarded the 2022 Distinguished Educator Award on Saturday night.

The Distinguished Educator Award is granted to an alum who has distinguished themselves in the K-12 education field.

Will is the instructional materials center coordinator at Zion-Benton Township High School in St. Zion, Ill. since 2001.

Will is the president of the Illinois Association of Teachers of English. She also has received the Lifetime Achievement Award

through the association as well.

Randy Johnson, a graduate from the classes of 1974 and 1975, was awarded the 2022 Louis V. Hencken Alumni Service Award.

The Louis V. Hencken Alumni Service Award is granted to alumni who have shown considerable voluntary service to Eastern. In 2007, the award was renamed in honor of the outgoing Eastern president at the time.

Johnson is the president of Valley Vistas and AZ Home Innovations, a real estate company in Scottsdale, Ariz.

During his time at Eastern, Johnson was a resident assistant, graduate assistant, Douglas Hall, now Powell-Norton Hall, director and associate director of housing.

Five alumni were awarded the 2022 Distinguished Alumnus/a Award on Saturday night.

The Distinguished Alumnus/a Award is an award granted to alumni who have distinguished themselves in either academic or literacy fields.

The five alumni awarded were class of 2003 graduate Henry Domercant, class of 1983 graduate Dawn Johnson, class of 1973 graduate J. Thomas Long, class of 2006 graduate Steve Rich and class of

1982 graduate Sal Viviano.

Domercant has had a successful career in professional basketball. He was awarded the 2002 OVC Player of the Year and is one of 11 players in the NCAA Division 1 to rank in the top five in scoring in the nation for three or more seasons.

Domercant is currently on his second season coaching the Windy City Bulls in the NBA G League.

Dawn was a journalist alum from Eastern and reporter for the Decatur Herald & Review until she attended law school.

Long was an attorney in public and private practice for corporate planning and taxation. He died on Jan. 28 at 71.

Rich worked for Eastern for 28 years until he retired in June. Rich got his masters in education administration at Eastern in 2006.

Rich most recently was the assistant vice president for university advancement and executive director of the EIU Alumni Association.

Viviano is an award winning actor and singer with many Broadway and off-Broadway credits and appearances on film.

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# 2022 Homecoming Court crowned Monday night

Story by Katja Benz

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Gina Kirshenbaum, a senior early childhood education major, is escorted by Joshua Johnson, a freshman exercise science major, down the aisle while crowd members and sorority sisters cheer her on.

Nile Hill, a senior business management major, and Jaedah Franks, a junior biology major, became Eastern's 2022 Homecoming King and Queen on Monday night.

In the Grand Ballroom to begin the 2022 Homecoming Week, the 2022 Homecoming Court was crowned Monday night including a King, Queen, Prince, Princess, Faculty/Staff Lord and Lady, and a Little Prince and Princess.

Hill, who represented Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., said he felt humbled to win Homecoming King and wanted to continue the tradition of a member of his fraternity being in that position.

Last year's Homecoming King, Jeremiah Boyd-Johnson, also represented Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

"I want to keep the tradition going, so I'm very humbled to be picked and voted on by everybody," Hill said. "So I thank everyone who voted for me... It's a good experience, so happy to be a part of it."

Hill thinks that everyone has a voice on campus, and it is important to have one.

"It's important to know that everybody has a fair chance, everyone has a voice," Hill said. "We have a presence here on campus, and that we're doing pretty well."

Franks, who won Homecoming Princess in the 2021 Homecoming Court and 2022 Miss Black EIU, represented Black Student Union at this year's Homecoming coronation.

"It feels surreal," Franks said. "After you win one time, you think the second time 'I might not win the second time' but I feel like honestly praying and believing in myself and also having my sorority sisters, my fraternity brother, always encouraging me."

Garrett Wilkin, a sophomore kinesiology major, and Anahi Osorio, a junior exercise science major, were crowned as the 2022 Homecoming Prince and Princess.

Wilkin, who represented Sigma Phi Epsilon, said that winning Homecoming Prince was a great experience.

"I'm happy," Wilkin said. "I mean, [it's] just [a] cool experience. I enjoy just Hoco and all the events that go

on. I just like to see campus active, people out."

Wilkin said that getting himself involved in many campus activities helped him be nominated in the first place.

"I think just how I like to be out there and do a lot of things," Wilkin said. "I like to volunteer. I'm an assistant wrestling coach for Charleston. I volunteer a lot of training stuff. I'm doing multiple clubs and just being active."

Osorio put herself out there as well. She represented the Campus Recreation Center and is a fitness instructor.

"Something to take away is like I said, getting out of your comfort zone and being yourself," Osorio said. "Don't let anything come in between you and your success and you're trying to get out of your comfort zone. So that's one thing."

Brittany Tierney, the associate director of admissions, and Gary Bulla, a biological sciences department chair and professor, were crowned Homecoming Faculty/Staff Lady and Lord respectively.

"I just it's really exciting to see the students out and kind of back to the excitement of campus and for everyone to just be having a really nice time to kick off Homecoming," Tierney said. "And I want to shout out Ashley and the entire homecoming committee for all the work that they've done to make this happen. They're doing a great job."

"It's a nice honor... And I don't know who nominated me or any of that," Bulla said. "So, it's an honor to be nominated."

Tierney's son, Clayton and Lily Morris, the daughter of geology and geography department office manager Amy Morris, were crowned the 2022 Homecoming Prince and Princess.

They are both excited about the parade, and Morris enjoyed getting her crown, as well as her Squishmallow stuffed animal.

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Members of the 2022 Homecoming Court pose for a royalty court photo.



Homecoming Little Princess Lily Morris, daughter of Amy Morris of the Geology and Geography offices, shows her newly won Squishmallow to the Faculty Lord Gary Bulla, the biological sciences chairperson.

# '90s-themed Block Party draws crowds

Photos by Hannah Ferguson  
Photographer | @DEN\_News



Students and alumni crowded outside O'Brien Field Friday night to celebrate homecoming at a block party that included food trucks, a beer garden, games and giveaways. 90's Daughter, a band based in central Ill. which covers popular songs from the '90s and 2000s, provided live music for the event.

## Students compete in Homecoming Spirit Challenge

By Cam'ron Hardy

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On Tuesday, Eastern hosted a Spirit Challenge, an event for students to compete in games such as bean-bag-toss and tic-tac-toe to earn prizes at the end of the night.

Students could earn points towards organizations they are associated with, so the organization could earn points and at the end of the week, they could win prizes.

Ashley Richardson, a senior special education major, worked with the University Board as the Homecoming Coordinator. Richardson talks about how the new addition is an improvement to homecoming week.

"I think as far as homecoming goes, we've added more into our spirit challenge, which just gets different organizations involved," Richardson said. "We've also kind of improved almost everything honestly. Just how things work, the functionality, and stuff like that."

Richardson also said that the expectation for her is that students just come out and have fun.

Kristal Munoz, a criminology/criminal justice major, works for the University Board. It is her first year working with them as well. Munoz worked with the Latin American Student Organization, LASO, last year and gained exposure with the University Board.

"I volunteered a bunch of times with the [University Board] events, so although it wasn't like an actual position, I was around the events quite a bit, so I got to see all

that," Munoz said.

Munoz also talks about how the homecoming events motivates students to get involved.

"It's one of the events we do to boost panther pride and morale and kind of get the [Registered Student Organizations] on campus involved," Munoz said.

Munoz did not want to have expectations and wanted to remain neutral on her personal feelings about the event.

"I try not to [have expectations] because I wasn't really a part of the leadership part of this last year," Munoz said. "I don't want to disappoint myself [by like] overhyping myself, and I also don't want to underwhelm myself, as well. So, I try to stay neutral about things. I'm glad to see a lot of [students] came out today."

Anahi Osorio, a junior exercise science major, was present at the event. On Monday night, she was crowned as the 2022 Homecoming Princess and wanted to show off her crown.

"[I wanted to] have fun so being a little interactive with everyone," Osorio said. "I know that this school year has been a little bit stressful, so this was a little stress reliever for me."

Osorio said that she enjoyed the bean-bag-toss game.

"[It's] something in my family," Osorio said. "We compete over this all of the time."

Osorio said that if the event were to happen again, that she would "definitely" come back.

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Tyeisha Mosley, a senior Spanish education major, teams up with Jasmine Rivera, a graduate student focusing on art, to compete in a one legged race on Tuesday night in the Grand Ballroom of MLK Jr. University Union.

# Current, former students party at Homecoming Tailgate



BY ASHANTI THOMAS | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

At the tailgate Friday afternoon, many people, including students and kids, try out the rock climbing wall as one of the many activities available before the football game starts.



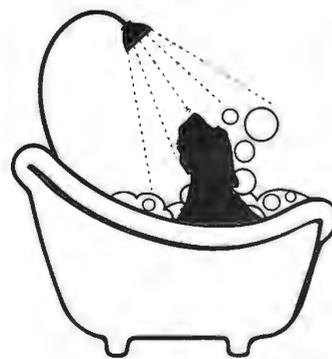
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The Panther Marching Band performs the "War Chant" during the Homecoming Game Tailgate before the start of the football game against the Lindenwood Lions at Tent City Saturday afternoon.



BY ASHANTI THOMAS | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

The Pink Panthers perform along with the band at the tailgate before the football game on Friday afternoon



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# Students enjoy post-COVID Homecoming Parade

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Eastern's Homecoming Day kicked off with a parade at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday.

A variety of organizations brought floats, made signs, threw candy and walked in the parade to show support for Eastern along the parade route, which started on 7th Street, at the campus visitor parking lot near Old Main.

Mandy Transon, a junior early childhood special education major and co-director of the EIU Dancers, said that her experience this year is different, but it was nice to experience a new type of Homecoming than what she was used to.

"It's a lot different but I really enjoyed it," Transon said. "I've been able to go to things so it's the Black Party, which was really fun. So it's nice to get out there. See some familiar faces and some new faces."

Transon started college at Eastern in 2020, so she had to wear a mask to class, at events and during the parade previously.

She said it felt nice not to wear one, show school spirit more normally and go to different events.

"For starters, we don't get to wear the masks, but we get to go out to show our school pride and kind of let people know who we are," Transon said. "So that's been really nice. We've had more interactions with people and got to go to different events with our jackets."

Dylan Wettig, a senior history education major, is the president of Phi Kappa Theta.

At the Homecoming Parade, each fraternity is paired with a sorority. Phi Kappa Theta was paired with Delta Delta Delta for the duration of the parade.

Wettig, who started college in fall 2019, said his freshman year Homecoming experience was fun. He is hoping that this year feels more normal, like his freshman year, since it is post-pandemic.

"I would say Homecoming last year kind of felt like our freshman year," Wettig said. "And then I'm hoping



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Eastern's Alpha Psi Lambda President Luis Paniagua, a senior graphic major, hands candy to six-year-old Emma Turner.

this year kind of feels the same way as freshman year. But I definitely feel like with COVID and everything, it's changed a lot of things. So I feel like everyone's getting back to normal. The 100 percent normal year, this year, back when it was like when we were freshmen."

Wettig says that it is important to enjoy the Homecoming experience. He said it is a great way to connect with others, meet new people, make new friends and build a stronger Eastern community.

"I really feel just like having the connection like we always are paired with sororities, for Homecoming, and being able to hang out with somebody," Wettig said. "New people usually get to make more friendships and just really celebrate Homecom-

ing and everything together."

Jade Stone, a junior elementary education major, is the Residence Hall Association president. Stone walked in the parade with the RHA float.

Stone said that she liked getting to see all of the residence halls come together for Homecoming and meet new people.

"It was awesome," Stone said. "I love getting to know new people, seeing all the people who live in the residence halls and seeing what they do."

Even though Stone's first parade was last year, in the midst of COVID-19, she said that it was awesome to have a bigger group this year.

"Since it was outside, it was a lot easier," Stone said. "We just had a

little bit of a smaller group walking with us [last year], but this time we were able to get a lot more people to walk with."

Stone said that, especially during Homecoming, students should put themselves out there. By meeting new people and getting involved in Homecoming, Stone thinks that people can learn more about Eastern as well.

"Honestly, you just have to get yourself out there; meet new people," Stone said. "That's how you get involved in stuff. Homecoming is a great way to meet new people, have fun and get to know the school as well."

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BY ROB LE CATES | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Many groups in the Charleston, Ill. community walked in the 2022 Homecoming Parade throughout downtown Charleston like Eastern Illinois University's Panther Marching Band, Charleston High School's Marching Band, several political organization group candidates, churches, Fair and Bagel Fest Queens, and more.



BY ROB LE CATES | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

From left, Clayton Tierney, 2022 Homecoming Little Prince, and Brittney Tierney, 2022 Homecoming Faculty/Staff Lady, throw candy in the Homecoming Parade while on Sixth Street Saturday morning, Oct. 15, 2022, in

EDITORIAL

## Students, connect with department alumni

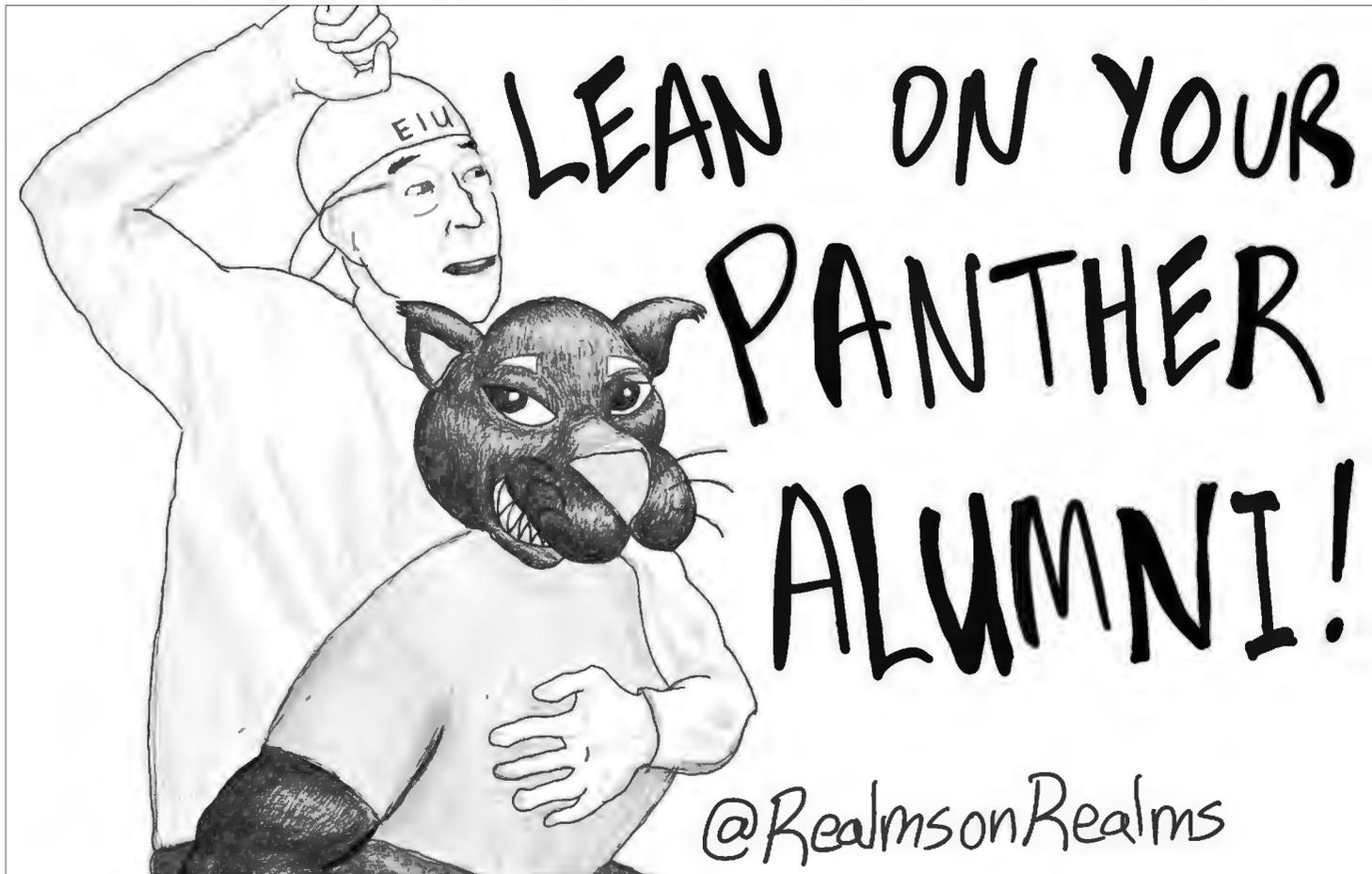
Homecoming brings a large portion of the past, present, and future Eastern together. With events like the annual Homecoming football game and the 50th graduation anniversary banquet, Eastern alumni come back to their alma mater to visit the place where they spent several years pursuing a degree.

We at the News encourage current students to get involved with alumni, talking to them to make better connections. You might think to yourself, “well, my field doesn’t really matter if I have connections.” To your point, we say you could never be more wrong. Students in all departments can benefit from connections.

Whether you are applying for an internship or a job, the few moments of potential awkwardness of striking up a conversation will pay off tenfold.

Instead of starting from scratch, simply sending a message to an alum you chatted with for half an hour could open the door to many opportunities. May we remind you, the alumni you contact have years upon years of experience, and a branch of connections who also have experience, who might be willing to mention your name or offer you a position off the bat.

Similarly to homecoming and all the events associated, some departments host events where alumni come and give presentations, watch plays or performances or just visit. We encourage current students to attend those events and start making connections early. Not only does it help you get your name out in the professional world, it also helps you become



Comic by Will Simmons

more connected with those around you.

Apps like LinkedIn have helped many students find jobs and internships. When you create your account, you can connect to Eastern. After that first connection, you can then branch out by following individuals and organizations who have ties back to Eastern.

It never hurts to send a quick message saying your name, and that you are reaching out because you are studying to go into a certain field. If you were in the alum’s shoes, would you turn down a college student who wants to further their professional career?

Whether it is shooting a quick message

to someone who graduated 30 years ago or simply introducing yourself after a presentation, we at the News encourage current students in all departments to reach out to alumni. We believe alumni care about your professional development as much as you do. You never know four years down the line who could offer you a job.

COLUMN

## You don’t exist, but neither do I or anything else

Well folks, Schrödinger’s cat remains a zombie (dead and alive at the same time), and there’s probably an alternate universe on the other end of that black hole.

It turns out that Padgett wasn’t too far off when he claimed that DEN isn’t real. Or anything else for that matter (subatomically speaking, mostly)—until it’s locally observed. Even then, it’s only real for the observer.

While I am always in some state of existential crisis or another, that’s not the cause of today’s proclamations here, in the erstwhile pages of a nonexistent student newspaper. (I’m an online student; I’ve never seen it!)

No, dear readers, a group of esteemed (I assume old and bearded) committee members in Oslo have launched me into this quantum reverie.

You see, the 2022 Nobel Prize in Physics was awarded to three very messed



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up gentlemen—John Clauser, Alain Aspect, and Anton Zeilinger—who proved, through experiments with quantum entanglement, that the universe is not “locally real.”

Put simply, these scientists demonstrated that objects lack definite prop-

erties, such as speed, size or color, until they’re measured/observed, AND they’re not necessarily influenced by their surroundings.

You remember that scene in The Matrix when Joey Pants is eating the nonexistent (to other observers) steak and enjoying every minute if it? It’s kinda like that.

So, if you’re eating a juicy orange in your house, while I’m standing outside on your lawn, your orange doesn’t exist as far as I’m concerned. Nor is it necessarily orange or juicy for anyone but you.

It wouldn’t exist for me until I burst through the door, see the peels on the floor at your feet, the fleshy wedges in your hands, and the juice running down your chin. Or it may not.

You see, until I burst through the door, and either see the orange or don’t see the orange (whatever color it may be), it actually both exists and doesn’t exist for me—

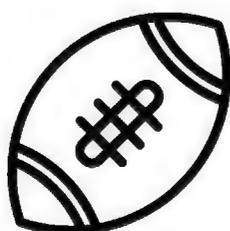
like Erwin’s famous feline.

I guess Missourians are onto something when they say “Show Me!” As existentially troubling as it is to think that anything that I can’t see right now may or may not (or, rather, may and may not) still exist, it’s also somewhat liberating.

That parking ticket sitting under the physics book on my desk? Nonexistent. As is the boot on my car, the court summons in my mail, and the deputy knocking on my door. If I don’t open the door, I won’t see her, and if I don’t see her, she doesn’t exist.

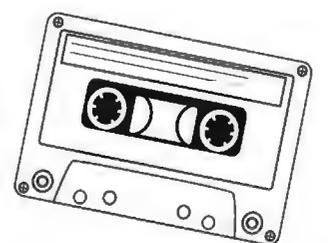
Realizing this, I pick up what may look, to you, like a tennis ball (or nothing or both), sink my teeth into and smile. I assure you it’s quite delicious.

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### QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

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# Volleyball team second in OVC after battle with Skyhawks

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On Friday, top Ohio Valley Conference team UT Martin made the trip north to Charleston for a double header with Eastern. As both matches were exciting and went to five sets each, the Panthers took the first match and the Skyhawks took the second.

EIU moved to a 7-2 record in the OVC and 13-9 overall. UT Martin is now number one in the conference and EIU is right behind them in second.

Playing ten sets of volleyball in one day is no easy task. Third year head coach Sara Thomas said the team came into the matches knowing they had to be at the top of their game against the Skyhawks.

In the first match, EIU won the first two sets and UT Martin won the third and fourth.

It came down to the last few volleys in the fifth set which ultimately went to EIU. Eastern won 3-2 in the match.

Junior outside hitter Giovana Larregui Lopez had her season high in kills (24) and she also had three services aces during the first match. She credited her team for the success she saw in the match.

"I feel proud of my team because it wouldn't be possible without them," Lopez said.

Junior middle blocker Emily Wilcox had a season high number of blocks (6) in the first match.

In the second match of the day, EIU continued their high level of play against UT Martin, but ultimately came up short in the fifth set. They lost the match 3-2.

Freshman setter Catalina Rochaix had a season high 43 assists.

Freshman outside hitter Lilli Amettis had a season high four blocks in the match. Lopez also had a season high of five services aces in the match.

EIU showed its confidence throughout both matches and played high caliber volleyball until the end.

Sophomore outside hitter Kaitlyn Flynn reflected on the final moments of the second match.

"Going into the fourth set we were saying like 'this was like one of the toughest matches we've played this season', so going into the fourth set we were saying how important it was to like really turn it up and all of us needed to step up and push through it," Flynn said. "I think those last few plays we really all just showed that



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After number 20 Emily Wilcox, a junior middle blocker, reconvenes with her team after successfully blocking a spike from UT Martin Skyhawk players during the volleyball game at Lantz Arena Friday afternoon. Wilcox had 6 blocks and scored 7.5 points. The Panthers won 3-2 against the Skyhawks.

were not a team that's gonna roll over and give up. Playing ten sets in one day is a tough thing to do."

Freshman outside hitter Lilli Amettis also said that the team had to keep the focus up as the match came near the end.

"I feel like everyone in the fifth set was just holding each other accountable. We were making sure we were doing the little things," Amettis said.

"I think overall our adrenaline was just super high and we knew we had to push as hard as we could. I feel like we just gave it our all."

After not having a winning season since 2015, the EIU volleyball program has made a turn around after finishing eighth in the OVC with a 4-14 record last season.

Thomas said getting to this point has taken work over the last few seasons.

"You know, I'm just taking it one week-end at a time. It's something that we've been working on for the last two years, you know, in the offseason," Thomas said. "We want to make sure that we're executing and playing at a high, efficient level on our side."

At the beginning of the season, the Panthers were selected to take the sixth-place finish in the OVC.

EIU is the underdog coming into the season and into the matches with UT Martin, who was selected to finish third.

The players are pleased with the way the season is going and they are proud of being the underdogs and showing the OVC who they are this season.

"[We have that] underdog mentality. Everybody ranked us sixth and now they're seeing what we really are about, and I think that's what we want to show people. We should be the ones you worry about," junior libero Christina Martinez Mundo said.

Flynn said the team deserves respect as they are the underdog as they are in second place in the OVC.

"We know we deserve respect, like they ranked us sixth, and we're in second place," Flynn said. "They're used to coming and playing EIU in the past years and having it be a rollover, easy sweep, easy game, so I think we really are super determined on earning respect from our opponents and I

think we've really done a good job of that so far."

In her first year on the team, Amettis also sees that the team this year is different and have improved from last season.

"I feel like a lot of teams compare us to the team that they were last year, and I feel like they need to not do that because we're a brand-new team and I feel like it's just a new program in general and I feel like we're at a really good place right now," said Amettis.

There is a lot of volleyball left to be played in the next month, but the Panthers plan on keeping up their confidence and momentum as they finish up the regular season.

"It really doesn't matter who's playing on the other side we are a competitive team. So, you're always going to see EIU being competitive no matter who's playing on the other side, that's just our culture and how we are." Mundo said.

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## COLUMN

# The 104th Homecoming was full of very memorable moments

My second and final homecoming at EIU is officially over.

I really can't believe that I am at this point of my senior year already.

Homecoming was a great time, and it brings out so much of my EIU pride.

The weekend started out with an amazing pair of volleyball matches between EIU and UT Martin on Friday afternoon.

The battle of the best teams in the Ohio Valley Conference was exciting to witness and cover. It brought a lot of pride because I saw some of our best athletes put on a fight throughout 10 matches.

If you haven't watched the EIU volleyball team yet, you need to start because



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they are on a hot streak right now and are so fun to watch.

I can't wait to see how the rest of their season turns out.

On Saturday morning, I went and watched the homecoming parade with some friends.

It was my first time watching it and it was great to see the town of Charleston and EIU come together for it.

The best part of the parade is when the football team's alumni float drove past a frat house and one of the alumni started doing their call and then one of the current frat guys came outside and did it back.

Boy, did the EIU football team put on a show for homecoming on a beautiful Saturday afternoon. While it was not the result we wanted, it was certainly exciting. Those guys sure put on a fight until the final whistle.

The double overtime had the crowd on their feet, which was great. I have never witnessed college football overtime, so it was quite interesting. It was an amazing game, and I am also excited to see how the rest of their season goes.

To say the least, homecoming 2022 was one for the books and will be one to remember.

I am so proud to be a Panther and I am loving where EIU athletics are at right now, and I hope you are too. I am so excited to continue covering the teams for the rest of my senior year as it has made it much more exciting.

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# Panthers drop game in heartbreaking double overtime loss

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Number 7 Isaiah Hill, a redshirt senior wide receiver, grabs hold of the Lion's Jayden Patrick (15), a freshman defensive back, so the Panther's quarterback, Jonah O'Brien, could run past during the homecoming football game against the Lindenwood Lions at O'Brien Field Saturday afternoon. The Panthers lost 37-34 to the Lindenwood Lions in a double overtime.

"So, you know, I just had to, when the ball was in the air, I had to catch it, it had to be mine. You know, luckily, Jonah threw a great ball, and I was able to catch it and get some yards."

O'Brien and Dom Shoffner split time at the quarterback position as O'Brien led both the passing and rushing game between the two. O'Brien was 14-of-21, passing for 152 yards and one touchdown. He

The drive to win for the Panthers picked up in the third quarter as the Lions had a 14-10 lead at halftime.

Brister was able to march into Panther territory late in the third quarter.

A roughing the passer penalty put the Lions at the 20-yard line, seeing it as an opportunity, Brister hit Abe Haerr on a 20-yard touchdown pass.

On their second possession of the third

lead.

Oyawale said that the defense showed up at O'Brien Field, but the game simply fell short.

"It really did show today I think all my brothers, we all came out, they all fight for one another," Oyawale said. "So, the last straw this game didn't fall our way."

Tyris Harvey and Nick Coates led the Panthers defense with 10 tackles each.

Harvey said that the Panthers did not play until time ran out, crediting that for the reason why the Lions walked away with the win.

"It showed until the last part where we gave up the last play because we play really hard as a defense and we make a lot of good plays, and we also leave a lot of plays out on the field. We just got to play until the whistle blows and today, we ain't do that, that's why they won."

The Lions used their rushing game to their advantage as they were able to move down the field late in the fourth quarter and tie the game 24-24 on a rushing touchdown by Brister, showing a lapse in the Panthers' defense before heading to overtime.

Harvey said that the Panthers need to work on the little things before taking on Tennessee State next week.

"Execute on the plays that we didn't execute on. You got to make all the plays that we can because the game is going to come down to the last quarter and last play, just like it did today. So, we got to capitalize on that."

Hill said that the Panthers need time to come together before facing the Tigers next week.

"I mean, Lindenwood is a good team. I think we shot ourselves in the foot a little bit," Hill said. "We left a lot of money on the table. So, you know, I think cleaning up the little things, mastering the mundane on offense and you know, just coming together as a team will help us win more games."

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Cade Brister (4), a senior quarterback for the Lions, attempts to jump into the end zone while contested by Colin Bohanek (45), a sophomore linebacker for the Panthers, during the homecoming football game against the Lindenwood Lions at O'Brien Field Saturday afternoon. Brister threw 28-for-42 passing for a total of 302 yards, scoring three touchdowns.

also rushed for 38 yards on 10 carries with two touchdowns.

There were many plays made throughout the game that Panther fans will not forget.

One of them came in the second quarter when quarterback Jonah O'Brien passed to Cooper Willman on the right side, then, Willman hit Hill on a 25-yard pass, setting the Panthers up for a field goal, putting them up 10-7.

quarter, the Panthers gave themselves a 17-14 lead after O'Brien hit wide receiver DeAirious Smith on a 13-yard touchdown pass.

The Lions opened the fourth quarter with a successful 27-yard field goal attempt, tying the game 17-17. Then, junior linebacker Alexander Oyawale was able to recover a fumble forced by defensive lineman Joel Barrows and returned it 40 yards for a touchdown, giving the Panthers a 24-17

It all came down to one play in double overtime.

The time on the clock in the fourth quarter was running out, but the fight left in the Eastern football team as a tied score of 24-24 shone on the scoreboard, was not as the Panthers' hunger to win was felt throughout O'Brien Field.

On its first overtime possession, Lindenwood and its veteran quarterback Cade Brister hit senior wide receiver Payton Rose on a two-yard touchdown pass, giving the Lions a 31-24 lead.

The Panthers answered right back during their opening overtime possession after quarterback Jonah O'Brien hit Isaiah on a 24-yard pass, putting the Panthers at the one-yard line, allowing O'Brien to take the ball in on a one-yard run to tie the game, sending the game into double overtime.

The Lions' defense was able to hold the Panthers to a field goal during the Panthers' second overtime possession.

A successful 22-yard field goal attempt by kicker Stone Galloway put the Panthers up 34-31.

However, the second and final possession of the double overtime ended with Brister hitting senior wide receiver Kobe Smith on a 9-yard touchdown pass, sealing the 37-34 win over the Panthers.

Head coach Chris Wilkerson said the Lions simply made a few more plays and a few less mistakes than the Panthers.

"I am proud of the kids' effort, the coaches' effort, we just made a few mistakes and didn't make quite enough plays to finish the way that we had hoped," Wilkerson said. "Certainly, my hats off to Lindenwood, their quarterback was certainly everything we had seen the week before. They made a few more plays than we did and certainly we were in an overtime game and just came up short."

Brister finished the game passing for 302 yards and three touchdowns with one rushing touchdown and three interceptions.

This was the first overtime game for the Panthers since the 2018 Homecoming Game win over Murray State but their drive to win was evident as many players, on both sides of the ball, stepped up to make important plays.

One of those players was redshirt wide receiver Isaiah Hill, who made his long-awaited return to O'Brien Field as he has battled many injuries within the last two years.

Hill's most recent injury in preseason camp delayed his return for the 2022 season but he was able to return to the field much earlier than last season.

Hill finished the game with 77 yards on five carries, leading the Panthers.

Hill said that returning to the field during the Homecoming Game was something he has been looking forward to.

"Man, super special man, I love this school and a lot of people here," Hill said. "It means a lot for me to just be coming back from injury and for the coaches to trust me enough to put me out there. It feels good to just be making plays once again, so, I'm very happy."

The 24-yard pass from O'Brien that led to the tie in the first overtime session was a play that Hill expected to make.

"Overtime. You know, this is where big time players make big time plays," Hill said.

## Battle of the cats in a close double overtime game

*The 104th Homecoming Game against the Lindenwood Lions went into double overtime where it all came down to the last play but the Panthers dropped the game 37-34.*



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Players on both teams, the Panthers and Lions, scramble after a ball was fumbled during the homecoming football game against the Lindenwood Lions at O'Brien Field Saturday afternoon.



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Heather Galloway, mother of Stone Galloway, a junior kicker, and fans shout after the Lindenwood Lions gained possession of the ball, then scoring a 9-yard touchdown pass thus ending the Panther's homecoming football game with a score of 37-34 Saturday afternoon at O'Brien Field.



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The Panther's number 88, DeAirious Smith, a sophomore wide receiver, intercepts a thrown ball during the homecoming football game against the Lindenwood Lions at O'Brien Field Saturday afternoon. Smith had one interception.



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Justin Williams (28), a junior runningback for the Lions, sticks out his arm after evading a tackle to prepare himself during the homecoming game against Lindenwood at O'Brien Field Saturday afternoon. Williams ran for 69 yards, scoring one touchdown.

## COLUMN

# What else to prioritize before partying

When I was an undergraduate student two decades ago, I didn't spend much time thinking about activities I could do outside of my studies that would be a positive benefit to my career or my long-term financial planning.

In fact, I had no idea what I was going to do after I graduated. The idea of retirement seemed so far out of reach and I never considered it a possibility. I consider myself lucky, and very few people have the good fortune to be in a career that provides retirement benefits without some kind of intentionality.

While academic success should be of paramount concern to students, partying need not by default become the number two priority.

In fact, learning to manage a career and your finances will ensure continued upward trajectory and advancement beyond the college years. In my mind, there are many skills outside a college major that a person needs to take initiative towards and cultivate on their own.

First off, personal finance is one



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area students need vastly more education on while in school. It's my perception that students in their 20's can't imagine that retirement will one day be an actual prospect, but college is the best time to learn about personal finance.

It wasn't until after I was already in a career before I learned about retirement investment accounts, compound interest, and how to make a budget so that saving money and paying bills is automatic. These are concepts I wish I learned about much

sooner.

Two books that come to mind are "The Index Card: Why Personal Finance Doesn't Have to Be Complicated" by Helaine Olen and Harold Pollack and "I Will Teach You to Be Rich" by Ramit Sethi. Both are quick reads and have fundamental and modern financial concepts everyone should know about.

I also want to acknowledge that most students don't have a lot of money to begin stashing away for retirement, but these are great resources to learn about retirement planning and making a budget, and you can get these books from the library.

The second area outside of your studies that is a worthwhile time investment is professional development. A great resource for this is LinkedIn Learning, though I was disappointed to see that EIU no longer provides the LinkedIn Learning video library free for students.

The powers that be at EIU should consider re-subscribing to LinkedIn Learning and advertising it so students can develop skills that will be

useful for graduates entering the job market.

Even though EIU does not provide LinkedIn Learning as a free resource, your home public library may, and it's worth looking into. There are other ways to develop technical proficiencies that are standard skills for most entry level jobs, and students are wise to read job ads in their field to identify skill gaps, and then research available options to fill those gaps.

So, brushing up on personal finance and professional development should be emphasized over going to another party. Also keep in mind, while college is a great time for socializing, you can still develop proficiencies outside your studies and then go to socialize at the end of the day.

You'll just have more interesting things to talk about.

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## Quote of the Week:

" I feel like everyone's getting back to normal. The 100 percent normal year, this year, back what it was like when we were freshmen. "

- Dylan Wettig

## COLUMN

# Burn out and stress, a recipe for even more distress

College is weird. People have so much to do, but you have so little time to do so.

For example; I'm in classes, working two jobs and a social life, not to mention doing homework, and grad school applications.

When I started my senior year, I thought I could handle it, and so far, I am. However, I'm so overwhelmed that it's not even funny.

I didn't think that I would have to spread myself in thirty different directions just to make ends meet. While I feel like I've got a decent handle on things, I need to pace myself better. I'm so stressed that I don't know what to do to stop.

According to the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill's Learning Center, many students become stressed with responsibilities. "College students commonly experience stress because of increased respon-



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sibilities, a lack of good time management, changes in eating and sleeping habits, and not taking enough breaks for self-care," the Learning Center said.

It's not that I necessarily have more responsibility, it's just that I feel like I have enough time to work on stuff. I've noticed that it's im-

acting the way I see things. I've noticed that it's impacting the way I study.

Chronic stress can "interfere with studying or class attendance, interfere with cognitive processes such as attention and concentration, (and) contribute to major health issues such as heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes, depression, and anxiety," University of North Carolina said.

Since I'm applying to grad school this year, I feel like I have no time for anything. I've noticed that this is the most stressed I've ever been. And that other students have been too.

I'm applying to grad school to get a degree in College Student Affairs. It can be called Higher Education Administration or Higher Education. While the transition I went through was easy, it may not be for others. I

like helping students, but I personally am better with students that are older than 18 than younger than 18.

I want to be a college student's support system, especially for disabled college students. These students need a support system and someone that knows what it's like to be a disabled college student.

I want college for others to have a good experience too. You deserve it and you deserve someone that will help you through the process. I know that I need a support system and everyone else does too.

If you need help, please reach out to someone. People are willing to help you. I know it's mid semester, and we're all burned out. But we got this. We got this!

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## LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

**WE ASKED WHETHER STATES SHOULD PARDON CRIMES RELATED TO MARIJUANA FROM BEFORE LEGALIZATION. THE RESULTS WERE SPLIT, 50/50.**

