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## Fund EIU shows 'dramatic growth' before rally

Student-planned rally to bring awareness to lack of funds

### **By Jason Howell**

Online Editor | @thejasonhowell

The week old "Fund EIU" movement has "grown dramatically" since its inception last Thursday.

Student Vice President Catie Witt, a junior political science major, was worried about apathy on campus but has seen students who do not normally get involved sharing their story and why "they are EIU."

Friday's student-planned rally will include a gathering of a huge group students speaking on why they "love EIU."

Speakers will include Witt, Student Body President Shirmeen Ahmad, a junior journalism and political science major, and junior political science major Austin Mejdrich.

Kate Klipp, a Charleston resident and 2007 Eastern graduate,

said the reaction from the community has been positive.

Witt said that if Eastern closes, it's going to have negative effects. Rep. Reggie Phillips, (R-

Charleston) will be in attendance, along with nearly 500 confirmed attendees on Facebook, as of press time.

Eastern President David Glassman is tentatively scheduled to attend after completing his workday. Senior political science ma-

jor Jack Cruikshank said he was, "amazed by the amount of support from Eastern and surrounding communities."

"I am very excited for the potential this rally has," Cruikshank said.

After the rally, the plan is for students to take over and turn the movement into an RSO, though Witt said she was hopeful it would be over sooner rather than later.

We need to get this (budget) passed before we work on next year's budget which is due June 1," Witt said.

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## CUPB talks budget, layoff concerns

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### **By Analicia Haynes** Administration Editor | @Haynes1943

President David Glassman said Eastern will not be in a state of financial exigency and discussed the upcoming layoffs Thursday at the Council on University Budgeting and planning meeting.

Chicago State University announced they are in a state of financial emergency and declared financial exigency Thursday afternoon.

As a result CSU is expecting major cuts and will have an easier time "by-passing contracts to lay off employees, including tenured professors," according to an article in the Chicago Tribune.

"As I understand from reading what was reported, they (CSU) are going to utilize that in order to do everything they can to keep their university open," Glassman said.

Glassman said the president of a university and the board of trustees declare financial exigency.

"That indicates that there is an emergency with a university that is of an extreme degree toward the operation of the institution," Glassman said.

confident and optimistic that a budget will be passed, he said the university cannot wait until appropriations are delivered.

Glassman said he anticipates the layoff notices will go out next week to approximately 200 civil service personnel.

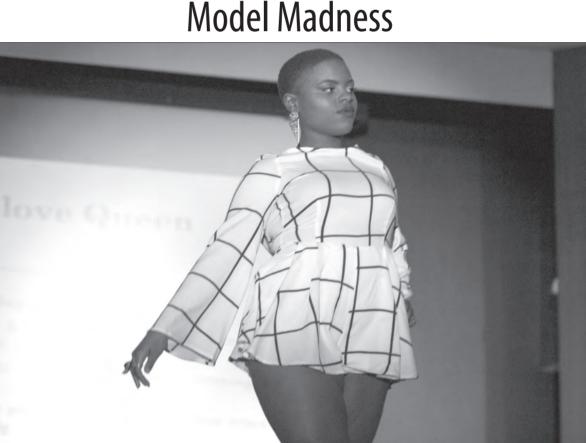
"We are identifying but have not completed the review of personnel (civil service)," Glassman said. "We have to make sure we're doing our due diligence and that we are identifying no more than the necessary individuals in order to allow us to do the things that we need to do for our cash flow."

Glassman said the issue of bumping that comes with the layoffs has to be figured out as well.

"We are trying to do this as fast as we can without making errors and snap judgments," Glassman said.

Once the anticipated personnel receive their layoff notices, they are a 30-day time period before they are expected to leave the university.

"A lot of activity can take place in the 30 day time period," Glassman said. "My greatest hope is that an appropriation is enacted and that some funds coming to the university will allow us to change our plans or rescind the notices.'



CASSIE BUCHMAN | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Milove Streeter, a couture model, struts and poses down the runway at the Couture Model Dating Auction and Fashion Show Thursday night.

## Eastern's marketing strategies focus on finding best students

Glassman said if it is called it allows the president of the university to have more flexibility and adaptability of doing things to serve the operations of the university such as eliminating programs or faculty.

Kathleen Shank, special education department chair, said. "What about that (financial exigency)? I thought that if you declared that there would be other factors in play here."

Glassman said there would be but Eastern is not in the same position as CSU and there is no need to declare a state of financial exigency.

'We have ways in which we can move forward and complete our semester and not have any type of financial exigency declared," Glassman said. "That is my hope and my intent that that will not be done."

Glassman said if within the 30 days an appropriation is not enacted, the university will look at alternative ways related to cash flow such as the discussion about furloughs and he is willing to hear suggestions.

Gloria Leitschuh, the dean of the college of education of professional studies, asked what the faculty status is regarding the furlough days.

Glassman said he can enact civil service layoffs and furlough administration and professional individuals but he cannot discuss anything that would involve the union.

"There are some things that I can't do without agreements and discussions that would need to take place," Glassman said.

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Although Glassman said he is

### **By Adam Shay** Staff Reporter | @DEN\_News

With a low budget and the struggles of the Illinois economy, Eastern is continuing to market itself across the coun-

Eastern incorporates many ways to recruit and obtain higher enrollments, along with putting itself out there for potential students.

Those marketing strategies revolve around finding the best possible fits for incoming students.

Christy Kilgore, the assistant director of marketing and creative services, emphasized on the marketing strategy with creating connections with students.

"Eastern is like your extended family and then your major is like your close family, brothers and sisters," Kilgore said. Even with the Illinois economic struggles, Eastern finds ways to utilize its

marketing strategies to their best ability.

As of now, Eastern has strict budget restrictions, however, and continues to find ways to market itself.

Eastern has to use its money wisely, especially considering the lack of funding, and with it, a lower budget means less resources.

"Having fewer resources makes you focus a lot more," Kilgore said.

Kara Hadley-Shakya, the interim director of admissions, also had comments on how Eastern uses its money wisely.

"Every single dollar that we spend, we want to make sure we are using it to the best of our ability," Hadley-Shakya said.

Along with the budget struggles, there are rumors that have been heard on campus revolving around Eastern remaining open for the rest of the academic year.

"I hear crazy rumors about Eastern closing down," Kilgore said. "Campus is like a little small town."

Kilgore said having to deal with the public perception of Eastern and dealing with the rumors as a whole has been a challenge as well. A marketing strategy that is commonly used by Eastern is the involvement of admission counselors across the nation.

"All of our 50 states and territories are assigned to an admission counselor," Hadley-Shakya said. "There are four full time admission counselors recruiting in Chicago."

Eastern is able to primarily market itself across Illinois and manage to cover the United States. Eastern has had struggles when it comes to the ratio of students enrolling to students graduating.

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

The women of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority will be serving the campus up with some feel good food with their dinner special.

The Food For Soul dinner is at 3:22 p.m. Sunday in the Cultural Center, which is located across the street from Old Main at 1525 7th Street.

JaLisa Smith, the vice president of the sorority, said she wants to give the campus a taste of an old-fashioned home cooked meal. She said they originally did the dinner special because food has a way of getting people together and chatting.

## Making The Grade



Kara Brand, a junior special education major, checks her exam score for SPE 3000 Thursday in Buzzard Hall. "The test was challenging, but a lot of people did really well," Brand said.

## **UB to host 'Stuff-A-Bear' workshop**

### **By Janet Pernell** Staff Reporter | @DEN News

As Valentine's Day approaches, the University Board will host a free event called "Stuff-A-Bear," a workshop similar to the store "Build-A-Bear Workshop.'

The event will take place at 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. Monday in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union University Ballroom.

This event will have the things students need to build their very own furry best friend whether it is for themselves, a friend or their boyfriend

imal skins, stuffing, birth certificates, and hearts. The event will have various animals

like elephants, turtles, black Labrador dogs, cheetahs, camouflage bears and furry brown bears.

Normally at Build-A-Bear Workshop, customers have assistants at every station doing most of the work for them. w

"Stuff-A-Bear," is more of a "do it yourself" event. Participants will stuff their own bear to their liking and dress it. The stuffed animals will only be provided with a T-shirt that says "Will U B My Valentine?"

There will be no pants, shoes, or other accessories.

During the event, there will be a drawing for one winner to win a 6-foot tall teddy bear.

The bear will be naked and will not come with a T-shirt like the small ones.

A member of the UB will be around to pass out raffle tickets for students to fill out their name and phone number on the back of it.

At the end of the event, the winner will be announced. If someone wins and misses their name being called, the University Board will call them with the provided phone number on the ticket.

People may still participate in the drawing if they do not make a bear or stay all the way through the event.

There will be different kinds of fruits, Rice Krispies Treats, marshmallows, sugar cookies, a chocolate fountain, and other various Valentine's themed snacks.

There will also be a chance to give a "Crush" soda to your crush.

This is a first come, first serve based event and there is only a certain amount of stuffed animals.

Aaliyah Stephen, special events coordinator of the UB, said a high volume of people have been speaking about this event.

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## Sorority to serve 'Food for Soul'

serve include macaroni and cheese, spaghetti, fried chicken and corn bread. Desserts will also be served.

> 'We've done it every year, and it's a way to get students to feel back at home," Smith said. "I know people can get sick of dining hall food so it's a opportunity for us to show we don't just step, or stroll we can cook."

> Rajaé White, the president of the sorority, said the sorority has to buy the food as well as get a food permit every time they want to cook in abundance for people.

> Smith said it is a pleasure to be able to cook for the people of campus.

> "Food like this makes people feel at home," Smith said. "Food like this re-

There is a to go option, so if people want to grab and go they can. Members of the sorority have been designated a side of food to prepare, Smith said

White said the dinner usually has a down-to-Earth environment where people can relax and enjoy the home cooked meal.

This occasion is a part of African-American Heritage Month and Smith said it provides a bit of history of the African-American cuisine.

White said her sorority sisters before her were big on caring for those around them, especially when it came to cooking.

White said the dinner lets the cam-

nization.

"It says that we care enough to make people feel like they're at home, and it gives them that feeling of being loved," White said. "It brings fellowship."

White said the dinner is a place where people can go and see someone they have never met before and build a bond.

Something that is a huge part of the African-American culture is the cuisine, Smith said.

"It's a part of us," Smith said.

The plates will be sold at \$5 to \$6 and proceeds go back to the sorority.

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### FRIDAY, FEB. 5, 2016

By Thaija Evans Copy Editor | @DEN\_News

The emcee rap duo Mother Nature graced the stage Thursday night at the Black-On-Black Rhyme poetry slam at 7th street Underground hosted by the African-American Heritage Month Committee.

The group is made up of two up and coming artists, T.R.U.T.H. and Klevah, out of Champaign. They both said they started making music at a young age, and it became more serious as they got older.

"I would say I've been an artist all my life," Klevah said. "The influence of hip-hop started early for me."

The duo said their music is based on personal experiences as African-Americans and global events. Police brutality against African Americans and the high rates of black on black crime have directly affected their music, Klevah said.

"We actually created this project at the very end of 2015," Klevah said. "So just everything that happened in 2015, down to us getting more involved in Black Lives Matter, it kind of all went into our writing."

Mother Nature's music is inspired by multiple things including daily struggles. The group said they often freestyle unknowingly to the crowd, and they bounce ideas off of each other on stage.

"In the moment, anything can be inspiring. It could be a pleather of things at any given time," T.R.U.T.H. said.

The duo said they love meeting



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Klevah from the hip-hop duo "Mother Nature" spits fire Thursday at the Black-On-Black Rhyme poetry slam in 7th Street Underground.

new people and sharing experiences at events like Black-On-Black Rhyme.

"The love afterwards was abundant. Ya'll was rocking with us," T.R.U.T.H. said.

Mother Nature said they hope to evoke peace and social change through their music. They said they both plan to make music a lifelong career. This (music) is more than just our craft, this is our passion," T.R.U.T.H. said.

The group said they are involved in the community and the music world, and use music to connect with society by blending the two.

"Influencing the youth and our peers, I think that's a huge thing for us," Klevah said. "Once we know that the messages are being received, it just gives us more fuel to keep going."

The duo said African-American Heritage Month is essential because it emphasizes the culture and history.

"Black history is American history, its really no difference," T.R.U.T.H. said. "The stuff we learn about during Black History Month still affects more than just black people."

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The event also featured poetry readings from Eastern students. Students were encouraged to share original pieces and monologues from other writers with the audience.

Briana Wesley sophomore biological science major, Hillary Fuller, senior communication and creative writing major, Tavia Fuqua, senior sociology major, and Patrick Davis, senior general studies major, were among the performers.

Senior psychology and interpersonal communications major Ashley Howard hosted the event. She said she was nervous because it was her first time hosting, but she used that to her advantage.

"They talked about a lot of issues not only that we struggle with on a daily basis, but also black issues that definitely touch home with us," Howard said. "Not only violence and crime, but also things like self image and internalized hatred."

Students recited poems about selfawareness and the violence within the African-American community.

"They touched on things that we struggle with as a whole, not only on an individual level. It was definitely an eye opening experience," Howard said.

The African-American Heritage Month Committee will also be hosting the EIUnity Diversity Conference Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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## 'Jock N' Roll' to raise money for veterans

By Shirmeen Ahmad Staff Reporter | @DEN\_News

To send Eastern veterans to an Ohio Valley Conference basketball tournament, different sports teams are preparing to show off their talents at this year's fifth annual Jock N' Roll at 7 p.m. Monday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

This event helps raise the money that will be used to send the veterans and their guests to Nashville where they will get to stay two nights at a hotel.

The veterans will be provided with gift cards for gas and food.

Veterans from other schools will also attend who are sent by OVC member institutions as part of the Hoops for Heroes initiative.

The mission of the initiative, created jointly by the OVC and Student-Athlete Advisory Committees of member institutions is to honor military men and women in OVC communities.

Cindy Miller, the director for academic services for athletics, said it takes \$500 to send a military veteran and their guest to the tournament where they will be recognized for their services.

Last year, Eastern was able to send four veterans and their guests to the tournament because they raised \$750.

"If we raise additional money, we can give them more," Miller said. "(We) normally send three or four people."

Miller said this year will be even

more exciting because the Eastern Men's Basketball teams may be playing in the tournament.

Miller said it is mandatory for every OVC school's SAACS to find some way to raise the money for the OVC's Hoops for Heroes initiative. How they raise the money is up to them as long as they come up with the funds.

Nick Smith, president of SAAC, said the committee has been planning the event for several months by reserving locations, creating posters to advertise and contacting a group of veterans to select a few who they will send to the tournament.

The chosen veterans will be recognized at the beginning of the event along with the introductions of the night's judges, who will be different coaches and the host of the event. Smith said the SAAC members have also been working with their

teams to prepare for their individual tend acts during Jock N' Roll. to \$3 "None of the sports teams are required to participate," Smith said. said.

quired to participate," Smith said. "Yet since it is for a great cause, the majority of sports teams love to participate."

Smith said there are not specific requirements for the acts other than it being appropriate. To make sure of this, music and videos used during the acts are screened.

"Our list of teams participating is tentative," Smith said. "Yet we plan to have eight different acts from teams such as men's soccer, women's soccer, men's football, men's baseball, women's softball, women's volleyball, as well as men's and women's track and field and cross country."

In previous years, the ticket to attend were \$2 but the price was raised to \$3 last year.

"The athletes decided it," Miller said. "It's an entertaining night and we get to send more people."

Miller said the event also lets the student-athletes show off their other talents other than just in academics and athletics.

"It is an enjoyable night as we, the student-athletes, get to showcase our talents outside of our respective athletic competitions in order to raise money for a good cause," Smith said. "You can't beat that."

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# 4 **OPINIONS**



Lauren McQueen

## Super Bowl is more than just ads

Professional football has never really been my biggest interest. Growing up in a house where my dad always rooted for the Miami Dolphins, I was not accustomed to the excitement of cheering for a winning football team. Sorry dad.

But this year, I participated in my first Fantasy Football league, along with some of my coworkers from *The Daily Eastern News*. Being forced to pay attention every week so I could start the best players really piqued my interest in the teams and the players.

It's actually kind of exciting to actually know what's going on with different players. Also, I had found something else to talk to my dad about other than the routine conversations about how school is going.

After taking part in the fantasy league, which I ended up in 2nd place in, I seemed to care more about football and the NFL. I am actually excited about the Super Bowl on Sunday, and for more reasons than just because I enjoy the commercials.

I don't have a favorite team, and I don't have a preference for either the Panthers or the Broncos, but I'm still planning to attend a Super Bowl party, eat football-themed snacks, and enjoy the game.

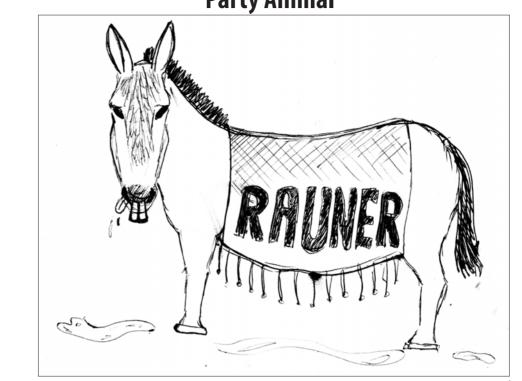
I have always watched the Super Bowl for as long as I can remember, but I will admit until last year, I never actually watched the game part of the show. I will also admit the only reason I paid attention to the game last year was because I wasn't going to miss a chance to see Jimmy Garoppolo's beautiful face on the big screen.

Before last year, I was always more entertained by the commercials and the halftime show.

I am a little disappointed Coldplay is headlining the show this year, but let's be honest, were they really going to get a performer better than Beyoncé?

Although I did hear Beyoncé, who reunited Destiny's Child during her set in 2013, is supposed to make an appearance during this year's





### JEHAD ABBED | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

## Staff Editorial EIUnity helps bring diversity to campus

The EIUnity Diversity Conference is once again coming to campus, providing the university with a beneficial opportunity to come together and learn about other people's experiences.

According to *The Daily Eastern News* article "EIUnity conference back on campus for another round."

Event coordinator James Griffin said the conference is an opportunity to bring all of the groups on campus to one place to openly share their stories and experiences.

At the last conference, topics such as privilege, colorism, racism, sexism and being a first-generation college student were not just talked about but explained in a way that allowed those attending to see the effects these concepts have had on the people presenting.

This year's conference promises more of the same kind of eye-opening talks that students, faculty, staff and the whole campus community needs to better understand each other.

Diversity is a vital part of any university. The recruitment of more minority students and international students is a step in the right direction.

When all kinds of students from all races, ethnicities and countries are able to see other students who look like them on campus it helps to create a unified campus at a time when unity at Eastern is needed more than ever.

On the other hand, when students are able to meet students who come from all kinds of places and who have all kinds of life experience, they grow as a person as well as a citizen.

It also helps Eastern grow as a university, as students are able to teach each other and learn about the world around them.

The point of higher education is to learn about new ideas and meet different people from all walks of life.

Hearing one perspective is a good way to spend your life in a bubble and waste your time at Eastern, but a terrible way to actually live life.

While it can be hard to break out of one's comfort zone, it is easier when a conference like the EIUnity Diversity Conference is offered to allow people to listen and learn about different perspectives and different lives in their own university, where many of them live, work and study.

Going to the EIUnity Diversity Conference is one of the first steps to getting more diversity on campus, but it should not be the last.

Likewise, going to the conference for students should not be the only thing they do on campus to experience diversity.

There are plenty of cultural events on campus that can be experienced, such as the ones offered all February for African-American Heritage Month.

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

## Sean Says: Be smart in certain situations

So lemme tell you this. Golf is a great game, but it can also be pretty dangerous and painful if you're not smart when you're on the course. I know from experience.

I've been playing golf since I was as young as I can remember.

I always go out golfing with my dad and my brother, more so when we were young-



Now you may be wondering what my dad was doing and why he allowed us to try this.

Don't blame him; I don't think he thought there was any chance that his two sons could screw this move up.

As you can probably expect, the ball did not go right in front of the pole like we

show as well.

The only other reason I ever watched the Super Bowl was for the commercials. Whether I was laughing so hard I cried during the Doritos commercial, or watching the Budweiser commercial during which tears rolled down my face for a different reason, the entertainment that comes from watching Super Bowl commercials is endless.

I have already watched one of the new Doritos commercials several times. That's mostly because it's really kind of creepy, but that's beside the point.

The actual game can be just as entertaining as the commercial breaks or the roughly 12-minute halftime show.

A lot of really great plays can happen during the Super Bowl or any football game for that matter. It's exciting and people really should pay more attention.

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er.

But like I said, golf can be a dangerous game if you are not smart while you are out there. You can hurt yourself or somebody else. In my case both parties were involved.

So let me finally start telling you why my day on the golf course turned out to be a painful one.

I was 13 years old and my younger brother Ryan was 11.

All our life, Ryan and I have always loved goofing around and having fun.

Some of the time we have known when to keep it relaxed, but most of the time we just like to have fun.

So we were coming up on the ninth hole with the 10th hole's fairway running along the left side of our fairway.

There was also a family on the 10th fairway.

The hole that we were on had a huge hill in the middle blocking the view of the green.

### **Sean Hastings**

So to help out the golfers there is periscope to help see over the hill and see the green.

So this thing came in handy to see the green, but it was also another way for Ryan and I to goof around.

First off, I want to say we're not some punk golfers that just ruin everyone's day. We are serious about the game.

But Ryan and I had the great idea to toss a golf ball up in the air in front of the periscope to see if we could see it fly by.

I volunteered to look through the eyehole to try and see the ball, trusting Ryan to throw the ball right in front of it. tried, but it went over the side and hit me in the top of the head, making me a little bit dizzy.

So I'm in a decent amount of pain, but I still have to tee off.

Remember that family that was coming down the 10th fairway?

So I think I'm good enough to shoot, so I tee off and send this ball no more than 3 feet off the ground right past the mother and daughter playing their shot, and underneath the cart which was holding the father and the son. I almost just took out a family.

So the moral of the story is, be smart when you are golfing. Or just be smart in certain situations.

You can get yourself or others hurt if you are not, and I hope your weekend is better than mine.

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## Mid-Winter Classic planned for Saturday

### By Mackenzie Freund Online Producer | @mgfreund\_news

The Charleston Parks and Recreation department is getting ready for their eighth annual Charleston Challenge Mid-Winter Classic Saturday.

Runners from age 5 to age 77 have run in the Charleston Challenge Mid-Winter Classic since the race began in 2008.

Diane Ratliff from tourism and special events said she never knows who will show up for the races.

The Mid-Winter Classic has three races, a 5K, 10K, and 15K. All races start and end at Carl Sandburg School, 1924 Reynolds Dr.

After the races start, the runners will move around the course where police and volunteers will be making sure people are safe during the race.

Ratliff said none of the streets used will be closed.

All of the routes for the races are available to be viewed online.

Each race starts at different times during the day and each race also has a different route.

According to the website, the 15K race is set to begin at 10 a.m., the 10K is set to begin at 10:15 a.m. and the 5K is set to begin at 10:30 a.m.

Ratliff said the races have staggering start times but they are mostly done by noon. Registration after Jan. 24 went up to \$25. Shirts are \$10 and gloves and hats are \$5 but are not guaranteed.

"There are not a lot of races this time of year," Ratliff said. "It is a good trainer for an early spring marathon runner."

Ratliff said the preregistration numbers for all of the races are over 100 combined and the attendance has continued to grow.

"Nice weather also helps our cause," Ratliff said. "Although, the year we had a blizzard we had a large number of walk-up participants."

Ratliff said the race with the largest amount of people signed up for is the 15K race but the 5K is also a popular race.

The funds raised through the Mid-Winter Classic and other activities the Parks and Recreation Department put on to raise money go towards scholarships and offer free and inexpensive programs for the community.

Food will be served in a ceremony after the races are over and the first, second and third place winners for each race will be given to males and females.

There will be no awards given for age groups.

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**Bigfoot Survivor** 

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Harold Benny, director of the Southern Illinois Sasquatch Search, describes his encounter with Bigfoot at the "Monster Trek: The Obsessive Search for Bigfoot" talk Thursday in Buzzard Hall.

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"We were actually up two percent enrollment from last year," Hadley-Shakya said. "Our enrollment goal is to increase our enrollment two percent each year."

By increasing enrollment yearly by two percent, Eastern's enrollment will be balanced with incoming freshman and outgoing graduates. When the states economy bounces back, Eastern will then be able to market more alongside the hopeful increasing student enrollment.

Eastern is doing all it can to market and make the university look attractive through the tough economic struggles.

"We have some real strengths, we

are an outstanding institution," Hadley-Shakya said.

At the end of the day, Eastern will continue to thrive on as a home to thousands of students in the face of economic turmoil.

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### » CUPB, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Leitschuh asked Glassman if he could not do anything without the union support and Glassman said yes.

"It is not under my purview to say, 'you will do this,' to any organization on campus of which we have a contractual agreement with," Glassman said. "In that case the only thing that I'm able to do if I chose to do so would be to discuss it with their representatives and see if there could be some kind of negotiated agreement."

Dave Emmerich, the chair of CUPB, asked what the reduction in costs would be as a result of the furlough days.

Glassman said if the university is only giving furlough days to Administration and Professional individuals without exceeding the maximum of 24 days, it would generate an additional half a million.

"We have not set this out perfect-

ly but if we set it up along the lines of one day a week from March to June that would only be 17 days," Glassman said.

Glassman said the university would need about five or six million dollars to keep its doors open.

"Ŵe can absolutely make it," Glassman said.

Peggy Day, a CUPB member, said, "At what point would you have to layoff civil service again? We thought we would only have to go through it once. Now we've done it twice. Are we going to have to do it a third time?"

Glassman said it is his anticipation that there will not be another layoff after this one.

"It means that we need some other assistance across the campus," Glassman said.

Glassman said he will send out another letter on Monday reiterating the actions that are in place to help reduce costs and discusses furloughs and lay offs so people will know.

"We are EIU, that's all of us and all of us need to collaborate and share in the joy of the good times and the sacrifices of the difficult times," Glassman said.

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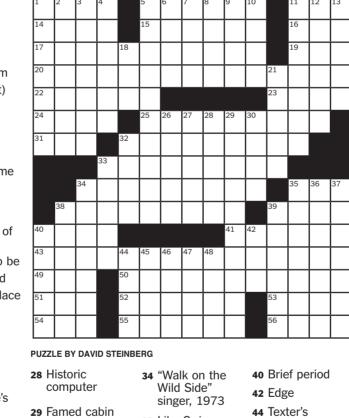
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## Basketball team begins 3-game home stand

### **By Mark Shanahan** Staff Reporter | @DEN\_Sports

The Eastern women's basketball team returns home for a three-game home stand beginning with Southeast Missouri on Saturday.

Eastern has had six days in preparation for this game and have lost 21 straight games.

They will come into this game with a 1-21 record with a 0-10 record in conference play.

SEMO comes into the weekend at 14-9 and is 7-3 against the OVC.

Coach Debbie Black is to approach this game as the start of a new season.

"Our approach is that this is a new season starting Saturday," she said. "I thought we played a really good game against SIUE last week. They are the best team in the league and we stayed right with them and competed. I think that's what started hopefully a little lift to be more competitive and win some games."

Last time out for Eastern, they played conference-leading SIU Edwardsville down to the wire before losing, 87-75.

Freshman Halle Stull played a strong game as she recorded her second career double-double with 19 points and 11 rebounds.

She has been coming off the bench the past two games averaging 12 points and nine rebounds in those games.

Sophomore Jalisha Smith and freshman Carmen Tellez broke career highs in last weekend's game.

Smith scored 14 points as she made her second start in a row.

She has averaged 9.5 points and

seven rebounds in the last two games.

For Tellez, it was the first time she has scored double digits in her career as she had 10 points.

SEMO is currently on a twogame winning streak after beating Austin Peay and Murray State.

The win against Murray State on Wednesday night was dominant as they won, 96-59.

The 96-point performance was a season high for the Redhawks. Sophomore guard Hannah Noe scored 22 points leading their offense

This was the first time in her career that she scored 20 points.

The career high was fueled by a career-best six 3-pointers.

Southeast Missouri used all 13 available players in Wednesday night's game.

The bench scored a season-high 38 points, led by sophomore Kaley Leyhue's 15 points in 17 minutes of play.

The win gave them eight home wins on the season, which is the most they have had since the 2008-09 season.

Black noted that SEMO was similar team to them by how they get production from a variety of players.

"They play a lot like us," she said. "They put some numbers on the floor. They have an undersized kind of post, they run the floor hard and they don't really have a superstar. They have a number of players who contribute."

They were also dominant in rebounding as they out-rebounded Murray State, 47-28.

SEMO averages 43 rebounds a



JASON HOWELL | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS Sophomore guard Mariah Madison has 49 points averaging 2.9 points in 17 games played on the season.

game as Eastern averages 33. Rebounding will be a battle to

She is one of the leaders in rebounds on the team as she averages

11 points a game.

The assist leader on the team is freshman Adrianna Murphy with 116 on the season.

She is also near the top in steals with 41.

The game is set to begin at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday at Lantz Arena.

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## Women's tennis team to take on Redbirds

### **By Kaitlin Cordes** Staff Reporter | @DEN\_Sports

The Eastern women's tennis team will head into Saturday's match against Illinois State with a 2-1 record on the year.

The Panthers defeated Western, 7-0, last weekend, and Butler, 7-0, the weekend before after losing the first match of the season to Illinois, 7-0.

So far, Illinois State is undefeated with a record of 2-0 with wins over Southeast Missouri State (6-1) and Western (7-0).

Eastern is 3-20 all-time when facing the Redbirds; however, the Panthers have taken the victory in the last two meetings with Illinois State.

Saturday's match at Evergreen Racquet Club will mark the 10th time in 11 seasons that Eastern and Illinois State have met on the courts.

Dating back to the 2006-2007 season, the Panthers are 2-7 against the Redbirds.

The Redbirds have had very strong showings in both doubles and singles play and will prove to be an excellent match up for the Panthers. Last season, the duo of Marcia Tere-Apisah and Kadi Ilves won the Flight 1 doubles title, and partners Veronika Golanova and Jana Kustkova took the Flight 2 doubles title in the Missouri Valley Conference. Valerija Gercar won the Flight 7 singles conference title and was recently ranked No. 114 by the International Tennis Association.

The Illinois State team ended its fall season with records of 32-22 in singles and 27-13 in doubles.

According to the Illinois State athletics website, Tere-Apisah and Ilves ended their doubles play with a 10-1 record.

This season, the Redbirds are 6-0 in doubles and 11-1 in singles.

Despite Illinois State's consistency in doubles, senior Hannah Kimbrough said it has no bearing on Eastern's approach to the match.

"ISU has been strong in doubles every year that we have played them," Kimbrough said. "However, that won't necessarily change our game. We just know that we need to start strong from the very beginning.'

Kimbrough also said that she has seen improvement in the team's confidence as well as play at the net since their season-opening loss against the University of Illinois (0-7).

Coach Emily Wang said the team has spent a lot of time this week preparing for doubles play and said she hopes it results in aggressive doubles competition.

Wang said the Panthers will have to battle their way through doubles play.

We are going to go out ready to fight for every point and be aggres-sive as possible," Wang said. "I am confident that we have what it takes to win the doubles point(s)."

Along with the recent stellar play from seniors Ali Foster and Kimbrough, the newest members of the tennis squad have proven they are players to watch for.

Freshmen Abby Carpenter and Srishti Slaria have both posted wins in singles, and Slaria has contributed to doubles play with her partner junior Kamile Stadalninkaite.

Carpenter has a 1-0 record in singles, and Slaria is 2-1.

Slaria and Stadalninkaite have gone 1-1 in doubles play.

The Panthers will take to the court in Bloomington at 3 p.m. Saturday.

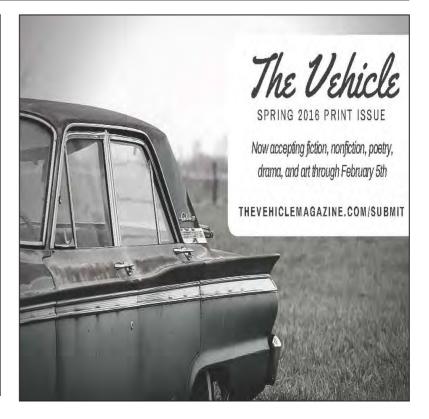
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seven per game. A player to watch for is senior Erin Bollmann who has started every game this season and averages

watch if Eastern wants to pull off an upset.

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### @DEN\_Sports tweet of the day: The Eastern men's basketball team will take on Southeast Missouri at 11 a.m. Saturday in Lantz Arena.



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## Men's basketball team seeks 5th-straight win

By Maher Kawash Staff Reporter | @DEN\_Sports

The Eastern men's basketball team is riding a four-game win streak, and is looking for more as they welcome Southeast Missouri into Lantz Arena.

The Panthers will take on the Redhawks Saturday at 11 a.m. in hopes of improving on their 6-4 record in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Eastern is on its longest win streak of the season and will take on a Redhawk team that has struggled throughout the year.

The last time these two teams faced off, the Panthers came out on the winning end, 73-65.

SEMO comes into play at 5-17 overall and 2-7 in OVC play.

The Redhawks are coming off an 86-80 loss to Austin Peay as their struggles continued.

Eastern already has an advantage playing on their home court, and welcoming in a team that has not fared well on the road.

The Panthers are 7-3 in Lantz Arena, while the Redhawks are 2-10 in road games this season.

Not only will Eastern have home court advantage, but the team is coming off one of their best wins of the season.

The Panthers made easy work out of St. Ambrose in their last win scoring the program's highest point total since 2009.

After scoring 101 points against the Bees, Eastern has figured out what weapons are on the offensive side.

Throughout the team's four-game win streak, the Panthers have seen multiple players step up their play.

Demetrius McReynolds has shined the brightest of late, with his most recent performance sparking a 22-point performance in just 19 minutes of play against St. Ambrose.

The most intriguing part of that stat is that McReynolds scored 18 of his 22 points in the first half.

It is not the first time he stepped up in one half either, as he also scored 20 points in the second half against Tennessee-Martin.

He also added 19 points in a half against both Eastern Kentucky and Jacksonville State.

McReynolds has established himself as a leader on the Panthers, as he is averaging almost 12 points a game.

While he is 2nd on the team in scoring, he leads the Panthers in conference scoring as he has averaged 14 points a game against OVC opponents.

While McReynolds continues to succeed, the whole Panther offense has clearly found its rhythm.

Eastern has won six of its last seven games, and the team is averaging 81.3 points per game.

On top of that, four players are averaging double-digit scoring in the last seven games, as the team holds a shooting percentage of 46 percent. Eastern looks for more of the same as the Panthers take on the Redhawks in hopes of currently holds the advantage, 27-26. keeping the streak alive.

The Panthers will also be looking to tie up the all-time series against the Redhawks, as SEMO

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Track, field teams set for Notre Dame invite

Senior wing Trae Anderson has 315 total points averaging 13.7 per game on the season.

By Jack Arkus Staff Reporter | @DEN\_Sports team's heavier practices, Thursday tends to be a day of technique mixed with a lessening of vol-

After earning 13 top-10 finishes at the Indiana Relays last weekend, the Eastern men and women's track and field teams will be back in action this weekend at the Notre Dame Meyo invite.

The 2016 Meyo invitation will be on Friday and Saturday at the University of Notre Dame for the 28th straight year.

Both of Eastern's men and women's track and field teams will be in attendance for the contest.

The Panthers will depart for South Bend early Friday morning and will begin competing later that afternoon.

This year, the invite was extended to 48 other schools, along with several track clubs from across the nation.

During the past week, Tom Akers, track and field coach, has led the Panthers through a mentality-based practice scheme in preparation for this weekend's events.

"Being three weeks back from vacation, last week was sort of a light work week for us." We're four weeks out of the conference championship. So we're getting back after it, working hard this week yet looking forward to some good competition," Akers said.

While Mondays through Wednesdays are the

ume and intensity.

Akers said his team needs to be competitive across the board in every event.

In Akers' eyes, output of every race, shot thrown, or sand divot is a measurement of how prepared the team is against all overall competition.

"We can win a John Craft invitational and not have good performances, and we would finish dead last at a Notre Dame meet and (you) know, set some PR's and who knows, maybe even a school record," Akers said.

Eastern is always looking to go against itself when contending against other schools.

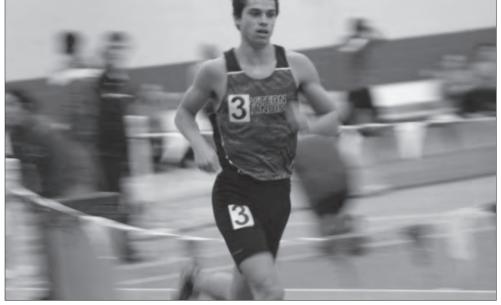
Whether their opponent is a representative of the SEC or the ACC, the team looks at their personal bests to hold themselves to a higher standard.

This will be the largest field of competition that Eastern has seen this year.

Many teams from various schools will step onto the 300-meter track, which is presumably known as the annual stage of early February competition.

The invite will be at the Loftus Sports Center, and the facility has been hosting the contest every year since it opened in 1988.

Eastern's track and field teams had a strong

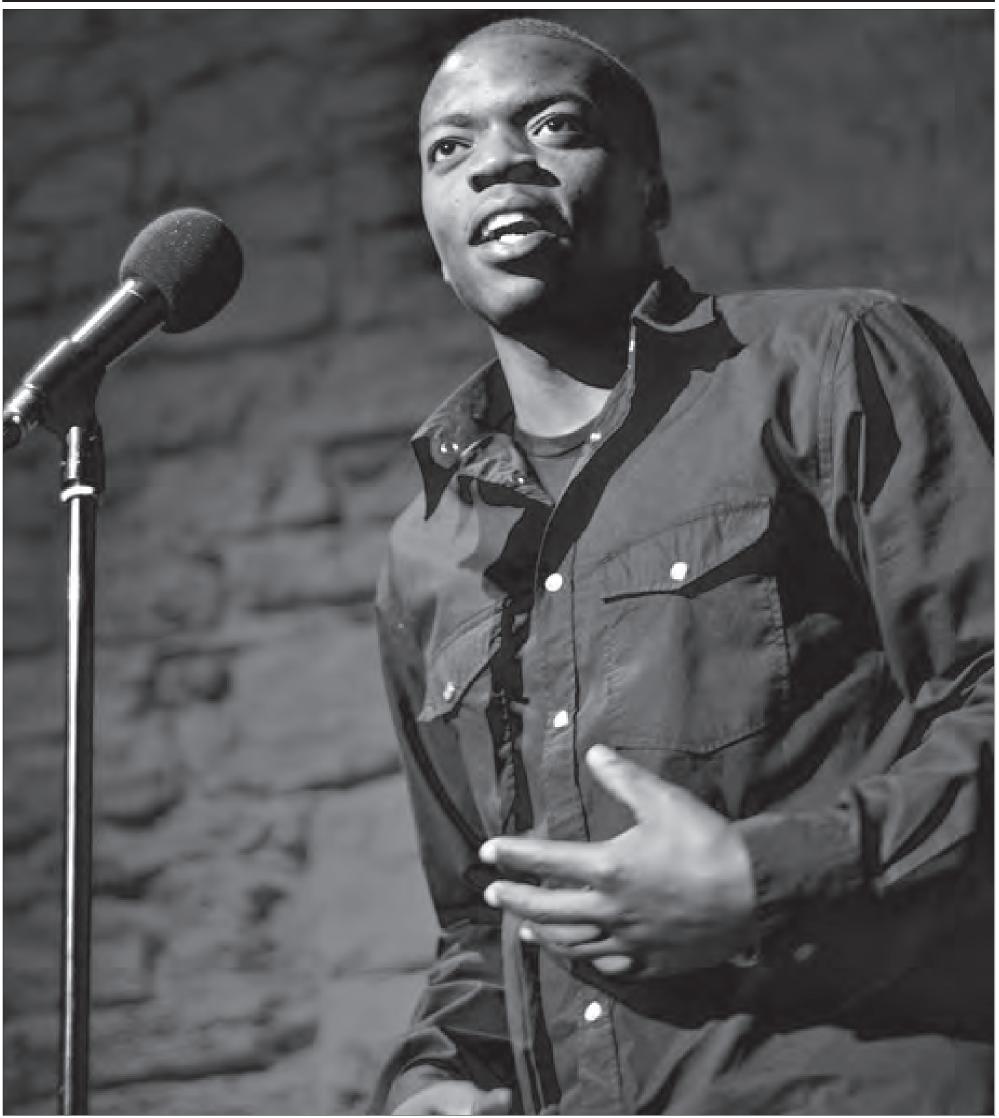


#### MOLLY DOTSON | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS Michael Mest runs the mile at the John Craft invitational on Jan. 23 in Lantz Fieldhouse.

weekend at the Indiana Relays in Bloomington, Ind. Junior sprinter, Johnathan Boey was Eastern's only top finisher last weekend, as he claimed first place in the men's 60-meter dash with a time of 6.88. Akers said he knows what his team is capable of and is looking to set the tone this weekend.

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Ignatius "Iggy" Mwela performs spoken word.



### The Hateful Eight: a satisfactory film

Review by Abbey Whittington Staff Reporter | @DEN\_Verge

Sitting in my cushioned theatre chair with a glowing red screen before my eyes, I could easily check off the quirks that make a film Quentin Tarantino's.

From the intense scenes of blood shed to the witty and satirical dialogue, The Hateful Eight was a satisfactory film.

Not only did the film fit the usual Tarantino characteristics, but he once again has casted actors used in his previous films such as Samuel Jackson in Pulp Fiction, Kurt Russell in Death Proof, and Michael Madsen in Kill Bill.

The film takes place in post-Civil war Wyoming where the characters experience a fierce winter.

In the beginning, the bounty hunter John "The Hangman" (Kurt Russell), runs into another bounty hunter named Major Marquis Warren (Samuel Jackson) while he is slugging through the snow with his prisoner.



Major Warren approaches the Hangman's carriage in seek of refuge from the coming blizzard. When the Hangman accepts they carry on until they are later accompanied by Chris Mannix (Waltin Goggins) who claims to be a sheriff, and they continue on towards their destination.

The destination for the characters is Red Rock but before they could reach the town they have to make a pit stop at a stagecoach stopover called "Minnie's Harberdashery" while the blizzard passes through.

When those that were in the carriage arrive at the mountain pass, they encounter four new faces. The tensions heighten with suspicion that these people are not really who they say they are. The movie does a good job of addressing post-Civil war related issues: racial tension, and who fought on what side of each battle.

This is Tarantino's second time addressing racial tension, after his film, Django Unchained.

I won't spoil the rest but if you're familiar with the nature of any Tarantino movie you probably have an idea of how the characters might resolve their issues with one another.

When rating this movie I would either give it a 6 or 7 out of 10.

It was very entertaining as Tarantino's films usually are, however, it was not as stimulating compared to his other films like Pulp Fiction or Django Unchained.

Overall, the film kept me on the edge of my seat and I was once again happy with the outcome of Tarantino's work.

If you're looking for a night of action, mystery, and gore then this is a movie I would highly suggest to you.

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## Sophomore realizes creative ability with makeup business

**By Mercury Bowen** Staff Reporter | @DEN\_Verge

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Amateur makeup artist Chanell Hall launched her own business last semester, offering full-face makeup for a fee of \$35. Hall, 20, is a sophomore family and consumer sciences major with a business minor. She has been doing makeup on others since her freshman vear.

"Makeup is fun, literally like an art," Hall said, "I don't feel like I am working."

Hall said that her favorite looks to do are natural faces. She said she likes to focus on everyday natural makeup rather than more ed." dramatic alternatives.

"I like to enhance the beauty not change who the person is," she said, "I want the person to still look like themselves but enhanced."

Hall has been practicing using makeup since she was young. She said that when she was a little girl her mother's friends used to give her makeup. Eventually she had several boxes to work with.

She then took to YouTube, watching tutorials and how-to videos to learn different techniques. She practiced on herself, honing her skills as a makeup artist.

When Hall got to college, others complimented her on her skills. Some students asked her to do their makeup, and she agreed. She said that is how she made some of her friends when she was a freshman.

The switch from doing makeup as a hobby to making it a business came at the beginning of Hall's sophomore year. She said one of the biggest factors that lead to this change was her mentor, Amanda Holloway.

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Alumna Holloway had a similar business during her time at Eastern. She and Hall met when Holloway posted a request for an assistant on Instagram. Hall said Holloway broke down a lot of the steps and methods of applying the makeup.

When they first started working together they did a friend's makeup together, each doing half her face. Holloway said she would never know that one person did not do the whole face.

"She mimicked me perfectly," said Holloway. "She's really talent-

Holloway said that she was not initially looking for a long-term assistant when she made the post.

However, after working with Hall she said she wanted her to take some of her clients.

"This girl had so much potential," Holloway said, "She has to go further with this."

Speaking of Hall's skills, Holloway said that they are innate and that she is a natural. Though she was already good, she's gotten better.

Holloway said that under her instruction Hall improved on her eye shadow blending and use of transition colors to create the desired gradient look.

Hall said that Holloway was the person who encouraged her to start charging for her work.

Allison Oates, a regular customer, said that Hall's work is natural, elegant, and priced right. She is efficient and makes customers feel comfortable.

"She really knows what she's doing," Oates said, "I would refer her to anyone."

Hall also works with Couture Models, doing makeup for events and photo shoots. She said she was originally approached on the premise of doing nails for them, but now focuses more on makeup. She had not worked on a large group of people at one time before working with them and said it was a good experience for her to challenge herself.

Hall uses numerous products but she said some of her favorites are NYX setting spray and matte lip-glosses. She also uses a lot of Revlon products. Hall said she has not explored some of the more expensive brands because some of the drugstore varieties can do just as well if not better.

"Just because it's an expensive name doesn't mean it's the best product out there," she said.

For those just beginning to experiment with makeup, Hall suggests using lip-gloss, mascara and filling in the eyebrows. She also advises beginners that it is hard to have a steady hand at first.

"Practice is key," she said.

If in a pinch for time, Hall suggests foundation, liquid eyeliner for top lid, a pencil for bottom lid, lip gloss, and bronzer or blush depending on how much time is available.

When asked why she enjoys doing makeup, Hall said she is able to express herself through a form of art.

"The face is like a canvas," she said, "I'm doing something that is really fun for me."

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Chanell Hall | Business Owner







Allison Oates | Client

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my neighbors would print out a list of questions like, "what will be the first beer commercial,"

Some people will only like to focus on the game, and that is fine too.

This is his chance to prove that his team is the real deal. I can imagine there are not

Super Bowl Sunday is right around the corner and even if your favorite team is not playing in the game, I can bet you are pretty excited for the game.

The Carolina Panthers are looking to finish of a remarkable season, one that no one could have expected from them, losing just one game in the regular season.

The Denver Broncos and Peyton Manning will look to trump the league's top team from the regular season.

The Super Bowl is usually the most watched television program each year. 114.4 million people tuned into last year's game.

Now you can't expect that every person actually really cared about the game.

There is so much build up for the Super Bowl. One of the best

parts of the Super Bowl is the commercials.

Businesses spend millions of dollars for a 30-second advertisement during the big game. Last year's average was close to \$5 million according to adage.com.

A couple of commercials that I look forward to at least, is the Doritos commercial, all of the beer ads, and even the car commercials pull off some funny ones.

It just blows my mind how much they'll spend to get their ad to play during the Super Bowl.

I remember I was younger and not in college, my family and

"what will be the first car commercial," "what will be the first fast food commercial," etc. That is just another fun way that people can get involved in the Super Bowl.

Of course money is involved with this! Put a dollar on a question and it can become pretty competitive.

I'm sure everyone has done "squares" where you pick a square on a board and your square will correspond with numbers on the top of the board and the side.

The numbers will represent the last number in each team's score. If at the end of a quarter your numbers match up, you win money. Squares usually cost about \$10-\$20. That is just another fun thing to do if you have a large group of people.

The talk is that the Panthers are going to continue their domination and defeat the Broncos.

For me, I would like to see the Broncos win.

Not because I hate Cam Newton and all of the dancing he does after touchdowns, I actually love his celebrations, I have always just liked Peyton Manning.

Speaking of Peyton Manning, there is some talk that he might retire because of what he said to Patriots coach Bill Belichick after the AFC title game.

He told him "this might be my last rodeo." Manning says he was not referring to retirement, but what a way to go out, a Super Bowl Champion.

Cam Newton has led the Panthers on an incredible journey this year, and with a lot of haters to go along with it.

many Panthers and Broncos fans on campus so the result of this game isn't going to impact anybody too much.

I only know of two Panthers fans on campus, and do not know a single Broncos fan, although I'm sure there are some out there.

It all just comes down to one night where almost everyone is doing the same thing whether they care for a winner or not.

The Super Bowl is always fun, from the parties, to the money games, and just watching two great teams go at it. The Super Bowl is basically an unofficial holiday. Have some fun this weekend.

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## **Comedy, poetry collide on Underground stage**

**By Kalyn Hayslett** Verge Editor | @DEN\_Verge

Given the ultimatum of either paying \$100 or going to a poetry slam cofounder Ignatius "Iggy" Mwela made the career changing choice of attending the slam, in turn inspiring him to create the Cometry company.

Attending spoken word and performing for the first time, Mwela pursued his own career in poetry and learned as much as he could to better his craft.

"It was engaging, entertaining and completely what I wasn't expecting," Mwela said. "I fell in love when I saw it."

Focusing his poetry on personal stories, Mwela's uses his performance to reflect on his toughest past experiences with the hope to encourage, teach and inspire others.

"My ultimate goal is to give them hope," Mwela said. "Life has its ups and downs but its all about what you do with it."

Cometry is the combination of goofy improvisation, observational stand-up comedy and thought provoking poetry.

Mwela and Chad Songy created Cometry, but wanted to expand their performance by adding more members to the team: Andy Karol and Esteban Gast.

The members are a mix of poets and comedians that are put in pairs to complement one another.

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When looking for more members, Mwela was concerned with more than just their stage presence and performance.

"The character of a person means a lot to me," Mwela said. "I see their material and then spend a week getting to know them."

The heartbeat of the company is to teach, inspire, give back and make others feel better so it is important that the new members share this same passion.

"People tell us we have this contagious enthusiasm," Mwela said.

All of the performers formed this family bond that is evident on stage through vibe checks and providing confidence boost Mwela said.

"We figure each other out emotionally, we nourish each other's thoughts, aspirations and take a lot time supporting each other," he said.

The main goals of each performance is educating and entertaining the audience.

The company's pattern is starting off with a comedy act, then a spoken word following with cometry, which is a mix of both.

"It's a rollercoaster of emotions," Mwela said. "Laugh, cry and learn something new."

The material ranges from really silly, relatable topics to serious and uncomfortable situations.

During Friday's performance, students can expect a comedy interpreta-



Mwela and Chad perform a comedy and poetry bit at 7th Street Underground.

performance.

"Hope it can spark some thought in you," Mwela said. "A lot of my teaching is through humor because comedy does a good job of stripping down barriers."

The passion to cause the audience to think, reflect and respond keeps the company going despite the uncertainties of the business.

"Always an insecure feeling, know-

ing that you have to keep grinding to keep it going it makes me nervous, but I enjoy it because it keeps me on my toes," Mwela said.

Students can attend the performance for free at 7 p.m. Friday in the 7th Street Underground.

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tion of current rap songs such as Drake

and Silento through non-rapper's per-

infamous photo day everyone goes

through in elementary, middle, high

school, with having to sit in awkward

Mwela will also open up about a de-

pressing time in his life and the pains of

having an alcoholic father, as part of his

Other commentaries include the

spectives.

positions.

While preparing for the fall art show, members gain professional communication skills.

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### Art education RSO creates family bond for members

### **By Kalyn Hayslett** Verge Editor @DEN\_Verge

Eastern's Illinois Art Education Association Faculty and National Art Education Association student chapter fosters another home for art education majors on campus.

President Katelin Portz said the organization helped her realize a passion for art education while giving her place to call her own.

"I didn't always know I wanted to be a teacher but this organization helped me, without them I wouldn't do as well as I do," Portz said.

The student chapter focuses on building professional skills, community service and support group for members.

"You really get a family feel," Angie Villanueva, sophomore art education major and co-secretary said.

"We have a lot of classes together so we bond over that and we just hang out."

Through meetings and mentorship the members create those personal connections especially with co positions on the executive board.

President, vice president, events coordinator, treasurer, secretary and publicity are all of the positions but this year they introduced co-position to start the training process.

"They were ready to be involved and I was excited to see how eager they were to be apart of the execute board," Portz said. "I am always astonished by our new members and how much they are able to get done."

During monthly meetings they try to establish the perfect balance of fun and business by providing dinner and name drawings.

While keeping the members informed about upcoming projects, tasks and events.

"We have the Cup of Luck name drawing and its usually art supplies so the members can get a souvenir to take home with them," Portz said.

With the spring show Salon De Refuses approaching the members shift its efforts in promoting and accepting artwork.

The show is at 6 p.m. February 25 in the DFAC 1910 student gallery where the previous fall show was held.

The Tarble Arts Center has a competitive spring art show around the same time so all of the artwork that was not accepted can be showcased during IAEA show.

"It's the one that is nicknamed 'the reject show,' it's a joke the art ed

majors say to poke fun of ourselves," Portz said.

This is the first time that students from all majors can submit artwork and the last day to submit is February 17.

All forms of art from sculptures to oil painting is accepted and the only criteria is all work needs to be in good condition and have a background matte.

As an incentive for people to submit artwork several awards will be given: best of show, first runner up and second runner up.

"We have a jurier come in and they look for quality, craftsmanship, creativity and novelty of the idea, and anything to determine if the art was engaging to the viewer," Portz said.

For the fall show there were approximately 80 submissions, which made staging the student gallery difficult so only 30 submissions will be showcased during the spring show.

However members still encourage everyone to submit artwork.

"The fact that people who aren't art majors are submitting just shows that everyone has creativity in them," Villanueva said.

Encouraging students to display their work and build members professional skills are the goal for the art show.

"We want to create a space where all art sections can come together and congratulate each other," Portz said. "Its about us as educator learning skills."

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