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Review Committee plans final recommendations

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With the final recommendations needing to be due Jan. 15, the Workgroup Review Committee spent its meeting planning how to structure its proposal.

The proposal was created from the committee reviewing Vitalization Project Workgroups No. 8 and 9’s recommendations over the last seven weeks. Members agreed to start the final proposal off with recommending college restructuring. These past two weeks, the committee has worked on creating an example of what this would look like which will be included in the proposal.

After that, programs that fit into the college restructuring plan will be mentioned, such as the idea of a university college and the center for excellence, a program dedicated purely to encouraging student research.

Rebecca Throneburg, a communication disorders and sciences professor, said she thought a separate research program might actually are struggling do better with independent research out there, that shows that students who make this a permanent change for the fall and spring break interrupting the semester.

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Kate Mushinsky, a sophomore communication disorders and sciences major, shared similar feelings and said the extra week for sophomores to sign up made sense.

“Have the seniority, so this policy change is great for freshmen; however, (the change) makes life more difficult for sophomores,” Mushinsky said. “The incoming students to EIU will be happy with the change, however, it does not benefit any of the current students at the university.”

With spring break interrupting the semester. Sanders said this change also gives an extra week for administration to send out reminders to students regarding registration and when to meet with their advisors.

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Evacuations rise after wildfires increase

As fires burned in Ventura and Los Angeles counties, firefighters were already in place north of San Diego, where a major forest fire erupted and rapidly spread in the Fallbrook area, known for its avocado groves and horse stables in the rolling hills.

The fire swept through the San Luis Rey Training Facility, where it killed more than 40 elite thoroughbreds and destroyed more than 100 homes — most of them in a retirement community. Three people were burned trying to escape the fire that continued to smolder Sunday.

Most of last week’s fires were in places that burned in the past, including one in the ritzy Los Angeles neighborhood of Bel-Air that burned six homes and another in the city’s rugged foothills above the community of Sylmar and in San Pedro.

A total of 118 people were injured, mostly from the Ventura fire.

SNIP

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A flare-up on the western edge of Southern California’s largest and most destructive wildfire yet has kept residents on edge Monday, as wind-fanned flames churned through canyons and down hillside toward coastal towns.

Crews with help from water-dropping aircraft saved several homes as unpredictable gusts sent the blaze churning deeper into foothill areas northwest of Los Angeles that haven’t burned in decades. New evacuations were ordered in Carpinteria, a seaside city in Santa Barbara County that has been under fire threat for days.

The department posted a photo of one residence engulfed in flames before dawn. It’s unclear whether other structures burned. Thousands of homes in the county were without power.

State transportation officials are asking for public feedback in survey on transportation

The Illinois Department of Transportation is conducting a public opinion survey. The department posted a photo of the Associated Press that there have been 71 reports of inmates found making moonshine at the prison since the fiscal year began July 1.

Hess did not respond when asked if it had sold illegal alcohol in Illinois.

The Illinois Department of Corrections administrators have said A switch to 100 percent juice was untrue.

The legislative hearing was scheduled after AFSCME released statistics in October showing that inmate assaults have increased. The department posted a photo of the Associated Press that inmate assaults have increased more than fourfold.

The Ventura County blaze continued to burn in rugged mountains in the Los Padres National Forest near the little town of Ojai and toward a preserve established for endangered California condors.

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EIU Meditation Club offers a sense of ease to students

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The EIU Meditation Club helped students relax before finals week at Booth Library with a guided meditation.

The club is hosting other guided meditations during finals week to help students clear their minds and de-stress.

Two classes, one at 5 p.m. and another at 5:30 p.m., will be held on Monday in the Edgar Room of Booth Library. Two more meditation sessions will be held at the same time and place on Tuesday.

Pamela Paddilla, a sophomore Spanish education major, guided other students in meditation. She did this by walking students through the different stages of the meditation, including breathing exercises in intervals.

“I think it’s beneficial to help others and give them a tool that will allow them to de-stress from finals; and not only it benefits them it benefits me as well,” Paddilla said.

In addition to helping others, Paddilla said she likes to come to the meditations for herself and enjoys the classes.

Meditation Club President Emily Nofsinger, a graduate student and business administration major, also participated in the guided meditation.

“At the beginning of the meditation, I had tips on how to deal with finals, because you are going to go into a tailwind of stress,” Hill said.

Other students said healthy dieting and good amount sleep will help people with the stress of finals.

Nofsinger encouraged students to come to the next meditation class on Monday and Tuesday to help relax from all the stress put on people during finals week.

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Keep hard work in mind as semester finally ends

The smell of burnt coffee grounds, sorrow, joy and a hint of sixty years longer across campus as students begin to prepare for the long annual swing of finals, and professors grade late work as a one last favor. However, as the year finally reaches an end, and students drop those unhealthy amounts of coffee, it feels invigorating to imagine hanging up our boots at last and checking out for a few weeks, without a care in the world.

Granted, it is acceptable to believe that most of what this campus needs is a moment of peace and to regroup after a semester's worth of painful assignments and annoying group projects. Yes, during a time for Yuletide cheer we feel that everyone deserves a much-needed break, but that does not mean all the work that was started this semester is over.

Though the year may end and we finally receive the solitude we have been wishing for since the start of the semester, the staff at The Daily Eastern News would like to remind the campus community that the work should not be forgotten and will soon pick up where it left off. It is time to pass into obscurity, to fade with the sun, to put an all-nighter.

Shelby Niehaus

I think more people get misty-eyed about departures than want to admit it. Occasionally, near the end of a semester, I see a graduating student standing in a stairwell in Coleman Hall, looking down at the exit doors or watching the bell tower from the library courtyard. I lost in thought. When we know our lives are going to change, it is very tempting to step out of reality for a moment and watch the familiar objects and scenes moving without our presence. But those little moments when we enjoy the transient moments that make up our formative years, those little moments are so often silences while walking with friends, breaks in classes, late nights in your dorm's shared kitchenette. They happen organically, without warning, and they never can be counted on. So it is only natural that, sometimes, when we fear those memorable times will be done for good, we try to steal them from time.

Enjoy your last moments, if this is your final week, and trust that you will fondly remember the small and the large memories. Do not worry away the week with forced tender moments. Instead, spend your time with friends and get a last helping of the things you loved about Eastern.

Go bowling one last time. Take a break to wander aimlessly through the small gaps between academic buildings. Get lost in the library, looking through stacks of intensely specific books.

Do not worry about making memories; find the memories in the things you always did.

I am sure my last fond memories of campus will be the bitter sweet moments that seem much like what I did for my entire career. They will be empty spaces between classes in the newsroom, quiet moments in the English student lounge, shivering walks across campus with groups of friends cackling in the distance.

I will remember my time at Eastern as it really was. For those of you who will stay, have a restful break.

To the others, I will see you on Saturday, just before we part ways.

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This is important subject matter and the university deserves to be a priority, and we feel it should be treated as such.

Though we argue that everyone deserves a break, we also want to remind our peers as well as the university administration and faculty members to help continue thinking about the school's best interest.

E.V. DAVIS

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Don't force memories, enjoy final moments on campus

Sometimes I think about when my last day visiting The Daily Eastern News room will be. Will it be twenty years in the future, visiting during an alumni event? Or will I find my way back even later than that? Could it even be soon, a day this week, stepping in to look around at the empty chairs, saying a final goodbye to a silent room where I spent so many nights?

When I worked nights on the copy desk, we joked bitterness towards our gradu ating seniors after the final page had been completed for the semester. We walked each other back to our dorm rooms, sharing the last jokes and reveling in the feeling of freedom from 11 p.m. deadlines. We signed off on memory walls and preserved whiteboards, names to pass into obscurity, to fade with the sun. The solitude we have been wishing for since the start of the semester, the staff at The Daily Eastern News would like to remind the campus community that the work should not be forgotten and will soon pick up where it left off. It is time to pass into obscurity, to fade with the sun, to put an all-nighter.

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Be joyful for friends moving on, no matter how hard

Every time a break is just within reach, I realize more and more that the amount of returning trips to Eastern I have are limited. This realization deepens every time I think about how one of my roommates and best friends will be leaving for winter break but not making the same return I will be. As every semester goes on and more friends and classmates graduate to move onto the real world, nostalgia creeps up closer behind me. It is time to say goodbye. Whether it is temporary or forever, that one word is not one that escapes our lips so easily.

Watching my friend prepare for graduation made me excited for the future she has waiting for her, but it also made me sad to see her leave because she will no longer be down the hall from me. There will be an empty bedroom in my house and there will be one less person who will wake up early with me and gossip about things before the night is over. Sometimes I think about when my last day of class was. I will see a graduating student standing in a stairwell in Coleman Hall, looking down at the exit doors or watching the bell tower from the library courtyard. I lost in thought. When we know our lives are going to change, it is very tempting to step out of reality for a moment and watch the familiar objects and scenes moving without our presence. But those little moments when we enjoy the transient moments that make up our formative years, those little moments are so often silences while walking with friends, breaks in classes, late nights in your dorm's shared kitchenette. They happen organically, without warning, and they never can be counted on. So it is only natural that, sometimes, when we fear those memorable times will be done for good, we try to steal them from time.

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Las Vegas Bound

Claire Boorman, a senior education major, licks frosting off her fingers after designing a cookie Sunday night during the Education Scholars Fall 2017 Winter Blowout Finals Study Break in Buzzard Hall. For winter break, Boorman said she will be going to Las Vegas for four days to see Brittany Spears and said on a scale of one to 10, her excitement level is at an 11. “I’m not excited to fly but I’d been wanting to see

Transfer students share experiences

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Transfer students have their own unique experiences when coming to Eastern. Christyna De Lude, a sophomore psychology major, also changed her major from pre-medication before coming to Eastern.

“I didn’t seem like I was where I wanted to be,” De Lude said.

Cory Bradford, a junior psychology major, was a chemical engineering major until his last semester at Kishwaukee College in Mchen, Ill.

“It kind of came down to the wire on what school to go to,” Bradford said.

Tan Bradford, a junior history major, said one challenge that transfer students can often face is making friends at the beginning of the semester.

“The biggest challenge for me was probably the social aspect,” Bradford said.

Transfer students have their own groups made up, she said.

“Students who do not transfer have had longer to get to know each other,” De Lude said.

“T is harder being a transfer student because people have already had their groups made up,” she said.

Eastern is Bradford’s third school.

“Besides (the social aspect), I don’t see many problems in transferring,” Bradford said. “I’m used to it by now.”

Schweiget said she has had Eastern picked out since her junior year of high school.

“T ike was more exciting and the students were very nice,” Schweiget said.

She said she enjoys Eastern for more than just academics because of the amount of activities in Charleston.

“There are so many organizations and just more to do here,” Schweiget said.

Okrasinski, a senior applied engineering and technology major, said he had no problem getting involved on campus.

“Before my first semester, I met with the radio staff,” Okrasinski said. “T e staff seemed really receptive.”

De Lude said since coming to Eastern she has been involved in Best Buddies, Pure Health Educators and works at Java Beany and Bakery in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. She said she is looking to get into other organizations.

De Lude heard about Eastern from her cousin. She said she has been happy and successful ever since she transferred from Oklahoma City University.

“I just went at the right place for me,” De Lude said.

She said ever since she came Eastern, things have seemed to be going her way.

Okrasinski also said she move made change easy for him and his family.

Since transferring because of his wife’s job, Okrasinski said he feels that he and his family have found a new home in Charleston.

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After winning last year’s OVC Indoor Track and Field Championship, Eastern’s track teams saw their first indoor action Friday as the team hosted the EIU Early Bird meet in the Lantz Fieldhouse, finishing in third place.

Finishing first at the event was Indiana State, who finished first overall for both the men and women, and second place was earned by Illinois State, who’s men's and women's team both finished second overall.

Eastern’s men and women both took third place. Western Illinois finished fourth and Loyola finished fifth.

“I think we were all okay with the performance on Friday night,” senior Lea Viano said. “This meet is usually really small so it’s just a good chance for us to see where we’re at fitness wise and see what we need to improve on.”

The Panthers earned a combined nine top three finishes at the event, which included two first place finishes.

For the women’s track team, senior Haleigh Knapp finished first in the high jump event, with a height of 1.78 meters. Knapp placed first at the event last year as well.

For the men’s team, senior Davion McManis started the running events for Eastern with a first place finish in the 60-meter dash with a time of 6.82 seconds. McManis also earned second place in the long jump with a jump of seven meters.

Finishing the top three placements for the men’s team were sophomore Nick Phillips, senior Chrisford Stevens and redshirt junior Brandon Lane.

Phillips finished third place in the weight throw competition with his distance of 16.39 meters, Stevens placed second in the triple jump with his distance of 14.94 meters and Lane tied for second in the 200-meter dash with his time of 22.61 seconds.

For Eastern’s women’s team, junior Shirley Jones placed third in the 400-meter dash with a time of 58.57 seconds. Senior Darneisha Spann followed with a third place finish in the 60-meter hurdle event with a time of 8.61 seconds.

To round out the top three finishes for Eastern, the Panthers’ women’s quartet in the 4x400 meter relay finished third. Spann, junior Pedra Hicks, sophomore Sophia Keith and senior Stephanie Dominguez finished with a time of four minutes and seven seconds.

Both Viano and distance coach Erin Howarth have said before that the team is excited for the season, and the ultimate goal is to win the OVC Indoor Championship again this year.

“This meet in my eyes gets everybody pumped up and motivated for the season to actually start and gives us that little drive to make sure we put in the work over Christmas break to make sure we come back ready to roll and to race fast,” Viano said.

Eastern’s third place finish at the meet Friday is not unfamiliar to the teams, as Eastern placed third last year at the same event. Indiana State took first and Illinois State took second last year as well.

The next time Eastern will be in action is after Christmas break, when the Panthers will compete at the Illinois Classic in Champaign on Jan. 12 and 13.

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Panthers finish third at Early Bird meet

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Senior Haleigh Knapp clears the high jump at the EIU Big Blue Classic in April 2016. She finished first in the high jump Friday clearing 1.78 meters. The Eastern men and women took third in the EIU Early Bird meet on Friday.

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Today’s Study Tip:
MAKE A STUDY PLAN

Time is precious - especially during finals week. This is why a study plan is essential. Study plans keep you organized, make the most of your time, and ensure that you’re preparing for exams.
Fort Wayne downs Eastern 93-77
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Once again, one big quarter was all it took for the Eastern women’s basketball team to lose control of a game.
The Jaguars went into halftime of their game with Fort Wayne Friday down just two points. But Fort Wayne used a 28-point third quarter and held Eastern to just 15 points as it handed Eastern its 7th loss of the season.
The 77 points Eastern scored, led by guard Grace Lennox’s 21, but on a day when the offense was clicking on all cylinders, the defense was unable to stop Fort Wayne’s offense.
The Mastodons shot 70.8 percent from the field and 50 percent from three-point range as they became the second team this season to score over 90 points on the Eastern defense.
“Give (Fort Wayne) a lot of credit. I thought we played our best offensive game of the year, just couldn’t string together stops,” coach Matt Bollant said.
“We tried playing man, played zone, played b abs, and it didn’t string together many stops, no matter what we were doing. Part of it was they made shots, part of it was a lack of awareness of us understanding what we need to accomplish.”
Five Fort Wayne players scored in double-digits led by De’jour Hamilton’s high 23 and Hannah Albrecht’s 18 points on 6-of-7 shooting.
Sophomore Jennifer Nehls rebounded nicely from her last game where she went 0-8 from the court, going 6-of-9 scoring 17 points against Fort Wayne.
Freshmen Grace McAtee added 16 points and six rebounds for Eastern.
“I thought G-Mac (McRae) was great and Jen and Grace, we had three people that played pretty well. (Danielle Berry) fought really hard,” Bollant said.
“Those three played really well, but we need more consistency and got too find others that want to play defense and care enough.”
The first half ended with Eastern down 45-41, and the Panthers outsized Fort Wayne 25-22 in the fourth quarter; however, the lopsided third quarter was the difference maker.
“I felt really good about our first half. We had several contested shots that (Fort Wayne) made in the first half,” Bollant said.
“But we didn’t sustain that effort in the second half. Defensively, we never got enough stops.”
The Panthers have been prone to total collapse quarters like the third quarter against Fort Wayne all season long.
There has been at least one quarter in seven of the Panthers’ eight games this season, where they have been outscored by 10 or more points in a quarter. Fort Wayne moved to 3-7 this year.

Men’s basketball 3 games away from OVC
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Two things have come up for the Eastern men’s basketball team in just the first month of the season. The first being the Panthers losing in the exhibition opener, which potentially set a tone of what could have been expected for Eastern this season.
The game against Illinois was a game added to the already tough non-conference schedule.

And the tough schedule was what coach Jay Spoonhour wanted to get the Panthers geared up for OVC play, which is just three games away now for Eastern.
Eastern is 0-6 on the road and next game is at South Alabama Dec. 16.
The Jaguars are 5-5 this season, with their most recent game against OVC Southern Illinois Edwardsville ending in a 76-65 loss Sunday afternoon.
The Cougars overcame a seven-point deficit at halftime to beat the Jaguars. Southern Illinois Edwardsville’s Jalen Henry scored 26 points, with 16 of them coming in the second half.
The Jaguars have just three regular starters as the other two are on a game-to-game basis.
Junior guard Rodrick Sikes is the team’s leading scorer and he has only started four out of the Jaguar’s nine games. He scored 13 points against Southern Illinois Edwardsville Sunday night and averages 15.5 points per game, coming off the bench.

Once Sikes gets on the floor he is there for a while. He averages 27.3 minutes game, which is third most on the team and more than Herb McGee, who has started nine out of the 10 games.
When the Panthers play South Alabama Dec. 16, it is their last chance to figure out how to win on the road before coming home for two final games to wrap up their non-conference schedule.
Eastern has showed too many signs of being a talented team to be where it is eight games into the season.

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