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Happy Coming Out Day



Alex Woolley, a sophomore double-major in 2D studio art and Spanish, signs a heart on the PRIDE door during the National Coming Out Day celebration Tuesday in front of the Doudna Steps.

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Forum to give candidates for chance to share ideas, goals


Staff Report | @DEN_news

A forum for candidates for Illinois State Representative of the 110th district is scheduled for 4 p.m. Wednesday in the Charleston/Mattoon Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

According to a press release, the forum will give Representative Reggie Phillips (R) and his opponent Dennis Malak (D) a chance to "share what they each hope to accomplish as the elected state representative."

Phillips will speak from at 4 p.m. and Malak will speak at 5 p.m.

Eastern's chapter of the University Professionals of Illinois, the Faculty Senate, and Student Senate are co-sponsoring this forum.



Each candidate will be given 15 minutes of time to present their vision and address issues Eastern and surrounding communities are talking about, and the audience will have time to ask the candidates questions after.

All those at Eastern and residents of the 110th District are welcome.

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Late fraternity brother remembered

Members say without him there is an empty hole

By Cassie Buchman
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Behnke

No matter what he was doing, those who knew sophomore business management major Tyler Behnke could count on him to make it a good time.

To the members of his fraternity, Pi Kappa Alpha, Behnke was known as someone who was never in a bad mood, and a person who was always cracking jokes and making people laugh.

For many members, he was the funniest and most entertaining person they knew.

Whether he was going to class or the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, or getting ready for Homecoming, members of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity could count on Behnke to deliver his signature phrase: "Oh, it's lit."

Duke Smith, a senior finance major and member of Pi Kappa Alpha, said the phrase described anything the fun-loving Behnke was doing.

"(With him,) everything turned into a joke," Smith said. "He was always up for a good time."

Behnke, from Oswego, was found dead around 8:48 p.m. Monday in the Pi Kappa Alpha House.

Coles County Coroner Ed Schniers said the cause of his death is still being investigated, but there is no evidence of foul play involved.

Daniel Hernandez, a senior pre-med and psychology major, said the fact Behnke is gone still does not feel real.

"It's going through waves," Hernandez said. "We were all hysterical

last night; today it's not real."

Hernandez said the next few days will be especially surreal.

"He's the one guy you would never expect anything bad to happen to," Hernandez said.

The fraternity has reached out to Behnke's family, who they said are planning services for over Fall Break.

To cope with their grief, members of the fraternity have been remembering jokes and fun times shared with the man who they said was like a brother to them.

"He was that type of person, he wouldn't want us to be sad and gloomy," Hernandez said.

Various members of Greek Life have sent the Pi Kappa Alpha house have sent the men condolence gifts, including food, flowers and cards, as well as support and their condolences on social media.

Jason Munkvold, a sophomore accounting major, remembered watching terrible, one-half star movies on Netflix Behnke would pick out, just for a laugh.

Smith said once, Behnke dragged him out of his room to go get some late-night Steak 'n Shake with the rest of the group.

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Workgroup No. 7 prepares for recommendations

By Kalyn Hayslett
Editor-in-Chief | @DEN_news

With the deadline to submit a preliminary report on academic programs to the vice presidents fast approaching, Workgroup No. 7 assigned individual members to evaluate a portion of each of the academic colleges during Tuesday's meeting.

Though the meeting was originally scheduled for 1 p.m., the workgroup changed the meeting time to 8 a.m. Tuesday in the Shelbyville Room on the third floor on the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Workgroup No. 7 is charged with providing recommendations for all of the academic programs offered by the College of Arts and Humanities, the

College of Education and Professional Studies, the College of Sciences, and the College of Business and Applied Sciences.

Workgroup Chair Cindy Rich, project director for secondary education and foundations, said having only eight members in the taskforce to evaluate hundreds of academic programs is daunting, but assigning colleges to each member helps manage the workload.

Rich said the workgroup split the academic colleges in half, so four members will analyze all of the departments in the first two colleges, while the other set of four members will examine the departments in the last two colleges.

There are a total of eight members

in Workgroup No. 7, with four faculty members and four staff members.

Rich said every academic college has representation because each faculty member is a part of a separate academic college.

"It's nice to have diverse opinions and viewpoints. That's why we want every member to look at each program," Rich said.

Each member has a range of seven to 22 years of experience at Eastern, so having that background knowledge makes their feedback valuable, Rich said.


"We have been here when we had a lot more students and when Eastern was thriving, so we know what it looks like," Rich said. "We know

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Ryan not endorsing Trump in election

CHESTER SPRINGS, Pa. (AP) — For Paul Ryan, October is now all about protecting the Republican majority of the House — and his own job as speaker.

The Wisconsin Republican cannot ignore Donald Trump, his party's bull-in-a-china-shop presidential candidate. Nor can he offend Trump's millions of voters, whom many House GOP candidates need to survive next month's elections.

Republicans have been favored to retain House control in November's voting, with Democrats needing to gain 30 seats to take charge of the 435-member chamber. But Democratic hopes have grown — and GOP nerves have been frazzled — after two weeks of politically seismic setbacks for Trump, capped by the Trump video.

In Monday's conference call, jumpy House Republicans heard Oregon Rep. Greg Walden, who heads their campaign organization, say the political situation was deteriorating for the GOP, especially among women, according to two people on the call.

On that same call, Ryan said he would not defend Trump or campaign with him and would focus on protecting the House GOP majority, two listeners said. One said Ryan told Republicans to do what "you think is right personally, and what you need to do politically."

Trump fired back Tuesday on Twitter.

In one tweet, Trump called Ryan a "very weak and ineffective leader" and accused him of "disloyalty."

The two men have clashed for months, with Ryan repeatedly criticizing Trump's comments about Muslims and others and each belatedly endorsing the other's election bid. After the Trump tape was released, Ryan said he was "sickened" and withdrew his invitation for Trump to attend a Wisconsin political event, which would have been their first joint appearance of the campaign.

Ryan's comments Monday upset some of his own colleagues — a potential danger sign for Ryan.

Ryan is expected to seek re-election as speaker if Republicans retain the majority and may run for president in 2020, and in each case needs conservative support.

Many Republicans have begun viewing Trump as a problem for their own careers, especially since last Friday's release of the tape. Dozens of House and Senate Republicans have rescinded past endorsements of Trump or called for him to end his candidacy.

Haiti Connection helps raise funds after Hurricane Matthew

By Marisa Foglia
Pop Culture Reporter | @DEN_News

In response to Hurricane Matthew recently devastating Haiti, the group Haiti Connection, with the Newman Catholic Center, is on a mission to help provide families with security.

Hurricane Matthew has caused catastrophic devastation in Haiti, with the death toll in the country rising to more than 1,000. According to *CNN*, the hurricane is also to blame for a recent cholera outbreak and famine seen around the country.

The group's main concern now is to see if the children whose education they sponsor are alive and well after the aftermath of the hurricane. Megan Shudrowitz, a junior public relations major, said it has been hard to get in contact with people in Haiti as the phone service there is not as good as it is in the U.S., and everything there has been destroyed.

A lot of animals have died as a result of the hurricane as well, including chickens, pigs and goats. Shudrowitz

said because of this, the Haiti Connection decided to come up with the program, "When Pigs Fly." The program has been set up on a GoFundMe page and will raise funds to cover the cost of replacing the animals.

Shudrowitz said the group has already seen famine and disease in the country from past mission trips.

"Being able to see that up close, it made you unable to comprehend the situation," Shudrowitz said. "You want to help them, but the resources aren't enough."

The Haiti Connection does multiple fundraisers and two trips throughout the year to provide food and housing to the Haitian people. Shudrowitz said the fundraisers help the Haiti Connection to sponsor families. The funds allow the group to provide housing and enough food to feed three families for eighteen months.

Raising funds also allows the Haiti Connection to make two trips per year — one during Haiti's wet, or rainy, season and the other during its dry season. Shudrowitz said the two different trips

allow them to do different tasks, but during each trip, their mission remains the same.

One of the fundraisers the group will put on is Trivia Night at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at St. Charles Borromeo Church.

By taking these different trips, Shudrowitz said volunteers build relationships with the Haitian people.

"Our campus minister, Roy (Lanham) has done this for over 40 years," Shudrowitz said. "The people love him, and when they see us, they know what we're there to do."

Before going on the mission trips, Shudrowitz said the group members would fundraise, but it was difficult to understand the impact the money was really making for the Haitian people without physically being there to see it.

"It's so hard to put into words what you see there and what goes on. I'm truly grateful for the experience," Shudrowitz said.

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STATE AND NATION BRIEFS

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Officials, parents worry Chicago schools deal will fail

CHICAGO (AP) — Teachers in the nation's third-largest school district pulled back from a threatened strike after a tentative last-minute contract agreement that Chicago officials acknowledged Tuesday may amount to a temporary fix and parents worried would fall apart.

"It wasn't easy, as you all know," Chicago Teachers Union President Karen Lewis said after Monday's late-night agreement, which now goes to the union's House of Delegates and all 28,000 members for a final vote.

But even as Mayor Rahm Emanuel, who fought bitterly with Lewis before and during the 2012 teachers' strike, praised the union and the Chicago Public Schools in a speech in which he introduced his 2017 budget proposal, it still is not clear how the financially strapped city will pay for the four-year deal.

The proposal includes a 2 percent cost-of-living increase in the third year and 2.5 percent one in the fourth year. It does not require current teachers to pay more toward their pensions — a change CPS had been seeking and the union rejected earlier this year — but future hires will have to pick up that additional pension cost.

The tentative agreement also addresses class sizes in the nearly 400,000-stu-

dent district, assigning an assistant to any younger-grade classes with more than 32 students.

Parents and others who dropped off children Tuesday remembered the teachers' strike of four years ago and worried that, somehow, the current agreement would fall through.

Had there been a strike, Emanuel would have had to face residents who already are upset over major increases in property taxes and other fees.

Dakota Access pipeline work continues near site of the protest

ST. ANTHONY, N.D. (AP) — Construction on the four-state Dakota Access pipeline resumed Tuesday on private land in North Dakota that is near a camp where thousands of protesters supporting tribal rights have gathered for months.

The Standing Rock Sioux wants construction halted because of concerns about potential contamination of its water supply and says the pipeline will encroach on tribal burial sites and other cultural artifacts.

Protesters will discuss nonviolent measures to oppose the resumption of construction, camp spokesman Cody Hall said Tuesday. Methods might include chaining themselves to equipment, as

they have done in the past, but nothing had been decided early Tuesday, he said.

Low-income high school students to get free internet through Obama initiative

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — The White House says 1 million low-income high school students will receive free internet access under President Barack Obama's "My Brother's Keeper" initiative for minority males.


The Sprint Corp. will provide students who cannot get on the internet at home with free tablets, smartphones and other mobile devices, and four years of service.


Sprint CEO Marcelo Claure says the goal is to complete distribution within five years.


Obama launched "My Brother's Keeper" in 2014. The program is among the topics the president will discuss Tuesday in Greensboro, North Carolina, during a forum hosted by "The Undeclared." The ESPN website explores the intersection of race, sports and culture. ESPN is broadcasting the forum Tuesday night.

Obama plans to campaign in Greensboro for Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton and North Carolina Democrats.

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Speaker challenges Muslim American narrative

By Leon Mire
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Through a combination of candid dialogue and anecdotes, storyteller and social media personality Aman Ali sought to humanize the experiences of Muslim Americans.

“The Other 1%: Muslims in America,” hosted by the University Board, featured an hour-long presentation by Ali, along with lessons in Arabic calligraphy, traditional food and an informational booth created by the Muslim Student Association.

Ali said growing up, he and his traditional family were the only Muslims in his small Ohio town, so he often felt left out, especially during the holidays.

Ali also spoke about his experiences traveling around the U.S. for his blog “30 Mosques in 30 Days,” during which he visited 30 mosques in 30 different states for each day of Ramadan.

He told a story about his car breaking down in the middle of nowhere in North Dakota after driving into a rock, which forced him to detour to a tiny mosque for his evening meal. He said he was shocked to learn that Muslim American farmers had been on the land for seven generations, without any serious conflict with their neighbors.

Ali said he kept seeing this pattern throughout his travels — Muslims, Christians and others living peacefully together.

“What I see on television very often is not remotely reflective of the average ordinary Muslim American,” he said. “I became fascinated by questioning these narratives of how people perceive Muslims.”

Ali emphasized the importance of exploring other cultures.

“One of the big takeaways from my visits (to mosques) was the importance of getting out of your comfort zone,” he said.

To do this, he suggested more Christians visit mosques and more Muslims visit churches.

Ali, a former journalist, said he does not think there is an anti-Muslim bias in the news, but that journalists are not without blame.

“We live in a society where whoever shouts the loudest gets the most airtime,” Ali said. “Even if I say something stupid, if I yell it, it’s going to get airtime.”

He said he thinks social media can break the cycle of negativity, as ordinary people can simply tell their stories.

Nevertheless, he said responsible journalism will always play a role in society, as “credible people are always needed.”

Kinesiology professor Hasan Mavi, who serves



Eiman Aiyash, a graduate student in the school of economics, writes her name in Arabic, which is also her native language, during “The Other 1%: Muslims in America” event in the Bridge Lounge of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union on Tuesday.

as adviser for the Muslim Student Association, said he believed correcting misinformation was key to building bridges between Muslims and non-Muslims.

He said many people think Muslims worship a different God from Jews and Christians. However, Allah means “the God” in Arabic.

“If you read an Arabic Bible, it’ll say ‘Allah.’ We believe in the same God,” Mavi said.

Mavi said Muslims are often criticized for not speaking out against violence, but in reality, their voices are not often reported.

He said too many journalists focus on violence, minimizing the accomplishments of Muslims in areas like science and literature.

For Eastern students who wish to learn more about Islamic culture, Mavi recommended they visit the Cultural Center Friday afternoons, when Muslims on campus join for prayer.

He said other instructors can reach out to him to have Muslim students come to classes to have a panel discussion on their religion.

At “The Other 1%,” Arabic calligraphy artist Hassan Qureshi taught a group of students the basics of the art starting with “alif,” the first letter of the Arabic alphabet.

Students then practiced writing the Arabic word for “hope.”

Qureshi said he learned Arabic calligraphy using YouTube videos and was drawn to the art be-

cause it is methodical and beautiful.

He said there is a spiritual component to calligraphy.

“I often find myself losing track of time in practice,” he said.

Meagan Ramey, a senior biological sciences major, said she attended the event because she wanted to support the Muslim community.

“I think the Muslim people are oppressed in America, and I wanted to show them love,” Ramey said.

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Student Senate plans to bring guest speaker to campus

By Samuel Nusbaum
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The Student Senate is hoping to plan to bring a speaker for the It’s On Us Campaign and continue preparations for the next “Prowlin’ with the Prez.”

They will discuss these topics at their meeting 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Arcola/Tuscola Room.

Student Body President Catie Witt said she is still working on the campaign for sexual assault awareness, and said she is working on getting a

speaker to come to campus.

The speaker Witt has in mind is Jackie Mortillaro, who has spoken at universities across the state. Witt said she is working with her It’s On Us committee to set up a date and time for Mortillaro to come and speak at Eastern.

Witt said other than the speaker, she is planning on getting a dodgeball game going called “Knock Out Sexual Assault” to raise awareness, but it is still in the works.

Luke Young, student vice president of academic affairs, said the Prowlin’ with the Prez

event he is working on is coming along well. Called “Pumpkins with the Prez,” the event is scheduled to be in the Library Quad.

Young was able to get Panther Catering to supply foods like apple cider and pumpkin pie.

He said he got Greek organizations to sponsor Prowlin’ with the Prez as well.

However, he said he had a harder time getting businesses to join in on the event.



In last week’s meeting, executive vice president Maralea Negron said she is a representative for the Illinois Board of Higher Education Stu-

dent Advisory Committee, which looks at higher education in Illinois.

She told senators she wants topics of discussion about the atmosphere of the campus to report to the committee.

She asked the senators to head out and talk to a diverse group of student run organizations, such as the Latin American Student Organization, Pride and the various Greek life chapters.

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Respect must be mutual

Lately, I have found it rather disappointing when time after time some degenerate poor excuse of a student deems it appropriate to hold trivial conversations in class, or (my personal favorite) FaceTime during class, especially while the professor is reviewing for midterms.

However, what makes this ironic and tickles me pink is that the same students who posses this blatant disregard for the class still want respect from the teacher and from students. It seems like common sense was thrown out the window years ago, because if one demands respect then one must give the respect they so desperately crave. I do not know how much simpler that explanation could get.

Yet the real problem here is not so much the action but rather the reason why so many of my peers feel inclined to disrespect the professor and the rest of the learning community.

I am convinced that if a student finds absolutely zero interest in the class or despises the professor for several valid reasons, then that leads to their decision to text or FaceTime in class. Yes, I can agree that not every professor earns the title as “world’s best professor.” However, just because you allegedly “hate their guts” does not give you the incentive to disrupt their class. The reason for that is simple: they have a degree and you, the student, do not.

Oh sure, you may totally show them by ignoring their lecture and setting yourself up for failure, but what students fail to realize is that they are not hurting the professor, only their own image and the class’ learning experience. If the individual is not only passionate about the material being taught but also passionate about teaching that material and perhaps sharing wisdom to the future leaders of this country, then give them the respect they deserve.

It is a waste of time and your money to ignore an education that is being paid for, so appreciate every moment of it and maybe you will earn respect along the way.

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Letter to the Editor Tragedy might not be relative

Last Wednesday I had the unfortunate opportunity to help in the aftermath of an accident involving a grain truck, a pickup and a car. As I understand it, the grain truck turned across incoming traffic, clipped the car, mashed the pickup and careened off the road and into a parked car. I ran to the accident site and helped two other people hold the passenger-side door open on the pickup truck so people could get to the driver inside. He was very dazed and there was a quite a bit of blood. While we held the door back, a woman held the man’s head, talking to him and telling him to stay still while we waited for help to come.

As we stood there with the man, the owner of the car stood about 20 or so feet away processing the accident and his own shock. I saw him throw his hands into the air and heard him exclaim, “My beautiful car!” Given the situation, it seemed an odd thing to say. Sure, his car got clipped (and maybe the damage was extensive), but he was standing and walking, while the driver of the pickup was badly injured. It got me thinking, what is my perspective when stuff goes wrong? How do I respond to inconveniences and setbacks? Needless to say, I have much now to ponder.

-Victor Epperson, counseling graduate student

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Staff Editorial

Women’s studies department is essential at Eastern

Throughout history, art has been a practice seen as a male dominated and many women have been discredited for their artwork.

It is not only important to learn about obstacles faced by women artists, but also by women in other professions. It is equally important to know how history affected these women in the past and even today.

Going to the women’s studies lectures provides information on the existing problems for women and a timeline for issues our nation or world has progressed with.

It is important to attend so that we can

understand how history has brought us to today’s societal issues so there can be discussion on how to move forward, no matter what gender we are.

Gail Levin, an art scholar, gave a lecture on the obstacles and expectations of women artists Monday night in the Doudna Fine Arts Center in honor of Camille Compo, the founding member of the women’s studies department.

Compo dedicated her time at Eastern as well as her retirement years to women’s studies. This all occurred before and during the ‘80s, when the women’s studies mi-

nor was approved.

As stated in *The Daily Eastern News* in Tuesday’s article on the lecture, Compo was heavily involved with the first Women’s History and Achievement Month.

The News believes it is necessary to show appreciation to the founders of women’s studies and everyone who is currently contributing the department to educate the campus on women’s issues.

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

Rape, sexual assault is not ‘locker room talk’

These past few weeks have been filled with consistent negative sentiments coming from the current Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump, who has lost much support from Republican supporters.

There seems to be confusion about political correctness at the moment as well. Let me remind those that forgot: morals, decency, etiquette and education are all part of being politically correct. I think it is absurd that his previous comments such as the anti-Muslim, anti-Mexican and anti-African American statements were not enough to draw the line to take back support from Trump.

On “The Daily Show” with Trevor Noah, Ben Carson was interviewed and explained he “has heard much worse in locker rooms.” What kind of locker room is Carson attending? Pro-tip for the gentleman out there: if you are a guy who thinks “all guys say these things in the locker room,” then you are the guy the rest of us in the locker room quietly think is the future rapist.

There has also been memes floating around on large amounts of copies of “Fifty Shades of Grey” being sold, so therefore language like what Trump used is somehow acceptable. This is also appalling. The book in question is fiction. The book is not running



Juan Nevarez

for President of the United States.

There is a clear and evident difference between saying comments involving sex and comparing that to clear non-consensual sex. The former type of sexual comment is seen in a lot of media like music, but most of it does not include sexual assault or rape.

The other issues is that Trump likes to bring up former President Bill Clinton, who by the way is not currently running for President of the United States, as much as he can in order to shame Hillary Clinton.

Another aspect of the Clinton assault argument is that a lot of individuals assume they understand how lawyers work and what it is like to be a lawyer fresh out of law school. A *CNN* informative documentary story published on May 25, 2016 describes

the facts about the case of Kathy Shelton.

The documentary explains that she did not want to represent the rapists, but as a rookie lawyer she was appointed, which means she has a legal obligation to follow through, especially as there was a request for a female lawyer. Clinton was able to get the offender off the hook by using a forensic expert to look at the offender’s underwear, which did not show enough substantial evidence of the defendant’s blood or semen.

In the same documentary, Clinton campaign spokesman Josh Schwerin states that “encountered within the court system’s bureaucracy... This is a terrible case, and it’s clear she is pained to recall it.” The public can discuss the case all they want, but you have to win these cases fresh out of law school if you plan to make a name for yourself.

You hire a lawyer to win the case, not to decide if whether you are guilty of the violation or not. It is their job to adhere to the case they are given, as well as the outcome they have been dealt.

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Search begins for enrollment position

First candidate speaks on own challenges, goals for Eastern

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Melvin Allen, the first of four candidates for the new associate vice president of enrollment management position, spoke about his professional challenges at an open interview Tuesday.

Allen has worked professionally at Robert Morris College, the College of Lake County, Lake Forest Academy and Rock Valley College.

At the College of Lake County, he said he helped solve their branding issue and said under his leadership it went from the “College of Last Chance” to the “College of Learning and Caring.”

“We grew the enrollment (at the College of Lake County) from 16,000 students to about 18,000 students,” Allen said.

Allen also served as the director of student recruitment and student recruitment of color and the senior associate dean of admission at Lake Forest Academy, where he recruited students from 28 states and 31 countries. He also grew the amount of students of color who attended, from 11 to 18 percent.

Allen said while at his current job at Rock Valley College, he has faced budget cuts, a strike and the unionization of staff members.

Though Allen potentially sees Eastern as a 10,000-student college, he does not want to see the university grow too fast.

Instead, he wants to make sure students have the resources available to them so they can succeed



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Melvin Allen, a candidate for the position of associate vice president of enrollment management, answers a question at his open session interview Tuesday in Booth Library.

and help themselves if they are struggling.

During the interview, Allen was asked how leading enrollment management would merge with academic affairs.

He said he would talk with deans and professors about repackaging programs as well as what other universities are doing and how those packages are attracting students.

He said enrollment numbers grow in different ways; either the same academic program will be given to new people or new academic programs will be given to

both the same and new people.

When it comes to his managerial style, Allen said he balances the needs of his staff and the institution.

He said he wants to find out what they value, as knowing what motivates the people under him is important to his style of leadership.

Rewarding people who demonstrate the values of the institution he is working for is important as well, he said.

Austin Cheney, the chair of the School of Technology, said he liked the holistic approach Allen

gave towards recruitment and students as well as his personal story and its message to overcome obstacles.

He said he likes how Allen talked about how enrollment management can help a program that may not be doing well.

However, Cheney said he would have wanted to hear what Allen has heard about Eastern from an outside perception.

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» Behnke

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“You couldn’t be mad at him,” Hernandez said. “He was just so funny and lovable.”

As recruitment chair for the fraternity last semester, Behnke was able to make potential members feel

at home.

Hernandez said all the new guys who came to the fraternity took an immediate liking to Behnke when they met him.

“When guys would come around, they would want to come back just

to see him,” Hernandez said.

Munkvold said Behnke was able to have a conversation about anything.

Without him, the members said, the house was left with a hole, is now quieter than before.

Tomas Juzas, a sophomore physical therapy major, said things will never be the same without him.

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» Workgroup

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things have to change, and we need to do whatever we can to keep students coming here.”

According to the vitalization project website, the members have to assess the programs based on if they align with the university’s goals, if the program is marketable to prospective students, what the program’s current enrollment is and the cost of the program.

Once the members evaluate the two colleges they are assigned, the group will share notes with each other and compare critiques. Then the members will switch and critic the other two colleges.

To eliminate any discrepancies when individual members evaluate programs, the group decided on terms they will use to analyze the programs.

One of the terms brought up at the meeting was “accreditations” and accrediting bodies.

When looking at these programs, each member will identify which ones have accrediting bodies, which look at the program’s validity.

Rich said these organizational terms will help members pinpoint areas when analyzing the academic programs and will help when drafting concise narratives.

“That way we are all coming from the same place and using the same language,” Rich said.

Before the meeting, the members were under the impression that they each had had to agree on all of the recommendations that will be submitted in the preliminary report.

However, if the members have trouble agreeing on a particular program’s final recommendation, they can express those different viewpoints in the narrative, Rich said.

“It doesn’t have to be a unanimous opinion, but everyone in our committee voice can be heard,” Rich said.

The workgroup will share its recommendations with Blair Lord, vice president for academic affairs, and then have three weeks to make any changes that the vice president offers.

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Flipping over midterms



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Jaron Jackson, freshman special education major, does a backflip Tuesday in the South Quad. Jackson was a member of his highschool’s cheer team and said he’s been doing backflips for about four years. Jackson said now he and his friends just tumble for fun. “It’s just our normal thing,” Jackson said.

The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0907

- ACROSS
- 1 Hip-hop’s Kendrick ____

6 Fly catcher

9 Like a visit from the Bishop of Rome

14 “Look before you leap,” e.g.

15 It’s not returned on the court

16 Way to stream “Game of Thrones”

17 Uber competitors

18 [Place in crisping sleeve; microwave for 2 minutes]

20 One of the Estevezes

22 Charged particle

23 Slate slate, for short

24 [Boil contents for 3 minutes; stir in seasoning packet]

28 Piercing spot

29 Setting for “Friday the 13th”

33 Santa ____ winds
- 36 Large or jumbo

37 “It is better to ____ well than to arrive”

39 [Put yesterday’s General Tso’s in microwave; heat for 2 minutes]

42 Placid

43 Hog fat

44 Gen. Beauregard’s side: Abbr.

45 Scent

46 iPhone assistant

47 [Boil contents for 8-10 minutes; drain; add butter; stir in bright orange powder]

55 Open ____ night

58 Genre for much Top 40 radio, for short

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60 Explanation one might give for following the directions of 18-, 24-, 39- and 47-Across?

64 Circle lines

65 Imbecile

- 66 Singer of the 2016 #1 hit “Cheap Thrills”
- 67 Tom Cruise hanging onto an airplane during takeoff, for example
- 68 Commercial prefix with -gram or -matic
- 69 ____-right (modern conservative movement)
- 70 Partners of dreams
- DOWN
- 1 “Not now”

2 “Battlestar Galactica” commander

3 “He who hesitates is lost,” e.g.

4 Twinkle-toed

5 Pine product

6 Baby’s cry

7 Prefix with chic

8 “Woe ____ him, and her too”: Jane Austen

9 Cell, e.g.

10 Epitome of simplicity

11 Nudge

12 Like good Scotch

13 A ton

19 Inside-the-Beltway sort

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26 Ohio school that pioneered coeducation

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- PUZZLE BY KARY HADDAD
- 32 “No contest,” for one

33 As well

34 Requirement

35 ____Cuban (music genre)

36 John Quincy Adams, to John Adams

37 How often Daniel Day-Lewis has won Best Actor

38 Purge (of)

40 Five years, for the U.N. secretary general

41 “We ____” (convenience store sign)

46 Indian appetizer

48 Insurance giant

49 Govt. health agency

50 Stringent

51 Muse of poetry

52 Turn out

53 River into which Joan of Arc’s ashes were ordered to be thrown

54 Revises

55 “La Bohème” soprano

56 Safari’s is a compass

57 Some ferry cargo

61 “Just kidding!”

62 Painting medium

63 Crazy ____

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OPINION

Football team must put big wins behind it

By **Maher Kawash**
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After knocking off an FBS Miami-Ohio team and a top-ranked FCS Illinois State team, there is little doubt the Eastern football team got off to an impressive start.

But six weeks into the season, those wins are beginning to stand out a little less.

While the Panthers are in full focus of their conference-slate for the rest of the season, Illinois State has gone from the top five to falling completely out of the FCS rankings.

From what already seems so long ago, Eastern traveled to Hancock Stadium and pulled off the upset in front of Illinois State's Family Weekend near-sellout crowd.

To add to that, the Redbirds were one week removed from knocking off an FBS team as well, with the 9-7 win over Northwestern.

But since then, Illinois State has lost three straight games, and Eastern's upset win is just as good as four other teams.

Now, of course, the Panthers have no control over what their opponents do after they play them, but has the Redbirds falling made the Panthers' strength of schedule a little weaker?

I would say the team probably does not care about their strength of schedule at this point, but yes, it would be much better for Eastern if Illinois State was still the FCS powerhouse that it has been known to be.

But the other biggest win of the season for the Panthers has also become less relevant.

Eastern knocked off Miami of Ohio in week two for an uplifting upset win over a FBS team, but at this point, five other teams have as well.

The Redhawks were knocked down to 0-2 after the loss to the Panthers, but now sit at 0-6.

Regardless of their opponents, one thing is sure for Eastern; the only focus is Ohio Valley Conference play.

The Panthers have been up and down in the first three games of conference play as they have gone 2-1 in to start it off.

But in those three games, there has



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Redshirt senior running back Devin Church blocks for redshirt running back Korliss Marshall during the Panthers' 35-34 win over Tennessee State Saturday at O'Brien Field.



Maher Kawash

been a couple of different looking Eastern teams.

After the defense anchored the team to wins against non-conference opponents, it has struggled in conference play.

The defense allowed 35 points in its OVC opener against Austin Peay, but thanks to a 56-point performance from the offense, the Panthers pulled out a win.

The defense improved in the second game against Southeast Missouri but still struggled as the Panthers were upset for their first OVC loss of the season.

"Bend don't break" has been the motto of the defense according to the players, and luckily that was what snuck Eastern

past Tennessee State in this past weekend's 35-34 victory.

The Panthers' defense can continue to follow its "bend don't break" motto, but the team will have to shore things up if it hopes to finish atop the conference standings.

There are five games remaining on Eastern's schedule, and all are against OVC teams, but the biggest test comes against Jacksonville State.

The Panthers are tied with Tennessee-Martin and Southeast Missouri for 2nd place in the conference with a 2-1 record, and all teams are chasing the Gamecocks, who rank 3rd in the FCS national polls.

The ultimate goal for Eastern is to win out, but for the team to have any chance, its defense will need to be what it was to begin the season.

If the team can have the defense back that held Illinois State to just three points in the first half, then the Panthers will have the best chance to live up to or even succeed their current 17th ranking in the FCS.

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Iden prepares like a veteran

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Four years of college experience and Kelly Iden is as focused as ever.

Iden is a senior who has played all four years of her collegiate career at Eastern.

She also lettered all four years that she spent at Hamilton Southeastern High School in Fishers, Ind.

Playing eight years at a competitive level as a student, players must learn different ways to remain focused on and off the court.

Iden earned second team All-OVC honors as a junior last season, and she looks to build on that performance this year. Preparation is key to sustaining solid play on the tennis court.

When it comes to pre-match preparation, Iden does not focus on individual opponents.

"I do not think about my opponent, but instead think about the strengths of my game," she said.

She went on to elaborate on self-strengthening, although she does do quick scans of teams she has played before.

"I do not research each team in detail because I believe it is important to focus on what I can control," she said. "I have control over my own game but not my opponent's game."

As well as focusing on her own strengths on the court, Iden puts plenty of time into staying physically healthy.

"I focus on hydration, stretching and getting plenty of rest," she said.

Music helps Iden calm her nerves before matches.

"Listening to music energizes my body while calming my nerves," she said.

She also tries to have a big meal and an energized warm up before matches, as well as having a pep talk with her teammates.

When the matches start, her focus shifts to the live points.

"I focus on building points



Iden

one at a time and finding the most effective methods to beat my opponent," she said. "I do not let past points affect my performance but instead use them in a positive way to influence future points."

That mentality of learning from past points comes from playing for as long a time as she has. Instead of getting upset at a bad point, she uses it as a positive learning experience for future points.

Staying active in between sets is important, too. Iden stated that she always stays active during a match even when not playing.

Different activities can accomplish that feat, whether it is keeping her feet in constant motion or fiddling with her uniform between points.

Iden looks forward to competing in each match.

"I look forward to the high-level competition and getting off to a fast start," she said. "I enjoy fighting on the courts and being a part of a dynamic team. The atmosphere is an indescribable experience that I love being a part of."

Rooting for her team, focusing on self-growth and appreciating the liveliness of tennis events for what they are — that is the recipe of success for this Panther veteran.

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TOP CAT: CODY EDWARDS, FOOTBALL

Edwards destined to be a punter

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Two knee surgeries, one dislocated vertebrae in his neck, both knees dislocated twice, and one ankle surgery; you would think that would be enough to end a football career, but for punter Cody Edwards, that is how his got started.

Football is a dangerous game for every man on the field, except for two for the most part: the kicker and the punter.

Pretty much the only time a punter will get hit is if the punt returner is making a break for the end zone and the punter might get blocked, or if he gets run into by a defender trying to block the punt. But it is not every game either of those occurs.

Looking in a dictionary, next to bad luck you may find a picture of redshirt junior Edwards, because there is no other way to put it with the injuries he went through.

Edwards said once one injury healed up, another found its way to make things even more difficult for him.

The Panthers' punter was not always strictly a punter. He played a little bit of wide receiver and quarterback as well.

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Edwards, from eighth grade on, was fired up to go out on the field and play linebacker or receiver, but doctors' orders turned him into a specialist.

"What it was for my freshman year on in high school, I would injure something, and the doctors would say 'you can't play,'" Edwards said. "Then with five games left they said 'you can play, but the only thing you can do is punt.'"

Edwards went along with it his freshman year, and the same thing happened his sophomore year. Another injury forced him to be the punter.

Being told he could not play other positions was almost like a blessing in disguise. He had to fight through the injuries for those two years, but as a junior, he earned First-Team All-State for Missouri.

"It was then I was like, 'OK, I'm getting pretty good at this because this is all I'm able to focus on because of my injuries,'" Edwards said.

And come senior year of high school, he noticed colleges were starting to look at him and that is when being a college punter became the goal.

"My senior year, I decided I need to just focus on punting and not get hurt anymore," he said.

It is clear that a punter uses his legs to punt the ball down the field. And for a punter to have four dislocated knees, two surgeries on his plant leg, and an ankle surgery on his kicking foot, being able to do it is almost a miracle.

The injuries have forced Edwards to modify the way he punts. Most punters will explode off the ground finishing in the air, which Edwards used to do. Edwards does a "pivot punt" now, meaning he does not hop off the ground after punting the ball. But the fact that both surgeries were on his left plant leg is what has enabled him to still be a punter.

"The two surgeries I've had have been in the same knee — my left knee — and if they were in my right knee, I'd be done with football for sure," Edwards said. "The strength between my left knee and my right knee is just incredible."

Putting football aside, the surgeries in his left knee have affected him off the field.

"It's really hard for me to just get up off my

"If (I) have a bad punt, I have to go on the sideline, and I have to sit there for a half hour before I might get in there again. It's definitely a game of mental toughness."

Cody Edwards, Eastern punter

knee," Edwards said. "If I'm down in a sitting position, to even get up off my left leg (is hard)."

Edwards would rather be able to explode off the ground to boot the ball down field, but he had to learn to do the pivot punt if he wanted to keep going.

Everyone has at one time or another looked back on their life and wondered, "what if this happened or didn't happen," and if things would be different. The same goes for Eastern's punter.

His ankle injury did not even come from football; it came from track. That was one of the tougher pills to swallow for Edwards — knowing track just was not an option anymore.

"I always wonder," Edwards said. "Track was a huge part of my life along with (football), because my dad in high school was my track coach and my coach for football. I loved doing hurdles and discus, and I was our decathlete in high school, and I loved it."

But the injuries always had to modify things, he said.

Edwards ran the 110-meter and 300-meter hurdles while he was at Rockwood Summit High School in Missouri.

Around the time when Edwards was looking to come to college, there was a part of him that wished the injuries never happened and track could still be part of his life.

"There was a regret where I wanted to come here and try to walk on the track team and be a decathlete or something," Edwards said.

Now as a redshirt junior and the Panthers' punter, Edwards is in the midst of playing his first full season. He redshirted his freshman year, played in just six games as a redshirt freshman and he did not play at all last year.

He found his way to Eastern after going to a camp where he met former coach Dino Babers, and brought along a good friend — Eastern redshirt junior long snapper AJ Hantak.

The punter-snapper duo have known each other since sixth grade. When Babers invited Edwards out to the camp, Edwards asked if he could bring Hantak to snap, and Babers obliged.

Hantak said he never imagined the two of them would both end up getting recruited here and the fact that they did makes for a cool story since they have been playing since middle school.

"It's been really fun," Hantak said. "We have definitely developed a chemistry from playing for so long. It's nice being comfortable with your punter — not having to worry about dropped snaps or anything."

When the Panthers beat Tennessee State Saturday, there was some plays and aspects of the game that stand out: the Eastern running game put up over 200 yards, redshirt junior quarterback Mitch Kimble returned and the Eastern defense stopped Tennessee State in the final 34 seconds.

Maybe the biggest reason why the Panthers stepped up the way they did and kept the Tigers out of game-winning field goal range was Edwards' 42-yard punt to the Tigers 4-yard line.

Tennessee State had to go at least 56 yards to put its kicker in field-goal range. And doing something like that gets Edwards fired up. Edwards spiraled the ball perfectly and had it nose dive inside the 5-yard line, and had the "gunners" down it.

A punt like that gets everyone on the punt team fired up, because special teams takes pride in the punt team and knowing they did a good job with such limited chances is a great feeling.

"Things go through my mind after the game like 'what if that ball went in the end zone and came out to the 20-yard line for a touchback,'" Edwards said. "Maybe that (34-yard pass by Tennessee State) would have put them close to (field-goal range) that would have won the

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game."

"I was really happy they had 96-yards to go," he said.

Being the punter, Edwards will get on the field six or seven times if he is lucky. Eastern has to fail to get first downs if he wants to play, but he is OK with that.

"I totally get it when all the guys come up to me and tell me 'hey Cody, you're not going to get on the field today,'" Edwards said. "I just laugh with them and say 'I hope so.' I hope that our offense does that good to where you don't need me, but I'm always here to try to make the defense's job a lot easier and try to pin them as far down as I can."

The life of a punter is different than any other guy on a football team. If a receiver drops a pass, a quarterback makes a bad throw or a defender misses a tackle, one play later he can redeem himself; but for Edwards, he may wait 30 minutes before he is back out there. He does not get a 'do-over.'

"If (I) have a bad punt, I have to go on the sideline, and I have to sit there and let that sink in for a half hour before I might get in there again," Edwards said. "It's definitely a game of mental toughness."

Tough is one way to describe Edwards.

But after six different injuries and three surgeries, Edwards is a Division-I punter. So maybe in some weird, twisted way, Edwards is somewhat lucky... maybe.

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