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After a speech at the Illinois State Capitol, President Barack Obama stops at the Hoogland Center for the Arts in Springfield, Wednesday, February 10, 2016.

Obama addresses General Assembly

By Analia Haynes, Mackenzie Freund and Jason Howell
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SPRINGFIELD, III. — Applause and laughter punctuated the Illinois House Chamber on Wednesday as President Barack Obama visited Springfield — nine years to the day after he took the podium to announce his intention to run for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Obama, while not directly mentioning the budget stalemate deeply affecting social services and higher education, did mention the “accomplishment” of refusing to compromise.

“When I hear voices in either party boast of their refusal to compromise as an accomplishment in and of itself, I’m not impressed,” he said. “All that does is prevent what most Americans would consider actual accomplishments — like fixing roads, educating kids, passing budgets, cleaning our environment, making our streets safe.”

Former Governor Pat Quinn said that while he was in office, there was always a budget in place for higher education and for the 125,000 students utilizing MAP Grants.

The fact that there is no state budget for

“When I hear voices in either party boast of their refusal to compromise as an accomplishment in and of itself, I’m not impressed.”

President Barack Obama

Eastern or any university is, in Quinn’s words, “just plain wrong.”

The reality of the budget impasse has struck Eastern again, as 198 civil service employees have received layoff notices taking effect in 30 days.

Sen. Dale Righter (R) said he has a proposal out to fund higher education with a reform that will fund the three legs of higher education as well as a plan to pay for it, though it does call for a 20-percent cut.

“I think this is the realistic choice, between a 20 percent cut and waiting and waiting and waiting and maybe not getting anything,” Righter said. “Let’s get something that keeps the doors open, that keeps employees there, that keeps kids in the classroom.”

Quinn said he thought Obama’s speech was for the state and the country and that it is im-

portant to point out that democracy does not go forward insulting other people.

“It’s about having strong positions on policy but respecting everyone who is a citizen of our country,” Quinn said. “I think our president made that very clear today.”

Despite constant battles in the House, Obama said during his time as a senator the relationships and the trust that he and his colleagues built meant that they came to each debate assuming the best in one another, not the worst.

“We didn’t call each other idiots or fascists who were trying to destroy America,” Obama said. “Because then we’d have to explain why we were playing poker or having a drink with an idiot or a fascist who was trying to destroy America.”

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Layoff notices given out Wednesday

By Cassie Buchman
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Layoff notices began going out to different areas of civil service personnel Wednesday.

198 notices will go out in total between Wednesday and Thursday.

Dan Crews, director of patron services in the Doudna Fine Arts Center, who has been in the College of Fine Arts and Humanities for 27 years, is one of the people who received a layoff notice Wednesday, meaning Friday, March 11 will be his last day.

Six people Crews was close with at Eastern also received layoff notices, including some who are single parents, which he said troubles him.

Crews said he knew his colleagues are hurting for him as they are for his other friends.

“This is not good news. There’s 198 people being told that their future at Eastern is in question and that’s unfortunate,” Crews said.

Though Crews said what was happening is painful, he said he is still trying to be positive.

Crews said the hardest part of being laid off is not knowing if Eastern will be in his future. He said the “myriad of tasks” he was given was one of the things he loved best about his job along with the relationships he forged with students and the community.

The layoff notice was not a surprise to Crews. He said the university had been good with letting people know they were a possibility, Crews said.

A representative from human resources and Crews’ boss came to tell him he was being laid off.

“This is not an easy task for (my boss,)” Crews said. “This is not easy for anybody to have to tell anybody they’re going to be laid off. I don’t envy them.”

Crews is not mad at Eastern, which he said has given him great opportunities; any anger or disgust he has lies with the politicians involved in the budget crisis.

“We’ve gone now nearly eight months without a budget, and each side is trying to push their agenda forward,” Crews said.

He said a wide gambit of people, from children to senior citizens, were being hurt by this as well as Illinois itself, as people are leaving the state as a result of the impasse.

“We’re losing a lot of really good people,” Crews said.

Crews said hopefully, if things get better, people will be able to keep their jobs.

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Eastern to close for Lincoln’s birthday

Staff Report

Eastern will be closed Feb. 12 as the university recognizes President Abraham Lincoln’s birthday.

The *Daily Eastern News* will not be printing an issue on Friday, but will continue distribution the following week.

All offices will be closed until Monday.

The food court in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union will remain open on Friday

from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

All other dining halls, including Thomas Dining Hall, will be closed in recognition of the holiday.

Booth Library will be closed Friday but will resume normal hours of operation on Saturday.

The Student Recreation Center will also be open on Friday, however, their hours of operation are different.

The Rec Center will open at 5:30 a.m. but will close at 6 p.m. instead of 8 p.m.

UB unveils concert artist

By Abbey Whittington

Staff Reporter | @DEN_News

After many surveys and a trivia contest, the 2016 spring concert artist has been revealed.

Panic! at the Disco will be performing at 8 p.m. Friday, April 15 in Lantz Arena.

The artist was revealed Wednesday at the men’s basketball game against Austin Peay.

Kailey Johnston, junior psychology major, won three dessert platters after entering a raffle ticket and said she wanted Twenty One Pilots to

be the selected artist.

She said she would have been OK with another artist.

“I’d see whoever got picked but I’d like to see Twenty One Pilots,” said Johnston. “Panic! at the Disco would be cool too because they were a part of my childhood.”

To reveal the artist to the audience the cheerleaders and Pink Panthers dance team threw T-shirts into the crowd with the musicians’ name on it.

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Café reopens for spring semester

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The Klehm Café, a student-run food service operation, will be open this semester at 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in Room 1414.

The café serves as practice for the students who are a part of the family and consumer sciences department as well as a break area for faculty and staff.

The family and consumer sciences students who are focusing on the department's subcategories such as dietetics, hospitality and family services are able to work in the café in order to get experience for what their future work may be.

Amanda Winkler, a senior family and consumer sciences major with a concentration in hospitality management, has worked her way up to becoming a manager for the café.

Before earning the position, she had taken a course in commercial quality food production.

Winkler shadowed the previous lab assistant to learn what she would need to do when she had the position.

"Being a manager, I supervise the students working in the kitchen. I teach them the correct safety procedures and how to use the equipment, order all of the food and equipment needed and handle the money," Winkler said.

When it comes to Winkler's future, she said the position has been a good addition to her resume and her management position has already sparked employer's interests.



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The Klehm Café recently reopened for business. The café is open from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The café had closed before because of the course Pantera, where students served dinner on Tuesday nights.

Nicole Hugo, an assistant professor in the family and consumer sciences department, said Pantera was good for students to learn how to prepare and serve a meal but did not give practical business experience, which is why they went back to the café.

"If the students are running a café for lunch, serving multiple days in the week and seeing how much food they'll have to order then they are ex-

periencing more of the business operations," Hugo said.

Even though the program has had little marketing, the café recently had 24 people come in for lunch, leaving only one table open in the facility.

The café makes their food fresh and from scratch with drink prices ranging from \$1 to \$4 and entrees from \$5 to \$7.

While the dietary and hospitality courses are required classes for all family and consumer sciences majors, Winkler said that working in

the café has changed her view on food service.

"Before working in the café, I really did not have any interest in working in the food industry," Winkler said. "Now that I know what goes into making the café run, I could see myself running a restaurant one day. Working here has shown me how rewarding it can be to see everything come together."

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CAA to discuss admissions, courses, majors

By Analia Haynes
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The Council on Academic Affairs will discuss the revised admission requirements for all options of the health studies major at their meeting at 2 p.m. Thursday in Room 4440 of Booth Library.

The revised requirements call for a completion of 15 semester hours of work taken at Eastern or another higher education institution and a minimum 2.00 GPA.

According to the rationale for the revision, students who enter the major with a cumulative GPA below 2.00 are less likely to graduate, less

likely to graduate on time, and more likely to need to repeat many core courses.

Students who enter the major, on average, have to repeat at least 25 percent of the required coursework at least once in order to earn a "C," which is the minimum grade a student can receive.

According to the rationale, they also struggle to meet the graduation requirement of a major GPA of 2.50 or better.

Students who have a cumulative GPA below 2.00 are also less likely to successfully complete coursework, which is deeply writing intensive and centered around analysis.

In the health studies major, upper-level courses require writing skills and strong analytical processing skills, according to the rationale.

"It seems disingenuous to accept a student into the major who is highly unlikely to be successful, especially if that student is an upper classman," the rationale said.

The rationale said the primary mission of the health studies program is helping students successfully graduate from the program and from Eastern.

A new interdisciplinary major in health communication is being co-sponsored by the department of health studies and communication

studies.

That major will have admission standards, including a 2.00 GPA. The rationale said maintaining consistency across all options and majors affiliated with the health studies department is crucial to avoid confusion for academic advisers and students.

The CAA will also add several requests for revised courses, majors, minors, options, and revised core requirements for different sections to their agenda.

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CORRECTION

In Tuesday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, the article titled "Faculty Senate discusses budget resolution, creates committee" should have said, "Wharram said the Faculty Senate does not speak for staff or students rather they support them," and Senator Teshome Abebe said he prefers Wharram's resolution. *The News* regrets the error.

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What's Happening on Campus?

Dust, Drought & Dreams Gone Dry Exhibit All Day Booth Library
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NPHC members narrate history of strolling

By Torri Griffith
Staff Reporter | @DEN_News

In dances ranging from hopping to shimmying, members of the National Pan-Hellenic Council have left their marks on many college campuses.

In a forum titled “The History of Stepping and Strolling,” presented by the NPHC, students were able to get information on why NPHC members stroll and step and the meaning behind their dances.

Ashley Howard, a senior communication studies major, and Maliya Smith, a junior psychology major, hosted the forum.

The night included a panel that consisted of six panelists, who were Yolanda Williams, Gateway advisor; Jarrett Moore, a junior applied engineering and technology major; Kathryn McIntosh, a graduate student; Eric Echols, a senior political science major; Breanna Young, a senior applied engineering and technology major; and Phillip Love, a senior political science major.

The NPHC has nine sorority and fraternity organizations.

Eastern only has seven of those organizations, which include: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, founded in 1906 on the campus of Cornell University; Kappa Alpha Psi Frater-

nity, founded in 1911 on the campus of Indiana University; Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, founded in 1911 on the campus of Howard University; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, founded in 1913 on the campus of Howard University; Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, founded in 1920 on the campus of Howard University; and Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, founded in 1922 on the campus of Butler University.

The members of the organizations came together to give the audience inside information on their organizations and the personal meaning to their sororities and fraternities.

The forum opened up with a YouTube video titled “From Death Marches to Dance Halls: A Brief History of Strolling.”

In the video, they stated stepping and strolling is dated from hundreds of years ago in African history.

Back then, Africans used dancing in circles to symbolize unity and strength, which is what the members of these different organizations use strolling for in the present day.

The video also emphasized that stepping can be dated back to when worshippers shifted their feet and stomped in circles to symbolize the connection between the past, present and their future.

Stepping was known as The Death March, the final pledge process of the Black Letter Greek Organizations.

Howard said the first step show took place in 1976 at Howard University.

Williams said when stepping and strolling came to college campuses it became a show.

“It is a really unique performance,” Williams said. “They put their hearts and souls on the stage.”

Echols said every organization wants to show different aspects of themselves during their stepping and strolling.

“Even though we are all in different organizations, we all still encourage each other to do great things,” Young said.

Williams said stepping and strolling is a show of unity among the members of the organizations.

It is also a big controversy when someone breaks or interrupts the line of a sorority or fraternity.

“We are taught by our organization that nobody is to ever break our line,” Williams said. “No matter where, no matter when, it is a connection that we have and we are all taught that in some language.”

An audience member asked what would happen when someone who is not in his or her organizations is



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Phil Love, a senior political science major and representative for Alpha Phi Alpha Inc., speaks about how different greek organizations personalize different steps during the History of Strolling forum on Wednesday in Phipps Auditorium in the Physical Science Building.

found stepping or strolling.

Moore said fraternities are known to do events such as “Stroll like an Alpha,” “Stroll like a Kappa,” or “Hop like a Que,” and after these events are over there are still individuals who believe that it is OK to continue the dances.

The entire panel said strolling or stepping when you are not in an organization is a sign of major disrespect.

Moore said because of this, Omega Psi Phi would never host

“Hop like a Que” on Eastern’s campus.

The forum began to discuss why the panelists joined their organizations and what an individual should do if they are interested in an organization in the NPHC.

“As long as I am living, Delta will always live with me,” Howard said.

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Student Senate introduces Zipcar, discusses FundEIU

By Thomas Mahrenholz
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The Student Senate passed a bill and had a discussion on the recent FundEIU rally and a new car sharing company that is coming to campus at their Wednesday night meeting.

Bill 15-16-09, previously published as bill 15-16-05 as a result of an error in the agenda, was unanimously approved by the members of Student Senate.

The approved bill ensures that the additional \$2,205 in the reserve account will be released to the Apportionment Board for remaining semester events including “EIU Ted Talks,” “The Holocaust” and “Students Fight Back/Spring Break.”

Student Body President Shirmeen Ahmad said all of the different events that are being planned have a purpose.

“They are highly attended and important for our campus to offer,” Ahmad said.

Because the bill was emergency legislation, it had to be voted on immediately after the period of questioning and discussion and passed with 15 yes’s and one abstention.

Many senators said they were very pleased and impressed with the turnout of the FundEIU Rally.

Catie Witt, the student body vice president, said she thought the rally was great but was worried students would not catch on at first.

“Just seeing everyone there was sort of overwhelming,” Witt said.

“Like it made me want to cry because I’m an emotional person.”

Maralea Negrón, the student speaker of the senate, said she thought students showed strength in numbers and proved that some are educated as to what is going on.

Negrón said it is the senator’s job to properly inform students who might have the wrong idea of the budget impasse.

“If students aren’t aware of what exactly is going on it stirs up a lot of mixed emotions and they become overly afraid,” Negrón said.

Student senator Gabriella Ramirez said the rally did a really good job of showing that Eastern really is a “community” because community members, students, staff, and faculty became

one.

In addition, the student senate was introduced to Zipcar, a car sharing company that already has two parking spots ready in Stevenson’s parking lot.

Zipcar representative Dan Schmieder said it is basically like a car rental, but students can reserve the car by the hour, day and week.

It is a \$15 annual fee for students to create an account. After starting an account, students will be mailed a Zipcard.

“With the Zipcard you can go to our website and reserve a car for any errand you would need to run,” said Schmieder. “You can really go anywhere in the U.S that you want to go with Zipcar.”

Included in a reservation is 180 miles per day, insurance and gas,

but after a student exceeds the 180 miles, it is 45 cents per extra mile, Schmieder said.

Fran Lonergan, another Zipcar representative, said Zipcar’s minimum age to reserve a car is 18.

“So it is a great alternative to those students under 21 who cannot actually rent a car,” Lonergan said.

Zipcar is implemented on over 500 college campuses nationwide, and the representatives said they hope to actually start up at Eastern tomorrow.

The two cars the company is bringing to campus are a Ford Focus and a Honda Civic.

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Sean Hastings

Sean Says: Don't lie to those who help you

So lemme tell you this. Going to the dentist is not fun, and I think almost everyone will agree that going is an inconvenience. But your teeth do come out looking sparkly clean.

For me, I deserve to get cavities with the amount of pop I drink, or "soda" for those of you who call it that. But I cannot remember the last time I went to the dentist and got a cavity.

I am one who regularly keeps up with brushing, flossing and mouth wash, so I don't have to deal with as many tools in my mouth when I have to go to the dentist.

Now as much as I hate going to the dentist, I do feel bad after I leave sometimes. My dentist is a nice person, but I lie to her all the time, and I don't like lying.

Lying sucks. Yes, sometimes you may end up getting a favorable outcome because you told the lie. Whether it was about how your dog ate your homework, your computer died or any other excuse. In my case at the dentist, I always tell her I don't drink that much pop.

I drink tons of Mountain Dew. I drink a very unhealthy amount of it. Every time I'm in the dining hall, I'm drinking some. If I'm just chilling in my room, I'll drink some. It's bad. But Lent started Wednesday, and I decided to give it up.

But the reason I feel bad about lying straight to my dentist's face is because, like I said, she is a nice person, and she is just trying to help me out. She is there to make sure my teeth stay in my head the rest of my life.

The worst part of it all is that I'm pretty sure she believes me because she always tells me that my teeth look good and that there are no problems.

So now that I think about it, maybe I should tell her I drink as much pop as I do. If I drink all the pop that I do and still have good teeth that is kind of impressive.

I used to not care if I lied to the dentist because no one likes to have all those tools in their mouth scratching away, hitting their gums and making you bleed.

Who would like that?

But now I have gotten smarter and realized that I shouldn't lie to the dentist because all she is trying to do is help me out. Hey, who knows maybe I won't have to lie if I just don't drink as much pop as I do now.

So I guess the moral of the story and the lesson here is don't lie at all, and especially don't lie to someone who is trying to help you, like the dentist. It may come back to bite ya.

I hope your three-day weekend is better than mine.

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Panther Dining Specials



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Staff Editorial

Go out and support Eastern's sport teams

There are many ways to show school spirit at Eastern.

When the basketball teams win a game, we cheer. Many students try to make it to any football games they can during football season. Eastern even has a great, enthusiastic spirit squad called "Blue Crew" that comes to every game to cheer whoever is playing on that day.

This kind of spirit is important and brings enthusiasm and a sense of pride to the school.

It creates a bond between students; the student-athletes who work hard every day deserve our support, and shared interest in athletics keeps alumni and students connected.

Students should try to make time in their busy schedules to watch a sports competition.

It is a great way to unwind and many events happen during the weekend, when most students don't have classes.

There is a camaraderie that comes with cheering with a whole section of other people when the teams do well or even the shared disappointment when they lose.

Happy or sad, win or lose, we are all here for each other.

While it's great to support student-athletes and display Panther Pride during sporting events, school spirit is about more than athletics.

School spirit is about taking pride in the place you will be learning and essentially calling home for four years.

It is about supporting the university even when the government won't, and even when it is hard.

It is seen in the employees throughout the school from all areas who look at their jobs as more than just a job and who see the university and their co-workers as family.

School spirit was definitely seen in the

FundEIU rally, when about 1,500 to 2,000 people united to talk and cheer and shout about how much Eastern means to them.

We have school spirit for a reason.

The university needs any boost in morale it can get during this budget impasse and in both big ways, such as the rally, or small, like wearing blue every Friday, shows everyone we have a unified front.

It shows we care about Eastern and its fate.

That we did not choose this college and take ample time and make deliberate decisions on where to go to college to go somewhere we feel apathetic about.

For many students, they came here because there was something that drew them here and they stay because they learn to love the university they chose.

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

Learn how to overcome your struggles

A very wise and powerful woman named Nancy Reagan once said, "a woman is like a teabag; only in hot water do you realize how strong she is."

I may be biased, because I love both tea and Nancy Reagan, but this quote has stuck with me my entire life. Particularly, as I balance the extremely busy schedule of a collegiate student-athlete journalist.

When I was on Facebook last night I saw a story that reminded me of Nancy's famous quote.

The article was about a woman who recently got her heart broken.

So, to teach her granddaughter a lesson, her grandma took out a pot and boiled water in it.

First, she boiled carrots in the water. The woman noticed the carrots were soft after they were boiled.

Second, the grandma boiled eggs in the water. The woman noticed that the egg became hard inside.

And finally, the grandma poured coffee grounds into the water and ladled out some coffee for her granddaughter.

The grandma continues to tell the woman of the effects the boiling water had on each item.

For example, the carrots were hard and unrelenting at first, but the boiling water made them soft and malleable.

The eggs were soft and fragile at first with its hard shell protecting the inside, but the boiling water made the eggs hard inside.

However, the coffee grounds were unique



Maria Baldwin

because after they were put in boiling water, they changed. The bean actually changes the hot water, the very circumstance that brings the pain.

When the water gets hot, it releases the fragrance and flavor. If you are like the bean, when things are at their worst, you get better and change the situation around you. When the hour is the darkest and trials are their greatest, do you elevate yourself to another level?

I immediately contemplated my life then and there. I've been facing so much adversity lately.

I began to think about how I've handled my adversity and honestly had an epiphany because it is something I've never even considered.

Everyone has stressors. That is what makes a human, well, human. Have it being a hard assignment, huge test or even a family issue. We

all have adversity that we need to overcome in order to better ourselves as an individual.

Some adversity I encounter does make me feel soft like the carrot. For example, I can go into any test after a long night of studying feeling confident in myself. But, after I finish the test that was harder and more difficult than I expected, I leave the classroom feeling soft and malleable because of the stress of studying, taking the test, and feeling like a failure.

Another level of adversity that I face, for example, is when I am racing. Some races are harder than others, and when I disappoint myself, I feel like the egg. I went into the race fragile, and the defeat made me hard, and ready for the next race with new motivation to help myself reach a new level.

Although these two levels can benefit you in some way, I believe reacting like the coffee grounds would be the best for anyone, mentally.

Emerging from your adversity a newly changed and mentally ready individual and changed person can help you elevate yourself to new level when times are hard and life is dark.

What I took from this article is to handle yourself in such a way that when life gives you lemons, make lemonade! Or, rather, when life gives you coffee grounds, make coffee! Adversity is hard, but the only way you are going to come out of it a stronger individual is if you make the most of it, learn from it, and move on.

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President Barack Obama speaks to Illinois lawmakers in the ornate House chamber of the state Capitol, Wednesday, February 10, 2016.

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Obama said it was because of that sort of respect that made room for progress; individuals were willing to forge compromises in pursuit of a larger goal without bending on their most deeply held principles.

Obama said he is convinced that if politicians approach national politics with common sense and a commitment to fair play and basic courtesy, then there would not be a problem they could not solve together.

Rep. Tim Butler (R-Springfield) said he does not think the president's speech will change as much of the dynamic in the Capitol Building, but he hopes the leadership will get back to the table and talk to each other to come up with a compromise.

"That's why Speaker Madigan needs to come back to the table. The governor needs to get people together," Butler said. "You're not going to come up with a compromise unless you're talking to each other and they have to be talking to each other."

Obama said he believed in a better kind of politics, the same type that made up much of his early career, and offered three steps that he believes would help reform our institutions and to move our system in a way that would help reflect our better selves.

The first step would include taking "corrosive" money out of politics.

He said 150 families have shelled out more money than the rest of America combined during this season's presidential race.

That money is spent with no regard to how people live their lives

and is based on some ideological preference.

"Today, a couple of billionaires in one state can push their agenda, dump dark money into every state — nobody knows where it's coming from," he said. "I'm not saying the folks with a lot of money should have no voice; I'm saying they shouldn't be able to drown out everybody else's."

He noted his disagreement with United State Supreme Court's decision in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission, which, five years later, opened up the campaign floodgates, according to U.S. News & World Report.

His third step would be to make voting easier and make it more modern.

Obama said technology is making it easier to gerrymander so the representatives can get the most people in their favor voting for the things they put on the table.

"That's why our districts are shaped like earmuffs or spaghetti," Obama said. "It's also how one party can get more seats even when it gets fewer votes."

Quinn said he thought Obama's speech was for the state and the country and that it is important to point out that democracy does not go forward insulting other people.

"It's about having strong positions on policy but respecting everyone who is a citizen of our country," Quinn said. "I think our president made that very clear today."

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Studying the Sciences



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Nikki Fabiano, a sophomore family and consumer sciences major, studies for a sociology test in the 24 Hour Lounge of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

» **LAYOFFS,** CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

"We're living in strange times, especially in Illinois," Crews said. "We can do a lot better than what we've been doing."

Crews said he will have to prepare himself to go on job interviews and write resumes as well as continue to be frugal with his money.

"I guess I'm concerned for those who live paycheck to paycheck," he said.

He told his wife and children about his layoff notice. He said his kids felt bad, as they were raised at Eastern, because he took them to every event from concerts, to plays, to the annual arts festival, Celebration.

When people heard about Crews being laid off, he got messages from across campus sending him their support. He said he is now trying to let the dust settle and figure out "where to go from here" and stay positive.

Because Celebration will be canceled this year after 38 years, along with his everyday duties, while he is here, Crews will be in the process of making sure food and art vendors are notified properly.

Crews' goal is to make sure Celebration is only going on a hiatus this year until the budget impasse is solved.

Beth Kastl, an office administrator, received a notice but as she has seniority in her position, she has bumping rights.

Kastl will have worked at Eastern for sixteen years on March 20 and in the journalism department since 2013.

On March 12, Kastl will get an email telling her what her new position is.

The layoff notice gave Kastl the option of taking a layoff, bumping into a new position, or retiring.

If the person who has bumping rights above Kastl decides not to go to another position or decides to retire, she will stay in the journalism office.

Right now, she said not knowing if she will be bumped or not does not bother her, because it is still 30 days away, but it might as the day comes closer.

Kastl said because of the fact some people get bumped into positions they have never worked before with new requirements, new job duties and a new boss, the process can be chaotic.

In the next 30 days before she moves to a new position, Kastl will have to turn in her keys and any department records to the department chair, turn in any equipment she checked out, and take care of her Panthercard and business emails.

She is also trying to get things ready for the end-of-the-year events to make things easier for the person who takes her position.

Kastl said she will miss the people and students she works with if she has to leave her job as office administrator.

Mark Hudson, director of housing and dining, said no actual positions were eliminated in housing and dining because people were able to be bumped to different areas.

However, because the person with

the least amount of seniority does not get bumping rights, people were still laid off in that area if they were not able to be bumped into another position.

Some Building Service Workers from the facilities department will go to the housing and dining department because of bumping rights.

Hudson said there would be fewer BSWs in academic areas because there is a much higher level of sanitation needed in residential areas.

Different people let workers know about their layoff notices depending on who their supervisor is. This was emotional, Hudson said, because each of them were like members of a family.

Blair Lord, vice president of academic affairs, said about 40 positions in his area were affected, but it will take at least two days to get through the meetings with all the people involved.

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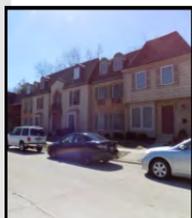
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Bennett Garrison, a senior communication studies major, caught one of the T-shirts and was offered a free pizza at the game.
"I would've liked to see

Chance the Rapper or Louis C.K. but I'm pumped for Panic! At The Disco," said Garrison.

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 - 8 Set opening?
 - 11 Boxer, e.g., for short
 - 14 Appealing in appearance
 - 15 Poetic preposition
 - 16 Stage legend Hagen
 - 17 "It's my understanding that ..."
 - 18 Worker who may skim off the top?
 - 20 Passing remark?
 - 21 Zulu, e.g.
 - 23 Dense
 - 24 Interoffice email abbr.
 - 26 Decide (to)
 - 28 Colorado tributary
 - 29 Large numbers
 - 31 Sum for keeping mum
 - 33 Lassoed
 - 34, 36 & 40 Organization whose name hints at some missing letters in this puzzle
 - 35 Site for a famed garden
 - 37 Think (over)
 - 41 Diner option
 - 42 Literature Nobelist between Hermann Hesse and T. S. Eliot
 - 45 1950s sex symbol
 - 46 Actress Singer
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 - 48 Banana ____
 - 49 Political commentator Molly
 - 51 Eats (at)
 - 53 Boxer's achievement, for short
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 - 3 Bearded
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 - 5 Questions
 - 6 Abdullah I made it a capital city
 - 7 ____ idol
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 - 9 Chocolatey goodie
 - 10 Round numbers?
 - 11 "Juno and the Paycock" setting
 - 12 French star
 - 13 Cry for help, or a time for celebration
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 - 31 "Hallelujah!"
 - 32 Star of the short-lived reality show "I Pity the Fool"
 - 34 Strains with sadness
 - 36 Blue state?
 - 37 Jacket flap
 - 38 Sweets alternative
 - 39 Terminal listing, in brief
 - 40 Come with
 - 41 Cupped apparel
 - 42 Stand outs?
 - 43 Much of a literature class's studies
 - 44 What you might meet someone for
 - 45 Closest friend, informally
 - 48 Result of a perfect shot
 - 50 TV host who inspired Neil deGrasse Tyson
 - 52 "How now!" follower in "Hamlet"
 - 54 Variety
 - 55 Wordsmiths' paeans
 - 57 Longtime leader in late-night
 - 59 Musician Brian

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Sophomore pitcher Michelle Rogers pitches during the first game in a doubleheader against Murray State on March 29 at Williams Field. The Panthers swept the doubleheader, 3-1, and 7-6.

Softball team begins 2016 season at Iowa State

By Sean Hastings
Sports Editor | @DEN_Sports

The Eastern softball team will get its 2016 spring season underway this weekend at the Iowa State Cyclone invitational.

The Panthers will play five games this weekend against Indiana-Purdue University Indianapolis and Iowa State on Friday, North Dakota and IUPUI on Saturday, and Iowa State on Sunday.

Eastern has been inside practicing at the Lantz Fieldhouse the last few months, and the chance to finally play outside on real dirt has

the team excited. None of the teams Eastern will play this weekend are in the Ohio Valley Conference, but the Panthers are still looking to get the wins, and get a chance to see players in live action, coach Angie Nicholson said.

"We'll see who's doing what and what's consistent," Nicholson said. "If something's not working, we have to go to somebody else. We'll just see how things are going."

Eastern lost two of their top players in shortstop Bailey O'Dell and catcher Hannah Cole, but other players are ready to step up and take over the spots on the field.

Senior Katie Watson played second base for the Panthers last year, starting every game there but will be the starting shortstop this season for Eastern. Watson hit .168 last year.

Filling Watson's role from last year will be freshmen Jennifer Ames and Mady Poulter.

Ames and Poulter are both very strong and good at second base, Nicholson said.

Filling in behind the plate for Eastern will be sophomore Andrea Roberts and junior Ashlynn Paul. Paul appeared in 32 games last year for the Panthers and posted a .250 batting average. Roberts played in 29

games and hit .254.

"Both of them are doing a fantastic job," Nicholson said. "I can't say enough about how hard they've been working. It's again, going to come down to who's more consistent."

One thing that will benefit the Panthers this weekend is that they finally get to go against different pitching and play against someone other than themselves.

It also gives Nicholson a chance to see who is going to step up and be a leader.

"It's easy to step up when you're at practice, but now we can see who's going to really do it in games," Nich-

olson said.

Since it is the first few games of the season, it will take some time for people to get a fair look at each of the players.

"With it being the first weekend of games, some of the women get so excited it is hard to come down from, but time will tell," Nicholson said.

Sophomores Jessica Wireman and Michelle Rogers will fill out the Panthers' pitching rotation this year.

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Panther track teams hope to continue success at GVSU

By Mark Shanahan
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The Eastern men and women's track and field teams return to action at Grand Valley State (Michigan) Friday for a one-day meet.

The Panthers are coming off of a successful weekend at the Notre Dame Meyo invitational in South Bend, Ind. where they earned seven Top-15 performances the first day and six Top-20 performances the second day.

Coach Tom Akers thought his team competed well last weekend and the week before at Indiana, despite facing

opponents they were unfamiliar with.

"I thought we really competed at Notre Dame," he said. "Over at Indiana, I thought we just outran or jumped well, especially since we never really competed against our competition. That is generally when your best performances comes, when you just go out and compete."

Both the men and women's distance medley relay teams had Top-15 finishes last weekend, while junior Paxson Menard set a new personal record of 14:39.63 in the 5,000-meter run. Menard's time was also the best finish by an Ohio Valley Conference runner in that event this season.

Sophomore Maria Baldwin also set a new personal record of 17:17.35 in the women's 5,000-meter run. Teammate Rachel Garippo earned her way to sixth all-time in the Eastern record books with her time 17:28.41 in the 5,000-meter run.

Akers is looking for more strong performances like these as the OVC championships on February 26 and 27 continue to near.

"Hopefully we can keep that same mindset going into this weekend and continue to build on that over the next couple weeks heading into the conference championships," Akers said.

At this point in the season last year, Eastern was in the same position as they are now, coming off of a performance at Notre Dame heading into the GVSU Big Meet.

"Last year we had some really good performances up there coming off of a good performance at Notre Dame," he said. "Hopefully it will be the same this year. We had some really good performances this past weekend so hopefully we can keep the ball rolling."

Even though the meet is scheduled for both Friday and Saturday, Eastern will only be competing Friday. The one-day meet is still considered a full

meet with all events covered, so Eastern will be taking the whole team to Allendale, Mich.

Akers said that a one-day meet has a couple of advantages over a two-day meet, namely an extra day of rest.

"It gives you the rest of the weekend off so that's good," he said. "It saves budget money, so you're not spending too many nights up there, so those are the big advantages."

The track events are set to begin at 9 a.m. Friday with the field events beginning at 11:30 a.m.

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Women's basketball team wins 2nd-straight game

By Mark Shanahan
Staff Reporter | @DEN_Sports

Eastern used a strong second half of shooting to beat Austin Peay, 64-56 for its second-straight win.

The Panthers shot 52 percent from the field in the second half of Wednesday night's game.

They were also helped out by their defense, as Austin Peay shot just 25 percent in the second half.

With the win, Eastern improves to 3-21 on the season and 2-10 in the OVC. Austin Peay falls to 7-18 overall and 5-7 in conference play.

Redshirt senior Shakita Cox was the leading scorer for Eastern with 16 points in 30 minutes of playing time.

She also had five rebounds, an assist and a steal in the game. Cox said it feels like the team that won the first game of the season.

"That's a team that we had the first game and we just need to keep that up," she said. "It's a way different atmosphere, so much energy. I think it's because we took off at first with the first point of the game."

Junior Phylcia Johnson opened up the scoring for the Panthers with a made layup while drawing the foul and making the free-throw.

Eastern led, 16-13, after the first quarter.

The teams battled in the second quarter and the score was tied at 28 going into the half.

It looked as if Austin Peay was going to take the lead into halftime before sophomore Jalisha Smith drew a foul at the buzzer and made both free throws to tie it.

Cox said that playing them earlier in the season helped them this time around, especially for the younger players on the team.

"I think we just adjusted better to how they play and I think it's better for the younger ones being have played them already, we kind of know what we need to do now so I



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Junior forward Erica Brown lays the ball up against Austin Peay during Wednesday's game in Lantz Arena. The Panthers won, 64-56.

think that's going to help us in the next couple of games," she said.

Eastern found themselves down 35-30 early in the third quarter until senior Alece Shumpert hit back-to-back three pointers.

Head coach Debbie Black said those two shots were game changing.

"I don't think people understand how the smallest things can make the biggest difference," she said. "Those six points were the turning

point of our game."

Eastern went on a 7-0 run after Austin Peay tied it up again. Johnson had two baskets following a three pointer from freshman Halle Stull to fuel the run.

Johnson finished the game with 15 points.

The Panthers led 47-41 going into the fourth quarter. Sophomore Grace Lennox had a pair of baskets to start the fourth quarter and the lead was up to ten with eight min-

utes to play.

Austin Peay was able to fight back as they cut the lead to just three points with a little over four minutes remaining.

The two teams exchanged free throw and then Eastern got a huge three pointer from Cox to beat the shot clock with 2:52 to play.

She scored the final for points in the game to seal the victory. Black credited her defense in a game against a team that beat them by 35

points earlier in the season.

"Our defense was stellar," she said. "We doubled down. We were all over the place. We made them take tough shots. We just stuck to the game plan and stayed with it."

The Panthers will finish up its three game home stand against Murray State next Wednesday.

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Men's basketball team falls to Austin Peay, 79-70

By Maher Kawash
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The Eastern men's basketball team was searching for its sixth-straight win, but came out empty handed.

The Panthers took on Austin Peay on Wednesday night and lost, 79-70, in Lantz Arena.

With the loss, Eastern drops to 11-14 on the season and 7-5 in OVC play.

The Panthers went into the game with a one-game lead over Murray State, but now hold just a half game lead for first place in the OVC West.

Both sides went back and forth for most of the game, but the last two minutes of the game proved to be the dagger for the Panthers.

After being tied at 66 with two minutes left to play, Eastern allowed the Governors to go on a 13-4 run to end the game.

Eastern coach Jay Spoonhour said it was just one of those nights for his team.

"Austin Peay made every play that needed to be made at the end of the game," Spoonhour said. "We were clearly trying hard, but we just weren't as connected as we have been."

While the Panthers could not get shots to fall at the end of the game, the team still received a solid per-



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Sophomore guard Cornell Johnston goes up for a jumpshot in Wednesday's game against Austin Peay. The Panthers lost, 79-70.

formance out of sophomore Cornell Johnston.

Johnston scored 16 points on the night, while adding six assists as well.

Although he had a productive game, Johnston said it does not

matter because it was not enough for the team to get the win.

Senior Trae Anderson added 11 points for the Panthers as well, while A.J. Riley scored 10 points.

The Panthers struggled with the three point shots, as they shot just

32 percent from outside the arc.

"I always hear that you can live by the three or die by the three, and tonight we died by it," Johnston said.

Austin Peay came into the game at just 4-7 in conference play so

far, but were coming off a big win against Murray State.

The Governors' momentum seemed to carry over as they kept the Panthers on the ropes the whole game.

"Every one of our games in this league is hard," Spoonhour said. "Sure, it would have been nice to win it, but we didn't do the things we needed to do to come out on top."

A big part of the loss came from the three headed monster of Chris Horton, Josh Robinson, and Kenny Jones.

Horton scored 19 points while snagging 13 rebounds, and Jones also scored 19 points as he grabbed 10 rebounds.

Robinson finished with 21 points.

"They did that to us because we had to send help so it allowed other guys to score on us," Spoonhour said.

Now the Panthers will turn their focus to next game as they welcome Southern Illinois Edwardsville into Lantz Arena on Saturday.

Eastern has just four games left in the season, and the race to qualify for the OVC tournament continues to intensify.

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