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TIME FOR TRACK

Eastern's cross country season is coming to an end, which means it's time for the beginning of track season.

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GET IT WRIGHT

Eastern's women's basketball team will be on the road to Wright State Tuesday to play against one of the NCAA's better mid-major teams. **PAGE 8**



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Massacre mystery to be solved at lecture

By Travis Moody Staff Reporter | @DEN_News

The mystery surrounding the Zong Slave-Ship Massacre will be solved Tuesday during Phi Beta Kappa's 27th annual Fall Lecture.

Michelle Faubert, professor of English, film and theatre at the University of Manitoba, will be presenting her lecture titled "The Zong Slave-Ship Massacre: A New Discovery in the British Library" from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 14 in the Doudna Fine Arts Center's Lecture Hall.

The lecture will be the final in a series of three lectures by Faubert. The series is sponsored by the Redden Foundation, the Eastern Center of the Humanities and the Phi Beta Kappa Alumni Association.

Faubert has been offered numerous scholarships from England, Germany and Canada to study suicide and its history. Faubert said her research started in the Romantic era, where she was looking at the relation between suicide and Romanticism.

"Often times, you see suicide as an act of rebellion during this period," Faubert said. "Now, it's become associated with weakness sue of slave suicide," Faubert said.

Faubert said the Romantic era brought the notion of suicide being a form of rebellion, especially for slaves in the slave trade.

"My main talking point will be about my discover of the letter," Faubert said. "Where

"I think seeing (Faubert) at work is honestly inspiring for the students and for us."

-Suzie Park, the English Research Seminar founder

and cowardice."

Her research took her to the British Library, where she found the letter she will be discussing during "The Zong Slave-Ship Massacre."

"On the surface, it doesn't seem to have that much in common with my main research on suicide and Romanticism, but as I went through the letter, I discovered there is the isdid it come from? How did it end up in the British Library? Essentially, the provenance of the letter."

Suzie Park, the English Research Seminar founder, said she wanted to find a way for a world-class scholar to visit campus to help show the relationship between teaching and research. "I think seeing (Faubert) at work is honestly inspiring for the students and for us," Park said.

Park said the lecture will provide a way for students to fully see the importance and the reason people perform research.

"We research to further the life of the mind, to encourage other people to have great ideas, and to recover great ideas that have been buried, like in Dr. Faubert's case," Park said.

English Professor C.C. Wharram said while the ideas to be presented in Faubert's lecture are over 200 years old, they still hold prevalence in modern society.

"We have authors from back then who discuss issues that are essentially the ideas of virality," Wharram said. "That being said, we didn't have the idea of viral videos until around 20 years ago."

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Senior shares experience through art

By Sisi Pascarella

Contributing Writer | @DEN_News

Sharing her personal experience with mental illness, senior studio art major Ashley Dick displayed her art exhibit last week.

Dick said she has been planning this show for about two years now, ever since she first learned about the show her sophomore year.

"Everyday is just dealing with the issues that I had and I wanted to translate that," Dick said. The art exhibit was a success, bringing in stu-

dents and faculty all three days.

"It means a lot to me," Dick said. "My professors and the chair of the art department came in to show support."

Dick showed a variety of artwork in her exhibit such as paintings with contrast of dark and bright colors, broken teacups and sculptures with lights included.

"I've got the understanding section, the statistics section," Dick said. "It's all grouped to-

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Members of Alpha Sigma Alpha get together to eat dinner at the Alpha Sigma Alpha chapter house of Greek Court Monday night. The members had a "friendsgiving" before everyone leaves for Thanksgiving break.

Debate to mirror contemporary politics

By Tom O'Connor

Staff Reporter | @DEN_News

The College Democrats and Republicans will take the debate stage at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Lumpkin Hall in an event hosted by the political science department.

Both sides have the opportunity to engage their thoughts on a host of issues, ranging from US domestic and foreign policy topics to concerns directly affecting those on Eastern's campus, such as the budget impasse that recently ended and the revocation of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals.

For Logan Klepzig, a member of the Political Science Association, the debate has the potential to bring members of both sides together despite the stark differences of opinion.

"They will hear perspectives that they do not hear otherwise, because we recognize that most young people get their news off country at large.

The Political Science Association has prepared by creating firm rules for Saturday.

"We have to recognize that politics is about debating and having an ultimate epic

"We do not have to agree with each other, but we at least hear each other out."

Logan Klepzig, a member of the Political Science Association

their Twitter feeds," Klepzig said.

Klepzig said the debate might be indicative of the direction the country has taken, but could still provide students with a greater understanding of current events facing the battle over our ideas," said Klepzig. "But we have to be careful to keep to those ideas and not the personalities and the falsehoods."

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gether."

Dick provided different note cards with all of her artwork that stated facts and statistics regarding mental health.

"I want to help people understand mental illness, in the hopes that they can help out someone else," she said.

Christopher Kahler, department chair of art and design, went to the exhibit the first two days it was open.

"I was very impressed with how well she was talking with the people that came to her exhibit, she was very professional," Kahler said.

Kahler brought students with him to the art exhibit, expressing what a great job Dick did with her work.

"I thought it was important, but also an interesting way to handle this topic," he said. "It's important to not avoid the topic of mental illness, because this is something many students can relate to."

He said she took a lot of risks with the show and it was very exciting for him to see her work.

"I had her for my Painting 2 Class, I only knew her skills with painting so I was very pleasantly surprised to see her sculpting skills," Kahler said.

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STATE AND NATION

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Analysis says Senate bill would hike taxes for 13.8M

WASHINGTON (AP) - Promoted as needed relief for the middle class, the Senate Republican tax overhaul actually would increase taxes for some 13.8 million moderate-income American households, a bipartisan analysis showed Monday.

The assessment by Congress' nonpartisan Joint Committee on Taxation emerged as the Senate's tax-writing committee began wading through the measure, working toward the first major revamp of the tax system in some 30 years.

ed work that House and Senate Republicans have done, President Donald Trump called for a steeper tax cut for wealthy Americans and pressed GOP leaders to add a contentious health care change to the already complex mix.

Trump's latest tweet injected a dose of uncertainty into the process as the Republicans try to deliver on his top legislative priority.

Trump Jr. messaged with WikiLeaks during, after campaign

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Donald Trump's oldest son on Monday released a series of direct messages he received from the Twitter account behind the WikiLeaks website, including his responses to the communications.

Donald Trump Jr.'s release of the messages on Twitter cames hours after The Atlantic first reported them. In the exchanges — some of them around the time that the website was releasing stolen emails from Democrat Hillary Clinton's campaign chairman — WikiLeaks asks Trump Jr. to push its leaks and to release his father's tax returns to the site.

The documents released by Trump Jr. show him responding three times, at one point agreeing to "ask around" about a political action committee WikiLeaks had mentioned. He also asked the site about a rumor about an upcoming leak. The messages began

That puts him at odds with the House legislation that leaves the top rate at 39.6 percent and the Senate bill as written, with the top rate at 38.5 percent.

Overall, the legislation would deeply cut corporate taxes, double the standard deduction used by most Americans, and limit or repeal completely the federal deduction for state and local property, income and sales taxes. It carries high political stakes for Trump and Republican leaders in Congress, who view passage of tax cuts as critical to the GOP preserving its majorities at the polls next year.

With few votes to spare, Republicans leaders hope to finalize a tax overhaul by Christmas and send the legislation to Trump for his signature.

Trump and the Republicans have promoted the legislation as a boon to the middle class, bringing tax relief to people with moderate incomes and boosting the economy to create new jobs.

in September 2016 and ran through July.

Trump Jr. downplayed the exchanges as he released them.

The direct messages had been turned over to congressional committees investigating Russian intervention in the 2016 election and if there were any links to Trump's campaign.

In a statement, Trump Jr.'s lawyer said thousands of documents had been turned over to the committees.

WikiLeaks editor Julian Assange tweeted after The Atlantic report that he couldn't confirm the messages but then defended them after Trump Jr. released them.

Democrats swiftly reacted to the report, saying Trump Jr. should provide more information. California Rep. Adam Schiff, the top Democrat on the House intelligence committee, says it "demonstrates once again a willingness by the highest levels of the Trump campaign to accept foreign assistance.'

Democratic Sen. Richard Blumenthal, a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said that panel should subpoena the documents and force Trump Jr. to publicly testify. Trump Jr. spoke privately to staff in March.

The analysis found that the Senate measure would actually increase taxes in 2019 for 13.8 million households earning less than \$200,000 a year. That group, about 10 percent of all taxpayers, would face tax increases of \$100 to \$500 in 2019. There also would be increases greater than \$500 for a number of taxpayers, especially those with incomes between \$75,000 and \$200,000. By 2025, 21.4 million households would have steeper tax bills.

The analysts previously found a similar magnitude of tax increases under the House bill.

A group of more than 400 millionaires and billionaires, including prominent figures such as Ben and Jerry's founders Ben Cohen and Jerry Greenfield, designer Eileen Fisher and financier George Soros, asked Congress to reject the GOP tax plan and not give cuts to the super-wealthy like themselves.

New sex assault allegation hits Moore; withdrawal calls grow

WASHINGTON (AP) - A second woman emerged Monday to accuse Roy Moore of sexually assaulting her as a teenager in the late 1970s, this time in a locked car, further roiling the Alabama Republican's candidacy for an open Senate seat. Moore strongly denied it, even as his own party's leaders intensified their efforts to push him out of the race.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell took a remarkably personal swipe at his party's candidate for a Senate seat the GOP cannot afford to lose. "I believe the women," he said, marking an intensified effort by leaders to ditch Moore before a Dec. 12 special election that has swung from an assured GOP victory to one that Democrats could conceivably swipe.

UN agency report shows Iran meeting nuclear commitments

VIENNA (AP) — The United Nations agency monitoring Iran's compliance with a landmark nuclear treaty issued a report Monday certifying that the country is keeping its end of the deal that U.S. President Donald Trump claims Tehran has violated repeatedly.

The International Atomic Energy Agency report stopped short of declaring that Iran is honoring its obligations, in keeping with its official role as an impartial monitor of the restrictions the treaty placed on Tehran's nuclear programs.

But in reporting no violations, the quarterly review's takeaway was that Iran was honoring its commitments to crimp uranium enrichment and other activities that can serve both civilian and military nuclear programs.

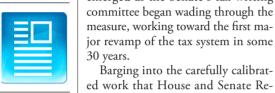
Last month, Trump refused to certify as required by U.S. law that Iran was in compliance with the agreement. He said Iran had committed several earlier violations and was receiving disproportionate relief from international sanctions as part of the treaty.

Trump gave Congress 60 days to review whether the U.S. should re-impose sanctions on Iran or otherwise amend the conditions for participating in the treaty. Washington stands alone among the six world powers that signed the deal in opposing it.

U.S. lawmakers could decide to snap back sanctions on Iran, keep the status quo or, as the Trump administration has suggested, amend or replace the law that compel the president to reaffirm Iran's compliance with the deal every 90 days.

The requirements of the Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act could be broadened to make sanctions relief for Iran contingent on factors beyond the nuclear deal's scope, such as Tehran halting ballistic missile testing — something Iran has said it would not do.

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- The Zong Slave-Ship Massacre: A New Discovery | 5:00 PM | Doudna Lecture Hall Dr. Michelle Faubert shares her real-life story of discovering an important letter on the Zong slave-ship massacre.
- Asian American Association Meeting | 6:00 PM 7:00 PM | 2761 Coleman Hall

Returning members, new friends, and guests are all invited!

Percussion Ensemble Concert | 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM | Doudna Fine Arts Center

Soul Street Dance Company set to perform

By Kennedy Nolen Multicultural Reporter | @KennedyNolenEIU

Four dancers from Soul Street Dance Company will make their debut at Eastern with their "Breakin' Backwards" show at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in The Theatre in the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

A second show will also be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the same location.

The team of dancers is based out of Houston, Texas, and they perform choreography ranging from Vivaldi to rock to hip-hop.

Soul Street Dance Company has completed two European tours and will prepare for an upcoming tour in Haiti.

Dan Crews, interim director of programming, publicity and promotions, said the staff at Doudna thought it was a good idea to present Soul Street Dance Company two times so it gives students extra opportunities to attend.

Staff at Doudna thought the week before Thanksgiving break was an appropriate time to have them perform because students can enjoy a show before returning home for a week, he said.

The four members come from different backgrounds and some have been in previous dance groups before joining Soul Street Dance Company.

Javier Garcia and Rock Williams are both co-founders and make up half of the group of



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Four dancers from Soul Street Dance Company will be performing at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday nights in The Theatre at The Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Soul Street Dance Company. Garcia has been performing for over 10 years and Williams has 24 years of experience under his belt.

"It's hard to tell if they are dancers or athletes," Crews said about the dancers' talent. Crews said not only will students think the performance is entertaining, but a lot of people will also enjoy the music they are dancing to.

"As they do their presentation, students will really enjoy it. It's something directly connected to their demographic," Crews said.

Soul Street Dance Company's agent in New York City suggested to Crews that the group's performances may be something of interest to the students at Eastern, he said.

"I gave them a shot, and I thought it was something we have not done in a long, long time," Crews said.

The dance group not only performs choreography, but they also host workshops for dancers.

In conjunction with the two performances, Soul Street Dance Company will also host a workshop for students interested in learning techniques.

There will be an outreach program at 1:15 p.m. Wednesday at the LifeSpan Center.

While this will be the first time Soul Street Dance Company will be performing at Eastern as a group, Crews mentioned one of the members had been to Eastern previously around 15 years ago with a different group of dancers.

"We hope students will enjoy it, and I know they will," Crews said.

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Students can vote for student government positions

Staff Report | @DEN News

Online voting for Fall 2017 student government positions is now open.

Surveys are sent through students' Panthermail accounts.

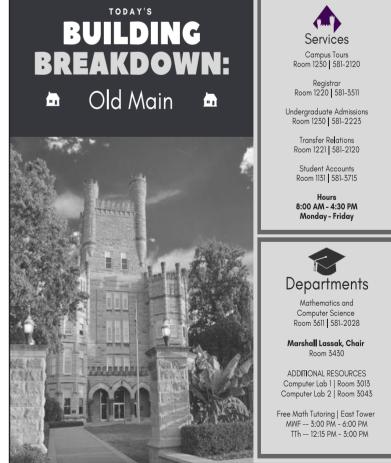
All current Eastern students can cast their votes for a candidate for senator.

Students can only vote once. Voting opened Monday and will end at 11:59 p.m Tuesday.

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Prepare your food, don't wear it



Credit yourself for who you already are

"Nobody's perfect."

I have found those two words spoken to me on several occasions. Whether it is through advice after a less than desirable situation I found myself in prior or it is accompanied by laughter after I embarrass myself, that phrase has a habit of popping up.

That phrase is something I can always count on the people around me to say to uplift me in one way or another. It is a phrase I find myself saying to others for the same effect.

But when I am alone and I need a brief moment of encouragement, those two words never pop into my mind, let alone reach the tip of my tongue.

These two words are meant to comfort us as much as they are to humble us. As humans, our live are our personal ongoing experiments to get something right, to be someone, to make this time count.

However, while we try to find ways to improve ourselves and reach the next step closer to these goals, we often lose sight of who we already are.

Much like our fingerprints, we are all individually unique. There are over 7 billion of us crowded on this planet and with that, there are also over 7 billion attributes that make us all capable of doing extraordinary things.

Too often, we compare ourselves to others. Too often, we let this blind us from our own strengths.

I know I am guilty of this on several degrees. My entire life, I have never been good at math.



Carole Hodorowicz

Every math class, formula and number I encountered was a reminder that I was stupid. No matter how hard I tried to grasp a subject, I found myself defeated and surrounded by nothing besides insecurity and pencils with worn down erasers and broken tips. Every day of school when it was time to crack open my math book, I found myself crawling into a shell to mask my embarrassment and hide how lost I was in class.

It was not until high school that I realized fate a different equation for me. Formulating concepts and ideas, adding words together and putting a pen to paper were the equations I was always meant to solve.

I found this talent and self-esteem later in life because I allowed for insecurities to out shine my strengths. This is something I still find myself doing at 20 years old.

Whether I am battling with the mirror over my physical appearance or trying to suppress an internal conflict as to why I am not more like my peers I envy, I forget to give myself credit for who I am and what I can do.

Reminding ourselves of our strengths is something we should make time for in schedules every day. We set aside time to brush our teeth, but we do not set aside a moment to look inside ourselves and remind ourselves of the great things we have done and the great things we can do in the future.

With all of the pressure to be different and be successful, we forget that is what we already are.

You are not the only person grappling with this conflict. Be mindful with yourself and others. If you see something you like about someone, do not be afraid to tell them. Your peers need a reminder just as much as you do.

Be patient with yourself. Give yourself a break instead of choosing to sweat the small stuff.

Although you may be your harshest critic, you are also your strongest ally.

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Staff Editorial Doing small things adds to the big contribution

Whenever we achieve something, no matter how big or small, we should hold on to the feeling of accomplishment, even if what we did does not seem like a big deal to others.

For instance, you might not be the student in a million registered student organizations who also has a full-time job and social life.

But you can get involved in small ways. For instance, the University Board is now tabling and surveying students to see who they should bring to play in the upcoming Spring Concert.

Even voting for something as seemingly small as who is going to play the Spring Concert can make you feel more involved on campus, or like you had a say in what events go on. And it only takes a few minutes if you use your email.

Do not be one of those students who complains about what the Spring Concert is going to be if you did not bother voting for the artist you want. The more feedback the UB gets, the more likely they will be able to pick a musician who students will really want.

Likewise, student government is now holding elections for new senators. While it looks like there will be more seats than people on it, according to the survey sent out, you still have the option to only vote for a few who you think are best qualified, or vote for them all if you so choose. The point is, you have a choice. Even if it is in a 'small' way, by voting for senators, you will have a say in who is representing the student body, who you are a part of. Both of these entities are actively asking for your participation and feedback. There are no real reasons not to take a few short minutes to give it to them. These little steps to getting involved could even lead to you doing more, if you so let it. Maybe through looking at the musicians listed by the UB you realize you do not really like any of them, or you realize you do not really know enough about the school through voting for student senators. If this is the case, start branching out to getting more involved. Go to a few student senate meetings, and see what it will take to run. Join a committee on the UB, and plan some events you think students would enjoy on campus.

Take caffeine in responsible, safe doses

Aside from not being able to get out of bed and make an attempt to have a successful day, my mornings are rather enjoyable.

I follow the same routine, that is when I do eventually get up, and it is a routine I have carried with me since high school.



So if we do the math and incorporate all those shots of expressos and extra large cups that are more like two cups in one, I am positive that there are plenty of us who drink beyond the 400 milligrams and are miraculously alive.

On top of that if some of us take supplements, there might be caffeine hidden in small print on the labels that range anywhere from about one cup of coffee to two. Long story short, I know that it is hard to capture the energy to get out of bed and start the day and continue through the day while still maintaining an energetic demeanor to get work done. I also know how insulting it is to say "well sleep more than maybe you wouldn't be so tired," because I stay up into the wee hours of the morning working on homework because I cannot seem to keep up during the week. However, safety and health should be our priority and there are ways to curb our caffeine fix while still feeling "energized." Try drinking tea or eating healthier foods such as fruit which should offer a more healthier energy kick. Regardless of the method, anything will be better than risking a caffeine overdose.

I wake up, use the latrines, attempt to finish last minute homework and of course I make a pot of coffee (not exactly in that order, but you get the gist of it.)

Adding my grandmother to my recent morning mix makes it feel like I am 16 again and worrying about why I still do not have a date for the dance.

However, whether I was in high school or rushing to get to class in college, I never left my humble abode without a cup of coffee.

Coffee is my addiction, one that runs in the family and is hard to abandon.

Yet, despite the comforting aroma that brings comfort on some of the worst days and the warm feel of the first sip the liquid gold trickling down my sore, dry throat, I know I am slowly killing myself.

Caffeine kills.

Our comfort drink that we rely on to get us through the morning, or even the day is our poison that threatens us regardless of our denial.

It is heartbreaking knowing that my savior, my only means of energy that I use to smile

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Analicia Haynes

throughout the day turns on me with every sip. Of course, I am exaggerating a bit but then

again as I write this I am past deadline for the creation of the newspaper and in desperate need of another "pick me up" before the day reaches an end.

Yes, caffeine is unhealthy, but it is and too much of it can cause more harm than good.

Still, I am sure that there are other people out there who share my same coffee-drinking vice and rely on more than four venti cups just to get us to lunch time.

Unfortunately, according to the Mayo Clinic we are only supposed to consume up to 400 milligrams of coffee a day, which equals about four cups.

Survey action



Co- Cordinator for Concerts Katelynn Yuhas (left), a junior business management major, and Molly Ham (right), a junior career and technical education major and a committee member for concerts, help students fill out surveys online for the Eastern Spring Concert, at Thomas Hall Monday afternoon.

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Dick said she thinks this is a good first step in helping opening people's eyes to mental illness and how many people are affected by it.

She said it's not always effective trying to help people understand by just talking to them, so she decided to use visual representations.

"It's more effective to show an image for people to grasp onto and realize it's something we need to talk about," she said.

Dick brought in a white sheet to put over her desk for everyone that visited her exhibit to sign, as a way to show others that there are more people out there that would understand.

"If we can help it, we need to stop people from hurting themselves. People feel like they're so different and they're not," Dick said. "We just need to spread a little bit more under-



SUBMITTED PHOTO The photo shows a painting from the art gallery.

standing, which is why I chose this particular topic to portray in my art work."

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Klepzig said the Political Science Association created the debate in part to show that while partisanship in contemporary America can be attributed to politicians, the general public has also contributed to these sharp divides.

The College Democrats and Republicans will each open and close the debate with a manifesto, outlining the respective viewpoints of the political parties.

The Political Science Association has developed three or four questions per subject matter and both parties will be given a chance to respond.

A coin flip will determine the order in which the two sides participate.

Political science professor John Morris will moderate the debate. "That is the whole point of poli-

FILE PHOTO | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Jon Bell, a public administration major, and Sam Cundari, a political science major, argued on behalf of the EIU College Republicans during last year's campus debate. This year's debate will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Lumpkin Hall.

tics," said Klepzig. "We do not have to agree with each other, but we at least hear each other out."

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He said that despite the age of these works, they still make us reflect on ourselves today.

Wharram knew Faubert from a few years ago, where they were on the same panel discussing the work of science relating to the romantic period.

"Our topics were kind of similar, though hers was annoyingly more prolific than mine," Wharram said.

From this, Wharram helped to bring Faubert to Eastern to present on her ground-breaking research.

Faubert said each lecture she gives is always different, and she is excited to see what tomorrow's lecture brings.

"Every audience asks different questions to keep me on my toes," Faubert said. "I'm sure the bright minds here at Eastern will be no exception. I think it's going to be a very good lecture."

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Singularity misses the mark, misconstrues direction

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Set in a world where a supercomputer starts making decisions on whether or not the human race should be destroyed, a new science fiction film called *Singularity* is recreating the controversial topic of robots taking over the world.

Within the story, a corporation called the VA industries creates all of the robots in 2017. By the time 2019 comes around, almost every household owns a robot in the likeness of the human form.

Robots are soon created for the military and they become automatic.

The whole idea surrounding this movie is that mankind is violent, which is why the robots begin to rebel against them.

These military robots in the movie look like small versions of Transformers or the metal suits seen in Avatar. In 2020, the creator of the robots, Elias Van Dorne, played by John Cusack, comes up with a supercomputer named Kronos.

He decides to activate the computer, originally intending to help mankind. Instead, the Kronos begins to launch missiles to the world, as it thinks the only way to make things right is to wipe out mankind.

This plot has been done many times before, and frankly, it is overdone. The whole "Robots have taken over the world" idea has been created over and over again.

In this day and age, it is difficult to make a good, compelling movie that sparks an audience's interest in seeing the situation in a new light.

This is where the director fell short in coming up with a new idea for this concept. If there was more of a reason for the robots to rebel against mankind than just disliking human nature, it would have made for a better movie.

Since the human race has a long track record with violence throughout history, the movie could have given the robots better reasons to end the violence.

Instead, the director focused more on the high-tech CGI within the movie when he should have developed the storyline.

The director chooses to just blatantly state the whole plot right in the beginning, with a few random twists and turn of events that have nothing to do with the whole story, including the love story with the main characters.

Most of the movie is set in a world 97 years later. At this point, nature has taken over everything and 8 billion people have lost their lives.

Viewers are introduced to an independent humanoid drone named Andrew Davis, who is played by Julian Schaffner.

Andrew cannot distinguish himself as a robot. He runs into Calia, played by Jeannine Wacker, after being attacked by a military robot. They head to a safe haven called Aurora, not knowing that VA industries are following them.

The subplot of seeing a human fall for an android of a deceased human is unique on the

writer's part, but overall weird and ridiculous. The characters did not develop a relationship aside from the human saving the android time and time again.

Most of this movie is filler for a very basic concept that we all know and love, which was basically explained within the first 30 minutes of the movie. It is interesting how anyone could figure the whole plot of this story so fast, yet the director could not. It explains why the movie only got a 5.9/10 on IMDb.

The CGI in this movie is fairly good, although the acting is not the best and the camera angles are very shaky. The storyline could use some more work, especially when it comes to developing the characters.

Overall, it is a three-star movie. It is not that great to watch unless you are really bored and you have nothing else better to do.

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Eastern cross country transitions to track

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After the women's track and field team finished second and the men's team finished first in last year's OVC Indoor Championships, the two teams are ready to get this year underway.

Some of the runners have already had a start to their running regimen this year from their cross country season, but going from cross country to track does not seem to be causing any problems for those who are taking on that task.

Senior Lea Viano said her only real struggle is the breathing aspect. She said going from outdoor running with fresh air to indoor running takes some adjustments with breathing. She also said that depending on the race, the pace might be faster.

To get ready for some of these fast-paced races, she said the teams do faster-type workouts to get their bodies acclimated.

Erin Howarth, the cross country and distance coach, said she does not think it is hard for the athletes to transition from one season to the other.

"Usually the cross country season lays out an incredible foundation for us to build upon," she said. "We put in so many miles, so many lengthy workouts that by the time the track workouts and races roll around, it is easier to bite off and chew."

She also said the training and preparation is not that different, and that the biggest difference for many is the need to get into the race right from the gun in track.



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Tori Master, a 2016 graduate, cleared a hurdle Friday during the 2016-2017 Spring track season at Lantz Fieldhouse. Master earned a first place finish in the 400-meter hurdle with a time of 1:06.34.

"Cross country often allows you to work your way into the race, perhaps take it a bit slower off the line and move up throughout the race, passing 10-to-15 people at a time," she said. "But since track races are smaller, you can't afford to do that quite as much."

Viano said she is excited for this track and field season.

"With it being my senior year and my last track season, it's bittersweet but exciting at the same time," Viano said. "I have been running track for 11 years now. I'm looking forward to competing with my teammates and hopefully bringing home another Conference Champ Title on both women and men's teams."

She said she is focusing on making her last track season a successful one. She said she has never been able to compete at a track indoor conference championship, and with Eastern hosting it this year, it is her main goal to be able to compete.

Howarth said the biggest expectation this season is that everyone competes in each race with as much confidence as possible for their coaches, teammates and themselves.

"Those who put in the miles over winter break end up starting off the indoor season with great races, which leads to ample confidence, which leads to tremendous races, which leads to being on the conference team, which often leads to championships," she said.

Viano said there is some downtime for those who ran cross country before training starts over Christmas break for the track season, but she believes everyone will put in the necessary work and will all be ready for a successful season.

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Baldwin sets Eastern 6K record, places 62nd

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Senior Maria Baldwin led all Eastern runners by finishing in 62nd place with a time of 21 minutes 21 seconds, which set the all-time Eastern 6K record.

Eastern competed hard but ended up finishing in 23rd out of 28 for the women and 22nd for the men.

Junior Ali Gutt ran well and earned a career top five Eastern 6K time with her 72nd place with a time of 21:29. Senior Caroline Collet placed for the women too in 187th place.

The season is finished as the OVC Championship

wrapped up the last regular season competition for many of the Eastern runners Oct. 28, while a handful of runners were sent down to Iowa State for the NCAA Midwest Regional meet.

After an improved third-place finish for the women's team in the conference meet and another fourthplace finish for the men's team, the team had many OVC honored runners.

Baldwin and senior Chris Orlow earned first-team All-OVC and freshman Dustin Hatfield earned second team All-OVC. They were the team leaders going into the regional meet.

The NCAA Midwest Regional meet marked the

last meet for Eastern cross country for the 2017 cross country season. Both the men's and women's team sent runners to represent Eastern, with Chris Orlow leading eight other male runners and Maria Baldwin leading seven other runners.

Her season was once again very productive with a second-place finish in the opening meet of the year and first place finishes for EIU women throughout the year and a terrific conference race that gave her another first team All-OVC.

The men had to battle adversity as they competed in a 10K race instead of the 8K they are accustomed to. For the men's team, Chris Orlow led the team with his time of 30:21.32, which was good for 64th overall. Sophomore Marcus Skinner finished just outside the top 100 with a 102nd place finish with a time of 30:54.88. Redshirt freshman Matt Lay also finished just shy of top 100 with a 106th place finish.

Iowa State won both the men's and women's championship. Now that the season is completed, many Eastern runners head into preparation for the track and field season.

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Eastern traveling to Wright State

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After opening its season against one of the top mid-major programs in the country, the Eastern women's basketball team will travel to Wright State Tuesday where they will once again matchup with one the NCAA's better mid-major teams.

Wright State is coming off a 25-9 season where it advanced to its third straight WNIT tournament appearance and this season expectations are even higher as they return all five starters from last year's team.

Of the five starters returning for the Raiders is senior guard Chelsea Welch who was named the Horizon League's preseason player of the year. She averaged a team high 18.8 points per game last season and scored in double figures in 33 of the Raiders 34 games, all of which she started in.

Welch presents multiple threats on the floor, she averaged 5.1 points per game, 110 assists, 20 blocks and 70 steals.

"She is just a really quick guard. A lefty that goes left really hard. She gets to the rim and makes plays and she can shoot as well. She can score in a variety of ways," coach Matt Bollant said.

While Welch is Wright State's biggest scoring threat, she is by no means their only one.

Forward Lexi Smith is also returning to the starting lineup. She averaged 12.8 points per game and a team-high 8.9 rebounds. Defense in the paint was a concern for the Panthers after their 93-64 loss to Northern Illinois, which means Smith and her ability to score from inside makes her a dangerous partner against Eastern to Welch.

Eastern attempted 70 shots in the loss against Northern, making just 24 of them, including just 3-of-19 in the second quarter.

Bollant said just playing with more poise on offense to eliminate poor quarters like the second one against Northern Illinois has been the main thing stressed to the team heading into the Wright State game.

"We just didn't make the shots when we got them and we didn't



Senior Grace Lennox drives to the basket before making a layup in Eastern's 77-70 win over Indiana State Nov. 3 in Lantz Arena. Eastern plays on the road at Wright State Tuesday.

necessarily run a great offense. So we are just looking to play with more poise and run a better offense I'd like to anticipate," Bollant said.

Both Wright State and Northern Illinois were teams that won over 20 games last season and for the Panthers to open up their regular season against two very good teams is not ideal, it does provide Bollant a good look at where his new team is at, he said.

"It shows you the things you need to get better at," Bollant said. "When you play against great teams you learn a lot about yourself and you learn the things that you have a way to go on. The good thing about playing good teams right away you know (is) we have a long way to go defensively and have a lot of growing to do as a quality team."

Wright State won its first game of the season over Northern Ohio 106-52 at home.

The Raiders put up 81 total shots against Northern Ohio and shot 45 percent from the field.

Welch scored a game-high 25 points and pulled in eight rebounds. Junior guard MacKenzie Taylor added 20 points of her own in the game.

The game between Eastern and Wright State tips-off at 6 p.m Tuesday night.

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Bollant signs three basketball recruits

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New Eastern coach Matt Bollant signed the first recruits of his Eastern career last week. Bollant signed three high school athletes, including two guards and a forward.

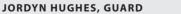
When Bollant and his staff set out for recruits they were looking first and foremost for hardworking athletes who want to spend time in the gym and love the game of basketball. And he believes he found what he was looking for with this class.

"We're really excited. I think they are going to help our program take a step forward," Bollant said. "They are all really talented players who are really driven and did extremely well in the classroom and they played for some quality AAU programs and high school programs as well. So I think we got a really good start, on really what is our first class in the fall."

The guard tandem is made up of Iowa native Kira Arthofer and Jordyn Hughes of Gurnee. Arthofer is in her

Fresh faces on the court





senior season and was being recruited by Big 10 schools before she tore her ACL and was out for her junior season. As a sophomore she averaged 12 points per game, 4.3 steals and 3.4 assists.

In her most recent game, Arthofer scored 36 points and 12 rebounds. Hughes finished with 15.5 points

per game and 6.2 rebounds in her junior season of high school.

The two guards could well be the heirs to senior point guard Grace Lennox who will graduate after this season leaving big shoes to fill. However, head coach Matt Bollant is confident the players coming in.

"Obviously Grace (Lennox) is a

great point guard and we're looking, but it won't probably be just one player to replace her," Bollant said. "Hopefully you're going to have a couple of kids step up and do some things.

Arthofer specifically is a point guard, but Bollant does think comparisons to Lennox are fair.

"Hopefully, we'd love if she could develop into a great point guard, I don't think its fair to her to say 'who wants to be Grace Lennox?' But we want her to develop into a really good point guard."

One area specifically Bollant and his staff wanted to address in recruiting was finding a post player to compliment the guards of the team. This is why the third recruit, forward Abby Wahl from Indiana, came on to Eastern's radar.

Wahl averaged 20 points per game and 9.3 rebounds as a junior at Heritage Hills High School in Lincoln City, Ind.

"Abby is a true post who likes to leap out and likes to bang (in the post)," Bollant said. "I think we lack depth in that position for sure."

Wahl will fit into a core of forwards that includes, current players Halle Stull, Grace McRae, Jennifer Nehls, Vuyelwa Magalela and Zharia Lenoir.

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ABBY WAHL, FORWARD



KIRA ARTHORFER, GUARD