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Graduate students step up to help REC

By **Analicia Haynes**
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As the budget impasse continues to impair Illinois colleges and universities, the staff at the Student Recreation Center does their best to stay afloat while the rest of the state sinks.

After the previous director retired three years ago, and the administrative assistant retired as a result of the recent layoffs, Sarah Daugherty, the program director, and intramural director Kevin Linker are the only two full time professional staff members.

Daugherty said campus recreation is funded 100 percent on student fees. Since enrollment was on a downhill slide after the director retired in 2013 the budget for the REC also declined.

As a result, Daugherty was named lead manager rather than the Center introducing an interim director.

"It's a big job and I don't pretend to be fantastic at it, but my main goal is to keep things operating," Daugherty said. "I want the doors open and the facility safe and clean so we do what we have to do to keep it that way."

Daugherty said she took over the countless responsibilities a director would typically have and the doors would not be open if not for the six graduate assistants who stepped up to the plate.

"If there is ever a time when I desperately need to keep all six graduate students it's now. Without them we cannot function," Daugherty said.

Daugherty said the graduate assistants become more imperative with every staff member they lose.

In their 2017 budget proposal, campus recreation requested \$204,000. Daugherty said they want to keep the six graduate assistants, which will cost \$54,000 out of that \$204,000.

Daugherty said the graduate assistants help with scheduling the facility, scheduling the student staff, running fitness and intramural programs and manage the maintenance for equipment.

"These people are getting an experience unlike any other as a graduate assistant," Daugherty said. "It's good for us and it's good for them and we can provide something that you can't encounter in many places."

Brittany Hoskins, one of the graduate assistants, said each assistant has responsibilities which would be done by professionals at other universities.

Hoskins said she is in charge of social media and marketing, memberships and technology and helps out with the monitor and cleaner responsibilities.

Hoskins said she came from a school that had a budget and plenty of professional staff.

"The reason why I came here is because I really wanted a different environment and well this was it," Hoskins said. "There I would have been stuck doing the same things on and off."

Currently, full time students pay \$72 a semester toward campus recreation.

Daugherty said even though campus recreation does not receive state funding, they are still negatively affected by the budget impasse because they cannot make repairs unless they are health and safety necessary.

"We're not spending if we don't have to," Daugherty said. "We have good days and bad days like anyone else but we're making it."

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Jasmine Price, a sophomore family and consumer science major, Briana Wesley, a sophomore health studies major, Taylor Flournoy, a junior family and consumer sciences, and Sylvia Watt, a freshman biology major, dance for a music video Thursday at "Panther Stock" in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.



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Corey Ruffin, a freelance artist of 15 years, draws Morgan Shaffer, a senior communication studies major and Sammy Berry, a senior sociology major, in the Bridge Lounge of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Thursday during "Panther Stock." Ruffin said he has been doing this type of work for so long, it is second nature to him.



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Kelsea Higgins, a freshman accounting major, fills out an adoption certificate for the Stuff-A-Bear she made Thursday in the University Ballroom during "Panther Stock."

Panther Stock brings students to Union

By **Abbey Whittington**
Entertainment Editor | @DEN_News

Students, faculty and community members gathered together with their friends and families in line for several activities at "Panther Stock," hosted by the University Board, in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Brianna Harbold, designer for the UB and a senior graphic design major, was working at the Stuff-A-Bear table and said she was excited for Panic! at the Disco on Friday.

"I cannot wait to be in the crowd and listening to their music live," Harbold said.

Harbold also said she enjoyed working at the Stuff-A-Bear because she thought the stuffed animals were cute.

Brinton Vincent, a graduate assistant in the Office of Student Life, said he thought there had been a steady crowd throughout the night.

"I think a lot of students are enjoying themselves here," Vincent said. "There is definitely long lines here at the caricature artist and a lot of people getting bears, so I think it's going well."

"I secretly want them to play 'I Write Sins Not Tragedies' just because I want to relive my childhood, but if not it's OK, I can just listen to it at home."

Brinton Vincent, graduate assistant in the Office of Student Life

Even though Vincent said he thought there would be a bigger crowd, he thought there was still a good amount of people to show up for the activities.

He was in charge of overseeing the event, and said he noticed the caricature artist seemed to be a favorite for the participants. Vincent would also be overseeing the ushers on Friday for the Panic! at the Disco concert.

"I love Panic! at the Disco, and they have just come out with a new album so I have been listening to that. My favorite song on the album is 'LA Devotee,'" Vincent said. "I secretly want them to play 'I Write Sins Not Tragedies' just because I want to relive my childhood, but if not it's OK, I can just listen to it at home."

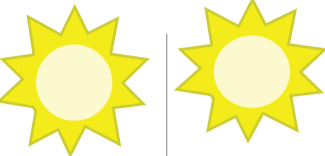
In addition to students and other community members, Madison Tracy, a resident of Bridgeport, drove for almost two hours with her boyfriend after seeing the event on Facebook, to come enjoy the activities at "Panther Stock." Tracy made a key chain when she was there.

"Panther Stock" had several free activities for participants including license plate decorating, video games including "Street Fighter V," "NBA 2k16" and "Injustice: Gods Among Us," Stuff-A-Bear, a green screen to be in music videos, caricature drawings, roller skating and 3D printing of portraits onto glass key chains and cubes.

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Dance group reaches diverse audience

By T'Nerra Butler
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Hard hitting and precise movements in front of different audiences is what the organization Rhythm & X-Tacy has been up to this semester, and they plan to keep bringing the moves.

Since their first steps, these women said they have been dancing and have carried that passion into the dance group Rhythm & X-Tacy.

The group started around 10 years ago when someone saw a need for artistic expression to be shown through movement.

For the last four years, Lorie Saint Cyr, the president of Rhythm and X-Tacy, said she has dedicated her time and efforts to the group.

She said the group filled with dancers provided a family-like atmosphere.

Rhythm and X-Tacy is a group that is made up of people who come from different walks of life, Saint Cyr said. She said with the diverse and creative group on campus, students get a chance to witness the variety that Eastern has to offer.

"Dancing is an expressive art, as well as an expression of how I feel," Saint Cyr said. "It's a way for me to show what emotion I am feeling in a unique way."

Relaxation is the first word that Saint Cyr said comes to mind when she thinks about dancing.

She said for anyone dance could be a form of meditation, or a high when someone is feeling low.

She said when she is on a stage in front of a huge crowd she channels positive vibes and shares her talent with campus. This semester, Rhythm and X-Tacy has performed at four events including the Soul Train event during African-American Heritage Month, The Global Culture Night, and at a Couture Model's fashion show.

Sekiyah Ware, the vice president of the organization, said they are trying to get the word out about the organization and collaborations around campus have been helping that.

Ware said her dance background is limitless with being in ballet, modern, jazz, hip-hop and other genres of dance.

She said being a young and energetic child pushed her mother to channel all of her vitality into something positive.

"I started with ballet and to this day, that is probably the best genre of dance I can do," Ware said.

Ware said the group has a hard-hitting dance style that incorporates pre-



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De'ja Dade, a sophomore theatre arts major, teaches a new dance to the Rhythm and X-tacy dance team on Jan. 26, 2015, in the racquetball courts of Lantz Arena in preparation for their performance on Feb. 9, 2015.

ise and fast movements. She said they love to do intense, complicated choreography that keeps the crowd intrigued.

"No matter what we always come hard," Ware said. "It's exhilarating."

The best part about being in a "unique" organization like Rhythm and X-Tacy would be the bonds, Ware said.

She said she would have never thought she would have built such a comradery without the organization giving her the room to.

Briana Wesley, the secretary for Rhythm and X-Tacy, said they are a group of hard workers who share a love of artistic expression, specifically with dance.

"Dance is just unexplainable, it's something that I have always loved," Wesley said. "Dance is life and I do it all the time."

Wesley said the organization brings entertainment to campus and something diverse to look at. She said everyone needs some kind of outlet, and this is hers.

Dancing can be something that builds a person in numerous ways, Ware said. She said it builds confidence and character.

"It doesn't matter what walk of life you come from or where you've been, once you find your own beat, it's amazing," Ware said.

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Students to help increase autism awareness

By Jeff Coy
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The National Student Speech Language Hearing Association will be hosting Zumba for Autism at the Student Recreation Center Saturday from 2 to 5 p.m. to celebrate Autism Awareness Month.

Tickets are \$3 in advance and \$5 at the door. All proceeds go the Eastern Autism Center. There will be two Zumba instructors during the event while supporters are free to participate at their own discretion.

NSSLHA is a pre-professional organization for students pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in communication disorders and sciences. According to Eastern's website, the university chapter of NSSLHA was created because of the desires of stu-

dents for a closer affiliation with professionals in the CDS discipline.

"This is a fun event to get everyone excited and raise awareness for autism," Meghan Levy, a graduate assistant for the Autism Center, said. "I feel like so often there is a stigma or stereotype with someone with autism."

Levy believes this is a great way to overcome the misconceptions toward people with autism.

"There's just a lot for people to learn about autism so we're handing out some information and just trying to spread the word," Levy said.

This event has taken place at Eastern in previous years, but not annually. Last year, the student organization hosted a softball game to raise awareness.

"I thought it would be a good idea to bring back Zumba because they

don't have Zumba as a fitness class anymore at the REC Center," Elizabeth Rumbaugh, a senior communication disorders and sciences major, said.

Rumbaugh coordinated the event as the autism representative for NSSLHA. She was inspired to help people with autism after teaching swimming lessons to children with the disorder. Rumbaugh also said she expects there to be a great turnout to the event.

Mary Beth Xenakis serves as the president of the NSSLHA and is the graduate assistant for Students with Autism Transitional Education Programs (STEP), a program that helps Eastern students with autism transition into the college environment, which includes organizing social events and helping them with time

management.

"We've been working with a lot of college students with autism and just kind of seeing the challenges they go through every day I wanted to do something for April. I feel like it would be wrong not to," Xenakis said. "Our profession works a lot with people with autism so this is another way for us to get involved."

According to the Center for Disease Control, autism is the most common developmental disorder. This has led to one in every 68 children meeting the criteria for diagnosis.

"It's just another way for us to raise money for the autism center and continue to provide these services at a low price for families," Levy said.

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What's Happening on Campus?

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K-Pop flash mob honors Asian Heritage Month

By **Analia Haynes**
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In honor of Asian Heritage Month, international students from South Korea and students from the Asian studies department danced to K-Pop tunes Thursday afternoon surprising passer-bys with a flash mob in the Library Quad.

Hunter Worthey, a junior history major, organized the flash mob and said she thought of the idea a year ago but there were not enough people who were interested to participate.

"I wanted to show that Americans are also interested in Korean culture as much as Koreans are interested in American culture," Worthey said.

Jisoo Kim, a junior marketing major, is in her second semester at Eastern and returns to South Korea at the end of the semester.

Kim said she participated in the flash mob because she wanted to show Americans that there is good stuff in Korea.

"Most Americans don't know much about Korea," Kim said. "Especially about North Korea. They think of us as one country but we are totally different countries we just share the same name, it's kind of sad."

Kim said there are many prejudices about North and South Korea and she said she wanted to fix those in

the minds of Americans.

As for the choice of music, Kim said they decided to use K-Pop music because it has become popular in Europe and the States.

Worthey said she was hooked on K-Pop in high school and wanted to include the music in the dance because it has become a big phenomenon in the world.

"(Dancing) was embarrassing at first, but I forgot that and just enjoyed myself," Kim said.

Worthey said even though the group had a short time to practice, they still did great and had fun.

"It shows they can have fun and no one would really judge them on it," Worthey said.

Kim said her experience on campus was interesting.

"When I first got here, I was nervous to talk to American guys because I heard they were racist but it was not like that," Kim said. "They were really kind and they are kind of open with a lot of things."

Kim said she is going to miss it here but is planning to come here again.

Jessica French, a sophomore music major, said she was a bit different from the international group because she is an Asian American student.

French said since her mom is from Laos and her dad was born in Iowa and is of German descent, she is able to get the best of both worlds.



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Students celebrate Asian Heritage Month with a K-Pop flash mob in the Library Quad Thursday. A flash mob was attempted last year, but not enough people were interested.

However, French said as she got older she would look into the mirror and feel like she did not fit in with either group.

"If you look at me you can't really tell where I belong and it really gets to me," French said.

French said it was weird meeting international students at first because there was an obvious cultural divide.

"I don't feel like I completely connect," French said. "But I want to reach out and meet these different

people."

French said she appreciates her heritage and can really understand both her Eastern and Western side.

French said the flash mob was important to share with the community because it shows them that different cultures can enrich the community.

"(We want to) tell them to open their perspectives and look at other parts of the world," French said. "Because the world is a very vivid place and unless you are willing to try

something new you will never know how great it is."

Worthey said she hopes to do at least one more flash mob during Asian American Month next year and include people from other cultures.

"It is a nice way to interact with people and make more friends and share cultures," Worthey said.

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Student campaign aims to stop microaggressions

By **Analia Haynes**
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Breaking the norm that defines the first year of college, one freshman strives to dismiss the stereotypes and inspire change.

Danny Estrada, a freshman sociology major, brought a social media campaign to Eastern that addresses the use of microaggressions on college campuses.

"The Real EIU: A Visual Campaign," was inspired by a similar campaign started at The University of Wisconsin-Madison and Estrada said it will offer a visual insight on how microaggressions affect Eastern students.

According to dictionary.com, a microaggression is a "subtle but offensive comment or action directed at a minority or other non-dominant group that is often unintentional or unconsciously reinforces a stereotype."

"What I want to do is talk about these microaggressions but I want to take it a step further and include the derogatory or racist remarks (people receive) based on (their) gender, ethnicity, etc. (and) show that microaggressions are little snubs," Estrada said. "I wanted to show that sometimes people take it a whole step further and we're actually trying to make this aware to the campus and to the students."

With background knowledge on civics learned from participating in a social campaign during high school, Estrada said he wanted to bring the campaign to Eastern after seeing a post on Facebook from The Real UW: A Visual Campaign.

Estrada contacted Jenelle Perez, one of the founders of The Real UW: A Visual Campaign, and asked how to bring the campaign to Eastern.

"She told me 'anybody can start

this, it's just that first step and who is willing to take that first step," Estrada said.

Estrada said he wants to get something done and is not the type to create an excuse that will stop him.

"If I keep making excuses then I'm never going to start anything," Estrada said.

The campaign, established as a Facebook page, consists of snapshots of students holding white boards with their experience written on them.

Estrada said after talking to Perez, he went out, bought several white boards and markers, and with his heart on his sleeve he walked around campus asking students what their story was with microaggressions.

"Here is (the story) now what are we going to do to fix it," Estrada said.

Estrada said he remembered his time working with the Mikva Challenge in high school and was taught

to fix the problems born alongside the youth.

Estrada said the campaign taught him how to get stuff done either by starting a grassroots movement or contacting politicians.

"They showed me that if you want something you might as well go out and get it," Estrada said. "If you're not going to do then who is?"

Estrada said several examples of microaggressions he heard so far include "Oh, you speak good English for a Mexican" or "You're not that smart for being half Asian."

"These aren't compliments," Estrada said. "These are derogatory terms."

Although he said Eastern is already a great campus, Estrada said he wants to better the university even further.

"This is a student campaign run by the students," Estrada said. "It's trying to fix the miscommunication between students on campus."

Estrada said after he receives the stories from students who experienced microaggressions, he wants to map out where they occur in order to break the trend and open up communication.

Estrada said as the campaign grows, he wants to offer other means that will aid in spreading diversity across campus year round rather than every other week or month.

"Be proud of who you are and be proud of where you came from," Estrada said. "Don't ever feel that just because (you) go to a predominantly white university that (you) should feel restricted."

Estrada said he wants students to tell him their story to get started in making a change.

"It only takes five minutes," Estrada said. "Tell me your story."

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Molly Dotson

Posed photos do not tell a good story

As I was playing at the park with my daughter Wednesday, I noticed a mother, who was watching her children building sandcastles, take out her phone camera and aim it at her subjects.

Right before snapping the photo, this young woman told her children to look up and say “cheese.”

Such a brief moment might go unnoticed by the layman, but since I am a photojournalist, I feel inclined to nosily observe every time someone breaks out the camera.

I frequently witness amateurs create posed images, so this particular instance was nothing new to me.

When I am walking around with a bulky camera, I also often encounter people who ask me to take their picture, which is fine for the most part. However, these same people typically strike a pose directly following their request.

I refuse to publish any of those types of photos in the newspaper because there is a much better way to make memories everlasting with a camera.

The technique about which I am writing is an art form known as candid photography.

For those who are unaware, a candid photo is a picture captured without creating a posed appearance.

This kind of photography is most easily achieved when photo subjects are unaware of the photographer's presence.

Photojournalists especially utilize candid photography because their goal is to tell a story with more pictures and less words.

A posed photo does not tell virtually anything about an actual occurrence except for the photo subject's appearance.

Because this form of photography displays photo subjects the most naturally, it gives the audience more information, thus better explaining a story.

Using candid photography is also more effective because it illustrates the actions that inspired a photographer to capture a particular moment in the first place.

Additionally, naturalness in photography exhibitions more emotions. Indeed, smiles are nice. However, documenting other expressions sometimes better demonstrates the message a photographer is trying to convey.

This type of photography is also less intrusive. The aforementioned mother would not have had to interrupt her children's playtime if she were to take a candid photo.

Candid images also provide more variety to a photo album. Think about it, compiling a bunch of pictures of people looking directly into the camera and smiling is repetitive and uninteresting.

Candid photography illustrates a photographer's point because it is much more natural and less boring.

I hope next time you take out your camera, you think twice before telling your subjects to say “cheese.”

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Not in His House



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Staff Editorial

SACIS is essential to the community

A plaguing issue that affects college campuses is sexual assault.

The *New York Times* reported in September 2015 that 1 in 4 college women will experience unwanted sexual contact that ranges from inappropriate touching to rape.

Many instances of sexual assault go unreported though.

Only 20 percent of attacks are reported to the police, according to RAINN.org.

It is an issue that also affects men, and also according to RAINN.org, male college students are 78 percent more likely to experience sexual assault than nonstudents.

It is growing issue as the number of assaults on college campuses increases almost every year, and colleges have held events to take a stand against sexual assault.

But the issue for sexual assault is not just something that occurs on college campuses. It occurs in the communities we live in as well.

The Sexual Assault Counseling and Information Services held their 25th annual event

“Take Back the Night” on Wednesday to help raise awareness of sexual violence for individuals in the Charleston and Eastern communities.

In Thursday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, the article “SACIS marches to end sexual assault,” said the event began with a march around campus beginning in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Students chanted and marched around Old Main, the Library Quad and the South Quad before heading to the 7th Street Underground.

Participants of the march then had the opportunity to share music, art, dance and poetry.

“Take the Back Night” is an important event held by SACIS because not only does it raise awareness of an issue affecting colleges across the nation, it also encourages survivors of sexual assault to feel empowered.

The event allows the community to gain a better understanding of what sexual assault

and rape is.

Amanda Feder, community preventionist for SACIS, said the event also allowed for survivors to engage with the community.

Feder also said “Take Back the Night” calls the issue of sexual assault to attention and can allow the community to make a change.

SACIS is an important group in our community they promote awareness and education on through events and workshops on issues of sexual assault.

“Take Back the Night” as been helping raise awareness to the Charleston community for over 25 years, and SACIS plans other events as well, such as “Walk a Mile in Her Shoes,” which will occur on April 24 in Morton Park.

Support SACIS and the events they hold by attending them.

They offer important information to help improve and better the community we live in.

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

Sean Says: Plan ahead to avoid situations

So lemme tell you this. Roller coasters are a lot of fun, but you have to approach them the right way.

The thing is, I knew how to go about the night at the amusement park, but my friend Jonny did not and I had to suffer because of it.

My friend Jonny and I have been friends for as long as I can remember.

We always did everything together, whether it was the smartest thing to do or not. But we always had fun regardless.

About five years ago, we went to Grand Bear Lodge just south of Wisconsin. Jonny, my brother Ryan, and two of Noah's friends all went there to spend the weekend.

The day started off great. We went to the water park and just did the usual water park things—slides, hot tub, lazy river, etc., and everything was going great during the day.

But after having a long day at the water park, we planned on going to the amusement park at night. We were fired up.

But we were also really fired up to get food because we were dying to eat. We didn't really think about the night ahead at that point.

The food we decided to eat was burgers, cheese sticks, wings and pop, and it finally hit me that we were going to be on roller coaster rides in just an hour.

At this point, you can probably tell where this night was going to go.

I slowed down a bit, but I had enough to



Sean Hastings

where I was worried the night might take a bad turn.

We get to the amusement park, and we pick our first ride. It was a spinning ride—one that lifts you as the ride goes along.

One of Ryan's friend and I went on first just because there wasn't room for all of us to get on. So after we exit the ride, Jonny and Ryan go on together and the thing spins around a few times, and we see Jonny, and he wasn't looking good at all.

He already had to take a break after the first ride or else what we all feared as the worst would happen.

After about 30 minutes of sitting out, Jonny gets back on his feet, and we find the best ride there.

The ride has 30 people sitting in one row,

and the ride goes up and down and spins in a circle.

We're all having a good time, yelling dumb stuff at the top because we were immature teenage guys. We're having the time of our life, and there is no way anything could go wrong.

The ride pauses at the top as it had done five other times, and this time we were going to shoot down for the final time and end the ride, but Jonny couldn't wait any longer.

The ride shoots us down, I'm still laughing and having a good time, and then all of a sudden my leg gets really hot.

Jonny puked.

He puked all over me and everyone else on the ride. This shut the ride down for the rest of the night and essentially getting us kicked out. Not before I get sick in the bathroom and throw up myself.

Our night ended earlier than expected as we got kicked out of the amusement park after spending just over an hour there.

My lesson for you is to plan ahead to avoid any unwanted outcomes.

What you do during the day can affect how your night will go.

Like eating really heavy before going to an amusement can cause you to get sick, and get you get kicked out. I hope your weekend is better than mine.

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LGBTQA+ community gather for Q&A

By Janet Pernel
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People in the LGBTQA community gathered for a night of Q&A to answer questions for those who have questions about the community and what it is like being in it and even being an ally to those in the LGBTQA community.

The panel was called “The Big Gay Panel.”

The Big Gay Panel took place in the Phipps Auditorium in the Life Sciences Building at 7 p.m. and lasted for an hour.

There were five panelists there to answer the questions of those who were curious to know more about the LGBTQA community.

When the panel started, each panelist started with their name, grade, major and a story about how the panelist revealed their LGBTQA lifestyle to their families.

People in the audience received a few index cards and pens to write questions down for the panelists to ask them questions or for advice.

Once the audience finished writing down questions for the panelist, the panel began with the Q&A.

The Q&A was a “blind” one. The panelist did not know which person in the audience asked which specific question.

The panelists varied from different people of the LGBTQA community.

During the panel, the panelists answered many questions about living the lifestyle and what it is like to come across people who are not too aware of people in the LGBTQA community.



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Panelists speak about their experiences at The Big Gay Panel Thursday in the Phipps Auditorium of the Physical Science Building.

Yolanda Williams, an academic adviser in Gateway, talked about how she came across a person one day that was questioning about sexual identity and asked her about going to Hell being the end result.

Williams gave the girl a comforting response on how it is OK to be comfortable with living that lifestyle and she should not receive any punishment for living the LGBTQA lifestyle.

Williams also explained how older minority women do not talk much about living an LGBTQA lifestyle but that it would not hurt to do so. She

also thought that the panel made an impact.

“It provides support, information. It provides just a community,” Williams said. “I think it’s awesome. I think it’s important.”

Brody Wilt, a junior sociology major, explained stereotypes in the panel.

He spoke on how some men that dress well may be first viewed as gay, but that is not always the case.

Wilt said that the panel was an opportunity for each of the panelists to educate those who are not sure about the LGBTQA lifestyle.

“It’s an opportunity for us to ed-

ucate others,” Wilt said. “It serves to educate other students who may not have a good set of resources to learn about these things on their own.”

Jess Howell, a senior special education major, explained in the panel about how she attends a Christian church and when she revealed her lifestyle to the church, the members of the church accepted her as she was and gave her hugs.

Howell’s family was also accepting of her coming out as a gay female and she brings her girlfriend around her family.

Ben Wilburn, the LGBTQA Re-

source Center coordinator, said that the panel brings a good sense of awareness, and it gave people a chance to get together and ask questions that they may not have had the chance to ask otherwise.

Wilburn also said that the panel was a way to build a campus community.

“I think it can help people, and it’s a great opportunity,” Wilburn said. “We came a long way since then, and it’s a great turnout.”

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Panthers wrap up home stand with Austin Peay

By Sean Hastings
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After coming off its biggest pair of wins of the season, the Eastern softball team will return home to take on the struggling Austin Peay Governors.

Eastern defeated Eastern Kentucky in both games last weekend at Williams Field and had both games against Morehead State canceled due to the rain.

The Governors have not been able to get wins in Ohio Valley Conference play as they have a 2-12 record and find themselves at the bottom of the OVC standings. Eastern is 5-0 in OVC play at home, making it that much more difficult for Austin Peay to come in and get a win in the three-game series.

While Austin Peay may be struggling to get some games in the win column, they do have a couple of players on the team that can hit. Kacy Acree leads the team with a .388 batting average with 16 runs driven in.

Danielle Liermann has a .363 batting average and also leads the team in at bats and hits. She also has a commanding lead for RBIs with 29.

The pitchers this season have strug-

gled a bit for the Governors. Autumn Hanners has seen the most action in the circle for Austin Peay with 73 innings pitched. She also holds an ERA of 4.03 but has a 3-11 record.

Sidney Hooper and Natalie Ayala have not won a game yet as they are 0-8 and 0-6, respectively. Allie Blackwood has only pitched 13.2 innings this season but she is the only pitcher with a winning record. She is 2-0.

Sophomore pitchers Jessica Wireman and Michelle Rogers each got a win last weekend against Eastern Kentucky. Wireman has an ERA of 3.53 and Rogers' ERA is 5.27.

Wireman has handled a majority of the work load with 139 innings pitched, but Rogers has pitched 86.1 innings. The two have combined to strike out 169 batters.

Senior outfielder April Markowski has been on a strong hitting stretch of late jumping her batting average to .293 to lead the team. Senior short stop Katie Watson is hitting .275.

If the season was to end today, Eastern would have a spot in the OVC tournament in Oxford, Ala., but are barely hanging on as they have the No. 8 spot. These games against a team who barely has a chance to make



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Freshman Mady Poulter attempts to tag an Eastern Kentucky runner out at first base during the Panthers' game on Saturday at Williams Field. The Panthers won the game, 1-0.

the tournament are important for the Panthers.

Southeast Missouri is right behind the 6-6 Panthers with a 6-8 record. Southeast Missouri will be taking on

Tennessee-Martin in a three-game series. Tennessee-Martin is 7-7 and in fifth place in the standings.

Every win for Eastern can make all the difference in the tight race to get

a spot in the OVC tournament May 11-14.

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Men's tennis team set for final 2 matches of season

By Tyler McCluskey
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The men's tennis team is set to head to Kentucky this weekend for its final two matches of the season.

On Friday, the Panthers (3-14) will take on Eastern Kentucky (16-11). Then on Saturday the Panthers will take on Morehead State (5-10).

The Panthers have an all-time record against the Colonels of 9-13. The team has only won one match of the last seven meetings.

Last year, the Panthers defeated the Eagles 4-3 to snap a six-game losing streak. The Panthers are currently on a five-match losing streak.

Coach Sam Kercheval said that these last two matches represent opportunity.

"We have the opportunity to compete again and finish the season with some wins," Kercheval said. "It won't

be easy because these teams are both good."

The Panthers have an Ohio Valley Conference record of 1-6.

Eastern Kentucky has an OVC record of 5-2, which is tied for second with Austin Peay.

The Colonels have only lost to Tennessee Tech, which is undefeated in OVC, and Belmont.

Both teams the Panthers have lost to, falling to Belmont, 4-3, and to Tennessee Tech, 6-1.

Morehead State sits tied at third in OVC with Jacksonville State and Southern Illinois-Edwardsville at 4-3. The Eagles have lost their last three matches in a row.

They lost to Tennessee Tech, 6-1, fell to Jacksonville State, 5-2, and fell 5-2 to the Colonels. The Eagles will take on Southern Illinois-Edwardsville before facing the Panthers.

Only the top six teams make the

"We have the opportunity to compete again and finish the season with some wins. It won't be easy because these teams are both good."

-Sam Kercheval, men's tennis coach

OVC tournament. Eastern will not make the tournament this season, but that does not stop the Panthers' preparations for this match. These matches are no different than any other matches, Kercheval said.

"We know it will be tough against two teams who are going to make the tourney," Kercheval said. "But preparation is the same mentally, getting ready to battle, ready to compete and look to take another step in putting together on the court."

For the seniors, these will be their last two matches in their career at Eastern.

Kercheval said that the seniors and the team are hungry and want to end

on a high note and get the win.

Senior Robert Skolik is undefeated at the No. 2 spot with a 6-0 record.

His last loss came at the No. 1 spot against Tennessee Tech's Eduardo Mena.

His career record is 35-33 in singles play and 17-16 in conference. In doubles, his record sits at 25-33 with a conference record of 14-13.

In his junior year, Skolik was named Second Team All-OVC with an 8-11 record.

Senior Ryan Henderson has a record of 26-31 in singles. In doubles, Henderson went 19-23 and had a record of 8-7 in OVC play.

Henderson was named OVC Play-

er of the Week earlier this year for the week of Feb 9. Henderson won both of his matches against Western Illinois and Saint Francis.

Senior Rui Silva's record sits at 18-43 with an OVC record of 11-20. Silva's doubles record sits at 26-28 with a 13-9 record in OVC. Both

Silva and Skolik have led the team in doubles going 7-8 and 4-1 in OVC.

The Panthers take on Eastern Kentucky Friday at 1:30 p.m. and then take on Morehead State at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday.

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Women's tennis team travels to Kentucky for matchup

By Kaitlin Cordes
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The women's tennis team will travel to Kentucky on Friday to take on the Eastern Kentucky Colonels in one of their two remaining regular season matches.

The Panthers are looking to add to their 6-2 Ohio Valley Conference record as well as their 12-6 overall record. Eastern is coming into the matchup off a 6-1 win over Jacksonville State.

The Colonels show similar records as they sit at 12-9 on the season and 7-1 in the conference.

Eastern Kentucky dropped a match

to Tennessee-Martin last weekend as the Skyhawks fended off the Colonels, 4-3.

Tennessee-Martin jumped out to an early lead (1-0) after the Skyhawks won two doubles contests to take the point.

The Colonels went on to win just half of the singles matchups.

Laura Argente competed against Tennessee-Martin's Sarah Candeloro and took the match with a pair of 6-3 set scores.

Corentine Bodin saw a close matchup with Asel Jumamukhambetova. Bodin ultimately edged her Skyhawk opponent 6-3, 7-6 (7-2).

Margaux Lacroix took her match

with Burcu Tari to three sets; Lacroix ended up taking home the victory with a 6-4, 3-6, 6-2 score.

Viktorija Demcenkova, Marina Marti and Raquel Montalvo each took home a loss in their respective matches. Marti and Demcenkova both had tight matches but ended up losing in the third set.

The Colonels did not take home any doubles victories as the Skyhawks earned a sweep of the three matches.

Hitomi Naito and Jemima Potter defeated Demcenkova and Lacroix 6-0 in the No. 2 matchup.

Tari and Andrea Plantada Cortes rolled past the Colonels' Marti and Bodin, winning 6-2.

Argente and Montalvo's contest against Candeloro and Jumamukhambetova went unfinished by default.

The Panthers dropped last season's match with Colonels 5-2 on the Darling Courts.

Eastern's two wins for the day came from sophomore Grace Summers and alumna Sephora Boulbahaiem.

Summers was pushed to three sets by Marti in the No. 3 competition, but Summers came out on top with a 6-4, 1-6, 6-4 win.

The Colonels breezed past the Panthers in most of the remaining singles matches posting many 6-0 and 6-1 set scores.

Eastern Kentucky took all three

doubles matches as well.

At the time of last season's match, the Colonels posted a 9-1 conference record while Eastern sat at 7-3.

Right now, Eastern Kentucky is running on a one-game losing streak and has an 8-3 home play record.

The Panthers also have a winning 7-5 away record so far this season.

In the OVC, Eastern Kentucky is in a three-way tie with Southern Illinois-Edwardsville and Tennessee-Martin for the No. 1 slot. Eastern Illinois is in second place with a 0.667 winning percentage.

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Hernandez finds adventure at Eastern

By Maria Baldwin
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For some students at Eastern, going on an adventure means hanging out at Charleston Lake for an afternoon.

For freshman golfer Alvaro Hernandez, it meant moving to a different continent.

Hernandez said he found Eastern through a recruiting coach in Spain and wanted to come when he found out about coach Mike Moncel's swing-coaching abilities.

"He has given me a lot of advice and I've put work in and it's paying off because I'm playing very well," Hernandez said.

Moving across the Atlantic would be a difficult transition, but Hernandez said he wanted to experience life in the United States.

"It was a big transition, because it was the first time I moved away from my parents," Hernandez said.

He said learning to speak English was also hard and the people who spoke English in Spain were not very good. And Hernandez said he has enjoyed his time here so far, except for one detail.

"Many guys here stop playing golf in the winter," Hernandez said. "I've never stopped in Spain, I've always played all year around, and it's really good weather there."

Hernandez also had to adapt to a tougher practice schedule as every new student-athlete does.

"It was tough at first, because we had qualifier practices for the meets," Hernandez said. "We have eight people on the team, but only five can go to meets. So we would play 18 holes of golf every day which takes about four or five hours."

Despite having to adapt to the winter climate in Illinois and having to power through the team qualifiers, Hernandez has been leading Eastern so far in the spring golf season.

In the two tournaments Eastern has played in so far, Hernandez has lead in Eastern in scoring in each. At the Twin Oaks Intercollegiate at Missouri State, Hernandez posted a score of 71 to finish in a tie for 16th place, to help Eastern to an 11th place finish.

Hernandez started the first day in a tie for 36th after teams played 36 holes until dark. Hernandez's



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Freshman golfer Alvaro Hernandez moved from Spain to join the Eastern men's golf team. Hernandez said the challenge of the course is what keeps him motivated to play golf. The Panthers will travel to the Beu/Mussatto invitational hosted by Western Friday.

three-round total was 225.

"Sometimes I take too many risks, and then I pay for it by making some mistakes, but you have to risk it for the biscuit," Hernandez said. "I like playing aggressively and to just make some birdies."

In the second tournament of the season at the Arkansas State Red Wolf Intercollegiate, Hernandez shot all three rounds in the 70s to finish in a tie for 38th with a three-round total of 226.

"I played well during the fall season and then so far this spring we've played in two tournaments," Hernandez said. "The first tournament I played very well, maybe the first day the results didn't reflect on how

well we played, but the second tournament wasn't that good, not as good as the first. But we have another meet this weekend and then conference, so I just have to work for it and try for the best result I can make."

As far as the rest of the season goes, Hernandez has set high goals for himself, and said while they may seem unrealistic, he is going to work toward them.

"I know I'm a freshman, but I'd really like to win conference," Hernandez said. "Because I'm a freshman it'll be tough, because there are two really good players, I would like to win it eventually and go to regionals, but that's maybe an unrealistic goal for this

year."

Hernandez said while he enjoys playing golf because of the intense game it can be, the challenge of the course is what has kept him motivated to play ever since he was six years old.

"In football, or soccer, you play in the same field every time, but golf has different courses and it's always a different challenge," Hernandez said. "Each hole is different, and you are always in a different environment, and I like being outside with the nature."

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Baseball team continues road trip

By Maher Kawash
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With five-straight losses and two wins in the last 10 games, the Eastern baseball team faces its toughest matchup yet this season.

The Panthers are headed to Cape Girardeau, Mo. for a three-game series against the Southeast Missouri Redhawks.

Eastern is 5-27 this season and holds a 1-11 conference record, and Southeast Missouri comes in as one of the best teams in the Ohio Valley Conference.

The Redhawks are 23-10 on the year and 13-2 in OVC play as they continue to battle with Jacksonville State for the top spot in the conference.

Southeast Missouri's two OVC losses came to Austin Peay in a three-game series last weekend, but the Redhawks have since rebounded for two-straight wins.

The Redhawks are 10-1 on their own field this season, and the Panthers are 4-21 in road games.

Although Eastern faces a tough matchup with this series, it will be the veteran pitching that has to get the team through.

Southeast Missouri ranks sixth in the OVC in overall batting this season, and junior Michael McCormick will be the first pitcher trying to limit that offense.

With the start in game one, McCormick will attempt to build off his last performance against Tennessee Tech.

McCormick allowed seven runs in the game against the Golden Eagles, but just two of those were earned. McCormick is still searching for that first win, as he is 0-5 with a 6.21 ERA in nine appearances.

Following McCormick in game two will be the veteran red-shirt senior Matt Wivinis. Wivinis has not had the season many expected, but he is coming off one of his best outings of the season.

In his last start against the Golden Eagles, Wivinis allowed just three runs in seven innings pitched, but the bullpen could not hold the game for him.



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Senior pitcher Jake Johansmeier allowed four runs on eight hits during the Panthers' 9-7 loss to Illinois on April 5 at Illini Field in Champaign.

So Wivinis will try to improve on his 0-6 record and 5.69 ERA in nine games thus far.

The starter for game three of the series has yet to be announced.

Although the Redhawk offense has seen success this season, it is their pitching that is elite.

Southeast Missouri ranks first in the OVC for pitching on the year, and hold a team ERA of 3.50.

That is measurably better than the Panthers' team ERA of 7.19, and Eastern's offense will try to get around that.

It will be no easy task as the Panthers are ranked second to last in the OVC for batting this season.

The Redhawks also have the two top-ranked pitchers in the conference, and four total ranked in the top 10 of the OVC.

Joey Lucchesi leads the conference with just nine earned runs allowed, 71 strikeouts, and a 6-2 record with an ERA of 1.48.

Clay Chandler is the second ranked pitcher in

the OVC, and he is 4-1 with a 2.13 ERA this season.

The Panthers' batters will need to step up if the team will have any success this weekend.

The offensive success will strive on the performance of many, but mostly sophomores Cale Hennemann and Joseph Duncan and senior Demetre Taylor.

Hennemann and Duncan lead the team in batting average, and Taylor came into this season as a preseason All-OVC team member.

Eastern is still without a series victory this season, and the last one came almost a year ago on April 26, 2015.

The series begins Friday at 6 p.m. and following this three-game series, the Panthers will take on Illinois in another single-game matchup.

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Men's team signs JUCO All-American

By Maher Kawash
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The Eastern men's basketball team has signed a junior college All-American guard to its roster for next season.

Montell "Silk" Goodwin is officially transferring from Mineral Area College and will join the Panthers in the fall.

"Eastern was the best fit for me," Goodwin said. "They make me feel like it's a family, and they make me feel welcome."

Goodwin is a 6'2 guard from Warrensville Heights, Ohio, and he earned NJCAA honorable mention All-American honors last season.

He averaged 12.9 points per game with Mineral Area, and he led his team to being ranked No. 18 in the NJCAA rankings while finishing the season 25-5.

Goodwin was named first team All-Region XVI and first team All-MCCAC Conference selection as well. During his freshman season at Lakeland Community College in Ohio, Goodwin earned NJCAA All-Region XII honors while leading his team to a District 11 Championship.

In that season he was the leading scorer in the conference averaging 16.9 points, 5.6 rebounds, and 3.6 assists per game.

Goodwin joins All-State guard Logan Koch for this year's recruiting class.

"I feel like I can make plays for the team by scoring and making plays as well," Goodwin said. "I can just compete and get after it."

Goodwin will also be a good addition as Eastern has already lost its leading scorer Trae Anderson, as well as Anthony Johnson and Aleksa Novakovic who will be transferring.

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Biking

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Rusty Shackelford, a senior management information systems major, said he likes biking because he sees the world at a faster pace and in a different way.



Reading

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Abby Carlin, a freshman English major, and Bailey Olsen, a freshman graphic design major, take time to read "Toss of a Lemon" and "Pride and Prejudice."



Relaxing

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Sydney Rohmann, a junior psychology major, lounges in an Eno hammock. "There's really no right or wrong way [to set up], as long as you get in it, you're fine," Rohmann said.



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Brendon Urie is the lead vocalist of Panic! at the Disco. The band will play at Lantz Arena at 8 p.m. Friday.

Panic! still excites pop-rock fans

Review by Luis Martinez
News Editor | @DEN_Verge

Panic! at the Disco's latest album, "Death Of A Bachelor" was a good blend of lyrics and music. The 11-song album included songs such as "Victorious," "Hallelujah," "Emperor's New Clothes," and "Crazy=Genius," and I have to say that I really did enjoy their album, even though it has been a while since I have actually had a chance to listen to Panic! at the Disco.

Before the album came out, the first song I had a chance to listen to was "Emperor's New Clothes" and it instantly became one of my favorite songs.

Once their album came out on Spotify, I gave the album a listen and found that most of the songs were actually really good.

Panic! at the Disco reminds me of my high school years since they would be the one band my friends and I would listen to the most.

Since I have left high school, I haven't listened to them much, but hearing their latest album brought back plenty of fond memories.

The first four songs of the album, "Victorious," "Don't Threaten Me With A Good Time," "Hallelujah," and "Emperor's New Clothes" are just some of the best songs of the album, in my opin-



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Panic! at the Disco performs in 2013 for a large crowd.

ion. They are energetic and fast paced and you can just feel the beat and sing along if you want.

While I did like the album overall as a whole, there were a few songs that I am not a huge fan of, not because they are not good songs, but for some reason they didn't catch my eye, or ear in this case.

Songs like the "Death Of A Bachelor" and "Impossible Year" are my least favorite songs of the album mostly because I personally am not a huge fan of slow songs, which is what both of these songs are.

Overall, "Death Of A Bachelor"

is a fairly OK album; the lyrics are good and Panic! at the Disco lead singer, Brendon Urie performs really well on this album.

Panic! at the Disco will be performing at Eastern for the 2016 Spring Concert and I, like many other students, am really looking forward to the show.

My top five songs that I would like to hear at the concert would have to be "Miss Jackson," "Victorious," "This is Gospel," "Crazy=Genius," and of course, arguably their most famous song, "I Write Sins Not Tragedies."

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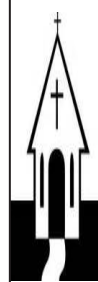


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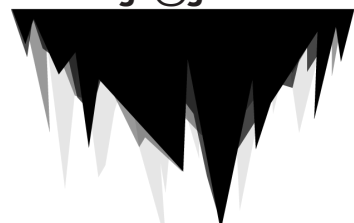
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Tarble to unveil graduate thesis show

By Mercury Bowen
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Nine studio art graduate students devoted countless hours preparing their artwork to be displayed at the annual Graduate Thesis Show this weekend at Tarble Arts Center.

The show is an opportunity for the master of arts candidates in the art department to present their work in a professional setting.

Viewers will have a chance to see several works by each of the graduate students that used many different mediums such as drawings, sculptures, optical illusion works, video and photography, digital work, and several styles of paintings.

Each student's artwork will be grouped separately, but the viewers can look at all of the artwork as whole.

Lindsey Becker, studio art graduate student, said the main reason for participating in an art show as a thesis is that it creates a more relatable and beneficial experience, instead of writing a paper, the students would have as artists.

"It gives us a chance to understand what it means to have an art practice," Becker said.

Jacqueline D. Wright, studio art graduate student, said that she is glad that the art students get a chance to demonstrate to the campus and community what art students do.

"Artists and art students used to have a reputation of being not academic," Wright said. "Now because it is so academic, the work is a lot more in-depth."

As part of the show, each participant is asked to do "orals" in which the graduate student is asked to present their own works to a committee of three art department faculty members that the students chose at the beginning of the year to help guide their work.

Becker said to prepare for orals, she examines her reference

points in regards to art history and the purpose for the art that she makes.

"It's one thing to make your work, but talking about it can be a whole other beast entirely," Becker said.

Gwendolyn Stewart, studio art graduate student, said that one of the biggest difficulties of the show has been trying to fit all of the artwork into the showroom in an aesthetically pleasing way.

The whole process of laboring over the work, installing it, and then presenting the actual show is a challenge according to Becker.

Wright said that the time constraint is the biggest obstacle for her.

"You tend to not sleep and skip a few meals," Wright said. "Then when you're turning it in, you see something you missed."

When arranging her pieces, Wright said she displays one of her stronger or more detailed pieces in the front to draw viewers in to see the rest of her pieces.

Stewart said that what she liked about showcasing her work was that it is in the kind of atmosphere she wanted to work in.

"I've never had my work displayed in this kind of atmosphere so I think that will be super exciting to see," Stewart said.

According to Wright, the show is special to her because she gets to see what her hands can do.

"I get to see the faults; I get to see the ideas I had come to fruition," Wright said with tears in her eyes. "It moves me because I didn't think I could."

The people Wright depicted in her art influenced her life, and her works are a way to give back and honor them to a quality that makes them recognizable to viewers.

"When I can look back at that and say 'Wow these hands were able to do that,'" Wright said. "That is what I like, and I like to show it."

Wright said that the show is also special to her because her mother



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Jacqueline D. Wright, studio art graduate student, places her largest artistic work in the center of her display in hopes of catering the viewers' attention.

graduated from Eastern.

"It took her whole life to get (her degree) but she did," Wright said. "If you want something you work for it. If you need to take a break or a detour fine, but get

back on that road."

The show will open April 16 and close with a reception from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on May 6.

There will be refreshments available and the students will be

presenting their artwork then.

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Rehema Barber, director and chief curator, helps Lindsey Becker, studio art graduate student, carefully set up an art collection for display.



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Jacqueline D. Wright, studio art graduate student, adjusts one of her creations to fit the space.

Pemberton Prom hopes to be swimming success

By Raquael Logan
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This year Pemberton Hall will host its very own "Under the Sea" prom.

Each year, Pemberton Hall's executive board generates numerous ideas in the hopes of providing an intriguing time for the students.

Miranda Haywood, a hall council executive board member, said "Under the Sea" was the building's theme for the entire year, which inspired the prom's theme.

"We have a theme for the whole year that is picked by the hall council at the end of last year. I was on board during that time and thought that there was a lot that we could do with "Under the Sea," Haywood said. "I think that the theme is unique and a fun way to tie in hall council into the prom."

The prom will take place at 7 p.m. in Pemberton's Great Hall.

Those who have enjoyed themselves at Pemberton's Prom last year will be pleased to know that nothing has changed except for the addition of a new theme.

"This year isn't much different from last year. The decorations will be different and there is a change on where the money is going," Haywood said. "But it is still a great event that everyone seemed to love last year and will hopefully love again this year."

All of the proceeds will go to HOPE of East Central Illinois, a foundation that provides services for domestic violence survivors and victims.

Pemberton Hall chose HOPE as their Paws for a Cause this year.

Paws for a Cause is when residence halls partner up with an organization to raise awareness and to raise funds or to help in



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Students use Pemberton Prom to dress up and have a good time with their friends.

anyway the residents can.

The cost is \$3 for a single ticket and \$5 per couple.

During the prom, students will be able to dance the night away to trendy music, enjoy a variety of tasty snacks and take selfies with friends.

Pemberton's executive board is responsible for planning the prom as well as Associate

Resident Director Amber Byrley.

Candice Basista, hall council president, said the planning is challenging because of the multiple components that go into the Prom.

"To be honest, the entire process is quite stressful and takes weeks to plan," Basista said.

Haywood said decorating the Great Hall is one of the more time-extensive parts.

"I think the most challenging part as a past president of Pemberton is not choosing a date or theme, it is the day of decorating and hoping that people not only show up but have a good time as well, and want to continue the tradition for next year," Haywood said.

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