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DEATH OF AN EDUCATOR

A University of Illinois professor spoke on issues leading to the “death spiral” of public higher education.

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The Eastern baseball team beat Robert Morris-Peoria 14-0 during its home opener Tuesday.

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Panic! at the Disco announces LOLO as opening act

By Luis Martinez
News Editor | @DEN_News

The spring concert is less than a month away, and two of the biggest mysteries surrounding the concert are who will open for Panic! At The Disco and how many tickets are still available.

The band recently announced that the opening performance would be LOLO, a singer-songwriter from Jackson, Tenn.

Ceci Brinker, the director of student life, said fewer than 200 tickets are still available for purchase as of Tuesday.

LOLO, whose real name is Lauren Pritchard, first began writing songs when she was 14 years old, and her debut album “Wasted In Jackson” was released in October 2010.

Pritchard adopted her stage name in 2013 and is currently signed to DCD2 Records, which also includes Fall Out Boy, Gym Class Heroes, Travis McCoy and Panic! At The Disco.

LOLO was also featured on the song “Miss Jackson” from Panic! At The Disco’s 2013 album, “Too Weird to Live, Too Rare to Die!”

Brinker said the band let the university know who it chose its opening act for the spring performance.

Brinker said LOLO has performed with Panic! At The Disco before and has opened for the band previously.

“(LOLO) is not someone who I’m personally familiar with, but it sounds like students are familiar with this artist,” Brinker said. “We found who the artist was and then we were trying to make some adjustments in our marketing to list the artist in the marketing.”

Brinker said that the University Board will now update the posters to include LOLO as the opening act.

“As soon as we found out who the artist was, because it came in the form of ‘yes, they’ve announced who the opener is going to be,’ we were still waiting on getting information,” Brinker said.

She said the UB contacted the person in charge of marketing, and a new updated poster with information about LOLO should be made soon.

Brinker said more than 1,400 tickets were sold to students and more than 1,300 tickets sold to the general public.

“As of today, we have 1,441 student tickets sold at \$20, and we have 1,380 tickets sold at \$25 to the general public,” Brinker said.

She also said out of the total number of tickets, 50 were reserved for the band and their fan club, and 65 were reserved for special guests, which include the university presidents.

“In this case, the university president, the VPs, we always have complimentary tickets to concert events for them,” Brinker said. “Believe it or not, all of them are using their tickets. It’s very rare.”

Panic! At the Disco featuring opening artist LOLO will perform at 8 p.m. in Lantz Arena on April 15.

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Cup o’ Culture



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Senior English major Stephen Kowalski and junior English Language Arts major Katie Caulkins serve coffee during the University Board’s Culturally Caffeinated event on Tuesday at the Bridge Lounge of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. The varieties of coffee came from Hawaii, Guatemala, Yemen, Brazil, Ethiopia and the Indonesian island of Sumatra.

Voting opens for student government

Email polls allow students to select executive members, senators, weigh in on bill of rights

By Mackenzie Freund
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Student leaders are putting themselves out there hoping to gain students’ votes for the student government elections lasting Wednesday through Thursday.

Students can cast their votes for student senators and executive positions, which include student body president, student vice president for academic affairs, student vice president for student affairs, and executive vice president.

The positions of executive vice president and student vice president for student affairs both have two people running against each other, while the student body president and student vice president for academic affairs positions have one student running for each.

Students will receive an email with a link attached to it in their Panthermail which will take them to the voting website. Voting starts at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday and continues until 11:59 p.m. Thursday.

Students can also vote on whether or not they approve adding a bill of rights to the student body constitution. The Student Senate approved this measure, which would outline ways for students to bring cases of violations of those rights to the Student Supreme Court, during a previous meeting.

The executive vice president serves as the public affairs officer of the student body and helps the president determine the general policy of the public affairs area.

This student also sits on the Board of Trust-



Catie Witt



Derek Pierce



Frida Arellano

Arellano said if she were elected she wants to make the concerns of the student body her concerns and be the voice for the campus, particularly on the Board of Trustees.

“The Board of Trustees takes the decisions for the university as a whole, and I am that one person that represents the entire student body,” Arellano said.

The position of vice president for student affairs acts as the chief student affairs officer as well as the chief fiscal officer for the student body. That person also helps the student body president determine the general policy of the student and business affairs areas.

The two students running for the student affairs position are Kenia Gonzalez, a junior marketing major, and Derek Pierce, a junior finance

major.

The two students running for the executive vice president position are Maralea Negron, junior political science major, and Frida Arellano, a junior political science major.

Negron said if she were elected she would want to continue to push projects like the student action team and voter registration drive that Catie Witt, current executive vice president, has started.

“I think a big part of it would be going to RSOs and talking to them and getting their input,” Negron said. “I think a lot of it is actual face time.”



Luke Young



Maralea Negron



Kenia Gonzalez

Both Gonzalez and Pierce said they wanted to work with the RSOs on campus.

The student body president is the chief officer of the student body. According to the student government website, the president will determine the general policy of the executive branch by supervising the five branch areas-office of the president, academic affairs, student affairs, public affairs and business affairs.

Catie Witt, a junior political science major and candidate for student body president, said she wants to be president because she has experience and she loves Eastern.

Gonzalez said she felt the student affairs position was the best fit for her because the position is more business oriented.


“One thing that I really want to focus on is more collaboration between RSOs,” Gonzalez said. “I wanted to make the campus stand out for their diversity.”

Pierce said he has experience with the business side of the position after serving on the business affairs committee as a student senator, the committee chair, and vice chair for the Appointments Board.

“I saw a lot of the responsibilities that go into it,” Pierce said. “I was naturally drawn to that.”


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International students talk Eastern life

By T’Nerra Butler

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Since last summer, a couple of students from Africa have made Eastern a temporary home and shared similar experiences when comparing being in America and life back at home.

Last summer was the first year Shirley Mensah, a freshman geology major, had set foot on American soil. Mensah, from Ghana, said Eastern has been exceptionally accepting of her.

Unlike Mensah, freshman biological sciences major Hawah Abdulrasaq Coker hails from Nigeria and has been to America on several occasions before. She has legal guardians that live in Illinois and often visited Chicago before she began attending Eastern.

Both women said they like the smaller class settings the most.

“It’s small enough that you know someone, but big enough that there are still people to become acquainted with,” Abdulrasaq Coker said. “It’s almost like the perfect school.”

The first week at school in America was new but adaptable for Mensah. She said people rarely realize that she is from another country.

Abdulrasaq Coker said she was afraid at first that people would notice that she was not from America.

“I just thought that Africa was written on my head,” Abdulrasaq Coker



Shirley Mensah

said. “I later realized that people don’t think about you. They’re minding their own business.”

While at Eastern, Abdulrasaq Coker said she realized that there is no huge distinction between international students and those from America. She said what one student gets the others receive as well, and teachers look at work ethic and not someone’s background.

From the food to the feeling of community and family, the women said one thing that they miss is the culture back at home.

Mensah said she noticed that Americans stay to themselves and have little interaction with those around them, specifically people who live nearby. She said people back in Ghana are much more involved with their neighbors.

“Here, everyone is in their houses, cooped up like chickens,” Mensah



Hawah Abdulrasaq Coker

said.

The women said in comparison to home, American food is more like snacks than a meal. Mensah said fries and burgers are foods that are not fulfilling. She said their meals back at home include rice, meats and vegetables, and junk food is only eaten during a celebration.

“I miss the smells of the markets and the feeling of family,” Mensah said.

People often ask Abdulrasaq Coker why she lives with modern sensibilities and often expect her to live a certain way because she is from Africa. She said that might be one of the biggest misconceptions about her home continent.

“People think we live in trees,” Abdulrasaq Coker said.

Mensah agreed, adding that peo-

ple think those from Ghana own mud houses. She said considering that Ghana is around 60 years old, it is fairly new and the term “third world country” is demeaning.

“It’s what has been put out in the media,” Mensah said. “The only difference between America and Ghana is the technology.”

Mensah said Africa is a rich land, unbeknownst to many. She said exploitation of the land is very much known and that is probably why people think the land is deprived.

“Ghana has oil,” Mensah said. “They take from us to make their countries nice and then call us uncivilized.”

Abdulrasaq Coker said her home Nigeria is dependant on their resources, and when people take them without giving back to the community, it hurts the people who live there.

“It’s killing us,” Abdulrasaq Coker said. “But I like the fact that we will never stop believing, and that’s what I love about Africa: we’re fighters.”

Mensah said America is beautiful, but she has to return back to her home.

“It’s not like home. Home is always home,” Mensah said.

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Dance troupe prepares for 'Timeless' show

By Jason Franc

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Members of EIU Dancers are bringing back the styles of dance from each decade through their upcoming show “Timeless,” a performance in The Theatre of the Doudna Fine Arts Center at 7 p.m. on Thursday and Friday.

The show will focus on dancing styles dating from the 1920s to present day.

EIU Dancers wants to make the audience feel as if they are having a firsthand experience of each era the dance group will be showcasing.

The performance was put together by student and guest choreographers and is under the direction of director Amanda Baima and assistant director Samantha Saunders.

Saunders said the group made sure to do their research when choosing what styles of dancing they would perform.

“We really studied each decade and what’s iconic about it. After that we tried to translate it into our dancing,” Saunders said.

Saunders said the main message of the group’s performance is that each



SUBMITTED PHOTO

EIU Dancers will be showcasing dances from various decades at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday in The Theatre of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

decade’s culture has something worth celebrating. The dance group has not done a performance like this one before, so the work they are doing is completely new.

Mackenzie Butler, one of the choreographers for EIU Dancers, helped to create and prepare the performers for their “Timeless” performance.

“It’s going to be a different kind of performance because of all the different cohesive themes involved,” Butler said.

The EIU Dancers have been working on this particular performance since the beginning of their season in August.

Dancers said they are excited for this particular performance because of the event’s significance and because of the time and effort they have put into creating the show. The dance group wishes to portray their art form using all of the different iconic styles of dance they studied.

“We expect our audience to feel

like they are truly experiencing the time period that dancers are modeled after,” Baima said in the press release. “With the help of the Dounda Fine Arts Center, we are able to put on a great show with amazing lighting and special effects.”

Tickets for “Timeless” are \$10 general admission and student tickets are \$5.

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Speaker discusses decline in public higher education

By **Cassie Buchman**
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Rising tuition, decreased state funding and financial pressures on public universities are all leading to what University of Illinois professor Christopher Higgins calls a “death spiral” in public higher education.

Higgins gave a lecture on this topic Tuesday evening in the Doudna Fine Arts Center Lecture Hall.

C. C. Wharram, the director of the Center for the Humanities, said they try to get people, including Higgins, to speak on timely issues such as the challenges facing higher education while the “folks in Springfield are making things (at Eastern) difficult.”

Higgins said there are large-scale forces leading to the decline of higher education.

He explained his “death spiral,” a cycle where states decrease funding to public universities, leading to financial pressure on these universities, after which comes a tuition increase that places financial pressure on the families of returning students.

This all leads to the next step in the spiral, which is what Higgins said is a vocalization of universities, or the tendency to view higher education as first and foremost factor in securing the credentials necessary to succeed in the job market.

Higgins said this gets worse when people think the point of going to college is to enter into the job market



JASON HOWELL | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Christopher Higgins, a philosophy professor at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, gives a presentation on “The Death Spiral of Contemporary Higher Education” on Tuesday in the Lecture Hall of the Doudna Fine Arts Center. Some of the things Higgins talked about the reasonings that people attend college that differ from the past and that the lack of higher education support is not just a statewide issue, but nationwide as well.

with a certain credential.

“My argument would be not that education has nothing to do with the real world and getting a job, but of course preparing people for work includes not only how to do x but why x matters, how to keep learning throughout a career because x will change,” Higgins said.

He said it is important to make sure students know they care about their lives as citizens.

This then makes people see higher education as a private good as op-

posed to a public good, which decreases taxpayer support for higher education, and takes the cycle back to the beginning, with a decrease in state funding for public universities.

Higgins said because of this, many schools try to convince people they are a good “investment” that can get students jobs because of the high cost of universities.

“Students are coming in with the thought, ‘I’m about to cost my parents \$100,000,’” Higgins said.

Because many parents are paying

a lot of money and students know that, Higgins said many people want to be able to “see a paycheck” at their end of their four years at universities, leading to the further vocalizations of schools.

He quoted Harry Truman’s Commission on Higher Education, saying if college opportunities are restricted to those in higher income brackets, society becomes open to a creation of and perpetuation of a class society which has no place in the American way of life.

He said there are low cost options in United States higher education, but the worry was that some or all community colleges and technical schools do not seem to produce the credentials that are translatable into the social mobility envisioned by the Commission.

“The cost of attending today’s state universities is exorbitant,” Higgins said.

In the midst of the recession, tuition increases in Arizona, Georgia and Washington universities were 70 percent, and even with these dramatic increases, some charge a premium for professional majors, Higgins said.

“The illusion of course is these are public universities and of course they are country clubs for the privileged,” Higgins said.

This rising tuition has many causes including “administrative bloat.”

Higgins said while faculty-student ratio has remained constant, there has been a market growth in the

number of administrative positions and increasing presidential salaries.

He said the main culprit causing the rise in tuition is the waning of state funds.

From 2008 to 2012 states cut per pupil higher education funding by 26.7 percent on average.

Higgins said this indicative of a national decline, as per-pupil funding dropped by 30 percent from 2000 to 2010, before the recession started.

This rising tuition puts more strain on families of students who are going to school and causes students to go into more debt to pay for their education.

Higgins said public higher education could be thought of as a private or public good, saying certain parts were private as it was linked to the aspect of society trying to distribute economic employment opportunity.

Higher education could be seen as a public good as some think it is best to educate people for the good of different communities.

“When we educate each other’s children, the concept is, we all benefit,” Higgins said. “Preparing students for public life, this mindset of being something larger than you, being able to deal with people who are different for yourself. I think that’s a public good in a more essential sense.”

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Student Senate to hear bylaw change Wednesday

By **Analicia Haynes**
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The student external affairs committee will be presenting a bylaw change at the Student Senate meeting Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

According to the bylaw’s rationale, the changes are required to make sure the committee chair is aware of the several responsibilities they have.

“The reason for the majority of the changes is because the committee does not need to be comprised of non-voting members as we do not vote on much in our committee, rather plan different events that

include the Charleston and Eastern community,” according to the rationale.

The other changes are to clear up confusion in regards to the Charleston Town Hall meetings and continuing communication with the Charleston High School students, according to the rationale.

In the original bylaw, the committee is supposed to be composed of a minimum of two non-student senate members, faculty members appointed by the Faculty Senate and Charleston City Council members.

There should also be one member from the Charleston Chamber of Commerce and one faculty member chosen by the chair through an application process, according to the

original bylaw.

The proposed changes will eliminate these positions including those of the non-voting ex officio members, such as the mayor of Charleston and instead calls for a minimum of two Student Senate members to be on the committee.

The bylaw change also calls for the addition of a mandatory collaboration with Charleston High School students on one project throughout the semester.

With the changes, senators will be able to serve a term of one academic semester as opposed to a full year on the committee and establish communication with members of the Charleston City Council by attending the bi-weekly Charleston

Town Hall meetings.

Katie St. John, the current chair for the committee, authored the changes and submitted them along with Luke Young, a committee member and senator.

“All those nonvoting and voting members don’t really apply to our committee’s focus,” St. John said. “Therefore the bylaws needed to be changed.”

St. John said the original bylaw was outdated and did not represent how the committee truly functioned.

“Like any organization, as time goes on things change, and I wanted to make sure whoever took my spot next was familiar with what the committee is primarily focused on

so they can continue to do that,” St. John said.

Senators will discuss the bylaw change at tomorrow’s meeting and vote on it at next week’s meeting.

The Student Senate will also approve the Cricket Club at Eastern Illinois University and Alpha Psi Lambda as Registered Student Organizations.

Alpha Psi Lambda was established at Ohio State University in 1984 and is the nation’s first and largest co-ed Latino fraternity.

The fraternity has 25 chapters and three colonies with more than 2,500 members.

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Letter to the Editor

Choose the right leader

Dear editor and fellow students,

This week we will be making the very important decisions as to who will lead our student body.

The key race in this election is for executive vice president, of which the outcome could heavily influence the direction of our Student Senate.

As a former student senator who resigned in protest against unsustainable Senate policies that I believed have created a cycle of high turnover and low morale, I am excited by the prospect of positive change offered by candidate Frida Arellano.

Not only does Frida offer a refreshing change to student government, but she has proven herself to be a dedicated and key leader in the Fund EIU movement on campus.

This is the most important issue facing our campus, and Frida is the candidate who has best demonstrated the ability to represent our classmates during this fiscal crisis.

I strongly encourage all students to invest your vote in a proven leader. I urge you to support Frida Arellano for executive vice president.

Jonathan M. Williams, political science graduate student



Chris Picazo

Stay off your phone for 50 minutes

You will meet a lot of different people in college, and one person you will definitely notice is the person who does not take class time seriously.

They are the ones who show up to class unprepared, fall asleep on a daily basis or spend time on their phone. If you are going to show up and not care about class, why even bother going?

You are just wasting your time and the professor's time at that point.

I know there will be times when a student may doze off after pulling an all-nighter, but when you go to class and sleep every lecture, it shows everyone how much you truly care.

I also know it can be hard to not check your phone every 30 seconds, but class is just a little more important than what your friends are saying on Facebook.

Not taking class seriously is the basically the same thing as not going to class, and missing a class is about \$27.

Don't be this person in class. You're just wasting your time in college if you are.

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Uncle Billy Wants You to Vote



SHELBY NIEHAUS | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Staff Editorial

Vote in the Student Senate elections

It is that time of the year again, election time. Students should pay attention not just to presidential election, but also to the student government election at Eastern.

Students will be able to vote Wednesday and Thursday via email for who will represent their interests in student matters on campus.

This year, we have six students who are running for four different executive positions, including the vice president for student affairs, vice president for academic affairs, the executive vice president and of course, the student body president. Students also can vote for student senators to represent them.

Some students may not be familiar with what exactly is student government and what are the different responsibilities that the members are tasked with.

Voting for student government is something that every student should take seriously. The students involved with Student Senate are not only involved within their own student government, but they also play important roles in different committees with members of the faculty.

For instance, members of student government are also a part of the Council on Academic Affairs, which is in charge of deciding what new courses should be made available to students as well as what current courses need revisions, and the executive vice president of student government is also a member of the Board of Trustees.

The student government also comes up with different events for students to participate in, such as the "Prowlin' with the Prez," which allows students to interact with President David Glassman in different activities.

The important thing to take away from student government is that they are students, just like everyone else.

They are here to fight for the students' needs and rights, whether that is through being a liason with the administration or passing their own bills.

Some students may feel like the student government does not do much, but the fact of the matter is that they are there for the students. The voting process is quite simple. It should not take too much out of anyone's day, but it still counts.

If you have complaints later that you do not believe the student government is doing its job, then you will have more of a leg to stand on with your concerns if you actually voted. Do not just say something after the fact, but be part of the decision now.

The members of the student government are the ones we choose to hear our voices and take action on what is important to us.

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

Don't be afraid to try new adventures

Trying new things has always been something terrifying for me.

Since suffering from social anxiety and having the fear of large crowds, I would never want to go to a new place by myself.

But for the past few years I have been trying new things to be "braver."

These small steps could be anything from getting a cup of coffee by myself, eating by myself in a restaurant or even shopping by myself, which is something a lot of people like to do with another person.

The reason why I have been doing this, trying to be more independent and doing things on my own, was because I knew one day I would have to be on my own.

This spring break was a big test on my anxiety.

I reluctantly agreed to go all week with my three other friends to New Orleans.

The old Liz would have said "no" at once and refused to talk about it.

But I am glad I went. I experienced a lot of different cultures all meshed into one. I even got to hold a baby alligator!

Bourbon Street was crazy, and the ghost stories that the tour guides told were amazing.

The ghost stories were about Marie Laveau the Voodoo Queen of New Orleans. I even got to see the graveyard where her tomb lies. I got to see Marie Delphine



Liz Dowell

LaLaurie, also known as Madame LaLaurie's, house where she tortured and killed all the slaves that she owned.

I learned how laid-back New Orleans is, and I felt safe there.

I felt way safer than I do when I visit Chicago, but that could also have something to do with who I explored New Orleans with.

Since experiencing New Orleans, I now know that is where I want to end up in the long run.

Tip on trying new things: Do not overthink it. If you start overthinking your actions, you will more than likely not end up doing it.

If I sat down and thought about how

dangerous New Orleans is or how long the drive will be or who I would be in the car with for hours on end, I would more than likely not have gone.

If you sit down and overthink the job that you will be applying for and think about how much you do not want the job, even if it is a good entry job, you'll never apply for it. And we all need jobs after college.

My point is I am glad I went on my spring break trip.

I learned some new things, not only about the city I visited but also about myself.

As in, I can put up with a lot of people in a small space without snapping on anyone.

Since visiting New Orleans, I have also started to apply for jobs, and now I have an interview with one of my prospective employers. Look at me being an adult.

Do not be afraid to try new things. I mean, we all know people who tell us not to be afraid, but seriously, trying new things is not always a bad. New experiences can lead to new adventures, and adventures are always interesting.

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GLAM donates clothes

By T’Nerra Butler
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Glamorized Ladies and Men Modeling has taken fashion off the runway and into a clothing drive where clothes will be distributed to a homeless shelter and Goodwill.

This is not the first time the campus has seen a drive from the organization, as members co-sponsored one last year with the women of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. Janai Cooks, the president of GLAM, said the organization wanted to show that its members were more than just models who put on occasional shows.

In one day, GLAM collected two bins that were the equivalent of roughly two garbage bags full of clothes. Members of GLAM were stationed in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union and took donations there. A box was also placed Lawson Hall on Monday, and members donated some of their own clothes.

“What I’ve learned is that location is key,” Cooks said. “No one thinks to bring clothes to the Union. That was our only downfall.”

Cooks said she wanted GLAM to do something that was meaningful and not just for show. She said she wants the recipients of the clothes to know someone thought about them. The drive gives back to the community, but it also helps in other areas, Cooks said.

“It could put (donators) in a giving mood,” Cooks said. “It also helps to clean your room. Although something may just be a shirt to you, it might be the best looking shirt they’ve had since they encountered their struggles.”

Regine Hughes, a model for GLAM, said the drive meant a lot for the organization. She said they care about fashion but also care about those who are in need.

“I know in a college town, not everybody can get the most high-end clothes,” Hughes said. “It’s good to make clothes accessible.”

Hughes was one of the models who helped set the table for the drive.

“It shows that we are not just focused on ourselves, but we think about others,” Hughes said.

It is easy for college students to get wrapped up in their own problems and they forget that someone else probably has it worse, Hughes said.

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Presidential Piñatas



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Jessica Grzegorzewski, a senior communication disorders and sciences major, helps put together the piñata for Phi Sigma Pi Tuesday during Piñatas with the Prez in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr University Union. President David Glassman mingled with registered student organizations and other groups that participated in the student government Prowlin’ series event.

Professor to speak on women in STEM

By Abbey Whittington
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Carlotta Berry, an engineering professor at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, Ind., will be discussing her journey in engineering in a lecture titled “Wouldn’t Take Nothing For My Journey Now” at 11 a.m. Thursday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

During her lecture, Berry will be walking students through how she decided to major in engineering and her experiences with the field as an undergraduate and graduate student. She will also explore why women in engineering should pursue advanced science, technology, engineering and math degrees.

“A big problem with recruiting and retaining women in engineering is the impostor syndrome and stereotype threat, which is based in the implication that they cannot do as well as their male counterparts in this field or that they really don’t belong there,”

Berry said. “I love to tell people that I am an engineer and professor and I look forward to the day that they are no longer surprised because this is the norm.”

Berry’s research will also be shown during her lecture, which will include robotics education, interface design, human-robot interaction and increasing underrepresented populations in STEM fields. The lecture is being sponsored by the department of mathematics and computer science, the Jack and Margaret Redden grant, Women in Science and Mathematics, Minority Mentoring in Mathematics and Science and Sigma Ki, The Scientific Research Society.

Berry resides in Plainfield and received her doctorate degree in electrical engineering at Vanderbilt University. She serves as the director of the multidisciplinary minor in robotics and the co-director of the Rose Building Undergraduate Diversity program at Rose-Hulman. She is also a judge of the “For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology Ro-

botics” competition.

Berry said she loved math and science when she was in high school and her counselor told her she should consider pursuing a career in engineering.

“My best advice for students is that we have to get over the stigma that all engineers are smart. I always say that success happens when hard work, discipline and dedication meets your purpose and passion,” Berry said. “By perpetuating the myth that all engineers must be super smart and male, this classes out a whole subset of people who could potentially make great engineers because they feel that they don’t meet the qualifications.”

Alejandra Alvarado, an assistant mathematics professor, said she first came into contact with Berry after finding an article from *The New York Times* about the engineering professor, which focused on her profession in engineering as an African-American woman and how Berry has been perceived by students.

Berry was originally supposed to

give her speech on Feb. 24 in celebration of African-American Heritage Month, but the lecture was rescheduled because of the snow day.

Alvarado said Berry would also serve as a great role model to women and minorities who are pursuing STEM degrees since their numbers in the degree are so low.

“There just are not that many women in engineering. If you look at our engineering or physics faculty page I can maybe only think of one female instructor,” Alvarado said.

After Berry’s lecture with students, there will be a free luncheon at noon. The deadline to reserve seats for lunch has been met. However, if students come to Berry’s talk and there are seats left, they are welcome to join.

“I think the lecture will be good for all students to see somebody other than what a stereotypical engineering or science professor looks like,” Alvarado said.

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“Never in my life would I have imagined (running for president) until I got involved in student government and ran for this position,” Witt said.

The vice president of academic affairs is the chief academic officer of the student body and assists the president in determining the general policy of the academic affairs area, according to the

student government website.

Luke Young, a sophomore finance major and candidate for the academic affairs position, said he wants to be a servant of the student body in all aspects of the position.

“Being on Faculty Senate and working with the administration and working with students is the best of both worlds, and that really appealed to me to work

in that environment,” Young said.

Young said he would want to continue putting on the “Prowlin’ with the Prez” events, but tailor them more to President David Glassman because they were created and formed around former President Bill Perry.

Witt said she thinks it is important for students to vote for who they want to

represent them.

“If (students) have any concerns or problems, instead of complaining about (the problems) they can go to the candidates that are running or go to the elected students and do something about it,” Witt said.

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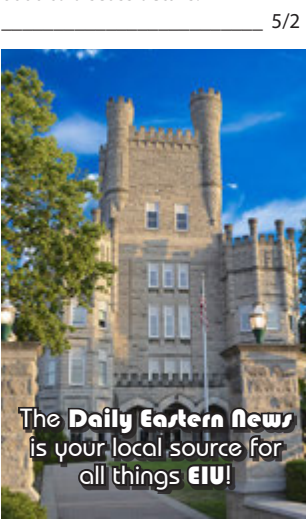
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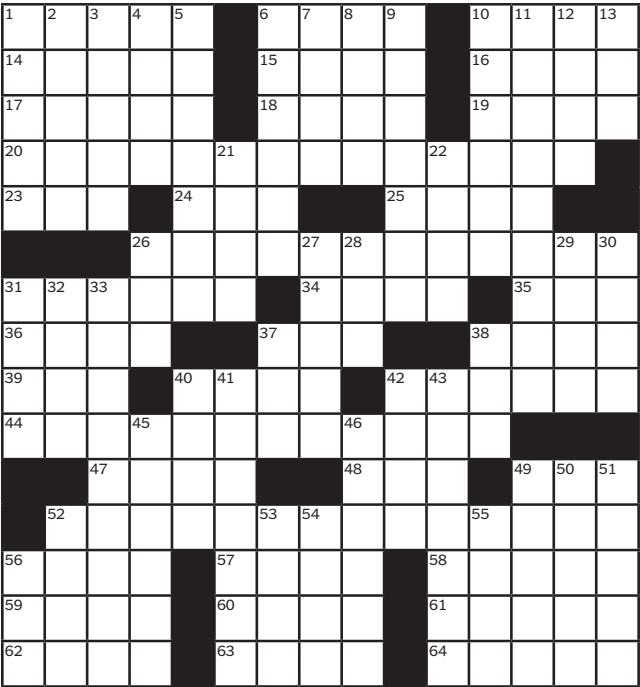
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Derby sound
- 6 Evidence of injury
- 10 Some football linemen
- 14 Golfer Palmer, to fans
- 15 ___ Romeo
- 16 HBO hit starring Julia Louis-Dreyfus
- 17 Cuddly-looking “bear”
- 18 One of 100 on a football field
- 19 Not home
- 20 Informant trapped after an icy storm?
- 23 Twisted Sister frontman Snider
- 24 “Who doesn’t know that?!”
- 25 Ones with a lot of pull in the agricultural world?

- 26 Actress with an icy stare?
- 31 Repeated musical themes
- 34 Mary Lincoln’s maiden name
- 35 Treasure on the Spanish Main
- 36 Chicago mayor Emanuel
- 37 “Weekend Update” co-anchor Michael
- 38 “Two for me. None for you” candy bar
- 39 Pronoun in several Beatles titles
- 40 Basilica part
- 42 Like a trampoline
- 44 Pitcher of ice?
- 47 “Would I ___!”
- 48 A, in Spanish
- 49 Grp. concerned with global warming

- 52 Next Republican nominee after Dwight D. Ice in Shower left office?
- 56 Garment usually with two buttons
- 57 Chutzpah
- 58 Part of a drum kit
- 59 Ticklish “Sesame Street” character
- 60 Sunny honeymoon site, maybe
- 61 Venerated ones
- 62 Offering in The New Yorker
- 63 Somewhat
- 64 Not neat

- DOWN**
- 1 Obvious, as ambition
- 2 Crumble over time
- 3 Dumbstruck
- 4 ___ monster
- 5 Generally known
- 6 Waves, say
- 7 Whole extended family
- 8 Old hairdo for Diana Ross
- 9 Something bleeped
- 10 Doesn’t answer directly
- 11 Like a recent transplant
- 12 School overseer
- 13 Secret admirer?
- 21 Toggery
- 22 Gen. follower



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- 26 “Huckleberry Finn” character
- 27 Neighbor of Lucy on “I Love Lucy”
- 28 One alternative of a sentry’s challenge
- 29 ___ the Red
- 30 Common theater name
- 31 Richie’s mom, to Fonzie
- 32 Locale of Kaneohe Bay
- 33 Who I am inside
- 37 Long-running CBS drama
- 38 Pull
- 40 One scoring on a serve
- 41 Realm of King Midas
- 42 Tie up
- 43 Just because
- 45 Where a Nintendo might be hooked up
- 46 Soothed
- 49 Group values
- 50 Sounds from a bell tower
- 51 Affected
- 52 Skinny tie
- 53 Museum dinosaur skeleton, say
- 54 Jar for stews
- 55 White House worker
- 56 Get-up-and-go

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Panthers earn shutout win in home baseball opener

By Maher Kawash
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After 19 straight games on the road to start the season, the Eastern baseball team returned home to Coaches Stadium for the first time this season.

The Panthers' home opener was originally set for March 1, but it was postponed because of severe weather conditions.

With the home opener rescheduled for Tuesday against Robert Morris-Chicago, plans almost fell through once again. Because of scheduling conflicts, Robert Morris-Chicago was not able to take on Eastern, and the game was going to be canceled.

But the Panthers found another club to come through and take part in Eastern's home opener. The Panthers welcomed Robert Morris-Peoria onto their home field Tuesday.

Eastern's offense was in full throttle as the team put together a special performance to come out with a 14-0 victory.

"It was big for us to just be out there on our own field," Eastern coach Jason Anderson said. "It was a good opportunity for us, because we haven't been able to practice on our field yet this season."

With the win, the Panthers improved to 3-18 this season while Robert Morris dropped to 3-5 on the year.

Things did not start off particularly well for Eastern, as the team's first four batters went down on strikes. But it would be no problem for the Panthers, because senior Mitch Gasbarro got the team going.

Gasbarro doubled in the second in-

ning to give Eastern its first hit of the game.

Sophomore Hunter Morris followed up by reaching on an error, and allowing Gasbarro to score the first run of the game.

The Panther were nowhere near done after that. Eastern came back in the third inning to add three runs to the scoreboard, and extend the lead to 4-0.

Sophomore Frankie Perrone stepped up for the Panthers in that third inning. He brought in two runs on a single to left field.

With a comfortable lead in front of him, senior Jake Johansmeier went to work on the mound for the Panthers. Johansmeier pitched five shutout innings for Eastern while recording four strikeouts, earning his first win of the season.

"Jake was able to do what he does best, and just go out there and pitch," Anderson said. "This game serves him as a confidence booster."

The fifth inning proved to be another big one for the Panthers, as the offense added on four more runs to their lead. It was the fifth where Gasbarro added onto his big day at the plate with a single up the middle that brought two runners home.

Freshman Nick Maton also took part in the scoring, bringing in two more runs with a single to give the Panthers an 8-0 lead.

The offensive show continued for Eastern with sophomore Josh Turnock adding to the route in the bottom of the sixth inning. Turnock came in to the game as a pinch-hitter, and hit an



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Senior Jake Johansmeier pitches Tuesday at Coaches Stadium against Robert Morris-Peoria. The Panthers won 14-0, and Johansmeier improved to 1-2 on the season.

RBI double into the outfield gap as the lead extended to 9-0.

And just when it looked like Eastern was ready to slow down, the offense came back for an even bigger seventh inning. The Panthers tacked on five more runs in the seventh to push their lead to 14-0 on the Eagles.

"It was a confidence booster for our guys to hit like this," Anderson said. "Guys were struggling at the plate before this game, and some of them were able to take advantage of today."

Eastern cruised to victory with the success of its offense as well as stellar pitching.

Freshman Ben Hughes, sophomore Hunter Clark and freshman Cole Berry all followed Johansmeier on the mound and completed the shutout for Eastern. The pitching staff not only combined for the shutout, but did so while holding the Eagles to just four hits in the game.

Gasbarro proved to be a leader on offense, finishing the day 4-for-5 from the plate along with three RBIs.

"Mitch (Gasbarro) had a good day at the plate, and was able to come through with some big hits for us," Anderson said.

Maton also finished strong, going 3-for-4 hitting in the game.

Turnock and sophomore Cale Hennemann also took part in Eastern's 13 hits by adding two each.

Next up for the Panthers is an important conference matchup against Jacksonville State.

Eastern will take on the Gamecocks in a three game series at home. The series begins Thursday, and it will be the first home OVC matchup for the Panthers this season.

Anderson believes that the home-field advantage will do his team well against Jacksonville State. "We have a big challenge coming up this weekend," Anderson said. "It always helps to be able to get out of the hotels, and play in front of our home surroundings."

That three-game series will wrap up a four game home stand for Eastern.

First pitch against Jacksonville State is 3 p.m. Thursday.

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Eastern golfers take last in final round during invite

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The third and final round of the Missouri State Invite concluded Tuesday afternoon in Springfield, Miss., as the Eastern men's golf team tried to gain some ground from their last place standing.

Eastern entered Tuesday with a combined team score of +105.

Eleven schools teed off Tuesday morning starting at 8 a.m. up until 9:12 a.m., with half the group starting on the front nine of the course while the other half covered the back nine.

The course conditions were a little warmer than Monday's play.

Temperatures reached 70 degrees with winds exceeding 21 mph.

Freshman Alvaro Hernandez, freshman Chuck Adare, sophomore Alex Gowin, junior Daniel Hughes and junior Ryan Hughes represented Eastern at the two-day tournament. The five players started their final round on the tenth hole Tuesday.

Each player was paired up with members from Missouri State and South Dakota.

Hernandez had the most successful day for the Panthers on the course. He was +2 after the first ten holes, but quickly found his shot and received a score of -2 on the last nine holes played.

Both scores would even out, leav-

ing him with a score of 71 and an even par on the scorecard. Alvaro finished at +12 for the event and managed to have the best score out of the five Panther golfers. Hernandez placed tied for 16 in the overall standings.

Hernandez came into the second day tied for 36th place and finished with a three-round score of 225.

Adare had a number of bogeys, including a couple of double bogeys during the start of his day on the back nine. He scored +11 for the first nine holes, but would turn things around on the second half of his day with a score of +1. He ended up placing 49th overall for the tournament.

Adare was the team leader after the first day and tied for 31st.

As a team, Central Arkansas took home first place with a combined team score of 874. The team's average score out of the three rounds came out to be 291, giving them a finishing score of +22 over par.

Freshman Luis Obiols helped Central Arkansas to a first place title by finishing first place overall in the player's bracket with three scores of 69, 71 and 75. Obilos finished with a score of +2, just one stroke ahead of Missouri State's Joey Johnson.

Missouri State, the hosting school, received second place for their two days of play. They trailed first place by seven strokes at the end of Tues-

day. Missouri State did hold first place for the total amount of pars accumulated, which came out to be 113.

The next competition for the Panthers will be at the Arkansas State Invitational. This event will take place at Ridge Point Country Club on April 4. This two-week break will give Eastern enough time to bounce back and prepare for their next competition.

Eastern has finished in last place in four out of the six matches they have played this season, including its fall schedule.

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Freshman third baseman Mady Poulter tags out Addison Baumle of Butler after getting her caught in a rundown Tuesday at Williams Field. The Panthers lost 3-0.

Panthers struggle to earn hits, taken down 3-0

By Sean Hastings
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A windy day at Williams Field limited the amount of offense coming from the Eastern softball team and the Butler Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs had just five hits heading into the seventh inning, but a four-hit, three-run inning gave the Bulldogs a 3-0 win Tuesday.

The Panthers and the Bulldogs were originally scheduled to play a doubleheader, but the high winds resulted in the second game being canceled.

Eastern was only able to get two hits in the game. Both hits came in the second inning.

The Panthers weren't able to get a string of hits going, and coach Angie Nicholson said she was not happy with how the team played against

Butler.

Sophomore pitcher Michelle Rogers got to start for the Panthers and was solid up until the seventh inning.

Sophomore pitcher Jessica Wireman was in the game when the runs scored, but both runs were charged to Rogers.

Wireman gave up a single when she came in, and the Bulldogs also perfected a squeeze play to bring in the second run. Rogers allowed both runners to reach base.

The third run was charged to Wireman.

Rogers went 6.1 innings, allowing seven hits and striking out seven batters.

Rogers got herself into some trouble throughout the game, but managed to get out of it each inning.

She got out of a bases loaded jam

in the fifth inning and got out of a first and second situation in the sixth inning.

Rogers' seven strikeouts Tuesday gave her 29 on the season in 59 innings pitched. Her record falls to 1-4 with the loss and brings her earned run average to 5.58.

"Michelle (Rogers) did a good job," Nicholson said. "She got us all the way into the seventh. That was good for her. That was the thing I liked the most today."

Senior first baseman Kylie Bennett got one of the hits for the Panthers and senior outfielder April Markowski got the other. Bennett went 1-2 with a walk and Markowski went 1-3.

Tuesday's wind was blowing in from left field, causing any fly ball to hang up in the air. Eastern had eight fly outs in the game, a number that

was too high, Nicholson said.

"We've got to hit," Nicholson said. "We knew the wind was going to be a factor. You've got to make adjustments to what's given to you based on their surface, or what they're giving you, and the weather."

The Panthers talked about how the wind was going to play a factor and how they could not hit the ball in the air and be successful on a day like Tuesday, Nicholson said.

The wind stopped any ball from getting any carry on it during the game, resulting in some easy plays for both the Bulldogs and the Panthers.

Eastern's overall record drops to 8-16 on the season, but they do remain perfect in OVC play. Butler does not play in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Eastern will not have a day off be-

fore they are back at Williams Field for a non-conference doubleheader against DePaul.

The first pitch is scheduled for 3 p.m. with the second game following at 5 p.m. Wednesday.

DePaul will come into Eastern fresh off a 6-4 win against Saint Louis. They struggled early on this season with a 7-19 record.

Markowski said it is great to have the midweek non-conference games before they play their OVC games on the weekend. She said it gives them another opportunity to get in a live situation to prepare for the OVC games.

Eastern will be taking on Jacksonville State Saturday and Sunday in Jacksonville, Ala.

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Track, field teams head outdoors to defend OVC title

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The Eastern track and field teams will begin the outdoor season this weekend, which means the weekend will mark the start of the men's Ohio Valley Conference title defense.

The men's team recently won the OVC Indoor Championships, but they also took the crown for the outdoor season at the end of last year. The title was their 15th men's outdoor championship since joining the league.

Head coach Tom Akers earned Men's Coach of the Year honors for the indoor season.

They took the crown with 233.5 points. Their biggest competitors

were the men of Southeast Missouri, who finished second with 216 points. Eastern's men's track team returns three of the four runners from the 4x100 relay squad that tied the school record.

The returners from the relay team include junior Jonathon Boey, senior Calvin Edwards and junior Jamal Robinson.

Also returning is senior Christian Ilunga-Mathhiesen, who was an OVC Medal of Honor winner for his grades.

The women's team missed winning the OVC Outdoor Championships, as Tennessee State beat them out by just 1.5 points. Tennessee State also got the best of the women's team at the indoor championships.

Sophomore Haleigh Knapp will look to improve on her successful indoor season, as she earned first team All-OVC honoree in the high jump. Teammates Janie Howse and Bryn Buckwalter each earned first team honorees in the weight throw and the shot-put.

Senior Amina Jackson earned second team All-OVC honors in the women's 400-meter hurdles in the outdoor championships last season. She talked about the differences between competing outdoor and indoor.

"Well in general there are more events," she said. "You have the steeplechase and a couple more long distance races. You also have the 4x1."

Jackson also said that the weath-

er is very unpredictable during outdoor track, while in indoor track the weather will be the same each meet.

"If it's extremely windy it can be a plus, but also a downer," she said. "If the wind is at your back it gives you a bit of extra help. If you're running into the wind you can't go as fast as you would without wind."

The outdoor season consists of seven meets followed by the conference championships.

The NCAA West Regional and the NCAA Outdoor Championships follow the conference championships if individuals or relay teams qualify. The OVC tournament will begin May 13 in Nashville. The NCAA Outdoor Championship will not be until June 8.

Eastern will host two home meets this season: the EIU Big Blue Classic spanning March 31 through April 2 and the EIU Last Chance on May 6.

The first meet will be at Southern Illinois Carbondale this Saturday, an annual meet that the teams compete in.

After competing at Southern Illinois Carbondale, the Panthers will head home to O'Brien Field for the EIU Big Blue Classic.

Eastern will also be taking on Illinois in Champaign April 23. But before they head to Illinois, they will take on instate rival Illinois State in Normal.

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