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Public-sector unions sue over pension-reform

By Bob Galuski  
Managing Editor | @BobGaluski

In an attempt to have December’s pension-reform law declared unconstitutional, public-sector unions filed a lawsuit against Gov. Pat Quinn, other constitutional officers and state retirement systems and their boards.

The announcement came Tuesday, the day before Quinn’s State of the State address.

The plaintiffs named in the lawsuit include more than 20 retired and active public workers in Illinois.

The lawsuit was filed as a response to the pension-reform law, and it states it is to correct a failure of duty by the Governor and the General Assembly of the State of Illinois – to uphold the Illinois Constitution.

“In failing to fulfill that duty, the Governor and General Assembly unlawfully harm hun-

dreds of thousands of current and retired State employees and teachers and breach the trust that all Illinois citizens place in them,” the lawsuit states.

The lawsuit claims the new pension-reform law, which will supposedly lighten the \$100 billion Illinois pension crisis, is on unconstitutional grounds.

The suit was filed in Sangamon County Circuit Court.

The AFL-CIO, Illinois Federations of Teachers, AFSCME Council 31, SEIU Local 73, Illinois Education Association and others are among unions involved with the lawsuit.

The Eastern chapter of University Professionals of Illinois has been directly involved with the pension changes. In December, the chapter organized a letter-writing campaign that resulted in around 700 postcards protesting the pension changes.

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Obama maps out new year

By Bob Galuski  
Managing Editor | @BobGaluski

*Editor’s Note: The broadcast of the State of the Union address was viewed via live stream at whitehouse.gov.*

President Barack Obama heralded to a “breakthrough year” for America during his State of the Union address Tuesday, specifically in terms of using executive force to work around Congress.

Obama spoke about using his executive orders on a slew of issues during his speech – such as minimum wage and tax code reform.

“In the coming weeks, I will issue an Executive Order requiring federal contractors to pay their federally-funded employees a fair wage of at least \$10.10 an hour – because if you cook our troops’ meals or wash their dishes, you shouldn’t have to live in poverty,” Obama said.

The minimum wage hike is a response to the federal minimum wage being worth 20 percent less than when Ronald Reagan first stepped into office, Obama said.

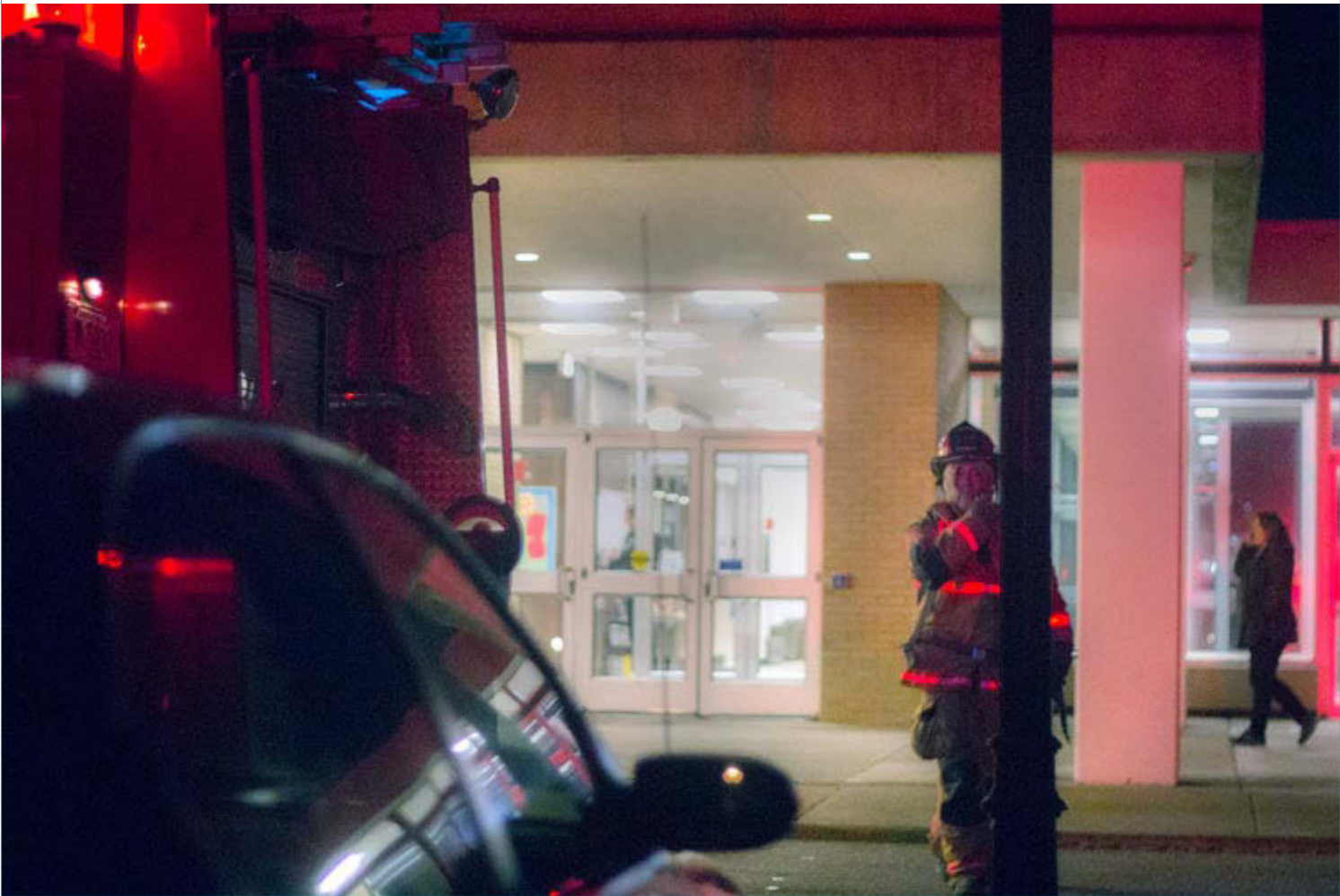
Retirement and saving for retirement came at the tail end of his portion on minimum wage.

“Today, most workers don’t have a pension. A Social Security check often isn’t enough on its own,” he said. “And while the stock market has doubled over the last five years, that doesn’t help folks who don’t have 401ks.”

Obama said he would be directing the Treasury to create a new way for Americans to start their own retirement savings, what he calls MyRA.

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Cooking mishap sets off smoke alarm



JASON HOWELL | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

The Charleston Fire Department responded to an activated smoke alarm at Andrews Hall on Tuesday evening. Callers reported smoke emanating from the third floor and all occupants of the building were required to evacuate. A sweep of the floor yielded no fire. Minutes later, firefighters reported that a “cooking mishap” was the cause for the smoke and all residents were permitted to re-enter the building. Eastern’s residence hall are required to have two designated fire marshals on each floor, who are responsible for notifying each room on the floor of an activated smoke alarm. Any person who does not evacuate a building with an activated smoke alarm on Eastern’s campus is susceptible to a \$50 minimum fine.

Eastern receives historic donation from professor’s estate

By Jarad Jarmon  
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Eastern receives gifts periodically from interested parties and, in some cases, faculty. The university has just received a record-breaking gift donation of \$3.68 million.

Paul Ward, a former educational psychology professor, donated this gift to Eastern, making it the largest gift received in university history topping a \$3 million donation Jane Tarble, the daughter of the founder of Snap-On tools, contributed.

The money was put into an endowment, according to Ward’s bequest. The money will be taken from the interest from the endowment to then be given out through scholarships for students majoring in counseling and student development.

Robert Martin, the vice president for university advancement, said this will allow the endowment to last forever. The money will need to sit for a year though in order to have enough interest to provide scholarships to students.

In a year when interest is accumulated, the scholarship committee will then split up the money to give to students.

“It is the gift that keeps on giving,” Martin said.

Martin said when he found out he was pleasantly surprised. Ward’s plan to contribute the money was set before he died June 13, 2011, but his estate had to be settled. Settling someone’s estate can take a while, Martin added.

“A state that large takes time to settle,” Martin said.

Ward wished only to have his name on the scholarships given out.

Martin said this gift will be especially helpful in recruiting new students to the counseling and student development department.

“It makes the program a lot more attractive because it will be significant financial assistance for academically qualified students,” Martin said.

Despite the fact he taught at a couple of other schools across the nation, Ward retired and contributed to Eastern, which Martin said was very interesting.

“He really loved it here, he loved his students and he wanted to make a difference,” Martin said.

President Bill Perry said he expects this to encourage donation, especially with philanthropy of this size.

“Anytime anyone makes such a gift, it does in-

spire others to think about what they can do for their university,” Perry said.

Martin said he hopes this encourages more gifts as well, but he has seen the most gifts given during the EIU: Expect Greatness campaign. He said massive donations spawn limited interest in philanthropy.

Perry said he will be mentioned during ceremonies when the scholarships will be given out to make sure people know the late Ward and what he did for Eastern.


“Faculty are so dedicated to teaching and stuff like that during their lifetime and making a difference in children’s lives,” Martin said. “He took his contribution beyond the grave.”

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Will Rogers Theatre's water main bursts

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The Will Rogers Theatre suffered a broken water main last week that flooded the basement and added another item to the list of repairs the facility will need before it is up and running again. Katie and James Troccoli bought the building, which is on the national register and the list of the ten most endangered historical sites in Illinois, in 2011 after it was shut down by AMC Entertainment, Inc. in the summer of 2010. Since then, the restoration process has been beleaguered by a host of problems. In September 2013, The Daily Eastern News reported the repairs were underway, but then an appraisal of the electrical equipment in the building set the repairs back as the Troccolis must find \$15,000 dollars before they can move forward. Additionally, Katie Troccoli said the tax increment financing that is available for historical sites around the Charleston Square couldn't be obtained. TIF is a tax subsidy for funding repairs to buildings through the local government. In the meantime, the project is at a standstill and no estimate has been made as to the cost of repairing the flooded basement. Troccoli said there are people interested in making sizable donations to the effort, but none that could be named right now. A Go Fund Me page has been set up to raise the \$10,000 needed for the electrical costs. "We want it to be up and operating so the community can have such a wonderful facility because it's such a beautiful place and it deserves to be restored and operational," Tricoli said. The storefront next to the Will Rogers Theatre is also underway – something Tricoli said will help increase the available funds for the restoration process. "We will just continue to work on the property until we can make it happen," Tricoli said. The theater opened in 1938 as a one-screen film house that seated 1,000 people, though it was later divided in two separate film rooms. It was named after the 1920s vaude-



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villian and film actor William Rogers who died in a plane crash in 1935. He traveled around the globe on three occasions, acted in 71 films in addition to writing more than 4,000 syndicated

newspaper columns on his way to being one of the first Hollywood movie stars. Similar theaters were built in Mattoon and Taylorville but the cinema on the square is the only to maintain its

style over the course of the last 70 years.

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# Library prepares for journey through Islamic culture

By Jack Cruikshank  
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Booth Library is preparing for its upcoming “Muslim Journeys” series, which will contain book discussions, scholar lectures, and professional panels to the library starting 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Booth Library West Reading Room.

The opening event kicking off the series, presented by Brian Mann, a history professor, is titled “Islam and the Monotheistic Tradition.”

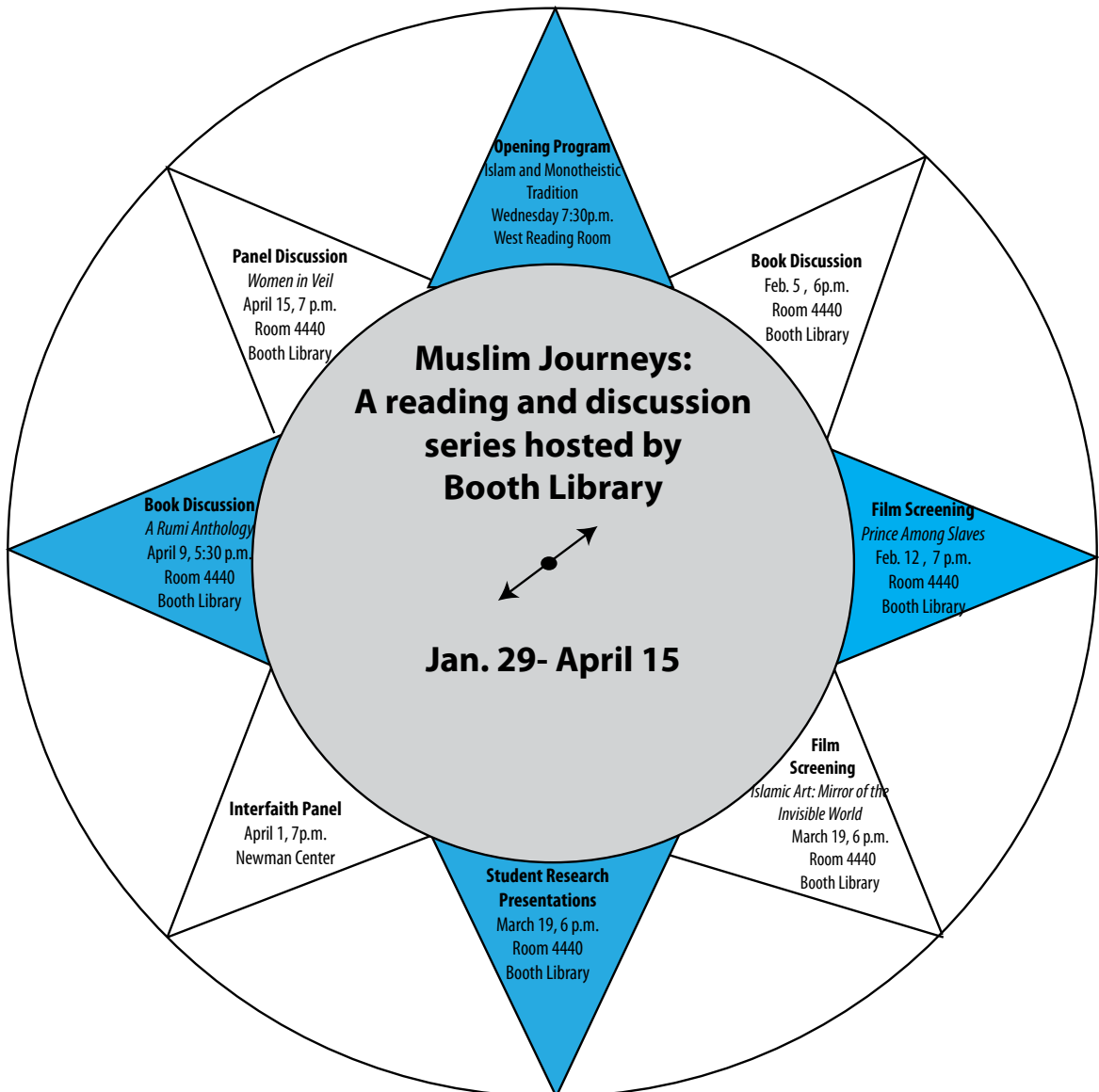
Reference Librarian Kirstin Duffin, who originally applied for the grant for the “Muslim Journeys” series through the National Endowment for the Humanities, said the library is excited for the launch this series especially because of the different outlooks which might come out because of it.

“I look forward to our book discussions, in part, due to the variety of perspectives that will be participating,” Duffin said.

For the upcoming book discussion on Feb. 5, the library has already distributed all of its complimentary copies of the book to be discussed, “The Children of Abraham: Judaism, Christianity, Islam.”

If someone still wants to read the first book before the discussion, the library is allowing students, faculty and community members alike to borrow the books through the library.

Duffin said the library has “many more” books, which can be checked out.



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“We equally have community members and EIU students signed up, along with a few EIU faculty and staff members,” Duffin said.

“Several students have demonstrated interest in taking part in the entire book discussion series, and most have picked up their books already and begun to read in preparation for our first discussion next Wednesday.”

As well as community involve-

ment, some professors around Eastern are suggesting their students participate in the series as a way to improve one’s culture awareness.

“Some professors are integrating their class work with the Muslim Journeys programming events, for which we are very enthusiastic,” Duffin said.

The library is also using the series to fulfill one of the university’s newly revised learning goals, which include a goal of responsible citizenship for every student.

“Not only is this an opportunity to support the university’s Responsible Citizenship learning goal, it is a chance for students to see that what they are learning in class has applications in engaging with the broader global community,” Duffin said.

Duffin said the library is expecting a “healthy crowd” because of the amount of community and class-related interest they have already seen.

“We look forward to the opening event and program series and ask that those who choose to attend do so with curiosity and respect,” Duffin said. “This is a topic that will allow many of us, including myself, to learn and broaden our appreciation of religion and culture both in the United States and worldwide.”

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# Faculty Senate forms committee to review committees

By Jack Cruikshank  
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The Faculty Senate formed a new committee to review the other committees under the senate at its meeting Tuesday after reports of a lack of attendance.

As a part of the report from the Elections Committee, conversations started regarding committees who do not meet and have therefore absolved over the course of years.

Amy Rosenstein, an education professor, agreed in forming the new committee after much review about how certain committees, such as the parking committee, do not currently meet, while a need might still exist.

“I motion to have an ad hoc committee to look at election procedures, (the) functions of committees and by-laws of committees, then it will report back to the senate on where to go next,” Rosenstein said.

Senate member Todd Bruns, faculty for the University Archives and Special Collections within Booth Library, said he hopes the new committee will be able to compile the information by the upcoming fall semester.

Senate chairperson Grant Sterling originally brought up the idea for the new committee.

“We have faculty who volunteer for a certain committee they know doesn’t actually meet,” Sterling, a philosophy professor, said.

Immediately after the unanimous vote (with two abstaining members), Sterling said he hopes the new committee will be successful in its efforts.

“Hopefully, this committee will meet; otherwise, we will have a paradox,” Sterling said.

The senate bi-laws last revised in 2010 list seven committees, while the agenda for the Tuesday meeting included reports from eight committees, plus the addition of the new committee to review committees.

At the meeting, Bob Augustine, the dean of the Graduate School, presented an ongoing review of Eastern’s policy regarding the mandatory publication of theses.

Augustine, in cooperation with Kraig Wheeler, a chemistry professor, told the senate how he and the Council on Graduate Studies are seeking comments from the faculty regarding the mandate requiring publication in Booth Library.

Augustine said Allan Lanham, the dean of Booth Library, has been involved with the meetings, which are also discussing Eastern’s policy for when a student wishes to withhold publication for up to two years for a variety of reasons.

“Theses are in higher demand than they have been in the past, so we are formalizing the withholding policy. It is typically for one year, while the students have an opportunity to extend

the hold for another year.”

Augustine said a student’s degree would not be withheld if a student wishes to withhold a thesis, but that it should be eventually published with Booth Library in print and/or in electronic form through Booth’s “The Keep.”

“The Keep” is an online archive of student work such as theses.

“I think (amending Eastern’s policy) matches well with peer institutions who have a withholding policy,” Augustine said. “It is formalizing our policy.”

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**WINGS:** Students were able to receive six free wings yesterday from Buffalo Wild Wings since Eastern's men's basketball team his six 3-point shots, and won on Saturday.



**WORLD:** A little league coach is suing a young boy and his parents for \$500,000 for tearing his ACL when the boy threw his helmet in a post-game celebration.



**STUDENT TEACHING:** School closures are affecting student teachers in completing their mandatory hours



**FORECAST:** The Charleston forecast guarantees double digit temperatures the rest of the week.



**BASKETBALL:** One Eastern men's baksetball player has been suspended for violation of the Student-Athlete Code of Conduct.

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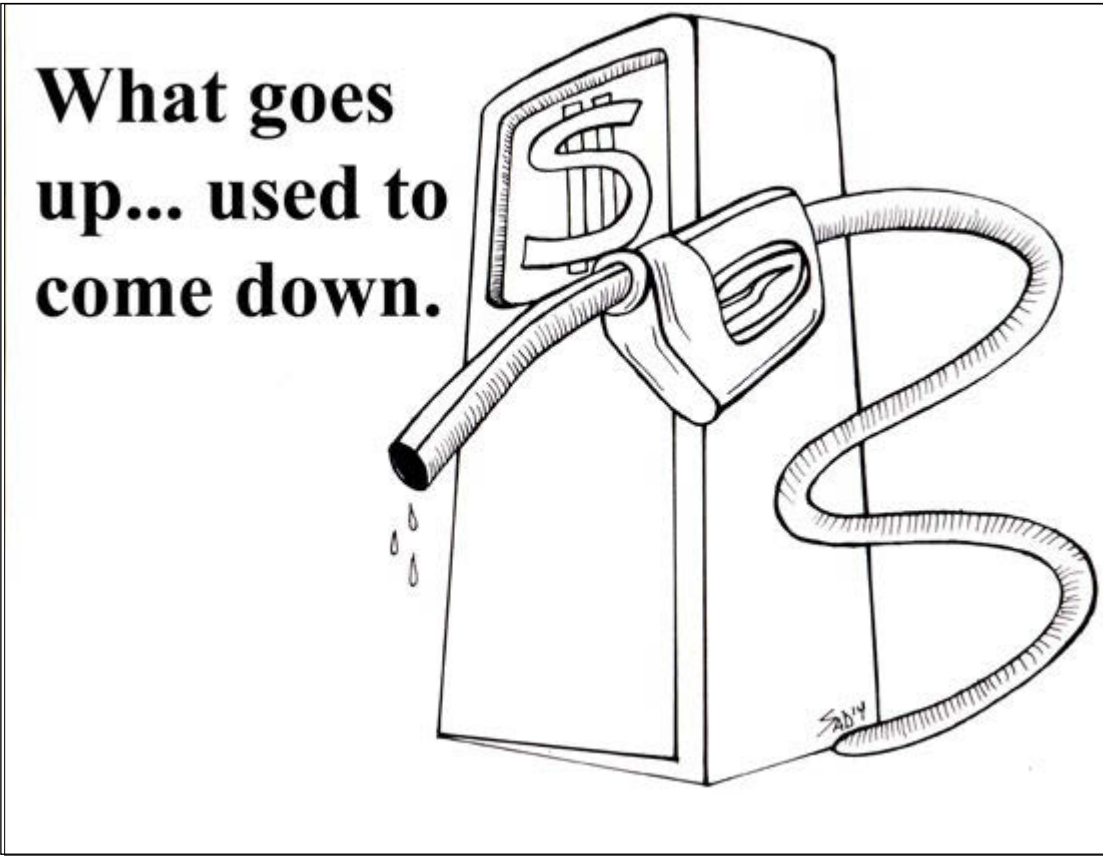
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STAFF EDITORIAL

New sales tax raise is reasonable

The Charleston School Board, joined with Mattoon, have taken the steps to place a referendum on the ballot for the primary election, which would raise the county sales tax one percent. It is something Eastern students should be aware of, whether they are from the surrounding area or not.

The proposed tax hike, which will appear on the ballot March 18. It would provide the school district with an extra \$2 million each year through the Illinois County Facilities Tax. That extra \$2 million will likely be coming from the pockets of students, as according to data from the Illinois Department of Revenue. Two of Charleston's three lowest months of collecting sales tax for 2013 came during the summer months, when many students are away.

Even though \$2 million may sound like a lot, students should know that there isn't much need to worry. Charleston already has a sales tax of 6.75 percent, which is lower than oth-

er cities, such as Champaign-Urbana, Tuscola, Decatur, and of course, Chicago.

So, even if the tax increase is small, why should Eastern students still care? Well, the money would be going to the school board and be used to pay for improvements in security and the issues with the roofing and modular unit at Charleston's Jefferson Elementary School, which is certainly a good cause. The district has quite a bit that could use some assistance, as the newest building in the Charleston district was built in 1968 while portions of Jefferson date back as far as 1927.

Students need not be skeptical of their money simply going into the pockets of somebody else, as a facilities tax increase can only be applied to infrastructure issues and cannot be used to fund discretionary spending such as teacher or administrator salaries.

Education costs money, and college students know very well that it is not cheap either. As

district Superintendent Jim Littleford said in Friday's article "School board referendum proposes sales tax hike," educating somebody costs a lot more today than it did years ago. Things have changed.

When Littleford met with the Student Senate in 2010 to discuss a previous tax increase proposal, Littleford said students understood the importance of the tax then and did not object to the proposal. We didn't have a problem with it then and we shouldn't have a problem with it now. The money is going to a good, important cause, which is education. We aren't affected by it too terribly much, so if you do decide to vote in March, don't think that all raises on taxes are bad. This one has some good to it and we should support it.

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

Vets need to be mandated reporters

Who honestly likes to hit a puppy?

Animal abuse makes us cringe more than a snot-filled sneeze on your best friend's hand, or a sweaty hug after a nice long workout.

The sad thing to know is that only 11 states in the U.S. require veterinarians to report suspected animal abuse, while 19 states from the AVMA Animal Practice Act encourage veterinarians to report suspected animal abuse.



Kyle Daubs

Let's repeat that.

Only 19 states encourage vets to report animal abuse

Then, we have the other 20 states that do not require anything.

This is alarming because we have seen enough cute cat memes to understand how much we love animals.

I mean, think about it. In movies, what do you we get more upset at? Is it when an extra gets shot and killed, or when the dog dies?

We always get a buildup of rage when the animal dies.

When those commercials come on and call out for you to adopt those pets who have been abused, while they play that sad accompanying music, do we turn the channel because we don't

care, or because it's too sad for us to watch the whole way through.

That's what I thought.

In the real world, only sick, sick people have the ability to hurt an animal. It doesn't matter how much you can hate the animal. There is no reason to harm them.

There are bigger issues in the world, but how is it that 39 states do not require their licensed veterinarians to report suspected animal abuse?

In the education world, teachers are obliqued to reporting suspected child abuse.

They make a promise to take care of our students. For the states that require their licensed vets to report abuse, the law actually ties in with child abuse as well.

As vets, they are supposed to take care of our

animals. If it looks like that owner beat the living tar out of their pet, then they should at least ethically report on that person.

I was grew up on the notion that if a duck quacks, it's probably a duck. If an owner has bloody knuckles and brings in a dog with a broken nose, then it's probably animal abuse.

Abuse is wrong on all cylinders no matter who and what you are. As caring individuals, we should report no matter what. Don't be afraid and speak up.

Animals would probably love to tell someone they are beaten, but based on their communication skills, they can't exactly do that, and they need our help.

As a dog lover my entire life, I'm calling out all vets to report on animal abuse even if you don't have to do it. Make the lives of animals better by ending violence at home.

Besides, the only time a pet should get hurt is from its own, accidental, cute shenanigans. at least you tried and see you in January 2015!

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# Tooting their own horn



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Members of the Panther Marching Band play the fight song during the men's basketball game at Lantz Arena. The Panthers lost 82-68 against Cleveland State. Throughout the game, the marching band cheered for Eastern's defense in an attempt to keep spirits high.

# State waives propane regulatory measures, issues declaration

By Michael Spencer  
City Editor | @tmskeeper

Gov. Pat Quinn announced an emergency declaration that waived transit regulations on propane in response to the crisis that forced prices to skyrocket Friday.

Propane, a gas used to heat homes in rural areas, has been in short supply as cold temperatures racked parts of the Midwest.

The price of propane per gallon doubled as energy consumption increased in the face of a second bout with the polar jetstream. Several states were prompted to issue emergency declarations while companies rationed their diminishing reserves.

State Sen. Dale Righter's office sent out a press release Tuesday in which the Republican from Mattoon voiced his support for the measure.

"(The shortage) creates a financial hardship for the families, livestock producers and business owners who

depend on propane fuel," Righter said. "The emergency declaration should ease some of these worries by increasing access to the product and reducing associated costs."

The declaration waives Illinois propane license requirements for drivers trafficking propane inside the state's borders. The goal is to make it easier to move gas from Texas, the main supplier of propane to the region.

The state has already lifted the limits on how long drivers are allowed to be on the road within a 24-hour stint in an attempt to move fuel longer distances in a shorter period of time. Additionally, the tax on out-of-state trucks delivering heating fuel has been lifted.

Righter's office said about 40 percent of homes in the state use propane, mostly in rural areas.

"As the cold weather persists it's absolutely vital that the state does everything possible to ensure access to propane remains intact, and costs

remain reasonable for Illinois families, farmers and employers," Righter said.

Meanwhile, residents have been urged to preserve as much gas as possible until the crisis is over.

U.S. Rep. John Shimkus, a Republican from Collinsville, said Friday a number of steps can be taken to ensure propane is not wasted.

"There is a crisis brewing right now," Shimkus said. "There is a shortage and people need to turn the thermostat down, close off doors they're not using and try to conserve as much as they can to get through this period of bitter cold."

There are still regulations that remain in place on the transportation of propane such as an 80,000-pound weight limit for fuel trucks on interstate highways.

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"It's a new savings bond that encourages folks to build a nest egg. MyRA guarantees a decent return with no risk of losing what you put in," he said.

Obama also urged Congress to support him and help work toward fixing the tax code through reform.

"If this Congress wants to help, work with me to fix an upside-down tax code that gives big tax breaks to help the wealthy save, but does little to nothing for middle-class Americans," he said. "Offer every American access to an automatic IRA on the job, so they can save at work just like everyone in this chamber can."

Obama also made note of how both Democrats and Republicans argue that the tax code is "riddled with wasteful, complicated loopholes that punish business investing here, and reward companies that keep profits abroad." During his speech, Obama called for a turnaround on the argument, urging Congress to unify.

"Let's work together to close those loopholes, end those incentives to ship jobs overseas and lower tax rates for businesses that create jobs here at home," he said.

He also said he needs Congress to protect more than three million jobs by finishing transportation and waterways bills during the summer.

"But I will act on my own to slash bureaucracy and streamline the permitting process for key projects, so we can get more construction workers on the job as fast as possible," Obama added.

Along with raising the minimum wage for workers, Obama also called out the fact that female employees make 77 cents for every dollar a man earns.

"That is wrong, and in 2014, it's an embarrassment," he said.

Without outlining specifics on how to increase wages for women em-

ployees, Obama instead urged everyone to "do away with workplace policies that belong in a 'Mad Men' episode."

"This year, let's all come together – Congress, the White House and businesses from Wall Street to Main Street – to give every woman the opportunity she deserves," he said.

Continuing with his theme of executive orders to get by any stalemated Congress, Obama also pledged to connect 99 percent of students to high-speed broadband during the next four years.

He announced that with the support of the FCC and companies like Apple, Microsoft, Sprint and Verizon, he has a down payment to begin fulfilling this pledge in more than 15,000 schools and 20 million students during the next two years – without adding to the deficit.

Obama also went through issues such as soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan, going through his last five years of pulling troops out of the conflict.

Along with troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, Obama also mentioned Syria, and the chemical weapons and the process of eliminating those weapons.

"We will continue to work with the international community to usher in the future the Syrian people deserve – a future free of dictatorship, terror and fear," he said.

Obama peppered his speech with his usual vignette of Americans, from schoolteachers to pizza shop owners, using each one to illustrate his points.

Faced with a 42 percent disapproval rating, based on Gallup Polls, Obama stepped into the chambers with a clear message: this could be the year of change for America.

"After five years of grit and determined effort, the United States is better-positioned for the 21st century than any other nation on Earth," Obama said.

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## » PENSION CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Ann Fritz, the president of Eastern's UPI and a biological sciences professor, said the lawsuit has been planned since changes to the state employees' pension program began to be discussed.

"State employees have dutifully paid their share into the state's retirement systems, just as non-state workers pay into social security," she said. "However, unlike state employees, the State of Illinois did not make its share of pension payments – rather legislators chose to skip pension

payments, driving the state into debt."

Fritz also said the new pension reform will not only effect those working in government employment, but students at Eastern as well.

"Students depend on having high quality, affordable and accessible public higher education," Fritz said. "Illinois public universities will have tremendous difficulty attracting and retaining the best faculty and staff members, if this legislation stands."

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# STAT ATTACK

Men's



The Eastern men's basketball team's *Rating Percentage Index is 290* through 20 games this season out of 349 NCAA Division I teams. The RPI ranks teams based on wins, loses and strength of schedule. Belmont is the highest ranked team from the Ohio Valley Conference at 61 while Tennessee State's 338 RPI is the lowest. There are 68 teams that qualify for the NCAA men's tournament.

## Basketball 290

The Eastern track and field team recorded *20 first-place* finishes between the men's and women's teams at the EIU John Craft Invite on Saturday. Calvin Edwards led the team with three first place finishes in the 200 and 400-meter dash and the 4x400 relay. Jalisa Paramore had two first place finishes in the 60-meter hurdles and the long jump.



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## 20 Track & Field

Women's



The Eastern women's basketball team surrendered a season-worst *103 points* to Tennessee-Martin Monday in its 103-84 loss. The Panthers have allowed opponents to score more than 100 points just twice in the last nine seasons. However, this is the second time in the last two years that an opponent has done so against the Panthers. No. 25 Dayton beat Eastern 105-42 on Nov. 25, 2012.

## Basketball 103

The Eastern women's and men's tennis teams both started their spring play with *matching 4-3 wins* over Illinois State and Saint Louis, respectively. The women have now started two straight years with season-opening wins, while the men's team won its first season opener since the 2007-08 season. The win against Illinois State for the women was the first in 10 years for Eastern.



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## 4-3 Tennis



# Panthers fall to Cleveland State

**Cleveland State**  
14-9, 5-3 (HORIZON)

**82**

**Eastern Illinois**  
7-14, 4-5 (OVC)

**68**

Lantz Arena

By **Anthony Catezone**  
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Bryn Forbes and Trey Lewis proved to be the difference between the Eastern men's basketball team and Horizon League foe Cleveland State.

Forbes and Lewis combined for 42 points 13-of-27 shooting, as the Vikings beat the Panthers 82-68 in a non-conference game Tuesday night in Lantz Arena.

"Forbes and Lewis — both of them are pretty doggone good," Eastern coach Jay Spoonhour said. "They made the plays they needed to."

Eastern forward Sherman Blanford said the Panthers lost sight of the Vikings' leading scorer throughout late stretches of the game.

"We wanted to bluff help, but still stay on him because he can hit big shots or put the ball on the floor and get the bucket," Blanford said. "We wanted to limit the number of times he touched it — that would've helped us out."

The Panthers limited Forbes in the first half to seven points, only trailing 41-37 at halftime.

But it was in the second half where Forbes scored 18 of his game-high 25 points.

The 6-foot-2 guard made 5-of-7 shots in the second half, including three from 3-point range, and 5-of-5 from the free throw line.

"We have to string stops together," Chatman said. "In practice, we work on trying to get five stops in a row; that's something we have to do if we want to get to the conference tournament."

But the Panthers were unable to string stops together throughout the game, including in the second half.

Trailing 51-43, a seven-point deficit in which Eastern hovered all second half, with 14 minutes to play, the Panthers allowed the Vikings to reel off an 8-2 run in less than a 50-second span, in which Forbes had six points.

And then again with 4:53 remaining, Eastern was trailing 70-62 after free throw by forward Chris Olivier cut the Panthers deficit to eight.

on the ensuing possession, Olivier blocked a layup by Lewis, who immediately rebounded his own missed that was blocked back to him.

Lewis then worked the ball Marlin Mason who assisted Devon Long on a jumper to extend the Vikings' lead to back to double digits.



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Junior forward Chris Olivier shoots over Cleveland State senior center Devon Long during Tuesday's game at Lantz Arena. The Panthers lost to the Vikings 82-68.

Olivier missed a jumper of his own on the Panthers' next possession, which allowed Lewis to come up with the rebound once again, only this time on the defensive end.

Lewis again worked the ball to Mason who assisted Forbes on another made 3-pointer to give Cleveland State a 75-62 lead with 3:40 remaining.

The Panthers would not reach a single-digit deficit for the rest of the game.

Lewis finished with 17 points, nine rebounds and five assists.

Cleveland State shot 9-of-16 from 3-point range and 50 percent from the field.

But Spoonhour said most of

the Vikings' points were credited to easy layups, which he said he addressed leading up to the game, but still views it as a work in progress.

"Teams don't get to 82 without laying the ball in; they just don't," Spoonhour said. "When a team shoots 50 percent, it's because they're getting layups. The lay-ins are killing us right now."

Which also left Eastern guard Dylan Chatman, who had a career-high 19 points, disappointed in the Panthers efforts in defending the Vikings in the lane, as he said it was not up to the standard the Panthers were looking for.

"It seems like every team, except for us, is getting easy lay-

ups," Chatman said.

Eastern fell to 7-14 overall to the Horizon League Cleveland State, which improved to 14-9.

But Chatman said the Panthers need to improve in the Ohio Valley Conference, where it matters, after seeing how they match up against a bigger opponent.

"This was a game to see where we're at with a team from a higher league," Chatman said. "We played pretty good other than what coach wanted us to do — stop letting them get layups."

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## Salaries up for coaches

By **Aldo Soto**  
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The Eastern athletic department introduced three new head coaches starting the 2013-14 school year with all of them earning a higher salary than their predecessors.

First, Debbie Black was hired to replace Lee Buchanan as the women's head basketball coach.

Buchanan spent five years as an assistant under Brady Saltee before taking over as the head coach for the 2012-13 season. Under his head-coaching contract, Buchanan earned a base salary of \$110,000.

Buchanan only lasted one year at the helm of the team prior to suddenly resigning in mid-April.

A month later Black was picked up from the Ohio State women's basketball coaching staff and was given her first head coaching position in her career. Black received a three-year deal with a base salary of \$115,000 — which is \$5,000 more than Buchanan.

The second hiring during the summer came in July, when Angie Nicholson became the new softball coach.

Coming from Cleveland State, where Nicholson was the head softball coach for seven years, she earned a base salary of \$60,000 from Eastern.

Nicholson replaced Kim Schuette, who left Eastern for Purdue in June. Schuette was the Panthers' softball coach for eight years. Schuette's last contract at Eastern had her earning a base salary of \$57,710.04.

The final hiring during the summer came in August, as Jason Cherry was named the interim head women's soccer coach.

Cherry moved up from his assistant coach position and earned \$45,000 in his first season. Cherry still has the interim title, which could be why he earns less than Summer Peralá, who was the women's soccer coach from 2009.

Peralá resigned officially resigned in July, but before then she was making \$51,958.42.

Although Cherry is making less than his predecessor, the trend at Eastern is giving coaches a bit of a pay raise compared to the previous coach in any given sport.

Nicholson and Black on average make \$3,644.98 more than the coaches they are replacing, but that number dramatically increases when factoring in football and men's basketball.

Jay Spoonhour is in his second year as the men's basketball coach. He took over the program in 2012, following a seven-year run by Mike Miller.

Miller previously held the head coaching position at Texas State from 2000-04. Heading into his final season as Eastern's coach, Miller's salary was \$137,389.30.

Spoonhour's three-year deal has him earning \$160,000 per year. Before coming to Eastern, Spoonhour's only head coaching experience came in 2004, when he was the interim head coach at UNLV.

The difference between Miller's contract and Spoonhour's contract is \$22,610.70, but that has not been the biggest discrepancy between coaches' contracts since 2011.

Dino Babers was hired in late 2011, replacing Eastern legend Bob Spoo. After two seasons in charge of the football team, Babers left, but was then replaced by Kim Dameron.

Babers and Dameron have the exact same contract, which includes identical incentives — the only difference is the length, as Babers signed a three-year deal to Dameron's five years.

Dameron's base salary is \$170,000 — the same as Babers, which is \$53,140 more than what Spoo earned without any incentives during his final contract.

Eastern currently does not have a men's soccer coach, but if the trend continues whoever is hired would be making more than previous head coach Adam Howarth, who made \$41,192.15 per year.

Unless the new coach is placed with the interim tag, which may include a lower salary like in the case of Cherry.

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