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Check out this week in sports by the numbers, including stats from men's basketball, track and field, baseball and softball.

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A Jim Crow forum, reminding students of their freedoms, brought up Fourth Amendment rights.

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Students to rally for funds

Students representing state schools to protest in Springfield

By **Stephanie Markham**
Editor-in-Chief | @stephm202

More than 100 Eastern students are expected to join the rallies for higher education funding Wednesday in Springfield.

The Fund EIU group has been coordinating with the rallies' organizers, including Chicago State University and the Young Invincibles non-profit organization, to include Eastern participation.

The two rallies are scheduled around Gov. Bruce Rauner's annual budget address, which will be at noon Wednesday.

The rallies will be at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. near the Lincoln Memorial Statue.

Ralliers will be urging Rauner to sign SB2043, which is being sent to his desk Tuesday and proposes to spend \$373 million for MAP Grants and about \$324.4 million for community colleges.

Austin Mejdric, a junior political science major and Fund EIU member, said he has been in contact with people from Chicago State and the University of Illinois and is expecting a sizeable turnout.

He said even though the University of Illinois has enough reserves to remain open, students from all across the state have realized the importance of the higher education funding issue.

"It's really been a cross-campus thing, so I wouldn't be surprised if there were representatives from a majority of universities in the state," Mejdric said.

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Future panthers and their parents leave a presentation at the Doudna Fine Arts Center Monday at the Admitted Student Day. After the presentation they made their way to the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union for the Student Involvement and Resources Fair.

Admitted students visit campus, classes

By **Analia Haynes**
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Potential students wandered the campus Monday afternoon at the first Admitted Student Day, catching a glimpse of what their future could hold.

Admitted Student Day is an opportunity for prospective students to visit Eastern and get a feel for the campus.

Admissions Director Thomas Glenn said this day is a way for students to find their right fit.

"We always recommend (they) visit the school," Glenn said.

Glenn said the main focus in the spring is centering all resources on the yield period, which is the time where high school seniors applied and were accepted into several universities and have to choose the one they want.

"Open Houses are in the fall and summer," Glenn said. "In the spring

we focus our resources on yield."

Tyler Brossard, visiting from Schaumburg High School, said he loved his visit to Eastern.

"It's not too big and not too small," Brossard said. "It's a good way to get the feel of everything."

Brossard, who plans on majoring in elementary education, said he is choosing between attending Eastern and Illinois State University.

Brossard said he is leaning toward Eastern because he does not want to go to a school where he knows most of the people.

Hannah Brickey, from Seneca High School, and her mom Ginger Brickey bonded as they walked by several booths in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Ballroom.

Brickey said after visiting Eastern several times, it began to feel like home.

"I thought that idea was really dorky at first because everyone always tells you to find the place that

feels like home," Brickey said. "But it was the one school that actually felt most like home."

Coming from a small town and graduating with a small class, Brickey said she did not want to go from a small town setting to a bigger campus setting.

Brickey is aspiring to be a high school English teacher and said she wants to come to Eastern because it is smaller and seems nice.

Ginger Brickey said by choosing Eastern, she feels confident that her daughter will be safe.

"I like it," Brickey said. "But it's kind of overwhelming."

Katrina Thompson and Kacie Cachera met through RoomSync, software that pairs potential roommates together.

They shared laughs and plans as they charted out their first semester as future roommates.

Cachera, from Nokomis High School, said she wants to come to

Eastern because her dad and her neighbor went to the university.

Cachera jokingly said another reason she wants to attend Eastern is because she has a black cat that is a perfect panther mascot.

"It's a really good school," Cachera said. "It's a chance to explore."

Thompson said she loves everything about the campus and is looking forward to experiencing living on her own.

Thompson, from Greenville High School in Michigan, came to Eastern for a tour and said she fell in love the moment she saw the campus.

Thompson said she wants to major in early childhood education and is excited about the program.

Cachera and Thompson said they were excited to come to Eastern in the fall.

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Layoff numbers less than initially expected

Staff Report

President David Glassman sent out an email telling the campus that the number of layoffs to civil service employees is now determined at 177 in stead of the estimated 198.

In an email sent Monday Jan. 25, Glassman first warned the campus about the possibility of layoffs for civil service personnel and furlough days for others in March if the state did not give Eastern its funding.

The state currently owes the university \$40 million in appropriations and \$9 million in reimbursements for the MAP grants.

Also implemented was all non-instructional capital equipment purchas-

es, the delay of all deferred maintenance and repairs unrelated to safety and security or those already paid for, the delay of all non-instructional capital projects, the stopping of non-instructional supply purchases without vice president approval, a freeze on employee-reimbursed travel as well as a freeze on all hiring involving FY16 funding.

Glassman said it is still their greatest hope that lawmakers in Springfield will enact a higher education appropriation and give funding to Eastern so many or all of the layoffs can be avoided.

"If the appropriation and funds are delayed longer, we will do everything possible to recall our civil service colleagues as soon as funds begin to be received," Glassman said.

Employees speak out about being laid off, future plans

By **Cassie Buchman**
Associate News Editor | @cjbuchman

Civil service employees from various areas around campus received lay-off notices last Wednesday and Thursday, causing many to leave jobs they loved.

Tracy Hall-Ingram received one after working at Eastern as a project manager for eight years.

Ingram said she knows of people who have jobs that do not want to go to work every day, but working at Eastern, she is always excited to go to her job in the morning.

One of her favorite parts of her job is the people she works with.

Ingram said they have been though a lot together, including weddings and raising children and grandchildren.

She said she is going to miss her co-workers and seeing students going to their classes and doing their homework outside her office in Old Main.

"It's always kind of cool, coming to work and seeing the castle in the distance," Ingram said. "You're like, I work there. I work in the castle."

Bob Martin, vice president for university advancement, told Ingram's supervisor so she could let Ingram know ahead of time so she would not have to find out about the layoff notice that day.

"It was hard," Ingram said. "I still

can't believe it's going to happen."

Ingram's last day at her job will be on March 11, which also happens to be her birthday.

"Maybe for my birthday, they will fund Eastern," Ingram said. "Not just for me, but for everybody else here."

Ingram is still trying to get her plans together for when she leaves her position.

She said if she left Eastern, she is thinking about leaving the state.

"If I wasn't here, where else would you be in the state of Illinois?" Ingram said. "If they don't get it together, no place is going to be better off."

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Holocaust survivor tells her story

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A journey through the eyes of a Holocaust survivor filled a crowd eyes' with tears.

Inge Auerbacher is still haunted by the three million children who were victimized by the Holocaust.

"The year 1938 was when everything changed," Auerbacher said. "The beginning of the reign of terror."

Auerbacher relived her childhood for the audience from the first ten years of her life.

On November 9th through the 10th, a massive riot broke out that changed the way Christians and Jews lived together.

"I wasn't even four years old at the time and I still remember it as if it were yesterday," Auerbacher said.

The Jewish homes were broken into with bricks. The riot was called Kristallnacht, or the Night of Broken Glass.

Auerbacher was forced to wear a yellow star on her clothes with the words "Jude" on it.

The star was supposed to make her feel like an ugly person, Auerbacher said.

She and her family were deported in August of 1942.

She was seven years old, the youngest in a transport of about 1,200 people.

When they got on the trains, people would just watch them marching on and off and did not care what was happening.

Auerbacher said nobody tried to stop it from happening. "The popu-



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Inge Auerbacher spoke in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union on Monday. She spoke about her bravery while being a victim of the Holocaust.

lation just stood by as they were taking away their neighbors," Auerbacher said.

When Auerbacher arrived in Terezin, a transit camp where people were taken before they were sent off to be killed, she was holding on to her doll Marlene.

The doll she brought with her kept her going throughout the years

of horror and can now be found at a museum in Washington.

The site she stayed at was sealed off from the outside world.

Here, her only companions were death, fear, and hunger, Auerbacher said.

She was covered with lice and boils.

"I was allowed two showers a year,

with permission," said Auerbacher.

Many children ended up getting very sick from the horrible living conditions.

Auerbacher got scarlet fever while in the concentration camp.

35,000 people died from malnutrition and disease during their stay in Terezin.

"Food was so precious, it's almost sacrilegious to throw almost anything away," Auerbacher said. "That's how I still feel today."

The Holocaust left Auerbacher so sick from malnutrition that she spent two years in the hospital recovering.

"I was very sick, but I made it. I was very strong," Auerbacher said.

Of the 15,000 children in Terezin she was part of the 1 percent who survived.

"One May 8, 1945, I ripped the star off when I was liberated from the concentration camp," Auerbacher said.

After her years in the concentration camp, Auerbacher said she never lost her faith in God.

Auerbacher has been back to her camp a few times.

The first time she went back to visit Terezin was in 1966.

The crematory at the camp is now a memorial site.

While visiting Germany, she also went to her mother's hometown to thank those who helped her family.

"I will never forget or forgive those who were a part of the Nazis that did this to me," Auerbacher said.

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Council to vote on purchase of real estate

By Lynnsey Veach
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The Charleston City Council will be voting to authorize an ordinance in which the city will purchase the real estate of 910 Madison Ave. at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the City Hall.

Credit Union One owns the property of 910 Madison Ave., and they will be selling the real estate for \$12,000 to the city. The lot is next to the Charleston Fire Department.

The council will be voting on amending a drive-in establishment ordinance.

The amendment would change the minimum drive-thru lane radius from 45 ft. to 20 ft., the width to 12 ft. and the outside drive-thru lane radius to 32 ft.

Mayor Brandon Combs said this proposed amendment is just a code

revision.

"From time to time different codes are looked at and reviewed," Combs said. "This was one that they found to possibly be strict and the zoning board approved the revision 5-0, so now it comes to council."

The council will vote to authorize repairs to the Water Treatment Plant's ozone generator by a single-source vendor.

According to the agenda, the repairs are needed after damages that happened in the Water Treatment Plant after a fire.

Mitsubishi Electric Power Products, Inc. is the designer and manufacturer of the ozone generator and the only company that can perform the necessary repair.

Mitsubishi Electric Power Products, Inc. said they could make the repairs needed for a cost not higher

than \$118,000.

The city will be voting to renew a lease agreement between the city and the Special Olympics of Coles County.

The city of Charleston owns the Municipal Building, of 520 Jackson Ave., Charleston, Ill.

There is a certain amount of space up for rent in the building and the Special Olympics wants to rent the office space.

The city will be voting to authorize an agreement to renew a janitorial contract between them and Excel EcoClean.

The city is in need of using the Excel EcoClean to clean the Municipal Building and Recreation Department, the Charleston Police Department, the Police Training Facility and the Lincoln Douglas Debate Museum.

Combs will be announcing the recognition of the month of February as Black History Month.

The Standing Stone Community Church is requesting a raffle license, for tickets that would be sold on March 3.

The purpose of the raffle is to support a clothing ministry with tagging supplies and food for the church's food pantry, according to the agenda.

The Charleston Chill Softball league requested a raffle license to offset the cost of their national tournament.

The winners were announced on Feb. 8th at the Charleston Carnegie Public Library.

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S.T.R.O.N.G forum reminds students of rights

By T'Nerra Butler
Multicultural Editor | @DEN_News

The topic of incarceration being the modern day Jim Crow laws was brought up at a S.T.R.O.N.G MENToring forum Monday.

The men of the organization used various examples of how law enforcement uses their authority to keep segregation alive.

African-Americans being the highest number of prisoners was one of them.

The two focuses of the night were issues with incarceration and people knowing their rights when it comes to being stopped by a police officer.

The leaders of the forum asked the crowd to elaborate on several topics presented.

One that came up was the 4th amendment.

They asked the audience if they knew what the amendment entailed and then told them that it is the right to say no to a search unless given a probable cause or warrant by an officer.

Nia Douglas, a sophomore biology major, said many are wary when it comes to saying no to an officer because of the history between African-Americans and authority.

"It's from the past and history repeating itself," Douglas said. "And with what we have now with police brutality, people are afraid of the people who are supposed to protect us."

Douglas said what people fail to realize is that they are entitled to their rights.

"We fought for these rights and

we need to use them because they are there," Douglas said.

Another topic touched on was how some crimes are overlooked and some are underrated.

Murder versus the distribution of drugs was one of the examples.

The leaders of the forum said sometimes people can be given 25 years jail time and be eligible for parole and a drug dealer can get a life sentence.

One of the leaders, Tommy Wilson, a senior communication studies major, said while researching things for the forum, he found that a huge percentage of people in jail are there for non-violent, drug related crimes.

Voting was one of the last topics and the forum leaders introduced it with a video on the history of voting.

An audience member saying that change happens in policy helped one of the leaders to segue into the topic.

Dominique Johnson, a freshman a kinesiology and sports studies major, said the event was a refresher for her, as she already knew her rights.

"It was weird that a lot of people didn't know their rights and they can tell an officer no," Johnson said. "It is probably because they weren't taught it. Their parents probably didn't know it and it got passed down."

Wilson said people might look at the incident with Sandra Bland and be wary of saying no.

"Yes she lost her life, but she fought for her rights, which she was supposed to do," Wilson said. "She had a right to resist."

Seve Day, a senior communication studies major, was one of the leaders



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Nia Douglas, a sophomore biology major speaks about police procedures dealing with minorities during the New Jim Crow forum on Monday in the Lumpkin Hall auditorium.

for the night and said students need to know their rights, or incidents with police officers would become the norm.

"It's a systematic way of how people on authority are trying to limit the rights of black people," Day said. "People need to be aware of their rights."

Another speaker was Brandon Metoyer, a senior sociology major,

who said one huge point was mass incarceration over the years.

"What surprised me was the amount of people arrested in America, which makes up 25 percent of the population in the world," Metoyer said.

Wayne Foster, a sophomore communication studies major, is a member of S.T.R.O.N.G MENToring and said in a lot of cases those who are in-

carcerated have a hard time coming out and reforming themselves and living a normal life.

Foster said the unfairness both in and out of jail are things that the country needs to work on.

"This is something that you can't ignore," Foster said.

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Faculty Senate sends resolution to Phillips, Righter

By Analia Haynes
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The Faculty Senate sent a resolution to Rep. Reggie Phillips, R-Charleston, and Sen. Dale Righter, who represents the 55th district, and will discuss by-law revisions at tomorrow's faculty senate meeting at 2 p.m. in the Booth Library Conference Room.

The resolution was written on behalf of the Faculty Senate as a whole and was drafted by senators Charles Wharram and Jason Waller.

It lists several factors that are affecting the Eastern community including the failure of Gov. Bruce Rauner and the Illinois General Assembly to agree

on a budget, which has forced Eastern to plan the additional layoffs.

According to the resolution, the Faculty Senate calls on both Phillips and Righter to support their district by demanding that both the state legislature and governor give Eastern appropriation for FY16 similar to last year's.

A cut greater than 6.5 percent would constitute a severe threat to the health of Eastern and the region, the resolution read.

The resolution also urges Rauner to sign SB 2043, a bill that would appropriate funds for higher education institutions including Eastern in order to alleviate some of the effects of the extended budgetary stalemate.

"(The Faculty Senate) wanted to send a clear message to our representatives, first and foremost, but also to the staff, students, administration, and the community," Wharram said. "We are very upset and concerned that Springfield's actions (or lack thereof) are causing immense harm here on campus."

Wharram said that they wanted to inform everyone that harm will spill out into the community if nothing is done.

The resolution was created last week and revised immediately in order to be sent out in a timely fashion.

"The urgency in completing the resolution comes from the fact that

there are a couple of bills making their way through the state government that could help with the situation," Wharram said.

Wharram said the recent bills need to be agreed on soon, because members of the Eastern community are running out of time.

"If no agreement, whether partial, in terms of the (Monetary Award Program) grant bill, or permanent, such as SB 2269, comes very soon, the layoffs will certainly take effect, meaning that there will be no income for a great number of our colleagues and friends," Wharram said.

Wharram said the resolution is not meant to substitute for citizens making

their own opinions known to representatives.

Rather, it is meant to encourage everyone to let both Phillips and Righter know what they think.

"We acknowledge that the only power we have rests in using our voices to contact our legislators to act on our behalf and according to our expressed opinions," Wharram said.

The Faculty Senate will discuss the proposed bylaw revisions from Jan. 27.

The last revision made to the bylaws was in 2010, according to the proposed revisions.

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Letter to the Editor

Illinois has a flawed state constitution

Dear editor,

From time to time people call for term limits. What is usually meant is to have officeholders limited to a stated number of terms in office.

Our first president, President George Washington, limited himself to only two terms as president, providing an unwritten rule of term limits which lasted until 1940.

Term limits can be achieved by other means, as we think of how legislative bodies commit their own tyrannies of waste, fraud, and abuse.

Today's Texas Constitution has a different version of term limits, time limits.

By law the Texas legislature is permitted to hold its sessions once every two years.

By law its sessions begin and end by certain dates.

Do the people's business and go home! By law special sessions can be called, again with limits.

The purpose must be stated with no add-ons or riders permitted to the bill passed.

Do the business and go home! Limits!

Legislators are not paid and no pensions. Other states have had similar basic laws as the ground rules of government action.

Those who made such ground rules understood the human condition with our potential for greed - greed for money, greed for power.

This speaks to Eastern Illinois University and other unfunded state agencies, because this is what Illinois does not have - the right limits.

Instead, Illinois has a flawed constitution which is too permissive of legislative abuse.

Leonidas Miller, Mattoon resident



Chris Picazo

Your voice does matter

A lot of things have been occurring at college campuses across the state in recent weeks. Students, faculty, staff and community members having been coming together to protest the budget stalemate in Illinois.

Wednesday marks the day that students from public universities and colleges from Illinois will meet and gather at Springfield at 10 a.m. to urge lawmakers and Gov. Bruce Rauner to pass a budget.

I wrote a column a few weeks ago about voicing your opinion and to the few people that read it, it goes to show that the voice of students is a powerful one.

We can be heard if we make ourselves be heard. Fund EIU has been seen around the state and country, and the government has heard it.

Support the event this week, and let's show that we care about the higher education of our state.

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Panic! at the Disco



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Staff Editorial

UB helps increase student involvement

The University Board has announced Eastern's spring 2016 concert and it is none other than Panic! At The Disco.

Students were able to decide who they would like to perform via a survey that was sent out late last semester, and after all of the results were in, UB announced the headliner during the Eastern basketball game last week.

The performance is scheduled for 8 p.m. April 15 at Lantz Arena and tickets are going on sale Wednesday.

UB is putting out all of the stops for this concert, especially given the fact that last semester's fall concert headliner, Three Dog Night, had to cancel their performance due to medical issues.

Now that the concert is scheduled, UB has also put together other events that have seen quite a bit of a turnout.

They hosted a spoken work-come-dy event in 7th Street Underground and a stuff-a-bear event early last week, just in time for Valentine's Day.

Now this is a turbulent time, not only for Eastern, but for every other public state university in terms of layoffs, closing and the lack of a state budget.

But these different student events serves a dual purpose.

The first purpose is obvious, and it is to bring entertainment and different opportunities for Eastern students to interact with each other and have some fun while doing it.

The other reason is to help bring more awareness to Eastern and probably help bring more students to Eastern in the future.

Considering the fact that UB has managed to secure a well-known music performance to headline the spring concert shows that they're trying to increase student involvement on campus through these different events.

While UB is preparing everything for the spring concert, they also prepare other events to try and boost student involve-

ment, which is all well and good, but how successful will all of this be in the end remains to be seen.

UB also had some fun with the days leading up to the reveal by creating a contest among students by guaranteeing free concert tickets to a student who managed to guess who the performer would be leading up to the big reveal.

This had students tweeting all sorts of guesses and each day leading up to the reveal revealed a brand-new clue to have students guessing.

The spring concert this year might just be one of the most anticipated events this year, and it is the first time in recent years that UB has managed to secure an alternative musical performers, unlike other shows in the past.

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

Seize the day when opportunity strikes

I wish to add a quick addendum to my previous column:

Seize the moment when opportunity strikes.

Never in my wildest dreams did I imagine that I would be able to cover the President in Springfield.

I never thought I'd be in the same city at the same time as him, nor be in the same building.

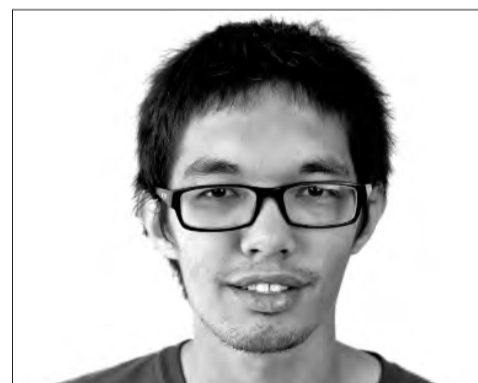
I've been able to cover some prominent people during my relatively short career in journalism - three college presidents, a U.S. senator, twice, as well as a now-NFL football player.

I can now add President Barack Obama to the list.

On a complete whim, which I honestly thought would go nowhere, I emailed a contact in Springfield wondering what steps it would take to gain press access to the Capitol Building for the President's address.

I didn't have much hope though, as I figured everyone in state media would be there; would there be any room for a few college journalists?

Lo and behold, we were granted access and would be only a handful of college journalists in the same building along-



Jason Howell

side major media outlets - *Chicago Tribune*, *WGN*, *CNN*, among others.

This would be one of the bigger events anyone at *The Daily Eastern News* has covered, and we made sure to do it to the best of our ability.

I, as well as my colleagues, woke up early (as early as any college student wants to wake up) to make the two-hour trek in bitterly cold conditions.

We were ready - phones were charged and ready to be used to record interviews, laptops were charged and ready to take notes on, and we brought portable battery

chargers, just in case.

We used the time after the President's speech to interview lawmakers and others to get their take on the speech and what impact it will have on the state's budget stalemate and the governor and General Assembly deeply entrenched in their ideology.

We didn't arrive back in Charleston till after 6 p.m. to a very dark sky and what felt like even colder temperatures.

The three of us worked for hours looking over a transcript of the speech as well as transcribing all of the interviews we had collected and finally emerged with a story we felt was worthy of printing in *The News*.

We seized the moment when opportunity struck, to paraphrase a character on "House of Cards."

Despite perceived odds against us being able to report on the President's visit to Springfield, I asked anyway with access being granted.

If an opportunity remotely like this presents itself to you, viewer, don't let it pass by. It never hurts to ask.

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» RALLY

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Akeem Forbes, a junior English major, started a GoFundMe campaign with the goal of raising \$1,400 to send two buses of Eastern students to the rally; the goal was exceeded early Monday afternoon.

The Bales Unlimited bus company that Eastern uses to transport students to and from the Chicagoland area during breaks agreed to provide the buses at a discounted rate.

Forbes said the Fund EIU rally on Feb. 5 sparked conversations in his classes and when students found out about the Springfield rallies, the first question they would ask is how they could attend if they did not have transportation.

Forbes took the issue to outlets like the student government that expressed a lack of funds needed to rent the buses. Forbes then took the initiative to contact local organizations and businesses to seek donations.

"Everyone started responding from there," he said. "It just exploded."

Students who wish to travel by bus can meet at the Java Beanery & Bakery in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday before the buses depart at 8 a.m.

The buses will depart from Springfield at 4 p.m. and arrive back in Charleston between 6 and 7 p.m., and the group will stop for food after the second rally, Forbes said.

For more information about travel or to RSVP for a spot on the bus, Forbes said students can contact him via email at ajforbes2@eiu.edu.

The two buses can take a total of 110 people, and students who wish to carpool and return by an earlier time



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A rallier holds a sign in support of the Fund EIU campaign during the rally in the Library Quad on Friday, Feb. 5. Students will gather in Springfield Wednesday to protest the lack of a budget.

can contact Forbes as well.

If enough interest and money is raised, sending a third bus is a possibility, he said.

Forbes is also hosting a "poster party" at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the ITC Lab, Room 1430 Buzzard Hall, for students to design or donate poster boards to be used as rally signs.

Forbes said one of his main concerns is for President David Glassman to address the university to remedy the climate of confusion on campus and encourage students to advocate for their right to an education.

"I just hope Glassman says something, and I hope he says something soon," Forbes said. "Because it's better to say something and to galvanize us and call us to action than wait for more catastrophe to hit. It's like a storm is already in effect, and he's the captain."

Mejdrich said since the Fund EIU rally, the group has met with repre-

sentatives such as Rep. Reggie Phillips, improved organization with more students and faculty advisers and maintained its message on social media.

"It's questionable whether Eastern will open up in the fall," he said. "The longer this budget standoff happens, the longer we don't have a clean higher education appropriations bill, we're looking at permanent damage to EIU."

Mejdrich said he was not surprised to see so many students want to get involved in the Springfield rallies after the rally at Eastern drew such a large crowd.

"I'm constantly blown away by the amount of support that's continuously been coming out," Mejdrich said. "But people recognize that this is really a big deal, that we've got to push for some change."

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Black Student Union to present on life skills

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The Black Student Union has put together an event to show students around campus some of the essentials to life after college.

"Major Keys" will be at 6 p.m. Thursday throughout the third floor of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The social chair for the BSU, Tiara Webb, said the night would include how to build a resume, interviewing tips, money management, how to look for insurance and real estate skills.

She said oftentimes, some people in the African-American community do not prep for these things and find out later in life that they are vital.

"These are some of the things that are essential to life and we sometimes don't necessarily get taught as a people," Webb said. "Sometimes if you're from an urban area your parents work their butts off, but they probably weren't taught how to invest, or how to do taxes."

Webb said simple business etiquette like how to properly tie a male's tie would happen at the event. Webb said the BSU tries to tie in educational factors with their events, so this one was much needed.

"It's the simple things that we may overlook because we don't have to do it right now," Webb said. "When you go out to the world and branch off on your own, we want you to be able to do some of these things. These are major keys to our success as a people."

Each mini workshop will be around 30 minutes and students can rotate to the sessions of their choosing.

Webb said students often overlook things when it comes to finance and put the burden on someone else.

"What if mom's not there, what if dad's not there," Webb said. "You have to depend on yourself at the end. Everybody says they're independent, but are you really independent?"

Jerome Hampton Jr., the service affairs chair for the BSU, said one thing that is more important than higher education is self-education and the workshops are design to aid students in areas that will help out later in life.

"Things like entrepreneurship and insurance are things they don't teach you in high-school," Hampton said. "Our job as Black Student Union is to present that to the students at EIU."

Parents have a tendency of relying on the public schooling system, Hampton said. He said this generation of college students also relies on technology and communication that could be foreign to some.

"We lack that face-to-face communication, that really sets people apart from one another," Hampton said. "This event is geared toward not only self-education, but getting to know people that can help you in a certain field."

Check-in for the night is at 5 p.m. Eight workshops will occur throughout the night and are scheduled from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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Ingram said there was no use getting angry at those who do not have power, and that she was only angry at the legislators not passing a budget.

"They're not doing their jobs, so they're depriving us of the chance to have our jobs and have our livelihood," Ingram said.

Ingram wants to make sure everything is in order before she leaves so her absence will not have that much of an impact in the office.

Though she said it ultimately will make a difference, she wants to make sure everything goes smoothly.

Ingram said her co-workers will have to take over her duties, which may slow down the work that they do.

Currently, Ingram lives with her husband, her stepdaughter who just graduated high school, her daughter and her two-year-old granddaughter.

She said financially, they are just going to have to plan things out.

Her daughter has a job where she is asking for more hours and her stepdaughter is starting an internship in March.

She said as a parent, she wants to help her children out, but at this point it will not be as easy.

After being laid off and telling those close to her, Ingram also put news of her layoff notice on facebook, where it got a lot of support.

She said she thinks this news resonates with people, especially those who went to or are going to Eastern.

"They're like, that is a person. That could have been someone I walked past in the hallway everyday," Ingram said. "And now they're not going to be there."

Kim Turner, office administrator for the communication studies department, also received a notice.

She worked at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville and said she enjoyed working in a university envi-

ronment, with faculty, staff and students.

Like Ingram, Turner will also miss the people she works with, who she calls her family.

Since she has been at Eastern for less than five years, she prepared herself when she first heard there were layoffs coming, though it was a tough blow when she heard the news.

"No matter how much you prepare for it, it's always difficult when it happens," Turner said.

She discussed how to handle the layoffs financially with her husband as well as preparing for what would happen in her department.

She said things would be tighter financially with not as much of an income for her family, which includes her husband and four-year-old son, but they would still be able to make it. She said she is still worried about healthcare, though.

As soon as she was told about the

news, she called her husband.

"Crying, of course," Turner said. "It was a really tough day that day and the next day, but it really helped to have the support of faculty and students."

She has calmed down since then, but she wants to keep sending a message to Springfield about how important funding is. She was glad the Fund EIU rally happened and said she hopes the movement does not fizzle out.

"I am hoping they are hearing us and we will hear some change soon," Turner said.

Turner said she will be at the rally in Springfield on Wednesday.

While before, she never felt like a political activist, getting a layoff notice has brought out a new political side to her that she likes.

She said she did not think those in Springfield understood that their lack of action had an impact on real lives.

She said it could be hard being at work with the layoffs of her and her colleagues, whom she considers like family, running through her mind.

"It's affected everybody, not just the staff," Turner said. "It's hard to be focused and motivated when you're constantly worried about what's going on here."

Turner said she will spend time with her son and try to get a new job in the university environment, but she does not know if she will if the state continues to be unsupportive of higher education.

Despite the current complications in Springfield, Ingram still has hope a budget will be passed and laid off employees will be able to come back.

"A little bit," Ingram said. "Just a little bit."

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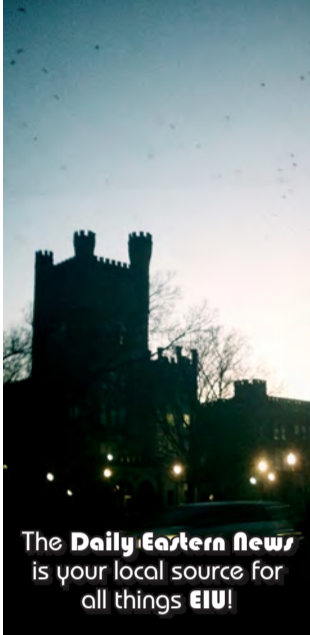
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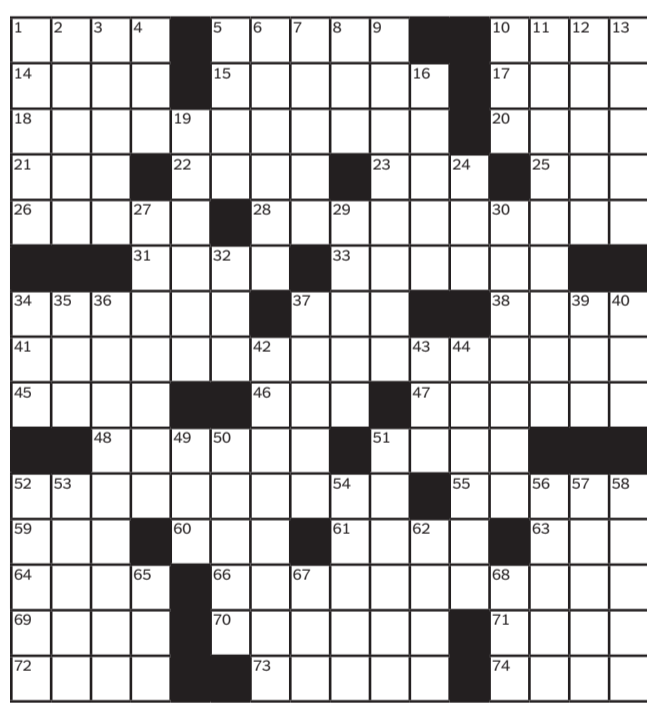
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 - 5 Exposed
 - 10 StubHub's parent
 - 14 Instrument that begins an orchestra's tune-up
 - 15 Gushes onstage, say
 - 17 Tip of Italy, once?
 - 18 Most of the leading characters in "Babe"
 - 20 To-do
 - 21 Recipe no.
 - 22 Queen of Sparta
 - 23 Downed, as a meal
 - 25 Tiny bit
 - 26 Fitness program popularized in the 1990s
 - 28 Things kids make in the winter
 - 31 Skip over
 - 33 Sitting room
- DOWN**
- 34 Where Oman Air is headquartered
 - 37 Apiece
 - 38 Refs. that may occupy whole shelves
 - 41 Elle Decor reader ... or any of the names hidden in 18-, 28-, 52- and 66-Across?
 - 45 Casting need
 - 46 His, to Hilaire
 - 47 "See?!"
 - 48 ___-Lorraine
 - 51 Hard-to-read character
 - 52 Aerial navigation beacon
 - 55 "In my view ..."
 - 59 Poehler of "Sisters"
 - 60 Birthplace of the Baath Party: Abbr.
 - 61 Any of las Filipinas
 - 63 Towing org.
 - 64 Karate studio

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- 66 Serious setback for a kicker
 - 69 Youngest player ever to hit 500 home runs, familiarly
 - 70 Think creatively
 - 71 Tiny matter
 - 72 Lee side, informally
 - 73 Dashboard array
 - 74 Trait origin
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 - 2 Michelle in the White House
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 - 4 Masterpiece
 - 5 Nota ___
 - 6 In the thick of
 - 7 Like the numerals V and I
 - 8 Gate info
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 - 29 Many David Brooks pieces
 - 30 Looked up, in a way

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- PUZZLE BY ZHOUQIN BURNIKEL**
- 32 "Lord, is ___?"
 - 34 Old Russian space station
 - 35 Jean-Luc Godard's "___ Femme Coquette"
 - 36 Reliable source of money
 - 37 Hog the mirror, maybe
 - 39 Susan of "L.A. Law"
 - 40 Madeira Mrs.
 - 42 Recognition from the Academy
 - 43 Poker great Ungar
 - 44 ___ Sea (Italy/Greece separator)
 - 49 Message that might be laid out in coconuts on a beach
 - 50 Early Indo-European
 - 51 Scalp
 - 52 Missile tracker
 - 53 Love, to Casanova
 - 54 Radner of comedy
 - 56 Brown a bit
 - 57 Sorkin who created HBO's "The Newsroom"
 - 58 "I rock!"
 - 62 Tells a tale
 - 65 Has too much, in brief
 - 67 ___ pond (ornamental pool)
 - 68 Spree

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STAT ATTACK



The Eastern baseball team will open its 2016 season in just **3** days. The Panthers will get their season underway with a three-game series with Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, Miss. The team's second-highest hitter, red-shirt senior Demetre Taylor is returning for the Panthers. Taylor hit .384 last season in 164 plate appearances. Sophomore pitcher Luke Dietz is also returning for Eastern. Dietz posted a 3.07 earned run average in 14.2 innings pitched. Senior pitcher Jake Johansmeier pitched the most innings for the Panthers last year at 74, and is coming back for one more year.

BASEBALL

Sophomore pitcher Jessica Wireman of the softball team struck out **30** batters over the weekend in 28.1 innings pitched. Wireman shut out Indiana-Purdue University Indianapolis in the first game of the weekend. She struck out 10 batters in the game and allowed just three hits. She would shut out North Dakota the following day. Wireman appeared in all five games the Panthers played posting a 3-2 record. For her performance over the weekend, Wireman was named Ohio Valley Conference Pitcher of the Week. It is the first time an Eastern pitcher has received the honor since former pitcher Stephanie Maday earned it in April 2014.



SOFTBALL



The Eastern men's basketball team lost its second consecutive game after winning five in a row, dropping them to third in the OVC West. Eastern's latest loss came to Southern Illinois Edwardsville. The Cougars grabbed **21** more rebounds than the Panthers, out rebounding them, 46-25. Senior Trae Anderson led all of Eastern scorers with 29 points. The next highest scorer for Eastern was Luke Piotrowski with nine points. Freshman Casey Teson was 2-5 from beyond the arc.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Eastern men's and women's track team combined for **16** top-ten finishes at the Grand Valley State University Big Meet over the weekend. The Panthers also had 10 athletes move into the top 10 in Eastern records for their events. Junior sprinter Anita Saffa earned a pair of top-10 finishes in the 60-meter dash and the 200-meter dash. She also set a new personal record in both events. Seniors Amina Jackson and Amy Yeoman each earned top 10 finishes in their respective events. Jackson ran a personal best in the 600-meter run at 1:34.83 finishing in third. Yeoman finished 8th in the mile run setting a new personal record at 4:53.15.



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PANTHER NOTEBOOK

Basketball team struggling in final stretch

By Maher Kawash
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The Eastern men's basketball team was rolling right along with four-straight wins against Ohio Valley Conference opponents, but then things changed.

After defeating Southeast Missouri, 78-69, for their fifth-straight win, the Panthers sat atop the OVC West with just five games remaining on the season.

In those five remaining games, the Panthers were slated to take on the last place Southern Illinois Edwardsville, and an Austin Peay team that was 4-7 in OVC play.

Well two games into that stretch, Eastern has come out with two losses.

While things were seemingly going perfect for the team, they happened to hit a bump in the road.

Eastern has now fallen to 3rd place in the OVC West with back-to-back losses to APSU and SIUE.

The drop in the standings came after the Panther's most recent 72-64 loss at home to SIUE.

While the Panthers fell in that game, Murray State and Tennessee-Martin both earned victories to jump Eastern in the division.

Not only have the Panthers lost two-straight games, but both of those have come on their home court.

Eastern had won five-straight games in Lantz Arena before the two-straight losses at home, as the team's record there dropped to 8-5 on the season.

Now with just three games remaining on the year, the Panthers have work left to do.

Eastern sits a half game behind Tennessee-Martin for 2nd place and one game behind Murray State for first place.

While the Panthers are behind those teams right now, they have a chance to get their position back over the next three games.

Two of the final three games for the Panthers will come against Tennessee-Martin, and Murray State.

The matchup with Tennessee-Martin is next for Eastern, as both teams will tip off Thursday night to battle for 2nd place in the West.

After that game, the Panthers will hit the road for the final matchup in this quick two-game road trip to take on Southeast Missouri.

Eastern will then return home for its final game of the regular season to take on Murray State in what could be the deciding game to see who will be crowned champions of the OVC West.

With that being said, it looks like the Panthers will have to win their final three games, in hopes of winning the West, and earning a



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Junior guard Demetrius McReynolds has 258 points averaging 11.2 points in 23 games on the season.

double-bye in the OVC tournament.

While the Panthers know what must be done to finish the season strong, many other teams in the conference are battling for position.

Tennessee Tech and Belmont continue to be the top dogs of the OVC, as both teams are tied for 1st place.

Tennessee Tech recently suffered arguably its worst loss of the season as the Golden Eagles fell to in-state rival Tennessee State by 30 points.

After that loss, Belmont was able to sit alone at the top of the conference until Morehead State pulled off the upset.

The Bruins fell to Morehead State in a game that came down to the wire.

Morehead State came out on top, 78-77, to improve to 8-5 in the OVC, as well as dropping Belmont back into a first place tie.

The OVC East continues to prove its dominance, as Morehead State's 8-5 record is only good for 4th place in that division.

Tennessee State also has found many ways to stay relevant with a 9-3 record in the conference.

As those four teams continue to battle in the East, teams in the West are just trying to stay alive.

While Murray State has found its way to the top at 8-5, teams like Tennessee-Martin and Austin Peay have surged back into competition.

Tennessee-Martin has won five-straight games and has begun to make an impact on the division with a 7-6 record.

Austin Peay knocked off Murray State and Eastern in back-to-back games to gain some ground in the division.

After pulling off two-straight upsets, the Governors were stopped by a streaking Tennessee-Martin team, as Austin Peay dropped to 5-8 in OVC play.

With the East surging, and a tight race at the top of the West, things have gotten interesting in the final stretch of the season.

While many teams battle for a berth in the OVC tournament, other teams continue to struggle at the bottom of the conference.

Southeast Missouri and Southern Illinois Edwardsville have totaled just four wins in the OVC this season, as both teams sit in last

place.

With the two teams posting a 2-11 record in conference play, it is clear that the Redhawks and the Cougars have fallen out of contention in the OVC.

Although both teams have struggled, the Cougars' win over Eastern on Saturday goes down as one of the biggest upsets in the OVC this season.

It seems clear that anyone can win on any given day in this conference, and that game was a good example of it.

The race is only going to get tighter down the stretch as teams in the OVC battle for seeding in the conference tournament that begins March 2.

Eastern will continue its run for a tournament berth with a matchup against Tennessee-Martin looming.

The Panthers and the Skyhawks will tip off at 6 p.m. in Martin, Tenn. on Thursday night.

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Eastern men's tennis team loses to UIC, 6-1

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The men's tennis team lost to the University of Illinois-Chicago, 6-1, on Saturday.

The Panthers were swept in the doubles competition, losing all three matches.

That was the tone for the rest of the match.

Sophomore Grant Reiman and senior Jacob Wendell kept up with their opponents Andy Page and Nate Campanile, but could not come away with a win, losing 7-6.

"We showed that we can compete, that we are able to play with them and that's what we talked about before starting the singles," coach Sam Kercheval said. "But competing is not enough and it's hard to stick to that mindset when you don't win any of the close ones."

For the rest of the Panthers in doubles, seniors Robert Skolik and Rui Silva lost to Christopher Cole and Mitch Granger, 6-3.

Senior Ryan Henderson and freshman Ognjen Jevtic lost 6-2 to Marcelo Dib and Carl

Hedstrom.

"Once we win a couple of the close ones, singles or doubles, then you know you can do it rather than hope you can do it, which is where I think we are now," Kercheval said.

One of the biggest factors from this match was the energy component, Kercheval said.

"We were right there in doubles, right there in most of the singles matches but didn't keep our energy up throughout," Kercheval said.

The Flames had a loud home crowd and it was the first time the Panthers had experienced that.

"I think we gave into that too much despite playing well at spots," Kercheval said.

For singles matches, at the No. 2 spot Henderson continued winning, making it his fifth straight singles win. Henderson defeated Page 7-5, 6-1. Henderson won Ohio Valley Conference Co-Player of the Week last week.

"The most important thing is not to overthink things and keep sticking to what works," Kercheval said.

Skolik, at the No. 1 spot, took his match

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Sam Kercheval, head tennis coach

to three sets but could not close out, losing 6-3, 4-6, 6-4 to Hedstrom.

Silva, at the No. 3 spot, also took his match to three sets against Cole but lost 1-6, 7-5, 10-2.

"Rui and Rob both played well against tough opponents, and it was a matter of a few points here and there," Kercheval said. "Certainly those matches were close and we needed them, but there were other spots we needed to compete better as well."

Jevtic lost 6-2, 6-4 to Granger.

Reiman was defeated by Dib 6-4, 6-1.

Sophomore Jared Woodson lost 6-0, 6-0 to Max Cederkall.

Coach Kercheval said that he saw some

things that the team worked on in practice come out in this match.

"We expect to see improvement each day through and when it comes to the end of the week test, the match, we expect it to show under pressure," Kercheval said.

The Panthers will focus on the mental aspect this week in practice.

"The strokes and decisions are improving but we are going to really attack the mental game," Kercheval said.

The Panthers head to Valparaiso, Indiana to take on Valparaiso Friday at 2:30 p.m.

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