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TOP CAT

The sports staff selected senior Amina Jackson as this week's Top Cat for setting a new record in women's track.

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Student Senators ready for orientation

By Analicia Haynes

Administration Editor | @Haynes1943

Student Senators will take an assessment to identify their leadership status and show incoming senators the ropes at their next meeting.

Senators will undergo an orientation process similar to last semester at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

After a brief icebreaker, senators will take a "True Colors" aptitude test to figure out what type of leader they are.

According to the True Colors website, "True Colors is a model for understanding yourself and others based on your personality temperament."

The four colors orange, gold, blue and green are used to distinguish the four personality styles of the True Colors assessment.

Maralea Negron, the student speaker of the senate, said she hopes this will be the first step in the senators realizing their potential to be more involved in the organization and on campus as leaders.

Senators will participate in breakout sessions that cover three different areas pertaining to student government: committees, committee chair positions, and rules and expectations, which fall under one area.

Negron said returning senators may be familiar with most of the information and orientation can act as a refresher about the protocols and procedures within student government.

After receiving 15 applications for open senate seats, Negron said returning members will step up and show the newer members what it is like to be on senate.

Negron said student government is striving for quality over quantity and is looking for students who are dedicated to the organization.

"All the interviews went well and we do have some exceptional candidates who applied," Negron said.

Negron said senators will learn of the huge part they can play in transforming Eastern's campus and the Charleston community.

"I also hope that new senators will learn all the ins and outs of what it takes to become and remain an exceptional student leader in this organization," she said.

The orientation will be a way for returning senators to get them more comfortable and branch out in their leadership roles, Negron said.

Negron said she hopes to see more returning senators apply for one of the eight committee chair positions.

"I am glad to see that returning senators are taking steps forward and growing and learning within their leadership roles," Negron said.

Negron said this will be a great semester for student government.

She said the returning senators were some of the brightest of the semester and they were always positive and looking forward to partaking in student government.

"I'm glad to have them back," Negron said.

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Study Break



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Jessica Grim, senior health administration major, and Kim Brask, freshman biological sciences major, study in the Java Beanery & Bakery Tuesday night. "(It's a) quiet place around this time, convenient right in the middle of campus and has that nice coffee smell," Grim said. Brask agreed. "Atmosphere is very relaxed. It's a nice change of scenery and is comfortable," Brask said.

Drake begins position Lt. Hatfill leading student affairs appointed

By Analicia Haynes

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Dedication, a passion for helping students and the desire to learn new things are what motivate Lynette Drake, the interim associate vice president of student affairs, to be successful.

With an extensive background on college student affairs engraved on the walls of Eastern, Drake said her experiences are a culmination of general knowledge that have been helpful in giving her perspective, but she did not always have this career on her mind.

Drake was appointed at the start of the semester after Dan Nadler, the former vice president, and though she has extensive background on college student affairs, Drake said she never imagined working at a university, especially the university she graduated from.

"I had intended to teach high school math," Drake said.

Drake dug her roots in at Eastern when she attended as an undergraduate.

During her second semester of senior year, Lou Henckin, the director of Housing and Dining at the time and former Eastern president, encouraged Drake to apply for graduate school and do her work as an assistant for housing.

"At that time I had not given much thought of staying and doing my grad work," Drake said. "I thought I would teach for a while, go back to get my masters, then continue to teach."

After applying and accepting the position as associate resident director of Stevenson Hall, Drake said she still was not sure about finding a job as a math teacher with a master's degree without teaching experience.

Instead, Drake said she decided to do her masters work in college student affairs and worked as the resident director at Lawson Hall for four years, the same hall she lived and worked in as a residential assistant as an undergraduate. Returning to work for Eastern in the fall of 1995, Drake accepted the position as director of orientation/coordinator of AIDS, alcohol and drug information, which was a newly created position

"I thought I would like to stay in Housing but was open to the idea of doing something different," Drake said. "I think it's very important to have a variety in what you do."

After four years, Drake was offered a position as director for health services and has held that position for since 2001.

"I always loved working for the students," Drake said.

Drake said for years the mission of the health services was to help students be successful academically and help manage health concerns in a way that allows them to continue to be productive.

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Lt. Hatfill appointed as interim police chief

By Analicia HaynesAdministration Editor | @Haynes1943

Lt. John Hatfill, a 27- year-old veteran of the University Police Department, was appointed interim chief of police, according to an Eastern press release sent Tuesday.

Hatfill was the only working lieutenant for UPD and stepped up to the position after Adam Due, the former police chief, and Lt. Phil Lang retired on the same day.

Hatfill officially replaced Due after he retired on Dec. 31 and will serve as head of the department until June 30 or until the position is permanently filled.

Lynette Drake, the interim associate vice president for student affairs, appointed Hatfill because he had the greatest amount of administrative experience among the remaining police employees.

"I was very happy he was interested in the position," Drake said. "I was excited he was willing to offer his services."

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Local weather Eastern to host Lions in Winter festival

By T'Nerra Butler

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A two-day festival dedicated to giving the community a chance to interact with many published writers is back for its fourth year.

The Lions in Winter Literary Festival will take place on Friday and Saturday with the first night being kicked off with a reading from keynote speaker Moira Crone at 6 p.m. in the Doudna Fine Arts Center Lecture Hall.

On Saturday the festival will feature writers who will read and have discussions with students. These writers include Crone along with Bradford Tice, Jan Spivey Gilchrist, Andrew Malan Milward and Wendy C. Ortiz

Charlotte Pence, the director of the festival, said the event would include two receptions, one on Friday and the other with the conclusion of the festival on Saturday. The second reception will later transition into an art show that will feature Spivey's artwork.

Pence said Spivey has published more than 70 children's books.

"She's really impressive," Pence said. Rehema Barber, the director of the Tarble Arts Center, said the art exhibit called "DREAMS" opened two weeks ago. She also said she is excited to have art by a graduate of Eastern showcased

"She is really excited to work with the younger generations," Barber said. "Hopefully this will give Eastern students and even high schools students a chance to have an experience."

This year the festival also has undergraduate students reading their works. Pence said the festival has 10 students, with some coming from universities other than Eastern.

What makes this festival special is there is more interaction with the editors, writers, students and communi-



Stephen Graham Jones signs a book after reading selections of his writings at Lions in Winter in the Lecture Hall of the Doudna Fine Arts Center on Jan. 30, 2015. This year's Lions in Winter will be Friday and Saturday featuring keynote speaker Moira Crone and other authors.

ty members," Pence said. " I wanted to provide a space for our students to showcase their works."

Pence said the festival continues to return to campus because it is something that gets students engaged in writing. Over the years, different departments have become a part of the festival. She said Booth Library became involved last year, and now Tarble has joined.

"That's always a good thing to see, a project where we can all get together," Pence said.

With the one-on-one vibe the festival provides, the students get an interactive experience, Pence said. She said all of the writers bring something different to the occasion.

"Each writer is pretty different, in subject matter, in approach, but they're all accomplished," Pence said.

The writers at the festival write primarily under the non-fiction, fiction and poetry genres.

Dana Ringuette, the chair of English department, said the festival started as a series with writers and poets and evolved into what is known as

"It started out wonderful, and it's just gotten better each year," Ringuette

Ringuette said the event has spread among writers and expanded through word of mouth.

"What this brings to campus is lots of great writers," Ringuette said. "It brings the people of the community together, students around the campus together to learn and to listen."

The festival is free, and those wanting to attend should register online at the Doudna Fine Arts Center website.

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Media services dissolved, resources moved

By Luis Martinez

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The media service department of Booth Library has been dissolved and its equipment moved to the Center for Academic Technology Support for the remainder of this semester.

Allen Lanham, the dean of library services, said the idea to dissolve the department was in place for a while, and now was the opportune time to

"In consultation with the provost over the last couple of years, we've been planning for this," Lanham said.

Lanham said they continued running the media services department as

usual until the staff members retired. John Looby, the chief instructional media systems engineer, and electron-

ics technician Henry Brown both retired last fall. The remaining employees of the department were integrated into different positions on campus.

"At the end of the fall semester, we began preparing in earnest for the transfer of all of the equipment that belonged to media services to other parts of the campus, where the services would now reside," Lanham said. "Most of the delivery services and the classroom preparations and those types of services will be in the CATS center."

Lanham said the center has been providing this service for Eastern for quite some time now and they will now be responsible for distributing media equipment.

"During the holiday period, and we're still continuing through January and probably through half of Febru-

ary, we will be placing all of that media equipment into a site on campus that will be the best for its maximum usage," Lanham said. "Most of the equipment is going to the CATS organization and some things are going to the Doudna Fine Arts staff in terms of recording concerts and presentation."

Lanham said the department was in place by itself for more than 55 years, before becoming integrated with the li-

"Media services was established decades ago," Lanham said. "It was in the library since probably the '70s, but it stood alone before that."

The media services department was the original source for students and faculty members to receive any type of media equipment, such as projectors, microphones and more.

"So in terms of media materials, CDs, LPs, DVDs, VHS, any type of media material in the library collection, we still maintain that," Lanham said. "We still have the machine and players for a people to use any of those materials in the building.'

Lanham said the financial troubles Eastern has faced over the past years have not had much of an impact in deciding whether or not to dissolve the department, as the idea for dissolving the department was in place since the CATS center was first established.

'Technology changes at such a rapid pace," Lanham said. "Media services, we've gone through every format since World War II basically.

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Auditions open for Miss Black EIU 2016 emcees

By T'Nerra Butler Multicultural Editor | @DEN_News

With the 45th annual Miss Black EIU pageant on the way, coordinators are on the lookout for two emcees for the show at their auditions Thursday.

The auditions will take place at 5:30 p.m. in 7th Street Underground located in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Tiyaji Williams, a junior communication studies major, and Dionte McWillis, a senior history major, were last year's emcees. McWillis said hosting the pageant gave him a chance to learn the history of it and why it is prominent on campus.

McWillis said one of his fraternity members hosted the first Miss Black, and their roles as emcees play a huge part in the show.

"A lot goes into emceeing. It's more important than people think," McWillis said.

Over the years, McWillis said he has emceed

around eight shows, and Williams said she has hosted around 20 shows.

Williams said those who tryout should go in good spirits and be themselves.

She said being yourself helps out because cohosts need to balance each other out, with one being a tad more serious than the other.

"They should be able to make the crowd have fun at the show," Williams said.

Williams said her personality is probably what got the judges' attention at her audition.

"I'm not nervous, I'm not scared to be in front of a crowd and nobody makes me feel uncomfortable," Williams said. "I believe in myself regardless of who I'm in front of."

McWillis said a lot of improvisation goes into hosting a show, so much so that the judges ask the candidates to do a piece on the spot while auditioning.

"I keep my composure while everyone is stressing backstage," McWillis said. "You have

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> -Tiyaji Williams, former emcee for Miss Black EIU

to know how to do damage control. Don't let the crowd know that you're messing up because they don't know what's supposed to happen."

McWillis said the best thing about hosting a show is getting feedback from the audience. He said being able to make the crowd laugh or keep them engaged is a major plus.

"I start the night off with a joke about myself so I'll relax," McWillis said.

Tionna Alderson, the reigning Miss Black EIU, said the committee wants to find someone who can help make the pageant even better.

"It's one thing to watch what they're doing and it's another thing to have somebody explain it to you," Alderson said. "They can explain the history of the pageant and why it's important."

We want the perfect emcee for the 45th," Alderson said. "This is a very big year for Miss Black EIU."

Alderson said those who want to audition should come expecting to read a script and use improvisation all while letting their personality shine through their tryout.

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Alexis Lambert, a junior psychology major, is crowned as the 2014 Miss Black EIU Feb. 22, 2014 in the Grand Ballroom of the University Union.

Doudna arts fund to assist programs at schools

By Liz Dowell Copy Editor | @DEN_News

Applications for the Ruth and Vaughn Jaenike Access to the Arts Fund are being accepted, and the deadline to apply is Feb. 12.

The fund is being admitted by the Doudna Fine Arts Center for the College of Arts and

Applications will be reviewed by a committee made up of the department chairs of art, music and theater as well as Dwight Vaught, Michael Watts and Rachael Barden.

The grant has existed for 15 years and is awarded every semester. Applicants enrolled in a fall program are asked to apply again in the fall.

Vaught, the assistant dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, said the applications will be reviewed by a committee to see if they meet all the qualifications.

"It has to have something with an artistic format," Vaught said. "The whole idea is to get people interested in and attending arts events."

The grant is for schools outside of Eastern in counties such as Coles, Cumberland, Edgar, Clark, Shelby, Effingham, Douglas and Moult-

"If the support from this grant goes out into the community, that's what its designed to do, and it gets more people recognizing what's going on artistically and helps support those programs, then it's met its goal" Vaught said.

Dan Crews, the direcor of patron services for Doudna, said this grant is aimed at helping schools along with their artistic productions, not for buying supplies.

"A lot of times some artists they will look at a way to fund their program; sometimes it's either buy supplies or sometimes equipment, and that's not what this particular grant is designed for," Crews said. "This is a way for us to help those art organizations that are away from campus and it different communities."

Crews said this grant is not for individual artists but for organizations putting on performances that need a little help with costumes, design or makeup.

Vaught said the money is aimed at helping the performance directly.

"If their application says, 'We're going to sell tickets, we're going to have a dessert fundraiser and we're going to have T-shirts that people can buy and we need to buy music,' that doesn't really apply because it's not directly related to the artistic production," Vaught said. "But if they say we want money to hire somebody to come in as a guest director or a guest choreographer or something like that, that's directly related to putting on the artistic production and those are the kinds of things that the Jaenike arts grant will help.'

The deadline to apply is 5 p.m. Feb. 12.

Notifications on the decision of the grant will be sent out through email by the week of

Students who are interested in or have questions about applying can email Vaught for more details.

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Luis Martinez

Why must people be hypocrites?

Arguably one of the most annoying things that someone can encounter other people contradicting themselves and refusing to take the blame when they are wrong.

Of course, I mean hypocrites, and I'm talking about hypocrites who are so bad at not being able to take any type of criticism.

Everyone has a little bit of a hypocrite in them. It's almost human nature.

Nobody likes to be wrong, but when you keep hammering in your point of view on everyone one you meet, it becomes exhausting

I don't just mean people being wrong about which is the better sports team or what is a bet-

All of that stuff is opinion, and people are always entitled to their opinions.

My issue with it is when people act a certain way in public or with a certain group of friends, only to completely flip a switch in oth-

I'll be the first to admit that there are times when I have to be hypocritical, but I've learned now how to sort of manage my need to show off or correct someone else who I think is mistaken. For the most part it's been manageable.

I have known tons of hypocritical people through my life, and I'm sure that I will meet more of them in the future, but my hope for when I first went to college would be that I would not meet as many of them as I did in high school.

Of course, the universe had to prove me wrong, and within my first two years of being a college student, I probably met a fair amount of really bad hypocrites that just make me want to scream and rip the hair out of my skull.

It never ceases to amaze me how some of these people are so blind to the fact that they are huge hypocrites that they don't realize it themselves and try to stop it.

There is a fine line between having an opinion and being a relentless and at times unbearable person to deal with.

I do not get why people have to be hypocrites about almost every single, tiny little detail about basically everything, even matters that are none of their business.

It is a mystery of life, and one that I find truly, undoubtedly annoying as anything else in the world. People should learn to think before they speak, instead of blurting out whatever comes to mind.

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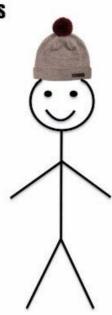
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Staff Editorial Layoffs, furloughs could be necessary

With more layoffs looming on the horizon for Eastern if the state of Illinois fails to pass an adequate budget—or a budget at all—people in the university community are understandably beginning to worry.

Even though President David Glassman did his best to squelch rumors that the university would soon close down, they are again surfacing as Eastern must continue to make internal cuts to survive.

Glassman announced Monday that more layoffs and furloughs would be a reality if Eastern did not receive its state appropriations in a reasonable amount of time.

"Our state government is literally starving its public universities," Glassman said in the email to faculty and staff.

The first of the personnel cuts began this summer when Glassman shared that 40 faculty positions would be eliminated, which affected about half of the academic departments and program areas on campus. All administrative and professional employees were made to take furlough days, while some of their positions were eliminated along with some civil service positions.

Eastern's fall budget adjustments made for

about a \$10 million reduction to balance the fiscal year 2016 budget; however, the budget was adjusted in anticipation of state appropriations the university has yet to receive.

Now, according to Glassman's announcement, hundreds of non-instructional employees will have to be laid off while others receive unpaid furlough days if the state continues "starving" universities of the funding they need to function.

This is a crucial point in time in which the actions of every one who is part of the Eastern community are immensely important to the university's future success.

On the part of Glassman and Eastern's other administrators, transparency is imperative.

Being honest that these additional layoffs and unpaid furlough days could be impending is a step in the right direction.

When apparently negative or depressing news is swept under the rug or distorted, more harm is done than good because people begin assuming the worst, and their fears become rumors that hurt morale more in the long run than the "bad news" probably would have in the first place.

What is also an important expectation is

that the layoffs and unpaid furlough days are distributed fairly and without placing imbalanced burdens on any particular area of the university over another.

Students, alumni, faculty and staff, and others should be careful not to spread false infor-

We should also recognize that, while more layoffs and unpaid furlough days would be incredibly unfortunate, they could be a necessary evil, and Glassman should not be demonized for having to make tough calls to balance the budget.

He took on a very difficult job when he replaced former President Bill Perry last year, as the university was already facing declining enrollment and limited funding.

We should all hope for the best—which would be that Gov. Bruce Rauner passes a budget and the hundreds of layoffs will not be needed—but if that does not happen, we should be careful not to spread rumors or negativity that could further compound our already existing problems.

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

Students need to voice their opinions

Tuesday's edition of The Daily Eastern News featured a letter to the editor from professor Fern Kory discussing the lack of a state budget in Illinois and unfunded MAP Grants that help college students pay to attend school.

She ended the letter by saying we should let Gov. Bruce Rauner know we are tired of waiting for a budget to pass as higher education in Illinois continues to suffer.

Kory is right. We cannot continue to just wait for something that could take months or potentially longer to happen.

Rauner has shown that he does not care about students, and this might be because not enough of students have expressed to Rauner that we are upset about is happening.

Students can complain all they want on social media, but is that really going to do anything? What are the chances Rauner is going to see your Facebook post or tweet complaining about what is wrong with the state of Illinois? The odds do not seem good.

It is our obligation as students to let our state representatives, senators and governor know how we truly about the issues, or we will continued to be ignored.

Illinois will be entering its eighth month without a budget on Monday, and public universities in Illinois are taking damage.

Chicago State University has already said that it does not have funds to pay for opera-



Chris Picazo

tional costs after March 1. This could lead to the possible closing of the university.

There actually are students wondering if they'll be able to finish the semester or even graduate. Students should not have to wonder if their university will be open for them to finish a semester.

On Monday, Western Illinois University's Board of Trustees approved a staff reduction through June 30, 2017. The staff cuts come from the continuing cost increases and unfunded state mandates, according to the press release on Western's website.

Eastern President David Glassman even announced that more layoffs could be coming to Eastern in March if state funding does not come through soon.

While Illinois public universities are suffering, Rauner just hired a new chief-of-staff for his wife that is being put on the state payroll for a hefty \$100,000.

Hiring this person is completely unnecessary and could not come at worse time.

This hiring comes at a time when Rauner criticized the spending habits of universities and said universities should not be so wasteful in hiring unneeded administration.

Is that not what Rauner just did in hiring a completely unnecessary staff member for his

As students, we should be voicing our opinion to Rauner by sending him letters and calling his office as often as we can. It might not rush the process to getting a budget approved, but we are using our right to speak out and voice our opinions.

If we just sit around and continue to complain to each other about the budget, Rauner will not care, and he'll continue to ignore stu-

Waiting for a budget and doing nothing about the issue is not something we should be doing. We have every right to contact Rauner, and other representatives for that matter, to voice our opinions. So why don't we?

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Piano Practice Makes Perfect



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Emily Pinter, a junior chemistry major, practices her piano lessons Tuesday in the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

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After interviewing Hatfill and speaking to him about his interests, Drake said he has an excellent working relationship with the university community, the officers and community partners.

"He is a wonderful person, extremely competent and he has a tremendous amount of history with the university, a great love for university and has a passion for the work that the police department does for students," Drake said.

Drake said Hatfill also has ideas and different ways for providing services to students

vices to students.
"I respect him for his willingness to

serve EIU," Drake said. Hatfill said the position would have challenges, especially with the budgetary issues facing the university as a whole, according to the press release.

"I realize there will be difficulties, but I appreciate the opportunity and look forward to moving the department forward," Hatfill said in the press release.

Hatfill joined the UPD in January 1989 as a patrol officer and rapidly advanced in rank to his most recent position as patrol lieutenant/director of parking operations, according to the press release.

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"All service units under student affairs understand that and that is why we are here," Drake said.

Drake has also taken on additional responsibilities as opportunities come up such as search committees to add to her experience. Drake said she is the interim vice president for student affairs until the end of June or until the position is filled.

At present, she is still the director of health service until the associate director Eric Davidson returns in the beginning of February.

"I have an excellent staff," Drake said. "They are extremely helpful."

In 2005, Drake was acting vice president for student affairs and said she wanted to make sure she had the

support of all the directors in the division before applying for the position as interim director.

"I felt committed to the university and the division," Drake said, "I wanted to let him (President Glassman) know that I was interested in discussing the position with him."

Drake said the reason she took the position was because she wanted to serve the university, the division of student affairs and the students.

Unlike her time served as vice president in 2005, Drake said the fiscal crisis adds extra concern and stress to the position.

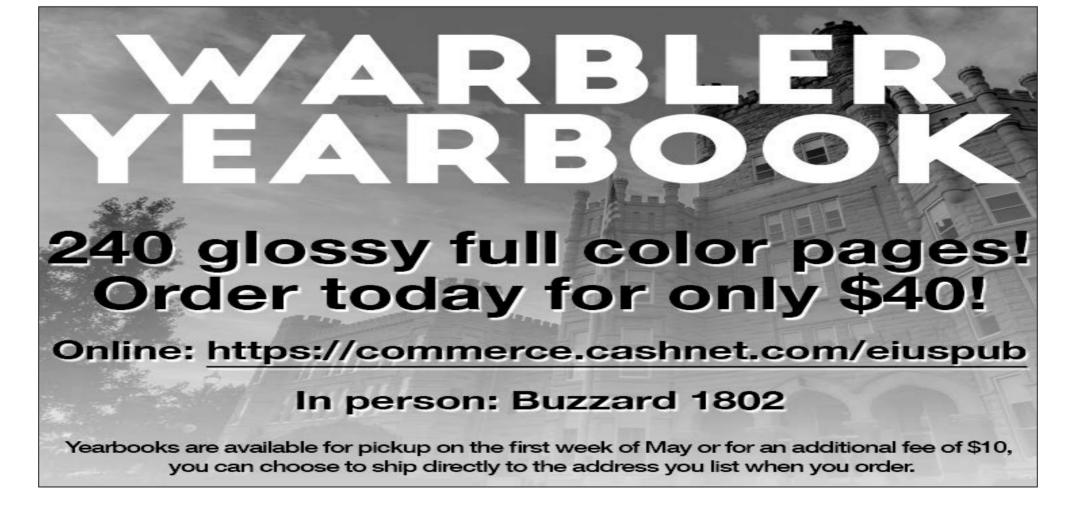
"It is easier to grow a program and develop new initiatives than it is to start taking away and cutting things that have become engrained in the culture of the university," Drake said when asked about the budget.

Drake said it is always difficult to take away what one is used to having and it is difficult to start looking at ways to reduce in order to make ends meet.

"That means you have to start looking at ways to help each other out, consolidate, and make decisions on what is important to our students and what we need," Drake said.

Drake said although the budget situation is difficult it is manageable.

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Trumpet Training



JOSH SAXTON | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Matt Parker, a senior music major, practices "Carnival of Venice" on trumpet on Tuesday in the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

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The New York Times Crossword

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- 1 Singer Williams of the Temptations
- **5** "Toy Story" dog that shares its name with a missile
- 9 Outer: Prefix
- 13 Samuel Beckett's 'En_attendant
- **15** Actress Anderson
- 16 +
- 17 Spacious
- **18** 1977 film described by Leonard Maltin as "For undiscriminating action fans whose idea of entertainment is watching Bo [Derek] getting her leg bitten off"
- 19 Owneth
- Queen
- 22 French upper

24 Set of sheets?

- 26 West Coast capital
- 27 "Goldfinger"
- **30** "l _ __ to differ"
- **31** Bon ___
- 32 "The woman," to Sherlock Holmes
- 36 Novella whose final words are found in the shaded squares
- 41 Indian state known for its
- **42** Sup
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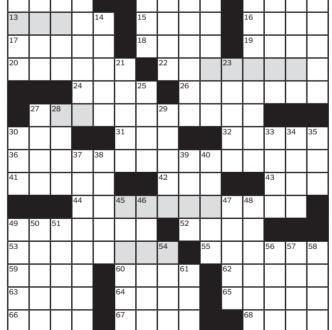
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- **39** Org. promoting Social Security solvency
- 40 Eye sores
- 45 Change over time 46 Facade
- "___ My Heart in San Francisco"
- 49 "All In With Chris
- Hayes" network 50 Director Kurosawa
- 51 Uncle on "Duck Dynasty'
- **54** Freezer section
- **56** Poet ___ Van
- **57** Freezer section
- 58 "Sorry, gotta run!"
- 61 Western Hemisphere grp.

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Johnston shows promise, leadership on court

By Maria Baldwin

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Sophomore guard Cornell Johnston has had a passion for basketball from a very young age, and that fire to perform at a top level still burns.

"I started play basketball at the YMCA when I was about 5 years old, and I found love for the game right away," Johnston said, "I was one of the fastest guys on the court right away, and I could make baskets at a young age."

As a starting point guard, Johnston leads the Eastern offense.

In his freshman year, Johnston was the only player on the team to start in all 33 games.

He was named the Ohio Valley Conference Freshman of the Year, along with being named onto the OVC All-Newcomer Team and the EIU Newcomer of the Year.

In the off-season Johnston said he typically works on ball-handling, shooting off the dribble, and being able to get his shot off faster.

Now as a sophomore, Johnston has undertaken a vital leadership role on the court for his team.

"It means a lot to me to the leader because not only do the coaches believe in me, but all my teammates believe in me," Johnston said, "My role is to lead them and to get everybody going, keep everyone's energy up, and to make sure everyone is locked in on defense so we can get good looks on offense, because defense turns into offense."

Johnston has played in twenty games this year, averaging 38 minutes on the court, 10.9 points a game, and 5.6 assists per game. Johnston has scored a total of 217 points with 112 assists. His highest scoring game this season was against Northern Kentucky, where he scored 24 points for the Panthers, playing 43 minutes of the game.

Although his offensive skills look impressive, Johnston knows that as a point guard he is the first line of defense on the other side of the court.

"I want everyone on our team to understand the defense is what is going to win us games this year, "Johnston said. "If we can play good defense, we can win conference."

Eastern is currently ranked 2nd in the conference behind Murray State.

Johnston said it is not about how big players are, but how big they play that makes all the difference on the

"What this means to me is that because I'm smaller than the other guys I have to play faster than the guy who is checking me," Johnston said. "So I learned to keep them off-balance, speeding up, slowing down, keeping them on their toes, and not letting them time my moves."

Other members putting up impressive numbers for team include senior Trae Anderson and junior A.J Riley.

Anderson leads the Panthers averaging 13.6 points a game, grabs an average of 4.8 rebounds a game and has scored a total of 271 points thus far in the season.

Riley, a newcomer this year, averages 11.9 points per game and has scored 238 total points.

All three Panthers have played all 20 games so far in the season.

Point guard is the position Johnston has played his entire life, and he is as passionate about it now as he was as a child.

"It means a lot to me because the point guard is the quarterback of football, they lead the team," Johnston said. "They get everything going. They get the offense flowing, they are the first line of defense, and It means a lot because everyone on the team feeds off of my energy."

The Panthers will return home to Lantz Arena at 7 p.m. Thursday to take on UT Martin.

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Sophomore guard Cornell Johnston has 217 points on the season averaging 10.9 points per game.

Men's basketball team struggles to get ahead in OVC

Eastern shines in OVC West, struggles during stacked OVC East

By Maher Kawash Staff Reporter | @DEN_Sports

The Eastern men's basketball team has had a rollercoaster start in the Ohio Valley Conference.

The Panthers have had two overtime victories as well as a season high of 97 points scored against Eastern Kentucky.

Eastern stands at 4-4 in OVC play so far, which is good for 2nd place in the OVC West.

The Panthers have come away with some key victories this season, especially in games where they were seen as the underdog.

After starting 1-3 against conference opponents to begin the season, Eastern has since rebounded to win three of its last four games.

However, Eastern's 4-4 record in conference play may not tell the whole story.

Three of Eastern's conference losses have come to the teams in the OVC East.

One of these losses was to undefeated Belmont, while the other two are to one-loss teams.

The East has proven to be the better half of the conference this season, with a combined two losses among the top three teams in the division.

With that being said, the Panthers have also impressed by coming away with wins against Eastern Kentucky and Morehead State, both of which are in the East.

The Panthers have had two games end in thrilling fashion with overtime wins over Morehead State and Austin Peay.

In both of those games, Eastern was able to put up at least 80 points

All four of the Panther's OVC wins have come when the team scores at least 75 points.

The team has seen bright performances from a number of players so far this season, as a different player steps up every night.

While the Panthers have gotten production from different players, it has been a rotation of certain players who have carried the team.

Eastern has been led by senior Trae Anderson, junior Demetrius McReynolds, junior A.J. Riley, and sophomore Cornell Johnston.

While Trae Anderson has led the team in scoring all season long, McReynolds and Riley have stepped up of late with big performances

McReynolds' 27 points against

Eastern Kentucky played a major role in the team scoring 97 points and coming out on top. Riley has scored double digit

points in five straight games now, and also sank the game winning layup against Austin Peay. Riley's buzzer beating layup

helped the Panthers get their second road win of the season, as well as the first in OVC play. Road games have been an issue for the Panthers, as they hold just

a 2-8 record on the season when

playing away from Lantz Arena.

Eastern just wrapped up a two
game home stand against Murray
State and Austin Peay, and will
come home to welcome UT-Mar-

tin into Lantz Arena.

The matchup against UT-Martin provides plenty of intrigue as the teams will battle for position in the OVC West.

Although the Panthers are a game and a half ahead of the Skyhawks, it will be important to maintain position in a stacked conference.

The Panthers continue to push

for a spot in the OVC tournament, as only the top eight seeds will participate.

If the season ended today Fast-

If the season ended today, Eastern would be the seventh seed in the tournament.

The Panthers return to action at 7 p.m. Thursday against UT-Martin in Lantz Arena.

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TOP CAT

Amina Jackson Track & Field



Top Cat, which is chosen every Wednesday, is given to the athlete who performed the best in his or her sport the previous week as voted on by the News' sports staff.

Jackson breaks 400-meter hurdle record

By Mark Shanahan Staff Reporter | @Den_Sports

Senior Amina Jackson set a new school record in the women's 400-meter hurdles last weekend at the EIU John Craft invite with a time of 1:02.32.

Jackson participates in the 400-meter, 600-meter, the distance medley relay, the 4x400-meter relay and sometimes the 800-meter run.

She transferred to Eastern from North Central College in 2014.

The decision to come to Eastern was influenced by her mother who attended and ran track here for two years.

"I choose to transfer to Eastern for money reasons just because North Central is really expensive, and also track wise, I didn't feel like I was getting what I wanted out of track at North Central and then coming here, I felt like I could run at my full potential here," she said.

The transition proved to be tough at the beginning because Eastern's practices were more challenging than the ones she was used to at North Central, she said.

"I remember preseason, we had run like ten 200s the first day, and I called my mom and was like 'oh my gosh mom, we just ran ten 200s the first day of practice.' She was like 'It couldn't have been that bad' and I was like 'you were not here,'" she said. 'How in the world could you say that?'"

Despite the tough practices, making friends with teammates was not a problem for Jackson.

"Other than that the team was very nice," she said. "They were very welcoming. I kind of fit in with the other freshmen even though I wasn't a freshman, but it was kind of like all the new people were all together. I made friends quickly so the transition wasn't as bad as I thought it was going to be."

In her first indoor season at



MACKENZIE FREUND | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Senior Amina Jackson broke the record for the 400-meter hurdle with a time of 1:02.32 during the John Craft invitational Saturday in Lantz Fieldhouse. Jackson transferred to Eastern in 2014.

Eastern, she earned first team All-OVC on the distance medley relay team that won with a time of 12:03.22

She ran the 400-meter hurdles that outdoor season and earned second team All-OVC honors in the event with a time of 1:01.69 at the OVC outdoor championships.

That time ranked second in the school record books.

Last indoor season, she ran on the school's record-setting distance medley relay team where they posted a time of 11:50.24 seconds at the Notre Dame Meyo invitational.

In the outdoor season, she set the

school record in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 1:00.73 seconds at the Indiana Billy Hayes invite.

Setting that record has been her favorite memory up to this point, as she did not know what she had done until her teammates and coaches greeted her.

"I didn't feel good that meet so I was kind of like running with dead energy really, and then my coach runs up to me and was like 'oh my god!' she said. "I'm like 'I don't know what's happening, what are you talking about?' he's like, 'you broke the record!"

The personal goals Jackson sets

for herself are to beat her times at meets from the previous year.

"Each season I kind of try to go by meets and see what I ran last year at this meet and try to do better each meet," she said. "Last year I think I ran like a one minute at the very first meet so I was thinking I at least want to run at 59 (seconds)."

She started her track career back in junior high when she ultimately chose the sport over volleyball.

"I started track in sixth grade at my junior high in Lincoln," she said. "Ever since then I've been doing it, I didn't really start getting into my main event which is hurdles until my junior year of high school and I kind of fell in love with them ever since then."

Since she is in her last season, Jackson is thinking about her future after college.

She is majoring in early child-hood education and her dream is to teach third grade, but she also loves pre-school.

Jackson will compete during the Indiana Relays this weekend.

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Favorite Artists

- Hunter Hayes
- Lady Antebellum
- Taylor Swift
- Sam Hunt

Places She Wants to Visit

- New Zealand
- Japan
- China
- Germany
- Amazon Rainforest

Favorite Movies

- "The Lord of the Rings"
- "The Hobbit"
- "Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs" 1 & 2
- "The Equalizer"