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End of an Era
Bar destroyed, 8 displaced in fire on Monroe Avenue

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Eight people were displaced from their homes, and the building Mother’s bar is located in was gutted during a fire at 1:46 a.m. Friday morning. No firefighter or civilian injuries were reported.

The displaced residents are being assisted by the Red Cross. The fire caused the second floor of the building to collapse, causing extensive damage to it, according to a press release. Upon arrival at the scene, crews encountered “heavy smoke conditions on the second floor,” the press release states.

They rescued two occupants off a section of the roof with a ladder and had to force a door to rescue three others. Three other occupants of the building were able to rescue themselves.

Because of the heavy smoke and fire conditions, fire crews evacuated the building and started a defensive attack. The fire caused the second floor of the building to collapse, causing extensive damage to it, according to a press release.

Crews were still on the scene, putting out hot spots, at 9 a.m. Friday morning. A third alarm that was activated brought in crews from the Mattoon Fire Department, Lincoln Fire Protection District, Mitchell-Jerdan Ambulance and Ashmore Fire Department.

On Facebook, Mother’s wrote that they are “heartbroken by the fire that happened” but grateful for the support from friends, family and the community.

“We are beyond thankful that everyone involved is safe. Thank you all for helping us through this difficult time,” the post said.

The Charleston Fire Department, Charleston Police Department and the Office of the State Fire Marshal’s Office are currently investigating the fire.

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Daiber discusses campaign, higher education reform

By Olivia Swenson-Hultz
Associate News Editor | @DEN_News

Bob Daiber, a democratic candidate in the primary race for governor, talked about his plan to rebuild higher education systems in Illinois, as well as other platforms, when he came to Eastern Friday.

Daiber said his campaign is primarily centered around fixing higher education in the state. He plans to do this by implementing a progressive tax, which he says will change the revenue stream from negative to positive.

Daiber said this would mean the state income tax would range from 1 to 6 percent, with the wealthiest Illinois residents paying the highest rate.

Regarding pensions, Daiber said the system can be made whole again by investing in municipal bonds.

Daiber wants to implement policies that will save the state money as well as cut down spending by providing free services. He suggested providing locals with two nights a week when they can bring their child into Eastern’s Health and Counseling Services building to receive free healthcare, even if they do not have insurance.

Daiber said developing a better marketing plan and focusing on Illinois’s strengths, such as being top in soybean production in the country, could also improve its financial situation.

“Why are we shipping all of our soybeans to Texas?” he said. “Why not business in-state?”

Daiber, remembering the emphasis on technology education from his years at Eastern, wants professors working at state schools in Illinois to continue focusing on technology research.

“We need professors that want to keep their jobs,” he said.

For secondary schools, Daiber said he would like to see them offer technical school training, since not everyone will go on to attend college.

“Too many people come out of school with no skill sets, and they flounder,” he said.

“There are tons of technical school jobs that are still unfilled.”
Remains of sailor killed at Pearl Harbor on way to Illinois

AURORA, Ill. (AP) — A veteran’s group that holds the remains of a sailor killed during the 1941 Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor is being sent to Illini for burial.

That comes after tests have iden- tified remains of Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Walter Howard Backman, who was a 22-year-old serving aboard the USS Oklahoma when it hit by torpedoes during the attack. He was among 429 cremated remains.

Veterans Assistance Commission of Kane County superintendent Jacob Zimmerman tells The Beacon-News that Backman’s remains will be bur- ied during the spring near a memo- rial stone already in place for him at River Hill Memorial Park in Batavia. Backman was born in 1919 in Wil- ton, North Dakota, to a farming family who moved to the Chicago-area city of Aurora shortly after his 1938 enlistment in the Navy.

Sen. Duckworth still breaking barriers, and she likes it

WASHINGTON (AP) — Break- ing down barriers is nothing new for Sen. Tammy Duckworth, and that’s the way she likes it.

And while her military and political goals, the Illinois Demo- crat is adding a new one: educating in- quirers about the tradition-bound Senate on creat- ing a workplace that makes room for new moms.

“She’s been through things that you and I will probably never under- stand. So I’m sure for her (having a baby) is just another stepping stone,” said Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler, R-Wash., the 31-year-old freshman lawmaker who became a mother last year.

“We are hoping that the ongoing discussions that we have with the Democrats can lead to new legislation and new protections,” Beutler said.

Survivors of deadly school shooting land at Trump

PARKLAND, Fla. (AP) — Stu- dents who escaped the deadly school shooting in Florida focused on where they were going as they marked the anniversary of the tragedy, contending that his response to the attack has been needlessly di- vided.

“You’re the president. You’re sup- posed to bring this nation together, not divide us,” said David Hogg, a 17-year-old senior at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida, speaking on NBC’s “Meet the Press.”

“We’re afraid.”

The Trump administration says it’s been through a lot of “human suffering as of late,” but many of the divisions and problems that helped fuel the extremist’s cause remain unresolved.

The U.S.-led coalition, which launched its fight against IS in Au- gust 2014, is now reducing the numbers of American troops in Iraq, after Trump declared victory over the extre- mists in December. Both Iraq and U.S. officials say the exact size of the enemy has not yet been decided.

U.S. and Iraqi commanders in western Iraq warn that victories over IS could be undercut by a large-scale withdrawal. With backwater territories like al-Omar in the north and west of the country under IS control, an immediate withdrawal could be perceived as a sign of weakness.

Moon won’t discuss possible summit with North Korea’s Kim

PEONGCHANG, South Ko- rea (AP) — South Korean President Moon Jae-in said Saturday that he hopes his efforts to engage rival North Korea at the Olympics will also lead to better ties between the North and its other major rival, Washington, as well as help set up talks on resolving the North of its nuclear bombs.

But Moon wouldn’t answer a ques- tion from The Associated Press about what needs to happen before he’ll take North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un on his invitation for a sum- mit. He earlier said “it’s not too far ahead” on a summit, according to his office.

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There’s a reason for his caution: the United States.

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CAA approves changes to FCS

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Many changes to the family and consumer sciences program, including two revised courses, five new courses and a new minor, were proposed and unanimously passed at the Council on Academic Affairs meeting this past Thursday.

The family and consumer sciences program currently has two concentrations: merchandising and apparel and textile design.

The main changes proposed to them were related to the desire to combine the two concentrations into one, Katherine Shaw, a family and consumer sciences professor, said.

“As of Fall 2017, we have two students in apparel and textile design and 16 students in merchandising,” Shaw said. “What we are wanting to do is to combine the two concentrations into one really strong program.”

Shaw said these concentrations were already combined when she went to Eastern and was in the family and consumer sciences program.

“We were able to separate (the concentrations), and now there’s a need and I think, a strength for our program, really in as far as curriculum goes as well, to again combine those,” Shaw said.

The two revised programs were FCS 2244 (textile analysis) and FCS 2300G (personal and family financial literacy).

Linda Simpson, the executive director of literacy in the financial education center, said the lower number would allow the course to be used for high school dual credit programs, which could help with recruitment, as well as make the course a general education course option for undergraduate students.

“I have taught this course for 20 plus years, here (and) at Indiana State, and several students have come up (and said) ‘this should be a gen ed course, every one should take it.’ So it’s just a great foundational, raw budget debt management (course),’” Simpson said.

The new courses include fashion e-tailing, historic costume, global fashion forecasting, hospitality leadership and cultural aspects of fashion.

The courses were added to reflect the change in concentrations, as well as to accommodate the newly added minor, fashion merchandising and design, which the CAA also approved.

The minor is to allow students interested in family and consumer sciences, who do not want to major in it, to have more specialized options, Shaw said.

After CAA ended, the council continued to take a closer look at Eastern’s general education programs, any possible redundancies in those programs and an updated way to propose general education courses.

It was decided that a recommendation has to be made to provost Jay Gaetrell regarding the necessity of a general education coordinator position, which would entail updating general education programs on a regular basis and helping improve programs already in place, being created and filled soon.

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The Chinese Student and Scholar Association organized a Chinese New Year celebration at the Christian Campus House Friday. Faculty, staff, family and friends all gathered to enjoy authentic Chinese cuisine. Local restaurants Magic Wok and QQ Buffet sponsored the event and many students contributed homemade dishes.

Career week to start Tuesday

Staff Report | @DEN_News

Career Service’s “Career Week” is set to begin Tuesday.

Events include a mock interview day with employers, one where students can get their resumes reviewed and learn tips from corporate sponsors on job fairs.

The Resume Review Blitz is set for 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday and Feb. 26 at Career Services. The mock interview day is set for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednes-
day; Feb. 21 and a job fair prep workshop will be Wednesday, Feb. 28 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the 1895 room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Some of these require pre-reservations. The Job and Internship fair for all majors is set for from noon to 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 1 in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Employers that will be there include Allendale Association, Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Six Flags Great America, the Skokie Police Department and West Point Financial Group.

The job fair employers will be scheduling interviews on campus starting March 2, and continuing throughout the semester.

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Really America? Enough is enough

Save your shaming, it is not needed

The never-ending battle

Wagon of fat-shaming people. When they are not watching The Amazing Arial or YouTube conspiracy theory videos, they are rolling on their media of choice. During my vacation, I became the target of a neckbeard. I could only imagine his tiny little fingers, probably sore from fiddling with his Xbox controller, but still, there were his insecurities, impatiently waiting to be projected onto an internet stranger. The neckbeard responded, saying the photograph was disgusting with a little GIF of a hampped whack. And of course, he found a meme to go along with his response to my photograph, because that is what trolls and neckbeards do.

I was not offended by his attempt to hurt me. I laughed hysterically and pondered my love for the creature in his GIF; the same creature I have tattooed onto my right calf. The comment has since been deleted, probably because he was publicly dragged by my friends on Twitter for being a bored and slimy mole rat. If the neckbeard keyboard warriors must know, people are probably already doing a fine job of hating themselves for their pant size because of their comments, the alienated clothing sections and the rest of America’s representation of fat people. Even though I was confident in these moments against the headland keyboard warrior, body image is something that many other “fat” people struggle with every day. Many will argue that body positivity promotes an unhealthy lifestyle for people, but they do not take other’s livelihoods into consideration. I gained weight from contraceptives and hypothyroidism. Even though I sometimes go a day without eating because I am so busy, I still have not lost weight because of my health condition, nor that starvation is how I would want to lose weight if ever decided to. Diet does not work for everyone, and some people who have health problems that prevent them from losing weight.

The conversation for how I (or anyone else) am going to move forward with my health is between me and the voxel. I am stuck with, until death do us part.

Abby Whittington

OPINIONS

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Daiber is an advocate for raising the minimum wage in Illinois, saying $10 an hour would be OK for a training wage, but $15 an hour is better for a living wage.

“Low wages make people more reliant on the state for services,” Daiber said. “I’m for good paying jobs and more independence.”

Another one of Daiber’s focuses is helping to reform the Juvenile Justice System and improving the lives of those who may be at risk.

He is currently working on implementing a program in Madison County called “Give 30” that allows people to meet with an at-risk youth to give them positive encouragement.

When it comes to the environment, Daiber is concerned about water and air quality and is an advocate for solar energy.

Daiber said the evolution of the solar business will change residential living for the better.

“We’re missing out on revolutionizing our way of living due to lack of research,” he said.

Even in a competitive race for the governorship, Daiber said he is still comfortable running against his wealthier opponents because they will not be able to get the same voters he will.

“It’s beyond money; it’s about character and ethics,” he said. “If people complain about having another Chicago politician in office, it’s because they didn’t want to vote for somebody from Cook County.”

Daiber earned his bachelor’s and master’s in education from Eastern, graduating in 1979. He then went on to earn his doctorate in education from Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville in 1990.

Daiber served as a Madison County board member and the Madison County Regional Superintendent of Schools.

He has traveled to 10 different counties within the past week to speak to constituents, and this week he will be embarking on a tour of western Illinois.
Corner pocket on a Sunday

Miranda Smith, a sophomore math and history major, plays pool with some friends in Thomas Hall Sunday evening.

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**Track, field boast multiple winners**

**By Alex Hartman**

Assistant Sports Editor | @DEN_Sports

The Eastern Friday Night Special this past weekend marked the last competition before the track and field team heads into the OVC Championships.

The indoor championship meet will take place again at Lantz Fieldhouse as it did last year. It will feature select athletes from the men’s and women’s teams that qualified.

Last year’s indoor conference meet was a success for Eastern that ended with both the men’s and women’s teams winning the meet and Eastern head coach Tom Alton being named Men’s Coach of the Year.

Eastern is looking to build momentum going into the final meet of the indoor season as they took on Bradley, Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, Indiana State and Kentucky Wesleyan among others.

The Eastern women’s team finished second overall, while the men’s finished in first place. The team ended with 11 total first place finishes in events.

The great finish for the team was led by junior Grace Rowan, who earned first place in the 800-meter with a time of 2 minutes 17.92 seconds. Then sophomore Maddy Gil earned first place in the 400-meter hurdles with her time of 1:10.79.

The distance runners were feeling a strong day coming on Friday as well, as distance coach Erin Howarth said in her run-up to the race that qualified.

Both sides of the track and field team found success this past Friday and will look to bring the momentum of the top finishes into the conference meet.

“We are looking to build confidence going forward, and we have gotten better meet after meet; hopefully this trend will continue going into conference,” Howarth said.

The OVC Championship will take place Friday and Saturday in the Lantz Fieldhouse.

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**Skyhawks hand Eastern 11th straight loss**

**By JJ Bullock**

Yank’s Field reporter | @DEN_Sports

There have been times this season when the young Eastern women’s basketball team has had flashes of playing like any program would want a young team to play, then just as quickly as the flashes happen, they delve into the type of inconsistent play young teams are prone too.

Of the three freshmen that led Eastern in scoring, there wasn’t a good game for whatever reason.” Bollant said.

“Just three freshmen led Eastern in scoring, and when you rely on freshmen it makes it tough,” he said.

“All season long, the Panthers have not been shy about shooting the three-point shot. They have attempted 658 this season, the second most in the conference. But they make three-point shots at a third-worst 29.6 percentage, and Saturday against Tennessee-Martin was no different.

The OVC Championship will take place Friday and Saturday in the Lantz Fieldhouse.

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Panthers clinch OVC Tournament spot

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Senior Montell Goodwin sets up the Panthers’ offense in their 76-69 loss to Austin Peay Feb. 10 in Lantz Arena. With Eastern’s win Saturday over Tennessee-Martin, the Panthers secured a spot in the OVC Tournament.

Senior Jessica Wireman throws a pitch April 2017 at Williams Field. The Panthers came away with five wins over the weekend.

Softball team goes undefeated on weekend

By JJ Bullock
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The Eastern softball team outscored its opponents 27-5 and finished with a perfect 5-0 record at the Gardner-Webb tournament over the weekend.

The Panthers were three for three against Riverside Thursday with a 4-0 win over Western Illinois on Sunday.

Secret fly.

The Panthers mercy-ruled Gardner-Webb in five innings, thanks to Mitchell driving in five runs in the 9-0 win.

Mitchell iced the game in the fourth inning with a three-run home-run and sophomore Mia Davis hit her first career home run.

After the game ran by Davis, Schuette said the team looked at her in the dugout and said “she flattened that ball, coach.”

Game four of the weekend was once again dominated by Wireman, who threw a complete game and struck out 13 batters in a 3-1 win over Western Carolina on Saturday.

Eastern capped off the weekend with a 4-0 win over Western Illinois on Sunday.

Mitchell had two RBIs in that game and so did junior transfer Brya Cooper.

Rogers threw a complete game shutout in that game.

Eastern is now 7-3-1 on the season and Schuette said she enjoyed standing back and watching her team “bathe” and “perform.”

The Panthers will play five more games next weekend in the Chattanooga Frost Classic.

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