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## Higher education bills to be discussed

By **Analicia Haynes**  
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Two proposed bills promising funding for higher education are being discussed by legislators this week before they are expected to hit the House floor.

House Bill 5045, sponsored by Rep. Rita Mayfield (D) from the 60th district, and HB2344, sponsored by Rep. Mike Fortner (R) from the 49th district, ask for emergency funding for higher education by pulling the funds from the Illinois Education Assistance Fund.

According to Capitol Fax, The Education Assistance Fund will have a surplus of \$600 million by the end of the 2016 fiscal year on June 30. HB 5045 seeks to only fund Eastern, Western Illinois University, Chicago State University and Northeastern Illinois University; it does not fund the six other universities or the Monetary Award Program.

Rep. Reggie Phillips (R) from the 110th district co-sponsored both bills and said the reason HB5045 funds these four is because they need emergency funding the most.

Phillips said Mayfield's bill was based on a previous bill he and Rep. Kenneth Dunkin (D) from the 5th district filed but was voted out.

"(HB 5045) will give these universities a funding start," Phillips said. "We just need everyone to get on board."

Fortner's bill will also draw from the Education Assistance Fund; however, it will use the \$600 million to stopgap higher education spending and provide one semester's worth of MAP grant funding.

It will also include changes in the procurement code, something Gov. Bruce Rauner mentioned in his turnaround agenda.

A spokesperson from Rauner's office said the Rauner administration supports Fortner's bill; however, Phillips said Rauner is also in support of Mayfield's bill and will not tie any turnaround agenda to it.

Although he is sponsoring both bills, Phillips said he prefers Mayfield's bill because it gives Eastern the full \$40 million, whereas Fortner's bill would give Eastern about \$20 million.

"Which would you rather have, \$40 million or \$20 million?" Phillips said. "You would take the \$40 million."

Charles Wheeler, the director of Public Affairs Reporting at the University of Illinois Springfield, said although the bills provide funding for the universities, it does not mean it will generate new revenue.

Wheeler said although there is a surplus in the Education Assistance Fund, when it is combined with the General Revenue Fund and the Common School Fund there is not a surplus of money.

Though his plan provides a temporary solution, Fortner said in an article in Capitol Fax that a full budget is difficult in this environment.

Phillips said the challenge for Mayfield's bill is to get as many sponsors as possible in order to get present it to the House.

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## Talking it Out



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Deja Dade, a sophomore communication studies major, performs in the Sexual Violence Talk Show with theater arts majors Chris Rego and Frank Monier on Tuesday in the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

## Pay delay aims to bring compromise

By **Analicia Haynes**  
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Comptroller Leslie Munger announced the delay of paychecks on Sunday for members of Illinois' General Assembly and Constitutional Officers to "bring all sides together to pass a balanced budget."

In its 10th month without a budget, Illinois has a \$7.8 billion bill backlog leaving social services and higher education starving for appropriations. Charles Wheeler, the director of Public Affairs reporting at the University of Springfield, said this is a way for the comptroller to prioritize where the state's limited funds go.

"What she is saying well you'll get your paycheck but you'll have to wait in line like everybody else," Wheeler said. "Because there are other people whose immediate need for cash is a lot more desperate than yours."

In a press release Sunday, Munger said because of the budget impasse, the social service network is

being dismantled, mass layoffs are occurring and small businesses across Illinois are waiting to be paid for services they have already provided.

"As our cash crunch grows in the coming months, it is only appropriate that the unfair prioritization of payments to elected leaders ends," Munger said.

Rep. Reggie Phillips, A Republican from the 110th district, said he thinks delaying the pay for legislators is a great idea. Phillips, who forfeited his paycheck in May 2015 because of the lack of budget, said this might result in something.

"I don't think they should get paid until a budget is passed," Phillips said.

The paychecks will be delayed for two months, and Munger's office will process vouchers monthly while warrants wait in a line with other payments before being released when cash is available. Although he donates his paycheck, Phillips said some legislators do not have that luxury.

"I think that shook up a few of them because 'hey, you have to pay for groceries, insurance, rent,

house payments, kids schooling,'" Phillips said. "But now they're going to be out two months."

Wheeler said some legislators cannot afford to miss a paycheck, while there are others who can go six weeks without it. Munger said if this action helps bring all sides together and end the hardship the budget impasse brought to Illinois, then it would be beneficial.

The six Constitutional Officers and 177 General Assembly members have a total salary of \$1.3 million a month, or \$15.6 million a year. According to the press release, the state has been paying bills with Court Orders, Consent Decrees and statutory authorizations. The state is expected to be in a \$6.2 billion financial hole this year.

"I think this is a great idea," Phillips said. "It's not the governor's or Madigan's job to pass a budget, it's the general assembly and we're afraid to do anything."

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## City Council approves yearly budget

By **Lynnsey Veach**  
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The Charleston City Council approved a new annual budget at its meeting Tuesday night.

City Comptroller Heather Kuykendall spoke at a public hearing on the proposed budget.

"Key financial indicators at this point show that we continue to be in a good financial situation; the budget should put us in a place of another productive year," Kuykendall said.

Kuykendall said there is \$24,662,893 total for budget expenses in the approved budget starting May 1. The budget includes two loans, one for a potential federal grant if needed. The sec-

ond loan will be for the purchase of two dump trucks that were in last year's budget.

The budget will also cover expenses in the community such as sidewalk and street repairs, park and pavilion improvements, concrete patching repairs and other projects.

The council voted in favor of a 3 percent increase of ambulance services for the Charleston Fire Department starting May 1. The base rate for full-time Eastern students and residents within city limits will be \$424.91 for Basic Life Support, \$803.93 for Advanced Life Support and \$803.93 for Advanced Life Support II.

For non-residents and those who reside outside of city limits, the charge will be \$607.02 for

Basic Life Support, \$955.33 for Advanced Life Support and \$1,148.47 for Advance Life Support II calls.

The council approved the purchase of a cot power-load system for fire department personnel for a price not exceeding \$22,767. Combs said this will alleviate injuries, making it easier for the department to lift patients in the ambulance.

Combs announced his appointment of Brendan Lynch to the Charleston Tourism Advisory Board and gave him the Mayor Citizenship Award. Combs said this is the first time this has been given to a member of the community.

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# Students recognized with awards, tea

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The English department will be recognizing students during their annual awards ceremony, “English Departments Scholarships Awards & Tea,” at 3 p.m. Wednesday in the Tarble Arts Center.

Dana Ringuette, department chair of the English department, said the ceremony has been happening for over 50 years, and this year there will be more than \$54,000 in funds for the scholarships.

University Honors will include nominations for the Livingston Lord Scholarship, the Hobart Heller Awards, the Distinguished Senior Award and many more.

English Department Honors will include endowed scholarships, Undergraduate and Graduate awards, creative writing awards, children’s literature awards, essay contest winners, English Graduate Student Awards and the Graham Lewis Memorial Poetry Award nominees.

In addition to these honors will be the recognition of members from Sigma Tau Delta, an International English Honorary Organization.

“Scholarship funds for students this year will amount to more than \$54,000 and funds for prizes to students will be nearly \$1000. All of this is made possible by the donations of generous and gracious friends and supporters of the English Department, its students and faculty,” Ringuette said. “We have been very fortunate which has allowed us to recognize and honor so many students.”

Prizes for the ceremony will include the James K. Johnson Cre-



SUBMITTED PHOTO

A group of students poses for a photo at the 2015 English Scholarship and Awards Tea in Pemberton Hall.

“We have been very fortunate, which has allowed us to recognize and honor so many students.”

-Dana Ringuette, English Department Chair

ative Writing Award, the Louise Murray Award for Children’s Literature, Distinguished Graduate Student Award, Outstanding M.A. Thesis Award, the Cultural Diversity Essay Contest, English Studies Essay Contest, First-Year Essay Contest and the Winnie Davis Neely Award, which honors the student who wrote the best piece

of creative writing in this past year’s edition of The Vehicle.

“(The scholarships) are monetary awards that go towards supporting (the student’s) continued education. The English Department has a faculty committee, the Scholarships and Awards Committee, who ask for nominations and students are en-

couraged to self-nominate and then for supporting statements from other faculty in English,” Ringuette said. “The committee’s purpose is to seek out and recognize students who have achieved great things while being an English major.”

There will be beverages served after the hour-long ceremony. “The ceremony boosts morale for students, families, friends and teachers alike,” Ringuette said. “It’s a wonderful celebration of accomplishment, and faculty, families, and friends are so prod of the recipients.”

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# Student Senate to vote on fee increase, bills

By Bailey Taylor  
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The Student Senate will be voting on two proposed fee increases and several bills at their meeting 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Arcola-Tuscola Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The fee increase is for the Union and for Student Health Services.

Student Body President Shirmeen Ahmad said the Student Senate will be discussing the fee increase because Lynnette Drake, the interim vice president for stu-

dent affairs, wants feedback.

Ahmad said Drake wants to hear the student perspective before the proposed increase is taken to the Board of Trustees.

“I have heard different opinions from student senators about whether they agree with it or not,” Ahmad said. “But at the end of the day, when we send our recommendations, it is up to us to make sure we are acting on behalf of the student body and doing what is in the best interest of students.”

Ahmad said adding another fee could mean a lot to one student and maybe not as much to others.

She said it will be a good discussion Wednesday as they go over the positives and negatives of the fee increase and the repercussions of saying yes or no to it.

Most of the bills that are being voted on Wednesday are recommendations made by the Apportionment Board regarding the 2016-2017 budgets for student government, the University Board and the Campus Recreation Center.

Ahmad said this means Student Senate members get to decide if they agree how the Apportionment Board split up the total

amount or not.

Senators will have a period of discussion before voting on the bills.

The Student Senate will also vote on a resolution which will take the form of a letter that will be sent to Springfield.

“This (letter) is something the business affairs committee wrote, and we just want to keep doing what we can to let it be known that we will continue to fight,” Ahmad said.

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# Robertson remains Faculty Senate chair

By **Analia Haynes**  
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The Faculty Senate discussed updates in the Admissions Office and nominated a new executive board at its meeting Tuesday.

Kara Hadley-Shakya, the interim director of admissions, presented several new initiatives the office was working on, including one to help increase the recruitment of Latino students.

Hadley-Shakya said they have been working on the initiative for two years after deciding that focusing on the recruitment and retention of Latino students was an utmost priority.

“We’ve been working for two years to focus on some initiatives, and we put together a proposal that has many different recruitment and retention strategies and the president funded four of them this year,” Hadley-Shakya said.

One strategy Hadley-Shakya presented to senators was a recruitment publication written entirely in Spanish.

“Over 40 hours was put into this publication,” Hadley-Shakya said. “It was dedicated students, staff and faculty that came together (to work on it).”

Last Saturday, the Office of Admissions hosted its first Latino admit-

ted student day with a presentation in English or Spanish.

“Everything was in Spanish from their presentation, campus tour, admissions appointment, financial aid,” Hadley-Shakya said. “So we really did customize that program to prepare the students and parents.”

According to Hadley-Shakya, all 11 students who visited the campus will be attending Eastern in the fall.

With two weeks away from May 1, the official day students decide where they want to attend in the fall, Hadley-Shakya said the university’s incoming freshmen is down 25 percent compared to last year.

For transfer students, Hadley-Shakya said the university is experiencing the same percentage of decline. However, their focus is getting students to complete their next steps in the admissions process, Hadley-Shakya said.

Jemie Robertson ran unopposed and will be the chairperson for another academic year with Senator Jeffery Stowell as the vice-chair for the next year.

Senator John Oliver also kept his position as recorder.

The Faculty Senate also welcomed three new senators.

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# Mathematical Message



**JOSH SAXTON | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS**

Charles Delman, a professor of mathematics at Eastern, speaks during the Teach-In, which brought people together to talk about financial austerity and other economic problems in Illinois.

# Block party to bring community fun to students

By **T’Nerra Butler**  
Multicultural Editor | @DEN\_News

In celebration of the warm weather and the school year winding down, the women of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority are throwing a block party for students.

The block party, “Love and Basketball,” will be at 5:20 p.m. Friday in the Taylor Hall basketball courts.

This is the third time the sorority has had a block party, which is usually set to happen in the fall. Breanna Young, the public relations chair for

Zeta Phi Beta, said the day is about everyone coming out and getting to know each other. She said the block party was designed for students to get out of their dorms and socialize with each other on campus.

Students can expect music, snacks, drinks and double-Dutch at the event. Young said freshmen tend to stay in their dorms and hardly come out to some of the happenings on campus, so they wanted to end the year with everyone uniting before going home.

“It’s starting to get nice and everyone has been bundled up in their

houses because of the winter,” Young said “This is kicking off the nice weather and wrapping up the year.”

The block party will act as a stress reliever, Young said. She said students have a little fun before cracking down and hitting the books for finals week.

According to Jessica Stallworth, the vice president of Zeta Phi Beta, it took around two weeks to map out the necessities for the block party. She said the first time around, it took the women around a month, but experience helped the planning to go smoothly.

“We can kind of spend time with one another, take a load of and start enjoying the weather,” Stallworth said. “It’s a time where you’ll get to know other people that you don’t see every day or that you didn’t have the chance to get to know.”

The weather is what inspired the women to have a block party in the spring, being that it has been during the fall in the past. Stallworth said the day will put people in the mindset of having a real block party like many have experienced back at home. She said the sorority wants the campus to

remember that they care about students because the sorority members are students as well.

Brianna Littlejohn, a member of Zeta Phi Beta, said the party will be a breath of fresh air with people simply enjoying each other’s company. She said events like the block party show the campus that the members are social people.

“We want the community to come out and be involved,” Littlejohn said.

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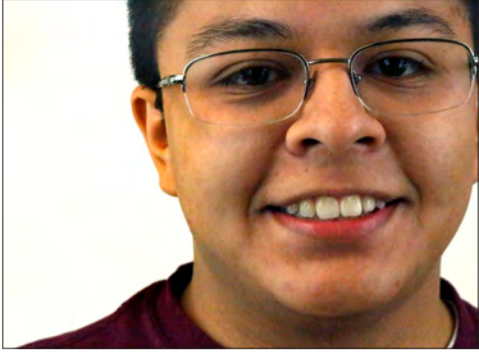
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## The end of the semester is almost here

It is now April 20, and we are 16 days away from the end semester or about 384 hours.

There could even be less time for many depending what day you finish finals.

Through my keen observation skills, I've started to notice fewer people showing up to class these past few weeks, and I'm always hearing people complain about the work they have or had to do in that time as well.

I get it. It's the end of the semester, and the only thing that's on people's mind is a long and relaxing summer break.

No one really wants to do anything after spring break gave us that glimpse of what summer break would be.

Waking up is probably getting harder as time passes through the semester too, and I'm right there with most of you.

I have to set six different alarms to wake up and listen to "Working for the Weekend" just get to get out of bed every day.

But the fact of the matter is that the semester isn't over yet.

There's still so much time left and endless list of things to do from now until the end.

Staying motivated to keep studying is starting to feel like a chore, but the last two weeks are the absolute worst time to start feeling or being unproductive.

The end of the semester is in sight and will be here in about two weeks from now depending on the time of your last final.

Find the motivation to finish out the little time that is left for the semester.

Motivation might be hard to find if you feel like you've already done so much this semester that you can't do any more work.

While school is important, don't put all your time and focus into it if it's going to burn you out.

Find a moment to relax during this hectic time because that could what is needed to finish out the semester.

If you're stressing out about everything you have to do, make a schedule of all assignment due dates and finals.

Seeing everything you have to do after you've written it down can help manage time and make things easier. There are only seven days of classes left after today and a week of finals. If you can't find motivation, just think about this: Three weeks from this exact moment, you'll be on break and won't be doing anything school related.

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### Staff Editorial

## Spring concerts should take priority

On Friday, Eastern saw a sold-out spring concert for the first time in several years.

According to an article in *The Daily Eastern News* called "Spring concert sells out, sees positive response," Ceci Brinker said she has only seen two or three sold out student-focused concerts during her time involved. Brinker has been the director of student life for more than 12 years.

This year's chosen artist, Panic! at the Disco, sold out on April 9, with 3,100 tickets sold.

While the cost was higher than a normal spring concert, the University Board was able to use the money saved from the canceled Family Weekend concert to book a better band for the spring concert. According to Brinker, the usual budget for the concert is between \$25,000 and \$40,000, but they paid \$75,500 for Panic! at the Disco and opening act LOLO.

Thousands of concertgoers flocked to see the show, coming from Eastern and other parts of the state, including other universities.

In September 2015, the University Board announced Three Dog Night would headline the Family Weekend concert on October 10.

On October 4, the concert was canceled due

to health concerns with the band, leaving the UB with a little over a week to plan "Family Funfest," a family version of "Up All Night," to replace the concert.

According to Brinker, the UB saved about \$45,000 from the cancellation, allowing the UB to use that money to get a bigger spring concert artist.

Doesn't it make more sense to bring one large artist to campus instead of two smaller ones that will not bring in a lot of people?

The Three Dog Night concert had only sold about 600 tickets when it was canceled a week before the show. If you assume the average family going to the concert has 4 people that means only 150 students were planning to go to the concert with their families, out of the roughly 8,000 students we had at the time.

And oftentimes, parents only go to the concert because there is nothing else to do that evening.

A nice addition, "Family Funfest" last year included an interactive game show, a ventriloquist comedian, a hypnotist and giveaways. Even without the "Family Funfest," there were plenty of other events going on during the weekend.

There was an Eastern choir concert, a comedian juggler, an annual 5K run, the football game and tailgate, an ROTC pancake breakfast, and a wine tasting event among others. The UB also has Bingo on Friday night, which typically has a large turnout. Without the concert on Saturday, families can still have a fun-filled weekend with their son or daughter.

While they have had well-known bands in the past, such as Styx, Foreigner, Drake, and Lupe Fiasco, in more recent years, the acts brought in for Family Weekend and the spring concert have been average.

It would be much smarter to invest in a spring concert artist that will sell more tickets and bring in fans than just bringing in an artist because it's Family Weekend.

Without a Family Weekend concert, there are still plenty of things to do with your family during the weekend. You could go shopping at local businesses on the Square, visit the Lincoln Log Cabin, take a hike or have a picnic at Fox Ridge State Park, visit the Lincoln Douglas Debate Museum, or go see the UB movie.

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

## Film industry should try to be original

Today, a new photo of Elizabeth Banks as Rita Repulsa in the new Power Rangers movie was revealed, and it looks pretty bad.

It looks like some kind of Green Goblin costume. And it worries me that they're going to try to make Power Rangers "dark" or "edgy".

I honestly don't know what they're going for with the costume.

In the '90s Rita Repulsa looked ridiculous and over the top. Power Rangers was a kid's show that was silly but exciting because of the fighting and stunts.

Making something darker or edgier seems to be the path directors are taking now when rebooting franchises or making nostalgic properties into movies.

Above the fact, most franchises from the '80s and '90s should just be left alone; making them darker isn't going to make them better or more interesting.

There is something to be said about things getting too silly or out of control being bad as well.

The new "Ghostbusters" movie looks really bad so far, and the jokes in the trailer fall flat. But overall I would take a fun silly movie over a grimdark joyless reboot any day.

Dark can work for some franchises. Christopher Nolan's Batman films were dark, but they weren't defined by how dark they were.

They had interesting characters and well filmed action.

Batman in "Batman v Superman" doesn't



Mace Mackiewicz

quite work, because they went for a super dark movie where Batman murders people and has dubious reasons for wanting Superman dead.

They managed to make Superman a boring edgy character too.

Blatantly making him threaten people's lives with how much more powerful he is and debating bad pseudo philosophical reasons for his existence in our world.

Overall, I think we need to leave franchises of the '80s and '90s alone and start making new properties.

Why are we still making "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" and "Transformers" movies in the 2010s?

Those properties were made to sell toys in the '80s, so why can't we have that much money and effort spent to make something fresh and new?

I understand people love nostalgia and some

remakes and reboots end up being good and on rare occasions better than their predecessors.

But there are just so many sequels and remakes being made now.

A few years ago, I would have considered them novel at best, but now it's getting obnoxious with how unoriginal we've gotten with films.

I mean look at what happened with "Jem and the Holograms."

They didn't try to make it dark, but they tried to make one of the most '80s movies ever into a modern day ABC family film and it tanked super hard.

No one cared about a remake of the film and even less so about a cynically made one.

Some sequels end up pretty good years after the original.

"Mad Max: Fury Road" is great in part because it had the original director, and it was creative and filmed well. "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" was good because it captured the original feel and didn't try to be darker.

All in all, I think the film industry needs to start making more original movies again. And if they really want to do remakes and reboots of some franchises, they should try their hardest to strike a balance between the original and something new.

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Phillips said as of right now the bills are in Madigan's court and he decides whether they are brought to the House for debate.

"He has the authority to shut her bill down and if it doesn't it puts us back to square one again," Phillips said.

Phillips said the members of the General Assembly would need to vote on either bill by the end of the week because they will not return to session next week.

"I'm really super optimistic we are going to get something by the end of this week," Phillips said. "I'm so hopeful that we can get it done."

Sen. Dale Righter (R-Mattoon) also filed Senate Bill 3423, which would appropriate money for four-year universities and community colleges on a need-based formula

through the Education Assistance Fund.

This piece of legislation would also fund Monetary Award Program grants by 100 percent using money from the General Revenue Fund.

If the legislation were to be passed, \$400 million would be given to the Illinois Board of Higher Education to give to public universities, and \$365 million for MAP grants. Righter said this formula is based on the amount of money universities are projected to have at the end of the fiscal year.

"It takes into account that some universities are in more financial trouble than others," Righter said.

Righter said this is why he filed this legislation and likes it better than others, as he claims it will ensure schools that need help like Chica-

go State University, Eastern, Western and Northeastern Illinois University get a bulk of the money.

While Righter first started talking to people about the Education Assistance Fund, he was concerned because he did not believe the balance was enough to contribute "meaningful help" to higher education.

Because the Education Assistance Fund has built up more money since then, Righter said the fund is now better able to help universities. Righter said people at Eastern called and gave him more information about the Education Assistance Fund.

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"He's volunteered well over 500 hours per year for each of the last three years," Combs said. "He organizes various clean-up days around (Lake Charleston)."

Combs said Lynch works directly with a variety of groups on Eastern's campus, including the Construction Club, Men's and Women's Track teams, and the ROTC. The council authorized a street closure on the Courthouse Square for the Farmers Market starting June 1 and continuing every Wednes-

day after until Oct. 26.

The council will be setting aside \$1,000 for the Lincoln Log Cabin expenses relating to 2015 brochure printing costs. To cover expenses for the Charleston Chill's Invitational & Summer Slam, the city council will be giving \$2,000.

The council will be paying the amount of \$2,238 for Eastern's kinesiology and sports studies department relating to expenses for the IHSA Girls State Badminton Championship. The council will be giving

tourism funds to Charleston Transitional Facility Illinois, CIL-Con, a paranormal, horror, anime, and gaming convention, and the Coles County Memorial Airport.

Combs announced his reappointments of Lori, Banks, Craig Cunningham and Bob Wiseman to three-year-terms on the Charleston Carnegie Library Board of Trustees.

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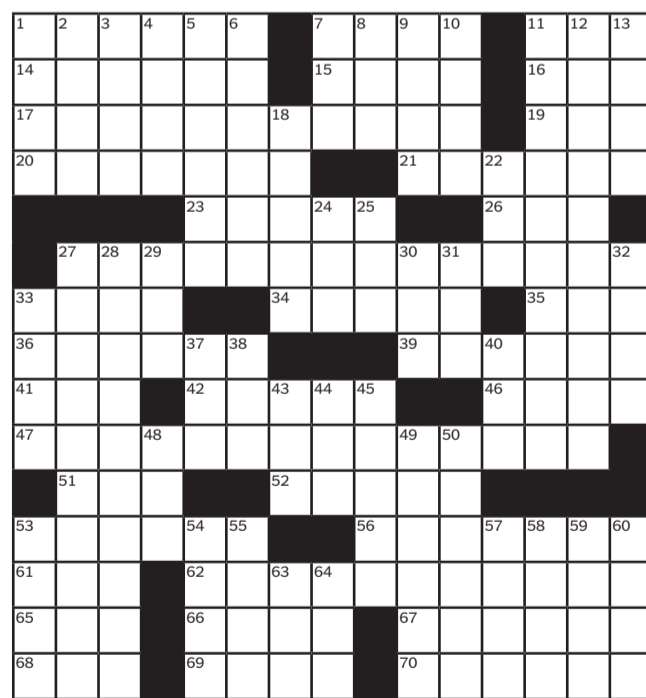
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  - 7 Laughing matter
  - 11 Fraternity letter
  - 14 Tap
  - 15 Skating feat
  - 16 Chicago's Center
  - 17 Serving with liver
  - 19 One-third of tres
  - 20 Fish said to be named for a Mediterranean island
  - 21 Pan coating
  - 23 Kind of blockade
  - 26 Hockey speedster Bobby
  - 27 Food in a tongue-twister
  - 33 Buds
  - 34 Martini's partner in winemaking
  - 35 Tennessee athlete, informally
  - 36 More hideous
  - 39 Actress Bassett of "Olympus Has Fallen"
  - 41 Bird's beak
  - 42 Cancels
  - 46 Paris's Airport
  - 47 Chili ingredient
  - 51 The Jazz, on scoreboards
  - 52 SeaWorld whale
  - 53 Wild side of a split personality
  - 56 Be made up (of)
  - 61 With 48-Down, kind of street
  - 62 Preparer of 17-, 27- and 47-Across?
  - 65 For each
- DOWN**
- 1 Bad grades
  - 2 Croft, "Tomb Raider" role
  - 3 News anchor David
  - 4 Bumped off
  - 5 Business losses, informally
  - 6 Hard-to-hum, in a way
  - 7 alai
  - 8 Brand of kitchenware
  - 9 State
  - 10 "Who \_\_\_?"
  - 11 Title hero of a Longfellow poem
  - 12 Dean's lists, e.g.
  - 13 Close (approach)
  - 18 "Not in a million years!"
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- 50 Subway, basically
- 53 Sulk
- 54 Critical time
- 55 Art Deco illustrator
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# Panther softball set for mid-week game with Illinois

By Sean Hastings  
Sports Editor | @DEN\_Sports

The Eastern softball team will be riding a six-game win streak into Champaign to take on the Fighting Illini. Eastern has five shutouts over the win streak.

The Panthers have dominated after snapping a seven-game win streak.

Even though the Panthers' bats have been pretty quiet in a couple games, their sophomore pitchers have been strong.

Jessica Wireman and Michelle Rogers got two big wins against Eastern Kentucky two weeks ago and their dominance continued into this past weekend, shutting out Austin Peay in all three games.

Eastern coach Angie Nicholson said the team needs to start hitting better to support Wireman and Rogers.

"It's not a matter of seeing the ball," Nicholson said. "It's a matter of us getting our hands in the right position."

She said they need to start getting behind a ball and hit a "shot."

Wireman is more of a strikeout pitcher than Rogers, but both pitchers have been able to get key outs when the team needs them.

Wireman's ERA is 3.20 with an 11-16 record. She has struck out 147 batters this season. Rogers has an ERA of 4.88 and a record of 4-7 record.

Eastern's top-two hitters are seniors April Markowski and Katie Watson.



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Senior third baseman Haylee Beck throws the ball across the infield to first base for the out April 16 at Williams Field.

Markowski handles the duties in right field, while Watson's home is at shortstop.

Markowski is batting .296 and is second on the team in RBIs. Watson

is batting .277. Senior first baseman Kylie Bennett has continued to be a threat to drive in runs. She has 22 RBIs this season after driving in three runs last weekend against Austin Peay.

Illinois has struggled to get wins during conference play with a 5-9 record. They are, however, 25-18 overall this season.

Despite the lack of success, Illinois

has a stacked lineup with eight players hitting over .300.

Annie Flemming has the highest average on the team at .349. Ruby Rivera has started just over half the games for the Fighting Illini and is batting .299.

Nicole Evans has been the biggest run producer for the Fighting Illini, driving in 42 runs in 132 at bats.

She has just 43 hits this season as well.

The pitchers for Illinois have low ERA's, but their records do not reflect that.

Taylor Edwards is 4-0 with a 2.01 ERA. Jade Vecvanags has handled a majority of the pitching with 24 appearances including 20 starts.

She has a 3.28 ERA but has struggled to stay consistent in the win column. She has a record of 10-10.

Unlike the Panthers, Illinois does not get many strikeouts. Breanna Wonderly leads the team with just 59 and Vecvanags has 58. Edwards, who has the best record, has just eight strikeouts.

Before the win streak, Eastern had an OVC record of 3-6 but now stand at 9-6 heading into this non-conference game with Illinois.

The Panthers are 15-23 overall and have not played a non-conference game since March 23.

The Panthers and the Fighting Illini will get underway at 5 p.m. in Champaign.

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# Baseball team's comeback falls short in 9th straight loss

By Maher Kawash  
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With two outs in the ninth inning and the game-tying run on third base, it was a pop-fly from Hunter Morris that ended yet another late game comeback for the Eastern baseball team.

The Panthers lost their ninth straight game Tuesday in a single-game matchup against Illinois that was played at Grimes Field in Mattoon.

The loss dropped Eastern to 5-31 on the season as the rebuild continues for the program.

"We've competed all year and we just have to get over that hump," Eastern coach Jason Anderson said. "We're close and we're really young, but we need to have somebody step up and get that big hit for us."

After trailing 5-2 through the first six innings, the Panthers used a

seventh inning rally to cut the deficit to one.

The bases were loaded in that inning for Eastern, and pinch-hitter senior Jason Scholl came through at the plate with a two RBI double to cut the Illini lead to 5-4.

After that rally brought the Panthers back in the game, sophomore Andy Fisher provided a lights out performance on the mound.

Illinois was threatening to score in the top of the eighth with runners on first and second, but Fisher struck out three straight batters to strand the runners and end the inning.

Fisher pitched 2.1 innings in the game as he allowed just three hits with five strikeouts and no runs allowed.

"Fisher made some big pitches, but the inning where we walked a run in was the difference in the game," Anderson said. "We're just

"We've competed all year and we just have to get over that hump."

-Jason Anderson, baseball coach

not getting the big hits."

Although Fisher controlled the Illini offense out of the bullpen, it was too deep of a hole for the Panthers to overcome.

That hole was dug by starting pitcher Chase Thurston and Michael McCormick.

Thurston started the game with five innings pitched, and he allowed seven hits and four walks on four runs allowed.

McCormick was the first man out of the bullpen, but he also allowed a run in his 1.2 innings pitched.

It was the Illini catcher Jason Goldstein that came back to bite the Panthers just as he did in the first matchup between the two

teams.

Goldstein hit a homerun in the first meeting, and came through again in this game with a homerun and two RBIs as he was 3-for-4 at the plate.

"The whole game plan was to not let him beat us," Anderson said. "He beat us last time we played, and he did it again."

While Eastern's pitching staff struggled to start the game, its offense did not help much either.

The Panthers mustered just five hits in the game en route to their four runs, and no players had more than one hit.

But it was Illinois' closer that shut the door on any hopes Eastern

had in the game.

J.D. Nielsen pitched 1.1 innings for the Illini, and he earned the save after stranding Maton at third in the bottom of the ninth.

With another comeback attempt falling just short, the Panthers are still searching for an end to this losing streak.

"We just keep grinding and every day we show up to the ballpark, we are 0-0," Anderson said. "I thought for the most part we played a nice baseball game tonight, and we just have to improve on it to get a little bit better for a win."

Eastern returns to Coaches Stadium for another single-game matchup Thursday, and the team is desperate for an end to this losing streak.

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## TOP CAT Michelle Rogers | Softball

# NO SOPHOMORE SLUMP. Rogers shines in Saturday shutout against Austin Peay

By Mark Shanahan  
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Sophomore Michelle Rogers is coming off of a seven-inning two-hit shutout performance against conference-foe Austin Peay Saturday afternoon.

The performance led the Panthers to a 3-0 victory in the second game of the double header.

With the victory, Rogers now has a 4-7 record this season with an ERA of 4.88.

The sophomore let up just two hits on Saturday, while striking out two batters and giving up just one walk.

Rogers has started 15 games this season for the Panthers and has a total of 41 strikeouts.

She said she felt more confident heading into her last game. Rogers is not much of a strikeout pitcher, so she finds other ways to get batters out.

"I try to get them to hit ground balls or hit pop ups so (I throw) a lot of drop balls and I try to have tight spin," she said.

In her freshman season last year, Rogers appeared in 31 games including 23 starts.

She finished with a 9-12 record on the season with an ERA of 4.09. She struck out 67 batters on the year, including a single game high of seven strikeouts against Winthrop. She was a reliable fielder for the Panthers, finishing the season with a perfect fielding percentage including 22 assists and three putouts.

Sophomore catcher Andrea Roberts described what it is like to catch for Rogers.

"Michelle throws a little harder. She's got a phenomenal drop ball," she said. "The ball literally falls off of the table, and she's able to produce a lot of ground balls that way. Michelle likes to work at a fast pace, so you either keep up with her or get out of the way."

Roberts said she and Rogers need to be on the same page and know which pitch is going to work and which will not.

"We both know when one of her pitches isn't working, so as her catcher, I have to know to not only throw that pitch, but what pitch to throw instead that'll hit that same spot," she said. "So if her curveball isn't working, then I'll try a drop curve. In the game that I caught her on Saturday, she wasn't struggling, but if she were struggling, I would call time out and go out to talk to her. So knowing when to do that is key



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Michelle Rogers fires a pitch April 16 against Austin Peay. Rogers is this week's Top Cat for pitching a two-hit shutout against the Governors.

in our relationship."

Rogers is one of two full-time starting pitchers for the Panthers with sophomore teammate Jessica Wireman.

The two both became the starters last season as they emerged onto the scene as freshmen. They endure different workouts than the rest of their hitter teammates.

"Jess and I don't hit, so we are mainly pitching and doing a lot of workouts because we know that's our job," Rogers said. "They can be pitch specific: fatigue our arm to build strength or stamina and things like that."

The coaches keep various pitching charts for the righty to help her prepare for different opponents.

"They chart our pitches, so they've been charting for a while now," she said. "So they'll pull out from last year the charts from when I pitched, so then they'll base it off of that."

Rogers is from Indianapolis, where she attended Scecina Memorial High School as a three sport athlete. She played softball for four years, while also playing prep volleyball and golf at the varsity level. Softball was what she wanted to do at the collegiate level.

"Softball is my main sport. I've played it since I was little," she said. "It's where my passion is."

Rogers earned several awards for softball during her high school career, including All-City Honorable Mention and First Team All-Conference. She was also made a starting pitcher in her freshman year. She earned the Sister Lavonne Long Outstanding Senior Female Athlete Award, which is presented to the senior female athlete who contribute the most to the Scecina Athletic Program.

The awards she received helped her know that her hard work was being

recognized.

"It just shows that hard work really does pay off and it's just nice knowing that when you are putting the hard work in you are getting rewarded," she said.

Rogers has also performed well in the classroom during high school and college. In high school, she was a four-year member of the honor roll and was recognized last year for the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll as a freshman.

Her favorite softball memory up to this point in her career was when she won state her junior year of high school as one of the team's starting pitchers.

Rogers does not have anyone specific that she will credit for what she has done up to this point in her career, but many people have helped her improve throughout the years.

"I'll take something from everybody," she said. "I feel like getting

advice from different people, something might work for you or something different. A lot of people have helped me to get where I am today."

Rogers chose to come to Eastern because she felt a family atmosphere that made her feel like she was at home.

"I really got a feeling when I stepped on campus. That sounds really cliché, but it is true," she said. "I really liked the campus and I liked the atmosphere with the girls on the team. It was just like a family atmosphere. I came from a small high school and so everybody was close and that's what it felt like when I came here."

The Panthers still have a few weeks left of the season and have a record of 15-23 in the midst of a six-game winning streak.

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