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Rauner asks for executive authority in address

By Stephanie Markham
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Gov. Bruce Rauner called upon the legislature during his annual address Wednesday to put forth a budget that spends within the state's means.

"Stop wasting time by putting forth spending bills you know will be vetoed again, again and again," Rauner said. "The people of Illinois are tired of this pointless cycle of votes and vetoes."

Rauner cited his elimination of the state's \$1.6 billion budget hole last year, but acknowledged that the current year was in its eighth month without a budget.

"Shocking? Yes. Acceptable? Not even close," he said.

He told members of the General Assembly they have two options: to either give him authority to go forward with his proposed budget cuts or agree on reforms to reduce spending so the budget will be balanced.

"You've given emergency budget authority to governors in the past — other states have too — and no one can dispute that we have an emergency on our hands," Rauner said.

Rauner said he proposed a budget one year ago with \$6 billion in cuts, which was rejected by legislature, and he then vetoed the Democratic proposal that would overspend by \$4 billion.

"The truth is we haven't had a truly balanced budget in Illinois for decades," he said. "In ways both obvious and hidden, we've overspent, and raised taxes to cover it."

Rauner did not mention higher education funding in his address, though he advocated for children's education and said it would be the one area he would not cut if given budget authority. Instead, he would give it a 25 percent increase to \$393 million.

"The greatest investment we can make as a community is in our children, and the earlier we begin, the bigger the return," he said.

Rauner said he would sign a clean appropriations bill for early childhood and K-12 education as soon as it reaches his desk.

Richard Wandling, chair of the political science department, said Eastern has little to be optimistic about after Rauner's budget address.

"While the governor proposes a substantial funding increase for early education and K-12 education, higher education unfortunately is treated differently," Wandling said.

However, Wandling said he is hopeful that the Eastern students who rallied for higher education funding in Springfield Wednesday were able to make a difference.

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Supporters from Eastern stand in front of the Springfield Capitol Building protesting the lack of budget Wednesday.



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Rep. Reggie Phillips talks with Eastern students and constituents after the Governor's budget address on Wednesday in Springfield.



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Dan Crews (left) stands with other ralliers at the Capitol Wednesday during the protests against the lack of state funding.

Illinois students rally in Springfield

By Analicia Haynes
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The impending budget crisis and lack of funding for higher education united students from across the state and brought them to the steps of the capitol building Wednesday morning to rally support for Illinois colleges and universities.

Several student speakers gathered at the feet of the Abraham Lincoln statue where the rallies took place and shared their experiences with education and the struggles they now face.

Sara Bobek, a sophomore elementary education major at Northeastern Illinois University, was a speaker at the morning "pump-up" rally.

A Golden Apple Scholar, Bobek talked about her college experience transferring from a private school to a public one and why she needs funding.

"I'm giving my personal experience on what Northeastern means to me and what the city of Chicago and state of Illinois means to me," Bobek said.

Bobek said NEIU has given her a better education and one that will prepare her for teaching in schools of need, particularly those in the Chicago public school system.

"I went to a private school my first year, Knox College, which was \$50,000 a year," Bobek said. "I had a good scholarship but still couldn't afford it and now I'm \$20K in debt and I have more debt from my first year at Knox than I will from all of my years at North Eastern."

Bobek said attending Northeastern is the only way she can afford an education and not having funding for higher education is the foundation for an existential crisis. She said the budget crisis has put a damper on Illinois, damaged the working class and put students in a position where they do not have many options for success.

"Am I going to have to work full time at Target until I can figure out what I want to do with my life?" Bobek asked. "That is the situation that the budget crisis is putting thousands of us in."

Biance Alebiosu, an art studio major at Chicago State University, said the situation at her school and in the state is heart breaking.

Alebiosu said it has taken students so much to get to where they are at in their education only to have what they have worked for taken away.

"It's like we're not important," Alebiosu said.

Akeem Forbes, another guest speaker from Eastern, said the politicians need to get up and do something.

Forbes started the GoFundMe campaign that raised funds for the buses that transported Eastern students to Springfield and said he believes the presence of students has put pressure on the legislature.

"It's important to fight because who else is going to fight," Forbes said.

Forbes said he is fed up with both party's inability to compromise and said Rauner needs to set aside his ego and work with the legislature.

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1st day spring concert ticket sales surpass 700

By Luis Martinez
News Editor | @DEN_News

Tickets for the Spring 2016 concert are now being sold both online and in the ticket office in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Canaan Daniels, a graduate assistant in the Student Life Office, said tickets for the concert are expected to have a bigger first week sale than past concerts.

"I see ticket sales being a lot better than within the past couple of years," Daniels said. "This band is just off of a brand-new release, they've been on the Billboard Top 200 for their newest album that was just released."

Daniels said Panic! At The Disco seems to be a bigger band than previous performers over the past few years.

"Usually in the past, ticket sales for students don't go nearly as quick, especially

on the day of release," Daniels said. "We've done a lot of marketing this year and social media campaigns to actually get the word out."

Daniels said the Facebook page for the concert already has 2,000 people who are interested in attending the concert, and about 800 people who said they are going to the concert.

Some concerns were raised when students attempted to purchase floor tickets for the

concert online and were told the tickets were already sold out; however, Daniels said this was a mistake in the system.

"There was a glitch in the system; we have way more than what tickets have been sold so far on the floor," Daniels said. "Our person in charge of ticket sales (was) actually in contact with the company that puts our tickets up online and sells them for us."

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Eastern choir groups to perform

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To celebrate Valentine's Day, Eastern's Choral Ensemble will be performing Sunday at 4 p.m. in the Doudna Fine Arts Center at the Dvorak Concert Hall.

The event will be featuring three different ensembles: the University Mixed Chorus, Concert Choir, and Camerata Singers.

The concert will also be featuring special guests Ty Tuttle, Tyler Harrand and Zhangda Wu.

The University Mixed Chorus will be directed by Timothy Renner and will perform the contemporary piece "If Music Be the Food of Love" by David Dichau and "A Shakespeare Trilogy" by Michael Larkin.

This chorus is a mixture of voices that study and perform musical literature from the medieval times, the renaissance, and baroque classics.

This group has also performed the work of Oratorio alongside the Eastern Symphony Orchestra and the Eastern Symphony Chamber Orchestra.

The Camerata Singers and the Concert Choir will be directed by Richard Robert Rossi, the director of

orchestral and choral activities.

The Camerata Singers will start off the show with Thomas Morley's "Now is the Month of Maying" and "April is In My Mistress' Face," as well as Claudio Monteverdi's "Menter'io Mirava Fiso" and "O Primavera."

The singers, who are a part of the choral ensemble, were selected to perform the works and other choral literature from before the year 1750.

The Camerata singers often perform alongside lighter instruments, and have played a variety of a cappella music.

For the Concert Choir there will be performances of Emma Lou Diemer's "Madrigals Three," Kevin A. Memley's "O My Love's Like a Red, Red Rose," and a traditional folk tune arranged by Robert E. Frazier called "Black is the Color."

An auditioned group of 35 to 45 voices, the Concert Choir performs a variety of short to medium-length choral compositions that were created by popular composers.

These performances come from classical composers to more contemporary ones.

Conducting alongside the directors for the event will be Rebecca Car-



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Camerata Singers will be spreading the love on Sunday with songs by Thomas Morley and Claudio Monteverdi.

mack and Michael-Brandon Morales, who are both graduate students in the music department.

Carmack is in her second year of grad school studying choral and orchestral conducting, and Morales is in his first year of grad school studying choral conducting.

Both students are learning under Dr. Rossi's wing.

Tickets can be purchased online or at the Doudna Fine Arts Center's Box

Office, which will be open for tickets an hour before the show.

General admission tickets are \$12, senior and faculty tickets are \$10, and student tickets are \$5.

Rebecca Carmack and Michael-Brandon Morales could not be reached for comment.

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Senate votes to educate students on budget

By Stephanie Markham
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The Student Senate voted Wednesday to commit its members to educating the student body on the effects of Illinois' budget issues.

The resolution calls for senators to use social media and physical outreach to inform students of Eastern's struggles while faced with the lack of allocations from the state.

Senator Jalisa Smith said if the senate goes forward with the goal of educating students on important matters, then members need to take the task seriously.

She said she thought a lot more students could have been present during the rallies for higher education in Springfield on Wednesday.

"We really need to be serious about it, and we need to break down what's going on," Smith said. "Because people are just there to chant and yell, not really realizing the real reasons we're there."

Stephen Simpson, the student vice president for academic affairs, also urged members to take what they were pledging to do seriously.

Simpson said they should talk to as many people as possible, both on and off campus, about what is

going on with the state budget.

"If we ourselves can't give (information) out to the student body, then how can we expect others to pass on the word?" Simpson said.

Maralea Negron, the student speaker of the senate, said with all the rumors going around about the future of the university, people are always looking for someone who is informed.

"I don't think you realize how much people actually look for people who are in the know," Negron said. "I can't tell you how many times I've gotten text messages asking my personal opinion on if the school is closing because I'm a senator and I'm involved in student government."

She said everyone in student government has the responsibility of being educated on state issues, and after watching Gov. Bruce Rauner's budget address on Wednesday, she believes this to be especially true.

"He did not mention one thing about higher education," Negron said. "So if we're the student leaders on campus, then we need to act like student leaders and we need to be student leaders and we need to be educated like student leaders."

The senate also voted to give \$700 to the University Board Cul-

tural Arts Committee for its upcoming sushi event.

Simpson said the University Board asked for the money to spend on additional food because the event was popular last year and members would like to serve more students this time around.

Simpson said someone who went to the event last year told him the UB ran out of food within the first 15 minutes.

"I've never been to the event; I don't like sushi, but UB has a lot of events that they put on for the student body," Simpson said. "So if this is a big hit, I think it should be a tradition that keeps going on."

Smith said she was concerned that UB members would continue to ask for money whether or not it was available if the senate approved all of their requests.

"We just gave them money for Pantherstock; I understand that was one event, but still it stands out in my mind," Smith said.

Courtney Sage, the student vice president for student affairs, said because of the recent student fee increase, more funds are available that were not budgeted, and they are and open for student organizations to seek out.

She said the senate's budget as of

Feb. 9 is \$8,708.41.

In other business, Sage said petition packets for the upcoming student government elections will be open on Feb. 22 and due March 2.

Sage said senators need 50 signatures, and executive members need 100.

Elections will be open March 23 - 24, and unofficial results will be announced during the April 6 senate meeting.

Simpson said the deadline to sign up for the next Prowlin' event, Piñata with the Prez, is Feb. 29, and the event will be in March.

Beth Gillespie, interim director of civic engagement and volunteerism, asked the senate to help with Panther Service Day on April 23 by providing funding for T-shirts and helping to identify site leaders.

Gillespie said more than 200 students have participated in Panther Service Day in the past, and they go to about 20 different off-site locations to volunteer.

She said she would like her office to work more closely and have meetings with the senate in the future.

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Influential Irish acoustic group stops at Eastern

By Lauren Barry
Staff Reporter | @DEN_News

Lunasa and Tim O'Brien will make their first stop on their month-long U.S. tour at Eastern's Doudna Fine Arts Center Friday.

The concert will take place in the Dvorak Concert Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are available now and are \$15 for general admission, \$12 for seniors and Eastern's employees and \$7 for Eastern students.

Dan Crews, director of patron services in Doudna, said neither Lunasa nor O'Brien has performed at Eastern in the past, but a sold-out show is anticipated.

Lunasa is internationally acknowledged as being the finest traditional Irish instrumental outfit of recent times, according to a press release.

Their name comes from an ancient Celtic harvest festival in honor of the Irish God Lugh, the patron of the arts.

"They combine the old world sound of wooden flutes, fiddles and bagpipes with a powerful rhythm section," O'Brien said.

The members of Lunasa include Kevin Crawford, who plays flutes, low and tin whistles, Trevor Hutchinson, who performs on double bass, guitarist Ed Boyd, Sean Smyth, who plays fiddle and low whistle and Cillian Vallely, who plays the uilleann pipes and low whistles.

The group has released seven award-winning albums total, and they have sold more than a quarter of a million albums.

Lunasa has performed over 1,500 shows across 36 countries since the band formed in 1997.

Folk Roots magazine has referred to them as an "Irish music dream team."

"Lunasa specializes in traditional Irish music, and while my focus has been somewhat more broad, I'm excited to perform with these old friends of mine," O'Brien said.

O'Brien is a bandleader, songwriter, men-



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Members of the Irish acoustic group Lunasa will perform for the first time at Eastern on Feb. 19 in the Doudna Fine Arts Center. Lunasa is recognized as being one of the finest Irish instrumental groups in recent years.

tor, instrumentalist and vocalist who started his career playing a fiddle for different bluegrass bands.

According to his website, in 2014, O'Brien was awarded a Grammy Award for Best Bluegrass Album for "The Earls of Leicester," and in 2013, he was inducted into the West Virginia Music Hall of Fame.

Most recently, O'Brien has been performing to larger crowds in Mark Knopfler's band, who described O'Brien as "a master of American folk music, Irish music, and Scottish music

– it doesn't matter: a fine songwriter and one of my favorite singers."

O'Brien's talents have influenced the careers of the Dixie Chicks, Garth Brooks, Dierks Bentley and Kathy Mattea; he has recorded with Steve Martin and the Chieftains, according to a press release.

"There will be two 45-50 minute sets with an intermission in the middle. I will be coming and going through the sets - featuring Lunasa backing me on some of my songs, as well as contributing to their arrangements with my

fiddle, mandolin and guitar," O'Brien said.

After the U.S. tour ends, Lunasa and O'Brien will travel to other countries.

They have shows scheduled around Canada, Ireland, Italy, Germany and France April 15 through Aug. 27.

Tickets can be purchased online or by calling Doudna's box office.

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Letter to the Editor

Testing Center is essential

I would like to provide some clarification about the closing of the Testing Center in the Office of Testing and Evaluation. The Test Center has been fully functional for two years. It was created because we saw a need to help serve students with testing accommodations and their faculty by proctoring exams.

In summer 2015, we learned that we would not be able to retain our half-time person who had worked in the center, and in fall 2015, we lost our full-time Test Center staff member to the first round of layoffs. Since that time, the Director had been running the Center with the help of occasional hired proctors for busy times like midterm and finals.

In FA15 17% of the faculty used the Center as proctors, and approximately 90 students took their exams there. With the latest layoffs, the remaining staff need to be trained to assume additional duties in order to maintain the primary functions of scanning tests and evaluations, so a decision was made to stop scheduling these tests. Although the tests that had been scheduled have been given and proctored as promised.

As your editorial stated Wednesday, students will still receive their accommodations from their faculty members as they did before the Test Center existed. The Office of Testing and Evaluation has created a Test Center that was helpful and well-run, and we hope to be able to provide these services in the future once Eastern receives funding from the state.

Karla Sanders, executive director of center of academic support and assessment



Mackenzie Freund

Sleep is the essence of life

Boredom can strike at the best possible time. No, seriously. You can be sitting in a lecture when suddenly you are so bored that you don't know what to do with yourself.

Honestly, what do you do in that situation? You know you were up the night before and you woke up early for work.

You know it is rude to sleep while you are in a lecture or at a meeting, and you just get so bored and tired that you don't know what to do.

First, you should probably get more sleep if you are sitting in your class wondering how in the world you are about to get through the dense lecture before you to go take a nap.

The main point here is to get sleep before class. Don't stay up and try to watch the most recent episode of "Grey's Anatomy" or eagerly waiting for the new episode of Walking Dead or cheering on Taylor Swift after the Grammys.

Regardless, it is so much easier to get things done as long as you try and stay focused while you are trying to get an assignment done.

Sleep is the essence of life, and we all have the opportunity to make the world we live in the best possible can if we are full of life and energy. How can we do that if we are always tired?

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Staff Editorial

Admitted Student Day helps Eastern

On Monday, Eastern held its first Admitted Student Day of the semester. The purpose of the day is for students who have already been accepted into the school to come visit and get a better feel for the campus.

The Eastern Admissions Office planned several different sessions for students and their families to attend throughout the day with events from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Students had the opportunity to tour campus, visit classes, talk with different academic departments and get financial aid and scholarship information. They also had the option to enjoy the selfie station and take tours of the residence halls and Booth Library.

In Tuesday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, the article titled "Admitted students visit campus, classes," Thomas Glenn, associate director of admissions, said the focus of Admitted Student Days is on the yield period—the time when students who have been accepted into multiple colleges have to choose which one they would like to attend.

Glenn said the university has Open

Houses in the summer and fall, and the Admitted Students Days are in the spring.

As our enrollment continues to decline, this is a step in the right direction for the Admissions Office and Eastern. They have the right idea to bring students to campus after they have been accepted to show them what the school has to offer.

Especially right now, selling the idea of Eastern to potential students is important.

The sessions allowed students to get to know people in their intended majors, whether it was students already in the department or faculty who work there.

Talking with the department that student may spend the next 4 years in can make all the difference and influence their decision on whether or not Eastern may be the school for them.

Students and their families were also able to receive financial aid counseling, and they were even able to complete their housing application if they chose to.

The Admitted Student Day also included a Student Involvement and Resources Fair. The fair, like Pantherpalooza, featured registered student organizations and other on-

campus groups and available resources.

The organizations had the opportunity to set up a table and try to gain interest from the visiting students. Having an involvement and resource fair like this will hopefully help attract more students to the school. It shows what groups are available and could spark an interest in admitted students.

Seeing some of the organizations and resources the school has to offer may also help persuade students to choose Eastern.

Showing off the best assets Eastern has can only benefit the school. The Admitted Student Day is a smart move for the school to bring in the students that have already been admitted to become familiar of what Eastern has to offer. It should influence the potential students' decisions in a positive way, and these events could lead to an increase in student population for the school.

The next Admitted Student Day will be Saturday, March 5.

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

Yoga can be beneficial for your health

I fell in love with yoga, and I'm never looking back.

I had never tried it until this year, and now I can't get enough of the way it makes my body, especially my back, feel.

Like I said, I had never tried it before until this year when one of my close friends was discussing with my coach about it while we were running.

I was going to live with that close friend during the summer, so when I moved in to her house we scheduled a day that would work best for us to do it each week.

I immediately noticed the difference in my back and my flexibility.

Like any ecstatic exercise freak, I continued noticing the benefits of yoga, and what I felt made me want to keep at it for the rest of my life.

I noticed an immediate correction in my posture based on many different yoga exercises I was doing that were quite simple to master, such as the bridge pose, cat pose, bound angle pose, and upward and downward facing dog poses.

Not only did these poses aid in my posture, I noticed that it was easier to keep better posture because of the way they strengthened my back muscles.

As a runner, I've been noticing back pain, and my athletic trainer found that I have weak back muscles.

Since I've been doing yoga strengthening exercises with these positions, I've experienced much less pain and I can breathe easier!



Maria Baldwin

My oxygen intake has doubled since I've started, and I can feel myself taking more air in as I am running.

More health benefits I noticed were in my mind.

My stress levels plummeted when I took fifteen minutes every day to stretch and focus on the quiet.

Relaxation, I later found out, also increases blood flow and boosts immunity.

For this reason, many people who do yoga, or, as they are called, "yogis," experience themselves feeling more ready to conquer their day with more blood being sent to their brains.

I've definitely found this to be true. If I spend fifteen minutes doing yoga before studying, I feel much more levelheaded and focused.

Other reasons to try yoga are that they

drop your blood pressure and blood sugar, promote a healthy lifestyle, and regulate your adrenal glands.

Have I convinced you to try it yet?

If so, here's some poses that are simple and easy to do.

To strengthen your back, try first standing in the bound angle pose. Start by sitting down and crossing your legs in front of you, 'Indian style,' if you will. Relax your hands on your knees and focus on lifting your chest up and straightening your back. This will promote a good posture as well.

If you would like to get in a good full-body stretch, try the upward facing dog into the cat pose.

Start by laying down on the ground on your stomach. Plant the palms of your hands on the ground and slowly raise your upper body off the ground, bending and elongating your spine. After you've done upward facing dog for about fifteen seconds or so, lift your spine and plant your knees into the ground, uplifting your back as you do so.

I'm sure my descriptions are somewhat misleading, as I am not a yoga expert, so you can always look up the positions online.

The benefits of yoga are lifelong, and anyone of any age can try it.

It's definitely worth a try, relax for awhile! Who knows? Maybe you will become a yogi to!

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“He’s the king, sitting comfortably,” Forbes said. “He doesn’t realize he is hurting education and ruining the economy.”

After the commencement of the first “pump-up” rally, students peacefully blitzed the Capitol Building and collected in front of the Senate Chamber doors.

Marching around the rotunda, they chanted “fund our schools” and “no budget, no peace” in unison while Rauner gave his speech for the 2017 budget proposal.

Rauner only addressed funding for K-12 education and did not mention higher education in his speech.

Michael Frerichs, the state treasurer, said the governor asked the General Assembly to send him a piecemeal budget that does not fund higher education.

“The governor insists on getting his turn around agenda, and that’s his priority,” Frerichs said. “Funding higher education is apparently not a priority for Rauner.”

Frerichs said funding for poor people to go to college, referring to the MAP grants, is also not a priority for Rauner.

However, Frerichs said there is always a way for the legislature and the governor to compromise.

Gage Dailey, a sophomore communication studies major, said the budget situation affects not only Eastern but also businesses in Charleston.

“It makes no sense to choose to not fund public education,” Dailey said. “It’s so hypocritical to say you want to make jobs but force uni-

versities to nearly close down.”

Zach Samples, a graduate student at Eastern, said the situation is tough.

“Folks on the right and folks on the left have to give in a little, and both sides need to compromise,” Samples said. “We’re doing our part and it’s time for them to their part and meet in the middle.”

The “study sit-in,” organized by students from the University of Illinois, did not happen.

Although most students did not partake in the sit-in, Eastern students pulled out their laptops and books and did homework.

Heather Moore, a senior communication studies major, said Eastern students still participated in the sit-in because they still have classes and academic priorities.

“Everyone has different priorities,” Moore said. “We’re doing our job. They (the legislators) are not doing theirs.”

Moore said the rallies matter and to shut down something, such as universities that are important to people, is horrible.

“He (Rauner) is creating an educational desert,” Moore said.

The second rally took place at 2 p.m. shortly after an impromptu rally happened in front of the Capitol Building.

The rally, with speakers from the University of Illinois, focused on promoting a different piece of legislation called the Access to College and Career-Education for Statewide Success (A.C.C.E.S.S.) bill.

The bill will allow undocumented students to apply for scholar-



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Annie Pettit, a sophomore communication studies and English major, gives Akeem Forbes, a junior English major, a high-five before getting off the bus at the Capitol. Eastern students rallied at the Capitol Wednesday.

ships in four Illinois public universities, according to the A.C.C.E.S.S website.

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“EIU students setting aside time from their classes and studies to spend the day in Springfield is testimony to their commitment to our fine institution,” he said.

SB2043, which proposes to spend \$373 million for MAP Grants and about \$324.4 million for community colleges, was sent to Rauner’s desk Tuesday.

According to an NBC Chicago article, the Illinois Student Assistance Commission estimates SB2403 would provide MAP assistance to 125,000 to 130,000 eligible students, though a spokesperson from Rauner’s office said he would veto it.

“With SB2403 freshly delivered to the governor, it can only help to send him a message that our students’ education (and) futures are at risk,” Wandling said. “In fact, if our students get the ear of the governor, they might be able to let him know that funding MAP can contribute greatly to his announced ‘cradle to career’ education policy approach.”

Paul McCann, interim vice president for business affairs, said SB2403 would benefit Eastern because MAP awards would be funded regardless of the type of institution.

“Certainly, we are hopeful that the

governor might sign SB2043, but (we) have no knowledge of whether he will or not,” McCann said. “We are progressing with our plans for the continuing operation of the university.”

Rauner also proposed to compromise on his “turnaround agenda,” he said not every item would need to be enacted, but the legislature must pass some reforms.

“Even if we only implemented a portion of these recommendations, in a few years we’d have a balanced budget without a tax hike,” Rauner said. “And we’d have billions of dollars in surplus funds

to invest in our schools, our human services and our infrastructure.”

Rauner also called upon Senate President John Cullerton to put forth his pension reform plan, adding that he agreed to approve it to save taxpayer money but has not seen a bill yet.

“Now is the time to set politics aside and do what is right for taxpayers,” Rauner said. “No more delays. No more stalling.”

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Council cancels meeting

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The meeting for the Council on Academic Affairs will be canceled tomorrow as a result of a light agenda.

Since the meeting was canceled, Marita Gronnvoll, the chair of CAA, has added the proposed revision to the Fall 2017 catalog for 16-20, Music with Performance Option to the agenda for a future meeting.

The proposed revisions call for program changes for all performance concentrations, program changes for the instrumental, keyboard, and vocal concentrations and changes in composition concentration.

According to the proposal’s revision and rationale document, the program changes for the performance concentrations calls for the transfer of two credits of elective course requirements from the core requirements to the concentration.

“This proposed revision does not change any curricular requirement,” the rationale read. “But rather serves to provide clarification on an issue that frequently causes confusion among students.”

The revision includes eliminating MUS 3156 from the instrumental concentration, MUS 3155/3156 from the keyboard concentration and MUS 3155 from the vocal concentration.

“Based upon review of the program as part of the department’s accreditation self-study and feedback from recent graduates, requiring a second conducting class is not necessary,” according to the rationale.

Changes also include the clarification of several items in the current catalog as well as reducing credits for several courses, adding 2 credits to the independent study in music theory/composition, and adjusting the total hours for a Bachelor of Music with performance option and composition concentration.

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Daniels said they were working on getting the glitch fixed.

Ceci Brinker, the director of the student life office, said the total tickets for the concert are 3,000.

“Part of our challenge with a concert

that ranges between 3,000 and 3,500 depends on the stage size,” Brinker said.

Brinker said figuring all of the information with the band; they decided to lock in the amount of tickets available at 3,000.

The tickets are also first come, first serve to student, as the tickets will not be available to the general public until March 2.

Daniels said if students managed to buy all 3,000 tickets, then there would

be none offered to the public, which has never happened before.

He also said the first 50 students who purchased tickets at the ticket office also received a Panic! At The Disco poster.

After the first day of sales, 762 tickets have been sold.

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'Chi-Raq' film to be screened

By Jocelyn Jones
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Students can expect to see the movie "Chi-Raq," directed by Spike Lee, at 6 p.m. Saturday in the Coleman Hall Auditorium in honor of African-American Heritage Month.

The Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity is presenting the screening.

Marvin Collins, Kappa Alpha Psi's treasurer, said the fraternity felt that it would be monumental to show a movie on how women stand up and take a stance against unnecessary violence because people can relate.

"I feel like the movie was chosen because there's so much violence in Chicago with police brutality, black-on-black crime and teens killing teens," Collins said. "People need to put the guns down."

Orlando Thomas, the president of Kappa Alpha Psi, said a lot of people intentionally did not see the movie, because it received poor reviews.

Thomas said he thinks those who have seen the movie did not understand the message that Spike Lee was trying to portray when

"Kid's don't have leaders or role models, so I think that's a big reason why gun violence is occurring."

-Orlando Thomas, Kappa Alpha Psi president

he was experimenting with the story of "Lysistrata" and applying it to issues happening in Chicago.

"We feel like our black women are something that keeps us together, but now it's more like the men," Thomas said. "The best person to calm you down is your mother when you're a black man in Chicago because mothers take care of the household."

The goal of the screening is to allow viewers the opportunity to view the movie and form their own opinion.

"We want the audience to get their own opinion, give their own review and not listen to what everyone else has to say," Thomas said.

Thomas said he does not think gun violence has to do with people abstaining from sexual activities, but it has to do with lack of leadership in Chicago.

"Kids don't have leaders or role models, so I think that's a big reason why gun violence is occurring," Thom-

as said.

He thinks if kids had stronger leaders that were raised well and led down the right path, they would have a shot at making it out of the situations they are put in.

"They don't have anybody in their life that's pushing them to do positive things," Thomas said. "A child that didn't have their family looks for other forms of family and being wanted—so they look to the streets. In the streets, there is a sense of comfort they get from it."

Thomas said there were role models in the gangs prior to today's generation of gangs.

"(Gangs) would teach 'you don't go around killing little kids, mothers, women or the innocent.' It was about territory, but now it's about the killing—it's about game," Thomas said.

Being active and having a well-knit family can be a factor in avoiding being involved in a gang.

Thomas said he grew up around gang violence and around drugs, but his family kept him away from the inner-city issues.

"I was always active, dealing with sports when I got out of school. I would go straight to football, and when football season was over, it would either be basketball or track," Thomas said.

Thomas questioned how people who did not have family members or friends in their lives would know what is positive and what the right things to do are.

"I think (being part of) any Greek organization gives you a voice. People listen to you more, and say 'if they're doing it, then it has to be right,'" Thomas said.

Thomas said he believes being part of an organization awards members with more credibility and gives them a bigger voice.

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The New York Times Crossword

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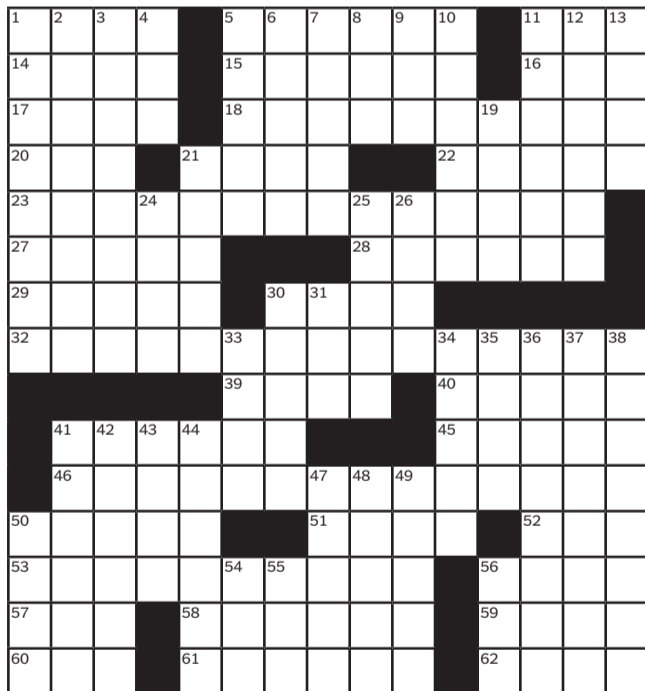
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- 5 Who sings "Climb Ev'ry Mountain" in "The Sound of Music"
- 11 Co. bought by G.E. in 1986
- 14 NASA's _____ Research Center
- 15 Give, as instructions
- 16 Sushi fish
- 17 Like limes
- 18 One who might cause a spill at a cafeteria?
- 20 Some TV drama locales, for short
- 21 Yellow-card, e.g.
- 22 Patches, in a way
- 23 Dog attacking a newsstand?
- 27 Jungian concept
- 28 See 26-Down
- 29 Show of pride

- 30 Stadium vendor's offering
- 32 Answer to "What's her job in the garden supply store?"
- 39 Oodles and oodles
- 40 "____ a stinker?" (Bugs Bunny catchphrase)
- 41 Longtime "Law & Order" actor
- 45 Goes soft
- 46 What happens after getting in Vivien's way on a movie set?
- 50 Viperidae family member
- 51 State
- 52 Some choice words
- 53 Group whose songs get spoonerized in 18-, 23-, 32- and 46-Across

- 56 With 25-Down, women's fashion designer
- 57 Might
- 58 Part of a presidential motorcade
- 59 Certain bakery worker
- 60 Paris's _____-Chapelle
- 61 Puts aside
- 62 Bygone Ottoman rulers

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- 1 School allowance?
- 2 "Immortal" flower in "Paradise Lost"
- 3 Make beads, say
- 4 It's observed in L.A.
- 5 Natural perfume
- 6 The catcher in the wry?
- 7 Like most lait et riz
- 8 English cathedral city
- 9 Criterion: Abbr.
- 10 "Indeed, yes"
- 11 Drake, e.g.
- 12 "Down the hatch!"
- 13 Highfalutin attitude
- 19 Crostini topping
- 21 ____ of God
- 24 Big birds
- 25 See 56-Across



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- 26 With 28-Across, schlemiels
- 30 Features of urban ancient Rome
- 31 President Morales of Bolivia
- 33 Pricing word
- 34 One frequenting arcades
- 35 "That's utter slander!"
- 36 How we experience our first kiss
- 37 Mason, notably
- 38 Language manglers, e.g.
- 41 Stale
- 42 Unwanted photo effect
- 43 "Boyfriend" singer, to fans, with "the"
- 44 Matches
- 47 Fire-suppressing compound
- 48 Unhidden
- 49 Police protection
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- 54 Blaze evidence
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Men's basketball team anxious to get back on track

By **Maher Kawash**
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The Eastern men's basketball team is riding a two-game losing streak, and only has three games left to get back to its winning ways.

The first of those three games takes place Thursday night in Martin, Tenn.

The Panthers hit the road to take on Tennessee-Martin, in a battle for 2nd place in the Ohio Valley Conference West division.

Eastern held a substantial lead in the division over the Skyhawks when the Panthers took down Tennessee-Martin on Jan. 28.

But since then, things have changed.

The Skyhawks have hit their stride, and are arguably playing their best basketball of the season, as they have not lost since their last meeting with the Panthers.

Tennessee-Martin's five-game win streak has allowed them to jump into 2nd place with a half-game lead over Eastern.

Part of the reason for the Skyhawks moving into 2nd place is also due to the Panthers hitting a bump in the road.

Eastern was once on a five-game winning streak of its own, and had a favorable schedule coming up.

But upset wins by Austin Peay and last place Southern Illinois Edwardsville have forced the Panthers to fall in the conference.

"This is the way seasons go, and we also have a really small margin of error on winning and losing games," Spoonhour said. "We have to do a whole lot right to win games, and the moment we don't things like grabbing rebounds and work together offensively then we fall apart."



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

All that can change with a win Thursday night though.

"We just have to get back to playing well, and we have enough games to get back on track," Spoonhour said.

Spoonhour is aware of the talent on Tennessee-Martin and said he is not taking them lately.

"They are really playing well, and they have as much talent as anyone in the league," Spoonhour said.

If the Panthers want to come out on the winning end, they will need to find a way to stop the Skyhawks' leading scorer.

Twymon Howard is averaging 14.7 points per game this season for the

Skyhawks, and is the 11th best scorer in the OVC.

Howard's average has also been better against conference opponents, averaging about 17 points in those games.

It does not stop there for the Skyhawks.

Howard is one of four guys on the team who is averaging 10 or more points per game this season.

And although Tennessee-Martin has multiple players who can score, it is the Skyhawks' defense that presents a problem.

The Panthers will have to find a way to get past Tennessee-Martin's 4th-ranked defense in the OVC.

The Skyhawks are allowing about 70.9 points per game this season, but in conference play they allow slightly more at 73.7 points allowed per game.

It will also be a tough task for the Panthers to overcome their struggles to win on the road this season.

Eastern is just 3-8 in road games this year, and the Skyhawks are 8-2 on their home court so far.

"The mentality for tomorrow is to compete as hard as we can," Senior Trae Anderson said.

Although the team has lost two straight, Anderson has continued to elevate his play.

In the Panthers' last game, Ander-

son scored 29 points and added eight rebounds in the loss.

"I'm happy with how Anderson is playing, and I hope he continues on as well as all the other guys," Spoonhour said.

While the Panthers did hit a rough patch recently, the team is confident in what has to be done in the final three games of the year.

"We need to come out with this win," Anderson said. "Our goals are to make the conference tournament, and win the conference tournament."

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2 matches lined up over weekend for tennis team

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The Eastern men's tennis team is getting set for two matches this weekend. Their first will be against Valparaiso on Friday, and their second will be against Southern Illinois University Carbondale on Sunday.

The Panthers' main focus for these two matchups will be the mental aspect of the game and keep to focus at the task at hand.

"We will know whether we are mentally tough by what we say and how we carry ourselves throughout the entirety of the weekend," men's tennis coach Sam Kercheval said. "It's not about being mentally tough some of the time, it has to be for the whole match."

Senior Robert Skolik said it is easier said than done.

"It's something you have to make a conscious effort every time you play and every ball you hit you always have to be reminding yourself what you're trying to improve on and I think that's the biggest part of the mental aspect," Skolik said.

Other than the mental aspect, Kercheval said that their opponents have been putting pressure on the team's serves.

"We are working to improve and make them feel the same amount of pressure by getting more returns in play and being able to attack off the return," Kercheval said.

The Panthers (2-4) are coming off a 1-6 loss to the University of Illinois-

Chicago.

The team kept it close in their matches, but could not come away with a victory.

Senior Ryan Henderson won his fourth-straight singles match against the Flames' Andy Page 7-5, 6-1. Skolik lost to Carl Hedstrom 6-3, 4-6, 6-4. Senior Rui Silva lost 1-6, 7-5, 10-2 against Christopher Cole.

Freshman Ognjen Jevtic lost 6-2, 6-4 to Mitch Granger. Sophomore Grant Reiman was defeated by Marcelo Dib, 6-4, 6-1. Sophomore Jared Woodson lost 6-0 and 6-0 to Max Cederkall.

The Panthers were swept in doubles with Skolik and Silva losing 6-3 to Granger and Cole.

Henderson and Jevtic were defeat-

ed 6-2 by Dib and Hedstrom. Reiman and senior Jacob Wendel lost to Page and Nate Campanile, 7-6.

The Panthers saw both teams earlier in the fall season and they know more about these teams than others they have faced.

"They are both very both strong opponents and have been playing well up and down their lineup," Kercheval said.

For Valparaiso, they lost to Louisville, 4-3, and suffered the same fate to Purdue, losing, 4-3.

The Crusaders will be taking on Western Illinois right before they take on the Panthers.

On the mental aspect from the past matchups, Kercheval said that the team needs to let the matches from the

fall go and play without any preconceived notions about how this match might go.

"They are a different team since the fall but so are we, and we need to come out and show it," Kercheval said.

SIUC (3-1) is on a three-game win streak, having beaten Northern Illinois, Mercer, and Eastern Kentucky.

Their only loss came against Tennessee. They will be facing UIC the day before.

The Panthers will take on Valparaiso on Friday at 2:30 p.m. in Valparaiso, Ind., and on Sunday they will take on SIUC in Carbondale, Ill. at 11 a.m.

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Sophomore guard Grace Lennox scored a career-high 23 points in the Panthers' 74-71 loss to Murray State on Wednesday in Lantz Arena.

Panthers fall to Murray State, 74-71, in overtime

By **Camelia Nicholson**
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Sophomore guard Grace Lennox reached a career high of 23 points in Wednesday night's game, but this was not enough to pass the three-point lead Murray State took in overtime.

Lennox wasted no time in bringing in the points for the Panthers, reaching 10 points by the start of second quarter.

The sophomore guard turned things up a notch by picking up the game pace to keep points on the board against a tight defense.

Lennox took a brutal foul in overtime from Murray State's Abria Gullede in an attempt to fight for the rebound in the final seconds of

the game after regulation.

"I don't know what happened honestly we all were playing hard, and the game was close," Lennox said.

But Gullede was the least of Lennox's problems playing against the Racers' starting guard LeAsia Wright.

Both Wright and Lennox fell into a back and forth battle with ball possession, drives to the basket and three point shots.

Lennox said, "Murray State's was definitely tight with her defense, but I just found a way to get around that for my team."

The Panther were able to take a three-point lead over Murray State, but the Racers rallied back for a seven-point stretch at the end of the third quarter.

Eastern's Jalisha Smith, a freshman forward, obtained nine rebounds leading into the fourth quarter, converting points for the Panthers still down six at the start of the fourth.

"Smith always gets in the game and goes after the ball," Eastern women's basketball head coach Debbie Black said, "For a girl of her size she definitely does not hesitate to reach for a rebound and take back up."

Red-shirt senior guard Shakita Cox for the Panthers also put up double-digit points, ending the night with 15 points. Her score was followed by junior forward Erica Brown's 12 points, which contributed to going into overtime.

Like Lennox, Cox too picked it up in the final quarter with field goals and lay ups in the paint. Driving to the basket sent her to the free-throw line where Eastern was able to take up extra points.

The Racers lost the lead at the end of the fourth quarter, giving up rebound points to Eastern, which allowed them to tie the game, 67-67.

Murray State had four players in the double digits by overtime, and did not let up on the aggressiveness once overtime hit.

"We knew coming in that Murray State was going to be a tough one," coach Black said. "That's why this one was a hurtful loss, because they're an OVC team that is hot right now."

Eastern and Murray State went

shot for shot in the start of overtime, but the Panthers began to give up foul points and fall back to three point gap, 74-71.

With 15 seconds left in the game, Lennox worked the floor passing the ball off to senior guard Alece Shumpert for the buzzard-beating three, in attempt for a second overtime.

The Racer's man-on-man defense defeated any shots being let off.

Eastern fell to 2-11 in the OVC losing to Murray State, 74-71.

"This game was a fight to the finish. Only come to play for a win," coach Black said.

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Swimmers end 1st day of Summit League competition

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The first day of the Summit League Championships included four relay events for the men and women swimmers. Eastern does not participate in the diving events.

Eastern competed in each of the four relay events and had one team on both the men's and the women's side score points for the Panthers. Eastern finished in sixth in each of the events.

The Panthers have just 10 seniors on the rosters combined, making them a young program, but there was one freshman on three out of the four relay teams that scored for Eastern.

Not only was Eastern able to score points in the relays, but they also earned best times in the events as well.

The night opened up with the

women's 200-yard medley relay. Freshman Lauren Oostman, senior Joann Wakefield, sophomore Dani DiMatteo and senior Kaylee Morris took sixth for Eastern with a season best time of 1:47.03

Coach Jacqueline Michalski was pleased with how everything went on the first day.

"The mindset is always to swim fast," Michalski said.

The men followed up the women in the 200-medley relay with a sixth place finish of their own, also scoring points for Eastern.

Junior Brogan O'Doherty, sophomore Matt Jacobs, sophomore Stephen Truchon and junior Shane Witzki finished with a season best time of 1:32.75.

Although today's schedule was much smaller, tomorrow will have

four events. The women and men will swim the same events back-to-back for a total of eight. The swimmers will swim the preliminaries at 11 a.m. and come back for the finals at 6 p.m.

Even though there were fewer events Wednesday night, it can be tougher on the swimmers because they don't have as many events to compete in.

"Having less events puts more pressure," Michalski said. "You only have one event to focus on and only one chance to swim fast."

The men and women had the same success in the 800-yard medley relay event.

Senior Kelsey Ferguson, freshman Martee Grainger, junior Paige Eavenson and senior Caitlin Danforth finished with a time of 7:57.52, a season best. Eastern does not usually swim

this event in the regular season.

As Oostman and Grainger helped their respective relay teams score points, fellow freshman Nicholas Harkins helped sophomore Steve Fishman, sophomore Jennings-Soccoro McCoy and senior Jake Roberts earn a time of 6:57.41 in the 800-yard medley relay.

"(The freshmen) were nervous for the event, but were able to rise to the pressure of being on our scoring relays," Michalski said.

Freshman Nicholas Harkins said coming in he was not too nervous but more excited to swim fast.

"Overall I'd say the first day went pretty well," Harkins said. "I feel my swim today set me up to do well the rest of the meet."

The Panthers tapered the last two weeks in practice and Harkins said

that will help him swim faster times.

The Summit League teams will swim a majority of individual events on Thursday, but they will open the day with the 200-yard freestyle relay.

The 500-yard freestyle, 200-yard individual medley and the 50-yard freestyle will follow. The men and women will each swim the events.

At the end of the first day, Eastern has a combined team score of 104, putting them in sixth place out of seven teams.

Eastern is just 17 points behind fifth-place Western.

Indiana-Purdue University Indianapolis sits in first with a combined team score of 196.

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