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Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity put on probation

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Eastern’s chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha has been placed on probation following an investigation of hazing and pre-initiation activities, interim vice president for student affairs Lynette Drake confirmed Tuesday.

Tad Lichtenauer, director of communications for Lambda Chi Alpha International Headquarters, said in a statement to The News that members of the fraternity chose to “repeatedly violate the oaths and laws of membership, in addition to violating the policies and laws of the university and local law enforcement.”

Some of this dangerous behavior did allegedly involve the hazing of new members, Lichtenauer said.

“Our Board of Directors has a zero tolerance policy for this conduct, and we are partnering with the university to ensure this does not continue,” he wrote.

In a statement from Drake, she said this decision was made by the fraternity’s national office and the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Programs.

Attempts to contact members of Lambda Chi Alpha’s executive board were returned with an email from Eastern’s chapter advisor, Dirk Bennett, saying they were instructed to forward all media inquiries to Lichtenauer.

Bennett added in an email that all offices and members would continue to comply with this and refer all requests for questions through to Lichtenauer.

In his statement to The News, Lichtenauer said the Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity Board of Directors voted to establish an Alumni Control Board for the Phi-Alpha chapter of Eastern on Jan. 16.

The Alumni Control Board has “absolute authority to act in its discretion for the preservation of the charter,” according to the statement.

Little Mario (left) of the Micro Wrestling Federation leans into hear what the trash-talking wrestler Little Show has to say to him before the beginning of their match at the Panther Paw Wednesday night. The two performers were among six wrestlers all under five feet tall who fought each other in front of a rowdy crowd.

Micro Wrestlers take on Panther Paw

Performers deliver show filled with cursing and brutal stunts

By JJ Bullock
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The PA announcer came over the speakers Wednesday night at the Panther Paw and declared “the most outrageous event in the United States is about to take center stage.” Soon after this declaration, the six wrestlers involved with the Micro Wrestling Federation took to the ring and put on a show filled with cursing, brutal stunts and top-rope moves that elicited the handful of people in attendance.

A performer by the stage name of the “Little Show” came out and set the tone of the show quickly by flipping off those in attendance and demand- ing that the “motherf****” Yankees” in attendance needed to show the “Redneck brawler some respect.”

He would be serving as the “ heel,” a wrestling slang word used to describe the villain of the show, which would explain his obscene gesture and lan- guage.

Little Show was 4 feet 2 inches tall, and weighed 160 pounds. His opponent would be a wrestler by the name of “Little Mario” who was quite a bit smaller at 4 feet and 80 pounds.

The two began to fight, using props ranging from wet floor signs to cooking signs in a bout that exactly what it intended — send the fans into a fren- zy.

The crowd jeered and hurtled insults and praise at the wrestlers and the performers responded. It was all a part of the show, but having a good crowd is something all the performers agreed makes their job easier.

“You feel a lot more hits and stuff because your adrenaline isn’t pumping as much if the crowd isn’t there,” Little Show said.

The performance may be choreographed, but the stunts and moves wrestlers pull off are something that takes a lot of time to perfect and even then, E-Money said there is no time limit to learning the way of the ring.

“The stunts and moves wrestlers pull off are some- thing that takes a lot of time to perfect and even then, E-Money said there is no time limit to learning the way of the ring. What they do take a lot of hard work and prac- tice, he added. The schedule is one of the hardest parts of the job according to Little Show, but not necessarily because of the amount of time required to pull off the per- formance. Instead, it’s the time away from his family that makes it tough, he said.

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Student Senators received information regarding the Senate’s spring elections and were asked to discuss the potential plan to take students to watch the Eastern men’s basketball team play in the OVC tournament in Evansville, Ind. during its meeting Wednesday night.

Student Body President Luke Young told senators about the elections, laying out ground rules, presenting a timeline and en- couraging them to run in April.

The election is for all students interested in running for the executive board positions, new senator positions and for current sen- ators who are either finishing their second semester as a senator or were appointed this during this one.

Young said the election packets, which students need to complete to be considered for the ballot, will be available Friday in the Student Activities Center.

Those who want to run for a senator position on the ballot need 50 signatures from students.

Students wanting to run for an executive board position need 100 signatures.

The elections are open to current sena- tors, as well as any student on campus.

Those considering running need to tell Young first, finish the packet by March 7 and then attend one of the two information meetings.

The meetings are set for March 7 and 8.

Students who finish the required steps can then start campaigning between March 22 and April 3.

Young said students cannot campaign or market themselves whatsoever before March 22.

A mandatory debate between candidates running for executive board will also be on March 27.

Online voting will take place on April 2 and unofficial election results will be announced on April 4.
Democrats call for investigation into Madigan's state operations

CHICAGO (AP) — A growing number of Illinois Democrats are calling for an independent investigation into longtime House Speaker Michael Madigan’s political and state operations, after a second worker in a week was dismissed for misconduct.

Several Democratic lawmakers and the top Democratic candidates for governor are among those who say they have questions about how Madigan is operating his machine, with complaints of sexual harassment and inappropriate behavior.

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Delta Sigma Theta composed an assortment of questions that celebrated hundreds of years of African-American History during "Proud Family: Black By Popular Demand."

The game was part of African-American Heritage Month’s list of events and consisted of four different teams.

One person from each team rotated up to the front of the room as a representative to answer each question.

Questions were split up into four different categories: history, culture, music and film. Thirty seconds were allocated to answer each question.

Astoria Griggs-Burns, a senior health administration major and the president of Delta Sigma Theta, said the game’s name was based off the animated sitcom “The Proud Family,” which was featured on The Disney Channel and “Black Card Revoked,” which is a game show.

She said many of the cultural questions featured were supposed to be questions that every African-American should know the answer to.

“We wanted it to feel like we’re one big family celebrating our culture,” she said.

Griggs said members of Delta Sigma Theta selected questions that would help audience members learn about African-American history and culture, but the goal was to create a fun game so people did not feel like they were sitting inside of a classroom.

“It’s not anti-any other culture—it’s just about embracing ourselves,” she said. “We hope that everybody will continue to support African-American heritage events and commemorate black history.”

Historical questions included “Who started the ‘Back to Africa’ Movement and was later deported back to his homeland in Jamaica?” The answer was Marcus Garvey.

Music questions included “Who taught you how to independent?” the answer to which was “Webbie,” who wrote the song “Independent.”

The featured film questions included “Where was the first black Disney princess from?” which is “New Orleans.”

A character from the 2009 film, Trana is featured in the movie “The Princess and the Frog.”

“Sometimes African-American culture can be overlooked and pushed to the side,” said Carl Winton, a senior health studies major. “We will still continue to bring black excellence to the world.”

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It's that time of year

Abigail Carlin
Perhaps it is not as cute as a seesaw or bake sale, but we do what we can to reclaim the exact thing everyone seems to be sweeping under the rug.

However, our purpose and mission with these chocolate pops seems to be overshadowed by the word "vagina." It is a part of the human body, not an obscene phrase or offensive term.

I spent almost 2.5 hours selling Vagina Pops in Coleman on Wednesday morning, and in that time, I sold six Vagina Pops. Normally, this would not bother me, as I understand most people do not carry cash on them at all times, but the amount of disrespect I received was incredible. The glasses, the ignorance and the looks of pity drove me insane, as they did my constituents.

It would be so easy to just lie and tell us that you simply forgot your money or you do not like chocolate.

You being uncomfortable with feminism, vaginas and speaking out against sexual assault and domestic violence is not a viable excuse for being disrespectful. I am proud of the work FEM does for this campus. Perhaps we do not have the greatest turn out for our meetings and movie screenings, but things like the S.L.U.T. Walk tend to really resonate with the student body and raise awareness of sexual assault on our campus, as well as grant survivors a space to grieve and celebrate their recovery and progress.

We do these Vagina Pop sales for them, and we do them for you, too, even if you cannot spare us a second glance. Activism is not about glory, recognition, or award, but rather, feeling at peace with the knowledge that one is contributing to something bigger than themselves.

So please, next time you see us on campus, keep your rude remarks and side eyes to yourself, we are too busy trying to save the world to pay any mind.

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This includes the authority to discipline any member of the chapter for any offense and impose a penalty, including expulsion, suspension or probation.

Since then, the chapter has been on "limited operations" by the International Headquarters. "Limited operations" meant there are severe restrictions regarding chapter meetings, philanthropy, intramural and social events. Lichtenaur could not be reached for further comment as of press time on Wednesday.

Nathan Wehr, interim director of the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Programs, declined to comment, instead saying to reach out to university spokesperson Josh Reinhardt and Drake.

"This action (to place Lambda Chi on probation) was undertaken to preserve the standards of excellence and personal values to which EIU and its collective stakeholders hold the entirety of its Greek organizations and participants," Drake said in a statement.

Drake was not available for further comment beyond the statement as of press time Wednesday, but said later that evening that she would try to get back to The News the next day.

The News attempted to reach out to Reinhardt about what the terms of the probation were, how long it would be, what the specific hazing allegations were and why Sigma Chi was suspended for hazing while Lambda Chi was put on probation.

Reinhart confirmed that there was an investigation and that Lambda Chi Alpha is on probation, but did not give any more information beyond that.

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Young said the reason they announce the unofficial election results is to give someone the opportunity to file a grievance if they think the election was unfair.

"Assuming we don't have any grievances, then we will announce the official results on April 11," Young said.

Young called the election process short and sweet.

He said he wanted to keep it that way, because of how stressful running for a position can be.

As for senators interested in running for the speaker of the senate position, Young said April 18 is the speaker nominations, April 25 will be the speaker elections.

Also at the meeting, Young asked senators to consider a potential plan to rent a bus and drive students to Evansville, Ind. to watch the men's basketball team play in the OVC Tournament on Feb. 28.

Young said the idea came after meeting with Eastern President David Glassman and Athletics Director Tom Michael.

He said the bus would be paid for so students do not have to pay a fee.

The only thing he does not know about is the time the bus will leave, which depends on the time the Panthers start.

Young asked if senators and other students would be interested in going and said sign-up sheets for the bus ride will be at Thursday's basketball game and Saturday's game.

"I think this is a great opportunity for school spirit, and hopefully we win," Young said.

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Maxie Phillips, a junior English major, rehearses for the Miss Black EIU Scholarship Pageant in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Wednesday night. "It is basically showing who I am to the campus. It is a competition, but we don't see it that way. We want the experience more than anything," Phillips said. Miss Black EIU will be presented by the Black Student Union Saturday in the Grand Ball Room at 7 p.m.

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Learning Linguistics

Daniel Tucker, an Eastern alumnus currently attending Northwestern University for his doctorate in linguistics, gave a presentation Wednesday night in Coleman Hall about his field of study. "Oh, you're a linguist, tell me about all the languages you speak," Tucker said, describing one misconception about his field. "Linguists don't sit around learning languages. Most linguists are monolinguals."

The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz
No. 0118

ACROSS
1 Ressure 8 Lady _____ Ashley, Jake Barnes's love in "The Sun Also Rises"
6 Chemical suffix 11 Interregnum
9 Travel org. with an eTix app to texters
14 Chilling
15 Like the planets beyond the asteroid belt
16 Some roles in the Marathon leader?
17 Rooftop heist?
20 "If you ask me,"
21 Org. that discourages traveling
22 Flowerless plants
25 One who has duties?
27 Jack Benny film "College Holiday"
28 Connection 30 Rebound
30 Study
31 Respond to previous puzzle
32 Bird that has one long talon on each foot for fighting
34 Peer variety
35 Preschooler
36 Last at Daytona
37 Bird that became the home of the Hurricanes in 1997
41 Diamond club handle engineer
42 "Mazel _!"
43 "No _... (I'm fine)"
45 My Chemical Romance genre
46 Della or Picabo?
49 Openings at a day spa?
53 Jewel case insert
54 Bright lights
56 Response to "Madam, I'm Adam" that is itself a palindrome
57 Napiack bear
59 _ favor
60 Reindeer in "Frozen"
61 "Wheel of Fortune" buy
62 Sandwich shops?
65 Study
66 Orchestra tuners
67 Pull some strings?
68 "Listen _!" (Cockney cry)
69 "Forget it!"
70 Gripes

DOWN
1 Premium Cuban cigar
2 Category in a guessing game 3 "You betcha!"
4 Number above "Operator" on a telephone
5 La Mediterranea, e.g.
6 Tackle box item
7 Start of a children's rhyme
8 It lasts trois mois
9 Contract period
10 Events for prospective pro athletes
11 Idaho, with "the"
12 Toward the front, anatomically
13 Group rallied by Mao Zedong
14 Defuse fence
15 Home of lanternfish and giant squids
16 ___ globe
17 Fresh out of the box
18 Fish at a Hawaiian barbecue
19 Nikon product, for short
20 One who has concrete plans for the day?
21 Typical college freshman
22 Triangle
23 2016 animated film "The Two Stilings"
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27 "Forget it!"
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

Baseball team ready for Memphis games

By Adam Shay

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The Eastern baseball team has back-to-back road series to begin their season as the Panthers travel to Memphis this weekend for a three-game series.

So far on the year, the Panthers are 1-2 on the season and for Memphis, they have a 2-2 record. Despite losing the first two games of the series 6-3 in 10 innings and then 7-6, the Panthers are coming off a win as they beat Louisiana Monroe 6-3. Overall, the Panthers’ win was a group effort as seven players tallied at least one hit, totaling 13 hits as a team. Senior left fielder Lagan Beaman had three hits as he finished the day 3-5 with a run scored.

The key moment for the Panthers came in the fifth inning when senior third baseman Dougie Parks hit a three-run homer to left field, finishing the day 2-4 with 3 RBIs and a walk.

Another notable performance came from sophomore catcher Ryan Knerr as he hit an RBI single in the top of the eighth inning.

As for the pitch, the Panthers utilized six pitchers. On the win line, senior pitcher Dustin Wilson earned the win as he threw three shutout innings, allowing four hits, striking out two batters and hitting one batter. Freshman Blake Malarzinski was awarded his first save as a Panther, pitching 0.2 innings in the ninth, allowing two hits, one earned run, striking out one batter and walking one batter. Senior Ben Ste- phens pitched three innings, allowing one run and striking out five batters.

Senior Joseph Duncan is congratulated by teammates after hitting a home run.

For Eastern coach Sam Kercheval, even though getting wins is nice under any circumstance, the team cannot dwell on that.

“Any win is a good win and coming off one last Sunday we certainly hope to continue in that direction. Kercheval said, “Tennis and really all sports, require short term memory. A win or loss last week, playing well or not last week, can’t consume you moving forward to a new match so while we can have confidence, need to treat it as a new match and be ready for anything.”

Coming into the match on Friday, junior Tyler Bussell of North Central College is 8-1 overall. Bussell is rid- ing a seven-game winning streak dating back to the fall season, and is 6-0 in the No. 4 singles position in the spring schedule.

Another standout for the Cardinals is Lucas Pindak sitting at 6-2 overall. Pindak has racked up a 2-1 record in the No. 5 singles position and 3-3 in the No. 6 singles position.

As for Southern Utah, freshman Jonathan Orozco and sophomore Sean Simons lead the Thunderbirds in singles play with a 3-5 record. But for Morales and Feggin, their losses against Seattle snapped each of their three game winning streaks in single play. Coach Kercheval also said playing new teams consists of focusing more and it could help players not stress during a match.

“When you really don’t know anything about the opponent, it gives you great opportunity to truly focus on yourself and your game.” Kercheval said. “That is always the idea going to into a match but when you are playing familiar teams or opponents, you always have thoughts about how it went last time. Now we have no info on them so we have to prepare our game plan based on ourselves and stick to that.”

Ahead of the two weekend matches, with Eastern’s latest win against Saint Francis, the Panthers are in fourth in the OVC overall, with conference play still a couple weeks away.

Jacksonville State leads the OVC at 8-1 and Tennessee State sits at 8-4. Eastern plays North Central Friday at 12:30 p.m. and Southern Utah Saturday at 3 p.m. in Chicago.

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Men's tennis team on road again for doubleheader

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After winning its second match of the season against Saint Francis, the Panthers will look to build on that, now that the long road trip is finally coming to a close this weekend for the Eastern men’s tennis team.

Eastern starts the weekend at North Central College on Friday and Southern Utah on Saturday.

This could benefit the Panthers because the Cardinals of North Central are at 2-4, and have lost their last two matches. For the Thunderbirds of Southern Utah, they’re 2-5 on the two matches. For the Thunderbirds, they’re 2-5 on the two matches.

For the Cardinals, they’re 2-2 at home in Naperville, but for Eastern it’s 2-2 on the road.

Southern Utah has not fared well in further matches and that could help motivate Eastern.

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For Eastern, the Panthers have a veteran team as there are only three freshmen and four sopho- mores. For the rest of the team, there are 14 junior and 15 seniors.

The first game of the series starts at 4 p.m. on Friday at FedEx Park in Mem-phis.

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Panthers not stressing over top-seed Racers

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Senior Muousa Dama is not letting himself or the rest of the Panthers get psyched out about having to play conference-leader Murray State Thursday while fighting for the No. 7 spot in the OVC Tournament.

Eastern’s next two games will determine its spot in the tournament, and Murray State will make Saturday’s game more meaningful when Eastern hosts Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, which is also fighting for the final two spots.

“I don’t think anybody cares who we play at this point,” Dama said. “We’ve pretty much got our own system and what’s going to be more important is (playing defense and preventing hard) instead of the seeding and the positioning.”

Murray State is still a tough team and coach Jay Spoonhour thinks the Racers are playing as good of defense as they have in the past few years.

Defensively, they can be lights out, as the last time the Panthers squared off with the Racers, four players were in double figures.

“(Ja Morant and (Jonathan) Stark really play together well,” Spoonhour said. “I think (Shaq) Buchanan does a lot for them that kind of goes unnoticed.”

It would have been easy to write off the Panthers two months ago when they lost three point guards, and then losing their fourth later on, but Somehow, Eastern found a way to make it to the tournament.

Nearly the whole team was playing in unfamiliar positions trying to combat the lack of point guards available, and following Eastern’s clinching win Saturday against Tennessee-Martin, Spoonhour called it an adjustment for the Panthers.

“We were just believing,” Dama said. “We fought a rough season and the thing is, no matter what the outcome of a weekend was, we came out on the Monday and practice we weren’t discouraged and saying that there was faith that we could make it, and here we are.”

The only two Panthers on the team that has OVC Tournament experience is injured senior point guard Terrell Lewis and junior Lu\n\c Jones.

Lewis has had to watch different players try to play his position this year. Senior Montell Goodwin and freshman Mack Smith have picked up a lot of the slack at the guard spots.

Before Jan. 18 against Tennessee-Martin, Smith was just another player in the Panthers’ lineup, playing average minutes ranging from 14 to a rare 31-minute game.

On Jan. 18, he made his mark dropping a season-high 22 points in 32 minutes and has scored in double digits in eight out of the next nine games, breaking his season high twice.

“I (Lewis) helped me when I figured out I could shoot as well as him,” Smith said. “But he didn’t know I could handle the ball a little more so he was just teaching me moves and combos and when to pass and teaching me the game.”

Smith stepped up in some of the biggest games this season and has performed well, and has Lewis to thank for that, he said.

Someone needed to play the harsh minutes alongside Goodwin, who pushed 40 minutes each night. With some glimpse of being tired, Goodwin made it through it and helped lead Eastern to the OVC Tournament, which it missed last year.

He has never been on a team that has had to deal with injuries the way Eastern has.

“If we can be patient and we can look for good shots, (we) can get rewarded,” Bollant said.

He did add that with Murray State’s heightened sense of urgency, they might play better on defense.

Likewise, Murray State has the OVC’s second-worst rebounding margin at –6.4, ahead of only Eastern at –10.2.

“I think it is probably a better matchup for us (rebounding) than a team that’s a little more post heavy,” Bollant said.

The last time Murray State and Eastern played, the Racers won at home 72-61 in a game that they never really pulled away from Eastern in, but took a small lead early and slowly added to it throughout the quarters. One big take away from that game, however, is how Eastern was unable to limit Murray State’s top-scoring threats Ke-Shunan James and Bria Bethea.

Bollant felt that James was the biggest reason why the Racers won in the first game and while he does not believe she can be stopped, he does hope his team can at least contained.

“I felt like we let James, especially at the beginning of the first quarter, (get) in transition and got some assists,” Bollant said. “And that is really the key, they play well when she plays well.”

James is one of the OVC’s two leading scorers, averaging 21.4 points per game, and in her last run at the Eastern defense she had a double-double with 18 points and 10 rebounds.

Bethea matched that with a 17-point, eight rebound game and Brianna Crane had 16 points and nine rebounds.

The game will be played at 5:15 p.m. at Lantz Arena.

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Eastern ready for tournament-seeking Murray State

By JJ Bullock
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A playoff spot will be on the line for the Murray State women’s basketball team Thursday night when they play Eastern at Lantz Arena.

The Racers have a 6-10 record in the OVC and currently hold the No. 8 seed in the tournament standings. With a win over the Panthers, they can clinch a spot in the OVC Tournament.

“I think it is probably a better matchup for us (rebounding) than a team that’s a little more post heavy,” Bollant said.

The game will be played at 5:15 p.m. at Lantz Arena.

Karen Mott Bollant does tell his team, how ever, to be prepared. “We are at our best basketball on Thurs-