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## CELEBRATION CANCELED

The annual arts festival will have a one-year hiatus.

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## TOUGH COMPETITION

The Panthers will play against No. 3 ranked Vanderbilt in Nashville Wednesday.

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Students, faculty and staff watch as community leaders talk about the effects the state budget impasse has on the Coles County community Tuesday in the Cougill Foyer in Old Main.

## Community leaders talk budget impasse, effects on community

By Cassie Buchman  
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Various community leaders talked about the lack of a state budget and how it would affect Charleston and surrounding areas in a press conference Tuesday.

President David Glassman said the effects of the budget impasse go well beyond the scope of the students and has the potential to jeopardize the economic vitality of both the region and state as a whole for generations to come.

He said students were the primary drivers of the economic activity Eastern generates because they go to restaurants, entertainment venues and more.

The university employs about 1,500 full-time employees.

Glassman said some of the individuals laid off have worked at Eastern for 25 years or more, and in some cases both husbands and wives were given notices.

"(They) now have to face a future with zero paychecks rather than two," Glassman said.

Charleston Mayor Brandon Combs said any trouble that comes Eastern's way is personal to the community.

Combs said when people get laid off, they start watching their wallets more closely and cut their spending habits.

"These layoffs hurt," Combs said. "Most of those laid off rely on their income to provide for their families. Some of those laid off dedicated their entire careers to EIU. Some of those will be sorely missed as a familiar, friendly face from students who are far from home."

He said some may even leave, and many are scared and frustrated that the situation has gotten to this point.

"I hope we see this as an opportunity to come together as a community and not to allow finger pointing and blame to divide us," Combs said.

He said people should keep representing East-

**"The double-whammy of our university with no budget and declining enrollment has created devastating effects on our community, our businesses, our families, our university and our people."**

-Cindy White, president and CEO of Charleston Area of Commerce

ern in a positive light.

Cindy White, president and CEO of the Charleston Area Chamber of Commerce, said she felt that the community is in a state of near-crisis.

"The double-whammy of our university with no budget and declining enrollment has created devastating effects on our community, our businesses, our families, our university and our people," White said.

White said the university affects the community through employing people who spend money in the community, increasing tax generation and enhancing human capital because they develop students' skills.

Rep. Reggie Phillips said he has been working to get funding to Eastern by co-sponsoring HB6409, which would give \$160 million of emergency funding from the General Revenue Fund to the Board of Higher Education.

This bill would not take effect at all unless SB3044 becomes law.

Phillips said he has been trying to circumvent all that is going on to get a funding mechanism.

He said he did not want to continue to make promises when there is no money.

Biology professor Kai Hung, a member of the University Professionals of Illinois, said the 177 civil service personnel who have been laid off were more than just a number.

"These are my colleagues. These are my friends. These are my neighbors. These are the people we see at grocery stores and at church," Hung said.

He said many of these people have deep roots in the community and have been thrown into chaos because of the budget situation.

"Gov. (Bruce) Rauner is willing to allow our economy to suffer," Hung said. "This is collateral damage, but what about our students?"

He said Rauner is taking away people's money, their livelihood and their community.

Hung called it shortsighted and dangerous to diminish the capacity to produce well trained citizens and a well trained workforce.

Hung said it was not enough to rely on cuts and exploring an expansion of revenue streams would be necessary as well.

"Schools like EIU have done our share to cut back on spending," Hung said. "It is time Springfield and Gov. Rauner did their job."

Hung said they need to pass a budget right now, to the audience's applause.

Andrew Donsbach, a senior marketing major, spoke about his experiences working with the Holiday Hustle, a run that benefits One Stop Community Christmas that provides food, clothing, blankets, books and toys to families in the area who cannot get those things themselves.

For the past three years, they partnered with the Office of Community Service to give them funding for necessities that go along with the race.

## NWS issues warning for winter storm

Staff Report

Coles County could see "near blizzard conditions" Wednesday into Thursday, according to the National Weather Service in Lincoln.

The winter storm warning, in effect from 6 a.m. Wednesday to 6 a.m. Thursday, covers the counties of Champaign, Vermilion, Douglas, Coles and Edgar.

Snowfall amounts of 4 to 7 inches are possible, along with 35 to 45 mph wind gusts into Wednesday evening, causing drifting snow.

Cameron Craig, an Eastern climatologist and geology professor, said people should expect to see about 6 inches of snow in isolated areas.

He said snowdrifts will be more prominent on flat lands such as interstates and country roads.

Craig said snowdrifts are most dangerous on overpasses; snowfall increases because of their high elevation, and vehicles add pressure to create ice.

Visibility will drop to a quarter mile in some areas, especially open areas, according to the warning.

Traveling during the height of the storm, Wednesday morning to evening, will be dangerous.

As a precaution, the NWS recommends keeping a flashlight, food and water in vehicles and to only travel in case of an emergency.

Craig said quick changes will occur from rain to ice to snow, and snowfall would continue throughout the day with lingering flurries to follow Thursday morning.

He said the snow would be short lived, however, with temperatures increasing to the 40s on Friday and 50s on Saturday.

## Fund EIU aims to raise awareness during game

By Cassie Buchman  
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Those going to the men's basketball game against Murray State University Thursday night can expect to see FundEIU showing their support.

Members will be there holding signs and raising awareness about the lack of state funding for Eastern.

Kia Smith, a sophomore graphic design major, said they are trying to rally up people to support FundEIU's cause.

The game will be televised on CBS.

Smith said because the game is televised, it is a great way to get Springfield to hear what they have to say and how they feel about the situation.

# Local weather

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# PAECE talks race issues, Panther logo

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Performing Arts for Effective Civic Education put a unique twist on the controversial topic of race and discussed the updated Eastern Panthers logo Tuesday night at the “Panthers Are Really Black” forum.

Tiyaji Williams, the president of PAECE, said the forum was a platform for students to speak out about their thoughts on the relationship between the connotation of the colors black and white in the media.

“The purpose of the event was to show how the media and other things portray things that were originally black as white such as Beyoncé’s skin being lightened and Annie being white in the movie,” Tiyaji Williams said.

Students were encouraged to address the idea that the media transforms African-American characters and people to make them more socially acceptable by making them Caucasian. The original characters in the movies “Cleopatra” and “Annie” were African-American, Tiyaji Williams said.

A discussion on the idea of a Caucasian man playing Michael Jackson in an upcoming film also came up.

Tiyaji Williams asked students to voice their beliefs on whether or not Jesus is black, white or neither.

Tiyaji Williams said the main subject they wanted to touch on was that African-Americans’ accomplishments often go unnoticed.

“These type of events are necessary just to notice people who don’t often get noticed and make them feel like they are doing something right,” Tiyaji Williams said. “Because often times some people just need that reward and that acknowledgment that you were doing what you were supposed to do.”

Jalen Washington, a junior pre-business management major, said he loved



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Akeem Forbes, a junior English major, speaks about how money spent revamping the logo could have been used to advertise for higher enrollment during the “Panthers are Really Black” forum Tuesday in the auditorium of Lumpkin Hall.

that the organization recognized students for their involvement on campus and debated racial issues.

“(The forum) allows people to think about and discuss topics that don’t typically come up in a normal conversation,” Washington said. “It also allows you to look at things in a different light.”

Javen Young, a sophomore sociology major, said his favorite part of the forum was the opening about black panthers and the acknowledgment of African-American students.

The major debate about Eastern’s updated logo was also brought up during the forum. Tiyaji Williams said 74 percent of the student body voted they were against the logo when it was first released in the fall of 2015.

“I feel as if the new logo is not Eastern anymore. In my opinion it isn’t a panther anymore, which is a terrible feeling because that is not the logo I started here with,” Young said.

Students at the forum questioned why the panther in the new logo is white, when in reality panthers are black. Some students suggested the logo was changed to increase revenue from advertisements. Others said the new logo is unrealistic and should be black to accurately depict a panther.

“I just don’t like the fact that it is not a panther, but I do feel like it looks sophisticated,” Washington said.

Yolanda Williams, the African-American Heritage Month chair, said following the logo change, former vice president for university advancement Bob

Martin made a racially offensive remark. Yolanda Williams filed a complaint against Martin.

PAECE often host forums that focus on sensitive subjects and this one was no different.

“(The forum) brings attention to the issue of black minorities being pushed aside and unnoticed,” Tiyaji Williams said.

PAECE does not have any more events coming up for African-American Heritage Month, but the group will be hosting its second annual Women Who Wine and Dine event.

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# Sorority to explore hip-hop importance

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The women of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority will explore the origins of hip-hop and its effect on the African-American community over the years.

The forum, “When Did You First Fall in Love with Hip-Hop,” is 7 p.m. Thursday in Lumpkin Hall. Members chose the topic of hip-hop because of its prominence in today’s society.

Ashley Howard, the first vice president for the sorority, said during the forum members would discuss the culture and history of hip-hop.

“This is something that has reached people at a national level,” Howard said. “Most people look at hip-hop and just think about the rap music,

but don’t know the deeper meaning behind it.”

With a month to plan the forum, the women have finalized the event and structured it to be a forum that will incorporate discussion with the audience. Howard said while the sorority members try to educate the audience, they want the crowd to reciprocate knowledge.

“Hip-hop is one of the aspects in the African-American culture that’s very misconstrued as well as perceived under a different light than it should be,” Howard said.

Society mainly looks at hip-hop as something that objectifies women and endorses black-on-black violence, which is not the case, Howard said. She said the hip-hop movement is any

form of expression that allows people to uplift one another.

“It not only uplifts other African-Americans, but it gives us a voice to talk about their struggles in different ways,” Howard said. “It can be through dance, as well as graffiti and rap.”

Just like many other genres of music, hip-hop started as a means of communication, Howard said. She said it started with humanity and as a way to promote peace.

Paulette Horton, the financial secretary for Delta Sigma Theta, said she wants the campus to know that hip-hop is a culture. She said having the event during African-American Heritage Month gives them the platform to talk about the hip-hop history.

“Black people communicate through music, and we are still communicating through music,” Horton said. “That’s all we’ve been doing, finding ways to communicate and express ourselves.”

Howard said she wants the campus to see the different sides of this genre of music. She said many people who are not fond of hip-hop; label the genre as dark and tasteless.

“I would like this event to bring a new light to what our society deems as destructive,” Howard said. “People use it as a gateway to express themselves in their own situations in life.”

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# Celebration arts festival on hiatus for year

By Abbey Whittington  
Entertainment Editor | @DEN\_News

The annual spring event “Celebration, A Festival of the Arts” will be canceled this year because of the cutbacks and layoffs Eastern had to make without a state appropriation.

Dan Crews, the director of patron services for Doudna and organizer of Celebration, said the year began with the intention to have the festival.

Planning continued until the budget became tighter and notices of layoffs were given to 177 faculty members in early February, one of these members being Crews.

Crews said behind the scenes are plumbers, painters and movers who help put on the festival, but the lack of a budget has affected them as well and is another reason that the event has been canceled.

“If we get through the crisis, then we can bring back Celebration,” Crews said.

Typically the artists, vendors and others involved would have filled out an application and paid a fee to take a part in the event.

Funding has also come from gifts, the Illinois Arts Council, donations from the community and Eastern itself.

Celebration started in 1977, and this would have been the 39th anniversary. Crews’ involvement, originally in public relations, with Celebration began in 1989. He held his original position for four years.

Crews said throughout these years of having the festival, more



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Members of the Mexican Folkloric Company of Chicago perform native dances on April 27, 2014 during the Celebration of the Arts Festival.

than 300,000 people have come to the event.

“The festival has always presented a wide variety of events throughout the weekend,” Crews said. “It was like the final big event of the year or like a Homecoming in spring before finals and graduation.”

The vendors and artists at Celebration included glass blowers, weavers, jewelers, musicians and many other types of artists.

Some of these participants of the event include Robin Willey, a potter, and Sarah Coulter, a weaver, who was at the first Celebration in

1977.

Celebration has not only been for students at Eastern, but has also involved the Charleston and Mattoon communities from the beginning.

“I’m looking at the positive side. Maybe taking a year off will give us an opportunity to evaluate what

people what and what went really well before, and what we’ll need to do differently,” Crews said. “I try to look at the glass as half full rather than half empty.”

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## Student Senate to discuss bike rental possibility

By Analia Haynes  
Administration Editor | @Haynes1943

Student senators and executive members will announce their committee and executive reports during the Student Senate meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Tuscola-Arcola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Maralea Negron, the student speaker of the senate, said in an email to senators that there will not be much to discuss at the meeting aside from the committee and executive reports.

Chris Pickard, the student chair for the university enhancement committee, said he will discuss upcoming

goals at the meeting.

“Right now we’re looking at seeing if there’s interest in a bike share system,” Pickard said. “It’s a company called Zagster and we’re going to have an outreach table to see if students have an interest in it.”

According to the company’s website, Zagster provides campuses, businesses and communities with an easy-to-use bike sharing system that would help meet the university’s goals of providing efficient and convenient transit.

Pickard said it is a really cool program and the committee will set up an outreach table to survey the students and see if there would be a desire to bike on campus.

Pickard said this is the committee’s first step but that they are still looking at other factors that could evolve from the program if students show interest.

“We’re still looking at things like where you can take the bike, who can have access to them, how many bikes to get, different things like that,” Pickard said.

Pickard said they are also trying to decide whether or not it would be too much of a hassle to get the bike and then go to class and figuring out where the bikes will be located on campus.

“I like the idea and if it can be implemented well it would give people the ability to use bikes and not bring

them from home,” Pickard said. “They don’t have to worry about carting them back and forth.”

Pickard said the company will provide the bikes, and there will be a rental process for students.

However, he said there are options to make it free. It just depends on how the bikes will be paid for in the first place.

“Eastern is fairly small, so biking would be fun,” Pickard said. “It’s definitely a way to go green.”

Pickard said he will pass around a sign-up sheet at the meeting for people to volunteer to work the outreach table.

Students can take the survey from noon to 3 p.m. on March 3 outside

of the Food Court in the Union.

Pickard said his committee has been working with Pride and looking at implementing gender-neutral bathrooms on campus, specifically in the classroom buildings and the Union.

“We felt there weren’t any there,” Pickard said. “They are on campus but we want to make sure they are everywhere on campus.”

Pickard said they are looking at plans to convert some areas but are waiting for funds to come in to implement those plans.

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## Letter to the Editor

### Contact your legislators

What my students want to know is how one man got this much power over their future.

Public universities are in crisis mode. But the governor will fund higher education only if he gets even more power over the budget.

He created this crisis; now he is using it. And he's clearly willing to wait. Meanwhile, Illinois citizens are losing jobs and educational opportunities right now.

Since over-riding the governor's veto seems to be the only path forward, we need to find some heroes in the Illinois legislature.

Surely some of the holdouts care more about constituents than campaign funds—or want to call their soul their own. Let's ask them.

Fern Kory, English professor



Mackenzie Freund

### Talk problems out in person

I cannot count the number of times that I can be walking around campus and hear people talking about others and wonder if they are talking to the people they have a problem with.

Granted, I am the same way sometimes.

I will talk about what others do that bothers me, but it is more of a rant to clear my head.

If there was a bigger situation, I try to talk to the person I have an issue with.

The thing that people do not seem to understand is that it is OK to bring up your issues to someone who did something to you.

Why are we so afraid of confrontation that we would rather deal with people behind a computer screen or a cell phone?

The amount of technology that we rely on is outrageous because it inhibits the way we deal with others.

If there was a possible situation in the future between you and a co-worker, your boss will most likely want to talk to both of you to work it out instead having the problem continue.

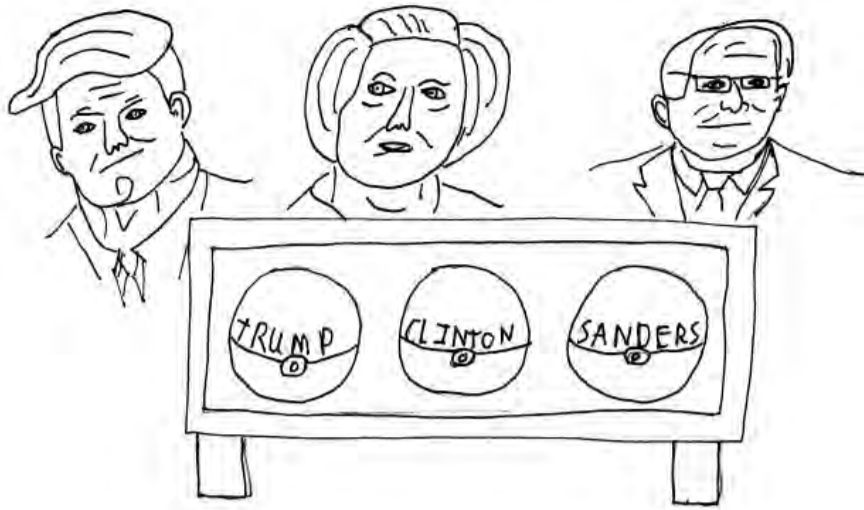
If we spend all of our time behind a screen, will we really be successful when it is time to deal with the problems in person?

We need to start confronting our problems at the source and not rely on technology to hide behind.

Technology has a way of twisting our words, and honestly, it is hard to hear how angry, upset, or hurt someone is through an email.

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## The Toughest Decision



Choose wisely....

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## Staff Editorial

# MAP Grant veto was disappointing

As promised, Gov. Bruce Rauner vetoed SB2043 that would have provided \$373 million for MAP Grants and about \$324.4 million for community colleges in Illinois.

While the funding for community colleges would not have helped Eastern specifically, the money for the Monetary Award Program Grants would have gone to students who pay their tuition to the university.

In an article from *NBC Chicago*, Rauner said the bill would make the budget deficit in the state even worse.

Rauner also said the bill would put a strain on social service providers and people who are already suffering from state's spending.

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission estimated that the \$373 million the bill proposed would have provided assistance to 125,000 to 130,000 eligible students.

Even though most people could foresee that Rauner would not approve the bill, especially after he neglected to mention higher education funding during his budget address

and asserted not to sign anything that overspent, the decision is still a disappointment.

According to an article in Tuesday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, several Eastern students were concerned and even fearful for their futures after the veto.

Some would not have been able to attend Eastern in the first place without the assistance of MAP Grants, and others anticipated having to take out student loans and end up in more debt without financial assistance.

For example, Kaitlyn Price, a senior accounting major, said she had the MAP Grant for all four years she was in college and cannot imagine students not having that essential assistance available.

"How are we supposed to become better people? How is our future supposed to grow if you're taking away possibilities for kids who are going to school? It's disgusting," Price said in the article.

Price articulated perfectly the sentiment most Illinois residents are feeling regarding funding for higher education.

Rauner's proposed 30 percent cut to higher education, which in effect has translated into a 100 percent cut without a budget, was drastic enough.

But to deny students financial assistance such as the MAP Grant is to take away their opportunities to have a bright and successful future in this state.

If students looking to go to college cannot get the assistance they need in state, they will have no choice but to turn to schools in other states.

Many people choose to stay in Illinois because of in-state tuition and MAP and Pell Grants, but without that help, the incentive is gone and people will have more reasons to look elsewhere.

Wanting the state to stay out of debt is a noble cause, but the economy can only thrive so far without trained and educated residents.

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

# You're not owed anything for being nice

Rejection sucks. I get that. It's an emotional gut punch sometimes and getting over the person who rejected you can take a while.

But there is an abundance of people who have a sense of entitlement. They think because they were nice they are "owed" a relationship.

These people who are mostly guys are known as the "nice guy."

For starters, I am not saying being a decent, nice person is a bad thing.

Everyone should be civil and treat one another like human beings.

No one likes people who are constantly rude to them or won't give them the time of day.

However, being nice should be the default. You shouldn't get "awards" for being nice. And you aren't owed a relationship or anything more for being nice.

At the most, other people should treat you nicely back as well.

That's it, and nothing else is owed to you.

On the Internet people like to complain that the people they like don't like them back because they are somehow too nice.

Here's the thing: if there's no mutual attraction or they don't feel anything toward



Mace Mackiewicz

you, they don't have to date you. No matter how "nice" you were to them.

If you are rejected, it's time to work on moving on. Don't complain online about how "nice guys" always finish last.

Chances are she or he didn't reject you because you were too nice.

If they did, they might have saw through the nice guy façade and realized what you were really after.

Holding the door open for people, being polite and overall not being a jerk isn't something special you get an award for.

No matter how often you tip your fedora and say "m'lady."

I'm sick of seeing people on Yik Yak,

Twitter and Facebook sharing a comic about a girl saying she wishes a good guy would come along only to realize she rejected the "nice guy."

Also, people who don't like you romantically do not owe you a "good" explanation as to why they won't date you.

It's their choice and sometimes it sucks to hear, but it's not their responsibility to give you an explanation or try to make you feel better from the rejection.

There's been a string of posts online of people saying since being nice doesn't work that they're going to start being jerks to women.

This is where the "nice guys" reveal their true colors. If you were only nice because it thought it would get you a relationship, then you probably weren't such a "nice guy."

As I said at the beginning, rejection sucks, but it's important to move toward getting over it.

Do not blame others for your rejection and do not harass the person who rejected you. It hurts to be rejected but it's not the end of the world.

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They are planning on getting organizations such as the Blue Crew, honors fraternities, cheerleaders and Greek Life to be at the game and hold up signs as well.

Fund EIU will be giving out T-shirts that were donated to the group at the game.

Faith Aguilar, a freshman health studies major, and Smith got involved with Fund EIU after being emailed by English professor Michael Kuo.

Smith said she supported the cause of funding Eastern even before Kuo emailed her.

"Eastern's a great school," Smith said. "You get this feeling of being at home."

Smith said she has grown close to the faculty in the art department, which helped her feel at home.

Aguilar said she has been seeing the effects of the budget crisis in social groups, where people have been talking about how worried they are for the school.

Smith said they had a lot more ideas for Fund EIU and they are gathering thoughts and getting everything together.

Aguilar said they were wanting to



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Ralliers hold up signs and chant on the steps of the Doudna Fine Arts Center during the Fund EIU rally on Feb. 5.

do fundraisers, more pep rallies and even take more buses to Springfield.

Both said they were surprised at the attention FundEIU was getting.

Aguilar said she saw someone share a post on Facebook about a

building service worker getting laid off that was then shared by many other people.

Aguilar said posts like these helped to raise awareness, too.

"Everyone's so nice," Smith said. Aguilar said the Fund EIU rally was bigger than she expected.

"It was definitely really powerful," Aguilar said.

Smith said it really showed how much people cared about the school.

"I think it's definitely opening a lot of students' eyes, and (telling them) OK, I really need to be set on helping Eastern be heard," Smith said.

Aguilar said the more people who come on Thursday, the bigger the affect will be.

"The group makes me realize there is really a bigger picture," Aguilar said. "The school, the population, Charleston in general."

Students can help make signs for the game 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Bridge Lounge.

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# One-Act Play Festival to have student directors

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Two student-directed plays, "Lover's Quarrel" and "Corps Value" will be showing at the One-Act Play Festival 7 p.m. on Thursday in the Black Box Theatre.

Senior theater majors Jason Tague and Imani McDaniel will be directing. Both of the students got the position after doing well in a directing class, a prerequisite for theater majors.

"Lover's Quarrel" was written by Tague and will be directed by him, while McDaniel will be directing "Corps Value," written by Brendon Bates, who is a screenwriter and educator.

Tague said the department does not usually allow students to write the plays they direct; however, since Tague wants to write and direct in the future, he was able to make his own play.

Tague said "Lover's Quarrel" is a serious play for a more mature audience about the problems in a couple's marriage.

The play will feature a theatrical gunshot during the show.

"The two do still love each other, but the love is kind of lost," Tague said. "When a friend of the wife comes back, there are even more issues between them and it escalates from there."

Tague said this opportunity has

helped him learn about the writing and directing process along with developing his own process for his future works.

McDaniel is directing "Corps Value," a play about a father and his son who has just lost his mother. In the story, the son is in the Marines, just like his father was during the Vietnam War.

After the son attends his mother's funeral and experiences an injury from a car bomb, he questions the morality of the war he is fighting in and returns home.

The father tries to stop his son from making this decision, but his son is determined to convince the dad of what he believes is the right thing

to do.

The play focuses heavily on loyalty and traditions within families.

McDaniel said that as the director she has to work with the actors in order to show the audience her interpretation of "Corps Value."

"This position has helped me better my interactions with others as far as leadership goes," McDaniel said.

McDaniel said this opportunity will prepare her for when she pursues a career in theatre.

Richele Miller, assistant stage manager for "Corps Value," has been working alongside McDaniel to help with the play's production.

Assistant managers take care of costuming, set design, props and making

sure the actors are where they need to be.

"It makes me really happy that EIU is allowing this event to happen for students," Miller said. "It's been a really good experience for everyone involved, especially for those that are going to pursue a career in theatre."

All production for the plays has been student driven, from the writing and directing to costume and set design.

Tickets for the event are \$12 for general admission, \$10 for seniors and employees and \$5 for students.

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However, this year, they were not able to provide funding as they had in the past.

They were still able to raise all the money themselves.

"Regardless of what we're faced with here at EIU, whether we be students, faculty or staff, EIU members of this

community, when faced with adversity, don't give up," Donsbach said.

Sen. Dale Righter said this impasse is a result of what has been happening in Springfield for almost 20 years.

"The year end, year out, spending more money every year than the taxpayers can afford," Righter said.

Righter said is supportive of HB6409 and the attachment bill SB3044, and people cannot ask for a bill they cannot pay for.

He said the attachments were ways to pay for the bill by finding money somewhere else or changing the system.

"The day where we can simply write a check and worry about covering it later is gone," Righter said. "We have to pay for what we say we're going to spend."

Righter said the money would have to be paid back at some point, but the bills introduced today are not long-

term solutions.

"If we can't find a long-term solution, then let's find a short-term solution and work on a long-term solution," Righter said.

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**The New York Times Crossword**

- ACROSS**
- 1 Soaks so as to extract flavor
  - 7 Late-night host before Carson
  - 11 Fare for the toothless
  - 14 "Clearly Different" eye care chain
  - 15 Aunt of Prince William
  - 16 Sénat accord
  - 17 Like some top-quality kitchen oil
  - 19 Org. originally known as the National Congress of Mothers
  - 20 Sci-fi visitors
  - 21 Cross-dressing Streisand character
  - 22 Arsenal stock
  - 24 Refusing to listen
  - 26 Delta locale
  - 29 "Loot" playwright Joe
  - 31 Word abbreviated on fight cards
  - 32 Branch out
  - 37 Slangy rebuttal to 65-Across
  - 38 Exchange program for preschoolers?
  - 41 Help for the puzzled
  - 42 Adopts, as a stray
  - 43 Treat, as table salt
  - 45 Schnapps flavoring
  - 49 Cocktail made by combining the ends of 17-, 26- and 38-Across
  - 54 Battle of Normandy town
  - 55 Passed with ease
  - 56 Charles who wrote "Peg Woffington"
  - 58 Unedited, as footage
  - 59 Online Q&A session

- DOWN**
- 1 Brand of skimpy swimwear
  - 2 One who might type "OMG" or "CYA"
  - 3 Bothers no end
  - 4 Veer off course
  - 5 Ump's call after "Time!"
  - 6 Break off completely
  - 7 Fifth installment of a miniseries
  - 8 Con man's scheme
  - 9 DiFranco who created Righteous Babe Records
  - 10 Label again, as a file
  - 11 Top 40 fare
  - 12 Pitch-correcting audio processor
  - 13 With 44-Down, "Butterfly" Golden Globe winner
  - 18 Common pasta suffix
  - 23 Deposits of glacial debris
  - 25 Temporarily
  - 60 Dickens classic ... and, phonetically, two garnishes for a 49-Across?
  - 63 Place for pickles
  - 64 Fall clearance item?
  - 65 "Quite correct"
  - 66 Nativity scene beast
  - 67 Declare
  - 68 Some decaf orders

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- PUZZLE BY HERRE SCHOUWERWOU**
- 27 Many KOA patrons
  - 28 "The buck stops here" prez
  - 30 Tennis ball fuzz
  - 33 Stave off
  - 34 Tax planner's recommendation, for short
  - 35 The first "A" of 59-Across
  - 36 Plumbing joint
  - 38 Scenes in shoeboxes, say
  - 39 Vehicles for the Unusers
  - 40 Big wheel
  - 41 Went underground
  - 44 See 13-Down
  - 46 Under threat
  - 47 Top-shelf
  - 48 Guides for D.I.Y.'ers
  - 50 Toddler's wheels
  - 51 "When will \_\_\_ learn?"
  - 52 Lassie's turndown
  - 53 "The Wire" actor \_\_\_ Elba
  - 57 James who sang "At Last"
  - 59 Steely Dan album of 1977
  - 61 Where many people solve crosswords, for short
  - 62 Successfully woo

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

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# Men's tennis team looks forward to OVC opponents

By Tyler McCluskey  
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The Eastern men's tennis teams record currently sits at 2-6. The Panthers have lost three straight matches, and in those three matches have only earned one point, which was against the University of Illinois-Chicago.

Despite the Panthers' record, the team still feels positive from the season so far.

"Things are pretty much what I expected in terms of results and growth," coach Sam Kercheval said.

For the week of Feb. 9, senior Ryan Henderson won Ohio Valley Conference Co-Player of the Week, which he shares with Tennessee State's Shashank Nautiyal.

"We're starting to play the big points a lot better," senior Robert Skolik said.

Kercheval said he is happy with what he has seen from the team this season and said that the most important thing is to keep the right mindset leading up to conference play.

"I expected we would make big strides quickly, as we got matches and that has definitely been the case," Kercheval said. "We have played a number of strong teams so nothing will surprise us when we get to conference play."

The Panthers' first OVC match will be home at the Darling Courts against Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville on March 20.

The Panthers are using these early season games to get experience and work towards their goal of the OVC championship. The Panthers are off this week, but will take on a non-conference opponent of Marquette on Saturday, March 5 and then a week later will take on DePaul.

"All these matches are for experience, learning how to win the big points," Skolik said. "You try to imagine your-



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Red-shirt senior Jacob Wendell serves during a practice game in Lantz Fieldhouse on Tuesday. The Panthers are 2-6 overall.

self in the conference match, but you know it's still four weeks away and you still have time to work on what you need to work on."

SIUE's record stands at 3-6. Its most recent win came against Western Illinois 7-0 on Saturday. On that same day the Cougars lost to Northern Illinois 7-0. Matthew Hutchinson was nominated for OVC Player of the Week this week, but Eastern Kentucky's Guillem Sanchis won. The Cougars swept all six of their singles matches and also swept the three doubles matches. Against NIU, the Cougars were swept in all of

their matches.

After the Panthers face SIUE, their next two conference matches will be away. They will take on Murray State March 25. Murray State is currently 1-5 for the year. Their only win came against Olivet Nazarene University, 4-3.

The Racers will have five matches before they face the Panthers, taking on Vanderbilt, Louisville, Lipscomb. Then they begin OVC play against Morehead State, then Eastern Kentucky.

The Racers will take on Vanderbilt this weekend. The Racers' last match was on Saturday against South Da-

kota State where they lost 2-5. At the No.1 spot, sophomore Will True defeated SDSU's Lovro Curcija 4-6, 7-5, 11-9. Sophomore Marcel Ueltzhoeffer won against Henrique Pereira 7-6, 6-4. These were the only two points they won from this match, but they did win one of three doubles matches.

The Panthers will take on Austin Peay the next day after Murray State. Austin Peay is 0-3 on the year. All three of their matches have been close, losing 3-4 to Chattanooga, 2-5 to Lipscomb and 3-6 Southern Indiana. The Governors' next match will be against South-

ern Illinois Carbondale on the Feb. 26. Junior Manuel Montenegro defeated Samuel Kiladejo 6-1, 6-1. Freshman Almantas Ozelis won against Illia Karelin 6-1, 6-4. Those two also won their doubles match 9-8. That was the only doubles win for APSU.

The Panthers begin OVC play on March 20 and will finish out the season with all OVC opponents until the OVC tournament on April 21.

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# Cross country recognized in national academic honors

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The Eastern men's and women's cross country teams were one the 12 teams from the Ohio Valley Conference that earned All-Academic honors for the 2015 season. The teams were selected by the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA).

Junior Riley McInerney was one of four individuals to earn USTFCCCA honors. Riley is a kinesiology and sports studies major and earned a 3.65 GPA.

Riley needed to earn at least a

3.25 GPA and needed to finish in the top 25 at regionals or as an All-American at the national meet to qualify.

Jaime Perales and Amos Kosgey of Eastern Kentucky and Hannah Wittman of Belmont were the other three OVC all-academic honorees.

Team wise, Belmont, Eastern Kentucky, Morehead State and Murray State were selected for the men. Murray State had the highest average GPA at 3.51. Belmont, Eastern Kentucky, Morehead State, Murray State, Southeast Missouri and Tennessee Tech were selected for the women. Morehead State had the highest average GPA at 3.52.

The men earned a team GPA of 3.25 for the fall semester and the women earned a 3.41 fall GPA.

The USTFCCCA selected 171 men's teams and 205 women's teams nationwide at the Division I level. Teams needed at least a 3.0 GPA to qualify.

The Panthers always set the goal to earn high GPAs as a team and individually and push each other to earn them.

"That is always the goal," sophomore Maria Baldwin said. "As a team we have a competition amongst our mentor groups, and amongst the women and men on who can get the highest GPA and we take that pretty

seriously and it gets heated."

The athletes at Eastern have a busy schedule, managing their athletics and also their schoolwork. To help get all of their work done, the teams are assigned study hall hours.

"We are assigned study hall hours where many people get a lot done and find it easy to be focused and more productive," Baldwin said.

The Panthers get recognition for the work they do as athletes, but sometimes the work they do in the classroom goes unnoticed.

Baldwin said she knows that she is here to not only run cross country, but to get an education for her future. She understands the impor-

tance of being a student-athlete.

"We take pride in (getting a high GPA)," Baldwin said. "We always set academic goals along with our athletic goals at team meetings."

The men finished the OVC Championship in second place out of 12 teams and 13th out of 26 teams in the NCAA Midwest Regional this past season. The women also took second place in the OVC Championship, but took a 21st place finish in the NCAA Midwest Regional in a 32-team field.

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## Women's basketball to play final road matchup

By Mark Shanahan  
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The Eastern women's basketball team is set to play its final road game of the season against the conference leader Tennessee-Martin.

Eastern heads into this matchup with an overall record of 3-23 and is 2-12 against conference opponents. They have yet to win a game away from their home court this season. Tennessee-Martin is 10-1 at home this season and is 12-2 in the Ohio Valley Conference. Their overall record is 19-8 on the season.

Tennessee-Martin won the last meeting between the two teams 65-39. Senior Alece Shumpert scored 14 points off the bench for the Panthers in that game, while the remainder of the team only accounted for 25 points.

Shumpert made five of the Panthers' 15 field goals for the night, and made four shots from beyond the arc. Sophomore Grace Lennox was the next leading scorer on the team that night, with six points and three assists.

The Skyhawks of Tennessee-Martin presented a stingy defense, as they held Eastern to a season low of 39 points on offense. This came thanks to 14 steals and 24 forced turnovers, which led to 23 points in transition. Senior Haley Howard led the Skyhawks with 15 points while tallying six rebounds, four assists, three steals and three blocks.

Lennox said Eastern will have to go against Tennessee-Martin's defense by not taking quick shots and finding gaps in their defense.

Tennessee-Martin is currently on a two game winning streak after beating Belmont in a battle of the top two teams in the Ohio Valley Conference. The 81-79 victory over Belmont extended the Skyhawk's OVC home winning streak to 24 games. Howard led the team with 21 points in the game. Teammate Katie Schubert also had a strong game with 17 points, six rebounds, five assists and three steals.

Tennessee-Martin took one step closer to the team's third consecutive OVC Championship with an 86-50 victory over SIU Edwardsville on Saturday evening, marking the team's largest margin of victory this season. Freshman Myah Taylor led the team in this contest with 19 points and six rebounds.

Eastern is heading into this game on a two-game losing streak after an overtime loss to Murray State and a 30 point loss to Southeast Missouri. Lennox talked about the team's mindset heading into the final games of the season.

This has been one of Eastern's biggest losing seasons, so the team is looking to build camaraderie for next season and finish the season off the right way, Lennox said.

The Panthers will play their final road game of the season on Wednesday. Tipoff is scheduled for 8 p.m.

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Former outfielder Caleb Howell steps up to the plate for his turn at bat before he broke the all-time career hits record April, 15 2015 at Coaches Stadium.

## Panthers set to take on No. 3 Vanderbilt

By Jack Arkus  
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After dropping its season opening series against Southern Mississippi, the Eastern Illinois baseball team will head to Nashville to play No. 3 ranked Vanderbilt on Wednesday.

Unlike Eastern, the Commodores will play their fourth home game in a row to start the season.

They come into the contest 3-0 after sweeping San Diego this past weekend. The Panthers will remain on the road until the March 1.

Vanderbilt's program is considered an SEC powerhouse year after year. Virginia spoiled its push for a second consecutive NCAA Championship last June at the College World Series in Omaha.

Former Vanderbilt player Dansby Swanson was drafted first overall

by the Arizona Diamondbacks in the 2015 MLB draft, but was traded to the Atlanta Braves.

Pitcher Carson Fulmer was drafted by the Chicago White Sox eighth overall in the draft.

Eastern had one practice this week, which was on Tuesday after returning from its three-game series against Southern Mississippi. Despite getting swept, head coach Jason Anderson said he feels his team played great and was confident in his young starters.

"We started seven freshmen and sophomores against a pretty good program and I thought we competed well for two of the games, while Saturday's game we need to just take as a learning experience," Anderson said.

Wednesday's line up is looking to be more of a mix up between underclassmen and upperclassmen. In that lineup, pitching for Eastern will be red-

shirt freshman Ben Hughes. Coach Anderson feels that the bullpen may be a key resource, but knows that Hughes will go out there and hold it down for the Panthers, he said.

Expected to pitch for the Commodores is right handed pitcher Patrick Raby, a 6'3" freshman from Knoxville, Tenn. A team like Vanderbilt seems to be a good challenge in Anderson's eyes, and he is eager to see how the Panthers will stack up against them.

A small ball approach against a talented team may be a more viable solution for Eastern on Wednesday.

"Against these types of programs, we are a small ball team," Anderson said. "We are going to take what they give us and hopefully capitalize on some mistakes. Playing sound baseball will give us a better chance to come out with a win."

Anderson does not want his team to

fear any new talent on the Vanderbilt roster. His plan is attack and come prepared as they would against any other team they play, he said.

Being on the road the first few weeks of the season is just another obstacle to overcome for Eastern. Realistically, the team's first home game may not be until late March because of the weather conditions. Until then, the baseball team does try to hold practices on their field while getting some reps in on the turf of O'Brien Field as well.

The Panthers will hit the road at 8 a.m. Wednesday and will head to Arkansas after Vanderbilt for a four-game weekend set. The weather for Wednesday's game was forecast as periods of rain and light wind gusts. The high will be 53 degrees.

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## Eastern football 2016 schedule

9/1/2016 | Western Illinois | Home

9/10/2016 | Miami (Ohio) | Away

9/17/2016 | Illinois State | Away

9/24/2016 | Austin Peay | Home

10/1/2016 | Southeast Missouri | Away

10/8/2016 | Tennessee State | Home

10/15/2016 | Tennessee Tech | Away

10/22/2016 | Murray State | Home

10/29/2016 | Jacksonville State | Away

11/5/2016 | UT Martin | Home

11/19/2016 | Eastern Kentucky | Away