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TOPPEL TAKES TOP CAT

The sports staff selected freshman infielder/ outfielder Dane Toppel as this week's Top Cat.

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The Mollie's War seminar will focus on a Women's Army Corps member during World War II.

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UPI talks reduction in salaries

By Cassie Buchman
Associate News Editor | @cjbuchman

Eastern's chapter of the University Professionals of Illinois had meetings Tuesday to discuss and explain the proposal for a salary reduction the union recently received.

Salaries would be reduced by 5.6 percent of members' annual base contract salary.

The UPI would only be able to get this money back if the university receives the fiscal year 2016 appropriation from the state.

To vote on this proposal, UPI members can see political science professor David Carwell, who is the chair of the balloting committee, or they can go to the Bridge Lounge in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Voting will take place until noon Tuesday, or electronic votes can be sent to the UPI Chicago office. Changes have to be decided on by Friday.

Chemistry professor Barbara Lawrence said she did not think the chances of faculty getting the money back from the salary deferral were good.

"Basically what we're being asked to do is we're being asked to teach for three weeks at the end of the semester without being paid for it," Lawrence said. "On the other hand, I appreciate that people all across campus, such as civil service workers and staff have been laid off and they're having furlough days and everything. I think the faculty should be able to contribute in some way."

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Student Senate to vote on bill of rights

By Analicia Haynes
Administration Editor | @Haynes1943

The Student Senate will be voting on revisions added to the student body spring constitution during its meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The revisions were made by the Student Supreme Court and must be voted on by the Student Senate and the student body.

Shirmeen Ahmad, the student body president, said the revisions are more like additions to the constitution because, unlike before, the Student Supreme Court added a student bill of rights.

"There are two main goals for the addition," Ahmad said. "To get the Student Supreme Court more of a role on campus and to ensure students have different pathways to make sure their voice is heard and their rights aren't violated."

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Dog Days of Spring



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Jake Morrell, a senior communication studies major, walks his dog Buddy, 2, on the Library Quad in front of the Doudna steps Tuesday.

1 arrested, 2 at large after home invasion

Staff Report | @DEN_News

Police responded to a reported home invasion at 8:35 p.m. Friday on the 1400th block of Sixth Street, according to a Charleston Police Department press release.

The Coles County Sheriff's Department and University Police Department were present on scene.

Reports indicated that the suspects were two black males and one black female, all of whom were wearing hoodies.

The two males were reportedly brandishing handguns.

According to the release, officers identified Justin Edwards, 26, of Dolton, in the area.

Police then pursued, captured and arrested Edwards after he attempted to flee on foot.

Anyone with information regarding the suspects are asked to contact the Charleston Po-



Justin Edwards

lice Department at 345-8403 or Coles County Crime Stoppers at 866-345-8488.

A financial award may be given for information through Crime Stoppers.

Pawnshop burglarized, rifles stolen on Friday

Staff Report | @DEN_News

The Charleston Police Department responded Friday to a reported break-in and burglary at the Real Deal Pawn and Gun at 227 State St., according to a CPD press release.

The owner of the pawnshop reported that several rifles had been removed from inside the business. The suspect is a white male about 6 feet tall. He was wearing a red or orange coat with a hood and had his face covered.

Those with information are asked to contact the Charleston Police Department at 345-8403 Coles County Crime Stoppers at 866-345-8488. All information is anonymous.

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Low: 57°



Rain Showers
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Jazz Lab Band to perform on Thursday

By Alex Seidler
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Jazz performers will take the stage for the third time this school year in the spring Jazz Lab Band concert at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday in the Concert Hall in the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Paul Johnston, director of the Jazz Lab Band, said the students are talented at their craft and have gained experience throughout the year.

He said he is grateful to have a community that is supportive of the band at every performance.

"We have a lot of students and a lot of community members who regularly attend these concerts," Johnston said. "It's nice to have a supportive community of folks who appreciate this music."

Johnston said the band rehearses twice a week and consists of about 18 players performing saxophones, trumpets, piano, bass and drums.

Johnston also said he believes people who rarely go to concerts will enjoy these ones because of how skilled the students in the band are.

"Well I think it's exciting, for folks who rarely come to concerts, I think it's really exciting for them to see the students develop," Johnston said. "The band has really worked hard this year and they sound a lot better than they did at the beginning of the year."

Samuel Fagaly, director of jazz studies and professor of saxophone, said he feels confident in the students' performance and in Johnston's ability to lead the band on Thursday.



The EIU Jazz Lab Band performed March 6, 2014 with arrangements that ranged from Miles Davis to Glenn Martin.

"I believe Paul will do an excellent job," Fagaly said. "I expect the students will perform well and I look forward to hearing how they do."

The Jazz Studies program states one of their purposes is to promote jazz as a significant art form indigenous to America.

Christina Farley, a senior music education major and alto saxophone player, said she is excited to perform in the concert.

"It's really exciting and it's going to be a great concert," Farley said. "We always have a lot of fun."

The band performed at Cumberland County High School, Mattoon High School and Moulton Middle School this school year.

Johnston said he is proud of his performers and excited for the concert because he believes the students continue to improve with each performance.

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"It gives us extra performance experience and it's great to share what we've been working on with folks outside of Charleston," Johnston said. "Folks who haven't been to a concert often are surprised that we have this much talent here at Eastern."

The performance is free and open to the public.

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GLAM fashion returns to Eastern with 'Replay'

By Janet Pernel
Staff Reporter | @DEN_News

Glamourizing Ladies and Men modeling, or GLAM, will host a free fashion show called "Replay" at 7 p.m. March 25 in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

"Replay" will be set up like a play mixed in with a fashion show. As GLAM is a modeling organization at Eastern, people in the show will act out traveling back in time and perform scenes from shows that were put on in past semesters.

The scenes will tell a story and present how GLAM has changed over time.

Nia Douglas, secretary of GLAM, said planning the show so far has involved looking at old video clips from YouTube and deciding on which scenes are the best to reenact for the audience.

"This is one of our biggest shows

because of the history and planning that went into it," Douglas said.

The staff members of GLAM are having auditions every day this week until Thursday. Anyone interested in auditioning should come to the Lawson Hall basement at 7:10 p.m. with a two pairs of heels, a wedged heel and a stiletto heel.

People participating in auditions should come dressed in leggings and a tank top. Auditions will be no more than 30 minutes, and walk-ins are accepted.

"We cater to those who are shy and not confident in themselves. They usually build up the confidence to come out and try out and we build up on top of that," Douglas said. "GLAM's main mission is to build confidence and break people out of their shells so that they can become the person they really want to be."

GLAM is not picky when it comes to selecting models for the show. Janai Cooks, president of GLAM, said

GLAM is about having unity, diversity and the vision to empower and welcome everyone.

"We want to elevate their self-esteem and confidence within themselves. It plays a really big role," Cooks said. "We accept models of all shapes and sizes. We're really big on diversity. We never want them to feel uncomfortable."

Each staff member is willing to help the models become better at their technique during practice. In practice, models will also be assisted with how to handle modeling in the actual industry.

"We believe in you. No matter how rough your walk may be, we know we can shape you up. We know we can give you the key elements of a model in the actual industry," Cooks said. "If you were to go to an actual agency, they'll say 'Oh someone was working with you.'"

During the show, members of the audience will have a chance to interact

with the people putting the show together. There will be a chance for the audience to show their talents as well.

There will also be a challenge called "Walk Like a Model."

Members of the audience will have to participate on the stage and give their best walk, like that of a model.

"This gives other students on campus an opportunity to showcase their talents to the university," Douglas said. "The atmosphere is very welcoming, we're like a family, we don't discriminate. We take anybody in from any race, religion, sexual orientation, we do not care and we try to fit it to make sure everyone is comfortable."

Members of GLAM are seeking someone at Eastern to host the show alongside Miss Black EIU 2016.

"Our goal is to just show up and show out," Douglas said. "GLAM is here to stay and this is our history."

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NRHH selling T-shirts to fund scholarships

By Abbey Whittington
Entertainment Editor | @DEN_News

The National Residence Hall Honorary have tables set out in the Library Quad in front of the Doudna Fine Arts Center for its annual spring T-shirt sale. All of the money made from the sales will go toward Housing and Dining scholarships.

Greta Dieter, secretary of NRHH and a junior political science major, and Sydney Rohmann, sustainability coordinator and a junior psychology major, are involved in running the T-shirt table.

For this semester, NRHH sold St. Patrick's Day themed T-shirts, and last fall, the service group sold breast cancer awareness shirts.

Dieter said from the breast cancer awareness shirt sales, NRHH has made \$4,000 to \$5,000. She also said the NRHH donated \$2,000 to research after the shirt sales were over.

The shirts saying, "I shamrock EIU," are made by Dieter and come in short sleeves for \$10 and baseball sleeves for \$15. Both shirts can be purchased for \$20.

"There are different scholarships where the people who receive the scholarship are nominated for it, and after a selection process that person is announced at the end of the year," Rohmann said.

NRHH was established in 1965 with a goal to recognize students who have made an impact in residential life,

which includes recognition through awards given by the Of the Month Committee and the Of the Year Committee.

The three NRHH and RHA scholarships funded by the T-shirt sales are announced at the Residence Hall Association end of the year banquet.

The Louis V. Hencken Housing Service Scholarship recognizes outstanding on-campus student leaders.

Nominees must be fulltime Eastern students, be in their first year of graduate school, have an active role in the Residence Hall Association or individual housing units governing organization, and have a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher.

A minimum of three awards for the Hencken scholarship will be given out at the banquet.

There are four awards for students based on how many years of service they have done in the housing department. Each award is a different amount with the one-year service award being 10 percent of the scholarship funds and the four-year service awards being 40 percent of the funds.

The Sean R. McKinney Scholarship recognizes the contributions of a first year student to the on-campus students and housing programs. Nominees must be a student enrolled with two or fewer semesters at Eastern. This does not include the semester the student is nominated in. The student should strive to improve the lives of student residents, unselfishly rendered his or her service



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Greta Dieter, junior political science major, presents a shirt from the annual National Residence Hall Honorary T-shirt sale to John Jaso, a junior history major, on Monday afternoon.

to the housing program, have a cumulative GPA of 2.25 before nomination, and remain in a residence hall the following academic year.

The Richard G. Enochs Scholarship recognizes a leader in the on-campus community. Nominees for this scholarship must be a sophomore, junior, senior or graduate student with the inten-

tion of returning to Eastern in the fall after being selected, a student of outstanding personal character and scholastic achievement, and must reside in university housing at the time of nomination and the fall semester of the following year.

Any hall council or housing professional staff member can make nomina-

tions for the three scholarships.

The members of NRHH will be selling the shirts all week in the Library Quad as well the South Quad in front of Coleman Hall from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Speaker to recount her mother's WWII military career

By Abbey Whittington
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The Academy of Lifelong Learning will be hosting a seminar at 4 p.m. on Friday in the Coles County Airport's Lockard Room.

The seminar, titled "Mollie's War," will focus on a Women's Army Corps member during World War II.

Mollie Weinstein Schaffer was one of the first women to be a member of the WAC.

Presenting Schaffer's life story is her daughter, Cyndee Schaffer, who will be drawing upon experts from letters

Schaffer sent home during the war.

Bridget DeLaurentis, intern for the Academy of Lifelong Learning, said Schaffer was one of the few women who was involved with WWII aside from being a nurse.

DeLaurentis said the Academy is always looking for ways to present learning experiences for their audiences.

DeLaurentis said having a presenter at the event who was directly affected by these experiences story makes for an interesting and unique experience.

Cyndee Schaffer wrote the novel "The Letters of a World War II WAC

in Europe: Mollie's War" with her mother.

The novel focused on what her mother and the other WACs went through in the war along with Cyndee Schaffer's perspective of when she received the letters from her mother while she was at war.

Mollie Schaffer died in 2011.

"I think it's really cool that the two (Mollie and Cyndee) wrote the book together and that each of them put their own perspective in the book," DeLaurentis said.

The seminar will touch on Schaffer's basic training in Florida during

1943 and being stationed in London with fellow WACs the day before and after D-Day and the German bomb attacks.

Two months after D-Day, the women were transferred to Normandy, then Paris after its liberation with the Allies. After Paris the WACs went to Germany and witnessed the Holocaust before returning to the U.S. in 1945 with a dramatic view of the Statue of Liberty.

"I do not think a lot of people are aware of women being involved in World War II other than bringing nurses," DeLaurentis said. "I think

it will be an eye-opening experience to hear about a first-hand experience from Cyndee and her letters along with when her mother when she came back."

Students and faculty interested in attending the seminar can call the Academy of Lifelong Learning's office or sign up by going to their office in Blair Hall Room 2201.

The presentation will last until 5:30 p.m. There will be a fee of \$17 for non-members and \$14 for members.

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Letter to the Editor

Illinois denied resources to help improve lives in state

To the editor,

Illinois is not broke.

The people of Illinois have simply been denied the resources to improve their lives.

Whereas Illinois is the 13th wealthiest state in the U.S., it is 47th in spending per capita on education, healthcare and human services.

Budgets have two sides: revenue and expenses.

We've been hearing a lot about the need to cut expenses.

Let's talk about the revenue side.

With its regressive tax structure, Illinois taxes its poorest citizens at the fourth highest rate in the nation while taxing its wealthiest citizens at the 11th lowest rate.

On account of the decrease in the Illinois income tax rate in January 2015, Illinois' richest person is expected to save \$16.3 million on his annual tax bill, an amount equal to half of the annual state appropriation to Chicago State University and over 20 percent of the total cost of the MAP grants already promised to our most needy students.

By way of contrast, consider Minnesota. By raising tax rates on the richest 1 percent, Minnesota generated an additional \$1.3 billion in annual revenue and increased funding for education by \$485 million annually, in addition to increasing childcare credits and improving affordable access to healthcare. Its economy is thriving.

By providing its people with real opportunity and taking care of their fundamental needs, Minnesota is prospering.

It is long past time that we, the people of Illinois, demanded a "people's agenda," one that is dedicated to improving the quality of life for all.

Charles Delman, professor of mathematics

Submitting Letters

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Please include a headline as well.

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Staff Editorial

Rauner continues political blame game

Let's all take a step back for a minute to process the fact that Gov. Bruce Rauner said the word "Eastern."

It was almost jarring, as we have all gotten used to his silence in the face of our university's concerns.

But on Monday when the pro U.S. Rep. John Shimkus tour stopped in Mattoon, Rauner began with comments about how Eastern and MAP grants need to be funded before he went into promoting Shimkus' reelection campaign.

It's nice to know that on some level, our voices are being heard. Whether it was all of the Eastern students rallying in Springfield, the massive Fund EIU rally held on our campus, or the flood of individuals contacting his office—Rauner knew he would not be able to stop in a location so close to Eastern without touching on one of this community's greatest concerns.

After neglecting to even mention higher education funding during his annual budget address in February despite hundreds of protesters from public universities across the state, this certainly appears to be a step in the right direction.

However, it wasn't long before Rauner fell

back into the same old rhetoric that has been perpetuating the budget stalemate all this time.

Essentially, he said everything is Madigan's fault.

His sentiments were that if House Speaker Michael Madigan would only agree to his reforms, stop demanding tax hikes, etc., Illinois would have \$160 million to fund its universities "right today."

Instead of talking about what his opponents and everyone else needs to be doing to solve this, it would have been great to hear what Rauner himself has done to work toward a solution.

If compromises are on the horizon, what are they? When can we expect answers?

That's not to say the Democratic party in Springfield is not at fault, but when we've gotten to month nine without a budget, the blame game has become exhausting to listen to.

Not surprisingly, many Eastern faculty members were present Monday at the venue, Stadium Bar & Grill, and expected to be able to listen to Rauner speak and ask him questions.

Those who arrived carrying picket signs

were not allowed entrance into the restaurant, so some ended up congregating outside in protest of the lack of higher education funding.

The Shimkus team and restaurant management were hesitant to allow pro-Eastern people into the backroom where the politicians were speaking, so many ended up sitting in another area where they could not hear what was being said.

Obviously, Rauner and Shimkus' whole point for being there was not to talk about Eastern; it was to promote Shimkus' campaign.

But this does illustrate what a strange and dire situation Eastern is in.

In any normal year, university employees would not have been feared but welcomed.

At the risk of tomato throwing, sign holding, or even innocent question asking, they were literally and metaphorically pushed aside.

Through all of this, though, Eastern has proven with persistence, activism and compassion that no matter how small we are, our community truly is a family that will not go down quietly.

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

Dear Donald: I have a request for you

Let me make this as clear as possible; I do not support Donald Trump and his silly presidential campaign at all. I truly believe he is just playing the part of some character that really does not represent who he is at all.

Trump is playing off the emotions of the scared, ignorant, closed-minded and uneducated population, which apparently makes up a convincing percentage of the Republican Party.

As ridiculous as the idea is of having a president who has made appearances in movies like *Home Alone 2*, hosted his own reality television series and has been given "The Stunner" by Stone Cold Steve Austin, it is still a very realistic possibility.

We have to prepare for it just as we have to prepare for the chance of being involved in a car accident on our morning commute. It is very possible, but we sure as hell hope it does not happen.

Trump's campaign slogan is "Make America Great Again." That's all fine, and I truly agree with the sentiment. I mean America has some downsides, but I



Jihad Abbed

am unable to honestly say I would prefer another country.

But let us talk about some really simple issues, which would really make us great again. People do not come to America for the cool political leaders; they come for the enhanced quality of life and the sense of product availability.

I am right now, if he wins the election, calling for Trump to push America to be the best Internet provider. Internet as we

know it was created in the United States and yet we have nowhere near the best Internet speeds in the world.

The United States barely edges its way into the top 10 countries for Internet speeds, according to an Akamai Technologies report. Eastern European countries have us beat.

That is right. There are people in the Czech Republic who have never seen their Netflix stream drop from impeccable high definition to blurred faces for 10 minutes.

That is not fair. This is America. We should be a country of frontiersmen and women, leaders not followers.

We already know where Trump stands on the topic of free speech. Spoiler alert: he does not like it. I am not sure how such a poor sport unable to take criticism that forces away those expressing their First Amendment right thinks he can make America great again.

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200 canned goods donated following Alpha stroll event

By **Jakira Smith**
Staff Reporter | @DEN_News

About 200 canned goods were donated Friday at the "Stroll Like an Alpha" event and will go to the EIU Food Pantry.

"Stroll Like an Alpha" is a competition that allows women at Eastern to stroll like the men of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

Phillip Love, the president of the fraternity, said each year the event is all about fun. Love also helped coach the women who participated.

"The purpose behind it was to give the campus something fun to come out to, as well as give the ladies on campus a chance to stroll like Alphas," Love said.

Darien Ghostone, Alpha Phi Alpha's vice president, was one of the coaches. The winning team, InTENSiPHled, was rewarded with \$350 from the fraternity.

The monetary donations will go to March of Dimes, a non-profit organization that works to improve the health of mothers and babies. Kendel Fields, a member of Alpha Phi Alpha, said any donation is a good one.

"Not only did the audience contribute to the donations, but the men of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity did as well," Fields said. "We started the donations off with 50 canned goods,

and the rest was the crowd's participation."

The Alphas were anticipating a great outcome.

"We knew we were going to have a large crowd, so the larger the crowd the more donations we would receive," Fields said. "This year we had the president of the university come out, it was good to see him in the crowd as well."

Love said the contest was so packed that they ran out of chairs. Ghostone said this year's event was successful.

"It was a lot of fun, it was definitely one of the best one's we've had," Ghostone said.

"Stroll Like an Alpha" goes on each spring semester, so the men of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity will return next year to see who can really stroll like an Alpha.

"We love to mingle and interact with the campus and bring us together as one," Fields said. "The event was great, each year we always have a large crowd, so that's a good turn out."

Stroll like an Alpha is a national program and has been around for over a decade, Love said.

"I expect for the crowds and the competition to increase," Love said.

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Feeling Cheery



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Danielle Gawlik, an elementary education major, practices with the cheer team in the South Quad on Tuesday.

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Originally, the student body constitution made no mention of the rights held by students, according to the rationale for the additions and revisions.

The addition ensures the protection of students' rights, Ahmad said, and is in accordance with university disciplinary procedures.

They will also ensure that the Student Supreme Court will have access to judicial review over certain student cases.

Ahmad said by having judicial review, the Student Supreme Court will know what to do in certain cases, be able to handle them and give students a place to go with their problems.

Ahmad said in the past, the Student Supreme Court has not had much of a role.

She this is a way to get that group involved and make sure they are not bypassing original (university) disciplinary processes.

"It puts them on the board," Ahmad said. "They are another voice for students."

The bill of rights will consist of five articles.

Ahmad said the main focus will be on Article I: Freedom of Expression, Article II: Classroom Rights, and Article III: Due Process.

According to the constitution's revised preamble, students will have inalienable rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution and all rights and protections granted by university policy.

Ahmad said that if students feel like their rights that will be protected under the addition of a bill of rights are violated, they can put in a petition.

The Student Supreme Court can then explain the process the student has to go through and whether or not they can represent the student.

The revision was looked at by the university and is more up to date versus the original constitution, which was last updated in 2014 and did not have a bill of rights, Ahmad said.

If the Student Senate approves the revision, it will be sent out with the ballot for the executive positions through email so students can vote.

The Student Senate will also vote on approval of the Red Cross Blood Drive Committee as a registered student organization.

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Lawrence said she knows a lot of her colleagues would be put into a rough situation because of the salary reduction. She said she thought the language was vague in the proposal.

Sue Gosse, a professor in the nursing program, said the proposal language was convoluted and difficult to understand, and the paycheck provisions had a lot of loopholes.

Because Gosse's husband is retired, she is the primary income earner, so she said the salary reduction would be the loss of "a chunk of change" and she would have to change the budget situation in her household.

Economics professor Teshome Abebe said members in attendance expressed concern regarding the welfare of all employees at the university as well as the welfare of the community.

Jeannie Ludlow, coordinator of women's studies, said when she first saw the proposal it broke her heart.

"I think this proposal makes very

concrete just how effective the governor and the General Assembly's bullying of EIU and in specific higher education has been," Ludlow said.

Ludlow said while she was in a privileged position being an associate professor with a partner who has a job and an independent son, she knows how it feels to be an Annually Contracted Faculty member at her previous institution.

Ludlow said when she was an ACE, if someone told her \$900 of her paycheck would be taken away, she would have been done.

"I wouldn't have been able to feed my child," Ludlow said. "I wouldn't have been able to have health care for him."

She said what breaks her heart is people whose pay are lower and whose positions are less compensated than hers who will be hurt by the salary reduction.

Ludlow said members had diverse

opinions about the situation, with some storming out of the meeting.

"All we can do is sacrifice to try and make things better," Ludlow said. "We're at the point where we have to decide, are we going to pay our electric bill? And it's an awful place to be, but you can live through it."

Ludlow said one of the things discussed in the meeting was the idea of people who could afford to give more doing so, and people who could not giving less.

Billy Hung, media coordinator for UPI, said members had legitimate concerns on whether to accept the proposal or not, most of which being that it was poorly put together and confusing.

One glaring issue Hung noted was in the provisions, as members would only get their deferred pay back if the university gets its fiscal year 2016 appropriation.

Hung said this means if Eastern

does not get money for fiscal year 2016 but the state gives the appropriation for fiscal year 2017, the faculty will not see that money or any excess money.

Hung said there was a strong consensus among members about which parts were problematic, but there was some disagreement on what to do about these problems.

He said some said it was too ambiguous to accept, but others said they might be taken advantage of in the long run but they still need to support the university.

"Nobody said they don't want to give up money," Hung said.

Hung said people need time to digest the information, and the anger was not at the proposal but at the structural and historical factors that led to the situation.

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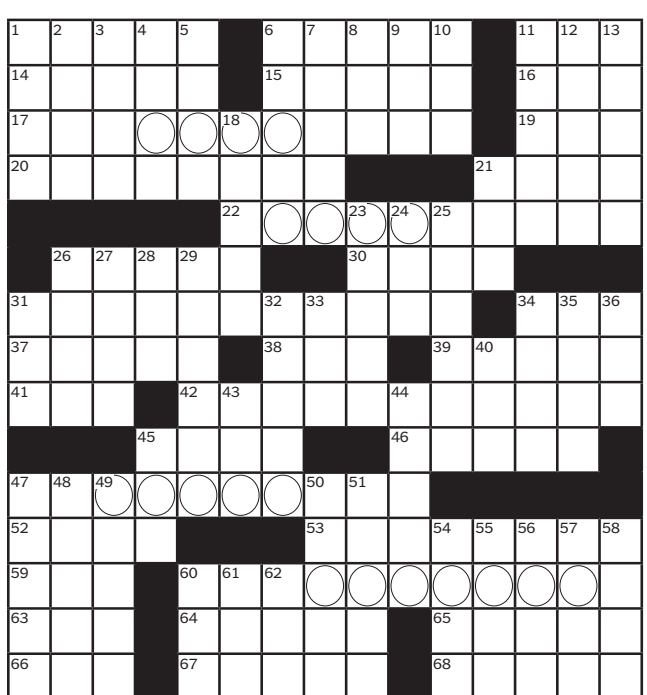
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 - 11 Take to the hills?
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 - 15 HI hi
 - 16 QB Brady
 - 17 Seize the reins
 - 19 Bauxite or galena
 - 20 Fall guy?
 - 21 What pi may be used to find
 - 22 Female lead in "Gattaca" and "Kill Bill"
 - 26 Drive away
 - 30 Tirade
 - 31 Bourgeoisie ... or a description of each group of circled letters?
 - 34 Sound from a terrier
 - 37 Genre of Isaac Asimov's "Foundation"
- DOWN**
- 38 Avail
 - 39 Concur
 - 41 Adjust, as a watch
 - 42 Baseball position ... or a description of each group of circled letters?
 - 45 Barn neighbor
 - 46 Itty-bitty
 - 47 In eager anticipation
 - 52 F.B.I. action
 - 53 Superstate in "1984"
 - 59 Avail oneself of
 - 60 Followers of Lord Voldemort
 - 63 Beseech
 - 64 Go around in circles
 - 65 What might get an A1 application?
 - 66 "What ___ the odds?!"
 - 67 Some Arizona flora

- 68 Grosses**
- DOWN**
- 1 Pepper and others: Abbr.
 - 2 Maximum
 - 3 Gross
 - 4 Barely obtained, with "out"
 - 5 Focal points
 - 6 "The Hunger Games" nation
 - 7 Very, very
 - 8 "Neither snow ___ rain ..."
 - 9 However, in brief
 - 10 "My Gal ___" (song classic)
 - 11 Hurricane, e.g.
 - 12 Land partitioned in 1945
 - 13 "That is to say ..."
 - 18 Future seed
 - 21 "___ washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life": Picasso

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- 32 Group of established works
 - 33 Put a match to
 - 34 God whose name is a homophone of a zodiac sign
 - 35 Count (on)
 - 36 Made dinner for
 - 40 Cotton ___
 - 43 ___ Whitney
 - 44 Witherspoon of "Legally Blonde"
 - 45 Down
 - 47 Dutch Caribbean island
 - 48 Surgical beam
 - 49 Feudal lord
 - 50 Question sometimes accompanied by an elbow jab
 - 51 Christine of "Chicago Hope"
 - 54 Shock, in a way
 - 55 The U.N.'s Kofi ___ Annan
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Baseball team continues loss streak, falls 2-0 to St. Louis

By **Mahe Kawash**
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The Eastern baseball team attempted to carry the momentum of its first win into a matchup against St. Louis, but it was to no avail.

The Panthers struggled to get much of anything going in the game, as they fell to St. Louis 2-0. Eastern dropped to 1-11 with the loss, and the Billikens improved to 5-8.

Although the team could not muster any runs in the game, Eastern still finished with seven hits in the game, which was just as many as St. Louis.

The Panthers sent senior Jake Johansmeier to the mound to start the game, though his performance just was not enough.

The Billikens were able to get to Johansmeier with a two out rally in the bottom of the first inning.

St. Louis had a chance to add one more run in the inning, but sophomore Joseph Duncan made the throw from the outfield to get the runner out at home plate.

Johansmeier got off to a slow start by giving up one run in the first inning, but he took control from there.

He went on to pitch 3.2 scoreless innings after that before being replaced in the fifth inning by junior Chase Thurston. Thurston struggled in his appearance, recording just one out. He was replaced after allowing a run in the sixth inning.

Junior Jake Haberer and sophomore Andy Fisher pitched the final three innings of the game without allowing a run. But their strong relief was not enough, as the Panthers' offense struggled mightily.

Eastern had a chance to tack on a run when freshman Jackson Mueller



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Former first baseman Adam Casson prepares to swing at a pitch coming from the mound during the game against Illinois College on April 15, 2015 at Coaches Stadium.

singled to left field, allowing senior Jason School to make a run for home.

But a laser throw from the outfield caused Scholl to be tagged out at home and stopped any runs from the EIU offense. Freshman Dane Toppel continued his strong season at the plate, going 2-4 in the game.

Toppel extended his hitting streak

to six games and improved his batting average to .379 this season.

Sophomore Cale Hennemann also added onto his stellar hitting season, going 1-4. Hennemann was able to maintain his average in the game, as he is batting .372 on the year.

Toppel and Hennemann continue to be two of top hitters in Eastern's

lineup. They hold the best batting averages on the team. The loss is another setback for the Panthers, but there is still plenty of baseball to play.

Eastern will take a short break before returning to action with a three-game series against conference opponent Austin Peay beginning Friday.

That three-game trip will be the

first conference matchup for the Panthers this season. There are also plenty of road trips left as well.

Eastern has not played a home game yet this season, and will not play at home until March 22.

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Eastern softball team set for mid-week double header

By **Sean Hastings**
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The Eastern softball team has been on the road the last four weekends playing four or five games over those weekends but will take a quick break from that to take on Evansville Wednesday afternoon in a double header.

The first game will get underway at 3 p.m. and the next one will follow right after at 5 p.m.

The Panthers will remain on the road to take on Evansville. Eastern has struggled since the first weekend of the season just under a month ago. Eastern currently holds a record of 4-15.

They are also on a five-game losing streak. The Panthers last win came

Feb. 26th against Northern Kentucky; Eastern blew Northern Kentucky out of the water 9-1.

Since then the Panthers have been shutout three times and also have two eight-run losses and one-10 run loss.

On a positive note, these games do not count towards the Panthers' Ohio Valley Conference record, which is all that will matter come the end of the year when they look for a spot in the OVC tournament.

Eastern has a young team this year. This season is just getting started and things are still falling into place. Last season, they finished with a 14-11 record in OVC games.

Senior first baseman Kylie Bennett was very successful at the plate last weekend, driving in six runs and hitting three home

runs. Bennett currently leads the team with a .308 batting average. Senior shortstop Katie Watson is also off to a strong final season for the Panthers as she is hitting .304.

Both Watson and fellow senior outfielder April Markowski have driven in nine runs apiece. Bennett leads the team with 13 RBI's.

Despite the struggles as of late, the team has stuck with sophomore pitcher Jessica Wireman. Wireman has not won a game since the first weekend of the season, but has continued to be a big strikeout pitcher. She has 63 strikeouts and just 45 walks through 71 innings pitched.

She currently holds a 6.08 earned run average and a record of 3-12.

The Panthers have also relied on sophomore pitcher Michelle Rogers

to pitch some innings for the team and come in to relieve Wireman if she gets into trouble in the game.

Rogers has pitched 47 innings through the first four weekends of the year. She is currently 1-3.

Evansville's Purple Aces have had a successful start to their season with a 10-5 record. They lost their last game to Kentucky 7-1 Feb. 28.

The Purple Aces' success has come from the dominance at the plate from four hitters. Michal Luckett has started all 15 games for the Purple Aces and has a .449 batting average. She has a team-leading two home runs this season.

Chandra Parr and Danielle Freeman have been the main run producers for Evansville. Parr leads the team with 12 RBI's and Freeman has 11.

Freeman is batting .350 this season and Parr holds a .326 average.

Tess Hupe is also batting over .300 with a .302 average.

Pitcher Morgan Florey is the team's ace as she is undefeated, 5-0, this season. She also holds a very low ERA of 2.11.

She has pitched just 38 innings this season but has recorded 63 strikeouts. She averages almost two strikeouts in an inning.

Aman Blankenship has pitched the most innings this year with 42, but has not been recording the wins. She is currently 2-3 with a 5.14 ERA. Emily Lockhart has a high ERA at 5.59 but has a 3-1 record.

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Freshman infielder/outfielder Dave Toppel is shown on screen at the matchup between Eastern and Arkansas in Baum Stadium, Fayetteville, Ark., on March 6.

Top Cat: Toppel steps up as freshman player

By Maria Baldwin
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As the lead-off hitter for the Panthers last weekend against No. 12 ranked Arkansas, freshman infielder/outfielder Dane Toppel helped his team rack up its first win of the season when he hit a lead-off double to get momentum going for the Panthers.

"The win was definitely the highlight," Toppel said. "That game was really fun because it was back and forth. They threw some punches, we took some, we threw some back. Our team's ability to bounce back and come back with a win was really cool."

Toppel's favorite hit of the game was in the most intense part of it, when the pressure was high, showing that he was able to step up in the crucial parts of the game.

"My favorite hit was when the bases were loaded, and I hit a double," Toppel said, "I talked to coach before that and he told me to just sit back and hit a fast ball when it came to me and sure enough that's what the pitcher threw me."

Toppel went on to score twice, with two hits and two RBIs in Eastern's first win of the season.

Coach Jason Anderson is excited about the fitness level Toppel is at during this point in the season, Anderson said.

"He's been tremendous," Anderson said. "He struggled early in the spring, so we took a step back as far as playing time and it paid off. He came

back in a big way. He's very open and honest when it comes to baseball. He will let you know what he is struggling with and work with you to fix any issues to become the best player possible."

Becoming the force he is for the Panthers' offense came with hard work in the off-season, where Toppel said he turns his struggles into strengths.

"If I feel like I'm struggling more in one area, hitting or fielding, then I'll work on that but for the most part it's just what I feel I am struggling on," Toppel said. "Some days in the off-season I'll work on hitting and some days I'll work on fielding."

While working on weaknesses in the off-season, Toppel said he mostly focuses on fielding and footwork with the team during practice.

"I need to work on my footwork, so that's a big thing I like to work on at practice," Toppel said. "For infielders, we work on how to approach the ground balls, and different speeds and also fluidity."

With conference matchups just around the corner, Toppel's goals haven't changed since the beginning of the year. Eastern has had their eyes on an Ohio Valley Conference tournament berth, and has been working towards that goal, he said.

"My long-term goals would definitely be to make the Ohio Valley Conference tournament and hopefully win that and see where that goes from there," Toppel said. "But from here it's working every day at prac-

tice to make the tournament and to be able to do well in the tournament."

Although his goal is to help his team make it to the conference tournament, Toppel has his eyes set on winning another game this season against a nearby rival.

"The Illinois State game is one I have circled on my calendar. I'm looking forward to it just because it's an in-state game and I feel like if we win that we could have some bragging rights in the state of Illinois," Toppel said.

Toppel chose to play baseball at Eastern Illinois University because of the "homey feel" he felt when he visited campus.

"When I came here for my visit," Toppel added, "I knew this would be a great place to spend the next four years of my career. I was looking at a few other schools further up north and they were a little too cold for me."

Toppel knew it would be hard to adjust to collegiate baseball, but he didn't realize just how easy he would make it look to everyone else watching.

Toppel has recorded a .480 slugging percentage over nine games so far this season. He has also recorded 25 total at-bats, with ten runs and two RBIs for a .360 batting average.

"Anytime you jump into something your first year, you don't really know what to expect," Toppel said. "Being a freshman I saw what the older guys went through last year, and I really like it here so far."

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Freshman infielder/outfielder Dave Toppel is this week's Top Cat.

ern will only help the Panthers get wins this season.

The Panthers took a 2-0 loss Wednesday afternoon to St. Louis.

The Panthers will head to Austin Peay in Clarksville, Tenn. on Friday

to take on the Governors in their first conference matchup in a three-day series over the weekend.

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