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## COMEDIC RELIEF

Comedian Adam Garbowski will be coming to campus Thursday for the third time in his career.

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## TO NEW HEIGHTS

Jade Riebold, a red-shirt junior, jumped to a personal record of 14-foot, 7.25-inches. She is now second in the nation for pole vaulting.

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STATE | LEGISLATION

## President-endorsed pension plan sent to Gov. Quinn

By Chacour Koop  
Special Projects

President Bill Perry, along with 13 other Illinois public university leaders, sent a letter to Gov. Pat Quinn endorsing a six-step plan to fund the Illinois State University Retirement System earlier this month.

Perry said the plan, published by the Institute of Government and Public Affairs of the University of Illinois, looked to him and fellow Illinois university presidents and chancellors to be the best plan at the moment.

### The president-endorsed plan

The university retirement system, which is under-funded by \$19 billion, is one of five pension systems in Illinois that legislators are grappling with ways to fund. The total state pension deficit is about \$97 billion.

The proposed plan calls for universities, including Eastern, to take on pension funding and for Tier I employees to contribute a higher percentage of their paychecks to the State University Retirement System.

In return, the state must adopt a steady payment schedule to improve funding, or else members of the system can take legal action against the state — compelling it to make the payment.

Perry said the plan would hopefully result in a more stable pension system.

"We believed, if followed, it would make the pension system one we could work with in terms of recruiting faculty and staff," Perry said.

Perry said this is a challenge for Eastern when hiring top-end faculty from other universities: Potential faculty look at the pension debt and either pause at the unstable pension plan or do not accept the job.

The plan also links the cost of living adjustment to the inflation rate, rather than setting it at a guaranteed three percent increase as is the current set rate.

### How the plan would affect Eastern's funds

According to the plan, Eastern would phase in the cost of the retirement system at about half a percent per year for 12 years. So, by the end of 12 years, Eastern would be contributing 6.2 percent of the pension eligible payroll.

Paul McCann, university treasurer, said this part of the proposed plan is modeled after social security, which has a 6.2 percent rate.

McCann said the employee pay-

roll is roughly \$100 million, meaning Eastern would be paying about \$6.2 million by the final year.

And that would be \$6.2 million more dollars than Eastern is paying into the pension fund now.

This means Eastern would either have to increase tuition, make cuts or a combination of both, McCann said. He said that is an answer Eastern would struggle with for 12 years if the plan were adopted.

"Could you reduce salaries and provide the same value of education? That is our No. 1 concern, that we still educate the kids," he said.

He said this contrasts with some bills in the legislature that shift the entire cost of the pension system onto the university, which would be about \$12 million for Eastern.

Ann Fritz, who is president of Eastern's chapter of University Professionals of Illinois — the faculty union, said these are challenging times for the university community.

"We appreciate the perspective on the pension issue provided by the university presidents. We do have questions about the effect of this plan on current retirees and the funding mechanism for a cost shift," Fritz said. "We were glad to see the presidents' letter addresses inequities in the Tier 2 pension plan affecting many newer employees."

The plan proposes any new employee in the State University Retirement System will participate in a hybrid of defined benefit and defined contribution plan; it eliminates the current Tier 2 plan.

### The employees pay in more

Part of the plan proposes employees pay two percent more of their paycheck into the State University Retirement System, which is currently set at an 8 percent rate.

Perry said he believes people want a pension system that will be funded and available when they retire. He did acknowledge, however, that this is a change to the pension system funding.

A provision in the Illinois constitution states that legislation may not infringe or impair the pension benefits of the five state pension plans.

"I don't think it's fair that employees should have to do this because the employees did not cause the problem," Perry said. "On the other hand, we're at the point in discussions where some kinds of options have to be put on the table to move the process forward."

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## Friendly rivalry



JACOB SALMICH | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Alvan Alvarado, a freshman mathematics and computer science major, dribbles the basketball around Holden Fuehne, a freshman management information systems major, on Wednesday during a 2-on-2 pick-up game at the outdoor basketball courts near Campus Pond.

CAMPUS | GROUP PROJECT

## Students pay compliments through aggressiveness

By Savanna Tomei  
Staff Reporter

A group of graduate students spent Wednesday morning speaking words of kindness to strangers.

The event was part of a group project they called Promoting Aggressive Civility, aimed at negating some of the negative things the group said they see on campus every day.

Wearing flower-power headbands and shivering in the cold, the group opened doors for strangers and wished

them luck on finals next week between Coleman Hall and Lumpkin Hall.

The rally was a project for their qualitative research methods class, and graduate student Amanda Feder said they were inspired to combat some of the problems that had arisen on campus.

"At the beginning of the semester, a lot of these issues came up," Feder said. "When the town hall meeting came about, we were like 'We could use this for our group project!'"

Feder said the gestures were not complicated, but said a lot.

"It can just be a simple hello, a smile, but also saying some of the stuff going on on campus is not okay and we need to talk about it," She said. "By talking about it, we can promote being civil with each other and being respectful."

Nate Furstenuau, a communication studies graduate student, said he hopes that by promoting kindness in general, the Eastern community can begin to fix some of those problems.

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CAMPUS | GRADUATION

## Final preparations being made for commencement ceremonies

By Stephanie Markham  
Administration Editor

As it gets closer to graduation, Alumni Services are making last minute preparations for the commencement ceremony on May 4 that took months of preparation.

Lisa Denson-Rives, the director of annual funds and commencement, said the planning for the spring ceremony began almost immediately after the fall ceremony was over.

"We basically cleaned everything up from that ceremony in the following

week; we had three weeks off, and then we started preparing," she said. "So it's pretty much a year-round job."

She said she works mainly with Marty Hackler, the commencement coordinator, and a team of others to put everything together.

"Everyone in alumni services has some hand in helping, and then we have a team of volunteers from across campus," Denson-Rives said.

She said there are about 125 to 150 people who volunteer to help out with ticket distribution and putting on the ceremony, including retired faculty,

alumni, parent club members, faculty and staff.

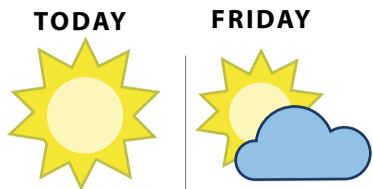
"There's a lot of faculty and retirees who come back year after year and help, which is a really nice sentiment of what Eastern meant to them and what their students meant to them," she said.

Denson-Rives said last-minute preparations include making arrangements for the commencement speaker and the honorary degree recipients, putting finishing touches on flowers and catering, and making preparations for the band.

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## ENTERTAINMENT | UNIVERSITY BOARD

# Last comedian to perform for UB

By Jackson Mortka  
Staff Reporter

Coming from Iowa to Illinois, a comedian will be performing a stand-up routine relatable to college students.

Comedian Adam Grabowski will be performing at 8 p.m. Thursday in the 7th Street Underground of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union for the third time in his career.

Danny Turano, the UB chairman, said members of the University Board selected Grabowski after the UB's comedy coordinator for Fall 2012 Stephanie Ciaciolo watched some of his videos online.

"Our comedy coordinator from last semester actually selected Adam Grabowski," Turano said. "I believe when she was looking up comedians she came across a few of his videos and thought he would be a good performer for our campus. It was also just timing; this was the date he had available for this month."

Grabowski, a 25-year-old Chicago resident, said he started comedy after graduating from the University of Illinois with a degree in psychology.

"I didn't know which grad school to go to," Grabowski said. "I used my productive procrastination skills to put all my effort into becoming a comedian instead of going and getting a master's."

Grabowski, the self-labeled "college comic," has performed at more than 50 colleges on his 2013 tour so far, and has performed at more than 250 colleges since he started touring in 2009.

Grabowski said he has performed



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Comedian Adam Grabowski will be performing at 8 p.m. in the 7th Street Underground of the MLK Jr. University Union on Thursday. Grabowski won the 2013 Comic of the Year award, being the youngest comedian to ever do so.

at Eastern twice before: once in Spring 2011, and once with two other comedians in a showcase in Fall 2009.

While this is Grabowski's third time performing on Eastern's campus, this will be the final performance of the year in the UB series "The LOL Comedy Café."

The "Comedy Café" has brought in different comedians such as Sam

Comroe, Kenny DeForest and Ryan Reiss.

This will also be the final activity planned by the UB, Turano said.

Since his last time here, Grabowski was named Campus Activities Magazine's "Comic of the Year" award in 2013, and received their "Rising Star" award in 2012.

Grabowski tours colleges in many

states every year, and has already had shows this month in New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Florida, Minnesota, and Iowa.

"It will be fun to actually perform in Illinois," Grabowski said.

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## STUDENT SENATE | HONORS

# Senate members awarded for work, dedication

By Samantha McDaniel  
Student Governance Editor

Two Student Senate members were honored for the work they have done throughout the semester and the year.

Justine Ryan was named Senator of the Year and Casandra Kasproicz was named Senator of the Semester.

Student Body President Kaci Abolt, a senior communication studies major, said Ryan was one of the most experienced Student Senate members.

"She has worked with a lot of different committees on different projects," Abolt said.

She said Ryan, a junior communication studies major, has also increased the communication with the Charleston City Council.

"She has increased communication with people outside of student government, especially city council,

which is a relationship that Eastern and student government have been trying to build," Abolt said.

Student Senate members are awarded because of the successful projects they plan, and there were many talented people who were nominated for the award, Abolt said.

Abolt said Kasproicz did a great job with the Blue-Out the House, an event at sporting games where student were encouraged to show their school spirit.

Kasproicz, a freshman communication disorders and sciences major, said there were a handful of members who were nominated for the award.

Kasproicz said some members were nominated because of their personality and characteristics while others were nominated for things they have done throughout the semester.

"Being recognized by my peers

was something that was huge for me, and I even got teary-eyed just a little bit—people laughed at me, but it meant a lot to me to be recognized by people I respect here," Kasproicz said.

She said she believes she was nominated for her events like Blue-Out the House and the Senate Outreach tables.

Student Senate Speaker Mitch Gurick, a sophomore business major, said Kasproicz also did a good job of collaborating with other departments on campus.

"She elevated the communication between student government and athletics," Gurick said. "Now we have a good working relationship with athletics, which is really positive and she helped build that bridge."

Kasproicz has been on Student Senate since the beginning of the year and was the chairwoman for the student affairs committee.

At the meeting, some of the members said Kasproicz said she was very active by volunteering for others' events while still planning her own.

Kasproicz said she was told she did well while organizing the Senate Outreach tables by trying to schedule them around the schedules of all the Student Senate members so they all had the opportunity to participate in them.

She said the most special part was being recognized for the work she did.

"I feel like all the hard work I've done throughout the semester was being recognized by everyone instead of people one-by-one," Kasproicz said. "It gives me that push to realize that those little things don't go unnoticed."

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SPRING SEMESTER | FINALS FEAST

# Jungle-themed feast to help with finals

By **Jarad Jarmon**  
Staff Reporter

To ease the minds of Eastern's weary students from their studies, Thomas Hall dining will be hosting another finals feast from 9 to 11 p.m. on Sunday.

Thomas Hall dining has hosted finals feast for the past two and a half years.

Chris Wojtysiak, the dining director at Thomas Hall, said after last semester's Hunger Games feast, Thomas dining workers are going with a Jungle theme this semester.

"We are going to have animal crackers and jungle decorations," Wojtysiak said.

At the feast, they will be serving chicken and beef fajitas and all the toppings including cilantro lime rice, black beans and rice, and tortilla chips with nacho cheese.

For dessert, they will be having banana split trifles as well as an assortment of cookies like Reese's, sugar, M&M and chocolate chip cookies.

Every semester, Thomas Hall dining has celebrity servers from all the colleges serve the food throughout the night.

Wojtysiak said Blair Lord, Dan Nadler, William Weber, Robert Augustine, William Hines, Bonnie Er-

win, Diane Jackman, Allen Lanham, Harold Ornes and John Stimac were confirmed to serve at the feast.

Finals feast has had much success lately with around 1,200 people showing up, which was not always the case, Wojtysiak said.

Wojtysiak said finals feast started to go slowly for a few years before the last few successful semesters.

This was when Taylor was open on the weekends so there were two places that were open, which caused competition within the South Quad dining options.

"Now that only Thomas is open on Sunday nights, it draws a lot bigger of a crowd," Wojtysiak said.

Mark Hudson, the director of University Housing and Dining Services, said finals feast was originally started and thought up by Nadler.

"It was a way so that university (vice presidents), deans and the university president could come out and interact with students to show them their support right before they started the testing period," Hudson said. "It was also a way to give them a break from their studies."

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**FILE PHOTO | DAILY EASTERN NEWS**  
Students grab plastics bag and fill them with different snack foods at a table for building your own trail mix at the Finals Feast in Taylor Hall on Dec. 14 2008.

## CAMPUS BRIEFS

### Final town hall to follow up on issues

The final Eastern town hall meeting of the semester will serve as a follow up on what has been done regarding discrimination both on and off campus.

The meeting will be at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Buzzard Hall auditorium.

Andrea Yarbrough, the coordinator for the meeting, said many students felt previous meetings had gotten off topic and they would like to see what Eastern and Charleston has done regarding discrimination since the first town hall meeting.

"Some students felt their voices had not been heard," she said. "It's an avenue for students to get their questions answered."

Yarbrough said the panel of speakers was still not confirmed. She said the moderator had been selected but those organizing the meeting did not want to release the information yet.

She said several groups including Eastern's chapter of the NAACP, the Black Student Union, the African Student Association and many of the black fraternities and sororities on campus organized the meeting.

## ON CAMPUS

### TODAY

#### BOOK SALE

**Time** | 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
**Location** | Booth Library  
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#### UB Comedian: Adam Garbowski

**Time** | 8-9 p.m.  
**Location** | 7th Street Underground  
**More info** | 581-7675

### BLOTTER

### Credit card fraud, battery reported

- At 3:50 p.m. Monday, credit card fraud was reported at 1801 7th St. This incident is under investigation.

- At 1:01 a.m. Tuesday, James Campbell, 55 of Charleston, was arrested at J-Lot. He was charged with driving while license revoked and released to the custody of the Coles County Sheriff's Office at 1:15 a.m. pending \$1500 bond.

- At 4:19 p.m. Tuesday, credit card fraud was reported at 1801 7th St. This incident is under investigation.

- At 5 p.m. Tuesday, battery was reported to have occurred Sunday at the Doudna Fine Arts Center. This incident is under investigation.

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## CITY | AWARENESS

# Author to present child abuse story

By **Alexis Bentley**  
Staff Reporter

Citizens Against Child Abuse is sponsoring a free presentation from a New York Times bestselling author in honor of Child Abuse Awareness Month.

The Charleston Carnegie Public Library will host Sarah Burleton to speak about her book from 1 to 2 p.m. on Thursday.

Sarah Burleton's book "Why Me" has spent 26 weeks on the New York Times bestsellers list, two weeks in USA Today and a week in the Wall Street Journal bestseller lists.

"Why Me" is a memoir about the abuse that Burleton endured from her mother and how she overcame the abuse by not letting it define her.

Burleton was born in Melrose Park, and raised in Aurora, a small

rural farm community, and her last years with her family were spent in a small town near Iowa.

She said her abuse started when she was 8 months old and ended when she moved out of mother's home.

**"I want people who read my book to realize that they have that strength in them and the ability to help those who are suffering"**

*-Sarah Burleton, New York Times bestselling author*

Burleton said she encountered a childhood unlike most but a lot like many.

"My childhood was violent, traumatic and loveless," she said. "I was mentally, physically and emotionally abused from the time I was born until the day I moved out."

Questioning "why her" like many others in her situation - angry and needing an outlet - Burleton said she decided it was appropriate to share her story because it gave her freedom from the abuse that held her bound.

As an outlet when she was in first grade, she said she created a song titled, "Why Me."

Burleton said after her sister-in-law died, she decided to share her story as a mirror for others in similar situations.

Victimized by child abuse, she

said it was her duty to the world to tell her story, which is also the story of many others.

Her book was created to send the message "strength over adversity," and Burleton said she wants people to know that their stories do not have to define them but strengthen them.

"No matter what my mother did or what obstacles came up in my life, my spirit to survive propelled me to make something of myself and not accept that my childhood was going to define my future," she said. "I want people who read my book to realize that they have that strength in them and the ability to help those who are suffering."

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Students behavior embarrassing to Eastern

As an EIU alum, I'm ashamed of how students acted toward itinerant preachers Jed and Cindy Smock during their visit to campus on Monday. At one point, several students apparently laughed and tore pages out of an elderly woman's Bible while one flashed a middle finger. I hope, at the very least, the student who stole and damaged the Bible will face disciplinary action from the university. That type of behavior should not be tolerated on campus.

When I was a student at EIU in the early-to-mid 2000s, we had a few fundamentalist preachers come to campus and students listened, engaged them in conversation, or ignored them. Plenty disagreed with what they said, but respected their right to speak. In just a few short years, the atmosphere on campus has apparently degenerated into 'Lord of the Flies.'

Where were the adults and faculty on campus when this was going on? Did they encourage students to behave this way, or did they just give their silent approval? Is mocking, ridiculing, and destroying personal property the kind of "tolerance" that is being taught in classrooms these days?

Students who participated in this impromptu "protest" need to learn some self-restraint, self-respect, and respect for others. You may not like what these two preachers were saying, but your behavior was shameful and uncalled for.

Michael Kleen, 2008 Eastern alumnus

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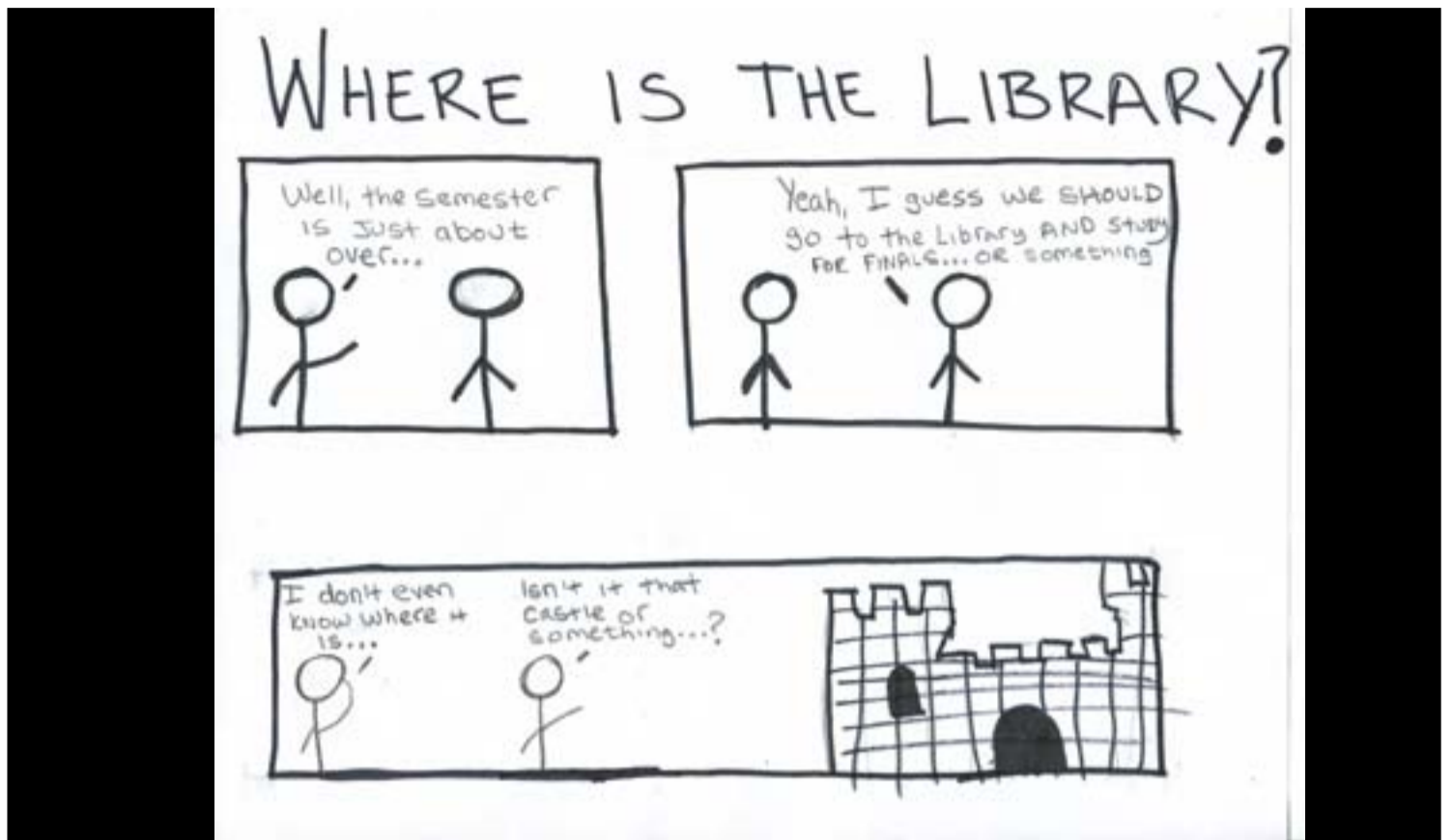
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## STAFF EDITORIAL

# Update on university recommendations calls for waiting

"Ongoing discussions will take place during summer 2013" is repeated, with a change in wording here and there, throughout the update of recommendations on sexual assault and violence prevention/intervention.

This update was sent out in an email Thursday evening by Dan Nadler, the vice president for student affairs, with the updated content being bolded bullets under the 19 recommendations. In 10 of the 19 recommendations, which were emailed to the Eastern community on March 7, the bulleted updates state the Sexual Assault Task Force will engage in discussions on how to address the recommendations or develop a plan of action.

We do not expect the university administration to have an arsenal of solutions to the concerns raised about how sexual assault is treated on this campus by the end of the semester. Slow-moving gears can effectively operate and protect a machine with the magnitude of Eastern. However, last week's update did not garner much comfort in the long road to change.

*The Daily Eastern News* covered the start of the campus' debate on the effectiveness of the university's sexual assault policy on Jan. 23 in the article "Chalked message reaches out to campus" where students cried to have their voices heard.

President Bill Perry delivered a message on Feb. 26 stating the university would "take specific actions to improve education and outreach, to make the process of reporting of incidents more transparent and well-known, and to enhance advocacy."

Then came the recommendations, followed by the update. After about

### OUR POSITION

- **Situation:** Dan Nadler sent an email update about sexual assault.
- **Stance:** The conversation about sexual assault has not ended, and should not.

three months, the result seems to be a message from the administration saying "We will talk about it over the summer."

This discussion will go on, and hopefully muster real change. In anticipation of what comes from these discussions behind closed doors, we have a few recommendations as well.

In earlier editorials, we have advocated for transparency. Reported cases of sexual assault should be recorded accurately on the Annual Security Report. Eastern is not unique to universities that have thousands of students and report less than a handful of sexual assaults, but changing could easily make a gallant example to others.

Open communication. Participation at Town Hall Meetings, however difficult it may be to face angry, passionate students, has been a great opportunity for administrators to speak on different issues. However, a public forum sponsored by the university making all Sexual Assault Task Force members available would be a great stride in reaching out to the campus community, instead of waiting to be called.

Communication could also help alleviate the vagueness of updates consisting of a majority of more planned discussions and plans to plan more things.

Most of the campus community will be leaving soon, but the conversation has not ended.

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

# Coworkers are not always friends

Confucius said, "Choose a job you love and you'll never have to work a day in your life."

This may be true, but you will always have to work at relationships with coworkers. It's an inevitable fate that you will have to work with people you don't like at some point in your life. This is especially true as college students, when we will do whatever job we can to acquire income. We are bound to cross paths with people that aren't compatible with us.

Whether they get on your nerves for being too annoyingly nice, bossy or just not your cup of tea, you will encounter some form of conflict in the workplace.

I've had plenty of experience working with people that don't get me or don't appreciate my blunt personality. I've had conflict with coworkers and they've had conflict with me. There are ways to avoid these unfortunate situations, or at least make it tolerable to work with them.

Start by making friends outside of work.

It seems like an obvious piece of advice, but



Joanna Leighton

mixing business with pleasure is a mess when problems arise in the workplace. Of course, it never hurts to have separate groups of friends.

Be civil. It is one thing to be fake and act like you don't hate someone, but this can come off as condescending and rude.

If you secretly don't like someone, don't bash them behind their back and neglect to tell them how you really feel. It can impact how other coworkers see you if you can't respect people you work with.

Have a frequent vent session. Go to the one friend you can trust with all your work issues without worrying about them spilling the beans. It's necessary to

have someone to release anger and frustrations to without bringing drama to the workplace.

Try to acknowledge your own conflicting habits. If you think all your coworkers are awesome and you all get along, you are probably wrong and are most likely the source of conflict for somebody else in the workplace. Try to tone down your habits that seem to get on others' nerves. Mine is loud, incessant rambling; no such luck on progress there.

If none of these suggestions work, you may be stuck in a situation where all hope is lost trying to make nice with the people around you.

If you love your job, none of this should matter. But if your job is temporary and not something you are passionate about, working with people you don't like can be a hassle.

Just remember, you aren't alone and everyone deals with these issues on a daily basis.

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"I see an imbalance on this campus," Furstenau said. "There's a lot of negativity or discontentment on this campus recently regarding sexism, sexual harassment, racism and homophobia. Being aggressive with civility is to help fix that imbalance."

Feder said she was caught off guard by how some people reacted.

"I was surprised at how scared people were by random acts of kindness," she said. "It's almost as if they feel like they have to do something in return."

Because of inclement weather, the rally was moved from the Library Quad to the space between Coleman Hall and Lumpkin Hall. Feder said they may have had better luck if the weather cooperated.

"I think it would have had more potential if the weather were in our favor," she said. "I think people would have been more inclined to chat with us if it weren't so cold out."

But she said overall, the event was a success.

"We have to start being nicer to each other and civil if we want to get anywhere to make a difference," Feder said. "I hope events or acts such as these continue throughout the Eastern community and people realize that small actions add up and can make a big difference."

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She said faculty and people from facilities planning and management would put the stage together in Lantz Arena a few days prior to the week of April 29.

"It's really a well-coordinated effort of a lot of different people coming together to make it all work out," she said.

Denson-Rives said there are about 1,550 people graduating, which she said is a fairly average number for spring.

Sue Harvey, the registrar, said in an email that the number of students who applied for graduation for spring 2013 was 1,543, and that number the previous spring was 1,671.

Denson-Rives said students should be communicating with their family about the ceremony at this point.

"We anticipate that if everyone took all their tickets, we'd have just under 12,000 family (members) and guests," she said.

She said ticket and cap and gown distribution would be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. from May 1 to May 3 in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

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CAMPUS | BOOTH LIBRARY

# Library continues expanding collection

By **Jaime Lopez**  
Verge Editor

The Board of Trustees recently approved an expenditure that will allot \$1.35 million to Booth Library next school year, allowing for the continued growth of the collection the library houses.

The library has books dating back to the 1800s.

"We're not as avid to remove items from the staff," Allen Lanham, a dean of library services, said.

He explained that most libraries remove items off the shelf once their popularity begins to wane.

Lanham said books are not discarded to save space at the library.

Instead, he said librarians go through the collection and assess what remains relevant in collections.

Lanham said the library acts as a house of information that continues to grow and provide information.

Lanham said the money allotted from the Board of Trustees will be given extends to all areas of reading material, whether they are print or digital.

Annual reports that are housed in the library are removed yearly because most people want to read the current versions, he said.

He said some items of information become relevant again, and it benefits students that they keep books from long ago.

"If a student wants the pros and cons of an issue from the 1950s, we'll hopefully still have it in our collections," Lanham said.

Magazines and journal articles have been converted into digital files, he said.

Lanham said the library usually leases the digital files each year, which helps keep the library from



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becoming too cramped.

"We generally move magazines and journals to the digital collection, but that hasn't really happened with many of our books," Lanham said.

Lanham said the library staff weeds books off the shelves when they have substantial damage like water damage, rips, dents and mold. Those are the kind of books that make it to the dumpster.

"We are by law allowed to sell materials off now – something we couldn't do before," Lanham said.

If an item is still very valuable, Lanham said they will search for libraries that might need it.

Books on computer technology are taken out of circulation often because there is always something new to re-

place older programs.

Karen Whisler, a dean of library services, agreed with Lanham.

But she said there are still copies of old instruction guides for computer programs for students who want to conduct research about the evolution of a certain program or the Internet.

While the library's content continues to grow, there could be concern about space.

That is why the architects who redesigned the library 10 years ago added moveable shelves in the buildings bottom floor, Whisler said.

"Shelf space has been maximized," she said.

In the bottom floor where the literature is housed, there are books dating

back to 1874.

There are math books from the early 1900s for students doing research on how math was taught during that period, Whisler said.

On the first floor, there are news articles from 30 to 40 years ago preserved on film strips.

On the fourth floor, underneath shelves that house CDs, there are collections of records and VHS cassettes.

"We don't throw very much away. We squeeze the life out of things in the library," Whisler said.

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CAMPUS | COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

# CAA to vote on course revisions, additions

By **Stephanie Markham**  
Administration Editor

The Council on Academic Affairs will vote Thursday on adding a new course to the therapeutic recreation option of recreation administration and offering three geography courses online.

Peggy Holmes-Layman, a recreation administration professor, said the new "Therapeutic Recreation Seminar" would be a one-credit-hour capstone course.

"We're adding it to the curriculum to better help our students pull together all of the information they have been learning over the two to four years that they're here," she said.

She said students would review the most important things from the curriculum and apply them to the particular population of people they would be serving, such as people with spinal cord injuries or cerebral palsy.

"This is the course that will help them focus and brush up the highlights, and when they are ready to work in the setting with a psychiatric client, they have previewed all of that stuff," she said.

Michael Cornebise, the chairman of the geology-geography department, said each of the courses being revised for technology delivery focuses on the geography of specific regions.

"Each of these is a regional course, and there's a demand for those types

of courses," he said. "So we'd like to offer them to a bigger audience."

He said "Geography of the United States and Canada," one of the revised courses, is also a core course for the major.

"They're existing courses that we've taught for many years," he said.

He said the department offers the "Geography of Illinois" course online as well.

"That's one of the reasons we are making these online, because it has been very successful," he said.

He said there is a possibility of offering more courses online in the future.

"We're taking sort of a lengthy approach to see how these do, and if they are successful then we will con-

sider offering more," he said.

The council will also be voting on a resolution from the CAA's learning goals committee to create a committee on general education and university learning goals.

The proposal states the new committee would consist of CAA members, representatives from curriculum councils, faculty, instructors, students and people from other units on campus.

The council will meet at 3 p.m. Thursday in Room 4440 of Booth Library.

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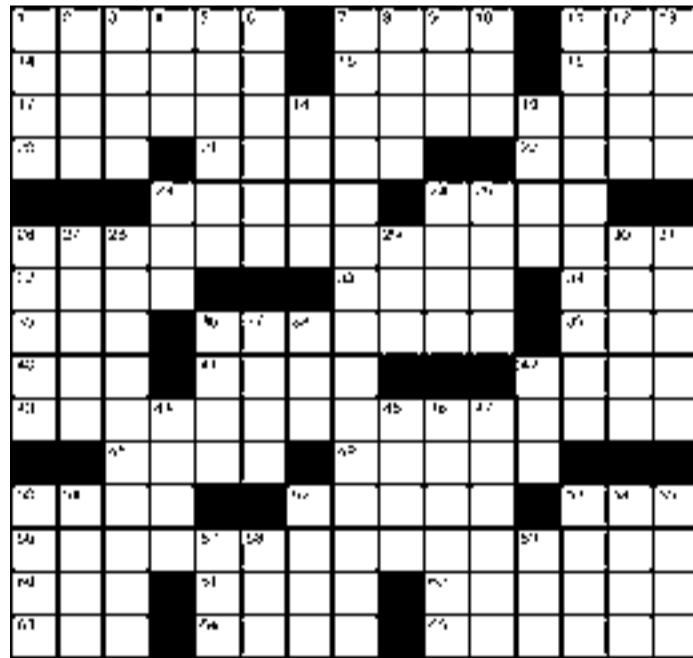
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- 14 Brand with a Justice For Potatoes League
- 15 Inside information?
- 16 Ancient pillager
- 17 Pop
- 20 Air France-\_\_ : European flier
- 21 Cathedral areas
- 22 Place in a 1969 Western
- 23 Tech staff member
- 24 Camel hair colors
- 26 Pop
- 32 Bat mitzvah locale
- 33 Bands from Japan
- 34 Gp. concerned with dropout prevention
- 35 Run smoothly
- 36 Condor's booster
- 39 Ruckus
- 40 "\_\_\_ you sure?"
- 41 Charcutier offering
- 42 2010 Angelina Jolie spy film
- 43 Pop
- 48 "Sooy!" reply
- 49 "Goodness gracious!"
- 50 Kitty's sunny sleeping spot
- 52 TV and radio
- 53 Toulouse : oeil :: Toledo : \_\_\_
- 56 Pop
- 60 An official lang. of Kenya
- 61 The "a" in "a = lw"
- 62 First word of Longfellow's "Paul Revere's Ride"
- 63 Technique
- 64 Chews the fat
- 65 First step toward nirvana

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- 2 Shrinking sea
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By Jeffrey Wechsler

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**Wednesday's Puzzle Solved**

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**BREWSTER ROCKIT BY TIM RICKARD**





**GOLF | CHAMPIONSHIP PREVIEW**

# Men's golf prepares for OVC Championship in Tennessee

**By Cody Delmendo**  
Staff Reporter

The Eastern men's golf team's final tournament of the spring is at the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament, which is hosted by Morehead State at the Greystone Golf Course in Dickson, Tenn.

This 54-hole tournament is a three-day event starting at 8 a.m. on Thursday. All teams participating had a practice round at noon on Wednesday.

Tommy Ponce said the practice round was good.

"It was a little cold and windy, but it felt good out there," he said.

Eastern has finished its last two tournaments with last place finishes both at the ASU Intercollegiate and the TSU Intercollegiate.

Coach Mike Moncel is starting seniors Kevin Flack, Tommy Ponce and Travis Smyczynski Sophomores

James Jansen and Oscar Borda are also starting.

Last spring the Panthers finished sixth out of nine teams.

Jacksonville State barely defeated Austin Peay by a single stroke to claim its second-straight OVC title. It was also Jacksonville State's fourth championship overall.

Austin Peay has won five tournaments with the fall and spring seasons combined including three wins this spring season.

Tommy Ponce and Kevin Flack are the only current players on the roster who have experience at Greystone, but Flack has not participated since his junior season in the spring of 2011.

Going into his final tournament as a Panther, Flack has the best stroke average (74.9), and more top-20 finishes than any current Eastern golfer.

Ponce is the next best with a 77.8

stroke average. Jansen and Borda are almost exactly the same with a 79.3 and 79.6 stroke average. Smyczynski sits at the bottom with an 86.7 stroke average.

Ponce said he is looking to end the season strong.

"I expect myself to play like I know I can," he said. "If I do that I know I'll play well and have a good finish to my college golf career."

Ponce said all the Panthers need to play well if they plan on improving on last year's finish.

"We can't have all the high numbers we've been having the last few tournaments," Ponce said. "All of us need to play with confidence because we all have potential to play well."

The second and third rounds will both start at 8 a.m., at Greystone.

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At both of those meets, Riebold was seeded No.1, but she was experimenting with new techniques and trying to better her best jump.

She's been modifying her routine by using longer poles and stretching her run back, and she said there are a lot of benefits to that, but she gets impatient when her results take longer than expected.

"Being patient, I'm bad at that," Riebold joked. "It's hard for me to be patient. I just want to jump 16 feet now. I've had some on and off meets. I've jumped high and then no height."

But she makes up for it in practice. "The good thing about it is knowing that I have a full approach the next day at practice," Riebold said.

Each time Riebold finished an attempt to clear the pole vault during practice, the first thing she did was scurry over to Ellis, to listen to his suggestions and advice.

"We talked about technical stuff and what could be fixed," Riebold said.

Ellis films Monday practices, when the vaulters practice their routines on the track full-on, and they reconvene on Wednesdays to go over their performance.

Ellis said Riebold is more attentive than any athlete he has ever met, and jots down everything she needs to improve on at practice or when she watches footage of herself.

Ellis said she has all the trappings of a professional athlete.

"She's one of the strongest girls I've ever met, as strong as most of the boys," Ellis said. "She listens and asks questions; she's a coaches dream."

Though Riebold has trouble being patient waiting for results, Ellis said that is one of the qualities that will make her a top athlete.

"She wants it so bad, and she doesn't care what others may say about her goals," Ellis said.

Ellis said he understands her frustrations over not being at the level she would like to be at, but explained that she became much more tactful this year versus last year.

"This year she didn't overwork herself as much, and she's been getting better in every area," Ellis said.

The workout regime Ellis devised for his athletes was designed to get them to peak toward the latter half of the season.

He focuses on building up their endurance during the first half of the season, having them lift weights and

water vault, or underwater pole vaulting.

"The training is very hard, and we aren't always setting her up for big heights," Ellis said.

Ellis warns her about what she risks when she overworks herself, Riebold said.

"He tells me, 'do you want to get hurt, do you want to mess up your season?'"

Riebold said she takes everything Ellis says into account, and in competition he helps put her at ease when she is doubtful about a meet.

"When Kyle tells me, 'I know you're going to jump 15 feet,' then I know I can do it because he's brutally honest," Riebold said.

Riebold also said Smith is one of the people who has offered her support since she transferred to Eastern last year.

"She understands me and how good I want to be," Riebold said. "It's hard for a lot of people to get themselves in my mindset; most people can't understand but she does."

Smith said Riebold's world revolves around track. It is the first thing she talks about when she comes through the door of their apartment, and she said the walls of her are covered with inspirational quotes and her goals.

One of Riebold's goals for the end of the season is to qualify for the Track and Field World Championships in Moscow, Russia this summer.

She already has one foot in the door.

Her finishing mark of 14-feet, 7.25-inches at indoor nationals garnered her entry into the pool of athletes that may compete at the USA Outdoor Championships in Track and Field. But she has to hit a similar mark at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships for Division I schools to actually compete at the USA Outdoor Championships in Track and Field.

Riebold said that she has accomplished half of the goals, but she still has more ground to cover to become the best pole vaulter in the world, a childhood dream that she feels is becoming a reality each day.

"The first day I picked up a pole, the first the day I was vaulting, I knew that I wanted to be professional athlete, even though I sucked," Riebold said.

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## FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR Jade Riebold, red-shirt junior pole vaulter

# Discovering new heights

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Red-shirt junior pole-vaulter Jade Riebold has been chosen as The Daily Eastern News female athlete of the year. Riebold is currently ranked second in the country out of all indoor female pole-vaulters with a personal best of 14 feet 7.25 inches.

## Riebold breaks records, ranks No. 2 in nation

By Jaime Lopez  
Verge Editor

*Editor's note: This is the third installment in a series of The Daily Eastern News' sports section's yearly awards. Pole vaulter Jade Riebold has been named the female athlete of the year by The News.*

Jade Riebold stood on the pole vault runway in the field house during practice, contemplating a bar set 2 inches higher than her personal record indoors of 14-feet, 7.25-inches.

Her teammates paused in silence as she darted toward the pole vault pit.

Riebold, a red-shirt junior, cleared the bar without bumping into it on her way down. It was a perfect execution.

She broke her personal best — at practice.

Had it been an official meet on an outdoor track with perfect weather, Riebold would have a new school record on her hands.

The school year is coming to a

close, and the track team is heading into the championship portion of its season, and Riebold is walking familiar territory.

She has a sizeable lead among her rivals in the Ohio Valley Conference rankings, with the conference championship one week away — separating herself from the competition by a margin of 2-feet, 3.25-inches.

Though the conference meet is drawing near, she already has her mind set on Outdoor Nationals, which take place on June 5-8.

Riebold said she has to perform the same way she did at the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships, where she became No. 2 in the nation among collegiate pole vaulters for indoor track and field, in order to win.

Riebold almost won the meet.

Natalia Bartnovskaya from the University of Kansas cleared the same height (14-feet, 7.25 inches) and they were tied. But Riebold took longer to make it over the bar and had to settle for second place.

The results of that meet still bug her; it would have meant the world to

win the meet, she said.

“(Coach Kyle Ellis) and I had made it our goal to win the event,” Riebold said. “But I’ve used it to motivate me, and I still want to jump higher and keep on winning. It’s probably going to take what it did indoor to win (outdoor) nationals.”

Riebold said living up to that ranking doesn’t matter to her because she still believes there is much more she can do.

Claudia Smith, her roommate and fellow member of the track team, said Riebold was not content with the meet’s results.

“I was super excited for her, but she wasn’t happy with taking second place in the competition,” Smith said.

Riebold holds herself to a different standard than most college athletes. Her dreams are not as humble; they don’t end with a victory at one meet.

She said success for her would mean competing on the international circuit and bumping elbows with the world’s best pole vaulters.

When they talk about pole vaulting and track, Smith said Riebold goes on

for hours about the sport and always ends up recounting her dream of becoming a world-class athlete.

“We always talk about when she qualifies for the Olympic games, not if she makes it,” Smith said. “I don’t know any professional athletes, but she’s definitely up there.”

Last summer, Riebold was close to getting a taste of that level of competition when she qualified for the U.S. Olympic trials in Oregon.

When she finally made it to the competition, meet officials kept her from competing because she missed registration. The weather forced officials to push the pole competition two days back, but there was still no way for her to compete.

That experience shook her confidence and forced her to see a sports psychologist so she could once again pick up where she left off in her athletic career.

For a while, Riebold said she was left unmotivated.

She put that behind her, and one wouldn’t be able to tell that she was ever caught in a rut.

Throughout the course of the indoor season, Riebold never dropped from first or second place and improved her best mark of 14 feet by 7.25 inches.

“I’m not sure if that (the Olympic trials incident) wouldn’t have happened how well I’d be jumping right now. I’d probably be jumping just as high, finding motivation somewhere else,” Riebold said.

Her outdoor season has been fruitful, too.

In two of the last four meets, Riebold has cleared 14 feet. She failed to place during the other two meets, not because her rivals were more talented, but because this season has been about getting her on the right track to nationals, she has tried new things on the track.

When she competed at the Miami Invite in Ohio and at this past weekend’s Redbird Invitational at Illinois State University — the two meets she didn’t score in — all of the vaulters that placed ahead of her were clearing heights she surpassed long ago.

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### BASEBALL | RECAP

## Panthers power past Bulldogs in 14-4 rout

By Aldo Soto  
Assistant Sports Editor

The Eastern baseball team overpowered Benedictine University, hitting four home runs in the Panthers’ 14-4 win at Coaches Stadium Wednesday.

The Panthers jumped out to an early lead, scoring five runs in the second inning and three more in the third.

Eastern improved to 15-22 winning its second straight home game and ninth home win of the season. The NAIA Bulldogs dropped to 18-22 with their road loss.

Starting center fielder Nick Priessman hit his first home run of the year leading off the sixth.

Bulldog pitcher Nino Mattera started the sixth on the mound, replacing Dalton Doerfler, who allowed two runs. Mattera’s fourth pitch flew over the left field fence off the bat of Priessman.

Priessman said he was relieved he finally hit his first home run of the year.

“I hit five (home runs) last year and some guys on the team were saying stuff like ‘When are you going to hit one’ just joking around,” Priessman said. “(Mattera) was pitching slow and I was able to stay back and I made good contact.”

Another Panther also hit his first home run not only of the season, but of his career.

Trey Russell is primarily a bench player for Eastern, making 10 starts in the Panthers’ first 40 games. Russell came into Wednesday’s game in the fifth inning, replacing Cam Berra in right field.

In his first plate appearance, which was in the sixth, Russell hit a two-run home run — the first of his Panther career.

“Getting the first (home run) out of the way was a big weight off of my shoulders,” Russell said.

The junior said it is difficult coming into the middle of games, but has gotten used to it because it has been his role all season.

“I’m getting more comfortable with it and I’m feeling more relaxed (hitting off the bench),” he said.

Coach Jim Schmitz started Luke Bushur on the mound and Bushur pitched two innings and recorded his first win of the season.

A plethora of Eastern relievers followed Ben Kennedy and Jaden Widdersheim pitched the final three innings and only one Bulldog batter reached base with a walk off of Widdersheim in the ninth.

Schmitz said that with the recent performance of Widdersheim and the solid two innings from Bushur, the depth on the pitching staff has been extended.

“Having Bushur back in the mix gives us another guy to use,” Schmitz said. “With Bushur and Widdersheim, it allows us to go early in the game and not really tax out bullpen.”

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Red-shirt freshman designated hitter Demetre Taylor slides toward second base as red-shirt freshman shortstop Andy Lack of Southeast Missouri tags second base and throws the ball to first base to make the double play.