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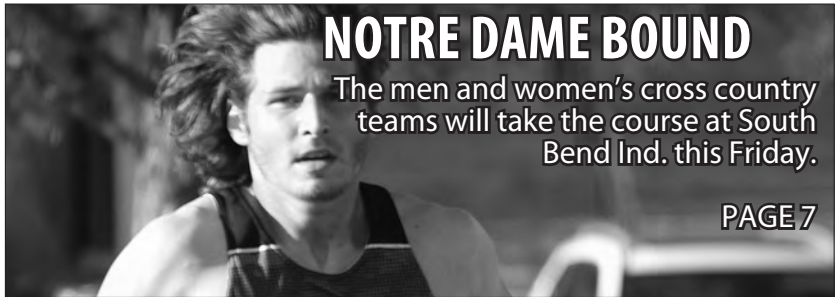
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Task force first meeting set

By Cassie Buchman
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After being notified Tuesday they are now a part of vitalization project workgroups, the entire Task Force will meet 3 p.m. today in the Doudna Fine Arts Center Lecture Hall.

Anyone who is interested in learning more about the project can attend.

The project will consist of nine workgroups that will analyze programs and services on campus on their viability, efficiency and sustainability, then make recommendations for how the administration should allocate future resources and how they will fund targeted investments.

Workgroups one through six will analyze the efficiencies, viability and sustainability of existing services and programs.

Workgroup seven will assess the viability and sustainability of Eastern's academic undergraduate and graduate programs.

The goal of workgroups eight and nine is to envision new ideas for academic affairs.

Biology professor Billy Hung was notified Tuesday that he will be a part of workgroup two, which deals with University Technology.

When working with the group, Hung plans to start hearing departmental challenges and their input when it comes to technology.

"When you talk about efficiency without any money, the default is to cut things, so I think that's the type of things workgroups should look hard at, to be really thoughtful about what can be done before we have to cut," Hung said.

He added that things need to be explored without talking about cutting things, such as finding new majors that would not require additional staff by shifting some workloads.

These options will still come with a cost, such as larger class sizes, Hung said.

"Some concessions have to be made, but we should make them with a clear focus on what's important to our students," Hung said.

Though it can be easy to be angry and cynical with how Springfield is treating Eastern and the events of the past year, the university cannot be tied down by what it is doing, Hung said.

"We need to find a way to prepare ourselves, position our school, advertise our strengths, develop more

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Open-mic shows off variety of talents



ANGELICA CATALDO | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Kadarrious Hooks performed original poetry on the spot Wednesday at the UB Mainstage open-mic night "Word Around the Street." He performed two original poems and is always looking for opportunities to share his work.

By Angelica Cataldo
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Psychology major Kadarrious Hooks spontaneously took the stage of the 7th Street Underground to perform his original poetry in front of at least 100 of his peers.

He performed two pieces and was met with beatnik-style snaps from the audience.

"I look for opportunities like this to perform, but I didn't know I'd be performing (tonight)," Hooks said.

Hook took on the topics of social justice in his poetry.

The University Board presented

the first open mic night of the year, "Word Around the Street" Wednesday night.

Open-mic nights in the past have had 10 to 20 performances within in a night. Thirteen acts signed up Wednesday to perform poetry, rap, sing and play instruments.

The UB's Mainstage coordinator Cydne Garrett said the Mainstage committee is about showing off student talent.

As coordinator, Garrett oversees all the live student entertainment and professional acts.

"Open mic (nights) are pretty much open to anyone who has some-

thing to say (and) something to express through performance," Garrett said.

Garrett even performed her own poetry at the open mic.

Each performer had a limit of five minutes of stage time, but walk-on performances like Hooks were also welcome.

Performers sang original music, read poetry and rapped about personal and social issues.

The UB Mainstage hosts open-mic nights every year. The idea for open-mic nights came from local coffee houses, where shops set up an open stage for both the audience and per-

formers to enjoy refreshments while watching performances.

Garrett said the coffee shop ambiance was the atmosphere Word Around the Street was aiming to capture.

The mic was open to anyone who wanted to perform, including students, faculty and staff.

"That's why I didn't want to call it a showcase," Garrett said. "It's an open mic because it's open to any and everyone."

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Artists discuss work for Artists-in-Dialogue

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The Tarble Arts Center director and chief curator, Rehema Barber, introduced artists Samuel Levi Jones, JC Lenochoan and Cheryl Pope as part of Tarble's "Artists-in-Dialogue" panel Wednesday evening in the Atrium.

Jones, Lenochoan and Pope are artists whose work is featured in the exhibit "A Dark Matter" that is on display in Tarble. "A Dark Matter" focuses on each artists' interpretation of the racial tension in American society.

Rehema lead the discussion with a series of questions that asked the artists what their inspiration for their work is, what kind of influences can be seen in their individual pieces, the various mediums they used and their

interactions with the youth in the nation.

Lenochoan said he tries to use everything but paint in his work.

"I want to use images and objects that already exist," Lenochoan said during the discussion.

Some of Lenochoan's art consists of sculptures made of old paperback books plastered together with concrete and a school chair made of old boxing gloves.

Jones's art that is on display includes old, deconstructed encyclopedias laid out on canvas and wood.

Jones said that the concept of his art comes from the influence of reactions to cases and instances of oppression and brutality.

His pieces are part of a series titled "Unbound," which includes recycled

pages of encyclopedias and law books, are his way to convey his idea of the encyclopedia being a way to control information and intentionally leave out things like the accomplishments of African-Americans.

Pope is a Chicago based artist who focuses on a lot of performance-based art, and the use of quotations from people she had conversations with that are printed or constructed.

"I think listening is the most important political act we can make," Pope said during the panel. "Language is failing (us)."

Pope's work concentrates on the human struggle through pain, oppression and tolerance. One of her performances includes her using only her head to knock down suspended balloons filled with water.

During the discussion, Pope had said the first time she performed the piece; it brought her a great deal of pain. After the first time, she then took up boxing and built up a tolerance to the similar pain she felt during her performance.

"Every time I got hit (during boxing) I'd whisper thank you," Pope said.


Barber then opened the panel to the audience to ask questions after asking her prepared set of questions.

The gallery will be featuring the exhibit until Oct. 30, and will continue to host lectures and performances by the other artists featured until the exhibit leaves.

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Police issue warrant in UIUC fatal shooting

CHAMPAIGN (AP) — An arrest warrant has been issued in the deadly weekend shooting at a party near the University of Illinois campus for an 18-year-old man who was released earlier this month from a state boot camp, authorities said Wednesday.

Prosecutors say Robbie Patton, of Champaign, will be charged with first-degree murder in the early Sunday shooting that killed a 22-year-old man and injured three other people.

Patton was sentenced in April to eight months in prison after pleading guilty to shooting at an occupied vehicle but was instead sent to the Illinois Department of Corrections boot camp "over our objections," Champaign County State's Attorney Julia Rietz said.

She said Patton is believed to be

in the Champaign area and may be armed.

Authorities still are investigating the shooting, which stemmed from a disagreement at a large party at an apartment in what is known as Campustown, the campus' main commercial district, Rietz and police said. One woman spilled a drink on another, leading to a series of altercations that included one man being badly beaten by several other men, Rietz said. The man who was beaten has since been released from the hospital.

The shooting happened a short time later, and police were called at 12:38 a.m.

None of the four victims in the shooting were involved in the fight, police have said. George Korchev, a 22-year-old from Mundelein who had

recently completed nursing school, though not at the University of Illinois, was killed.

A second shooting about a half-hour later, several blocks west of campus, injured one person. Police initially thought it was linked to the earlier shooting, but now say that's not the case.

Patton pleaded guilty in April to aggravated discharge of a firearm in a December 2015 shooting incident. The nature of that shooting and Patton's juvenile record led Rietz to object to his attorney's request that Patton be sentenced to boot camp, she said.

"It was a shooting in a parking lot of a restaurant in broad daylight on ... a busy retail area of our community," she said.

Boot camp, she said, also was not part of the plea deal. Had she known Patton's attorney planned to ask for it, Rietz says she might not have agreed to the eight-year sentence — the maximum for which someone can instead be considered for boot camp.

Patton's attorney in that case, Daniel Jackson of Champaign, did not return a call seeking comment.

To be sent to one of the state's two bootcamps, a judge and the Department of Corrections have to agree. The stays range from 120 to 180 days.

The department issued a statement Wednesday that said only that Patton "met the legal criteria for participation" and the department "conducted additional screenings before deeming him eligible to participate."

Shooting victim became US citizen in 2004

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The man killed in a weekend shooting at a Starbucks coffee shop in Las Vegas was a naturalized U.S. citizen from the country of Georgia, where he served in the military and learned not to back away from conflict, a lifelong friend said Wednesday.

Aleksandr Khutsishvili enlisted after his country broke from the Soviet Union, and he served a stint in a military unit protecting then-Georgian President Eduard Shevardnadze, said David Shtromberg, who grew up with Khutsishvili in the Georgian capital city, Tblisi.

According to police, Khutsishvili was sitting Sunday morning in a Starbucks several miles west of the Las Vegas Strip when a man later identified as Pedro Jose Garcia, a five-time felon, entered the store after his credit card was declined at the drive-thru.

An employee told detectives the man tried to make another purchase and then took a seat, according to a police report.

Another witness reported hearing people talking loudly "but not quite yelling" before the gunman "got up, pulled out a gun and shot the man

in the opposite corner." An employee yelled for everyone to get down.

Khutsishvili, who police said had argued with the gunman, was shot in the chest and fell to the floor just inside the door. Other people dove for cover.

Three shots were fired, police said, before the weapon malfunctioned with a bullet stuck in the barrel.

There was no evidence that Khutsishvili had a weapon, homicide Lt. Dan McGrath said Wednesday, just a cellphone and a laptop computer.

The twice-divorced father of three

became a U.S. citizen in 2004, Shtromberg said. He worked as a long-shoreman, a plumber and a construction worker in Southern California before moving to Las Vegas about three years ago.

"Garcia, 34, made an initial court appearance Wednesday on murder and other charges in the slaying. A judge postponed his arraignment until Friday to let the Clark County public defender's office determine if it can represent him.

Defense attorney Edward Kane said outside court that he expects Garcia will plead not guilty.

STATE AND NATION BRIEFS

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Chicago teachers set Oct. 11 strike date if deal not reached

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Teachers Union has set an Oct. 11 strike date if the union fails to reach a contract agreement by then with Chicago Public Schools.

Saying it's time to move contract talks along, union president Karen Lewis said teachers will "withhold our labor" if an agreement isn't reached by the strike date. She wouldn't say if the two sides are close to an agreement.

The union's approximately 25,000 members walked out in 2012 for 10 days and staged a one-day walkout in April.

CTU vice president Jesse Sharkey said in addition to compensation, the

union's stance is partially motivated by cuts in school staffing, including librarians, and services like special education experts.

CPS CEO Forrest Claypool says the cash-strapped district will do everything possible to prevent disruption of the school year.

Despite harsh reviews, Trump resists new debate approach

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa (AP) — Unmoved by harsh debate reviews, a defiant Donald Trump showed no sign Wednesday of making any big changes before his second faceoff with Hillary Clinton, pressing ahead with a strategy focused on speaking directly to his white working-class loyalists across the Midwest.

Those closest to Trump insisted the Republican presidential nominee was satisfied with Monday night's debate, even as prominent voices within his own party called for more serious preparation next time following an opening confrontation marked by missed opportunities and missteps.

The next debate is 11 days away.

Trump is likely to spend more time working on specific answers and sharpen his attacks after spending much of the first meeting on defense, said that person, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss internal campaign strategy.

Trump's team on Wednesday was hoping to regain its footing after he veered into problematic territory the day before, when he revived his decades-old criticism of a former beauty pageant winner for gaining "a massive amount of weight."

CPS hiring review follows arrest of teacher with past record

CHICAGO (AP) — Chicago Public Schools is reviewing hiring practices after a former teacher with convictions for peeping and prowling was accused of hiding a camera in a school bathroom.

Cook County prosecutors said Tuesday they learned of 41-year-old Elliott Nott's criminal background after he was charged last week with unauthorized videotaping and child pornography.

CPS spokesman Michael Passman says CPS is performing the review to make sure proper hiring protocols are being followed.

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Annual boat race returns to Campus Pond

By **Chrissy Miller**
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“Residents On Campus Festival” is already in full swing, as the residence halls prepare for the annual boat race set for 5:30 p.m. today at the Campus Pond.

Nick Bamert, president of the Residence Hall Association, has participated in the boat race for the past three years. For his fourth year on campus, he said he is excited to see how a new group of students will carry on the tradition that has brought the hall residents together in past years.

“It’s designed as a way to engage the residents that we have on campus and encourage both communication and friendly competition,” Bamert said. “My first year, I lived in Weller Hall and we had an amazing amount of team unity and team spirit there.”

Bamert said Weller Hall had their boat all “decked out,” with most of the hall turning out for the boat races.

“We all dressed up in the Rocfest theme to cheer on our team and it was a lot of fun,” Bamert said. “It propagated a lot of team spirit in Weller Hall.”

To participate in the boat races, a hall has to build a boat out of duct tape and cardboard. A residence hall team has a total of five people. There are three people who go across the Campus Pond and two people who help the boat launch. Each person goes across one time then the two helpers ensure that people can get in and out of the boat safely.

Bamert said having people in each residence hall participating, even if they are not part of the boat races themselves, is important.



FILE PHOTO | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS
Drew King, a junior kinesiology and sports studies major, rows the Stevenson Hall boat to victory during the final lap of the boat race Thursday, Oct. 1, 2015 at the Campus Pond.

“It very ingrained in our culture, and we’re very proud to have such a long-standing tradition.”

-Maddie Smart, associate resident director of Greek Court

“All of Rocfest has a point based system, and there is a winner at the end of the week,” Bamert said. “Winning events as well as spotting Panther Babies and attending events are all worth points. So the more people you bring from your hall to the events, the more points you earn for your hall.”

Maddie Smart, the associate resident director of Greek Court, said she enjoys the boat race because of its connection to the spirit of Rocfest.

“All the halls come together to

compete against one another, but in order to do that they have to work effectively with the members of their community,” Smart said. “So, I like that the different residence halls come together to compete against one another in the spirit of fun.”

Neither Bamert nor Smart knows how the boat race was originally started; however, both said it is a deep-rooted tradition they enjoy immensely.

“It is very ingrained in our culture, and we’re very proud to have

such a long-standing tradition,” Smart said.

Although the competition can be serious, there are some funny moments too, Smart said.

“I always think it’s funny when someone falls in, just because I think people work really hard on their boats, and you think it is going to work and then it doesn’t,” Smart said.

Bamert said decorating the boat might have something to do with whether or not it will float.

“I haven’t found a precise cor-

relation, but some of the flashier boats are not the ones that are built to be the most seaworthy,” Bamert said. “There was a specific hall last year that had a wonderfully decorated boat that made it about four feet in the water before it sank.”

David Emrick, a junior pre-nursing major, who was part of the team with a sinking ship last year, said it was a team bonding experience.

“There was a lot of time and effort that went into building the boat last year even though our boat kind of sunk,” Emrick said. “Our boat didn’t even make it halfway across the pond. It was so funny.”

Bamert said a similar thing happened to him when participating in the boat race his freshman year.

He was still figuring out the college environment at the time when someone suggested he get involved in the boat race. They needed an extra helper to push the cardboard canoe and he volunteered. He did not really know what he was in for until he got there.

“They told me I needed to run around the lake three times then push the boat in, but by the third lap, I was pretty tired, and I managed to stumble face first into the panther pond trying to push the cardboard boat in,” Bamert said.

Emerick said whether the boat sinks or floats, these activities are worth getting involved in.

“They don’t force you to do these activities,” Emerick said “If you are scared or new to campus and everything definitely try and get involved in these programs. It’s a good way to get to know people and create your social life.”

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Student Senate plans voter registration drives

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More voter registration drives are set before the upcoming elections, the Student Senate announced at their meeting Wednesday.

The three-day voter registration drives will be in the Library Quad.

For two days, the location will be in front of the Doudna Fine Arts Center, with the third one being held on the opposite side of the quad in front of the Triad residence halls.

Maralea Negron, executive vice

president of the Student Senate, announced that 275 people were registered to vote in Coles County during this past week’s voter registration drives.

The Senate’s goal is to get 500 students registered in the Coles County area.

Negron said this is the goal for this semester because of Eastern’s lower enrollment numbers.

“We have a little over 7,000 students on campus so 500 is not a big goal,” Negron said

In past years, voter registration numbers have been as low as 100 and as high as 1,000. Negron said

after these drives, more voter registration events are not planned because it is close to the registration deadline.

Election day is Nov. 8, and the Bridge Lounge in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union will serve as a polling place.

There will also be a forum on the Democratic and Republican parties platforms scheduled from 4 to 5 p.m. Tuesday at the 7th Street Underground in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Student Body President Catie Witt said the Admissions Office is reaching out to student leaders on

campus and telling them to speak at their high schools and let students know about Eastern.

Witt said college students going home to talk with high school students does a lot of good as far as recruitment.

Luke Young, student vice president of academic affairs, talked about discussions he plans to have with the Registrar’s Office about the grade appeals process and how to improve it.

Young also announced the next “Prowlin’ with the Prez” event.

It is called “Pumpkins with the Prez” and will run from 4 to 6

p.m. on Monday, Oct. 24.

Young said Eastern President David Glassman will be there at 4:30 p.m.

Festivities will include hay bales and a pumpkin-decorating contest.

The Senate also went over Robert’s Rules of Order during their committee reports, so new senators will know how the meetings will work, how to use time cards when recording their mandatory office hours and other house items.

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Staff Editorial

Students must take advantage of Eastern’s career support

Since it is often difficult for students to get a job after graduating from college, especially in a state with a budget impasse, *The Daily Eastern News* believes it is important for students to take advantage of opportunities Eastern brings to their fingertips.

It is extremely important that students pursue companies for jobs and internships because the sooner students network with possible employers, the better chances of them being hired right after getting their degrees.

On Tuesday, students had these opportunities to meet with potential future employers to let them know what skills they have to bring to their company’s table.

An article from *The News’* Wednesday edition featured a story about the job and internship fair, where students discussed their anticipations for the fair and why it was important for them to go.

More specifically, Ajah Tyson, a freshman family consumer science and hospitality major, talked about her experiences as a retail manager and how that pushed her to look for opportunities for a good job so she would not have to work a minimum wage job again.

After Tyson graduated from high school, she took off a couple of years to work while she was in Florida because she said she was not ready to jump into college right away.

Her drive to work hard to meet her career goals as a first year student should serve as an example to others to get involved in career services as soon as possible.

It is important for students to realize that these opportunities handed to us by Eastern should not be taken for granted since it is already hard to just get a minimum wage job.

In addition to the job and internship fair, there will be an education job fair Nov. 2 where students will be able to network with schools across the nation. Students are required to wear professional attire to the education job fair, just as they were at the job and internship fair.

The fair will also include opportunities for paraprofessionals that include but are not limited to board certified behavior analysts (BCBAs), psychologists, speech pathologists, social workers, occupational therapists, bilingual educators, administrators, coaches, counselors, behavioral support staff, therapeutic recreation professionals and teaching aides.

Some education professors will advise students to go to this fair and make a good impression because if the employers are impressed, some schools would be willing to wait years for students to graduate and work for them.

Panther TraCS, formerly known as Panther Recruiting PLUS+, is also a resource for students’ future careers.

Panther TraCS provides special events and services including speed networking, internship and job postings, on-campus interviews, externships or job shadowing’s, career field trips, a career boot camp, a dining etiquette class and access to employers including Eastern alumni.

This resource only has a one-time fee of \$75 for lifetime access. Students can greatly benefit from the programs because it will prepare them for real world situations; that way, they will not risk being blindsided by unexpected situations while on the job hunt.

The News believes in ending the myth that job fairs are only for seniors. No matter what year they are in college, every student should get their foot in the door as soon as possible so they can be employed shortly after getting their degree.

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

The Power of the Boob Tube



COURTNEY SHEPHERD | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

The African giant: 56 years of independence

Some 56 years ago, Nigeria was basking in the euphoria of new independence from British rule. It had been 60 long years of colonial rule, and the nation was aching to shed the shackles of colonization and lead its own destiny. So on the eve of independence, the mood across the nation was ecstatic and dream-like. Everyone was giddy with excitement. A nation of 46 million people at the time rolled out the drums and donned beautiful colors in celebration of independence. The celebrations lasted many days and many nights.

Independence day has always been a feverishly celebrated national holiday in Nigeria. As a young high school boy in Lagos, the capital city of Nigeria, I always looked forward to that day when, with our elegantly starched uniforms, we assembled at some parade ground under the gaze of high-ranking government officials to march. Schoolboys competed keenly to make the parade team, but only the smart and swift were selected.

We spent weeks under scorching sun practicing every move until we reached perfection. Sometimes, I even marched in my dreams. And so, on the deal day, with child-like fervor, we marched for our nation, passionately. We marched with pride and joy in our hearts. We marched almost with soldierly precision, zipping forward, stamping up and down again in rhythm, to the accompaniment of saxophones and military drums. Even sol-



Kehinde Abiodun

diers would have been green with envy at our performance. At the end of the day, we were treated to all sorts of delicacies from across the country. My choice was always jollof rice and chicken.

Those days are long gone now, but I still feel nostalgic. However, these days my concerns have shifted from the thrill of parade and the bowl of jollof rice to more important issues. After 56 years of independence, I have since been thinking about when Nigeria will defeat her many demons and live up to her potential.

At independence, one reporter for the *BBC* noted that Nigeria was poised to be the leading African nation and perhaps a big player on the world stage. This was even before the discovery of crude oil, which turned out to be a huge moneymaker for the country.

Six years ago, when she turned 50, I hoped

50 was the magic number; that she would find the magic wand or elect a set of leaders who would roll up their sleeves, turn wood to steel, and rocket the country to its potential. Well, not quite. There has been some progress, but it has been slow and painful.

As I clambered into bed last night, I scanned through news headlines from home to gauge the mood. There was only but a tiny tinge of celebration in the air; there were greater concerns for higher living standards, for jobs, for steady power supply, for better education, for clean water, for peace and even for cheaper ice cream and tomatoes. I thought about the schoolboys who will be marching on the first of October, and wondered if they would march with the same fervor as boys my time did.

While I am miffed by the opportunities Nigeria has missed to become remarkably great, I am hopeful that the coming years will bring some improvement. So come Saturday, October 1, I will be sipping a glass of wine together with my folks as I watch festivities on the streets on Lagos and the fluid parade of schoolboys in starchy, colorful uniforms on the television. I feel almost like a boy again!

Happy Independence, Nigeria.

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Carefully pick your battles in social media

Facebook is a cesspool of misinformation, unfunny memes and opposing political views. At least, that is how mine is anyway, and I have even tried to curate it to the best of my abilities. But the thing with Facebook, Twitter or any other form of social media is that it is next to impossible to escape all of the negative aspects. So why even bother with any of it?

Obviously that question can easily be answered as it is quickly becoming an integral facet to our daily lives and there are many benefits, but then how does one find that happy medium? It certainly is not an easy task given the sheer size of the Internet and the effects it has on an individual in an argument. I have seen many arguments unfold into nasty bits of snide comments and bickering between two parties that provide very little in the way of an actual discussion on an issue.

If you ever see something worth arguing, over there are two ways to continue: you can completely ignore it or you can engage further.

In the case of something that you may see as impossible to argue, you can completely ignore it. Especially in the case of having family members on social media, arguing with them can end poorly. You may never be seen as smart enough to argue against because they are older than you and remember when you were little, or whatever other lame excuse they may provide. With the election coming up and holidays right around the corner, tensions may already be extremely high in some house-



Joe Tucci

holds. Arguing over Facebook about some candidate-hating meme that Aunt Peggy posted may not fly when you need her to pass the mashed potatoes.

When it comes to arguing things on Facebook, you have to ask yourself if you can provide adequate information to back your claims. If you are arguing an opinion that is hate-filled, you may only be feeding into what they want, because they will continue further with their hate speech. Sometimes people on social media post something merely as bait for an argument. In this case, it may be best not to engage with them as it means their narrow-mindedness will not listen to anything you try to inform them with, and you will only end up wasting your time.

However, you could always decide to engage no matter how wrong or ludicrous the claim may be. The unfortunate aspect of social media is that most of the time, a large portion of political or social posts are meant

to bait the opposing side of the argument into arguing. So it becomes very difficult to decide whether or not engaging in discussion with said person will be worth anyone’s time. In the case of social and political turmoil, after a while you have to ask yourself if you can do anything to help the issue.

If you constantly see troublesome viewpoints and opinions, you should inform yourself on the matter and try to inform other people as much as possible. Given that you are now exposed to it on a daily basis through social media, you should start to engage in difficult discussions with people that post unfunny memes with misinformation. Not only are they a nuisance to look at, but they pander to those looking for a quick comment to make about a certain candidate or issue.

There is such a thing as effectively arguing on social media and it stems from being able to provide adequate resources for the other party to look at. Do not treat Facebook or Twitter as a platform to make sarcastic jokes about an issue. Utilize it for all it has to offer.

You can connect with hundreds, if not thousands, of different people on the Internet, and you can all speak to one another instantly. I know I struggle to not make a snarky comment to something I strongly disagree with, but when you do that you are only adding kindling to the fire.

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There’s hell to raise



Kelsey Jones, a sophomore family and consumer sciences major, and her teammates prepare for a lift while practicing for “Yell Like Hell” Wednesday in McAfee Gym.

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Perry Lectures return to Eastern

By Nick Teresky
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Eastern’s department of mathematics and computer science will be hosting the Perry Lectures today and Friday.

It is a series of lectures related to groundbreaking achievements in the disciplines of mathematics and computer sciences.

The lectures will be held in Room 2231 inside of Old Main from 4 to 4:50 p.m. both days.

This is the second year in a row Eastern will be hosting the lectures.

Former Eastern President William Perry made the Perry Lectures possible. Perry, who now lives near Dallas, Texas, set up an endowment fund to support Eastern’s department of mathematics and computer science, which he donates to on a regular basis.

Bogdan Petrenko, a mathematics professor at Eastern, helped to arrange this year’s series of lectures.

“The purpose of these lectures is to bring a well-known mathematician to campus so that they can explain an important concept from the field of mathematics and computer sciences,” Petrenko said.

This year, the featured speaker at the Perry Lectures will be Paul Schupp, a mathematics professor from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Schupp did his studies at Case Western Reserve University and the University of Michigan. He has also held mathematical lectures in numerous countries and received the John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship during the 1977-78 academic year. Schupp’s topic for the Perry Lectures will be the theory of computability.

Computability, also known as recursion, is a branch of mathematical logic linked to the field of computer sciences that began in the 1930s when mathematicians of the era were studying the concepts of computable functions and Turing degrees, which were named for their creator,

Alan Turing.

“Computability is a very complex yet extremely important mathematical concept,” Petrenko said. “Basically, the astonishing functions that our computers are capable of today would not be possible without computability.”

Schupp, who has held a Ph.D. in mathematics for 50 years, has dedicated his studies to the mathematical concept of computability, which qualifies him as an expert in the field.

“Dr. Schupp is a reputable mathematician who is very knowledgeable in the theory of computability, among other areas of mathematics,” Petrenko said. “The fact that Dr. Schupp is also an excellent speaker who can comfortably explain complicated mathematical concepts in simple terms that just about anybody can understand makes him a wonderful choice as our guest speaker for this year at the Perry Lectures.”

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strengths, make our mark in the market as a university,” Hung said.

This will be challenging without the resources from the state, Hung said, making the campus understandably nervous.

History professor Mark Hubbard said it is always good for an institution like Eastern to evaluate what they are doing and how they are doing it to find ways they could improve.

“Attracting more students and delivering real value to the citizens of Illinois,” he said. “As a state institution that’s really what we need to be thinking about.”

What Hubbard wants the workgroups to value is a comprehensive liberal arts education, which he said means more than just dollars and sense.

“There is an uneasiness among some of my colleagues that in the rush to identify areas where we can reallocate resources or areas to cut to save money, there is a fear that the fundamental mission of public higher education could be compromised,” Hubbard said.

Part of the fear and anxiety stems from being in an age of financial austerity, Hubbard said, where the university can no longer count on a certain level of funding.

Hubbard said the university’s mission goes beyond just giving students a credential to get a job with, and a comprehensive education gives them the knowledge and perspective they need.

“(We need to teach them about) being well-educated citizens, who can make the right decisions about the direction of the country,” Hubbard said. “This requires more than preparing them for a lucrative job at the end of the day. It requires educating them on the history of their nation, the history of their state and so on.”

Hubbard said the workgroups should keep in mind the value of educating students over just thinking about the monetary aspect.

“That aspect of what we do as a university can’t be compromised in this vitalization program,” Hubbard said.

In an interview with *The Daily Eastern News* last week, Eastern President David Glassman said also higher education is different from a business as in a business, the person in charge would cut a program if it was losing money.

In a university, Glassman said, it is understood that some programs are not going to generate funds that are greater than their expenses.

“Some programs do not, it’s fine,” Glassman said. “(We are) a university with a mission to educate students broadly, and to do that we will have programs that might not make money.”

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The New York Times
Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0825

- ACROSS**
1 Grind
6 What the shaded squares in this puzzle symbolize
15 Brand with a trademark on the phrase “Set it and forget it”
16 Area to roam
17 In a state of entanglement
18 Goya or Del Monte product
19 Sticks one’s nose in
21 Soccer coverage?
22 Actress Williams of “Game of Thrones”
23 “Better Call Saul” airer
25 Ones working at home?
29 Move like the sun in the sky
30 “Focus!”
33 “___ never work!”
- 34** Japanese city known as “the nation’s kitchen”
35 Combat setting for an air cav, once
38 Announcement after a deep breath
40 In a comfortable position
41 One of the ABC islands
43 Years in old Rome
44 Dish offering
47 Where many drafts are produced
50 Collude with
51 Choice word
52 Brunch beverage
54 Rural allergen
56 Larger-than-life statues
57 Something pulled out before turning in
62 Dialogue, e.g.
- 63** “Misery” director
64 Turn up
65 French abbot thought to have originated the saying depicted symbolically in this puzzle
66 Beach souvenir

DOWN

- 1** Nana
2 What the gutsy display
3 Like one end of a battery
4 Cold War missiles on mobile launchers
5 Queens neighborhood next to Jamaica
6 1990s fad
7 Fig. in car ads
8 Village leader?
9 Romanian composer George
10 Villainous resident of Crab Key island
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12 ___ World Trade Center
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- PUZZLE BY ANDREW ZHOU
- 28** FiveThirtyEight datum
31 Way to Sugar Hill, in song
32 ___ far gone
35 “For the benefit of all” org.
36 ___ Spring
37 Remote control button
38 ___ Steinbrenner, principal owner of the Yankees
- 39** U.S. base in Cuba, for short
42 “Show up ... or else!”
45 Stores for future use
46 Patrician estates
47 1990s war locale
48 Charge
49 Cause a commotion
53 Rippled and lustrous
55 Copier
- 56** Check the birth date of, say
57 Medicare beneficiaries: Abbr.
58 Park place?
59 Retreat
60 Keats’s “___ Dream”
61 Slangy suffix with two or three

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Eastern ready to run at Notre Dame

By Alex Hartman
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There has been two weeks between meets for Eastern's cross-country teams, but they are set to take the course at South Bend, Ind. this Friday. The start times and the teams set to run are yet to be announced; however, it is known that the race is separated into blue and gold divisions.

Both Eastern teams are feeling confident after a great start to the season finishing first in both the men and women's divisions at the season opening Walt Crawford Open. The men's team finished second, while the women finished fourth at the Country Financial Invite.

After the long break the team is ready to run with the likes of heavy hitting opponents such as Notre Dame and Clemson.

This will be the team's largest meet yet, and the farthest they have traveled to compete.

It is a familiar experience for some of the veteran runners, but for the incoming freshmen a meet of this size and the location will be a new experience.

Freshman Brianna Bower is treating it like any other meet.

"Even though it is further away than I am used to, it will just feel like another meet since I have done



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Redshirt junior Myles Foor competed in the EIU Walt Crawford Open Friday, Sept. 2 at the EIU Panther Trail.

this for so long," she said.

Last year, the Panther's finished third in the men's gold section five-

mile with a score of 115, while in the women's 5 kilometers gold section they finished eighth with a

score of 197. The winning team for the men's gold 5 mile was Clemson with a score of 53, and for the

women's gold 5K the winning team was Butler with a score of 108.

The top runner of the men's five-mile was North Central College's Zach Plank with a time of 24 minutes, 30.2 seconds, while the best time for the women's gold 5K was Western Michigan's Maria McDaniel with a time of 16:58.4.

The men's team for Eastern had two top-ten finishers with seniors Riley McNerney and Paxson Menard. McNerney finished third with a time of 24:40.7, while Menard finished in the seventh spot with a time of 24:55.9.

Other finishers for the men included now graduated Joe Calio who finished 12th with a time of 25:09.9, just 1.5 seconds from being a top-ten time, and senior Tyler Yunk finishing 33rd.

For the women, Eastern had one top-ten finisher in junior Maria Baldwin with a time of 17:44.5.

Other Eastern runner finishes include senior Ivy Handley at 27th and sophomore Jocelyne Mendoza at 49th.

Eastern runners will try to repeat their success at the meet, while some others will look to improve upon their finish from 2015.

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COLUMN Eastern cross-country about team, friendship

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When most people think of cross-country, they think it is a sport focused on the individual. However, for Eastern's team, it is much more than that.

In recent interviews with several runners, I have been told constantly how much the relationships between teammates are vital.

Running with a pack mentality gives the Panthers an edge over their opponents, and it shows in their consistent to finish at the top.

The cross-country relationships have moved well beyond the course to personal friendships outside of practices and meets.

Junior Maria Baldwin said re-



Kaitlin Cordes

cently that she and her teammates push each other, and her main focus is on how her team does.

The unselfishness that can be found throughout both the men and women's teams truly make cross-country a team sport for the Panthers.

So many other sports revolve around the team performance and rely on individuals working togeth-

er to win or achieve goals.

But how important are the personal relationships among teammates in these sports?

Friendships should be something teams strive for. Basketball, football and baseball benefit from cohesion.

Teams that have apparent chemistry tend to succeed a majority of the time. This chemistry comes easier when players get along and make attempts to truly know each other on a personal level.

The Eastern cross-country team should be the ideal model for teams struggling with cooperation amongst the teammates and cohesion.

They abide by the "we before me" team motto, and this is what

makes them top-notch competitors.

Sure, personal bests and reaching individual achievements are nothing to simply brush off, but working as a unit is an achievement in itself.

Well-formed friendships between teammates can lead to a better athletic environment and dominant performances on the field, court or course.

The cross-country team can be compared to a well-oiled machine.

When one part is working properly, it allows the other parts to do the same. If parts are working against each other, success is impossible.

What makes teams like the New England Patriots, the San Anto-

nio Spurs and the Chicago Cubs such dominant forces in the sports world? What makes them have such large fan bases?

You guessed it. Chemistry. It's easy to cheer on a team that clearly has talent, but it's fun to root for a cohesive ball club.

The cross-country team easily ranks with the aforementioned organizations because they exemplify all of the elements that make these professional teams great.

No amount of practice or workouts can push a team toward success like a strong bond can. Friendship and chemistry are extremely vital to success in sports.

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Passion leads to strong leadership

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When an athlete has the genes to be great, it's not very hard for them to find the sport they are destined to play.

Some athletes, like sophomore right side hitter and setter Taylor Smith, just have to play a couple other sports before they find the sport that is their calling.

"My mom was a big influence on me, because she played volleyball at SIU-Carbondale," Smith said. "Growing up I was really into softball. I started when I was seven-years-old and when I was in high school I decided that I didn't want to play anymore. I wasn't even serious about volleyball until high school and then I decided that I wanted to go further and play."

Smith competed in three sports at Mattoon high school – basketball, volleyball and track – before she joined the volleyball team and decided to focus solely on volleyball.

She said that her competitive drive came from a different sport.

"Competing in high school track helped me with my competitiveness," Smith said. "Track is different because it is an individual sport, but it definitely helped me with my volleyball in that it gave me a competitive drive in athletics."

Since her hometown of Mattoon is just down the road from Charleston, coming to Eastern was a familiar sight.

"I came to Eastern because I wanted my family and friends to be able to watch me play volleyball," Smith said. "I am huge with the support of the crowd, and I love having people there supporting me. I definitely play better, and I feel calm when there's people that I

know watching me."

Eastern head coach Sam Wolinski is one of her biggest supporters, and she said she is grateful to the previous staff that recruited her.

"She brings energy, athleticism, and the ability to hit and set on the right side which makes her such a threat," Wolinski said. "She is the one everyone keys in on and she is learning to improve her IQ to make it tough to defend her."

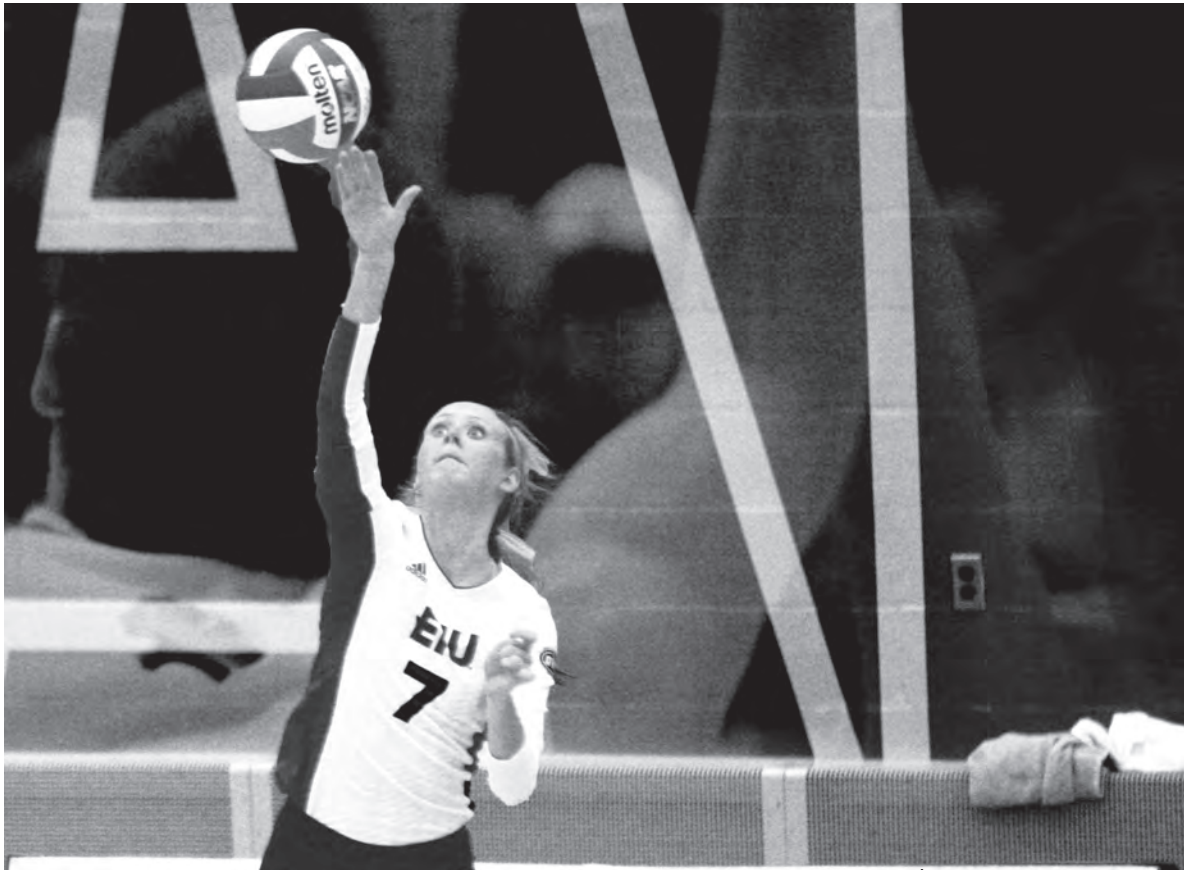
Smith demands perfection out of her performance, which puts unnecessary pressure on herself.

"I've definitely have had my moments when I've had bad games, and it's tough because I just expect so much out of myself," Smith said. "I have to be 100 percent perfect all the time, which is a terrible standard to put on myself because it makes me put a lot of pressure on myself, which can be a good or a bad thing, sometimes."

Smith has recorded a total of 131 kills, 265 assists, 19 service aces, 177 digs, 42 block assists, and is currently leading NCAA Division I in triple-doubles, the number of kills, assists, digs, aces, or blocks being in the double-digits for a match with six.

"I had absolutely no idea about (NCAA record) until someone told me," Smith said. "I just go out and play and whatever happens, happens. I'm never worried about stats and when I heard about it I was mind blown, I don't even know how many I have."

That same mind-set is what Smith said allows her to continue to improve. "I'm a good leader on the court, and I try to stay energized and stay vocal," Smith said. "I try to pick everyone up and lead by example. In practice specifically, I try to work hard and since our team is young I want them to want



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Taylor Smith serves the ball in a match against Belmont on Friday at Lantz Arena. Smith leads all NCAA Division I players in triple-doubles with six.

to be like me and connect with me, because I work hard and always give 100 percent. I want them know that (and) that is what Eastern volleyball is all about."

Smith said she connects well with teammate Gina Furlin off the court because they are also roommates. Smith said it helps them connect so well, especially on the court.

"I just feel like I am more of a main hitter this year than last year," Smith said. "Gina goes to me and expects me to put the ball away. Last year I was more of a secondary hitter. Since Gina is my roommate,

we connect really well. We are always together and we are both setters, so we both understand it and know where to place the ball."

Furlin also said being roommates helps them on and off the court.

"It's super nice because we have the same schedule so we can always make sure we are where we need to be and double check with each other," Furlin said. "We get to talk about volleyball off the court and help each other get out of funks."

Being able to connect with her teammates on and off the court is what has helped her performance thus far and Smith's drive and de-

termination to continue to improve and give her all at practice and matches is what boosts her success.

"What I love about volleyball is being thrown anywhere on the court and being able to play," Smith said. "I love being involved on the court, all the time. Even on defense, I love digging up balls and there's no better feeling then when you get a great kill or make an awesome set. There's no better feeling."

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Stroud dives into new role with team

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An injury that has been plaguing Emily Stroud for the last two and a half years has led her to begin filing the paperwork to redshirt this season.

Stroud, a transfer from the University of Findlay was competing as a freshman when the injury began.

What is now correctly diagnosed as severe fascia adhesions with thoracic outlet problems was first thought to be ribs out of place.

Eastern athletic trainer Tanner Krumwiede explained fascia adhesions.

"Fascia is a very strong fibrous connective tissue in your body that is under incredible tension," he said. "Under a microscope, normal fascia appears as fibers all heading in the same direction. When there are adhesions, picture them as 'knots' in the fascia. The layers of collagen fibers are now not smooth and aligned evenly, they are knotted up and going in different directions."

Stroud explained that the pool she was training in at the University of Findlay had poor air quality causing her body to recognize the chlorine as poison.

Her body reacted by developing a chronic and painful cough.

"I was coughing and as I twisted my body a little there was a pain, I was sent to a chiropractor the very next day," Stroud said.

The chiropractor gave Stroud permission to swim as tolerable.

"Challenge accepted, as any passionate athlete would," she said.

Four months of bearing the pain came to an end in Jan. 2015 when she stopped swimming to get a second opinion.

It was then Stroud and her family found out it was not ribs out of place, but her soft tissue causing the pain.

After discrepancies with handling her injury at the University of Findlay, Stroud transferred to Eastern to swim for coach Jacqueline Michalski who knew of her injury upon recruiting Stroud.

"We talked about her injury, it's going to be a long process to get her back to where she needs to go and the biggest thing is patience and she's been very patient with it," Michalski said.

Fast-forward to present day and Stroud is finally taking a break to get a healing process going for her body.

While Stroud takes her redshirt year, Michalski has said Stroud helps the team by doing small things that usually go unnoticed such as inventory and handing out warm-ups.

"I've taken on more of a helpful role, I help my coach with a lot of things," Stroud said. "I love that role, I love this team, and I'm not going anywhere."

Though Stroud is not in the water for this year's season, she hopes to come back strong for her senior year, as does



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Junior Emily Stroud has taken on a new role with the Eastern women's swimming team. An injury has forced her to step into a supportive role for her teammates during her recovery.

Michalski.

"There is the hope that next year those adjustments, small muscles, ligaments, all of that are able to train and compete at the D1 level," Michalski said.

Stroud has contemplated the option of a fifth year here at Eastern to fulfill all four years of eligibility, however, part of her doesn't want to miss the opportunity of graduating with her class.

"In a certain aspect I feel like it is time to move on, but on the other hand I want to end swimming on my terms," Stroud said.

Stroud went on to explain that her team means everything to her, whether she is in the water with them or helping them in other aspects.

"A lot of people who get injured, they just give up, they're done, but she has not. She made the decision that she

still wanted to be apart of this team, still help us succeed even if that means she's not scoring us points," Michalski said.

Stroud has some worries coming back off a break from swimming and injury as to whether or not she will be able to compete at the same level she used to.

Despite the worries, Stroud is prepared to take this challenge on as it comes to one-day compete in the 100 and 200 backstroke again next year.

"Great thing about swimming is you can always compare your self to your self and your times to last year pre injury so in swimming you can always self reflect upon where you are an see improvement," said Coach Michalski.

Stroud has found herself diving more into her schoolwork with the extra time on her hands, working on her Public Relation major and Health Communication minor.

As busy as student-athlete lives are known to be, Stroud says she wants nothing more than to be there for her team just as she would if she were competing next to them.

"For her to still be so involved in this team even with her injury speaks volumes to who she is as a person and her commitment she has given to this team," Michalski said.

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