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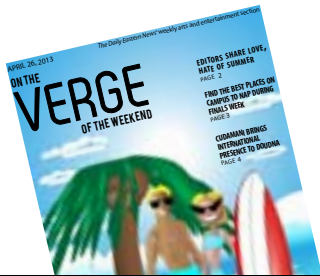
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## SUMMER APPROACHES

With the semester coming to an end, find out the best places to nap on campus during finals week and hear from Verge writers on the ups and downs of summer.

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"TELL THE TRUTH AND DON'T BE AFRAID"

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Jeannie Ludlow, the coordinator of the Women's Studies Program and an associate professor of English, stands on the Doudna steps Thursday. Ludlow came to Eastern in 2008 after 23 years at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio.

## The one who listens

### Jeannie Ludlow supports students in their fight to be heard

By Rachel Rodgers  
Editor-in-Chief

Behind the rallies, the town hall meetings, the line of students wanting their voices to be heard, Jeannie Ludlow has listened.

She believes that listening is one of the most difficult aspects when fighting for change in any situation, and she tries to keep that factor from hindering students in their mission to be heard.

"If we could listen without defensiveness, we could change the world," she said.

Ludlow came to Eastern in 2008 as the Women's Studies Program's first tenure-track coordinator and also serves as an associate professor of English and coordinator for the Women's Resource Center.

Ludlow always works to aid students, said Jennifer Hindes, a senior English major and former president of the Women's Empowerment League.

"Jeannie provides a vital aspect to our campus

community," Hindes said. "She is a part of a culture that stands with students for students' rights."

Ludlow attributes this year's surge in campus activism in part to the growing diversity in Eastern's population, where students have more experiences to bring to the conversation.

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-Jeannie Ludlow, women's studies

She said a person needs to say something is wrong before it can be fixed, and students are doing just that by voicing their concerns about Chick-fil-A, the university's sexual assault policy and racism.

"Through the work and the indignance of our students, we have been given an amazing opportunity to make this a better place, and we best not screw it up," she said. "It is never easy to speak back to a power structure, and it is never easy to make change in society."

Doing good is a driving force in Ludlow's life.

Growing up in the small community of Veederburg, Ind., Ludlow's teachers gave her the motivation to go to college, an opportunity she did not think was possible. She said their support, however small of an effort it was for them, made an immense difference in her life without them asking for anything in return.

"I just feel like for all of the people who have helped me, I need to help someone else in a similar way," Ludlow said. "When I see someone else who is struggling, it seems to me that I have an ethical responsibility to do the same thing for them."

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## FUNDING

# National budget proposes more aid

By Stephanie Markham  
Administration Editor

The fiscal year 2014 budget proposed by President Barack Obama on April 10 would increase funding for Pell Grants and Federal Work Study despite recent cuts.

The maximum award for Pell Grants would increase to \$5,785, according to the budget proposal.

Jerry Donna, the director of financial aid, said the maximum award for the 2013-2014 year is \$5,645, which would make the change a 2.5 percent increase of \$140.

Pell Grants were exempt from the sequestration in March that decreased various expenditures on the national budget.

"What happens when times are tough, they think about what can we cut, but to think that Pell may be sacred enough that they would want to increase it, that's really good news," Donna said.

However, the sequestration reduced funding for Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity grants and Federal Work Study by \$86 million.

"We just got information that the Federal Work Study program and the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant program are both being cut, and we've gotten those cuts into our budget," Donna said. "That's what we're working with across the nation."

The proposed budget states that an increase of \$150 million for Federal Work Study would provide over 110,000 new jobs and would be the first step in Obama's plan to double the number of Federal Work Study jobs in the nation.

Donna said although the proposed increase would help students, it might

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## CAMPUS | FORUM

# Community follows up on discrimination issues

By Seth Schroeder  
Associate News Editor

With nearly the entire audience of Buzzard Auditorium behind her, and three town hall meeting panelists in front of her, Yolanda Williams, an academic adviser in the Gateway Program, joked about how she may not have a job the next day.

A few minutes before, Williams passionately addressed those attending the final town hall meeting of the semester; criticizing Eastern and

Charleston officials for the lack of respect they show students.

Williams' comments drew a roar from the crowd of packed students, faculty and staff who gathered Thursday to address issues and brainstorm solutions for discrimination at Eastern and the surrounding community.

Panelists for the meeting included Lt. Harold Harris of the University Police Department, English professor Dagni Bredezen and history professor Jonathan Coit.

Kevin Anderson, a political science

professor, acted as moderator.

While many solutions brought up at the meeting included student action, Williams said administration and community officials needed to be more involved and creating more change.

"It's not the students' job to educate the community," Williams said. "They shouldn't need to be educating people with Ph.D.s."

Williams has attended previous town hall meetings this semester that have addressed issues such as gender

inequality, homophobia, and rape culture, in addition to discrimination.

She does not like injustice, and she said she speaks passionately at the meetings because she thinks the university is treating its students unjustly.

Williams said students expect honesty, however Eastern officials do not always present the complete reality to them.

"If you don't deserve anything, you deserve honesty," she said.

Agreeing with Williams, Shamerea Richards, a sophomore marketing major, stood up from her seat to tell the audi-

ence that she and her fellow students deserved more respect and honesty.

Richards said she often feels labeled and addressed as a child by Eastern officials, when she should be treated as an adult.

"I have bills, I have rent," she said. "I'm trying to better myself as a woman."


As students voiced their opinions throughout the meeting, the word "transfer!" could occasionally be heard at the end of their statements.

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CAMPUS | DOCUMENTARY

# Screening to explore soldier coming home

By Bob Galuski  
Entertainment Editor

Delving into themes of identity and trauma, a graduate student will unveil a documentary focusing on his experiences as a United States soldier coming home.

The public screening of “A Soldier’s Home,” by Andrew McLaughlin, a graduate student in communication studies, will be at 5 p.m. Friday in the Lumpkin Hall Auditorium.

McLaughlin said his film was a deeper look into a soldier coming home, and not about combat.

He added that the film was a case study on veterans and the representation they receive after returning home.

McLaughlin said the documentary would be focusing on his experiences after returning home, and it would separate itself from the depiction of soldiers in mainstream films.

“‘The Hurt Locker’ is actually hurting us,” he said. “There are great war stories out there, but with ‘The Hurt Locker’ it all gets wrapped into one person.”

There are definitely great war stories, but they cannot compete with the way contemporary films have portrayed veterans, he added.

He said the way contemporary films have portrayed veterans have given the public a skewed vision of what is like for a soldier, and the film will help correct some of the misconceptions.

McLaughlin said the idea for this

documentary has been in his head since he was a graduate student at Northern Illinois University.

The documentary is in tangent with his thesis project, and an essay will be accompanying the film.

The film’s title, “A Soldier’s Home” is borrowed from an Ernest Hemingway short story about a World War I veteran.

McLaughlin said after the first cut of the film he thought it was too bland and he needed to go deeper.

“I had to have honest self reflection,” he said.

McLaughlin said the documentary is a first for Eastern because no one has done a documentary for their thesis project before.

Because of the rarity of the project, this could be the first and last time something like this is seen on campus, he said.

Two members of his platoon, Joe Brewer and Brian Hilligoss, will also accompany McLaughlin during the public screening.

While the film serves as a critique for contemporary films and the exploitation of soldiers, it also serves as a critique for the public.

He said questions he is asked by the public include how many times he has been shot at.

“It’s a critique of wanting to know what it’s like,” he said.

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# Old books find new homes

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Will Bowers, a sophomore education major, browses bargain books during the annual library book sale at the Alumni Clocktower Thursday. Bowers said he was not looking for anything in particular.

CHARLESTON | CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION

# Bike tour to raise funds, support

By Natalie Fedder  
Staff Reporter

Bicyclers will come together and ride 10 to 25 miles to support a local organization in preventing child abuse.

The seventh annual Tour De Exchange, sponsored by the Exchange Club of Charleston will take place Saturday.

The club is a service organization that has been in Coles County for eight years and is one of the 800 national clubs that help prevent child abuse, said Dale Wolf, the president of the club.

Susan Bulla, the president-elect of the club and the executive director of Coles County Court Appointed Special Advocates, said since the organization has been in Charleston, they have raised roughly \$20,000 through fundraising for child abuse prevention.

The one-day bike tour of the scenery of Coles County will raise money for several groups in the area that work toward prevention.

The club has raised money to help the several different groups such as, Coles County CASA, SACIS, HOPE of East Central Illinois, Big Brothers Big Sisters and Girls on the Run of East Central Illinois.

Bulla said she is pleased that people are willing to make a tangible difference in the community.

“There is a list of (child abuse) incidents that people do not want to hear about -- that will just make your skin crawl,” she said.

The ride will feature two different length routes, 10 and 25 miles, starting at Charleston High School.

For a safety issues, the bike routes are planned to go south of town where

there will be no highways or busy roads, Bulla said.

The route is more challenging because of the hills but also more scenic, she said.

“Don’t want to just go through soy bean and corn fields,” Bulla said.

Wolf said participants get start at their own pace because it is not a race.

“Doing a bike tour of Charleston was something different for the community and a good way to promote exercise as well as a family outing,” he said.

Bulla said there will be a rest stop in Westfield where there will be drinks and food.

Bicycling support assistance will be available for bicyclers during the ride, she said.

Registration for the bike ride will take place between at 6:30 a.m. and

9:30 a.m. and no participants will be taken after registration.

The cost to participate for the event is \$25 per adult, \$12 per child and \$60 per family.

The goal for this event is for people to have fun and the chance to have the community give back, Wolf said.

“Good weather will be a must, this could make or break the event,” he said.

Bulla said there was a good amount of people that registered, but the weather will be what determines the turn out.

“We’re hoping to have more bikers than ever,” she said.

The ride is a great way to have fun and help the need, Bulla said.

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CAMPUS | ENVIRONMENT

# New organization keeps campus clean

By Marcus Curtis  
Staff Reporter

Though Earth Day was on Monday, the efforts and contributions toward keeping Eastern an environmentally friendly campus has not stopped. A new registered student organization, Earth Wise, will make sure of that. Earth Wise, advised by Daniel Johnson, a biological sciences professor, aims towards continuing the sustainability on campus. The organization plans to raise environmental awareness, participation and sustainable practices with hopes to increase environmental responsibility, not only on campus, but the surrounding community as a whole.

Earth Wise will be arranging seminars and projects that will emphasize responsible resource usage, material recycling, biofuel production and other sustainable activities. Jennifer Alberts, a graduate student in the biology department and a member of Earth Wise, said she and the president of Earth Wise felt that the campus needed an organization to influence environmental responsibility. "EIU as a campus is on its way to being sustainable, but I think the students really need to know more," Alberts said. "Simple things can decrease your footprint. Not everyone needs to build their

own off-the-grid house, but everyone can use a reusable water bottle and reusable grocery bags." Alberts said her hometown of Seattle prides itself on being as sustainable as it can and that plastic bags and Styrofoam are prohibited in Seattle. According to the Eastern website, over the past 15 years, Eastern and Facilities, Planning and Management have made major efforts towards the creation of a more environmentally friendly campus, including the construction of Eastern's state-of-the-art Renewable Energy Center and recycling bins inside of residence halls and on campus. These sustainable tactics lead to Eastern being recognized by Tree Campus USA as one of the 115 colleges and universities that are effectively engaged in the healthy maintenance of their trees and forests, according to the website. Earth Wise has already made its presence on campus clear by hosting speakers on campus to talk about recycling projects, green business and renewable energy. Alberts said the Earth Wise members plan to continue to spread green awareness by hosting a biodiesel production day and planning Earth Day next year. Earth Wise members hope to expand the range of speakers so that students of all majors can find a way to incorporate sustainability into their careers, Alberts



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Wei Wang, a technology studies graduate student, tells Michael Taylor, a junior communication studies major, how the biomass gasifier was constructed Monday in the Library Quad.

said. Students who would like to contribute to environmental health and join Earth Wise can contact them by email at [earthwise@eiu.edu](mailto:earthwise@eiu.edu) or can find them on Facebook as "EIU Earth Wise." "We hope to help create a culture of sustainability on campus," Alberts said. "Without student support, sustainability will not become or remain a priority. I

hope the club and its mission will survive past my time here." **Marcus Curtis can be reached at 581-2812 or [mlcurtis@eiu.edu](mailto:mlcurtis@eiu.edu).**

CAMPUS | LEADERSHIP

# Weller Hall takes over RHA executive board

By Vicky Kane  
Staff Reporter

Weller Hall has taken over the 2013-2014 Residence Hall Association executive board. With three members currently living in Weller Hall, one ex-Weller Hall resident and one Stevenson resident, Weller Hall makes up the majority of RHA's executive board. Miguel Williams, the new RHA president and a Weller Hall resident, said he decided to run for president of RHA to continue his love of volunteering and to build his leadership skills. "I wanted to be part of the people who were actually assisting everything and the president basically assists everything and does as much as he can, so I knew I wanted the top job," he said. Christina Lauff, the new national communications coordinator/Illinois communications coordinator and

Weller Hall resident, said as soon as the position opened up she could not wait to jump on it. "I went to the conferences that the old NCC/ICC was in charge of and I had so much fun," she said. "It just seemed like something I really wanted to do and I really wanted to pursue that. I really wanted to be able to be a part of all these great opportunities and travel the country." Patrick Morrow, the new vice president and ex-resident of Weller Hall, said he decided to run for vice president to get his foot in the door and to get more involved. "I'm excited and I hope I can bring to the table what I said in my bid, so I'm looking forward to the challenge and I can't wait for next year to get going," he said. "RHA does amazing things, and I want to help to continue to do that." This is the first time Williams, Lauff and Morrow have been on the executive board for RHA, but it is not the

first time for all the members. For Weller Hall resident Kyle Swan, this will be his second time having the position of RHA treasurer. Stevenson Hall resident Dawn Howe will also be serving as RHA secretary for the second time. Williams, Lauff and Morrow all said Weller Hall played a part in their decision to join RHA. "Weller Hall has done a really good job with RHA," Morrow said. "When it comes to events like ROC Fest, they usually have a really good attendance, and it has shown because they have won ROC Fest for four years in a row." The newly elected officers are not wasting any time getting started on their new positions. Williams, Lauff and Morrow will all be attending a conference over in Pennsylvania. "We are going to NACURH, the National Association of Colleges and Residence Halls, this summer," Lauff said. "We go to conferences every year.

This year we are going to the University of Pittsburg, and I'm really excited for it." Over the summer, Morrow said he also plans to begin his preparation for ROC Fest to ensure it is a success. "I'm going to be busy over the summer because I will be planning ROC Fest as well as going to the conference," he said. "Usually ROC Fest is the weekend of September 22 and we go back to school in August." Williams said he hopes that his experiences in the RHA will help him to attain his dream job of becoming an astrophysicist for NASA. "You need to have a lot of public speaking skills because you are going to be presenting the things you learn," he said. "You are going to be working with a group because space is a huge thing."

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## CAMPUS BRIEFS

### Commencement date nears for seniors

The commencement ceremony for seniors graduating this spring will take place on May 4. Four different ceremonies will take place: the College of Sciences at 9 a.m., College of Art and Humanities and the School of Continuing Education at 12 p.m., the College of Education and Professional Studies at 3 p.m. and the Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences at 6 p.m. Seniors can pick up their caps and gowns in the Charleston-Mattoon Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union on May 1-3 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. They will also be able to pick up their commencement tickets and yearbooks at this time. Students should arrive at the Lantz Fieldhouse at least one hour before their respective ceremony begins.

## ON CAMPUS TODAY

**Special Olympics**  
Time | 8 a.m.  
Location | O'Brien Field

### ONLINE

 Shannon McElmeel, a freshman biological sciences major, talks about her love for the Cello at [dailyeasternnews.com](http://dailyeasternnews.com).  
 Check out The Daily Eastern News top 30 photos of the year at [dailyeasternnews.com](http://dailyeasternnews.com)

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In Thursday's issue of *The Daily Eastern News* in the article "Library continues expanding collection" Karen Whisler was misidentified. She serves as the head of collection management services. *The News* regrets the error.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Family grateful for support after loss of son

Dear Eastern students, faculty, members of fraternities and sororities, and especially Lambda Chi Alpha,

We cannot begin to express the eternal gratefulness for the sympathy and compassion you bestowed upon us during this hard and tragic time of the loss of our son Matt “Laz” Lulinski. Each day has been a new journey in faith, hope and love that we will all be reunited with him someday. The path is the hardest one that we have taken in our lives, but we have sincerely felt his presence and that he is indeed with our lord.

I am going to do some quotes from a most wonderful teacher who wrote a letter that we received from her the day of Matt’s funeral. She was Matt’s English teacher during his senior year at Providence Catholic High School. I am doing so because it so clearly depicted our son Matt and the life that he led not only with all of you, but with his family and friends and others. I will add some of our own thoughts as well.

“Matt was kind and interested in everyone. Age? Gender? Didn’t matter. If you were in front of Matt, he would be respectful and interested in what you had to say and genuinely so. Matt had a way of making people know they mattered. As devoted as Matt was to maintaining a healthy, strong body, he was equally — if not more so — devoted to maintain a healthy, strong spirit, a healthy, strong soul. He walked the walk of God’s favorites — the quiet Christian who lives and breathes. ‘Love your God and love others as you would desire others to love you.’”

Matt took that even one step further. He loved others, but not to receive love in return. He just loved with no expectation of reciprocation, without a doubt the most perfect kind of love.

By doing this, Matt had this insanely powerful light of peace and faith that radiated from his smiles. Even though Matt did his absolute best to be his absolute best, he never judged others. He never preached to others. And by doing so was a pure inspiration to others.

His teacher said: “I know that this may sound a silly or stupid thing to say, but it seems ironic that what took Matt was a tear in his heart that lived in a healthy, strong body — his heart that knew no limits of love — his heart that guided his life. His huge, overflowing, timeless, shining pure heart.”

May God and Matt’s love from heaven be with all of you always. Please feel free to contact us with a word, letter or story about Matt.

I am writing a book about his life. You may contact Mr. Wingo, the head of his fraternity, for further information.

We all have an angel by the name of Matt “Laz” Lulinski looking down on us all. The outpouring of your love and compassion has been unsurpassed. We send our deep gratitude for taking care of our Matt in both his life and his memorial to the brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha.

May he be with you all looking down on you forever.

With sincere love and gratitude,  
Tom and Marianne Lulinski

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Person of the Year advocates for student rights

OUR POSITION

- **Situation:** *The Daily Eastern News* has named Jeannie Ludlow its Person of the Year.
- **Stance:** Ludlow has proved herself an advocate for student voices to be heard.

With the end of the school year upon us, it is time again to name *the Daily Eastern News* Person of the Year, and we have chosen Jeannie Ludlow, a strong force in supporting student action to the betterment of the university.

As we cover the campus and city community on a daily basis, we have an insight on individuals that have gone the extra mile to make a difference, and these individuals deserve recognition.

Former Persons of the Year include Ryan Siegel for his work with the Renewable Engery Center and Gary Reed for his work with maintenance around campus in matters where it was needed most.

Ludlow serves as an associate professor of English, as well as the coordinator of the Women’s Studies Program and the Women’s Resource Center.

Ludlow is an activist for student rights, and a resource for students when they need someone to talk to.

She is a person students go to for advice and gives them something with tremendous value, a person who will listen to them. When students talk to Ludlow, they know that their opinion matters and that their voice will be heard.

We believe Ludlow has played an integral role in empowering students to stand up and fight against sexual assault, racism and homophobia, to name a few.

She makes it her responsibility to help others, asking nothing in return and delivering guidance without judgement.

Students wanting to be heard and make a difference on campus go to Ludlow, expressing their concerns and goals. They yearn for support that can be difficult to find, and they get it with Ludlow.

The university needs more people who listen, more people who will speak out when they know something is not right.

It is not uncommon for students to feel like their opinion does not matter or that their actions will not be able to bring change. Ludlow makes it her mission that students don’t feel like that.

We choose our Person of the Year based on who has worked adamantly to better Eastern, and Jeannie Ludlow could not have been a better choice based on her supportive actions this year.

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

When lending a hand, don’t get pushed over

I have a buddy named Rob C. Larkson. This is not his real name because I am not that mean.

He is one of the most genuine, kindest, hard-working person I know, and everything you could ask for in a friend.

Yet, he pisses me off more than anyone I know.

Do you know why? He is the biggest push-over I know with an extreme case of nice-itus.

I feel like we all have that one friend who is just too nice.

He gets taken advantage of because he is too “nice” to realize that he being used by other people for their own benefit.

Rob is the “bees knees” at designated driving, taking blame for other peoples actions, and being that extra wheel if needed.

If you have a friend that is like this, and you watch him buy the ladies drinks, hold the purse, and open the door for the cab home, you need to seriously work on your backhand skills.

Friends don’t let other friends end up friend-zoned for life.

It’s simple: I believe that we should all be a lit-



Kyle Daubs

tle bit selfish. If we don’t take care of the business that we have to get done, involving a financial situations, and/or our educational future, then how will we succeed in our own lives.

Think about it for a moment, ladies and gents.

Remember that friend of yours that catered to their boyfriend/girlfriends every wish back in high school, or even now?

Remember when you called them whipped, and said he/she was oblivious to what was happening right in front of them?

Don’t become that person.

Stand up for yourself. The word “no” was created for a reason. There is no shame in telling

your friend, “Sorry, I have a lot I need to do tonight. I need to take care of this. Maybe, another time.”

For the pushovers reading this, reread that last paragraph to help it sink in.

I’m not telling you to completely alienate yourselves from your friends and public. We need as many good-hearted people on this Earth as possible these days.

What I am saying is, if a guy you have talked to twice in your entire life asks you to bring him late night pizza, and you have an eight page research paper due in four hours with just one page complete, don’t whip your coat on, and dart towards Thomas Hall.

We all have lives that require a portion of worrying about ourselves.

What it comes down to is proportioning your willingness to help others, while still living your own life to the fullest.

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Her drive comes not only from those who have helped shape her life, but also from her belief that people should not do good for the possibility of some future reward or shiny paradise in the afterlife; people should choose to help others in the moment while they still have the chance, she said.

Her background in a small town also led her to see more potential in places like Charleston.

“College campuses and places like Charleston can actually make a bigger difference in the world than a college campus in New York City or Chicago can because I feel like in a place like Charleston, we have so much to give, and we should be giving that,” she said.

Hindes, who first encountered Ludlow in a classroom environment during her sophomore year, said Ludlow succeeds in being an advocate for students, striving to teach others how to be passionate about equality and justice.

“She helped challenge me as a stu-

dent and motivated me to be a more inclusive activist,” Hindes said. “She expects a lot, and you can learn more from taking a class with her than any other.”

Hindes added that Ludlow taught her that injustices are commonly isolated by power structures but are actually connected in a vast spectrum.

Ludlow said one of the reasons students’ activism has carried much momentum is because groups are coming together, all with the common goal to make change.

However, before real change can begin to occur, these voices need to be listened to, she said.

“We have to be able to listen first before we act, before we speak, before we make policy,” she said. “We have to be able to listen and hear and believe, and that’s the part that’s not happening.”

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not be realistic with the recent cuts that were implemented because of the sequestration.

“I love this and support this completely, but is it realistic based on what we’ve seen and what the schools are faced with? That doesn’t add up to me,” he said.

Donna said the rates for unsubsidized loans are 6.8 percent, and the rates for subsidized loans are 3.4 percent.

“If you think about market rates right now, market rates are really low, so if what it says here is true, this rate should go down,” he said.

Under this type of rate, Donna said students could potentially have a different loan rate every year, whereas now the rates are set by congress.

Donna said budgeting for financial aid is a matter of balancing resources with the needs of students.

“It’s always interesting with the political landscape and trying to do the very best thing for students at Eastern so they can go to school,” he said.

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KEVIN HALL | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Blake Morris, a theater arts major, stood up and voiced his opinion about the issues dealing with discrimination and equality on campus at the “Follow Up Town Hall Meeting” Thursday in the auditorium of Buzzard Hall.

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This was Williams’ way of saying students should leave Eastern if they are not happy with their experience.

She said if the university insists on acting as a corporation instead of a place of higher learning, than one way to make them listen is with students’ tuition money.

“If they want (the students) to be dollar signs, then let the dollar signs walk away,” Williams said. “Hit them where it hurts, the pocketbook.”

Near the end of the meeting, Anderson said he would have to dis-

agree with Williams and said transferring was not the solution.

“Racism is everywhere,” he said.

Williams said she saw Anderson’s point.

As an Eastern alumni, she said it saddens her to say students should be leaving, but she said the university’s atmosphere has gotten worse since she attended classes here.

“There’s some part of me that bleeds blue,” she said. “There’s some part of me that believes in EIU. But right now EIU doesn’t believe in me.”

Bredesen said she was hoped to

form an alliance of faculty to help students dealing with discrimination issues.

She said the fact that town hall meetings were occurring at all showed that change was happening for Eastern, though incrementally.

“I don’t think that we should let this die,” Bredesen said. “I don’t want you to transfer out.”

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- 1 \_\_ squad
  - 5 Sharp fasteners
  - 10 Line of movement
  - 14 In a while
  - 15 Go back to the beginning, in a way
  - 16 Spread unit
  - 17 One lingering in Edinburgh?
  - 20 Hoglike mammals
  - 21 "I could \_\_ horse!"
  - 22 Touch
  - 23 Stravinsky's "The \_\_ of Spring"
  - 25 DX ÷ V
  - 26 " \_\_ a rip-off!"
  - 27 Some Athenian physicians?
  - 32 Black gold
  - 33 Big Bird buddy
  - 34 DOD subdivision
  - 35 Really feel the heat
  - 37 Plus
  - 39 Carpenter's tool
  - 43 CD conclusion?
  - 46 Charge carriers
  - 49 Fury
  - 50 Berlin sidewalk writing?
  - 54 Valiant son
  - 55 Heavenly altar
  - 56 Hockey Hall of Famer Mikita
  - 57 Sum (up)
  - 58 Personal time?
  - 60 Some govt. investments
  - 64 Fancy singles event in Stockholm?
  - 67 New coin of 2002
  - 68 One may work with a chair
  - 69 Vivacity
  - 70 Church section
  - 71 Angling banes
  - 72 Oh's role in "Grey's Anatomy"
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The Panther rally was capped off by O'Dell's offense as the Panther short-stop had three hits, three runs batted in and one run scored in four plate appearances.

Junior Stephanie Maday started the game for the Panthers and said the offense changed its approach after only scoring one run through five innings.

"Our hitters did a good job adjusting in that last inning," Maday said.

Just like Mennenga, Maday said that the way the offense has been producing takes a lot of pressure off of the pitching staff and team.

"The team and the pitchers especially love the run production that we have been getting lately," she said.

Maday pitched a complete game three-hitter, striking out nine while not allowing an earned run.

Maday said that although her pitches were moving well, because of some tough calls she and her catcher Abby Wood had to change up the game plan.

"It was kind of tough because we weren't getting the outside corner as

much as we wanted, so we got the for sure strikes on the inside corner and made the batters chase on the outer half," Maday said.

Maday also said she credits her defense behind her as well as Wood playing a great game behind the plate, for the win.

The Panthers are now 34-11 overall and 19-2 in the tight race for the Ohio Valley Conference regular-season crown.

Up next for Eastern is a crucial three-game road trip against OVC west foe Tennessee-Martin starting on Saturday with a doubleheader, and ending with a single game Sunday.

Tennessee-Martin is currently 11-9 in the OVC and 30-17 overall.

Game one of the doubleheader starts at 1 p.m. followed by game two at 3 p.m. Sunday's game begins at 1 p.m. in Tennessee.

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"This team at its best has definitely been a collective, group effort," Blackburn said. "It's hard for me to highlight one or two players that have been the absolute keys to our wins lately, it has really been the team as whole."

The women, overall, finished 63-36 overall in singles play. In doubles play, the Panthers finished 29-11.

Eastern finished with its best win percentage this season at .684. This season marks the best win percentage since 1994 when the Panthers finished 21-5 (.808).

The men's tennis teams finished this year's season on a five-game losing streak, but enjoyed their most successful season in four years.

The men finished 7-10 overall with just a 2-7 OVC record. The Panthers

started off the season strong going 3-1 in their first four games, but cooled down and wound up 7-5 towards the middle of the season. However, they lost five straight OVC games including two to Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville and Morehead State. Both of those teams finished 3-6 and 4-5 in OVC play, respectively. Had the men defeated either of those teams they would have had a chance to advance to the OVC tournament.

The men's tennis will lose key seniors Warren Race and Michael Sperry. However, eight men will return for the 2013-14 season.

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BASEBALL | STANDINGS

# Eastern travels to Belmont in crucial OVC series

By Aldo Soto  
Assistant Sports Editor

Eastern baseball coach Jim Schmitz looked at the Ohio Valley Conference standings after a series win against Southeast Missouri on Monday and said the team has been realistic about the end of the season.

With 13 conference games left on the Panthers' schedule and Eastern in ninth place in the OVC, positioned outside of the postseason picture, Schmitz said the goal is to win eight of those 13 games that would be enough to make the postseason.

"I'm not into all the numbers, but you have to be realistic and know you're not going 13-0," Schmitz said. "If we end up 13-16 it's not anything to be jumping up and down about, but I think realistically we have a chance."

The Panthers travel to OVC-leading Belmont to play a three-game series against the Bruins beginning Friday.

The Panthers are in playoff mode, Schmitz said, every game is being approached as win or go home.

Eastern has struggled on the road in the OVC going 0-9 in its first three road series' against Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, Jacksonville State and Tennessee Tech.

This weekend brings the Panthers their most difficult task of the year. Belmont, in its first year in the OVC, leads the conference in pitching with a 3.45 ERA. The next closest ERA is Tennessee Tech at 4.56.

The Bruins have dominated the conference, winning 14 out of their first 18 OVC games. At home, Belmont is 8-1 against OVC opponents — the only loss coming in its OVC opener against Southeast Missouri.

Eastern center fielder Nick Priessman said the team is feeling confident going into the Belmont series.

"Belmont is a really tough team, but we're ready to go," Priessman said. "I think we showed it today, we came out and played fundamental baseball. We know what Belmont does and we're ready."

Belmont's conference-leading ERA is aided by the amount of strikes the Bruins' pitchers throw, Schmitz said. The Bruins are second in strikeouts in the OVC with 329 and have walked the least amount of batters, allowing 114 — an average of less than three a game (2.89).

After Schmitz looked at the Belmont scouting report, he said the Bruins pitch to the inside of the plate more often than other teams in the OVC.

"I think we showed it today, we came out and played fundamental baseball. We know what Belmont does, and we're ready."

Nick Priessman, center fielder

"Their pitching is great and we're going to try to take advantage of every base runner we have," Schmitz said. "We have to put pressure on Belmont by bunting and with hit and runs. It's simple, get guys on, move them over and drive them in."

Schmitz also said offensively Belmont plays more as a "small-ball" team, meaning the Bruins do not rely solely on home runs and extra bases to score runs. Belmont, like Eastern, likes to bunt and lead the conference in sacrifice-bunts with 37 — Eastern has 31. Belmont also leads the OVC in walks with 206 and is third in steals with 55.

Schmitz said the Eastern pitchers have to go right after Belmont on

the mound.

"The key is to not give up any freebies," he said. "Belmont is a really well coached team and they will take advantage of walks. We have to throw strikes. I'd rather Belmont beat us with hits than us giving them free base runners."

Judah Akers leads Belmont in home runs with 10 and has driven in a team-high 39 runs. Belmont has 10 batters with at least 10 walks with Drew Ferguson leading the team with 32.

The Bruins will start Dan Ludwig, James Buckelew and Scott Moses on the mound.

Ludwig is 8-1 and has appeared in 14 games, starting in eight of them. Ludwig has a 2.86 ERA and has pitched a team-high 66 innings.

The Belmont offense, which is ranked fourth in hitting with a .286 batting average, will face Jake Johansmeier, Joe Greenfield and Matt Borens.

Johansmeier and Borens are coming off career-best performances against Southeast Missouri. Johansmeier pitched seven innings and allowed one run on four hits against the Redhawks, winning his second game and lowering his ERA to 2.83.

Borens pitched his first collegiate complete game against the Redhawks in the series finale, also winning his second game.

Schmitz said the team knows what the goal is for the weekend.

"We have to win two of three," he said. "I don't know if there has been a bigger task than that, but the guys are playing well, they've been playing loose and we'll have to continue that against Belmont."

Game one starts at 5 p.m. at E.S. Rose Park in Belmont, Tenn. Saturday and Sunday's games start at 2 p.m. and 1 p.m., respectively.

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Sophomore infielder Brant Valach catches a pop fly on Sunday against Southeast Missouri.

SOFTBALL | ROAD TRIP

# Eastern sweeps doubleheader

By Jack Sheehan  
Staff Reporter

The Eastern softball team continued its winning ways with a two-game sweep of the IUPUI Jaguars at Williams field on Wednesday.

The doubleheader was originally scheduled to be played in Indianapolis, but was moved to the Panthers' home field because of inclement weather.

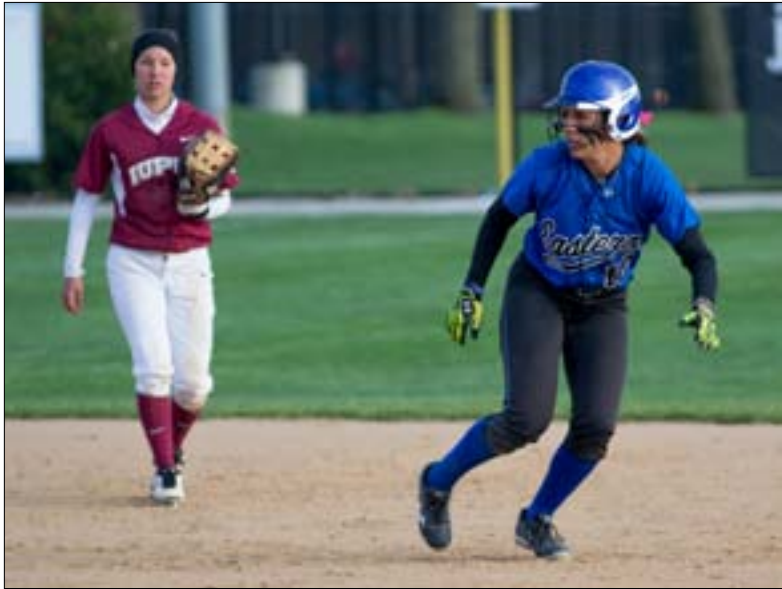
The Panthers came into the doubleheader with a 12-0 home record. Eastern improved to 14-0 with 2-0 and 9-1 wins.

Junior Hanna Mennenga pitched game one and she continued her dominance on the circle by earning a 2-0 victory over the Jaguars.

Mennenga pitched a complete game four-hitter while striking out 11 batters in the game.

Mennenga said that it really helped her during the game to know that the Panther defense had her back.

"I didn't feel like I had my greatest stuff in the game, so to be able to relax and count on my defense is nice," Mennenga said.



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Sophomore infielder Bailey O'Dell heads back to second after a pitch against IUPUI on Wednesday. The softball team defeated IUPUI twice during the doubleheader on Wednesday.

Bailey O'Dell and Ashleigh Westover drove in one run apiece.

Mennenga also said that playing at home was much better than having to travel to Indianapolis.

In the nightcap, the Panthers found themselves in a 1-1 deadlock

until the sixth inning.

In the bottom of the sixth Eastern's offense exploded for eight runs, ending the game in blowout fashion, only playing six innings.

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TENNIS | OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE

# Women accomplish best season in 4 years

By Al Warpinski  
Staff Reporter

The Eastern women's tennis team had its most successful season in five years. The women finished 13-6 overall and 7-3 in Ohio Valley Conference play. The women advanced to the OVC tournament for the second year in a row against Austin Peay.

The Panthers beat the Governors in a postseason rematch from last season. The Panthers won their first playoff victory in five years, 4-0.

They advanced to semifinals against number one ranked Eastern Kentucky University but lost a close match, 4-0.

This year was the deepest the women have made it in the OVC tournament. The last postseason victory for the Panthers came in 2008.

This year's squad had some of the most successful singles and doubles play to date.

Senior Merritt Whitley and sophomore Sephora Boulbahaem led the team. Both women finished the sea-

son with impressive singles records. Whitley went 13-4 overall and 8-2 in OVC play. Boulbahaem finished second on the team with a 12-5 overall record and 7-3 in OVC play.

Whitley also managed an 8-4 doubles record when paired with junior Janelle Prisner. They also finished with a 4-2 OVC record in doubles.

Prisner, a first team All-OVC selection, finished with 8-7 overall record and 4-5 in conference play all at the No. 1 position.

Boulbahaem also finished with a strong doubles record. She was paired with three different women throughout the season and finished 8-5 overall.

Jennifer Kim finished her junior campaign with a 9-4 overall record and 6-3 in OVC play. Senior Kristen Laird finished her collegiate career with a successful season and an 8-7 record and 5-3 in OVC play. More impressive, Laird finished with a team best 10-2 doubles record when paired together with freshman Ali Foster.

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# TOP 5 THINGS WE LOVE, DREAD ABOUT SUMMER



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## Things about summer that make me crazy:

1. Alcohol. While I have my fair share of hammered nights in Charleston, it is not the same knowing once Monday comes it is time to go back to classes.

Over the summer, there is more alcohol and more parties, which obviously means a better time.

Besides, it is hard to be upset on a hot summer night when you have an ice-cold beer in your hand.

2. Summer is about memories that you won't forget. And there is nobody better to share those memories with than the friends you grew up with your whole life.

All of my friends from my home town go to different universities and we rarely see each other during the school year.

Which is why when summer rolls around, it is perfect to create new memories with the same old friends.

3. Whether it is at the beach or just hanging out, it is no secret that summer brings out the part of a woman's wardrobe that has just a little less clothing.

It's always nice to see tank tops, short shorts, bikinis and even the sundresses.

As much as I love yoga pants during the winter, nothing says summer like a little more skin.

4. The first three things can all be found in one place over the summer: at a concert. When the weather is right, an outdoor concert can't be beat.

Having some drinks with your friends on the lawn seats of a venue while watching your favorite artists perform is something everybody's summer should be filled with at least once a month. Sure, the prices may be outrageous at times, but it is well worth it.

5. "Baby, you a song. You make me want to roll my windows down and cruise."

It is one of the simplest things, but it is easily one of my favorite things. Driving through my hometown with the windows down and the radio up is a perfect way to ease my mind. No particular direction, just driving around enjoying the weather.

## Things I hate about summer:

1. Awkward temperatures: On certain days, it will be just hot enough to make you uncomfortable, but not hot enough to warrant air conditioning. Unless you or your parents have a money tree growing out back, the air conditioner is probably used tentatively by the exact degree. 100 degrees Fahrenheit surely merits some AC, but at 99.9, you can sweat it out.

2. About 90 percent of my wardrobe clashes with the season: A long time ago, I decided I would be cooler than everyone else by wearing black all the time. By now, my closet is basically monochrome. I also feel most comfortable in fall attire—pants, a tee shirt or two, a sweater and sneakers.

Wearing black shorts and a black tee shirt for a few months is the best I have come up with.

3. Snapping at people: When you feel cold, you can always bundle up. But when you feel really hot, you can't exactly strip naked and walk around, though some people come pretty close. So, naturally, the only thing you can do is snap at people left and right. That is the only way to release the frustration of dealing with annoying people while trying to survive hell on earth.

4. Downward spiral: Writing countless papers, reading chapter after chapter and copying endless notes gets old fast. When you finally have a break from all the stress, it is easy to take advantage.

Make sure you have something to do on a daily basis, such as a part-time job, a hobby or some books to read. The goal is to enjoy having a little less to worry about while making sure you are not decaying into the couch.

5. Mosquito bites in odd spots: Even after dousing yourself with Deep Woods Off! there will be that one mosquito who holds her breath and goes in for the kill. If that means it has to be on a painfully itchy spot like a foot, so be it.

If it has to be on a spot that is nearly impossible to itch in public, that works just as well. If you are bold enough to itch it anyway, you get a nice scab and possibly an infection.

## Things I love about summer:

1. I'm going crazy over music festival line-ups this summer: I'm actually looking forward to being surrounded by swarms of sweaty, obnoxious music lovers this summer. Lollapalooza's lineup features some of my favorite musicians: Lana Del Rey, The Killers, The Cure, Azealia Banks and Hot Chip.

And, yeah, Lana might end up being a four o'clock show, but I'll still be in the front row with a poster that says, "I heart Lana." Hopefully, she won't think I'm crazy.

Pitchfork is also promising this summer. I mean, R. Kelly and Bjork on the same weekend, who wouldn't be pumped about these headliners.

2. Summer warrants endless cookouts:

I'll eat anything off a grill, even if it's burnt, and if you know about my relationship with food, I'll probably get seconds — no, thirds — without feeling ashamed about having to unbutton my jeans later because they become too tight.

There's certainly room for you to do things you wouldn't do in a formal setting.

Cookouts are opportunities to eat with your hands, and you don't have to dress up or anything to have a meal in the backyard. You can pretty much eat in a tank top and basketball shorts.

3. Ultimate Frisbee games every night: ultimate Frisbee sounds like it's a nerd game. The way I play it makes it seem like a nerd's game. I wear short-shorts and wear headbands and shoes. For me, it's the best summer activity out there.

I'll risk looking silly for a sport that's as exciting and fulfilling as ultimate Frisbee. I feel like a champ whenever I finish a long game in the summer heat.

4. Working and making money: This summer I'm juggling an internship and writing press releases, but I'll also be making money at a bank. Don't worry; I won't be leading some major bank robbery. However, my summer job does pay well, and I get to deal with a lot of interesting people. The ironic part is that I'm terrible at handling my own money. You'd think I'd learn not to run through my money like water.

5. Getting to lie on my mattress: Not to dis on Ford Hall, but I really can't handle another night on my dorm mattress. When you have a back problems, it's a little hard to lie on a mattress that has springs bulging out of it.



Stephanie White  
Verge Reviewer

## Fall Out Boy back with new sound

Fall Out Boy has gotten back together and brought the world the new album, "Save Rock and Roll."

This album features the hit song, "The Phoenix." This song warns the listener what they are about to hear throughout the rest of the album.

Fall Out Boy broke up in 2009, so when the band got back together this year, I was not sure what to expect.

Was the band going to completely change who they were or go back to how their old sound, as if they have never broken up?

Fall Out Boy did both.

When I heard the first song on the album, it sounded much different than what I was used to in a Fall Out Boy song. It still had the same "Emo" effect like it had in the past, but it was easier on the edges.

As the album goes on, it seems like Fall Out Boy adds old references in the songs while creating something new at the same time.

One song, which is titled "My Songs Know What You Did In The Dark (Light Em Up)," is a perfect example.

This song has the title in its lyrics, which is in relation to an older song that they have done where a lyric is "We do it in the dark..." and that shows that they are still who they originally were before they broke up. It's their way of reminding fan of their presence in the musical world.

It shows that they are changing, though, as all artists do, but just because they are changing does not mean that they will forget their past.

Throughout the album, Pete Wentz welcomes back listeners with his soft yet scrappy voice. This signature voice stirs nostalgia in me, like the days when Fall Out Boy was new and what every "rebellious" teenager was listening to in their bedrooms.

The album features the talents of Foxes, Big Sean, Courtney Love, and Elton John. They add to the songs and do not take over, like some artists have the tendency to do with other songs with other artists' albums.

Fall Out Boy has changed and that was expected of them to in four years of being apart working on their own projects. The change that they have made is not a negative change; they have more grown into something more. It makes sense that Fall Out Boy would have grown because their fans from the beginning have grown since the last time that they have released an album.

Fall Out Boy did not forget who they were, and this album shows the fans and other listeners that they are back with a slightly different sound. But they have not forgotten their roots and their original touch, which fans fell in love with in the first place.

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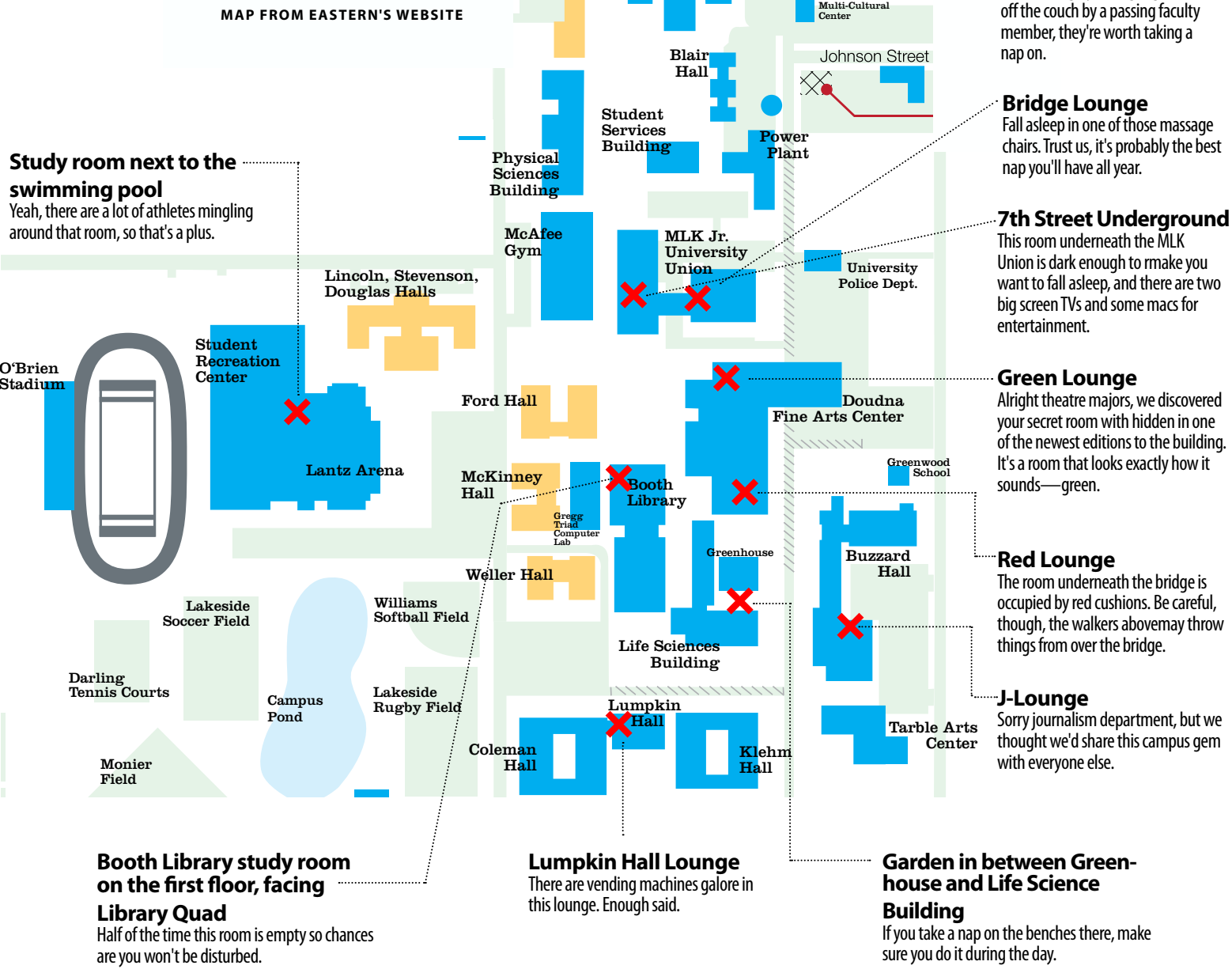
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# Top 10 places to nap on campus

Finals start next week, and the Verge staff feel these are some of the best places to take a nap in when you don't want to walk all the way back to your room. Remember, these are just suggestions, so go at your own risk.



Tim Deters  
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## 'Oblivion' visually appealing, empty-hearted

Hollywood once again finds another way to devastate the whole of humanity in the plot of the latest dystopian sci-fi film "Oblivion." Unfortunately, the film also does a good deal of devastation to viewers' senses and expectations.

Directed by "Tron: Legacy" director Joseph Kosinsky, "Oblivion" looks toward the not-so-distance future of 2077, 60 years after Earth was beset by earthquakes, biblical tides and nuclear obliteration caused by the destruction of the moon by alien hands.

On a now-barren Earth, it's populations transported to Titan, a moon of Saturn, is the job of Jack Harper (Tom Cruise) to surveillance the planet and repair patrol drones whose job it is to scan the landscape for remaining "Scavenger" aliens.

Harper is not alone, though, accompanied by Victoria (Andrea Riseborough) in a lifepod within Earth's atmosphere. Together, the two have the seemingly important goal of keeping Earth clear of the aliens that destroyed its habitability and to protect the remaining resources of the planet and keep them in human control.

Throughout the first half of the film, Harper is plagued by flashbacks of he and a woman (Olga Kurklyenko of "Quantum of Solace") atop the once-grand Empire State Building. Harper has no recollection of who the woman could be, and he is certainly not old enough to have been around before Earth's devastation.

The mystery is deepened when Harper investigates a crashed spacecraft containing a cryogenically frozen crew. The only crewmember to survive is the woman from his flashbacks.

Harper's discovery forces him to question everything he thought he knew about Earth's past, his mission, and put him on a path that will leave the fate of the planet and humanity in his hands.

Cruise proves his versatility and virility in his role as action hero and humanity's champion. At the age of 50, he still comfortably and convincingly puts his all into performing many of his own stunts.

Unfortunately, Cruise's split chemistry between Victoria and the mystery woman only serves to dilute the already lackluster romance he is able to conjure for the two.

The pace of the film is a decent jog, pulling viewers along and keeping them absorbed with intense scenes. One scene in particular pits Cruise against several "Scavengers" that will quicken nearly anyone's pulse.

While the visuals of the film are stunning, creating a thoroughly detailed wasteland of Earth, the amount of energy and funds poured into the graphic achievements of the film distract viewers at every turn.

However, the distractions are more welcoming than disorienting, as the plot of the film falls into the common dystopian, sci-fi tropes that leaves viewers hoping that, when the times comes, the ultimate end of humanity takes a more intriguing and genuine turn.

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# New season of 'Mad Men' off to rocky start

The drinking, philandering, chauvinistic characters we all know and love (or love to hate) are back with the new season of "Mad Men."

We are well under way by now into the sixth season of the period piece set in the world of 1960s advertising men.

The season premiere of "Mad Men" on April 7 was met with mixed, if not leaning toward negative, reviews.

It is hard to argue that those opinions were not at least somewhat warranted. There definitely was not anything especially exciting happening in the two-hour premiere.

Much of the episode seemed to be filler. If the show had not focused on having an extra long debut it probably would have been much better received, as only the best would have been included.

Everybody was saying it was just another example that the highly acclaimed show had already reached its peak, and was taking a quick nosedive.

After having a rough awards season, audiences were hoping that all those involved would come back



Jordan Thiede  
Verge Reviewer

with something to prove. Nothing big happened until the end when we finally see that Don Draper (Jon Hamm) has returned to his old ways, and is now cheating on his wife, Megan.

Even with the less than spectacular start to the season, it is much too soon to write the entire season off.

"Mad Men" has been known to start off rather slow in the past. Storylines and characters we did not give a second thought to have often ended up becoming an integral part of the show.

The second episode of the season showed more glimpses of what fans have come to expect from this powerhouse.

With the episode being limited to the normal running time, the action moved much faster, or at least as fast as "Mad Men" will ever be.

The filler was gone, and all of the scenes and moments had much more purpose.

The audience was introduced to new storylines that will likely continue throughout the rest of the season such as Megan's miscarriage and the sorry state of the Campbell marriage.

Despite the name of the show, this season has the potential to showcase some of the women more often.

Megan is torn between her marriage and her career. Trudy Campbell finally confronted her husband about his frequent indiscretions, making it clear that she is not as naïve as she once appeared to be.

Don's ex-wife Betty had quite a bit of screen time in the premiere episode, but that has not continued. Peggy is also having the expected troubles at her new job.

Surprisingly, Joan barely had any screen time to start the season off. This was certainly not expected with the important role she played at the office toward the end of the previous season.

She finally had a storyline devoted to her in the most recent episode, which showed just

how much her presence has been missed, as she has always been one of the more entertaining characters.

All of this coincides with the changing times. The show is now in the late 1960s, and it is to be expected that all of the characters will change because of it. They must or they will simply get left behind.

With all of this in mind, fans should not give up on the show. It will undoubtedly get better as it goes on.

Even if the show's best days have already come and gone, it is still far better than most of what passes for entertainment these days. An off-the-mark episode of "Mad Men" is another show's high point.

After spending as much time viewing the show as many have, there is no reason to stop watching. After all, next season will be the last. It is hard to see how anybody already so invested in the show would not want to see how it will all end.



# Students get chance to view galaxies at Observatory

By Piper Black  
Staff Reporter

Professor James Conwell said he remembers watching Jupiter through the campus telescope during an open house one year. The 16-inch telescope can be set to trail one object through the night sky, Conwell said, and that night, it was set on Jupiter.

As the night passed, Conwell said someone looked through the telescope and noticed that Jupiter seemed a little dimmer than it had before. “We went outside and saw that the clouds had rolled in,” he said.

Conwell said Jupiter was no longer visible to the naked eye, but the telescope was still showing the planet through the clouds.

On the last Friday of every month, Eastern’s astronomy club holds an observatory open house on campus. These open houses have been held since the observatory opened in 2004, rain or shine, Conwell said. This Friday, however, the open house will have a few extra features.

For the first time, astronomy stu-

dents will be selling photos they have taken through telescopes, said Hannah Tanquary, a senior physics major. The open house will also feature a trivia slideshow, Tanquary said.

Tanquary said one of her favorite parts about the open houses is talking to the little kids who come out. “It’s fun watching the kids and seeing their reactions,” she said.

Stevie Momaly, a senior physics major, said she also enjoys seeing the kids who come to the open houses. Momaly said one of her favorite memories from an open house was when a little girl, who was around 10 years old, “would not stop asking questions.” She was very curious and loved asking about the planets and astronomy in general, Momaly said.

Conwell said the record number of people that have come to an open house occurred when Mars was the closest to Earth that it had been in a long time. This was around three years ago, Conwell said, and around 380 people showed up.

Tanquary said the attendance numbers depend a lot on the weather. If it is clear and reasonably warm, attendance can be up to 300, she said. But if it is cold, it may only be



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Leon Mire, senior biology major, motions to the reflecting mirror of the Eastern Observatory's 16-inch telescope. The Observatory hosts an Open House at 8 p.m. on the last Friday of each month.

around 10 to 15 people, she added.

New astronomy students are warned to dress warmly for the open houses, but they do not usually listen, Conwell said. However, when the temperature is in the negatives, Conwell said students only make the mistake of not having enough

layers on.

Conwell said the open houses are a great opportunity to meet people and they give students a chance to practice interacting with the public.

Local astronomers also come to the open houses and share their knowledge with the students,

Momaly said. “I feel like I always learn something,” she added.

The Observatory’s open house is at 8:00 p.m. at Eastern’s observatory Southwest of the Campus Pond.

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# Cudamani brings colors, sounds from the Orient to Doudna

By Jaime Lopez  
Verge Editor

Cudamani is a music and dance ensemble from the South Pacific island country of Bali.

The 12 members of the group have traveled from afar and will illuminate Doudna’s theater with songs that have been passed down to them from their down, said Dwight Vaught assistant dean of the college of arts and humanities.

For the past week, the ensemble has been traveling to schools in the area, introducing children and music students at Eastern to their brand of music.

Vaught said while their music may seem foreign to most, the songs they will perform are second nature to them.

“From the moment they are born, these performers are immersed in the arts, and what they know is passed down from generation to generation,” Vaught said.

Their music is all played with acoustic instruments, and Vaught explained that all the instruments are fitted for the performers of the group. He said if one instrument from Cudamani’s troupe were taken and put

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into another troupe that plays the same music, it would not mesh well.

He said the instruments are all hand-made, and while audience members may not understand what is going on, they will understand that the performers simulate melodic chords and choral progressions with their very earthy sound similar to Western music.

He said the group’s meticulous performances are a result of their culture.

“Everything from costumes to dances all have significance, and the way some of the performers walk in their costumes has to do with the gender roles,” Vaught said.

The masks the performers wear on stage all have unique facial expressions, and Vaught said that they can name what kind of tree the mask was carved from and what importance it

bears on their culture.

While the music is in a different language and varies in terms of tone and sound, Vaught said it still has some similarities to Western music that the audience members will be able to pick up on.

Vaught said when he watched them perform, he saw how polarizing Cudamani’s culture is to them, as it is an all-encompassing factor in their routine — in song, dance, costumes and colors.

“You come a way with knowing what the their culture is like, Vaught said. “ They are one with their instruments and music, and it is a huge learning experience that most people won’t get to see unless they travel to their homeland.”

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Cudamani plays raw music from handmade instruments, and the members of the group sing without playback.

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