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The Eastern softball team will head to Southern Illinois-Edwardsville for three weekend games Friday and Saturday.

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## FUNdFest to help laid off employees

Event to feature food vendors, entertainment, and speakers

By T'Nerra Butler  
Multicultural Editor | @DEN\_News

Following the layoffs of the many civil service workers across campus, a group came together and brainstormed a way to lend a helping hand.

Support EIU Employees came up with a day chock filled with activities that would in turn, raise money to give to those who have been laid off.

FUNdFest will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Coles County Fairgrounds located on the corner of East Street and Madison.

The fundraising affair was implemented to benefit those who have worked for Eastern, but were laid off because of budget cuts. Food vendors, 12 bands, kid activities, and a bouncy house will be a part of the festivities.

The children's activities will go on until 5 p.m., but the entire event will not end until 11 p.m.

Aaron DeRousse, the vice president for Support EIU Employees, said they came up with the idea at the beginning of February.

He said the group met every Wednesday night to map out the event.

"It's all been a collaborative effort to see what we can do to help out," DeRousse said. "We're just trying to do something good."

DeRousse said back in November, his wife left Eastern in fear that the cuts would be sent her way.

"It's a very scary time," DeRousse said. "We were scared of both of our pensions being tied up, locked up or taken away."

The only goal DeRousse said he had is to raise as much money as possible to help out the employees.

He said these efforts show that Charleston is a community that cares enough to lend a hand.

One of the challenging aspects to planning this event was getting everybody together at one time to work the kinks out, DeRousse said.

He said the most fulfilling part that might come out by the end of the night is seeing the people who might benefit.

Andy Eggers, the president of Support EIU Employees, said there will be a fund created for the laid off employees and if they are going through any financial issues, the fund will help to compensate.

The organization is also in the process getting those employees insurance advisers who will help them apply for health care.

"We're just trying to lighten their load a little bit," Eggers said. "Even when you feel alone, you're not really alone."

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Brendan Lynch stands outside of the Bike & Hike store on 18th Street on a sunny afternoon. Lynch is the store manager of Bike & Hike, and he recently won the Mayor's Citizenship Award.

## Former lawyer returns to Charleston roots

By Luis Martinez  
News Editor | @DEN\_News

While serving as a lawyer in San Francisco practicing civil litigation for a district attorney's office, Brendan Lynch was not happy. He said while he was in a great town, he was not living the lifestyle he wanted.

"I started in the district attorney's office and like all young lawyers, (I) bounced around," Brendan Lynch said.

Lynch said practicing law was not for him. "The only happy lawyers are the ones who aren't lawyers anymore," Lynch said.

Brendan Lynch was born and raised in Charleston, and his father, Jeff Lynch, served as the associate dean of Eastern's College of Arts and Humanities in 1976.

His mother fell ill when he was young, leav-

ing his father to raise him. Brendan Lynch said because of this, he would spend a lot of time on campus, and would go to his father's summer course because they could not get a babysitter.

"When my mom got sick, it was like the exact wrong time for my dad to be raising kids. I was raised in Coleman Hall. I was raised on campus," Brendan Lynch said. "Campus was the babysitter."

Jeff Lynch remembers when he would bring his son into his summer classes and how the college students loved having him around.

"Brendan was a very precious and a very smart kid," Jeff Lynch said.

He said he brought Brendan along with him to his advanced writing class, and during the workshop sessions with the college students, Brendan would help critique their stories.

"The students loved him, I think not just because he was my son but because he was so damn smart and funny," Jeff Lynch said. "He kind of just blended right into the class."

When Brendan Lynch made the decision to return to Charleston after living in San Francisco, Jeff Lynch was excited to have his son back home.

"It was tough for him. You commit to three years of law school...I watched him come home on Christmas vacations, and he spent the entire time screaming into his cell phone," Jeff Lynch said. "When he came back home, I, of course, was delighted because frankly Brendan and I were best friends from the age one year on. We were just very close and the idea of his coming home was terrific."

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## BOT to discuss tuition increase, WEIU PBS membership, shuttle bus purchase

By Analicia Haynes  
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The Board of Trustees will discuss a proposed tuition increase and the purchase of several items at their meeting 1 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Friday.

The proposed 1.5 percent increase in tuition for next fall only applies to incoming freshmen and transfer students, which amounts to \$4 per credit hour.

Paul McCann, the interim director of business affairs, said the tuition increase evolved after administrators felt the need to do something.

"It had been two years since we had done

"There's absolutely no way we can increase prices enough to cover anything that they would do necessarily in Springfield if they decide not to give us appropriation."

-Paul McCann, interim director of business affairs

anything and certainly our costs have gone up, and the situation within the state has changed and we felt like we needed to adjust," McCann said.



McCann said in the environment that the university is in, having gone 10 months without a state appropriation; they are trying to be aware of the rise in costs and make sure there is a reasonable way to cover those costs.

"We're trying to be aware that costs keep going up so we're trying to keep those to a minimum," McCann said.

However, for the proposed fee increase, which was introduced at an April Student Senate meeting, McCann said the board will not discuss or take a vote on the two increases.

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# Local weather

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# Gathering of Christ Church to 'Tear Down Lies'

By **Kennedi Carodine**  
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Members of the Gathering of Christ Church Chicago are having their "Tearing Down Lies" event from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday in the South Quad.

Mike Deavens, a member of the Gathering of Christ Church, said it is not a typical church setting, but a gathering of people who really know the truth.

Anybody can join the church. "If you know the truth and understand the real, then you can join," Deavens said.

Tiarra Webb, another member of the Gathering of Christ Church, said the church would be coming to Charleston with Bibles, historical facts, and proof from other sources to wake people up and let them know who they are according to the Bible.

Webb said people should follow the commandments of God, because that is the only way they are going to be saved.

"(That is) the reason why we went into captivity in the first place, because our ancestors didn't follow the commandments," Webb said.

This event started when Webb saw a guy preaching on campus about the wrong things.

During the event, men will be dressed in all white with microphones and historical posters and artifacts will show who Jesus Christ is, Webb said.

"A lot of people are going to be coming around and you can ask any question about anything you want to know. We will break it down to you in regards to the Bible and how it is, what it is, how it was prophesized to be, and how it is coming out to play in this day and age," Webb said.

Webb said people have been steered away from the Bible because they were told it is a "white man's book," when all of the characters in the Bible are black, brown, or brown descent.

Daniel 7 and 9 and Revelation 1:4 say Christ is black, Webb said.

"As we look in today's society, we look at it as a white supremacy, and it is by design that people of the Bible are of color," Hayes said. "But when you see movies like Noah, for example, the main characters are white, but it's really the opposite."

Hayes said the church wants to show people their history.

"This event will bring the truth," Deavens said. "I can prove that this history is true and show you other

**"We are the real Jews. Not by religion, but by bloodline, because Christ was black and the disciples were of color."**

*-Gregory Hayes, member of Gathering of Christ Church*

things that they tell you about the Bible aren't true."

Deavens said the group wants to get people out of the "fantasy world." "A lot of people are delusional right now," Deavens said. "They're preaching things to you out of the Bible, but they never show you any of it."

Deavens said the group plans to show campus facts and validate everything they tell them.

"We are the real Jews. Not by religion, but by bloodline because Christ was black and the disciples were of color," Hayes said.

This event is at the end of the year because it is around finals time and class is pretty much over with at this point, Deavens said.

"It's good to have this at the end of the year because it not only gives people something to think about over the summer, but gives people the opportunity to do research, read the Bible, look at historical artifacts," Webb said.

Those are the things we need to do to get into heaven because people cannot get in just by saying they believe in God, Webb said.

"I mean, you have to believe in something," Deavens said. "Even if people say they don't believe in the Bible, we can show you history books that you read that will say the same exact thing."

The message for this event is to follow the Bible's laws, Webb said.

"It's a bigger picture than what people see. We don't just wake up everyday living life," Deavens said.

Hayes said help solve the issue of people being unaware of the truth, those participating in "Tearing Down Lies" have to come in with an open mind.

"Crack open a Bible because there is too much happening in this world that we are unaware of," Webb said.

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# Good Burger



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Elijah Weathers, a junior accounting and Africana studies double major, grills hotdogs and hamburgers during a barbecue fundraiser for the NAACP in the South Quad Thursday. Weathers said he regularly grills for clients at his work place, the Charleston Transitional Facility.

# CAA has last meeting of semester, approves technology courses

By **Analicia Haynes**  
Administration Editor | @Haynes1943

The Council on Academic Affairs voted on several new courses for computer and information technology Thursday as they had their last meeting of the semester.

Technology professor Gabriel Grant introduced the course proposals for CIT 3303, Introduction to Gaming, Animation, and Stimulation; CIT 3313, 3D Modeling for Gaming, Animation, and Simulation; CIT 4753, Emerging Video Technologies; and CIT 4813, Front End and Mobile Website Development.

Grant also said these courses will eventually be the pre-requisites for his proposed Media Technology Minor, effective in the fall 2016.

Grant first introduced CIT 3303 and CIT 3313 and said students will be introduced to the tools and processes used in creating basic two-dimensional games and three dimensional games for desktop or mobile devices.

According to the courses' rationale, these topics (gaming, animation and simulation) fall under the description of multimedia artists and animators.

Stacey Ruholl, the vice chair for CAA, said she noticed there were no pre-requisites for the courses Grant proposed.

"I'm not tech-savy, so am I going to be able to just sit in one of these classes and pick it up?" Ruholl asked. "Is this really something students can do without any background?"

Grant said he does not expect students to know much about the topics when entering the class.

He said he thinks they will pick up the knowledge as the class progresses.

Grant proposed CIT 4753, which he said will give students experience with the hardware, specialty equipment and media preparation behind video technologies and techniques.

Grant said CIT 4813 would be offered in the CIT program as an option and in the Media Technology Minor as an elective.


All four courses were unanimously approved and will be offered in spring 2017 and on demand only.

The CAA also approved several other new courses including CIT 4749, Capstone Project in Computer Information Technology; CIT 4803, Operating Systems for Computer Technology; CIT 4823, Big Data and Cloud Computing; and CIT 4833, Cybersecurity Intrusion Detection and Prevention Systems.

They also approved Computer Information Systems, which will be a new major offered in the Fall of 2017.

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# Splat! Zone paint wall helps relieve finals stress

By **Cassie Buchman**  
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Multicolored balloons filled with water and paint flew across the South Quad, falling onto a white board as students took part in another “Paws and Relax for Finals Week” event.

The Student Government hosted the Splat! Zone paint wall in the South Quad, which was meant to provide students with some stress-free fun before finals begin on Monday.

Many people came with friends to relax.

Participants threw the water balloons with their hands causing the balloons to explode with color onto the board.

A catapult was also provided to help them reach the board and to launch the balloons farther.

Everyone cheered as the balloons hit the board and helped each other out using the catapult.

Some of the balloons fell behind the catapult, causing people to laugh and gasp with surprise.

Other balloons flew through the sky, only to explode in mid-air, getting water droplets everywhere.

Members of the Student Government gave each other and participants tips and tricks on how to get the balloon farther and how to aim better.

Gabriella Ramirez, a sophomore history major, looked online for events to relieve stress to come up with the idea for a paint wall.

People from Maintenance and Operations built the wall and the Stu-

dent Government filled out the forms to rent out the South Quad.

She said the balloons were easy, however, as all they had to do was fill them with water and paint.

Samantha Barileau, a sophomore public relations major and a part of the external relations committee, said she came out to support other people in the Student Government.

“I figured this would be a really fun event, because it’s a nice day out to throw water balloons, relieve some stress,” Barileau said.

Barileau ended up breaking one of her nails when throwing a water balloon, but the event was still able to relieve her stress.

“(Throwing the balloon) is a little bit difficult, especially if you’re far away,” Barileau said. “You don’t realize how hard it is to throw the balloon without popping them.”

Shantel Hatcher, a junior biological sciences major, was walking past the South Quad when she decided to join in on the paint wall.

She said she needed to de-stress for before her botany final, and throwing the balloons helped her relieve this stress.

“It was really hard, because (the balloons) kept falling and splashing everywhere,” Hatcher said.

Brandon Berglund, a junior English major who is also a student senator, said he was originally worried about the turnout, but seeing people flood into the event made him really happy.

He said as people came in groups and saw what was happening, they



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José Durbin, a senior political science major, slingshots a balloon with paint in it during the “Splat! Zone paint wall” event Thursday in the South Quad. This was a Student Government activity created to relieve stressed students.

were encouraged to join in the fun.

“Seeing the balloons burst with water, you feel a little rush of joy,” Berglund said. “Like, ‘Oh, I did that. It’s fun.’”

Also fun is getting splashed with water, Berglund added.

Berglund said there was a 50-50 percent chance the balloons would burst early, but that is part of the fun.

Berglund helped a group of friends

manage the catapult.

“You really just gotta do it and let go,” Berglund said. “Just let it go.”

Although throwing the balloons could be a challenge, Berglund said there is a positive side to missing the white board.

“It’s better when you mess up,” Berglund said. “You get a rush when you finally hit the board.”

The final event for “Paws and Re-

lax for Finals Week” will be “Chill Out Before Finals” where free pop-sicles will be handed out from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Library Quad, and “Smash A Car,” where students will smash a car from 5 to 7 p.m. in the 9th St. Underclassmen Parking Lot.

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# Haiti Connection runs, walks for non-violence

By **Abbey Whittington**  
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The Haiti Connection will be hosting their 19th annual 5K “Run-Walk for Non-Violence Dash & Dine” at 10 a.m. Saturday. They will be meeting with runners at the Newman Catholic Center.

The Haiti Connection is a part of the Newman Catholic Center and the group raises awareness and funds to help eliminate injustices impacting the third world, specifically Haiti.

The group focuses on this country because it is one of the poorest in the Western hemisphere and the group takes two mission trips to Hai-

ti a year.

The Haiti Connection also encourages students and community members to become involved with sponsoring a Haitian child’s education.

Participants can register by Friday with a \$20 donation, or pay a \$25 donation the day of the race. All of the registration donations can be paid at the Newman Catholic Center.

Roxanne Sorci, president of the Haiti Connection, said all of the proceeds would go to bettering the lives of people in Haiti.

“This can be anything from using the money to purchase a cistern for a family that needs access to water because they walk six hours to get

drinking water in the mountains of Barasa, or to taking a family out of abject poverty so they no longer have to sleep on a dirt floor under a roof made out of twigs through our Espwa Pou Demen program,” Sorci said. “It really varies, our money that we fundraise goes to a lot of projects.”

Emily Malone, chair of the 5K, said the group included a lunch after the 5K to welcome all participants to learn about their cause, which is also the reason the group named the run “Dash & Dine.”

“We are a small group on campus but would love for anyone to get to know us, understand what we are about and join us in our mission,”

Malone said. “I think this run has the potential to bring our community together and promote a cause that is much bigger than ourselves.”

Malone said she has always been passionate about running since she has been running cross-country since middle school, and was excited for the 5K.

“I was excited to be chair for this event because I was given the chance to meet so many people in the community here,” Malone said. “It made me realize how fortunate I am to go to school here where people genuinely care about one another.”

Malone said the businesses that partnered with the Haiti Connection

were eager help be a part of helping the people of Haiti.

So far, 35 people have signed up for the run-walk after the group spent much of their time reaching out to community members.

“(The run) will raise awareness for non-violence, bring the Charleston and EIU community closer and get the word out about Haiti Connection and our passion for the mission,” Sorci said.

Anyone is welcome to register for the 5K or pay their dues on Saturday.

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Stephanie Markham

## Memories should occur naturally

There's no questioning it—I was late to the Facebook game.

I didn't have a profile until two years ago when a friend made me one against my will, uploaded a candid photo of me and quickly added several people we both knew.

Before I could protest, I already had people writing on my wall about how shocked and excited they were for me to jump onto the social media bandwagon.

I had been adamantly anti-Facebook since high school, but I decided to ease up on my stubbornness and give it a chance.

Despite its annoyances, I've found some things I enjoy about being on the site, like getting updates when a band I follow is in town or releases a new song.

However, my initial cynicism has been renewed lately.

The constant "memories" that people share are starting to get on my nerves.

For a while, I didn't get any "memory" suggestions because I hadn't been on Facebook long enough to have them.

But now, I'll go online and Facebook will greet me with, "You have two memories to look back on today."

While it only takes a few seconds to dismiss these, I still find the concept strange.

How is a website going to tell me that I have a memory?

I compare this phenomenon to recycled movie trends.

When producers are out of new ideas, they just remake and release the same movie that was successful 10 years ago.

Now, when someone doesn't have anything noteworthy going on for a particular day, they can just share the same post that got likes and comments five years ago.

Don't get me wrong; reflecting on significant moments in your life is a good thing, which is one of the main selling points of Facebook.

You can use it as a place to document accomplishments, relationships or whatever you find meaningful.

But Facebook memories seem artificial. When you are reminded of something naturally—when a smell, sound or sight takes you suddenly back to a past moment—this is a genuine experience.

It can make you smile, cry or feel a range of emotions.

But Facebook telling me I have a memory because one year ago I posted about a certain event takes away from the euphoria memories can bring.

Maybe I find an old letter that a friend passed to me in fifth grade.

Maybe I smell a flower that reminds me of my grandma's perfume.

Maybe I hear a song I haven't listened to since I was 12.

Forcing sentimentality doesn't work. It only diminishes real responses.

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## That Graduation Regret



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### Staff Editorial

## Help the CPD for its fundraising cause

Dog owners know that dogs can be life-long companions.

Dogs are a "man's best friend" after all.

This same logic can be applied to police dogs.

Police dogs, spending hours with their handler helping to enforce the law, come home with the same person and eventually become a family pet indistinguishable from any other.

They know when to work and they know when to play.

After the sudden death of Kahvo, a void was left in the Charleston Police Department and left Ivan the sole K-9 in the department.

Nowadays, this void is now being filled by Vito.

A new replacement dog for Kahvo; however, comes with a steep, hefty price tag.

Vito, an 11-month-old Belgian Malinois from Slovakia, is currently receiving training and is set to begin duties at the end of

May protecting and serving the Charleston community.

The costs for the new dog and the training it is receiving is not cheap, which is why the Charleston community should come together to help offset the cost of acquiring the new dog.

In an article in Wednesday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, the cost of the dog and training is \$15,000. Currently, \$13,000 has been raised through donations.

A "CPD K9 Fundraiser" exists on GoFundMe, and it is nearing \$1,000 of its \$15,000 goal.

The police department is also hosting a golf outing, with proceeds going towards the K-9 program.

Dogs are an invaluable part of police work and inherently have a better skill set than their human counterparts.

They have a much better sense of smell than humans, which allow them to do things such as finding drugs and allowing

them to lock onto a specific scent.

Among the roles a police dog can take include search and rescue and searching for cadavers.

These are some things that a dog just does better than any human can.

A dog can search an area that would require six officers to methodically search.

Merely a dog's presence would force a criminal to think twice about resisting and fleeing from an officer.

The community should come together to allow the Charleston Police Department to meet their \$15,000 mark for Vito.

The Charleston Police Department tirelessly serves our community no matter what danger they may face.

The community should show the department appreciation and return the favor to help pay for the newest four-legged member of the police department.

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## Sean Says: Be creative to pass the time

So lemme tell you this. Creativity is a great thing to have, especially at college. Coming up with little games to play in the dorm can help pass the time, and my friend Gary and I perfected that last year.

I was a freshman last year and he was a sophomore, but the reason we became friends is because we realized our hometowns were both ranked in the top five most boring towns in Illinois.

Mine was No. 1: New Lenox. I don't know who comes up with these rankings, but there are far worse towns than New Lenox, and I actually love it there. Gary's was No. 5. So from that point on we were tight.

I guess what also drove the friendship was our desire to do anything. There were so many times we dropped something important to go to something we thought of as a good idea.

One of the creative things we decided to do was take a couple of garbage cans and put them in the hallway. This was of course done where our RA could not see us or hear us, and play some shinney or knee hockey.

A couple problems came out of that. Don't get me wrong, it was one of the most fun nights I had in a residence hall, but at the end of the game, my jeans were torn up, and we both had some serious rug burns.

But before we realized how much the rug burns were going to hurt a couple days later, we decided to buy some really shinney hockey nets. We used them maybe once, and we played



Sean Hastings

standing up because our knees hurt so bad. We tried to buy some volleyball knee pads, but those didn't work.

I think a lot of this came from us getting bored really easily.

I don't know what led us to this next great idea we had, but it sounded awesome at the time. For whatever reason, we wanted to buy Nerf guns and have a little Nerf gun war on the floor.

A good Nerf gun was way too expensive, and we also realized the trouble we could potentially get in. So we never bought the guns.

Gary and I both loved playing soccer and kicking field goals. Since we couldn't kick field goals inside during the winter, we could, however, bring soccer inside.

Gary had this little soccer ball that was perfect for inside. So we went downstairs and got two of the moving bins that students had just used to move their stuff out before winter break and used them as goals.

Once again, our RA probably would not have approved this one, so we just went to the opposite end of the hallway and started blasting some kicks at each other. I won of course.

A few kicks went way off target. Gary hit the window at the end of the hall, and I kicked one the length of the hallway.

The game didn't last long because our RA returned from wherever he was and caught us in the act. Don't regret it though.

The last spur of the moment idea we had was that we drove to St. Louis for a Cardinals game on a Wednesday night.

By no stretch of the imagination am I in any way a Cardinals fan, but Gary is a Brewers fan, and we both love baseball so why not?

Tickets were \$9 in some great seats for home opening weekend for the Cardinals, so it was a pretty great night.

So my lesson for you is to just get creative while you're in the dorms.

They might be boring a lot of the time, but you can make some great memories while you're there. Good luck on finals and have a great summer.

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Jeff Lynch said the one thing all parents want for their children is to be happy with their lives and career.

While he did enjoy some aspects of living in San Francisco, Brendan Lynch said being in San Francisco made him appreciate every detail about his home, from the parks and public land, to the small-town feeling, coming back to his birthplace right here in Charleston.

Currently, he works as the store manager for Bike and Hike, a place filled with different bikes and parts, helmets and other kinds of riding gear on the walls.

Behind the counter of the shop are a few letters and postcards Brendan Lynch received over the years.

When he is not busy working at the store, Brendan Lynch involves himself in many different volunteer opportunities as he can, including volunteering his time to some student organizations such as the Construction Club, the Men and Women's track teams, and the ROTC as a way of giving back to his alma mater.

Brendan Lynch said over the past few years, he has been busy working with groups acquiring public land for recreation.

"We partnered with the City of Charleston, which is probably the most important part," Brendan Lynch said. "There was a public-private partnership that worked really well because I was a townie; I had some legal experience and we were able to get a real synergy between the Public Works Department and myself."

He credits his time in San Francisco with allowing him to value public land more.

One of the goals of the partnership between Brendan Lynch and the City of Charleston was a three-year project, which focused on the renovation of different trails surrounding Lake Charleston. The project was finished on May 5, 2015.

Scott Smith, the city manager for Charleston, said he first met Brendan Lynch years ago when he was a kid and is good friends with his father.

Smith said he has known Brendan Lynch for years, but the renovation project to the bike trials was the first time Smith worked with him personally.

"We've been working with Bike & Hike for years," Smith said. "Probably a year and a half to two years ago, Brendan starting collaborating with a couple guys in my engineering office, Greg Culp and Chad Isley."

Smith said while he was flattered Brendan Lynch said the two of them worked closely on this project, a lot of

**"You still see a lot of the same people, you still feel sense of intimacy with the town. That's the story of Middle America, our communities don't change overnight."**

*-Brendon Lynch,  
Charleston resident*

the collaboration came from Brendan Lynch working closely with Culp and Isley.

"Brendan worked primarily with (Culp) and (Isley) that are avid bike riders. They spend a lot of time on the trail," Smith said.

Smith also credited these three individuals with the spearheading the collaboration between Bike & Hike and Charleston for the renovation project.

"Brendan was just phenomenal in helping leading a core group of volunteers, bicyclists and hikers and bikers alike that Brendan knew that he has connections with through the store," Smith said.

Smith said the volunteer work was instrumental in the trail building projects that surrounded Lake Charleston.

"In terms of other changes, I'm starting to see a sense of civic pride that I've never seen before in really, really small, seemingly innocuous but actually momentous ways," Brendan Lynch said. "I think that the town is getting slightly more progressive in a lot of ways."

He said Charleston as a whole reflects the values of a small Midwestern town, so not a lot has changed over the years.

"You still see a lot of the same people, you still feel sense of intimacy with the town," Brendan Lynch said. "That's the story of Middle America, our communities don't change overnight."

As both a community member and alumnus of Eastern, Brendan Lynch said the biggest change the community has to deal with are the students.

"The student body changes with every semester, so to that extent there's a big change," Brendan Lynch said. "It's one of the beautiful things about a university, it's an organism, (and) there's an ebb and flow."

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» **FUNDFEST**, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Congresswoman Tammy Duckworth and Chicago City Clerk Susan Mendoza have reached out to the Support EIU Employees member and will speak at the event.

At 1 p.m. Duckworth will speak and Mendoza is scheduled to speak at 12:45 p.m.

After their speeches, a host of other speakers will follow suit and speak.

According to a press release sent out by Joe McLean, Duckworth was elected to the House of Representatives in 2012. In 2009, President Barack Obama nominated Duckworth to be an Assistant Secretary at the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

Mendoza served six terms as a democratic member in the House of Representatives from 2001-2011.

When she was elected, she held the title of the youngest member of the 92nd Illinois General Assembly.

After the speakers, musicians will make their way to the stage and play for the crowd.

Eggers said the event will say more about the community at large instead of the organization.

He said they have received donations from a wide range of people in the community.

"I hope it brings a sense of togetherness, solidarity, love and understanding," Eggers said. "Maybe



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Congresswoman Tammy Duckworth, pictured with President Obama, will speak at FUNdFest Saturday at the Coles Country Fairgrounds.

it will bring a realization that we all may walk a different life, but we're interconnected."

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"We have not gotten to the point where we have made a decision on exactly what we are going to do," McCann said. "I know that it was proposed to the students but we haven't decided exactly what we're going to do at this point yet."

The fee increase would apply to the MLK Union Bond Revenue and Student Health Service would experience an adjustment in the cap taking them from nine credit hours up to 12.

That adjustment would increase the cost of attendance for a student by \$30.30 and the Union fee increase would knock up the cost by \$43.70.

Together, they represent a \$74 increase a student has to pay a year.

Though it will not be discussed at the meeting, McCann said it does not necessarily mean students will or will not see the increase take affect next semester because the administration has not gotten to that point yet.

"We got to make sure we remain competitive with other schools so it's one of those things that is a hard deci-

sion to make," McCann said. "Some of the other schools are not increasing or they're not increasing the things that we are and you don't what to look like you're the outlier."

McCann said they ultimately have to make sure they are covering their costs especially when considering the question with the state budget.

"There's absolutely no way we can increase prices enough to cover anything that they would do necessarily in Springfield if they decide not to give us an appropriation," McCann said. "However, we think that there is every indication in Springfield that they're planning on giving us an appropriation."

Along with the tuition increase, the board will also discuss a few purchase items including two-year leases on two new shuttle buses and the PBS membership for WEIU.

The buses would be similar to the current ones the university has now, which seat 20 passengers and are wheelchair accessible.

McCann said the buses are replaced every two years as a way to keep the cost of maintenance down.

Shuttle bus fees will pay for the lease for the new buses.

Approval is also requested for the purchase of membership to PBS for WEIU.

According to the board reports, the purchase is for fiscal year 2017 and will offer the university benefits by allowing them access to educational programs and documentaries.

"The programming included with this membership is crucial to support the needs of WEIU Television and the academic disciplines involved," according to the board report.

McCann said they are not allowed to discuss what will happen with the membership however he said whatever they decide to do; they (WEIU) have the PBS license to continue to operate.

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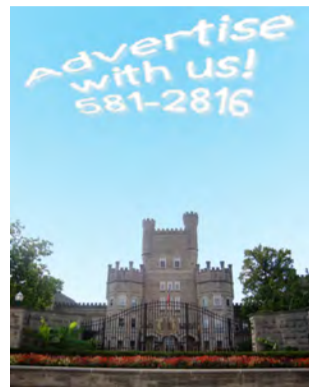
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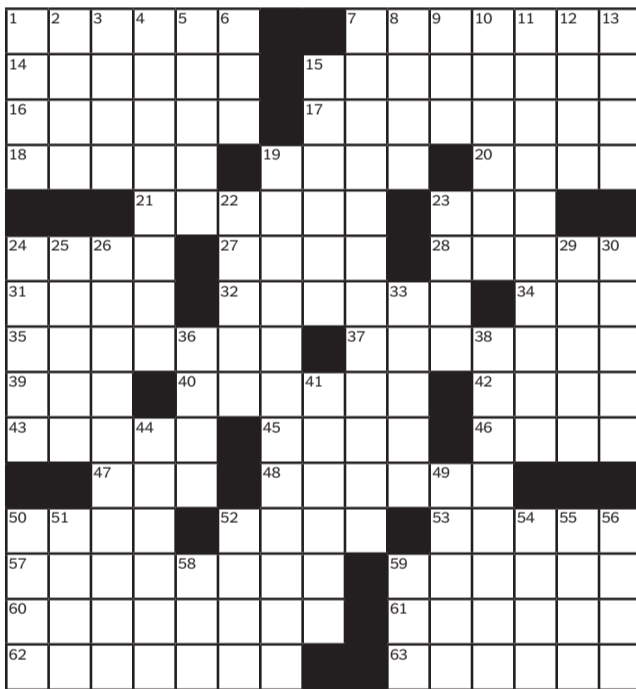
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  - 14 Fly
  - 15 Primitive and backward
  - 16 Items with decorative scrolls
  - 17 Slice from a book?
  - 18 Pay homage, in a way
  - 19 "\_\_\_ off!" (phrase of homage)
  - 20 Scratches (out)
  - 21 French border region
  - 23 One on the trail, for short
  - 24 Room in Clue
  - 27 20-20 and others
  - 28 Bungling

- 31 There's one for Best New American Play
- 32 Extreme
- 34 500-pound bird hunted to extinction
- 35 Film character who said "Look, I ain't in this for your revolution, and I'm not in it for you, Princess"
- 37 A, B or C, but not X, Y or Z
- 39 \_\_\_ caution
- 40 Knee jerk, e.g.
- 42 Head shop buy
- 43 Unite
- 45 Hue
- 46 "Woe \_\_\_ them that call evil good": Isaiah
- 47 "The Lost Tapes" rapper
- 48 Took care of, as guests
- 50 Z's : sleep :: wavy lines : \_\_\_

- 52 \_\_\_ Prével, twice-elected president of Haiti
- 53 Crude Halloween costume
- 57 "Drink" for the overly critical
- 59 Crèche setting
- 60 Schiller work set to music by Beethoven
- 61 Little rock
- 62 Symbol of modern communication
- 63 Out of retirement?

- DOWN**
- 1 Stuff
  - 2 Flush
  - 3 Water source for 11 countries
  - 4 Some blonds
  - 5 Snorkeling mecca
  - 6 \_\_\_ Echos (French daily)
  - 7 Pink property
  - 8 Cuts (off)
  - 9 Light air, on the Beaufort scale
  - 10 "It's our time to go!"
  - 11 "Glengarry Glen Ross" co-star, 1992
  - 12 Chill in bed?
  - 13 Pro team with blue-and-orange jerseys
  - 15 Orthodontic device
  - 19 Supposed morning remedy



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- 36 Underground rock bands?
- 38 Where Etihad Airways is headquartered
- 41 \_\_\_ Tunes
- 44 One of the knights of the Round Table
- 49 Acid/alcohol compound
- 50 Excited pupil's shout
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# OVC Notebook: Teams nearing end of season

**By Mark Shanahan**  
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The Eastern softball team is nearing the end of the season with a record of 13-6 with two more series remaining.

The Panthers will take on Southern Illinois-Edwardsville on the road this weekend with a doubleheader on Friday and an afternoon game on Saturday.

They then will welcome Southeast Missouri on May 7 for a doubleheader and the final game of the season on May 8.

Eastern has done well this season against conference opponents as they have a 13-6 record.

They have struggled on the road however, with an overall record of 6-12 away from home.

They are in the midst of a 10-game OVC winning streak after taking two games from both Belmont and Tennessee State.

The Panthers are currently third overall in the OVC, behind Eastern Kentucky and conference leader Jacksonville State.

Jacksonville State has yet to lose a conference game sitting at 21-0 right now with a 32-14 overall record. Eastern Kentucky is second with a 15-5 record in the OVC and a 33-12 record overall.

Southern Illinois-Edwardsville is right behind Eastern in the standings at fourth with a 13-7 record in

conference.

Tennessee-Martin is fifth with a 12-9 record and Morehead State is sixth with a 10-9 record.

Eastern is the only team in the top six with an overall losing record.

Despite the winning record in conference, Eastern is second to last of 12 teams in the conference in team batting average with an average of .241.

Jacksonville State has the highest team batting average at .317.

They are at the middle of the pack with a team pitching ERA of 3.97.

Eastern is third overall in the conference in team fielding with a fielding percentage of .968.

Sophomore Paige Murphy from Eastern Kentucky has the best batting average in the conference with an average of .402.

She has 53 hits in 45 games resulting in 15 RBIs and 39 runs scored.

Senior Ella Denes from Jacksonville State is right behind her with a batting average of .400.

She has displayed her power with seven home runs and 35 RBI's on the season.

Denes has the most hits in the conference with 62 along with the most doubles.

Freshman Katie Warrick from the Tennessee-Martin is the conference leader in RBIs with 41 this season.

She is also tied for first in home



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The Eastern softball team lines up for the National Anthem March 22 against Butler at Williams Field. The Panthers are in third place in the OVC.

runs with 10 along with sophomore Alyssa Richards from Tennessee Tech.

Senior Kayla Joyce from Eastern Kentucky is the leader in steals with 25 in 29 attempts.

One of the top pitchers in the conference is senior Hayley Flynn also from Eastern Kentucky.

She has made 39 appearances so far this season and has an ERA of 1.93 and a 23-6 record.

She leads all pitchers with 221 strikeouts with the next closest being 186.

Sophomore Whitney Gillespie of Jacksonville State is another pitcher who has performed well with a 12-1 record in 18 appearances.

She has also registered three saves this season.

Sophomore Callen Griffin from Tennessee Tech and Allison Rager of Murray State were named Player of the Week and Pitcher of the Week.

Griffin maintained a .643 batting average over five games last week. Rager had two shutout appearances last week over seven innings.

Tennessee-Martin and Tennessee

Tech each suffered non-conference losses on Wednesday.

Tennessee-Martin fell 3-2 to Memphis and Tennessee Tech lost 8-0 to the University of Tennessee.

Austin Peay will have a doubleheader against Southeast Missouri on Friday.

Those two teams along with Eastern and Southern Illinois-Edwardsville will be the only teams in action on Friday.

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# Column: Baseball team has potential to be better

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The Eastern baseball team has struggled to improve off of last years' 13-36 overall record, but so many games this season could have gone their way.

The Panthers have lost 15 games this season by two or fewer runs. It seems like when the team is hitting, the pitchers struggle on the mound or the hitters struggle and the pitchers have strong outings.

Despite the team's struggle to win games, they have a few guys on the team who have strong seasons at the plate.

Sophomore Cale Hennemann has had a solid year at the plate for the Panthers as he is batting .323. Hennemann has been one of the Panthers' everyday

ward.

Eastern also has five players on the team who have driven in more than 15 runs. Hennemann leads the team with 25 RBIs.

The problem with the runs the Panthers drive in is that they get over matched by the number of runs their opponents score on them.

Eastern has given up 351 runs to their 184 runs scored.

So the Panthers will need to score many more runs to stay in the game with some of the opponents they play.

There have been six occasions where Eastern has allowed more than 15 runs. Three times they have allowed more than 20.

Realistically, it is very difficult for any team to score that many runs. Sometimes a team cannot even score

that many runs in an entire three-game series.

It would be even more out of the ordinary to see two teams scoring that many runs.

Just last weekend, the Panthers had a 7-3 lead in the sixth inning and eventually lost the game, 21-9.

A 7-3 lead should almost be safe enough for a team to get a win.

Eastern has just had a problem holding onto leads that they do happen to get.

Eastern was tied with Tennessee Tech April 9 before surrendering a grand slam in the top of the ninth to eventually lose the game, 8-6.

Going back to the 15 two-run losses, Eastern has to just score runs at the key moments.

Another issue that could be erased is

letting teams have one big inning.

When the Panthers took on the Fighting Illini at Illinois, the Panthers were trailing just 4-2, but a five-run fifth inning put the game too far out of reach.

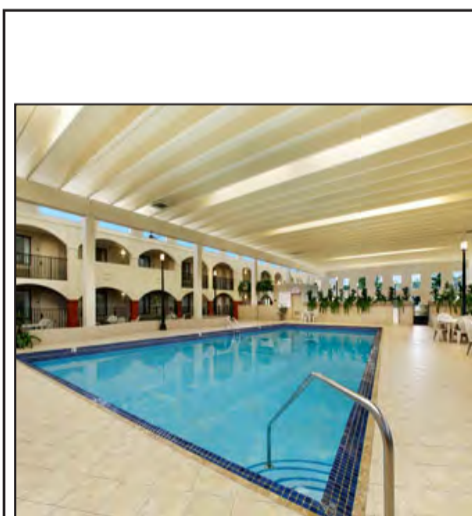
Eastern got five runs back in the seventh and the eighth, but the five runs the Fighting Illini scored in the fifth, made it too big of a comeback.

Now Eastern may have a pretty bad record, but 15 games could have gone the other way for them, and just a few demoralizing innings have made it that way.

Fix that and the Eastern baseball team could be a team everyone is talking about for its success.

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## Panthers head to Edwardsville for 3-game series

By Sean Hastings  
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With a 10-game Ohio Valley Conference win streak on the line, the Eastern softball team will have a chance to make it 13 in a row with a three-game series at Southern Illinois Edwardsville this weekend.

Eastern has lost just one game in the past 11 contests.

The one loss came to non-conference opponent Illinois by a score of 9-7 in Champaign.

The Panthers have not lost at home in OVC games making all six of their losses coming on the road, where they will be this week.

Eastern is 5-6 on the road, so they still have had some success away from home this season.

Eastern's 13-6 OVC record has them in third place in the conference with Southern Illinois-Edwardsville right behind them in fourth with a record of 13-7.

The Cougars finished the 2015 season with the best record in the OVC, allowing them to host the OVC softball championship.

Tennessee Tech defeated Southern Illinois-Edwardsville in the championship to bring home its seventh championship in school history.

The Panthers won the three-game series with the Cougars last season.

The two teams squared off in the final weekend of the season.

Eastern dropped the first game of the series 7-2 but came back with a 4-3 win in game two and a 1-0 shutout in the rubber match of the series.

The Panthers have everything working for them right now as the bats have picked back up and sophomore pitchers Jessica Wireman and Michelle Rogers have continued to shine in the circle.

Eastern is coming into the weekend after beating Belmont in two games and Tennessee State in two games as well.

Senior Haylee Beck dominated Belmont going 6-8 at the plate with three doubles, one triple, four RBIs and five runs scored.

Wireman has the most shutouts this season in the OVC and she is third in the OVC in strikeouts.



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Haylee Beck hits the ball to first base on April 16 during the Panthers' game against Austin Peay. Kayla Bear scored on the play.

Southern Illinois-Edwardsville also has a little win-streak of its own coming into this weekend's matchup with Eastern.

The Cougars have won four straight and six out of their last seven OVC matchups.

The Cougars' win streak includes wins against Belmont and Tennessee State.

Southern Illinois-Edwardsville has had a lot of run production from Tess Eby.

Eby has driven in 23 runs. She is hitting .275 on the year.

Jordan LaFave leads the team with a .323 batting average.

The next highest average on the team is Alyssa Heren at .291.

For the Panthers, April has been April Markowski's month.

The senior came into April batting .289 and now leads the team with a .328 batting average.

The outfielder has had a great past couple of weeks having gone 9-14 in the last five games.

Markowski said the reason for the early

season struggles was her mentality.

"I was over thinking it way too much in the beginning," Markowski said. "Now I'm much more relaxed and having fun. It's great."

Eastern has also had a lot of players driving in runs over the course of this win streak.

The Panthers have four of its seniors leading the way in that category with each having over 15 RBIs this season.

Kylie Bennett leads the team with 22 and Markowski and Katie Watson are right behind her with 19 each.

Beck has also driven in 16 runs from the Panthers.

Wireman and Rogers will be the pitchers for the Panthers this weekend as they have been all season.

Wireman will come into the game holding an ERA of 3.40.

She improved her record to 13-17 last weekend with a couple wins.

Rogers has a 4.48 ERA coming into the weekend with the Cougars.

The sophomore is just one win away from getting her win-loss record back to .500. Rogers is 6-7 on the season.

With the way the Panthers have been hitting, and the way Rogers and Wireman have been pitching, Eastern can potentially get this win streak to 13 games.

The Panthers will play Southern Illinois-Edwardsville in Edwardsville on Friday at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. and Saturday at 1 p.m.

After this weekend with Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, the Panthers will come home to Williams Field to wrap up the regular season and celebrate senior day before taking on Southeast Missouri.

The Panthers will honor five seniors that weekend.

Bennett, Markowski, Watson, Beck and Jennette Isaac will be graduating this year for the Panthers.

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## Baseball team begins road trip after cancellations

By Maher Kawash  
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After inclement weather canceled two consecutive home games earlier this week, the Eastern baseball team is heading south for a three-game series.

Mother Nature may have stopped the Panthers from playing Saint Louis and Indiana State, but their matchup against Eastern Kentucky is set for the weekend.

After playing 40 games so far this season Eastern is 7-33 and 2-16 against Ohio Valley Conference opponents.

Eastern Kentucky provides another OVC matchup for the Panthers, and the Colonels come into the series at 17-25 overall and 7-11 in conference play.

The Colonels have seen some more success than Eastern this season, but they are also riding a six-game losing streak.

The Panthers are coming off a loss, but attempt to capitalize on the Colonel's losing streak while the pitching staff is the x-factor.

Eastern pitchers have struggled this season, but the amount of arms left for use are dwindling as the year comes to a close.

Senior Brendon Allen will be handed the ball on the mound to start game one of the series.

Allen has had his struggles throughout the season, but is also one of the only pitchers on the team with a win.

He comes into the game at 1-4 with an 8.18 ERA in 11 games pitched this season.

Following him for game two of the series is senior Matt Wivinis.

Wivinis has not had the success many hoped for as a leader of the pitching staff, and he comes in at 1-8 in 13 starts this season.

Although he does not have many wins as a result, Wivinis does have one of the lower ERAs on the team at 5.95.

The starter for game three of the series has yet to be announced.

While those starters are a vital part of the team's success, the bullpen also holds the keys to victory.

With many pitchers struggling this season and a 7.91 team ERA to show for it, the bullpen needs to limit runs.

One of the biggest problems they have had this season is home runs, and the Panthers have allowed 46 home runs en route to their 351 runs allowed this year.

Sophomore Andy Fisher has been one of the anchors in the bullpen, and the team will continue to rely on him against Eastern Kentucky.

Fisher has the lowest ERA on the team at 5.31, and has a 1-3 record this season.

As those pitchers try to get the job done on the mound, the Panthers' offense will be put to the test.

Eastern will face a Colonel pitching staff that ranks fourth in the OVC, and holds a 5.42 ERA.

The Panthers also struggle at the plate, ranking second to last among the conference, but sophomores Cale Hennemann and Joseph



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Red-shirt senior Demetre Taylor rounds third base during the Panthers' loss to Belmont on Friday. The Panthers lost 21-9.

Duncan continue to highlight the offense.

Hennemann and Duncan are one and two in almost every offensive category for Eastern, and both continue to bat atop the lineup.

It is expected for both to continue leading off the lineup as Hennemann holds a team high .323 batting average, and Duncan follows with a .307 average.

Following this three-game series, the Panthers return home for another conference stretch against Morehead State.

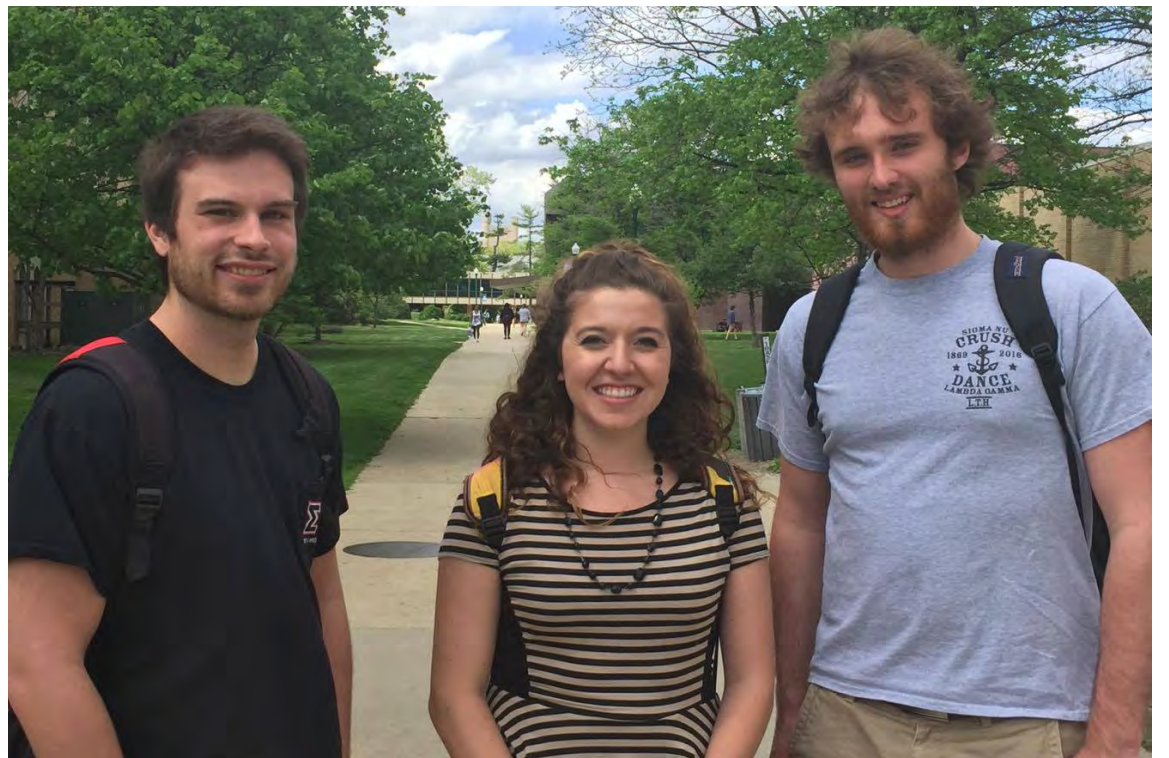
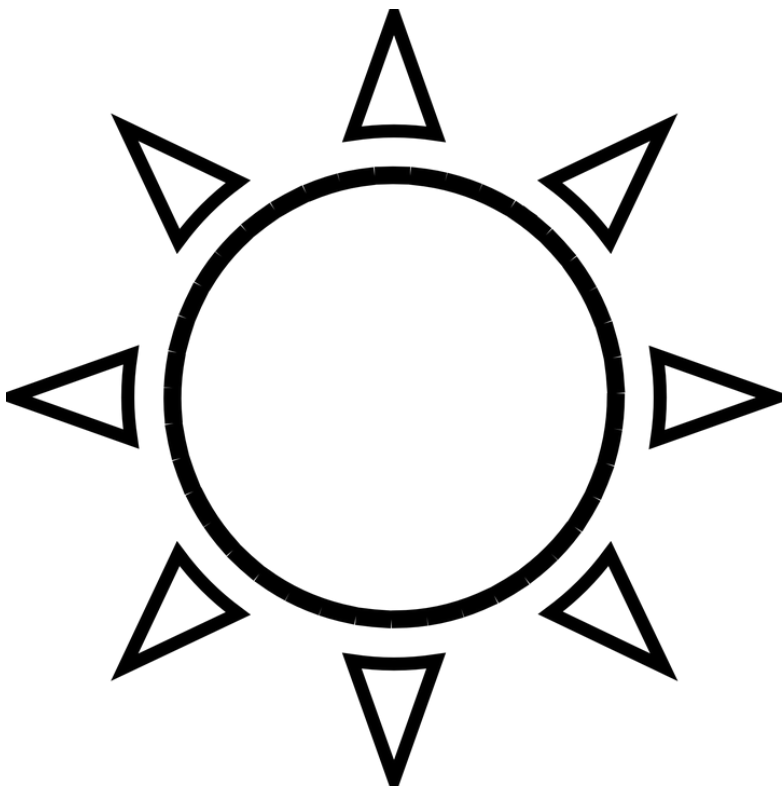
As for the matchup against Eastern Kentucky, game one will begin Friday at 2 p.m.

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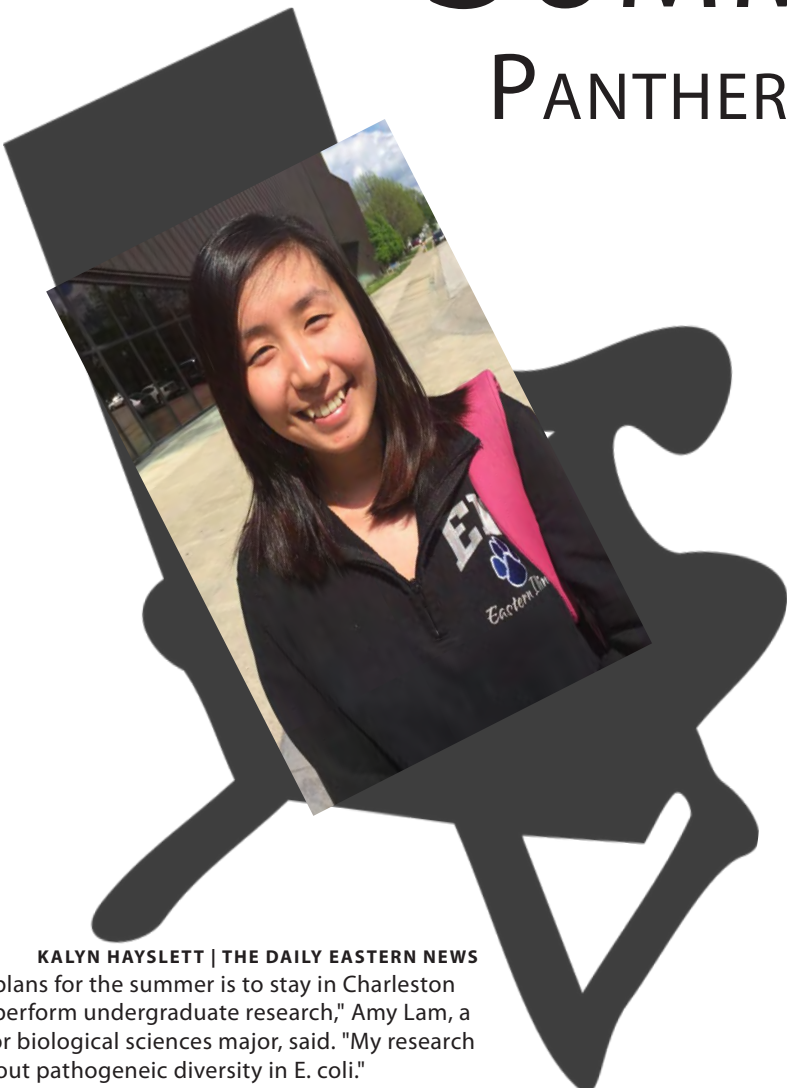
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(From left to right) "I'm graduating and I have a job in Arlington Heights, so I will probably move to Chicago. It's a very exciting time," Jake Stephens, a senior marketing major, said. "I'll be moving to downtown Chicago to start a job in recruitment. I'm looking forward to just living in a new place and the new places to eat at. I love food," Emma Hollister, a senior marketing major, said. "I plan on finding a job," Dale Carroll, a senior marketing major, said.

## SUMMER DAZE: PANTHERS PLAN FOR SUMMER



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"My plans for the summer is to stay in Charleston and perform undergraduate research," Amy Lam, a senior biological sciences major, said. "My research is about pathogenic diversity in E. coli."



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"I'm graduating from MBA," Blake Hayes, a graduate student in business administration, said. "It's kind of bittersweet. I didn't think I would return to the program, but I am glad I did!"

# 'GORE' not what to expect

By **Abbey Whittington**  
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When I first heard my favorite band, Deftones, would be coming out with their new album, "GORE," I was enthralled.

I was so excited and ready for a new melodic collection of alternative metal, however, when I listened to the first song I was surprised.

My anticipation grew with every sneak peak post the band put on Instagram of the new album cover planned to come out on April 8.

When I finally heard "GORE," I realized the music group that became my favorite band in 2011 put out an album that I did not instantly fall in love with because it did not sound like the same Deftones.

The first album I was introduced to was "Diamond Eyes" and everything from the loud, heavy bass to lead vocalist, Chino Moreno's mesmerizing and haunting voice had me in bliss.

When the band released "Koi No Yokan" in 2012, I was extremely satisfied with the new music they had put out and was sure any future albums would be just as good.

When I listened to the first song of the album, "Prayers/Triangles," I heard the familiar heavy instrumentals, but lyrically the song was repetitive and boring.

Usually Deftones gives a pretty balanced amount of heavy instrumentals along with screaming and singing but I think this was lost in the album.

The transitions in instrumentals from light to heavy along with Moreno's voice were very strange and choppy throughout each song.



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Chino Moreno performing with Deftones at the River City Rockfest at the AT&T Center in San Antonio, Texas on May 24, 2014.

When there was good transition, the song would just lead back into the extremely repetitive chorus. Overall, the sounds of the album just clashed.

As for the rest of the album, I think Moreno incorporated too much of the style from his other band Crosses and this took away from Deftones' original sound.

Crosses has a more alternative pop sound that is very different from Deftones' heavy music.

Don't get me wrong, I still consider Deftones my favorite band and I can still listen to the album, I just feel like this new release cannot be put in comparison with the previous

albums. "White Pony," "Saturday Night Wrist" and "Around the Fur," are my three favorite albums and I was hoping the band would come out with something just as amazing.

If there was a good thing to come out of the album, it would be that the band is going on tour and I can promise if they visit Illinois I will be there in support of their music.

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ACTS praise dancers, Anointed Worshipers, perform choreographed dances twice a month. There are six members on the team and they use different formations when together.

# ACTS celebration to bring peace to campus

By Zaria Greene  
Verge Reporter | @DEN\_Verge

ACTS Campus Ministries will transform the last service of the semester into a celebration called "Pack the House."

The service will be at 11 a.m. on Sunday in Buzzard Hall Auditorium.

Bishop Andrew Robinson describes "Pack the House" as a time to not only celebrate the end of the semester but to express gratitude for what God has done.

"A combination of people rejoicing and expressing their faith and love for God at the

end of the semester through different talents," Robinson said. "It's something that brings students, faculty, alumni and visitors together to think about all the good things we have."

This semester's theme is peace based from the scripture John 16:33.

Bishop Robinson said the scripture mainly serves as a reminder to have a peace of mind through all of the things going on in the world and your life.

"We felt like we needed to promote peace through all the diversity on campus," Robinson said.

ACTS members have been

preparing for months to make sure that all of the elements of the service is completed, Robinson said.

"ACTS usually starts planning the theme for this at the beginning of the semester," he said. "Usually a month before, we get things like the performances scheduled out and get advertising together."

Some of the performances this year will include the rap gospel team Bosses, ACTS praise dancers, ACTS Anointed Worshipers praise dance team, lots of singing and a skit from the ACTS drama team.

Sierra Murray, a junior marketing major and captain-choreographer for the ACTS Anointed Worshipers praise dance team, said the preparation for the team's dance requires hours of time and dedication.

"We practice five times within two weeks for about two hours each time where we go over the steps and make sure we are matching the music properly," Murray said.

The ACTS Anointed Worshipers will be dancing to a song called "Stand" by Donnie McClurkin.

Murray said she wanted the dance to reflect the year's theme

of peace and encourage students to remain strong throughout the stressful time of the semester.

Murray said the quote, "if He brings you to it, He'll help bring you through it," helps her cope with feelings of stress and worry.

ACTS will also pass out prayer cloths that have been prayed over by Bishop Robinson, the ACT's prayer team and many others over the last couple of weeks.

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# Mobile Food Pantry rolling in for final service day

By Carole Hodorowicz  
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The final service day hosted by the Volunteer Office will be with the Mobile Food Pantry this Saturday.

Beth Gillespie, interim director of Civic Engagement and Volunteerism, said the food insecurity in Coles County is higher than anywhere else in the state.

Food insecurity is when people do not know when their next meal will be.

Gillespie said families from all over the area will come to the Mobile Pantry.

Gillespie said even though the kids of these families have eaten at school, they do not know if there will be a meal at home.

"You could come home and

have a bag of Cheetos," Gillespie said, emphasizing that dinner for these families is not always nutritionally adequate.

Crystal Brown, assistant director of Civic Engagement and Volunteerism, said students volunteering are responsible for helping families pick out enough food for their family size.

Brown said the Mobile Food Pantry has the "staple items," such as canned vegetables and fruit, pasta, and sometimes even dessert.

The volunteer office is not a stranger to the food pantry.

Brown said the office has worked closely with the food bank by helping run the Charleston Food Pantry on Thursday nights.

Gillespie's husband, Michael

Gillespie, works in sociology and focuses his research on food insecurity.

She said he is a huge advocate and a captain for the Eastern Illinois Food Bank and Mobile Pantry.

Almost every weekend, the Mobile Food Pantry visits a different location and 30 volunteers are required to run it.

"EIU students are an incredible resource in the community," Gillespie said. "When we come together, we make things happen."

The service day begins at 8:30 a.m. and will finish by noon.

Gillespie said she hopes this service opportunity will impact student volunteers.

"I'm hoping the students will have an experience with our of-

fice and they'll go out and see that by volunteering, they are directly impacting our community," Gillespie said.

Gillespie said this will be a powerful experience because volunteers are "literally putting food on the table for our neighbors."

"This is going to be a year-round need," Gillespie said. "People need food."

She said she is interested in incorporating the Mobile Food Pantry into more service days, like Jumpstart 2 G.I.V.E, which is the service day all incoming freshman and transfer students are required to participate in.

Gillespie said community service is an understanding that everyone is going to need help at some point during their lives.

"When we are supporting

each other, we are collectively going to have a stronger and healthier community," Gillespie said.

Students interested in volunteering at the Mobile Food Pantry this Saturday can still sign up at the Civic Engagement and Volunteerism Office.

Transportation will be available.

Gillespie said this strong and healthy community can be achieved if "we are just willing to give a little bit of our time and our hearts and energy to those around us."

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## Sunday, May 1

### Pack The House

### Celebration

### Peace Theme

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At Buzzard Hall

