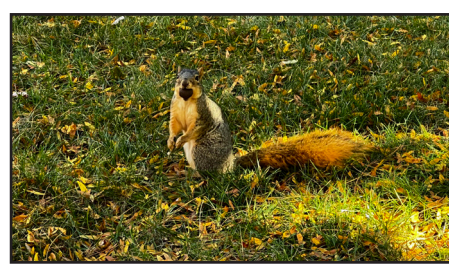


Look at this photo!



7 reasons campus squirrels can't stop fighting

# The Eastern Echo



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## BREAKING NEWS: ALIEN-OWNED OBJECT FOUND UNDER WISE HALL

Gray Connor  
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Trusted news source @EMU\_Conspiracies on Instagram, a social media platform dedicated to testing a parent's ability to monitor their kid's screen time, has released formerly redacted information through a Freedom of Information Act request. According to their first post, made March 10, 2026, a student in Eastern Michigan University's computer science program found what appeared to be a metallic plate buried deep within the dirt in front of Wise Hall.

"Bro....." the student stated with a far-off look. "Am I gonna lose my degree?"

**Warning: The following content contains information that may be highly concerning to students who actually have a chance of graduating.**

Found stuck on the metallic plate, which was stuck nearly 4 feet below the surface, was a sticky note that read, "Δω Δλψ Δλψωαξ, Δλ□ Δω Δλψ Δωλψ Φ□ ξΦωΔλψ Κ□Πλ



As of March 31, 2026, spaceships stored by aliens have been found under Wise Hall. Gary Connor / The Eastern Echo

Δωδλψω□ψΦΔΦ□λ," which, when put through Google Translate, meant, "We are aliens, and we are here to steal your accreditation."

For those who have literally never thought about university functions, a university's accreditation acts as a symbol of its academic validity and can

confirm that an institution is operating to a certain level of educational standards.

@EMU\_Conspiracies did not respond within the 30 seconds of allotted time we offered for a comment.

The Eastern Echo also reached out to the supposed aliens for additional

comment by leaving a second sticky note inside the hole. Seeing as the note was returned to The Echo office torn to pieces, we would highly recommend that all students consider applying to different institutions.

As of this writing, no sighting of aliens from space have been reported to EMU's Department of Public Safety.

@EMU\_Conspiracies has also revealed a number of other genuinely terrible things for the Eastern population, including new renovations slated for Pray-Harrold, scheduled to begin in January 2027. Assuming that EMU is still a somewhat functioning institution, Pray-Harrold will be blown up and replaced with a vampire castle. While we could not reach Dracula for comment, we were able to get ahold of Bigfoot, who is currently serving four human lifetime sentences after last year's trial, inquiring about any possible connection between the two monsters. "ROOOOOAAAARRRRRRRRRR," Bigfoot explained during an in-person visitation. "ROOOOOAAAARRRRRRRR." At this time, the additional

information provided by Bigfoot could not be confirmed.

"It's all just so sudden," Samantha Briner said, a student studying urban planning and public relations. "Will my full tuition scholarship still apply if the school is gone?"

Other horrific news includes the death of every single member of EMU's football team at the hands of robots sent by Central Michigan University, as reported by @EMU\_Conspiracies. This has rendered Eastern Michigan University completely helpless against both the alien and vampiric forces.

While the aliens from outer space have yet to formally make an appearance, the same cannot be said for Dracula and his group of neck-biters. Most recently, EMU Board of Regents member John Hackleson reported an incident where a vampire, disguised as an unhappy student, ambushed him outside of the Student Center.

"I wanted to walk away, but it kept following me!" Hackleson said.

**ALIENS, SEE ON PAGE 67**

## Letter from the Editor: The purpose behind our sin

As you may have noticed, this edition of *The Eastern Echo* looks a bit different.

If you're familiar with our April 15 edition from last year, you may recognize our goal.

In this edition of *The Eastern Echo*, we blatantly lie, joke, report on unconfirmed information, invent sources and more. In practice, our real reporting process looks drastically different.

This Sin Edition will be submitted to a contest run by the Society of Professional Journalists, or SPJ. For the contest, student newspapers are encouraged to make light of the common pitfalls of student satire pieces and April Fools' Day editions by breaking our ethics codes transparently. Take note of the annotations we provide on each page and try to identify where in each article we break our code of ethics.

While this issue was created for the SPJ Sin Edition contest, it serves a greater purpose than that. We created this to show you, our readers, what news could look like if we compromised our journalistic integrity. We did this to show you what's at stake.

At *The Eastern Echo*, the SPJ Code of Ethics is the backbone of everything

we do. Its tenets of reporting truthfully, minimizing harm, acting independently, holding ourselves accountable for our work, and doing so transparently shape every decision we make and each piece of content we produce. As you can see, all of these rules have been broken in this paper.

We realize we are publishing this paper during a time when truthful reporting is increasingly challenged and questioned. We have not created this edition to contribute to that doubt, but rather to draw attention to the standards we follow to share information responsibly.

We have compromised our journalistic integrity to prove to you its importance.

We hope you can take a moment to laugh and enjoy our creative, lighthearted content. Our team had a great time creating this paper, and we hope you enjoy it too. At the same time, we hope you will consider the serious side of this edition — responsible journalism is a cornerstone of a free society, and we encourage you to take a moment to reflect on its importance and the work our team does behind the scenes to make it happen.

Natalie Kyle  
Editor-in-Chief

### SPJ Ethical Codes Broken

- Take responsibility for the accuracy of their work. Verify information before releasing it. Use original sources whenever possible.
- Remember that neither speed nor format excuses inaccuracy.
- Provide context. Take special care not to misrepresent or oversimplify in promoting, previewing or summarizing a story.
- Diligently seek subjects of news coverage to allow them to respond to criticism or allegations of wrongdoing.
- Provide access to source material when it is relevant and appropriate.
- Label advocacy and commentary.

Society of Professional Journalists

## CODE of ETHICS

### PREAMBLE

Members of the Society of Professional Journalists believe that public enlightenment is the forerunner of justice and the foundation of democracy. Ethical journalism strives to ensure the free exchange of information that is accurate, fair and thorough. An ethical journalist acts with integrity. The Society declares these four principles as the foundation of ethical journalism and encourages their use in its practice by all people in all media.

### SEEK TRUTH AND REPORT IT

Ethical journalism should be accurate and fair. Journalists should be honest and courageous in gathering, reporting and interpreting information.

Journalists should:

- ▶ Take responsibility for the accuracy of their work. Verify information before releasing it. Use original sources whenever possible.
- ▶ Remember that neither speed nor format excuses inaccuracy.
- ▶ Provide context. Take special care not to misrepresent or oversimplify in promoting, previewing or summarizing a story.
- ▶ Gather, update and correct information throughout the life of a news story.
- ▶ Be cautious when making promises, but keep the promises they make.
- ▶ Identify sources clearly. The public is entitled to as much information as possible to judge the reliability and motivations of sources.
- ▶ Consider sources' motives before promising anonymity. Reserve anonymity for sources who may face danger, retribution or other harm, and have information that cannot be obtained elsewhere. Explain why anonymity was granted.
- ▶ Diligently seek subjects of news coverage to allow them to respond to criticism or allegations of wrongdoing.
- ▶ Avoid undercover or other surreptitious methods of gathering information unless traditional, open methods will not yield information vital to the public.
- ▶ Be vigilant and courageous about holding those with power accountable. Give voice to the voiceless.
- ▶ Support the open and civil exchange of views, even views they find repugnant.
- ▶ Recognize a special obligation to serve as watchdogs over public affairs and government. Seek to ensure that the public's business is conducted in the open, and that public records are open to all.
- ▶ Provide access to source material when it is relevant and appropriate.
- ▶ Boldly tell the story of the diversity and magnitude of the human experience. Seek sources whose voices we seldom hear.
- ▶ Avoid stereotyping. Journalists should examine the ways their values and experiences may shape their reporting.
- ▶ Label advocacy and commentary.
- ▶ Never deliberately distort facts or context, including visual information. Clearly label illustrations and re-enactments.
- ▶ Never plagiarize. Always attribute.

### MINIMIZE HARM

Ethical journalism treats sources, subjects, colleagues and members of the public as human beings deserving of respect.

Journalists should:

- ▶ Balance the public's need for information against potential harm or discomfort. Pursuit of the news is not a license for arrogance or undue intrusiveness.

- ▶ Show compassion for those who may be affected by news coverage. Use heightened sensitivity when dealing with juveniles, victims of sex crimes, and sources or subjects who are inexperienced or unable to give consent. Consider cultural differences in approach and treatment.
- ▶ Recognize that legal access to information differs from an ethical justification to publish or broadcast.
- ▶ Realize that private people have a greater right to control information about themselves than public figures and others who seek power, influence or attention. Weigh the consequences of publishing or broadcasting personal information.
- ▶ Avoid pandering to lurid curiosity, even if others do.
- ▶ Balance a suspect's right to a fair trial with the public's right to know. Consider the implications of identifying criminal suspects before they face legal charges.
- ▶ Consider the long-term implications of the extended reach and permanence of publication. Provide updated and more complete information as appropriate.

### ACT INDEPENDENTLY

The highest and primary obligation of ethical journalism is to serve the public.

Journalists should:

- ▶ Avoid conflicts of interest, real or perceived. Disclose unavoidable conflicts.
- ▶ Refuse gifts, favors, fees, free travel and special treatment, and avoid political and other outside activities that may compromise integrity or impartiality, or may damage credibility.
- ▶ Be wary of sources offering information for favors or money; do not pay for access to news. Identify content provided by outside sources, whether paid or not.
- ▶ Deny favored treatment to advertisers, donors or any other special interests, and resist internal and external pressure to influence coverage.
- ▶ Distinguish news from advertising and shun hybrids that blur the lines between the two. Prominently label sponsored content.

### BE ACCOUNTABLE AND TRANSPARENT

Ethical journalism means taking responsibility for one's work and explaining one's decisions to the public.

Journalists should:

- ▶ Explain ethical choices and processes to audiences. Encourage a civil dialogue with the public about journalistic practices, coverage and news content.
- ▶ Respond quickly to questions about accuracy, clarity and fairness.
- ▶ Acknowledge mistakes and correct them promptly and prominently. Explain corrections and clarifications carefully and clearly.
- ▶ Expose unethical conduct in journalism, including within their organizations.
- ▶ Abide by the same high standards they expect of others.

The SPJ Code of Ethics is a statement of abiding principles supported by additional explanations and position papers (at spj.org) that address changing journalistic practices. It is not a set of rules, rather a guide that encourages all who engage in journalism to take responsibility for the information they provide, regardless of medium. The code should be read as a whole; individual principles should not be taken out of context. It is not, nor can it be under the First Amendment, legally enforceable.



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## The Eastern Echo

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At *The Eastern Echo*, we never correct our mistakes. If we got it wrong, we won't make it right. If you see an error, just ignore it... that's what we do!

Scan for a surprise



# CALENDAR

## March 31

### collective screaming

10-10:02 p.m.  
in front of the RA's door

## April 1

### nap time

3-5 p.m.  
my bed – you guys have to find somewhere else to sleep

## April 2

### block him.

8:47-8:50 p.m.  
instagram, snapchat, tiktok, BUT NOT VENMO! (need that money)

## April 3

### inspect the concrete

2-4 p.m.  
outside pray-harold

## April 4

### fall down tiktok rabbit hole

tornado content is scary!  
8-11 p.m.  
my bed – again, you guys have to find somewhere else, sorry

## April 5

### unblock him

sorry mom — he sent me money  
9:30-9:34 p.m.  
only instagram tho

## April 6

### survive the horrors

10 a.m. to 11 p.m.  
anywhere and everywhere. help.

### WEATHER FORECAST

Tuesday, April 1

it's Michigan so like idk?????



Wednesday, April 2

SHARKNADO, Twister, Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs, Sharkboy & Lavagirl, etc.: choose ur own adventure!!!



Thursday, April 3

sometimes it snows in April (but hopefully not)



Friday, April 4

IT'S RAINING TACOS definitely bring an umbrella (and guac)



Saturday, Nov. 22

big wind WOOOSHHHH don't blow away!



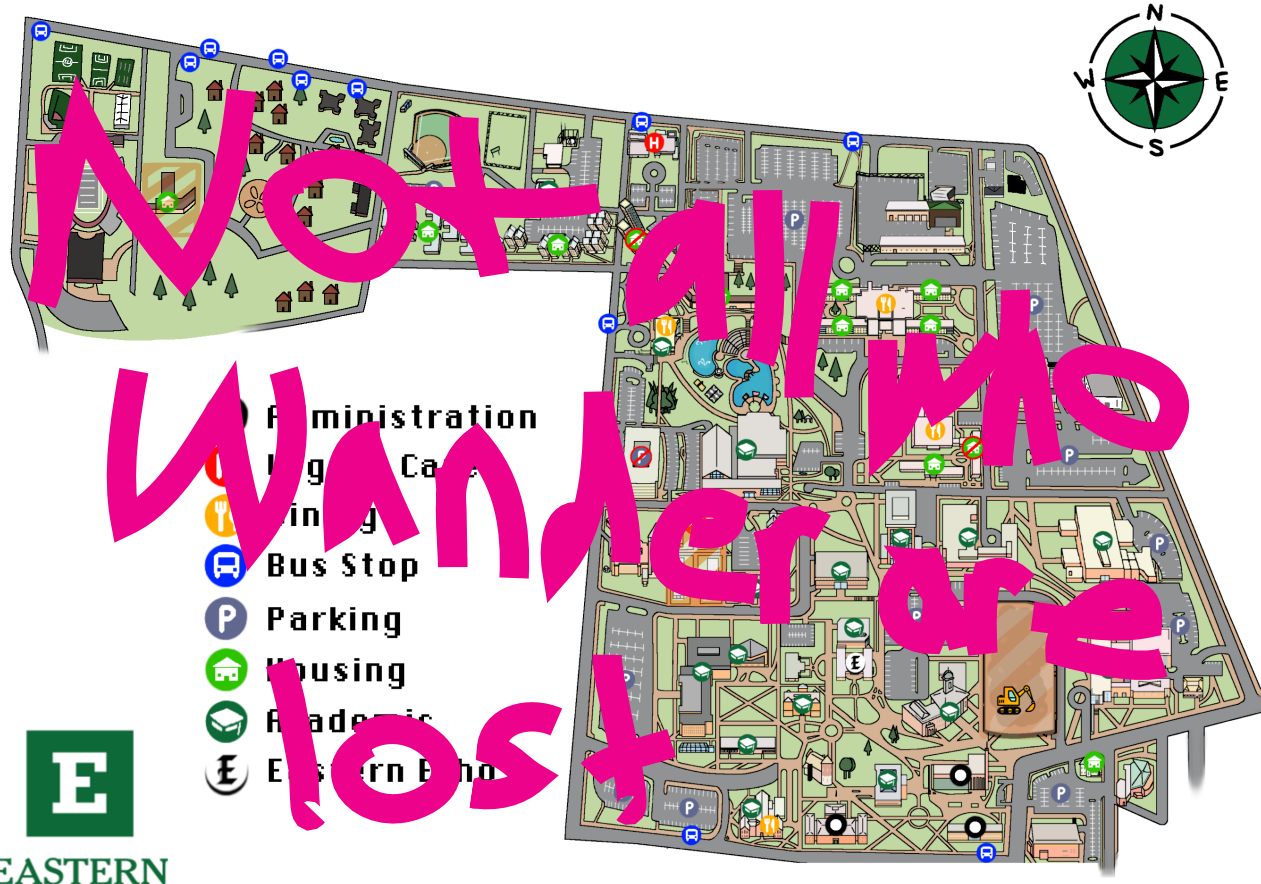
### Where to find *The Echo*:

?????????  
?????????

In your hands :)

?????!??

### Where to find our links:



# Top 10 campus meals ranked by their ability to ruin my day :(

**AnnaBelle Favre**  
News Reporter

In the interest of hard-hitting journalism, I have conducted an extremely rigorous investigation into campus dining. Over the course of several emotionally taxing meals (and one particularly humbling late-night snack run), I have ranked the top 10 campus meals, from worst to best, based on their ability to derail my day. I did not consult any other students on this ranking, but I assume they would all agree with me.

## 10) When the dining hall serves red meat

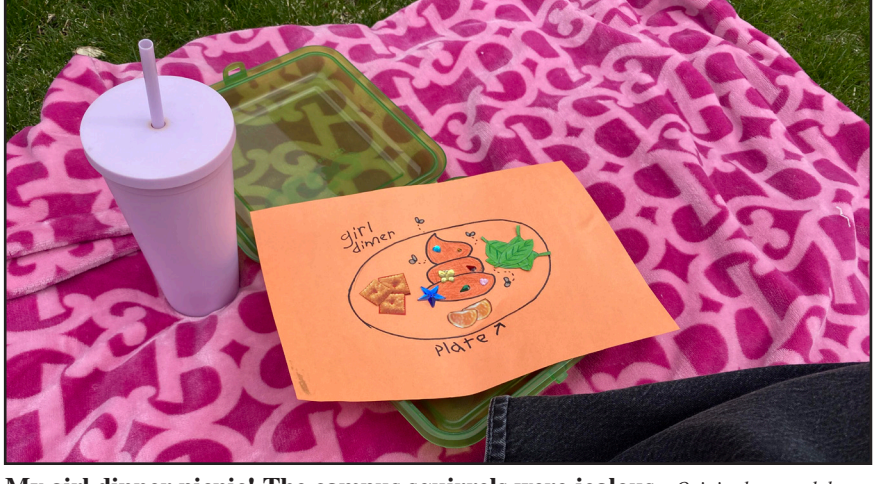
I'm allergic to red meat, so naturally, the dining hall has decided to center its entire personality around this. I am sorry to the vegans and vegetarians out there. They love to serve pulled pork, cheeseburgers and beef tacos. I can't eat any of that! To the salad bar I go.

## 9) The 24/7 vending machines in the library

Nothing brings my day down like forgetting to pack a lunch and having to go to the vending machines at the library. If you want some chips or an insane amount of caffeine, you're covered. Want anything with actual sustenance? Don't worry, they've got bagged hard-boiled eggs and a singular frozen breakfast sandwich that has been there since the beginning of the semester.

"Good thing I don't have to pay with my own money!" you say. Ha! All those thousands of dollars you poured into your meal plan are useless here! Enjoy your \$8 stale sandwich.

## 8) Breakfast situation



**My girl dinner picnic! The campus squirrels were jealous.** Original artwork by the brilliant and skillful Myla Speidel

If you are a person who likes a routine, dining hall breakfast is the place for you! You have the choices of rubbery pancakes, stale bread and bagels, scrambled eggs from a bag, and the same four cereals. Every day! Every day.

There is also a waffle maker that makes a pretty decent waffle, but standing to wait behind the entire offensive line trying to fuel up for their game can be quite time consuming.

I forgot to mention the assortment of fresh fruit! You can have cantaloupe, honeydew, or cantaloupe and honeydew mixed together. There is also a lovely juice machine that produces murky-colored water. Yum! Midway through my first semester, I was fully convinced I had scurvy, so I recommend keeping some oranges in your dorm, just in case.

Enjoy eating this breakfast array every single morning for eight months a year for the next four years.

## 7) Food delivery apps

Food delivery apps are an entity that every college student holds in their

heart. However, it's less of a service and more of a test of faith.

We're tired, the dining hall is closed past 8 p.m., and it's too cold to walk half a mile to the parking lot, so we'll make someone else fetch our food for us. There are tons of really nice restaurants in the Ypsilanti area, so you're likely to get something good, no matter what you're in the mood for. Once you pay \$20 for a \$12 meal, you wait and wait and wait. It's excruciating, but you know it'll be worth it! When you finally get the notification that your food was delivered, you race down the stairs to see nothing at the doors. This is because, for some reason, they always deliver to Wise Hall (this happened to me three of four times!), no matter what you tell it. For your sake, I hope you live in Wise or are ready for a walk.

## 6) Nothing

Sometimes you just have to cut your losses and skip the meal. Honestly, it's better than a lot of the alternatives on campus. The food is sparse, expensive and poorly located, and the restaurants

are never open at a logical hour. Just chew on your pen cap, reflect on your life choices, and wait until dinner.

## 5) A fancy coffee

This beloved restaurant on campus is definitely NOT a certain globally recognizable coffee chain. However, you can get those same drinks at those same prices in a familiarly-branded cup. It's weird, but it works out because hallelujah — they accept the meal plan! I would never pay \$7 for basically a cup of juice, but since it's covered in my meal plan, I'ma get me a venti mango dragonfruit refresher! They also have donuts and huge danishes and amazing vanilla cinnamon bagels. I seriously get something here like once a day. Best place on campus!

So, if you wake up in the mood for a fancy drink and a breakfast sandwich, you're in luck! You can walk over to the eateries and grab it! After 3 p.m., of course, because that's the sensible time for a coffee shop to open. Nothing quite like a 9 p.m. espresso drink to power your late-night study sesh.

## 4) The meal that looked good from far away

I saw it from across the dining hall. It looked promising. I got closer. I was wrong.

## 3) Dining hall salad bar

The dining hall serves a lot of questionable meals, but the salad bar never lets me down. There's always crunchy, fresh lettuce with good looking tomatoes, cucumbers and carrots. You have lots of choices of toppings and dressings. There is also usually chicken, tofu and chick-peas for protein. I love to fill up a nice big bowl with a little lettuce and a lot of toppings

for my weekly serving of vegetables. What can I say? I am a healthy queen!

## 2) Chicken nuggets and fries

Unfortunately, I have to admit that giving money to bigots is sometimes worth it for some chicken nuggets and fries. The smell of homophobia is totally overtaken by the smell of salty french fries, so you can pretty much forget how corrupt it is. Plus, those frosted coffees? Amazing; give me twelve.

They don't take meal swipes, but my friends and I all found that you can very easily drain your flex money there. It's overpriced, and somehow even more expensive than regular restaurants (no attempt was made to verify this), but EMU students will do just about anything for something resembling real food.

## 1) Dining hall desserts

Banger after banger after banger. Whatever the dining hall buys in bulk and puts on their own plates slaps.

I don't ask questions. I don't need answers. Just keep bringing out that Boston cream cake thing, and we won't have a problem.

[ REDACTED INFORMATION ]

**Editor's note:** Some may argue that this ranking lacks balance, fairness or input from other students. To that, we say, correct. This investigation was conducted with zero oversight, minimal research and a deep commitment to the writer's own personal bias — exactly what journalism should avoid.

# Echo investigation finds speech might be less free, but there's no way to be sure

**Lilly Kujawski**  
Managing Editor - News

Attacks on free speech and expression throughout the country have contributed to a culture of self-censorship and silence on Eastern Michigan University's campus and in the Ypsilanti community, *The Eastern Echo* has found.

*The Echo* attempted but was unable to corroborate this with students and residents, because none of them were willing to speak on the record, or at all. We are not sure how community members feel about the current state of the world because they won't tell us.

In a country built on the principles of free expression, political speech — the most protected form of speech under the Constitution — has become something of a novelty, according to our research, which was minimal because most studies on the issue are no longer accessible to the public. We're not sure why...

"I'm really not that political," said an unnamed student activist, who asked to be anonymous, despite speaking publicly at a protest last weekend.

Others agreed, with one Ypsilanti resident of five years saying, "No thanks," when asked to comment on the state of First Amendment rights in the United States. One student almost said they think federal crackdowns on protestors and dissenters have had a chilling effect on speech at college campuses, but then they didn't, choosing to stay silent instead.

"Never mind," the student said.

One professor at EMU agreed to sit down with *The Echo* and discuss how the Trump administration's authoritative rule and attacks on press and speech freedom have contributed to less lively debates in class, creating a less engaging classroom culture. Later, that professor called and requested that her name be omitted, citing concerns about personal safety and fear of being stopped at customs during planned travel out of the country. She only



**Emma, Echo Copy Desk Chief Allie Beecher's cat, refused to comment when interviewed for this article.**

agreed for her quotes to be included on the condition of anonymity — and on the promise of favorable coverage of her new book in an upcoming print of *The Echo*.

"Everything sucks," she said. "Buy my book when it arrives at bookstores on May 12."

Recently, we received reports of a student sharing their opinion on the war in Iran. However, this student promptly backtracked their statements and stopped talking when they realized a friend was recording a TikTok nearby. We overheard the conversation from down the hallway and decided to include it in our reporting, despite pleas from the student about their discomfort and promising them we would not report on what they said.

Two classmates thought about having a meaningful debate about gun control but decided against it, pointing to a political sphere too polarizing for healthy disagreement and the open exchange of ideas.

"What we have to say about it doesn't really matter anyway," one of the students, a political science major, said in class, without knowing they were speaking to a news reporter.

Another Ypsilanti resident said that while the local community has been supportive and insulating amid what they described as uncertain times, they were concerned about speaking publicly because their opinions could be shared across social media if published online.

"It seems safer these days to just not have an original thought or any kind

of opinion when it comes to politics and other divisive issues," the resident said. "If I'm mad at the government, I just keep it to myself or whisper my feelings to my cat."

Here at *The Echo*, where press freedom is integral to the work we do, we're sure that people's discomfort speaking out about their opinions will have no negative effect on democracy or anything like that... After all, what has the First Amendment ever done for anyone?

**Editor's note:** While the use of anonymous sources has its place in journalism and has been instrumental in bringing information to the public that might not otherwise see the light of day, it must be done responsibly and with an appropriate vetting and verification process. Unfortunately, as fewer people are comfortable speaking on the record, journalists might have to depend more and more on unnamed sources in order to do their jobs and report on people and issues that matter. This does not negate the journalist's duty to use confidential sources sparingly and only when the information cannot be found elsewhere. Journalists should exercise caution, use a multi-layered fact-checking process, take their promise of confidentiality seriously, and be aware of the diminished accountability that can occur when someone's name is not attached to their statements. Additionally, at *The Echo*, we do not provide favors in order to access news or information; we keep our promises, do our best to minimize harm, and we always identify ourselves as journalists.



*Jada made this*

### SPJ Ethical Codes Broken

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# 5 EMU resources that can help you unplug and touch grass. No. 5 will SHOCK you!

## Letter to the Editor: The mystery of full parking at EMU

**Kaleb Stanley**  
Photographer

Dear Editor,  
The parking situation at Eastern Michigan University continues to deteriorate drastically. The situation continues to become more and more dire as students report missing classes due to its severity. The parking has gotten so bad that more students who do not drive are affected by the situation than those who do drive and have a vehicle on campus.

Students report that between last school year and this school year, the number of students using parking services on EMU's campus has increased by about 50% and is expected to increase as we continue through the school year. Students who participated in a recent survey with a sample size of five people stated that they notice more users of on-campus parking each time they utilize the parking services and have noted that about a third do not drive their vehicles again once they have parked them on campus. Some people have even gotten rid of their driver's licenses, despite still owning a car, which is parked on campus.

The survey also stated that those who have parked and left their cars on campus so far do not plan on ever removing their cars; some have stated that they feel entitled to use these services despite not even being current students. Continuing off of this, these former students have said they plan to tell people who do not have any association with EMU to use their lots for car storage, despite the fact that there is not enough parking for current students.

This situation has been ongoing; however, it has just recently been brought to our attention by a survey done about three months ago, with the results being made publicly available about a week ago. We will continue to update you as we get more information on the situation involving people utilizing the parking lot.

Sincerely,  
*Underparked and overpriced*

**Editor's note:** *Confused? Understandable. You came for news, and instead got the writer's ranting opinion about campus parking. Where are the sources? And where did that survey data come from? A sample size of five students is hardly a representative pool. We do accept letters to the editor, but we still fact-check them and don't publish ones that spread misinformation or unverified surveys.*

NOTHING  
IMPORTANT  
GETS  
DONE

**Laura Meriweather**  
News Reporter

Many studies have shown that Eastern Michigan University students are the most chronically online people in the world. This epidemic has led to widespread belief in misinformation on campus. For example, a concerning number of EMU students believe that journalism is a viable and stable career path. This is clearly an alarming trend, and significant steps must be taken to help these students reconnect with reality. Fortunately, there are several resources available at EMU to reengage students so that they can once again touch grass.

and cry for up to 30 minutes at a time. The service is included in the EMU tuition model, and recent rumors have stated that a second, slightly wetter corner may be installed soon across the room.

"It's easy for me to get discouraged when I'm constantly comparing myself to others," said Gill Teaman, a double major in criminology and economics. "When I'm lying in the dark, damp corner, I'm usually too distracted by the unpleasant sensation to think about the latest trends." Teaman was unavailable for a follow-up comment due to being arrested for a bank robbery that he probably did commit.

### #4. The impending collapse of the nation's power grid

Experts in the energy sector have warned for decades that the United States' power grid is unsustainable and vulnerable to collapse. In light of these warnings, EMU has vowed to make no preparations for the oncoming disaster.

"The best way to keep students off of those damn phones is to ensure that they can never charge their devices again," said Watson Poweroff, the school's director of infrastructure. "We can assure each and every student that they will be powerless to access social media when the nation's power grid goes down."

Poweroff added that he is planning to attack the power grid himself next week out of boredom.

### #5. Your mother's house

To prove how easy it can be to spend time away from the computer, *The Eastern Echo* spent a day at your mother's house, helping her with various tasks, such as filing her taxes, analyzing the newest season of her favorite romance show and pointing out the awkwardness of your middle school yearbook photos.

"The staff at *The Eastern Echo* is amazing," your mother said, blushing slightly. "They were nothing but courteous and respectful. I will be donating the remainder of my child's college fund to their future endeavors." A review of *The Echo's* bank account confirmed that she made good on her word.

More information about the benefits of touching grass can be obtained by turning off your phone, donating it to charity and lying down in a grassy field. The EMU IT department has downloaded a virus to all Wi-Fi-connected devices on campus that will render them permanently unusable on April 31.

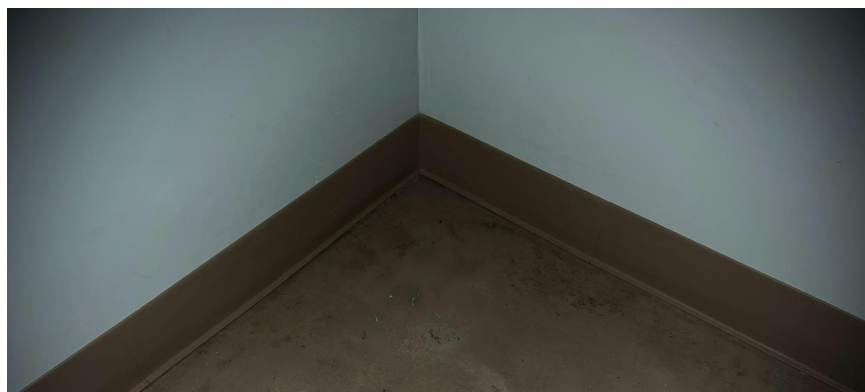
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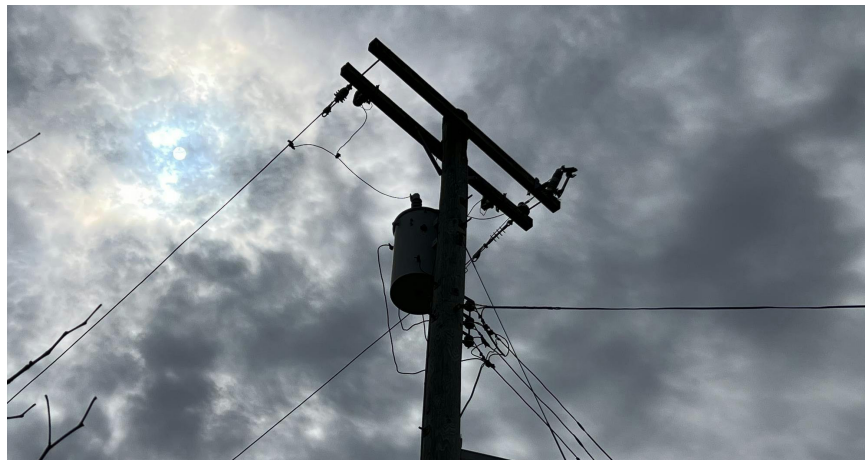
The lakehouse at Eastern Michigan University was designed with students' digital wellbeing in mind. *Laura Meriweather / The Eastern Echo*



A local dispensary employee holds up a massive bag of weed. This stuff will surely get you to put your phone down and reconnect with nature. *Laura Meriweather / The Eastern Echo*



A dark, damp corner in Starkweather Hall that Eastern Michigan University has designated as a space where students can take time away from social media. *Laura Meriweather / The Eastern Echo*



The specter of apocalypse hangs over the Eastern Michigan University campus. One day, in your lifetime, it will all come crashing down. *Laura Meriweather / The Eastern Echo*



Located in a pleasant suburban neighborhood, your mother's house was the perfect venue for the staff of *The Echo* to unplug and unwind last weekend. *Photo courtesy of Curtis Adams via. Pexels*

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# Commitment has left the chat (and entered the portal)

Ruby Brannon  
Sports Editor

In a move that surprised absolutely no one who has followed college athletics for more than five minutes, the NCAA Transfer Portal has officially been charged with committing all seven deadly sins. Programs across the country, including Eastern Michigan University Athletics, have stepped forward with stories, screenshots and emotional damage to support the case. University officials described the portal as “part opportunity, part chaos and part group chat you were never supposed to see.” What was once pitched as a tool for athlete empowerment has quickly evolved into a 24/7 cycle of roster turnover, speculation and coaches pretending they’re totally fine.

## Pride

The portal’s first charge, pride, stems from its ability to convince nearly every athlete that they are one decision away from stardom. Players who averaged minimal minutes suddenly find themselves believing they are being “underutilized.”

One anonymous athlete explained, “The portal just made me realize I’m better than my situation.” When asked if any other coaches had reached out

yet, they replied, “No, but it’s early.”

Coaches have also been affected. Several admitted they now spend time watching their own former players’ highlight tapes, wondering how someone who couldn’t break the rotation suddenly looks like an all-conference selection elsewhere.

## Greed

Greed has taken over recruiting offices nationwide. Coaches no longer recruit high school players; they now scroll the portal like it’s an online store with free returns.

“We don’t necessarily need another forward,” one assistant coach admitted. “But if there’s a 6-foot-3 one who can shoot, defend and has three years left ... it would feel irresponsible not to look.”

Meanwhile, players are also participating, browsing schools the same way they might scroll social media. Better facilities, more exposure, cooler uniforms — it all adds up. Loyalty, while still appreciated, is no longer a requirement.

## Wrath

Wrath has emerged as one of the most visible consequences of the portal. Coaches experience it when they find out from X, formerly Twitter, that a player is planning to transfer. Teammates feel it when group chats go

silent, and lockers are suddenly cleared overnight.

One staff member described the experience as “getting ghosted, but professionally.”

Another added, “We just had film together yesterday.”

Fans, too, have embraced wrath, often reacting with a mix of heartbreak and “good luck, we didn’t need you anyway” energy in comment sections.

## Envy

Envy thrives in the portal era. Players watch other athletes transfer into bigger programs, land endorsement deals and post professionally edited commitment graphics. One athlete admitted, “I spent more time picking my announcement photo than I did deciding where to go.”

Programs feel it as well. Smaller schools often develop players only to watch them leave for larger stages. It’s the college sports’ version of raising a star just to see them shine somewhere else.

## Lust

Lust in this case isn’t about people; it’s about potential. The constant chase for “a better fit” has taken over. Players are drawn to the idea that somewhere else, everything will click: more minutes, more wins, more recognition.

Coaches are just as guilty. The

temptation of a transfer who could immediately change a program is hard to resist.

“It’s not that we don’t believe in our current roster,” one coach explained. “It’s just that ... what if there’s something better?”

The result is a cycle in which no one is ever fully satisfied, always wondering if the perfect situation is just one move away.

## Gluttony

The portal has been accused of gluttony due to its endless consumption of players. Every offseason feels like a complete reset, with rosters constantly being rebuilt from scratch. It’s not uncommon for teammates to meet each other for the first time weeks before the season starts.

One player described the experience: “I had to introduce myself to someone I thought I’d been playing with for a month. Turns out, they transferred in two days ago.”

Programs are taking in as much talent as they can, sometimes without fully knowing how all the pieces will fit together. Depth charts have become more like suggestions than actual plans.

## Sloth

Finally, sloth has appeared in a more subtle form. Development, the long,

often difficult process of improving over time, has taken a backseat. Why spend years working your way up when a fresh start is always an option?

Strength coaches and development staff have noticed the shift.

“It used to be about building players,” one said. “Now it’s about keeping them long enough to build anything at all.”

While not every athlete falls into this pattern, the temptation to leave rather than stay and grow is stronger than ever.

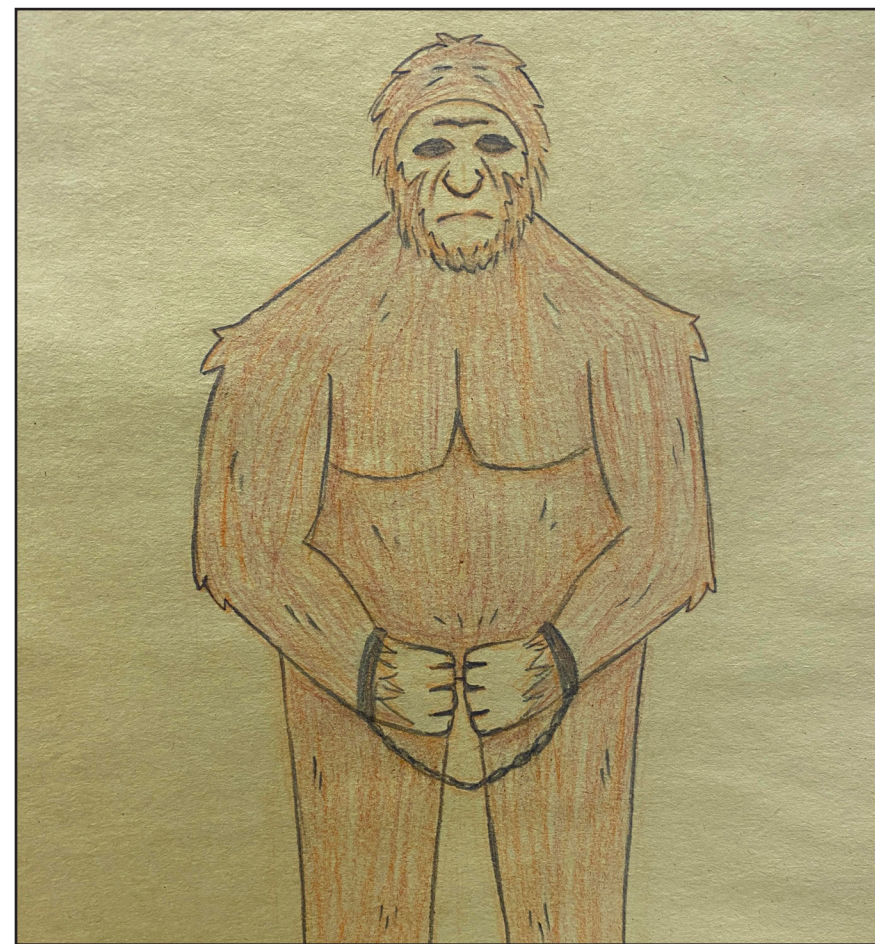
Despite the overwhelming evidence, the transfer portal released a short and simple statement: “I am just a tool. What you do with me is your choice.”

Back in Ypsilanti, coaches and players continue to monitor the situation closely, refreshing pages, watching announcements and pretending they aren’t checking who might be next.

Because in today’s college sports world, the only thing more unpredictable than the season itself is who will still be on the roster when it starts.

**Editor’s note:** Does this look different from our usual sports coverage? We avoid opinion and judgment in our reporting and clearly label if something is commentary. Even in sports writing, the facts speak for themselves.

# Bigfoot charges to be appealed at the 2nd Annual Great Debate



Courtroom sketch of Bigfoot. Original illustration by the incredible and fantastic Myla Speidel

Katherine Tatomir  
Newsletter Editor

The second Annual Great Debate takes place Thursday, April 2, in the Eastern Michigan University Student Center Ballroom. Check-in starts at 6 p.m., and the debate begins at 6:30 p.m.

The event is coordinated by EMU’s chapter (Zeta Tau) of Pi Sigma Alpha, a national political science honor society.

According to information provided by Pi Sigma Alpha, the event will consist of three trials.

The first is the infamous ongoing trial of Bigfoot. Bigfoot was arrested and jailed last year on charges of trespassing and indecent exposure. Attorneys will be appealing his charges. Bigfoot won’t go down without a fight; his future, however, is in the hands of the EMU Supreme Court justices, presented by EMU’s Moot Court.

Cryptids are not the only species with something to lose during the Great Debate. The United Nations General Assembly is hosting a debate about the rights of vampires all over the world. Assembly members will be presented by EMU’s Model UN. It’s too soon to know what arguments might come

from the assembly, but it is sure to be an interesting watch.

The recent kidnapping of an EMU student into a Poké Ball has also left Pikachu facing trial at the Great Debate. Pikachu is one of the most popular Pokémon characters, so it’s hard to believe he could ever commit a crime so heinous. EMU’s Mock Trial team will present Pikachu’s trial.

The Great Debate is expected to see some of the most influential political decisions of the century. Guests should conduct themselves accordingly. Laughing and smiling are discouraged. Even a smirk might get you some weird looks.

Food and raffle prizes are available to guests in the event of mild to

moderate hunger.

Pi Sigma Alpha encourages guests to RSVP for the event. Information and the RSVP form can be found @pisigmaalpha\_emu on Instagram.

#FreeBigfoot

**Editor’s note:** This article is missing something. What is it? Oh yeah, sources! No voices were included in this article to verify or provide further information. Additionally, its lack of sourcing makes it difficult to tell what is real and what isn’t. The facts: Bigfoot and Pikachu will indeed be put on trial at EMU. Vampire rights will be debated. The truth: All debates included in the annual Great Debate event are fictional.

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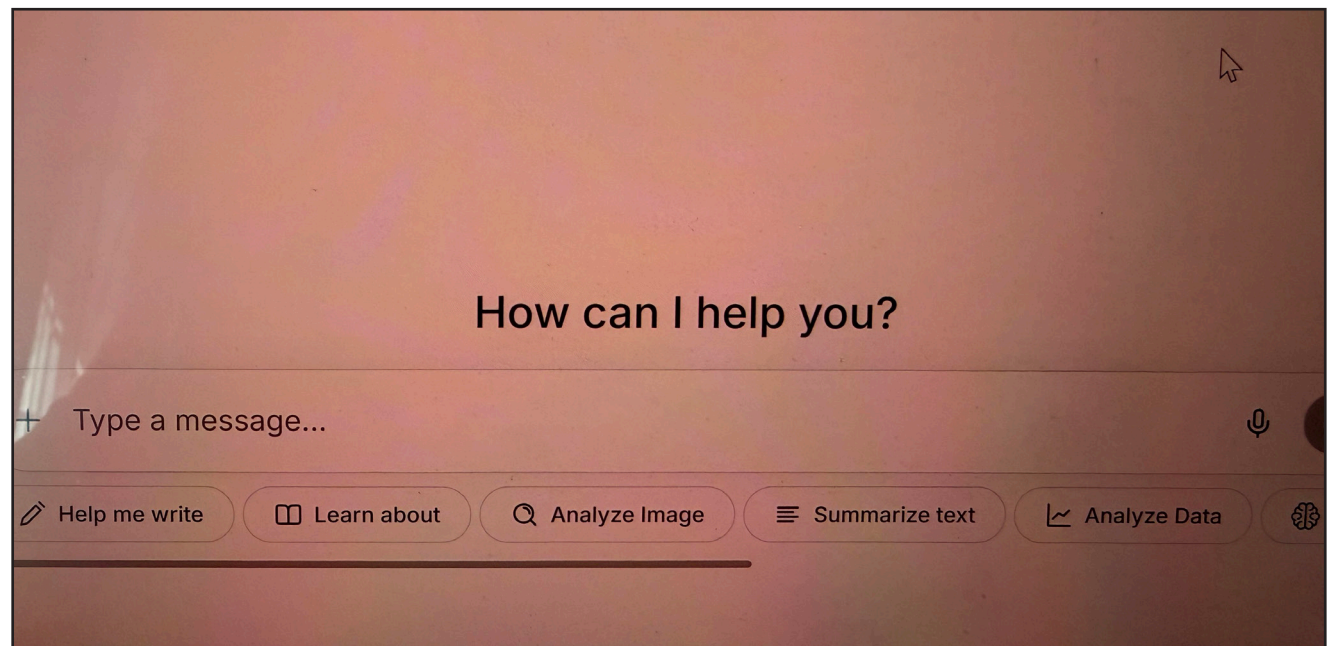
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# EMU students expand boundaries of creativity with artificial intelligence



The homescreen of an AI prompt program. Lauren Holloway / The Eastern Echo

**Lauren Holloway**  
News Reporter

With technology improving every day, students at Eastern Michigan University are finding new ways to utilize artificial intelligence — for

better or for worse. One student in the art department is using generative AI to create new colors. The student has coined one of the new colors as “blurg,” a hue that can only be described as the sound of screws in a blender or the feeling of stepping on a Lego brick. While

creating a new color is a startling achievement, the AI company is currently in litigation, as some people who witnessed blurg in paintings suffered severe symptoms. Apparently, the shade is so awful to gaze upon that it can cause mood swings, cardiac arrest and even spontaneous combustion.

“I’m just happy somebody finally had a reaction to my art,” the student said.

Students are also using artificial intelligence in much more conventional ways — like as an academic adviser. A sophomore at EMU who is majoring in biology said the chatbot told them to take a course in ancient Latin ceramics. When the student asked the AI what building the class was in, it sent them to one of the parking lots on campus.

“Yeah, I’m pretty sure that class doesn’t exist,” the student said. “But it can’t be any worse than the other classes I’ve taken.”

A freshman at Eastern who has yet to declare a major has been using AI to figure out what they want to study at the university. The student said the computer suggested they go into interpretative dance—or scrapbooking. The student then prompted the chatbot to give them a major that would lead to making a living, and the AI suggested becoming a grave robber.

“I’m quite a night owl, so a profession that allows me to only work after dark makes a lot of sense for me,” the student said.

But it’s not just the students at EMU who have been finding new ways to use AI. A professor in the English department has been using a new program to grade essays — and exams. The artificial grader uses its own rubric to give letter grades on assignments. Any essay that uses the word “therefore” gets an automatic C+. If someone uses a blue pen on an exam, they fail. If a paper turns out to be exactly 929.3678 words, they get an A+++++++. When asked how something can only be 0.3678 of a word, the professor declined to comment.

A math professor has been using generative AI to create math workbooks for the students. The class complained that the problems made no sense and some of the answers weren’t even numbers, but the professor said that “purple elephant” is a perfectly reasonable solution to a math equation — and a metaphor for life.

**Editor’s note:** Does this look like it was written by generative AI? Don’t let the em dashes fool you — we do not use generative AI in any of our work at The Eastern Echo.

# EMU to establish new statue in honor of distinguished alumni

**Gray Connor**  
Managing Editor - Operations

## Chapter 2 - The Concert

I wake up to my alarm blaring, the chorus of “Stressed Out” by Twenty One Pilots playing through the speaker of my phone. I groan and roll over, hitting snooze.

I don’t want to get up yet. Today is the day of the concert that Stephanie (my best friend, 16, blonde hair) is forcing me to go to. I haven’t even listened to the band before.

After laying there a while, I grunt and get out of bed. I pull my hair into a messy bun, throw on a Panic! at the Disco shirt and sweatpants, and head downstairs.

My mom isn’t home to make me breakfast — she’s probably with her boyfriend — so I pour myself some cereal. I’m scrolling on Tumblr when I hear my phone ring with the same ringtone as my alarm. It’s Stephanie.

I pick up the phone. “Y/N!!!!!! Are you excited for today?” She sounds like she just drank an energy drink.

I feign my best fake excited voice and answer her. “Yeahhhhh... Totally!”

Stephanie sighs over the phone. “How can you not be excited to see the

five hottest guys on Earth?”

I groan. “I don’t know the name of the group. Isn’t it Other Direction or something stupid like that?”

Stephanie gasps like I just told her that her dog died. “They’re called One Direction! Are you living in the 1990s, Y/N?”

“I just don’t like pop music.”

I’m almost done with my cereal. It was gross. “Whatever,” Stephanie replies. “I’m picking you up in three hours. You better not be wearing one of your emo shirts!”

“No promises!” I yell into the phone before hanging up. I’m totally gonna.

**That night...**

“You brought a book with you?” Stephanie mocks, sliding on her pink (ugh) scrunchie. Her whole outfit made her look like a prissy rich girl. I hadn’t put nearly as much effort into my outfit, just my black converse with My Chem lyrics, a black hoodie, and some eyeliner. Compared to the rest of the crowd approaching the stadium, I stick out like a sore thumb.

“Yeah? So what?” I snap back at her. I’m on the second book in the Divergent series, my favorite. “It’s gonna be boring for me anyways.”

Stephanie looks me up and down angrily, before shrugging. “Whatever,”

she says, enunciating the r. I follow her the rest of the way up to the stadium.

Our tickets are for the pit. Once we’re inside, I try to stop us from going too close to the stage. It’s harder to read when it’s more crowded. Stephanie whines at me, yanking on my arm and telling me that I’m “being lame” and to “stop,” popping the p.

We end up in front of the stage. All around me are girls that look like they eat glitter. I pull my book back out and start reading. I think if I was in the Divergent series, I’d be dauntless, obviously.

At some point the band must start playing, but I don’t look up from my book. In my peripheral, Stephanie is making a fool of herself, jumping up and down and reaching up to the stage.

Suddenly, the music stops. I hear a British voice talk into the mic.

“You’re not enjoying the show?” it says.

I look up, and staring back at me are the most beautiful eyes — the greenish-blue orbs are sparkling. The man they’re attached to is smirking, the corner of his lip curved. He’s got long brown hair flowing over his shoulders and a black and white striped button-up tucked into tight black pants.

“M-M-Me?” I stutter, my cheeks



My outfit. Created by Literaryfashion on Shoplook.io

burning.

Behind him, four other boys are standing around the stage, staring at me and grinning. Stephanie is standing next to me still, staring in awe.

“Bloody hell, you are gorgeous,” he says, and I black out.

## End of chapter

Author’s note: Hey guys! Sorry

for the late update with this story. My house burnt down and I am writing this on my Nintendo DS. XD

**Editor’s note:** Fancy a bit of 2010s nostalgia? This is fanfiction, not news! And what’s going on with the headline? It looks like our reporter uploaded the wrong file to our content management system...

# Aliens

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After being confronted, Hackleson told *The Echo* that he hid in the EMU Lake House until morning. Outside of a small scratch on his neck, Hackleson remains unharmed.

While it is unclear if the infiltrating vampires can turn into bats, or if they can carry the same diseases as actual bats, students and staff who come in contact with the monsters are encouraged to receive a rabies shot.

With this series of events, it is probable that EMU as an institution will cease to exist. Unfortunately, this also means *The Echo* will probably be shutting down. Given these circumstances, the remainder of this print contains stories commissioned from writers on Craigslist.

There is no other information.

**A final word from our editorial staff, given the likely closure of EMU, and the even more likely chance that we will never find jobs in the field:**

**Natalie Kyle, Editor-in-Chief:** “It’s

been a nice run as EIC. While my time at Eastern Michigan University and *The Eastern Echo* may be cut short, I want our readers to know how thankful I am for this opportunity, and how important journalistic and student press freedom remains to be. Keep reading, keep researching, and keep being you.”

**Lilly Kujawski, News Managing Editor:** “Is anyone available to cover this?”

**Gray Connor, Operations Managing Editor:** “This job paid minimum wage, and I still preferred it to food service.”

**Ruby Brannon, Sports Editor:** (Not available for comment, too busy writing three articles at the same time)

**Josh Nieman, Podcast Editor:** “We’ll miss you, EMU!”

**Jada Hauser, Arts Editor, Cellar Roots Editor-in-Chief:** “Wait, so can I have the money in the *Cellar Roots* account? Haha! Ha ... no, really!”

**Rylee Curley, Graphics Editor:** (We ran out of ink to print out the image Curley drew as a goodbye, but it resembled a crying eagle).

**Max Taylor, Photo Editor:** “You lost the game.”

**Zeinab Agbaria, Print Design Editor:** (Unavailable for comment,

broke the print design computers).

**Allie Beecher, Copy Desk Chief:** “There’s an AP Style error in Natalie’s goodbye message.”

**Gabriella Payeur, Marketing Director:** “Good luck, chat.”

**Student Media Advisor, Christine Uthoff:** “Oh, thank God.”

For more information on what to do in the event that you encounter an alien, visit [www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov). They probably know what to do.

**Editor’s note:** *Aliens, Bigfoot and Dracula. If this story seems a little out of this world, it’s because it is. @EMU\_Conspiracies is a real account on Instagram, but we reported on it as if the posts from the account are about real events, without verifying information. In this article, we have fun with fictional characters, such as Bigfoot and Dracula, but in the real practice of journalism, misreporting or fabricating facts is harmful and dangerous. Additionally, unlike what was done here, we give subjects of our reporting a chance to respond and comment before we publish, making multiple efforts to reach them.*

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# The Eastern Echo Student Media Gala and Hall of Fame Banquet is the biggest event EVER!!!!

**Lelaina MacDonald**  
Copy Editor

Did you know that *The Eastern Echo* Student Media Gala and Hall Of Fame Banquet is the biggest event on campus ever?

No event has ever been bigger than this one. Everyone you know is going to be there — believe me, I’ve asked. 100% of the people I talked to not only said they were going to attend, but they also said that the Student Media Gala is the best event Eastern Michigan University has ever held in all of its history — way better than any of the other social gatherings Eastern Michigan University has ever held! Ask literally anyone, and they will say that *The Eastern Echo* Student Media Gala is the biggest and the best event on campus ever.

I even asked my friend, who said, “*The Eastern Echo* Student Media Gala is the biggest and best event on campus ever! It is my favorite event of all time! No event is superior!”

See? Everyone loves it! So I know that YOU would too! There is no other event on campus that tops this one.

At the Student Media Gala, there will be entertainment, food and several special guests. Let’s delve into each of these.

### Entertainment

Because this event is SO big, it is not going to be held at the Ypsilanti Freighthouse like it has been in the past. Instead, the Student Media Gala will be held at McKenny Hall! Right here on campus! How crazy is that? Sources say that since the Student Media Gala is being held on campus, every student enrolled at EMU is required to attend.

What kinds of activities and entertainment will be held at the event? I am SO glad you asked! There will be a dance party competition at the start of the Student Media Gala, followed by a couple rounds of hide-and-seek. Some singers will perform during dinner, and there will be a talent show once everyone finishes eating. After that, truth or dare will be played before the Hall Of Fame Banquet. That part is going to be the coolest part of the entire event, I was told. This is when the inductees will be announced and given awards! All in all, this event will be the most fun and entertaining thing EMU has ever done!

### Food

The food is going to be spectacular! Pretty much any food you can imagine will be there! Even though the Student Media Gala takes place in the evening, there will be more than just dinner options. Guests can have breakfast

or lunch if they desire. There will be yogurt parfaits, sandwiches, steak, pancakes and probably other options too. I think there will even be vending machines and gumball machines if you just want a little snack.

There will also be lots of apple juice. Like, LOTS. I’m bringing my whole collection. So hopefully you like apple juice because I don’t have any other drinks to bring. Just kidding! There will be several other drink options there. Don’t even worry!!

### Special guests

Along with several former *Eastern Echo* alumni, many other special guests are going to attend. Word on the street is that Bruce Wayne is going to be there. I’m not sure why he’s coming, but I think he will love it. I’ve also heard that Taylor Swift is going to perform the entirety of “The Life of a Showgirl” at the Student Media Gala. I was hoping that Twenty One Pilots would perform, but they didn’t respond to my email. I’m lowkey really upset about that.

But anyway, one of my professors said that they invited Hannah Montana, which is pretty incredible if you ask me. I hope she comes. Someone else told me that Millie Bobby Brown and Jenna Ortega are coming. What a crossover! Tom Holland will also make an appearance ... I have a feeling.

Please come to *The Eastern Echo* Student Media Gala and Hall Of Fame Banquet!! I am begging on my knees!!! I promise you will have the time of your life, and you’ll never want the night to end!!!!

*The Eastern Echo* Student Media Gala and Hall Of Fame Banquet will be held Thursday, April 2, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the McKenny Ballroom. Tickets are on *The Eastern Echo* website, and you should order them right now and get your outfit ready. Don’t show up late! :)

**Editor’s note:** *We’ll be the first to say that The Eastern Echo’s Media Gala and Hall of Fame Banquet is a great event. But the biggest and best on campus, ever? Maybe not. And even if we think so, that’s a subjective opinion, not a verifiable fact. We’re also sorry to disappoint, but Taylor Swift, Twenty One Pilots, Tom Holland and the others probably won’t be there, and we won’t be playing a round of hide-and-seek, either. In fact, most of the claims in this article are not accurate. However, the event does take place on April 2 at 6:30 p.m., we’d love to see you there and tickets are still available — and that’s the truth.*

# What's NOT the Move?

April 31-6  
**Allie Beecher**  
Copy Desk Chief

Are you looking for something to do this week to combat the stress and burnout consuming college students everywhere? Well, you’re in luck! At the last minute, *The Eastern Echo* threw together this list of events that will absolutely be happening this week. Read on and find out what’s going on this week in ... where is it again? Oh, right, Ypsilanti!

### Trip to Antarctica Information Session — March 31, 2026

Is the Michigan weather not cold enough for you? No worries, you could be the lucky recipient of a free trip to Antarctica! On Tuesday, March 31, 2026, professors and students alike will be gathering in an undisclosed location somewhere on campus at 3:39 a.m. to discuss how students can apply for an all-expenses-paid trip to the North Pole. No need to worry about bringing a resume or transcript, but make sure you’re wearing your best pajamas!

### Squirrel Training Event — April 1, 2026

Have you ever looked at the squirrels on campus and wished you could train them to jump through a flaming hoop? At this event coming up Wednesday, April 1, 2026, you’ll learn just how to do that! At 5:67 p.m. in a random parking lot, world-famous squirrel trainer Madame Swooplina will be teaching students how they can train their very own squirrels. No training treats will be provided, so students will need to bring nuts!

### Blast to the Past (Literally) — April 2-4, 2026

Curious about what Eastern Michigan University was like the year it was founded? Go back in time to see it for yourself! No, seriously — in an undisclosed back alley somewhere in Ypsilanti, there’s a time machine that will take you back to any time period you wish. It’ll only be available Thursday, April 2, through Saturday, April 4, 2026, so start looking for it and blast to the past while you still can!

### How to Make the Perfect Piece of Toast — April 5, 2026

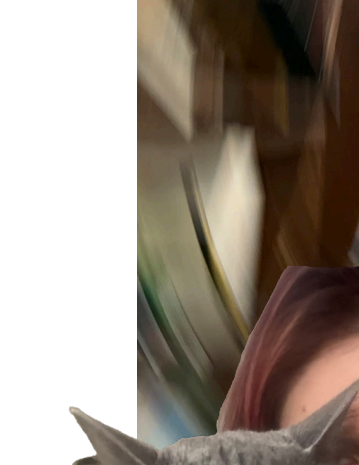
There’s nothing sleep-deprived college students love more than waking up to a good breakfast, and everyone knows toast is the best breakfast food. At 2:84 p.m. on Sunday, April 5, 2026, a random restaurant will be offering a cooking class on how to make the perfect slice of toast. This restaurant doesn’t have a name, but I hear its toast-making method is revolutionary — it even involves taking bread out of the bag and putting it INSIDE the toaster! This is one class no student will want to miss.

### Monday Morning Cry Time — April 6, 2026

Monday morning blues got you down? No worries! Behind a secret bookcase on the tenth floor of the Student Center, there will be a space where students can sit down and cry their worries away. No laughing or smiling is allowed in this space. Those interested will need to bring their student ID cards to confirm that they are, in fact, college students. The Cry Time space will be available from 4-11:11 a.m. Monday, April 6, 2026.

**Editor’s note:** *Though some of these events may sound fun, this is definitely not credible information. It almost sounds like our reporter made these events up. Oh wait, she did! At The Eastern Echo, our reporters carefully research the information they include in each article. To further ensure our accuracy, we then send each article through a news and copy editing process for information verification, followed by a final review by the editor-in-chief.*

# GALLERY



News Managing Editor Lilly Kujawski's dog, Junie.

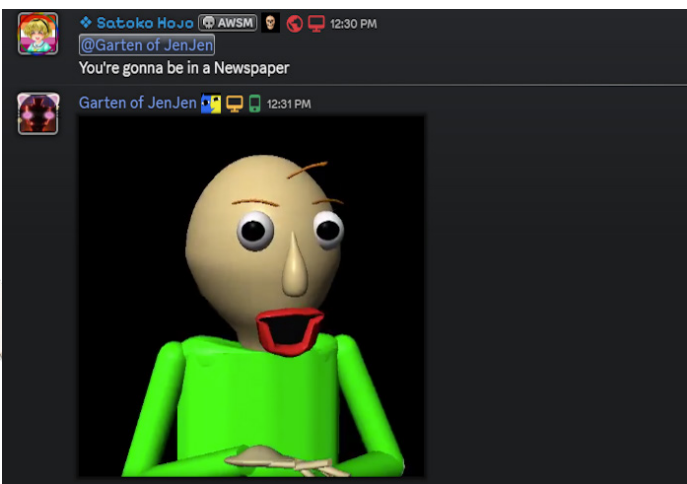


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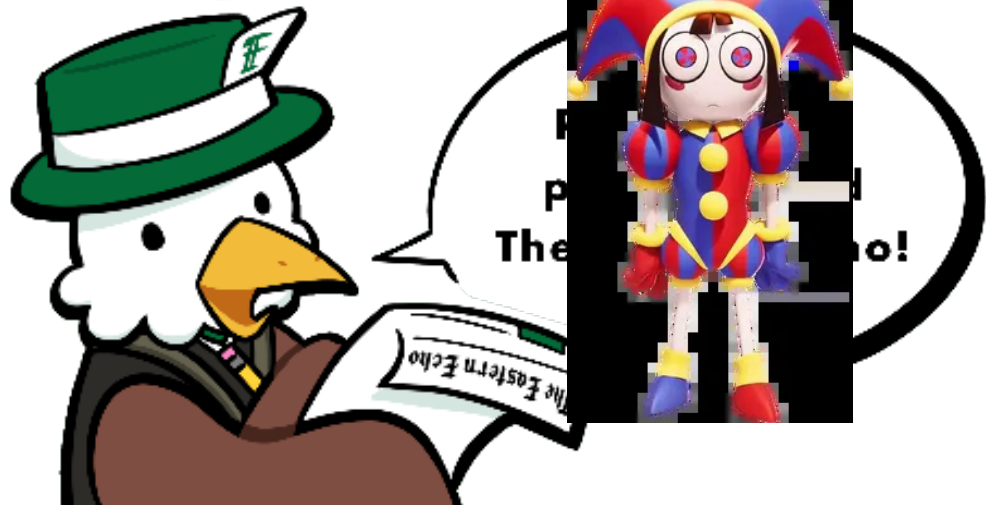
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