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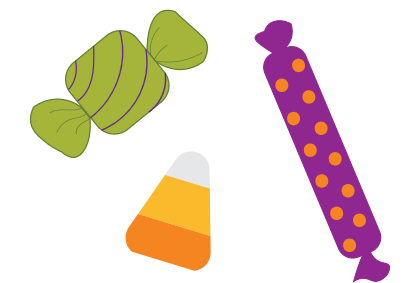
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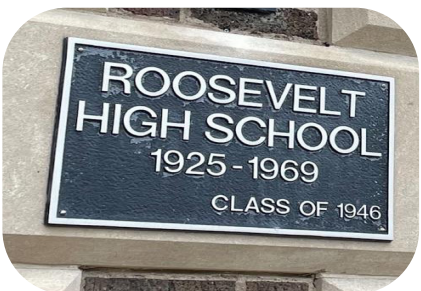
EMU awaits funding from state of Michigan to renovate Roosevelt Hall

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The Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents has approved the renovation of Roosevelt Hall as the university's top project request for state funding.

The renovation is part of a supported action request of the Fiscal Year 2025 Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan. The proposal is set to cost \$42.5 million.

When Roosevelt High School opened in 1925, it was a brand-new laboratory school that served students in grades seven through 12. The high school had offices, clinic rooms, and a library located in the north wing. There was a 430-seat theater with a stage in the west wing, and the ground floor featured a cafeteria, showers, locker rooms, and a swimming pool in addition to departments



A PLAQUE OUTSIDE THE DOORS LEADING INTO ROOSEVELT HALL STATING "ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL", THE BUILDING'S HISTORICAL PURPOSE. of natural and physical science and home

economics. When educational trends started to shift in the 1950s, university-maintained laboratory schools started to lose favor. The Roosevelt School was then mandated to close entirely by June 1969 under the terms of the Educational Appropriations Act passed in



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OUTSIDE VIEW OF ROOSEVELT HALL, WHICH IS HOME TO THE GACET PROGRAM.

1966. The GameAbove College of Engineering and Technology program will be renovated and then recorded as capital expenditures because the spending extends the useful life of its technological and engineering program. The amount of money spent to purchase, maintain, and repair a capital asset

is referred to as capital outlay, these are assets that a business entity does not need to buy on a regular basis. This is seen as a way to improve capital assets, either increasing their market worth or extending usable life. If the proposed request for state funding is approved by the state, \$30 million is the

- following issues:
- Replacing roofing
 - Increasing handicap accessibility
 - Fixing outdated room layouts, orientations, and sizing
 - Fixing obsolete/failing building systems
 - Improving insulation via internal building envelope systems and replacing energy-inefficient windows

This will cost approximately \$14.5 million in deferred maintenance and asset preservation and is part of the funds needed to continue Phase II. Right now Roosevelt Hall is 61,106 square feet, and the Fiscal Year 2025 Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan states it will expand to approximately 75,000 square feet. The added space will provide for student advising centers, collaboration spaces, and faculty offices, which will improve current teaching and researching opportunities within the building.

The programs residing at the moment in Roosevelt Hall are Visual and Built Environments, K-12 STEM outreach, ROTC-Military Science, and the Technology and Professional Services Management School, as well as the Cybersecurity and EMU Aviation programs. "If the project is approved, further planning would be undertaken and timelines for completion would be estimated at that time," Melissa Thrasher, director of Media Relations at Eastern Michigan University said.

EMU's DEI department has a new team of leaders looking to empower the community

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Eastern Michigan University has renovated its Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion department within the past year resulting in many changes.

These changes include the addition of new coordinators and the creation of a Chief Diversity Officer that was temporarily held by Associate Provost Doris Fields. Now helmed by the new CDO Dwight Hamilton, who joined this fall semester, the DEI department is looking to increase its efforts in assisting the EMU community.

The DEI department's focus is to empower and support students and staff who come from marginalized communities or face challenges. At Eastern Michigan, the DEI department includes multiple programs that are all situated in the Student Center. These units include the Mentorship and Guidance in College coordinated by Raven Wood, the Women's Resource Center which is currently without a coordinator, the Brotherhood and Sisterhood program led by coordinator Janis Strickland, the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Resource Center coordinated by Emma Wuetrich, the Center of Race and Ethnicity which is without a coordinator, and the Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Response office led by Matthew Gregory.

CDO Hamilton is in charge of overseeing all of these departments. However, he sees his role as much more than that.

"It really is to identify any barriers that prohibit any Eastern community member.

Whether faculty, staff or students, any barrier that keeps them from being able to fully participate within the institution based on one of many identities that we all hold to identify those barriers and to break them down," Hamilton said.

Which barriers to focus on can vary between each unit. For instance, Wuetrich who recently became the LGBT Resource Center coordinator in May of 2023 has a few plans in mind.

"Right now on my list is to look into the system for a student to change their name. There have been troubling user experiences of changing their name in the system and having it reflected on rosters or email addresses. I'm just kind of trying to get familiar with what the students experience in

doing that, and seeing what I can do to help," Wuetrich said. "Ultimately the goal is to contribute to a culture of equity on campus. And so figuring out what those metrics are is going to be important."

As for Gregory who joined in February of 2023, he is looking to make community members more aware of the Title IX process and the resources available to them.

"We're moving to a new training program as well online, it's more interactive and it's more up to date. It's not just the same thing over and over again. There'll be several different types of training," Gregory said. "I'm working with the marketing team to develop a training a session. I'm basically explaining the Eastern Michigan University process so that way people don't feel nervous

about what happens when I make a report or a report gets filed because I said something to a faculty member because they're mandated, they're not nervous about what's going to happen."

Kevin Williams, the director of the DEI program and one of the longer-tenured leaders sees moving all these programs and coordination under one department as the right decision.

"I think we have people that want to be here, want to engage, more importantly, want to see the success of our students beyond EMU. Getting your degree is one part of it, but we want to see you be successful in your field and we want to celebrate those things with you, celebrate those successes," Williams said. "Building this team from the ground up because that's what I actually feel like we're doing one brick at a time, one coordinator at a time, and they have to be super excited to work with students and they have to want to be in this environment."

Hamilton shared this enthusiasm and is looking forward to helping the Eastern community with this staff.

"I mean, top to bottom we have a group of individuals who are committed to the work that they do, committed to improving the environment for the Eastern community. I think there's a balance. Everyone is relatively new within a department, although some are not necessarily new to Eastern," Hamilton said. "Although I didn't hire any of the individuals that are currently in my department, I really would have had that choice been provided to me. I am really thrilled to have the group that I have."



PHOTO CREDIT: EMMA WUETRICH
EMU'S DEI STAFF EMMA WUETRICH, KEVIN WILLIAMS, JANIS STRICKLAND AND RAVEN WOOD AT THE LGBT RESOURCE CENTER'S BBQUEER EVENT ON SEPT. 7, 2023.





What's the move at EMU? Oct. 30 - Nov. 5

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Halloween week is upon us, and, as always, there are a ton of great events to check out on and around campus.

Interview with Pride - Oct. 30

Hosted by the University Advising and Career Development Center, this workshop is an opportunity for members of the LGBTQ+ community to learn about and discuss navigating the interviewing process. This is a free, virtual event from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Our Golems, Ourselves - Oct. 30

The Center for Jewish Studies will have its Halloween event in room 300 of the Student Center from 7-9 p.m. Attendees will learn about the famed monster from Jewish folklore, the golem, and its modern-day appearances in films, comics, and fiction. This event is free for all students and available for LBC credit.

Sip & Shop: "Treat" Yourself to a New Outfit - Oct. 31

For students looking to refresh their wardrobe the UACDC is hosting Sip & Shop: "Treat" Yourself to a New Outfit. Students and alumni will have the opportunity to shop for their four semestery items at the UACDC's Career Closet located at 251 McKenny from 2-4 p.m. Mocktails and snacks will be provided for attendees.

Botany Club Halloween Party - Oct. 31

Join the Botany Club and the National Art Education Association for a party filled with Halloween fun! From 5-7 p.m., attendees can get their faces painted, make critter crafts, paint plant pots, and more. This event is free for all students.

LinkedIn Profile Review & Headshots - Nov. 1

For students looking to connect, head to McKenny 200 to have your LinkedIn profile reviewed and get a new headshot taken. This event will be from 1-4 p.m.

All Hallows Illumination of Frog Island - Nov. 1

Students looking to go off campus can walk, bike, or drive over to Frog Island Park Amphitheater with jack o'lanterns ready to light up the park. This free event is put on by volunteers in the community and costumes are encouraged! At 7 p.m., a performance from Fire Spinners Ypsi Spin Jam/Great Lakes Flow will begin and tips are encouraged.

Discussion About Palestine - Nov. 2

For students looking to learn about Palestine and its current situation, join a group of campus organizations and faculty for an open dialogue in room 300 of the Student Center from 4-6 p.m. Some of the organizations participating will be the Muslim Student Association, the Leftist Student Coalition, and Students for Justice in Palestine.

Winter Car Care - Nov. 3

Join the Department of Public Safety to learn about winter driving tips and how students can take care of their cars in the winter before the snow starts falling. This event will be from 2-4 p.m. in Student Center room 249. Students should pre-register.

Undergraduate Conference in Philosophy - Nov. 4 and 5

Check out the philosophy conference. Held two days every year by the Department of Philosophy at EMU, the event is free for everyone. Attendees from keynote speakers, discuss with peers and learn about the discipline of philosophy. Refreshments and LBC credit will be provided.

Huntington Bank chairman named graduation speaker

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Eastern Michigan University has selected Gary Torgow to serve as commencement speaker at the university's graduation ceremony on Sunday, Dec. 17, 2023. The ceremony will take place at the George Gervin GameAbove Center beginning at 9:30 a.m.



PHOTO CREDIT: EMU
GARY TORGOW HEADSHOT.

Approved by the EMU Board of Regents on Oct. 19, Torgow will receive an honorary doctorate of commercial science degree.

Torgow is the chairman of Huntington Bank's Board of Directors. He was appointed in June 2021 and has ample experience in the professional business realm. His leadership within the bank has aided in the bank's expansion and positive reputation as a trusted institution.

Huntington Bank isn't the only organization Torgow exercises his expertise and leadership. He is involved in numerous philanthropic organizations where he serves on the board. Torgow serves on the board of DTE Energy Company and as a director of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. He is a trustee of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan and on the executive board of Business Leaders of Michigan. In addition, he serves on the boards of the Detroit Regional Partnership, Invest Detroit, and The Skillman Foundation. Through these organizations, he supports economic development, healthcare, and the arts in the communities he serves.

Torgow's position on the board of The Skillman Foundation incorporates an infusion of management and philanthropy. The Skillman Foundation is centered around supporting the youth of Detroit in order to

make meaningful impacts on the educational system so that it is more tailored towards what the students require to reach their aspirations. Being a part of the board of trustees requires administrative and financial guidance.

According to The Skillman Foundation's website, the organization has granted out more than \$750 million and has served as a vocal advocate to strengthen K-12 education, afterschool programming, child-centered neighborhoods, youth, community leadership, and racial equity and justice.

These leadership roles have been influenced by the mentors Torgow has had in his life.

Torgow guest starred on a podcast by the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit. On the podcast, he discussed important mentors he has had in his life. Torgow spoke of how his grandfather was a driving force in his life. When he was 16-year-old, his grandfather was placed on a boat in Russia and immigrated to the shores of Windsor, later ending up in Detroit. In addition, Torgow touched on Avrohom Abba Freedman, a rabbi in Detroit, who had a significant impact on his life. Freedman was such a pillar in Torgow's life that in 2007 Torgow authored a book titled, "Holy Warrior, Rabbi Avrohom Abba Freedman".

Even with the extensive list of Torgow's

participation on various Michigan boards and volunteer efforts, the selection process for the keynote speaker is not taken lightly.

Melissa Thrasher, director of Media Relations at Eastern Michigan University, explained how the university selected Torgow to congratulate the EMU graduates.

"The Commencement Speaker Advisory Committee solicits feedback from the campus community and donors to help generate potential keynote speakers," Thrasher said. "The university considers characteristics ranging from successful alum [alumni] to how well their message will resonate with students."

After gathering community feedback and narrowing down characteristics that will benefit the students, the committee then sorts through and begins the search for a speaker.

"The committee then generates a list of names and background information for review and discussion before submitting recommendations for further consideration by the president," Thrasher said. "Once a candidate is selected, the Board of Regents will approve the candidate selection."

The ceremony's doors will open at 8 a.m. and the commencement will begin at 9:30 a.m. To receive a degree and participate in the commencement, students are required to submit an application to graduate by Nov. 1.

New EMU program to help enhance skills in innovation and strategic leadership

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A new academic program designed to enhance working professionals' skills as innovative and strategic leaders are coming to Eastern Michigan University. On Oct. 19, the University's Board of Regents approved the new Master of Science in Management of Innovation Strategy program.

EMU aims to expand its curriculum and give students more opportunities for growth in their field of study. In this program, participants will gain access to tools and techniques that will allow them to foster their creativity and manage strategic plans. In addition, it will help them to communicate

effectively as leaders.

"Leading innovation and strategy development for businesses large and small has never been more important," Rhonda Longworth, Eastern Michigan University provost and executive vice president for academic and student affairs, said in a written statement. "The pace of change in all facets of today's business environment requires leadership to be more nimble than ever. This new program will enable our graduates to develop innovative and creative strategies to tackle the most pressing of organizational challenges."

The Master of Science in Management of Innovation and Strategy program is specifically intended to draw in the professional audience of Southeastern Michigan. Scheduled

to launch in fall of 2024, the program will be located in downtown Detroit where the majority of Michigan's largest employers are located.

The program will also strive to be as convenient as possible for working professionals. Classes will meet twice a week during lunch hours so faculty with doctoral degrees can teach the courses with regular guest lectures by senior business executives. These classes will be small so that students can work one-on-one and receive personalized attention.

Taught with a variety of teaching methods, the program will dive into business case studies, simulations, and projects. This, in turn, will give students access to hands-on learning experiences.

Things to do on Halloween in Ypsilanti

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With Halloween right around the corner, the public can get involved in fall and Halloween festivities. Here is a list of upcoming events happening in Ypsilanti:

Pumpkins on the Patio

Pumpkins on the Patio is back at Eastern Michigan University for more pumpkin painting and carving for all. The event takes place on Oct. 31 from 4-7 p.m. on the first floor of EMU's Student Center. In addition to the event's pumpkin carving, attendees will also get the chance to enjoy cider and doughnuts.



PHOTO CREDIT: CAMPUS LIFE
EMU'S CAMPUS LIFE HALLOWEEN PRIZES AND GIVEAWAYS.

Pumpkins on the Patio aids in bringing

the EMU community together while helping to reign in the spooky season.

"It is believed to be one of the biggest Halloween festivities our campus holds," Ella Markel, Campus Life's marketing assistant, said. "We take over the whole floor of the student center, I haven't seen any pumpkin carving events beside this one on campus."

Each year, Pumpkins on the Patio holds a pumpkin carving contest. The contest's judging will begin at 7:15 p.m. Along with the contest, attendees have a chance to win different prizes. After checking into the event using the QR code scanner on the EMU Engage app, students are automatically entered to win them. There are three different Halloween themed bags that contain different fall and Halloween goodies.

"There's a bag with a ghost that says 'Boo' and has a pumpkin blanket or snuggie," Markel said. "The second one is a bag with a bat on it saying 'ooohhh' with different Halloween socks and plushies that are like the stress toys beads that pop out when you squeeze it. Lastly is a bag with a witch's hat that says 'Happy Halloween' and comes with pumpkin spice Milano cookies, a Halloween cat-pumpkin mug, and pumpkin spice tea."

In addition to the prizes one can win at Pumpkins on the Patio, Campus Life is also having a giveaway on their social media

for a chance to win a plush dinosaur with a Halloween bag.

Haunted Hallway

From 5-7 p.m. in EMU's Student Center food court, Campus Life will also be hosting its Haunted Hallway event on Halloween.

This event offers students a volunteer opportunity. Attendees can sign up to be part of the scary scenes that go on and have the chance to scare their peers.

"Campus Life will set up the hallway and there'll be scary scenes happening within it," Markel said. "There'll be witches and spooky doctors. It's not too scary though, there'll be candy too."

Similarly to Pumpkins on the Patio, Markel observes that it is also a unique event for EMU and Campus Life.

"It's just not something I've seen around campus," Markel said. "It's really fun and can be very central to our community. We put these on for the students. Our main goal is to have something they can attend."

Maiz's Halloween Fiesta

Maiz Mexican Cantina will host their 5th annual Halloween fiesta on Tuesday, Oct. 31. The event starts at 7:30 p.m. and goes until midnight. This event is for attendees age 21 and up. There will be specialty drinks, costume contests and more.

Tickets are priced at \$10 with a portion

of the proceeds going towards Ypsilanti Community Schools. The costume contest will be judged based on the crowd and the staff's judges.

"We have staff judging the contest or we pick from the crowd. We sometimes play it by ear depending on how many people sign up," Beatriz Vargas, Maiz's general manager said.

Maiz Mexican Cantina is also offering a V.I.P. pre-party package. This package grants the public access to a buffet and V.I.P. specialty drinks from 7:30 - 9 p.m. V.I.P. tickets are \$20. The fiesta's speciality drinks include "Dark Margarita", the fiesta also features DJ Nitro.

"We have been working with DJ Nitro for quite some time now, he is just an awesome individual," Vargas said. "Who better to have Ypsilanti dancing than one of their own?"

The fiesta started five years ago with the intent of bringing the community together.

"We as an establishment just decided to start having a community event," Vargas said. "We wanted to offer something new and exciting and fun for the parents and adults. We also wanted to donate to the community."

"Our back of the house finally gets to meet some of the people they've been making food for," Vargas said. "The staff gets to have fun as well."

EMU tied for first among Michigan institutions in social mobility according to recent report

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NEWS REPORTER

Eastern Michigan University is tied for first among Michigan universities advancing in key social mobility, according to a U.S. News and World Report.

Economically disadvantaged students are less likely to finish college than others, but some colleges are more successful at advancing social mobility, according to U.S. News and World Report. This is done by enrolling and graduating large proportions of disadvantaged students.

For several years, EMU has scored highly in the U.S. News' Social Mobility rankings. The university advances social mobility by awarding Pell Grants to 46% of first-year, full time students, and graduates, a large number of first-generation college students each year, two criteria for the social mobility ranking.

"While Eastern scores highly in a number of national rankings of various academic and service-oriented programs, this particular ranking is one of the most significant and rewarding," Eastern Michigan University's President James Smith said in a written statement. "We don't use the phrase

'mission of opportunity' lightly. It is what Eastern Michigan University stands for; providing pathways to opportunities and careers for those who might otherwise be left behind."

The U.S. News and World Report also recognizes EMU's engineering programs. Undergraduate engineering programs at EMU climbed 18 places in the national rankings this year. Now ranking 69th among universities in the nation, up from 87th last year and 119th two years ago.

2023 marks the 38th year U.S. News and World Report has ranked national universities. U.S. News and World Report evaluated nearly 1,500 national four-year bachelor's degree-granting institutions on as many as 19 different criteria. Using academic and non-academic information to determine the rankings, they are based on academic quality and graduation rates. Financial aid awards, campus culture, and strength in majors were considered, but not overall deciding factors.

To be ranked, institutions have to meet certain conditions. Institutions has to have regional accreditation, be included in Carnegie's Basic classification, enroll at least 100 undergraduate students, have reported financial data to the U.S. Department of Education's Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) finance survey, and have

recently reported a six-year graduation rate of full-time, first-year bachelor's degree-seeking students. If an intuition does not pass all of these criteria they are listed as unranked.

Highest Social Mobility Rankings in Michigan

Eastern Michigan University
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University of Detroit Mercy
Detroit, Mi #151 Nationwide

Wayne State University
Detroit, Mi #151 Nationwide

University of Michigan- Ann Arbor
Ann Arbor, Mi #207 Nationwide

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"1989 (Taylor's Version)" is Taylor Swift's best re-recording to date

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Welcome back to 2014, because "1989 (Taylor's Version)" is here, and it's everything you could dream of. Taylor Swift, who announced in 2019 she would be re-recording her first six albums, just dropped the re-recorded version of her 2014 Grammy-winning album, "1989", on Oct. 27.

The project was announced back on Aug. 9 on her final stop of the Eras Tour at SoFi Stadium in Inglewood, Calif. The sold-out crowd, and an extensive number of fans watching through livestreams, witnessed Swift donning a new blue dress (1989's color according to the pop star) as she announced the release date of "1989 (Taylor's Version)."

Known for leaving clues in her music and her love of numerology, even the date Swift announced the album was clearly significant. In a video of the announcement on Youtube, Swift said, "In the eighth month of the year, on the ninth day of the eighth month," just before the screen behind her showed an image of the album cover and release date.

The album features all 16 of the tracks from the 2014 release, plus four previously-unheard "From The Vault" tracks on the standard "Taylor's Version."

Album Highs
Anyone around in 2014 will remember the remix of Swift's earworm track "Bad Blood" featuring Kendrick Lamar, which fans were unsure would be part of the re-recording process. But, on the morning of Oct. 27, Swift posted to Instagram announcing a deluxe version of the album on streaming that would feature the re-recorded remix. Just as much as it was in 2014, Lamar's verses on "Bad Blood" not only make the song better, but are an absolute necessity on an album with no other features.

It would be impossible to talk about "1989 (Taylor's Version)" and not gush over the Vault tracks. Even as an album that was rumored to have over 150 songs written for it, "1989" always felt like an album that was perfect as it was. But the four Vault tracks that made it to this "Taylor's Version" add to this album in a way that brings back nostalgia from a bygone era.

They're all classic Swiftian earworms with lyrics that often require a double-take, but the standout moment "From The Vault" is absolutely "Now That We Don't Talk." Ringing in at only two minutes and twenty-five seconds, Swift's shortest song to-date, the song chronicles the feelings after a relationship has ended between two people who just can't stay friends.

"I cannot be your friend, so I pay the price of what I lost/And what it cost, now that we don't talk," Swift sings in the chorus.

Even Swift expressed love for the uncharacteristically short song. For the release of the album, Swift released three companion explainer voice memos on Tumblr.

"I think it's the shortest song I've ever had, but I think it packs a punch," Swift said. "But for the short amount of time we have, I think it makes its point."

Album Lows
With every album release, it's expected to find some weak spots. Especially when an artist is re-recording their old work. On past re-recordings, vocal maturation and production changes have often changed the overall experience of the album. But with "1989 (Taylor's Version)," whether it's due to it being the most recent album that's been re-recorded, or an improvement after three prior re-recordings under her belt, Swift has delivered the most successful re-recording of her career so far.

Except for a few subtle discrepancies in production or note changes that only a diehard fan would notice, this re-recording is stunning. And as a fan, it can truly be endearing to hear the way Swift's voice has changed as she sings songs I grew up singing along to.

Verdict
Swift brought her A-game to "1989 (Taylor's Version)," whose namesake album was extremely well-received and critically-acclaimed. Its Vault tracks are the icing on the cake to a near-perfectly replicated album that

will bring anyone back to 2014 a whole nine years later.
I give "1989 (Taylor's Version)" a 10 out of 10 rating.



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"One More Time" is another one for the books

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Pop punk legends. There are too many to count on both hands, and there is usually a point where they die out and let their past speak for itself. However, in certain circumstances, the members come back together. It can leave someone wondering something: was the wait worth it?

Background
Blink-182 is a household name in the pop punk scene, and a description is almost not needed. Their songs range from being memeable, memorable, and hysterical. "One More Time" is their ninth studio album, a few years after the record "Nine".

Album Highs
One thing to be said about this record is that it is simply fun. Blink-182 is notorious for not taking themselves too seriously, and it is evident through their music. An example comes from the song "Turn This Off," which is a short track with crude lyrics telling a story of a date ending too quickly. It is meant to be a funny interlude-type track to give a breather after emotionally heavy songs like the title track and "More Than You Know." Another thing about this record that makes it stick out is the classic pop punk sound. A lot of the time, the sound is a soft yellow



hue (i.e., "Fell in Love"), meaning that it is overwhelmingly positive. What is interesting about this is even if the song is melancholy, it still keeps this color within it.

Album Lows
The main thing that docks this record some points is that as the record goes on, the songs get progressively weaker. It is after the tenth track the tracks are not as vibrant as the first half. It is not to say that the entire second half of the record is bad, in fact there is not a bad song within it. However, the energy dies out a little and it is evident that a song like "Blink Wave" did not get the same amount of attention as "Dance With Me."

Verdict
It is another one for the books for Blink-182. It is safe to say that the record was worth the four-year wait.

"One More Time" is a 7 out of 10

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‘Five Nights at Freddy’s’ puts gaming on the big screen

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"Five Nights at Freddy's" is a movie based on the popular franchise started by Scott Cawthon. The games began in 2014 with "Five Nights at Freddy's" being the original; it was followed with plenty of sequels and spinoffs. It became a worldwide sensation with the games being covered by famous youtubers like Markiplier, and gaining brand recognition throughout the world with merchandise in stores like Hot Topic.

Synopsis
The movie follows a security guard down on his luck with no other options than to work at Freddy Fazbear's Pizzeria. After his first night on the job he realizes this position may be even stranger than he originally thought it would be.

Starring Josh Hutcherson as Mike the security guard, Piper Rubio as Abby, and Elizabeth Lail as Vanessa.

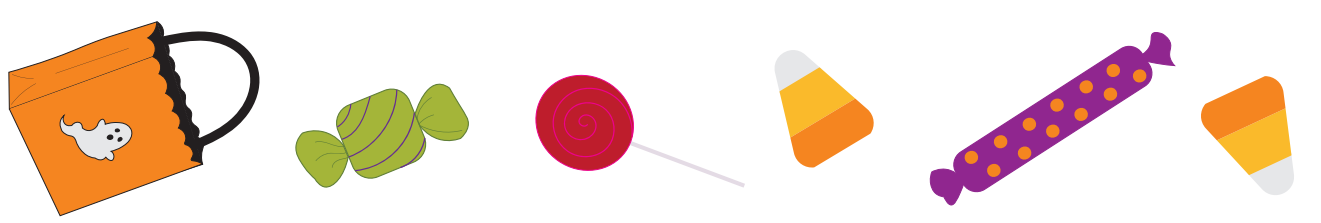
Highs
The animatronics are spectacular. When this film was announced I was very excited

to see how they would bring the game to life, and they visually did not disappoint. From the pizzeria to the animatronics, everything looks so realistic it's hard to tell it's not real.

Lows
The movie is not scary at all. Being created by a film empire like Blumhouse and being called a supernatural horror movie, it failed to reach expectations. Even the simple jumpscare themselves ultimately failed to do the job. In addition, the first hour of the film is wasted on backstory, and it just seems to build anticipation that leads to disappointment. Not to mention when the "scary" animatronics are coming they sound hilarious rather than scary and it really takes the horror out of the film.

Verdict
Film failed to meet prior expectations. Those coming in with no experience in playing the games may enjoy the film but the plot itself doesn't seem to measure up to the visuals the movie brought forth and makes it overall lack interest.

I give "Five Nights at Freddy's" a 3 out of 10.



New Episodes Weekly!



Eagletainment

Hosted by Queso Tone (left) and Julez DeShetler (right) with actor, director and EMU Professor Meriah Sage (center).

Soaring Eagles

Hosted by Sarai Yanes (left) with EMU alumni Nick Woods.



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2023 E-Club Hall of Famers honored at Hall of Fame ceremony

It's time to make more room for five EMU athletics legends as the new 2023 E-Club Hall of Fame class was honored and officially inducted on Friday, Oct. 27, at the Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

Former men's track and field hurdler Eric J. Alejandro, women's basketball Ryan Coleman, football defensive back Charles Gordon, women's gymnastics Natalie Hashimoto, and women's volleyball's Camila Olaio are the five new inductees of this year's class.

The 2023 class marked the 47th anniversary of the E-Club Athletic Hall of Fame as they were also recognized at the EMU football game on Saturday against Western Michigan.

EMU Soccer Head Coach Scott Hall Announces Retirement

Speaking of legends, 25-year Eastern Michigan University soccer head coach Scott Hall announced his retirement on Friday, Oct. 27.

Hall held a career record of 210-215-67 as he achieved nine 10+ wins seasons, 15 MAC tournament appearances, one MAC tournament championship, three regular season conference titles, three MAC championship appearances, and was a three-time MAC Coach of the Year.

Before becoming head coach, Hall was a former member of the EMU men's soccer team from 1990-94 then became an assistant coach in 1995 for four seasons before taking over as head coach in 1999.

EMU will now begin a national search for a new head coach.

EMU Women's Soccer finishes 2023 season

The Eastern Michigan University women's soccer team officially closed out their 2023 season as they fell to Miami (OH), 3-0, on Thursday, Oct. 26.

The Eagles finished the 2023 season with a 1-12-6 overall record while going 1-8 in MAC play.

Western Michigan takes home Michigan MAC Trophy in match against Eastern Michigan

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Sunshine and 50-degree weather were the highlight of Sunshine and 50-degree weather were the highlight of the day for the fans that packed Rynearson Stadium for a Michigan MAC title battle between Eastern Michigan University and Western Michigan University.

Despite the fans showing up and showing out, the Eagles were unable to get the job finished as the Broncos downed EMU, 45-21, to strip away the Michigan MAC Trophy from Ypsilanti.

"It starts with me, I told my coaches at the beginning of the week that this was going to be a coaches game," coach Chris Creighton said. "I failed to get our team ready to play, it showed it every single way. Hats off to Western Michigan."

For offensive lineman Brian Dooley, the matchup marked his 56th career start which set the record for most starts in EMU football history.

It was an unusual sight under center to begin the game as Ike Udengwu III got his first start of the season over Austin Smith.

"Ike practiced all week and Austin wasn't able to practice," Creighton said.

The Broncos would get the scoring started on the day as freshman running back Jalen Buckley (Aurora, Illinois) found the end zone on a three-yard run to put WMU up, 7-0, with 6:04 to play in the first quarter.

It wasn't long after as a result of an EMU fumble put Western Michigan right back on offense where junior quarterback Hayden Wolff (Venice, Fla.) found sophomore tight end Blake Bosma (Holland, Mich.) for a 20-yard Broncos touchdown to extend their lead, 14-0.

After another turnover by the Eagles' offense, the Broncos capped off a nine-play, 61-yard offensive drive where Buckley

ran it in from one yard out to extend WMU's lead, 21-0, with 5:04 left in the second quarter.

The Eagles would get on the board for the first time of the day after quarterback Austin Smith (Ellenwood, Ga.) would replace and injured Udengwu III and found wide receiver JB Mitchell (Alabaster, Ala.) for a 50-yard gain to get inside the red zone, leading to running back Samson Evans (Crystal Lake, Ill.) running for a 15-yard touchdown to cut the deficit, 21-7, with 3:29 left in the second quarter.

Through two quarters of play, WMU would enter halftime with a 21-7 advantage as they totaled 254 total yards of offense and converted 15 first downs.

After a crucial holding penalty against EMU resulted in a safety for WMU to extend their lead, 23-7, the Eagles would cut the deficit to 23-13 as Evans ran the ball in from five yards out with 7:27 left in the third quarter.

To close out the third quarter, the Broncos would force another safety, their second of the day, to extend the lead, to 25-13, to enter the fourth quarter with a two-possession advantage.

Smith would find a wide-open Jaylon Jackson (Burleson, Texas) for a 68-yard touchdown at the beginning of the fourth quarter, but two field goals and two more WMU touchdowns would lead the Broncos to a 45-21 win over the Eagles.

WMU's 45 total points marked the most points the Eagles' defense has allowed all year.

"It wasn't the techniques or the offensive plays that they were running, it was a lack of our intensity," Creighton said. "We don't

expect guys to bang their heads against the wall, you've got to grow that emotional intensity. Today was a case where they beat us in every phase."

Smith would finish the game 15/21 for 231 passing yards and one touchdown while Jackson totaled 111 receiving yards on nine catches. Evans would add 26 rushing yards on eight attempts and two touchdowns.

Next up, the Eastern Michigan University football team will travel to Toledo, Ohio, for a date with the University of Toledo on Wednesday, Nov. 8. Kickoff for that matchup is scheduled for 7 p.m. and will be streamed on ESPN+.



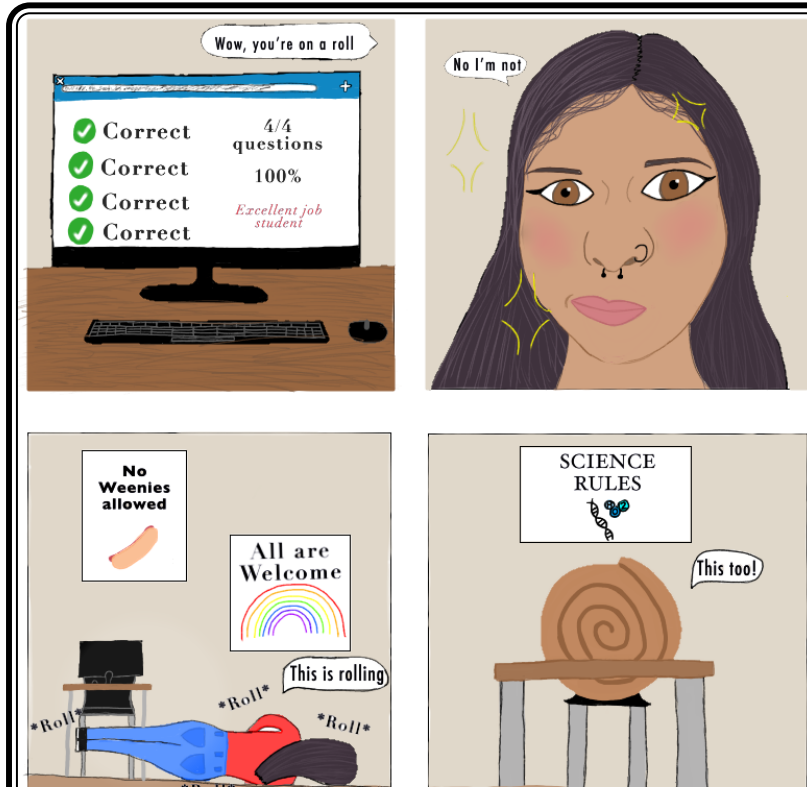
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WIDE RECEIVER JB MITCHELL III WARMING UP FOR THE HOMECOMING MATCH ON OCT. 7, 2023 AGAINST BALL STATE.





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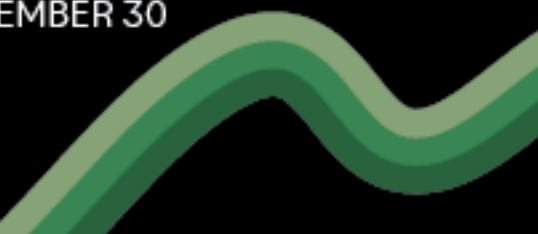
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