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resurges on campus

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## Protesters march for Ypsilanti's first No Kings demonstration



Some protesters move to the street to march during the No Kings protest on Saturday, Oct. 18, despite instruction from event organizers to stay on the sidewalk.

Photos by Max Taylor

Lilly Kujawski  
News Reporter

Handmade signs, colorful costumes and political chants filled Ypsilanti's Depot Town as thousands gathered for the city's first No Kings protest on Saturday, Oct. 18, 2025. Ypsilanti attendees joined protesters across the country who united for a nationwide demonstration against the Donald Trump administration.

At least 4,000 people joined the Ypsilanti protest, said Gordon McAllister, founder of Ypsi Indivisible. McAllister said the group's mission is to grow resistance against authoritarianism in the United States and support other similar groups in the Ypsilanti area.

Saturday's protest marked the second national No Kings demonstration, a nonviolent, peaceful movement that rejects what organizers call an authoritarian reach from the Trump administration.

"Our mission is to slow, block and defeat Trump," said Gus Teschke, an organizer for Ann Arbor Indivisible. "We reject authoritarian power grabs."

**Locals join the march**

Attendees gathered at Riverside Park before starting on Cross Street, marching along the sidewalk down North Huron Street, East Michigan Avenue and back up North River Street around the park. Protesters chanted slogans, such as "This is what democracy looks like" and "Hey, hey, ho, ho, Donald Trump has got to go."

Eastern Michigan University sophomore Lilly Yax joined the Ypsilanti protest, citing frustrations



Protesters crowd onto sidewalks for Ypsilanti's No Kings protest on Saturday, Oct. 18.

with the Trump administration. Yax encouraged others to stand up and use their voice.

"I hope that people who are neutral or people who are staying quiet about what's happening will decide to speak up so that we can make real change, because change starts from the people," Yax said.

Some protesters held signs criticizing Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Trump's deployment of the National Guard to some U.S. cities. Others held signs supporting the rights of women, the LGBTQ+ community, immigrants and other groups.

Another attendee, Cassidi Shambre, is a teacher in Taylor, Michigan, who joined the protest to demonstrate what

democracy looks like to a younger generation.

"It is important for me to show my children what it looks like to protect democracy, especially because I am a teacher and I believe that it is our right as adults to model appropriate behavior for our kids," Shambre said.

"We shouldn't lose hope," Shambre added. "A lot of people can stand together to make a change, and if we all work together, hopefully we can vote [Trump] out."

Protesters were instructed to remain on the sidewalk by marshals from the Indivisible group, who are trained in de-escalation techniques and safety, McAllister said. However, another group of protesters who were separate from the No Kings group but holding

similar signs and chanting similar slogans took to the street to march, blocking vehicle traffic. This group encouraged others to step into the road and join them, saying, "Off the sidewalk and into the streets."

About 500 people moved to the street, McAllister estimated. He said that the group that initiated the move to the street was separate from the Indivisible group and this was not a move approved by organizers of the No Kings protest.

**Local, state officials weigh in**

Washtenaw County Commissioner and former member of the Michigan House of Representatives Yousef Rabhi (D) attended the No Kings protest. Rabhi said one of the most important

things people can do right now is show up and rally against what he calls a fascist takeover of the government by the Trump administration.

"Whether it's defying our court system and acting with impunity in that way, whether it's violating our Constitution by raiding people's homes and unlawfully conducting searches and seizures, there are so many different examples of how this administration is abusing their power and conducting themselves in the way of tyrants and kings, and that's the whole point of this 'no kings,'" Rabhi said.

Rabhi said showing up and rallying through demonstrations such as No Kings is a time-honored tradition of democracy.

"In America, we fought a revolution to overthrow the shackles of a monarchy, and now, here we are, almost 250 years later, with an individual who is in the Oval Office who acts like a king in defiance of our laws, so that's why we're here today, to say that's absolutely unacceptable and we are going to push back and do everything we can to hold him and his administration accountable," Rabhi said.

Michigan State Senator Jeff Irwin (D) also joined in support of Saturday's protest.

"I'm out here joining all these folks to protest against the authoritarianism and anti-democratic actions of the federal government," Irwin said. "I'm worried about the future of free and fair elections in the United States, and as an elected official in this area, I felt it was important for me to be here and to support the idea that government officials should be elected."



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High: 51 | Low: 37  
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High: 52 | Low: 33  
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Friday, Oct. 24

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# Political chalk resurges on campus

AnnaBelle Favre  
News Reporter

During Eastern Michigan University’s fall semester, as students came back to campus, so did the political messages in sidewalk chalk.

Last semester, the EMU Protect Life student organization and students who opposed their views had a “chalk war” on the sidewalks of campus.

What started as a student organization advertising for more members has built up to an artistic and political argument that has spread across campus. The chalk messaging spreads across campus sidewalks, making it unavoidable for passersby. Chalk has been reported in front of Pray-Harrold, the Halle Library, the Student Center, and the Mark Jefferson and Strong buildings as well as scattered in other highly trafficked areas.

Throughout the morning of Monday, Sept. 9, students started to notice that anti-abortion messages were left in colorful sidewalk chalk. These messages depicted images of a fetus, the words “Human rights start at conception!”, suggestions to visit Project Rosie’s website and more. Students began to pour water over these messages and write their own thoughts in protest.

By Tuesday, Sept. 30, much of the chalk was

no longer visible, but new messages had popped up. Many of these additions were supporting the pro-choice movement.

On the evening of Wednesday, Oct. 1, a news reporter from *The Eastern Echo* saw two students from the Planned Parenthood Generation Action student organization chalking in support of reproductive rights behind King Hall.

On Thursday, Oct. 2, an *Echo* reporter met Rosa Skrobola, the president of Protect Life at EMU, while she was chalking a message. On the corner of Downing Hall, she had scrolled, “Abortion is violence.”

*The Echo* was able to interview Skrobola at a later date about the chalking.

“This year, I would say that I think there was a lot more response from both sides; both pro-life and pro-choice people were leaving more chalk messages. That is very different from what we were seeing last year,” she commented.

Skrobola explained that she invites the members of Protect Life at EMU to go out with her and share their beliefs.

“We write things like ‘equal rights for the unborn,’ ‘Planned Parenthood lies,’ and that pregnant women should visit projectrosie.com. The core of our messaging was saying that abortion is killing innocent people, and we are sharing resources and help,” Skrobola said.

In the spring, *The Eastern Echo* had written an article about chalking on campus and the university regulations regarding chalk advertisement.

“After hearing about the chalking rules, our club contacted administration. They said we could continue doing what we’re doing as long as we stick to the sidewalks and use washable material,” Skrobola told *The Echo*.

Skrobola explained to *The Echo* that she believes spreading these messages has helped the group gain many new members.

“We have fifteen regular members this year and then people that come and go, maybe ten of them,” Skrobola said.

When asked about the abundance of responses to the chalk, Skrobola was pleased.

“I was glad to see the responses, because really what we want to do is show people what abortion is,” Skrobola said. “I want people to see that and respond and tell me what they think. It made me glad, because it was encouraging conversation. The core of our mission on campus is to have a loving, respectful dialogue with people about what abortion is and that the unborn deserve protection. We definitely will continue chalking, having good dialogue with people and sharing the truth that the unborn are human and they deserve life.”

Protect Life at EMU meets every Tuesday at 5 p.m. in room 320 of Halle Library.

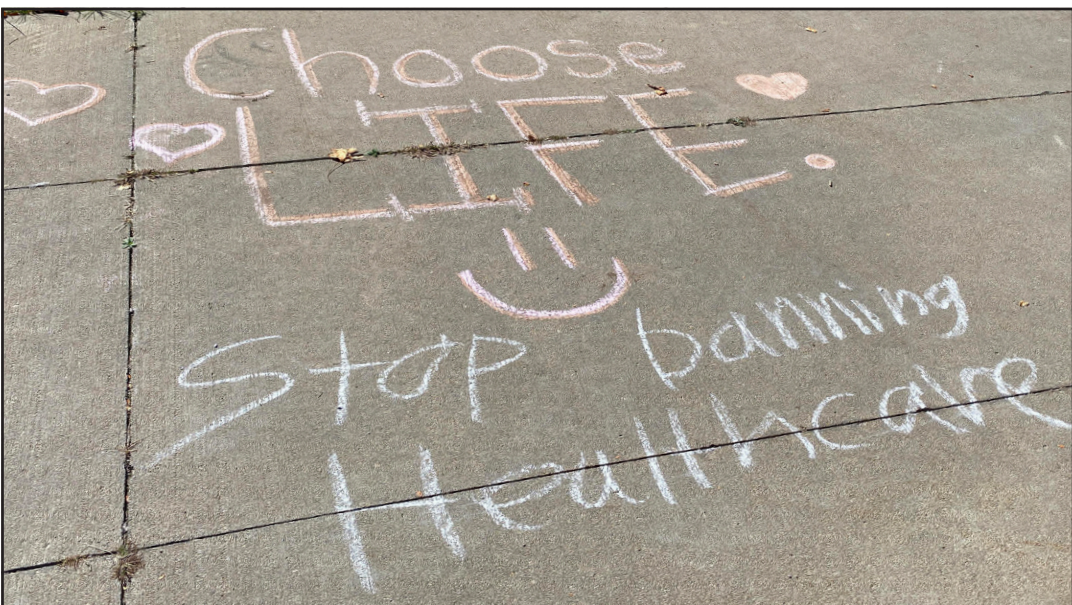
*The Eastern Echo* was also able to discuss the matter with Natalie Haight, a sophomore who is a part of EMU’s chapter of Planned Parenthood Generation Action. Haight is majoring in Clinical Psychology and has a minor in Women and Gender Studies. She and her roommate, Leah Murphy, went out late on the night of Oct. 1 to write messages of their own.

The duo wrote phrases such as “Pro-women [equals] pro-choice,” “Keep your laws off my body,” and “Stop imagining the apocalypse and start imagining the revolution.”

“We mainly did it to fight back, almost for lack of better words. We wanted to show people that there is support for them on campus, and not everyone is pro-life,” Haight said.

She continued, “I think it can be really triggering to see stuff like that on campus, especially for people who have had an abortion. A lot of the messages have been really dark and demanding, so we also wrote ‘you look great today,’ ‘you’re doing amazing,’ ‘keep going,’ and things like that to spread some positivity on campus.”

Haight reported that Planned Parenthood Generation Action has not done any chalking as a group, but many individuals have, and they are hoping to plan a group outing for chalk messaging around campus.



"Choose life" is written in chalk. A later response writes "Stop banning healthcare" underneath. Natalie Kyle / *The Eastern Echo*





Rosa Skrobola, the president of Protect Life EMU, writes anti-abortion messaging in front of Downing Hall. Lilly Kujawski / *The Eastern Echo*



Natalie Haight and Leah Murphy wrote "Keep your laws off my body" on the sidewalk in front of the Marshall building. Lilly Kujawski / *The Eastern Echo*




Assorted messages in chalk outside of Pray-Harrold. Natalie Kyle / *The Eastern Echo*



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# Earthen Jar prepares for grand opening of Ypsi location

# What's the Move? Oct. 21-27

**Israel Shriki**  
*Staff Writer*

**Meditation with Ease, Tuesday, Oct. 21**

The Ypsilanti District Library's Superior branch is hosting a free guided meditation session that is open to the public.

The library events web page reports that meditation has benefits for wellbeing and health, and this meditation session offers non-religious awareness practices. Three sessions are currently scheduled at the library. In addition to Tuesday's, there are two additional meditation workshops in November, one at 6 p.m. on Nov. 18 and another at the same time on Nov. 25.

All are welcome to the session, which will take place from 6-7 p.m. in the meeting room at the Superior branch, located at 1900 Harris Road in Ypsilanti Township. More information can be found on the library's page.

**Jazz Ensemble Concert, Thursday, Oct. 23**

The EMU Jazz Ensemble will perform from 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, offering both old and new jazz classics. Admission is free, and the concert will be held at Pease Auditorium on campus. The concert will also be livestreamed on YouTube.

About 20 musicians make up the Jazz Ensemble. Membership is open to all EMU students by audition during the first week of classes.

**Black Cat Folklore, Thursday to Saturday, Oct. 23-25**

The horror folk tales' production Black Cat Folklore, directed by Marisa Dlugie and produced by the Neighborhood Theatre Group, continues performances this weekend at the Back Office Studio, located at 13 N. Washington St. in Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Showtime starts at 8 p.m. Oct. 23-25. Ticket prices are \$12 for students, \$15 for online regular admission purchase, and \$20 at the door. Payment options include PayPal or credit card.

Optional purchases accompanying the performances include the following:

- A season ticket package for four main shows at the theater for \$60 (more details on the NTG website)
- Putt-R-Round Add On, a mini golf experience for \$13
- Campfire floor seating for \$15

An intermission is included. The show is rated PG-13 for language and general scariness, producers report on the theater website.

**Nightmare On Cross Street, Night Terrors, Friday to Sunday, Oct. 24-26**

Wiard's Orchards presents another weekend of Night Terrors through Sunday, Oct. 26.

The Wiard's Haunted House attraction offers five different venues: The Asylum, Hayride of the Lost, Alien Caged Clowns In 3D, The Ultimate Haunted Barn, and The Mindshaft. The Ultimate Haunted Barn tests participants' ability to dare and save Curtis' sister from the evils of the barn.

Wiard's Orchards is located at 5565 Merritt Road in Ypsilanti. Tickets are available online and vary in price. See the Wiard's Orchards website for more details.

**Wiard's Orchards and Country Fair, Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 25-26**

Wiard's Orchards Country Fair has been operating for decades and continues through the end of October.

Admission prices vary depending on a selection of activities. A full weekend ticket costs \$26.

Attractions included in the ticket are a corn maze, bungee run, giant slide, Old West wagon rides and more.

Details about Wiard's Orchards seasonal events are available on the farm's website.



**Pushpinder Sethi opened Earthen Jar's Ann Arbor location in 1997. The Sethi family recently opened a second location in Ypsilanti.** Lilly Kujawski / The Eastern Echo

**Lilly Kujawski**  
*News Reporter*

Earthen Jar is preparing for its official opening of a second location in Ypsilanti.

Earthen Jar, a vegetarian Indian restaurant and longtime Ann Arbor staple, had a soft opening of the Ypsilanti location last month. The new restaurant is located on West Michigan Avenue, in a now-renovated storefront that was previously vacant for three decades, said general manager of the family-run business Sim Sethi.

The Sethi family opened the Ann Arbor location of Earthen Jar in 1997, Sim Sethi said. Expanding the business to Ypsilanti has been a longtime goal,

he added.

"Ypsilanti, it's a great little town," Sim Sethi said. "We were always looking to expand, and we found that a lot of our customers were coming from here."

The family is excited to share the restaurant's fares with Ypsilanti clientele, said Pushpinder Sethi, Earthen Jar owner and Sim Sethi's father.

"We are happy that people are very excited," Pushpinder Sethi said. "Everybody thanks us that we started here. They don't have to go all the way to Ann Arbor."

The Sethi family bought the new storefront in 2021. Renovations at the new location were made possible in part with support from a grant from

the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, Sim Sethi said.

Earthen Jar offers by-the-pound buffet-style, all-vegetarian Indian cuisine, with vegan options available as well. Currently, the Ypsilanti location offers carryout options only, Sim Sethi said. The menu is pretty much the same as the Ann Arbor location's menu, and patrons of both can expect some new menu additions soon, he added.

Some popular dishes at Earthen Jar include the shahi korma sabzi, a broccoli and creamy mushroom sauce; sag dal, a spinach and lentil dish; and the chana masala, Sim Sethi said. Sim Sethi's personal favorite? The sag dal, and being able to enjoy good food is his favorite part about working at Earthen Jar.

The owners hope to create a community-oriented space that includes other small businesses in the area, Sim Sethi said. The restaurant has a dedicated refrigerator where local chefs can sell their food. The owners also plan to display art from local artists, he added.

"I want to make it a place for other small businesses to showcase their talents, as well," Sim Sethi said.

While the Sethi family doesn't have an official opening date yet, Earthen Jar is already serving up orders at the Ypsilanti location.

Patrons can expect a proper opening in the next few weeks, Sim Sethi said.

# Halle Library offers students more than books

**Lauren Holloway**  
*News Reporter*

From technical equipment to research help, Eastern Michigan University's Bruce T. Halle Library offers much more to students than just books.

**Tech Loan Program**

In 2021, Kelly Getz, the STEM librarian, applied for a Women in Philanthropy grant to purchase materials for the Tech Loan Program. When it was launched, the program started with five laptops and their corresponding charging cords. Now, the collection includes portable second monitors, SD card readers, computer mice, USB-C cables and HDMI adapters to connect laptops to televisions and other monitors.

The collection expanded in 2023 to include content creator tool kits, headsets, microphones, recording equipment, ring lights and a portable projector. Now, it also includes graphing and scientific calculators.

Currently, the library is not planning to get more equipment. However, Margaret Loebe, the circulation coordinator, is open to suggestions from students regarding new types of equipment they would like to have added to the collection.

Different items in the collection have different borrowing rules. Most items are on a four-hour loan system and cannot be taken out of the library.

To use an item, students can request what they need at the library service desk and swipe their student ID. When students finish using the equipment or their borrowing time is up, they can return the item to a staff member at the library service desk.



**The exterior of the Bruce T. Halle Library.** Laura Meriweather / The Eastern Echo

## Podcasting

The library also offers loanable podcasting equipment and recording studios to students. Those interested in using these resources can make a reservation on the Halle Library website, pick up the podcasting kit and the key to the podcast studio at the library service desk, and use one of the three soundproof rooms.

The rooms can be reserved for a one-hour block of time, no more than seven days in advance.

Students in need of instructions for how to use the podcasting equipment can refer to the tutorial video linked on the Halle Library website.

## Research help

New to the Halle Library for the fall 2025 semester is the Library Research Center. Although the library has always offered students research help, the official title is new.

The Library Research Center has four specific ways it can help students

First, students can visit the desk in person. Librarians are available during library hours Monday through Thursday.

Students can also make appointments in person or online through the Halle Library website. This can be done by scheduling a general appointment with any librarian or requesting time with a subject librarian for assistance in a specific area of study.

Next, the library offers a 24/7 Ask a Librarian chat on the Library Research Center page of its website. The chat is a cooperative of academic librarians. Students can leave an email or submit a question for assistance at any time.

Finally, librarians also meet with classes to host research workshops.

Librarians specialize in specific areas of study such as social work, education, business and more. All librarians can help with interpreting assignments, finding information, checking if facts are credible and citing sources. They can also help students

evaluate whether certain artificial intelligence sources are reliable or valuable.

Sara Memmott, a librarian specializing in social work, mentioned her willingness to help students, especially when they need help considering the use of AI.

"I hope that students will reach out to us in whatever way works for them," Memmott said.

**Pawffice hours**

Finally, the Halle Library is frequented by EMU's facility dog, Tinker, a golden retriever who loves to spend time with students. Every Monday and Wednesday from 2-3:30 p.m., Tinker can be found on the ground floor of the library for her Pawffice Hours, wagging her tail and waiting for students to say hello.

Whether a student needs a laptop charger, a podcast room, help with a project, or a very soft head to pet, EMU's Halle Library has it all.





# Eastern Michigan football falls to Miami, Ohio, 44-30



Eastern Michigan quarterback Noah Kim surveys the defense pre-snap during the matchup against ULL on Sept. 20, 2025. Julius Stewart / The Eastern Echo

**Caleb Henderson**  
*Sports Editor*

Welcome to the Mid-American Conference, Harold Mack Jr. Despite Eastern Michigan University's football team falling on the road to Miami University 44-30, the central storyline of the day for the Eagles was the breakout performance from the freshman wide receiver. With "The Deuce," Terry Lockett Jr., sidelined by injury for the third straight week, Mack Jr. burst onto the scene during his first collegiate action for the road team, posting six receptions for 179 yards and two touchdowns against a stout RedHawks defense. The Fort Wayne, Indiana, native made his presence known early for the green and white, getting behind the Miami defense midway through the second quarter to haul in a 51-yard strike from quarterback Noah Kim, cutting Eastern Michigan's deficit from 14-0 to 14-7.

Mack Jr.'s next two receptions would single-handedly lead to the Eagles' next scoring drive. He was on the receiving end of a 50-yard explosive pass from Kim, then proceeded to collect his second touchdown of the day via a 12-yard reception. Eastern Michigan would trail Miami 21-14 at the half, but not due to the efforts of Mack Jr. The receiver had posted three receptions for 113 yards and two scores through the opening 30 minutes of play. Mack Jr. would add three more catches to the stat sheet for 66 yards in the second half, with Nick Devereaux also stepping up over the final two quarters to add two touchdown receptions of his own to the board in the Eagles' efforts to keep up with the RedHawks. Eastern Michigan trailed by as many as 23 points in the second half but attempted to rally back with two late touchdowns and two-point conversions in the fourth quarter. Neither was

enough to overcome Miami's high-octane offense, featuring a rushing attack that boasted nearly 300 total yards and four touchdowns. Quarterback Noah Kim had a mixed day through the air. He threw for over 300 yards and four touchdown passes but also had two critical interceptions, including one on a drive midway through the third quarter where the Eagles had an opportunity to tie the game up with a score. Dontae McMillan had his worst game of the campaign out of the backfield, only rushing 12 times for 25 yards while once again sporting a noticeable limp midway through the third quarter. Tavierre Dunlap, returning to action after missing last week's game against Northern Illinois University, added four carries for 36 yards on the ground. Defensively, defensive back Bryce Llewelyn continued his propensity to make plays, recovering a key fumble towards the end of the first half that led

to an Eastern Michigan scoring drive. However, as a whole, the Eagles' defense had their worst outing in MAC play thus far, allowing the most points as a unit since the Sept. 13 match against Southeastern Conference opponent Kentucky and failing to contain RedHawks dual threat quarterback Dequan Finn, who posted 217 yards and four total touchdowns. With the win, Miami improves to 4-3 on the season and 3-0 in conference play, now boasting a 10-game MAC winning streak dating back to last year. Meanwhile, Eastern Michigan drops to 2-6 with a 1-3 record in the MAC, staring at likely bowl ineligibility for the second straight year if the green and white suffer one more loss the remainder of 2025. Next week, the Eagles return home to Rynearson Stadium for another critical conference date against Ohio University on Saturday, Oct. 25, at noon. Viewers can catch all of the action live on CBS Sports Network.

## Eagle Sports Tips & Tales: Oct. 21-27

**Caleb Henderson**  
*Sports Editor*

With students returning to campus this week from fall break, here's a look at some of this week's top stories from Eastern Michigan University's various athletic disciplines.

### Football | Eastern Michigan receives CBS Sports Network broadcast placement against Ohio

The next time the Eastern Michigan football team returns to action, they will do so on broadcast television. The Eagles have been selected for the weekly Mid-American Conference clash aired live on CBS Sports Network. Their home matchup hosted at Rynearson Stadium against Ohio University on Saturday, Oct. 25, 2025, is set to be televised at noon. Eastern Michigan currently boasts a 2-1 home record this season, with wins against the University of Louisiana at Lafayette on Homecoming and Northern Illinois University on Oct. 11 highlighting their battles on Crosby Field thus far. Against the Ohio University Bobcats, however, the Eagles have a much more mixed track record. The Eagles hold a 1-9 record, while Ohio's dates back to 2002. The lone win for EMU over that 22-year span came back in 2016, with the green and white defeating Ohio on the road in a 27-20 contest. Last year, Ohio came into Rynearson Stadium and defeated Eastern Michigan 35-10, in large part thanks to three interceptions and three sacks forced by the Bobcat defense.

### Volleyball | Eastern Michigan hosts Buffalo in pivotal MAC doubleheader

Following back-to-back losses on the road to Ohio University, the Eastern Michigan women's volleyball team currently finds themselves sitting at 10-12 on the campaign and 2-7 in the conference, a mark that leaves them sitting at last in the MAC standings. With their season now effectively hanging in the balance, the Eagles return to George Gervin GameAbove Center for a pivotal doubleheader against the University at Buffalo. Back-to-back matches on Thursday, Oct. 23 and Friday, Oct. 24, are slated to start at 6 p.m. while being streamed live on ESPN+. While currently holding an 0-8 mark on the road, the green and white have fared much better in Ypsilanti throughout the course of the year thus far, a 5-2 mark in front of the home faithful with those losses coming to top conference teams Bowling Green and Toledo. Eastern Michigan has not fared well against Buffalo over their last 10 matchups, with the Bulls holding a 7-3 advantage in those contests while also boasting a five-game win streak against the Eagles. The last time Eastern Michigan defeated Buffalo was in February of 2020, with the Eagles coming out on top with a score of 3-2.

### Soccer | Eastern Michigan hosts Northern Illinois in final home match of 2025 campaign

After a stretch of seven matches from Sep. 28 to Oct. 19, the Eastern Michigan women's soccer team finally receives a week-long break between games for the first time since MAC play began back in mid-September. Their season is currently hanging in the balance. The Eagles find themselves on the bubble of making the season-ending conference tournament at the start of November. Their home matchup against Northern Illinois University will likely be a pivotal deciding factor in whether the green and white will extend their season through to next month. That match will take place on Sunday, Oct. 26, 2025, at 1 p.m., and viewers can catch all the action streamed live on ESPN+.

# Oestrike Stadium becomes first Division I baseball diamond to feature gray playing surface



The fully renovated Oestrike Stadium, the home of the Eastern Michigan baseball team, sits completed after 18 months of renovations. EMU Athletic Department.

**Caleb Henderson**  
*Sports Editor*

After 18 months, the groundbreaking renovations to Eastern Michigan University baseball's Oestrike Stadium are complete. From full-field turf installation, ESPN broadcast enhancements, an all-gray playing surface and much more, players, coaches and fans alike will have a vastly different experience at the ballpark when the 2026 season begins in February. "It's been a long time in the making, and [the baseball program] now have

the facility they deserve, a fully-turfed, state-of-the-art field that can compete with any facility in the conference," said Scott Wetherbee, Eastern Michigan Vice President/Director of Athletics in a statement. When a patron walks into the facility for the first time, they are greeted by the renovations and expansion of the concourse; the main entrance walls are newly painted two shades of gray featuring beige block "E" lettering intertwined in the design. Walking through the concourse and stepping foot in the seating area, the gray playing surface on the pitcher's

mound, warning track and throughout the infield immediately pops to the naked eye, the first of its kind at the Division I level. The gray playing surface is an extension of the Crosby Field design inside Rynearson Stadium, with Eastern Michigan also being the only Division I football field to feature the unique color in an effort to represent the school's "blue-collar mentality," according to the EMU Athletics website. A newly installed checkered turf design has also become prevalent throughout the stadium, an improvement on the existing greenery separating the

infield and outfield. With the team coming off their first conference tournament appearance this year since 2018, Eagles head coach Robbie Britt emphasized the value of these improvements as the team begins the preliminary steps of gearing up for another campaign. "Our program is incredibly grateful for the support and investment in our facilities, this project started as a vision nearly two years ago, and it's incredible to see that come to fruition," Britt said in a statement to EMU Athletics.



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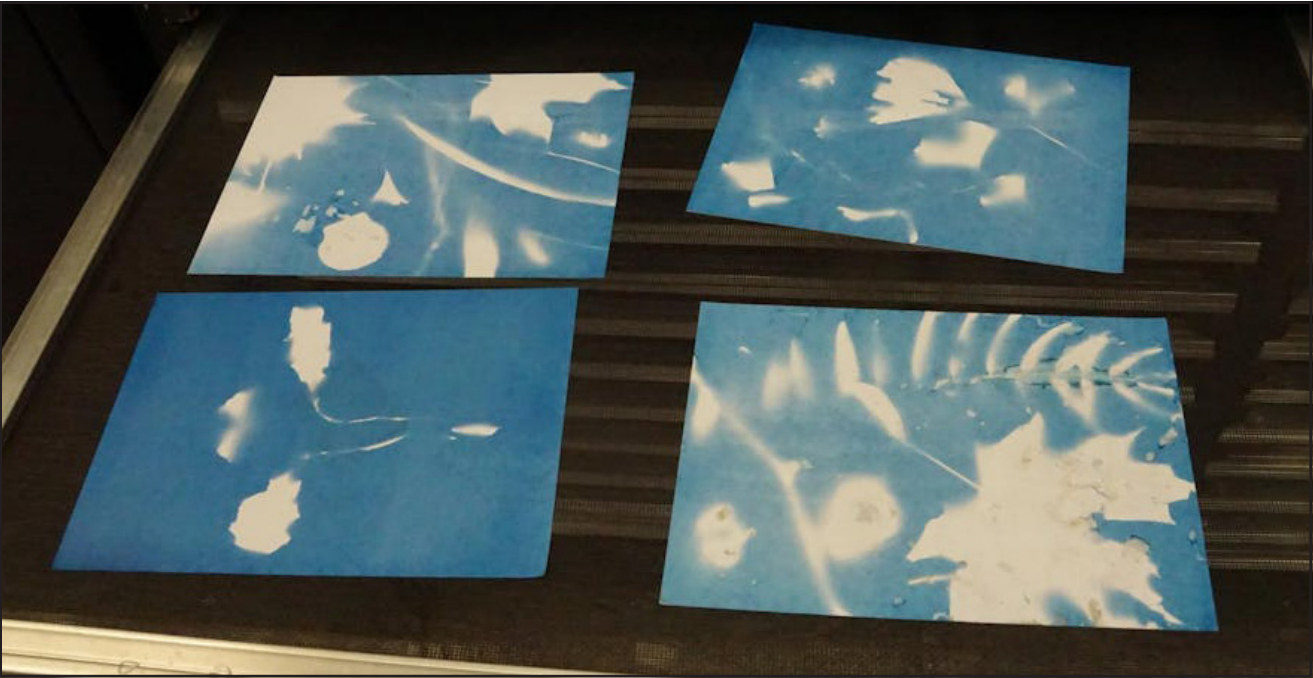


# Intermedia Gallery Group hosts Cyanotype Workshop

Photo Gallery by  
Owen Cardenas

Intermedia Gallery Group hosted its first Cyanotype Workshop Tuesday, Oct. 7, where Eastern Michigan University student Madison Cantrell taught the process of sun print photography. Due to rain, the event was held in Sherzer 307.

*Editor's note: Madison Cantrell is the Arts Editor and the Cellar Roots Editor-in-Chief at The Eastern Echo.*



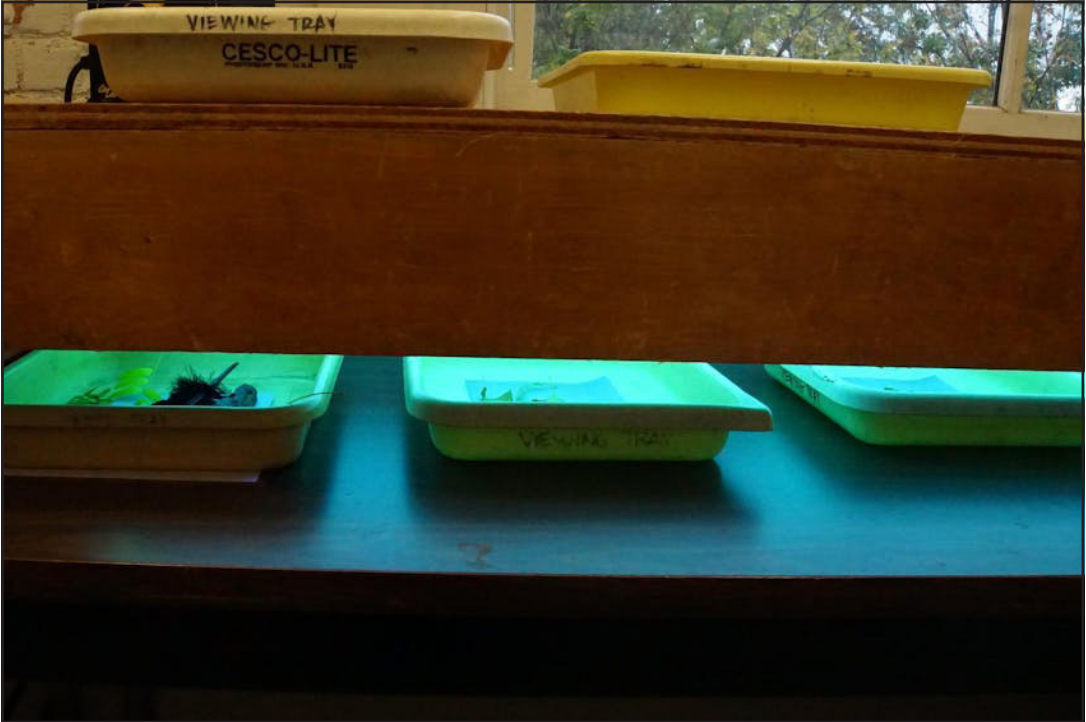
Student-made cyanotypes drying off at the Cyanotype Workshop.



Madison Cantrell turns on the UV station.



Alina Levandowski creates their cyanotype consisting of shells and bones.



Student prepared cyanotypes cooking under UV light.



Madison Cantrell demos how to arrange items for a cyanotype in the dark room in Sherzer 307.



An Intermedia Gallery Group logo cyanotype waits to be put under UV light.



Students rearrange plants for their own cyanotypes.





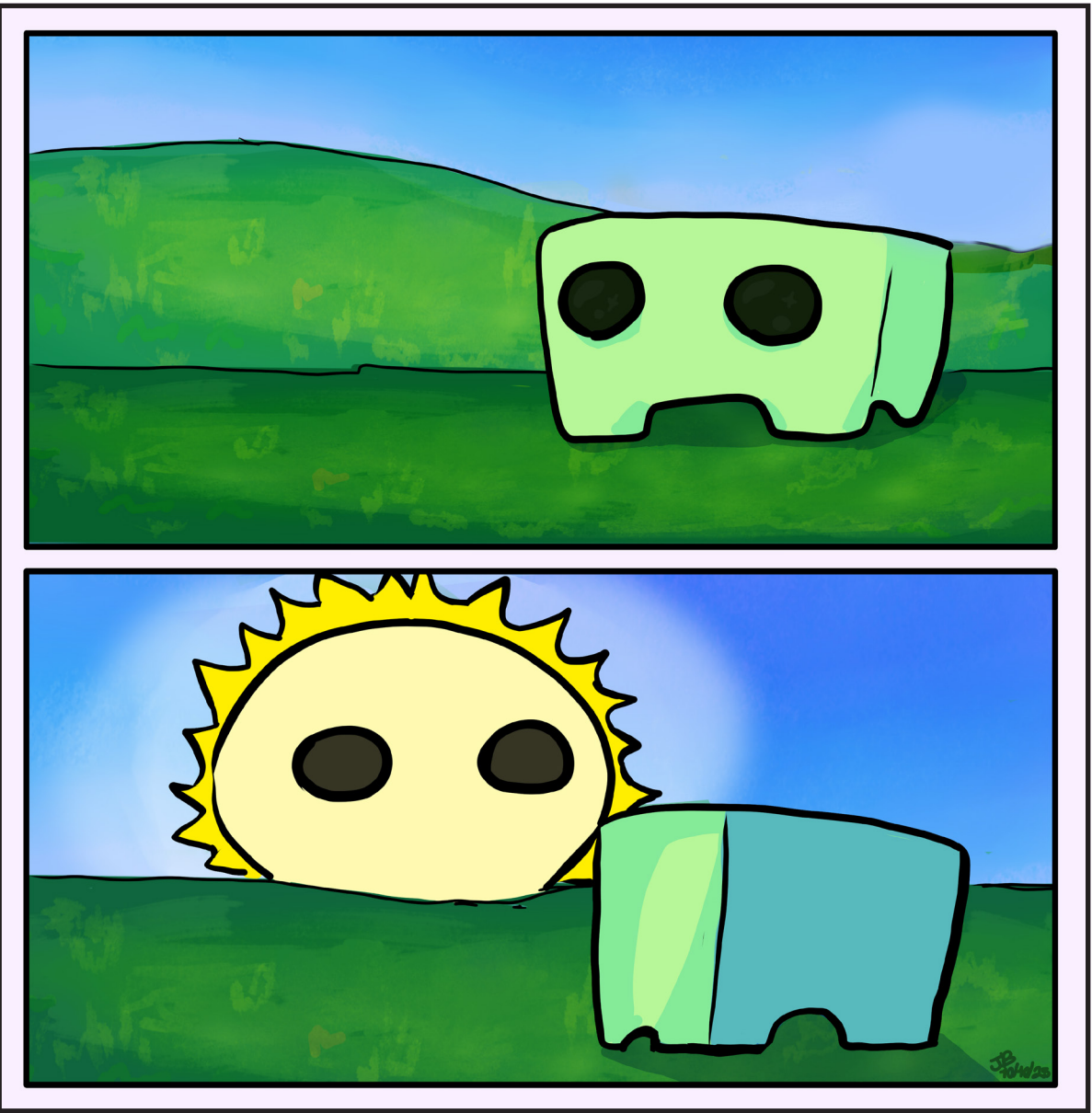
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# EMU Orchestra & Symphonic Band fall concerts 2025



Graduate conductor Rodrigo Amorim conducts two Brazilian pieces titled "Batuque" for EMU Symphony Orchestra's first concert of the year in Pease Auditorium.



The EMU Symphony Orchestra closes out with Jean Sibelius' "Symphony No. 2."



Clarinet players, part of the smaller chamber group, perform "The Last Hivemind II" at EMU Symphonic Band's opening fall concert in Pease Auditorium.

*Photo Gallery by  
Max Taylor*

The EMU Symphony Orchestra performed on Oct. 9 and the EMU Symphonic Band on Oct. 10 for their respective fall concerts in Pease Auditorium. The EMU Symphony Orchestra featured graduate conductor Rodrigo

Amorim, who conducted two Brazilian pieces titled "Batuque." Dr. Chad Hutchinson closed out the rest of the concert with "Symphony No. 2" by Jean Sibelius. The EMU Symphonic Band presented their concert titled "Influences," conducted by J. Nick Smith.



Cello players Victoire Perret (left) and Anthony Berlongieri (right) perform at the EMU Symphony Orchestra's concert.



From left to right, the three bass players in EMU's Symphony Orchestra are Bri Espinoza, Phaedra Mills and Graham Kovachich.



The EMU Symphonic Band opens up their fall concert with "Flourish for Wind Band" by R. Vaughan Williams, led by Dr. J. Nick Smith in Pease Auditorium.