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Bigfoot to stand trial at EMU

Notorious cryptid captured in Michigan, facing multiple charges in student trial

Olivia Hendry
Managing Editor

The Eastern Michigan University community will have the opportunity of a lifetime Wednesday, April 16.

The famous Bigfoot will be on trial for four individual counts of public indecency, trespassing, resisting arrest, and destruction of property. This case will be known as Bigfoot v. the State - and you can be part of the jury.

Bigfoot, also known as Sasquatch, is an 8-foot-tall cryptid whose sightings date to the 1800s and 1900s, according to Google. The creature is 8 feet tall, and has been spotted all over the United States, but primarily resides around northern California and the Pacific Northwest.

As someone who used to live in Oregon, I can say that Bigfoot sightings were fairly common. We used to see him pretty frequently while on family camping trips in the summer. He's a big fan of s'mores.

Anyways. During a jaunt around Michigan, Bigfoot was captured. It is unclear what he was doing at the time of capture. It could have been a big misunderstanding, or he could have actually been committing a crime. It's up to you to decide!

Autumn McGee, Bigfoot's defense counsel, says that this case is an example of "gross governmental overreach," and that these laws should not apply to cryptids who never signed up to be part of a human society.

"Is he a law-breaking fugitive or is he just an



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innocent cryptid trying to survive?" said McGee. "He needs to tell his story and get it out there [and] face the discrimination, the bias, and prejudice people have against cryptids."

Alexia Barton, who will be representing the State, tells a different story about the creature. Barton claims that Bigfoot is a repeat offender, frequently leaving messes in public areas while nude (or without clothes. Because I don't know if he can really wear clothes. Do they make clothes for people who are 8 feet tall? Nevermind. Cut this.)

"We are going to do our best to bring him to justice. He is a menace to society and [is] causing so much pain to so many communities. The state is going to do everything in their power to get this taken care of," said Barton.

McGee worries that the implications of this ruling could mean for other cryptids living in the United States. According to a map I found on Reddit, there are over 100 cryptids throughout the States, with California, Texas, and Florida having the highest number of confirmed creatures.

"This is much bigger than Bigfoot. I know that there was some talk about hunting down the Loch Ness monster. This could have unimaginable consequences if the state is just allowed to target these beings for no reason besides their existence. What kind of precedent is that going to set?" said McGee.

We were able to get exclusive comment from Bigfoot on this matter. His statement goes as follows:

"I want the humans to know that this is all a big misunderstanding. I am a gentle creature that just wants to live in peace with your awfully nosy species, but I will not tolerate this two-tiered system of justice against cryptids!"

Personally, I think he's innocent. But what do I know?

If you would like to be part of this momentous occasion, you can attend the trial on April 16 in the Student Center Ballroom. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., however please RSVP through the EMU Mock Trial Instagram.

Justice for Bigfoot!

Olivia Hendry is the Managing Editor of the Eastern Echo. She has been on the Echo staff for two semesters, and enjoys writing about current events, community impact stories, and more. She is usually very particular when it comes to her writing, including getting correct quotes and providing correct information. But, she decided to have some fun for this edition. Much like Frank, her "Reporter of the Year" award will most likely be taken away after this edition comes out.

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- Avoid conflicts of interest, real or perceived. Disclose unavoidable conflicts.
- Abide by the same high standards they expect of others.

A message from *The Eastern Echo* Editor-in-Chief and Managing Editor:

Without journalism ethics, reporting as we know it today wouldn't exist.

As emerging journalists, we are required to have at least one lesson on ethics in each of our required journalism classes. Whether we're talking about its nuances, best practices, or the ways that journalists haven't abided by them in the past, ethics is always part of our curriculum and conversation.

And that's because it has to be. Reporting the news accurately, fairly, and independently is a big responsibility. Journalism has always been about informing the public, empowering everyone to make educated decisions and form opinions about important issues. The public cannot accurately do that if what they are reading is false, influenced by an outside entity, or unethical in any way.

Journalism without ethics or structure can be, at best, annoying, and at worst, deadly. It can fuel unfounded conspiracy theories, unfairly target minority groups, and bring about unnecessary violence and injustice.

This edition of *The Eastern Echo*, in honor of the Society of Professional Journalists' Ethics Week, is a glimpse at what journalism would be without ethics.

The Society of Professional Journalists, also known as SPJ, is an international, 100+ year old journalism organization that supports press freedom, ethical reporting, and the future of journalism. We have included their ethical code, one that we abide by and are taught in our classrooms, on this page.

Each year, SPJ encourages journalists to uphold their ethical code, which calls for reporting that is truthful, respectful, independent, and accountable. They implore

reporters to consider journalism ethics alongside current issues. This year, with the surge of artificial intelligence, misinformation, and violence, SPJ writes that, "ethical journalism is more critical than ever."

This Ethic's Week, SPJ encouraged college newsrooms to explore what their publications might look like if there were no journalism ethics. What might our newspapers be if we didn't seek the truth, or report fairly, or use our own photos? If we didn't consider ethics at all?

We were challenged to break the rules, to be unethical, in order to prove just how necessary our ethics are. Our Sin Issue, as it is called by SPJ, is the culmination of that. This edition has also been submitted for the chance to win a prize of \$500. This would directly benefit our newsroom, and support our efforts to continue reporting justly and fairly. The winner is chosen by the SPJ Ethics Committee.

In order to pull this edition together, we had to do our jobs backward. We purposely did not verify our sources; we did not provide balance; we disrespected laws; we used generative AI; we showed our bias; we were unethical.

As we hope you already know, these are not our usual practices.

As a newsroom, as student journalists, we know what the importance of ethical journalism is. This issue is an opportunity to show you, the reader, what journalism would be without ethics.

Now that you see, we hope you understand what's at stake.

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Editor-in-Chief
Olivia Hendry
Managing Editor

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.

ACT INDEPENDENTLY
The highest and primary obligation of ethical journalism is to serve the public.
Journalists should:

- ▶ 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.

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 corrects mistakes. If we got it wrong, we want to make it right. Please bring any errors to the attention of the Editor-in-Chief by emailing editor@easternecho.com.

Weekly Calendar

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<h1>Taking this week off! xo xo</h1>						

Scoop's Forecast

48°  38° **Tuesday, April 15**

52°  32° **Wednesday, April 16**

61°  30° **Thursday, April 17**





72°  45° **Friday, April 18**

58°  44° **Saturday, April 19**

64°  37° **Sunday, April 20**

76°  48° **Monday, April 21**



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Swoop faces supreme court trial

AnnaBelle Favre
News Reporter

On Wednesday, April 15, Swoop will face charges in front of the supreme court.

During The Great Debate, held in the Student Center Ballroom at 6:00 p.m., EMU's beloved mascot will stand trial after a particularly chaotic basketball game performance.

Swoop will face justice for his feather-ruffling behavior during a recent basketball game that can only be described as "ballet meets disaster film."

What began as innocent high-kicks and spirited wing-flapping escalated into utter pandemonium. Witnesses report a trombone player toppling over, a sea of popcorn raining down from the upper bleachers, and a wave of confusion that left referees questioning both the laws of physics and decency.

The administration responded with swift and controversial judgment: a lifetime ban for Swoop from all future sporting events.

Jack Zelaney is representing Eastern Michigan University's administration in the trial.

"The regulation imposed on Swoop is in the best interest of students, faculty, and visiting players at sporting events," Zelaney said. "At present, Swoop acts like a menace to society; his dancing and bird flapping have initiated chaotic breakdowns in safety and public order. Irrelevant of whatever message Swoop conveys



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at sporting events, the university has created a reasonable regulation on Swoop's conduct to protect students and prevent future chaos. As important as the freedom of speech is, the First Amendment is not absolute, and the university is using power consistent with the First Amendment to ensure everyone can feel safe attending a basketball game while preserving the university's beloved mascot.

Students, outraged by what they've labeled "an unforgivable act of mascot censorship," are flocking to the event, feathers and protest signs in hand.

Elizabeth Yacks is representing Swoop's defense.

"A university campus is a

quintessential marketplace for the free exchange of ideas, and school mascots embody that spirit, serving as powerful symbols of identity, unity, and pride for students, faculty, and alumni alike," Yacks said. "Mr. Swoop, through his natural expression - his flapping wings - communicates this spirit in a way only an eagle can. By banning him from sporting events, the university is not only stifling school spirit but also infringing on a fundamental First Amendment right. Freedom of expression is the cornerstone of democracy, and restricting Mr. Swoop's participation undermines this very principle. The university should uphold, not suppress, the traditions

and freedoms that define an academic community."

Swoop, along with Bigfoot and a group of alien invaders, will be tried at The Great Debate in the Student Center Ballroom at 6:00. EMU's Moot Court, Mock Trial, and Model U.N. organizations will host this satirical showdown in collaboration with Pi Sigma Alpha, EMU's political science honors society.

Representing Team Swoop is moot court standout Elizabeth Yacks, while Jack Zelaney will argue on behalf of the administration and its hardline anti-chaos stance. The panel of justices will include professors and local dignitaries moonlighting as legal eagles, promising equal parts judgment and dramatic flair.

The Great Debate Event Schedule:
6-7 p.m.: Demos by Moot Court, Mock Trial, and Model U.N. (20 minutes each)

7-8 p.m.: A student vs. professor debate on the real pressing questions, "Is a hot dog a sandwich?" and "Is cereal just cold soup?" Losers will be ceremoniously pied, so bring your arguments (and maybe a poncho).

The event is LBC 3 approved, and the evening will also feature food, games, raffles, and big prizes.

Whether you're curious about joining one of these student orgs or just want to see Swoop defend his honor, The Great Debate is a can't-miss campus event. Students interested in learning more or getting involved can attend the event or email mockmootemu@gmail.com.

What's not the move?

April 15-21

Olivia Hendry
Managing Editor

Looking for things to do this weekend, in between working on finals and stressing about finals? You're in luck! The university has a whole slew of things to do this week. Read on, or don't!

Crying Corner - Monday, April 14 through Friday, April 25

Need a quiet spot to crash out? Don't worry! In the twelfth corner of the Student Center, students will have an open place to sob their finals worries away. Go on your own, or bring a buddy to bond over how many projects you have due in the next week and a half. Or, bring your laptop and work on your homework there- multitasking! Disclaimer: Only crying, wailing, sobbing, weeping, and crying one's eyes out are allowed at this event. Once you are done, please promptly leave to make room for other students, or you will be boo'd. This event is approved for Learning Beyond the Classroom credit.

Study Session - Tuesday, April 15

I heard that some students will be doing a study session in the Library on Tuesday. I didn't hear where in the library, or what they're studying for. I also don't know what time they're getting there. But you can go if you want!

Destroy your Ex's Things - Tuesday, April 15

Do you still have some of your ex's stuff in your dorm? Maybe a sentimental gift that was given way too early in the relationship? Or did they give you an article of clothing, and you forgot to give it back to them, and now it's just sitting awkwardly in a drawer? Instead of donating those items (community partnerships? ew!), you can bring them to the Destroy your Ex's Things event! Here a student organization will give you scissors, a lighter, and various other tools to demolish that once valuable piece of your other half. This event is also approved for Learning Beyond the Classroom credit.

Squirrel Vs. Tinker vs. Swoop Fight - Wednesday, April 16

ARE YOU READY TO RUMBLEEEEEEEEEEE?! Time to see whose the real top mammal on campus! Come see Tinker, Swoop, and squirrels battle it out to see who truly deserves to be the best animal on campus. There may be some surprise guests, so this is definitely an event you won't want to miss! This will be happening in a back alley in an undisclosed area of Ypsi at 2:64 a.m., and it is not approved for Learning Beyond the Classroom credit.

Campus-wide game of Paintball - Wednesday, April 16

Have you ever watched Community? Remember the giant game of paintball they'd do once or twice a season? It's basically gonna be like that. Paintballs, gear, paintball throwing apparatuses, time off from class, rewards, and anything else that could facilitate the game will not be provided, nor is it permitted on campus. Have fun!

Breakfast - Thursday, April 17

I'll be making my favorite breakfast on Thursday morning before school. It's a classic- avocado toast on multigrain bread, with hash browns, eggs, and bacon. I use this special type of avocado though, so it's not like a regular avocado toast. And then I cook the eggs in the bacon grease to make it taste better. Thats how my dad always made it, so I've just done the same thing ever since I moved out. And the hash browns are gonna be the regular stringy kind, not those cubed potatoes that are sometimes used. They have their purpose, but not here. You should come! My address is [redacted].

Open Forum Discussion: Why? - Friday, April 18

Have you ever stopped to ask yourself, "Why?" Why are we here? Why do humans exist? Why did we evolve into the beings we are today? Why didn't we stay in the ocean, and instead now have to pay taxes and make food for ourselves? We don't have those answers, but existentialism loves company, right? To discuss these questions and more with fellow students and staff, head to the building on campus that makes you ask "Why?" the most. You know the place. After the event, the Crying Corner will have extended hours to accommodate the potential overwhelm of existential dread that may occur. This event is approved for Learning Beyond the Classroom credit.

Enjoying the start of spring? Think again!

Lauren Holloway
News Reporter

Have you been feeling the loss of the warmth? Seasonal depression hitting you a bit hard? Well, you're in luck! Because it's finally spring and the temperatures are sure to skyrocket.

Just kidding! This is Michigan and we're knee deep in second winter.

Brisk winds and cloudy skies are sure to put a stop to all hope and good feelings. And with a dusting of snow in the early morning hours of Thursday, April 10th, any ideations of having a normal spring season were crushed into tiny pieces.

So don't dust off the boats and pull out the shorts just yet.

After a brief hike into the high 60-degree temps, the weather will dip back into 40-degree purgatory. Not warm enough for shorts, not cold enough for a winter coat. A dastardly middle ground that leaves people in a constant state of pulling off jackets and putting them back on.

"I hate this," a student said.

Personally, I don't mind Mother Nature's teasing, I appreciate the cool breezes.

However, a cool April will put off the heat until September. Meaning it's going to be a hot autumn, and that I absolutely do not like. I tolerate summer only because I must, but as soon as August turns into September I'm ready for snow again.

On the other end of the spectrum, I know there are plenty of people who just want to be warm again; it seems the universe loves to disappoint us all.

And of course, come summer, temperatures will soar to an unbearable level. So, enjoy the perfect, 50-60 degree range with sunny, cloudless skies. Pull out the shorts and tank tops, play some volleyball and basketball.

But just know, the cold will come back like a boomerang, and after that, the heat.

Because, apparently, it's illegal for Michigan to ever be a comfortable temperature.

What's happening with TikTok?

Odelia Florusbosch
News Reporter

Is TikTok getting banned or not, is the question many Americans have been asking themselves recently.

On January 18, 2025, TikTok was briefly banned in the United States of America.

Fear, confusion, and despair flooded the nation. Influencers rushed to reveal their deepest, darkest secrets online before the app was banned.

There appeared to be some confusion about what a regional TikTok ban entails, as people seemingly did not realize that users in other countries would still be able to see the videos even after TikTok went offline in the USA. Or perhaps people simply did not realize that countries other than the USA do, in fact, exist.

12 or so hours later, TikTok returned to America. The people rejoiced. Yet the threat of losing TikTok in America still looms ever closer on the horizon. What is truly happening with TikTok? Will it be

banned, or will the deadline continue being pushed back indefinitely?

No one knows the answer to these questions.

I, Odelia Florusbosch, a news reporter for the Eastern Echo, decided to investigate by looking at my For You Page. My FYP is not for me, it is for you, the reader, and will bring you some answers. Hence the name for YOU page. Therefore, an examination of my FYP will surely be an accurate representation of TikTok as a whole. I'm sure this very professional research method won't oversimplify or generalize anything :)

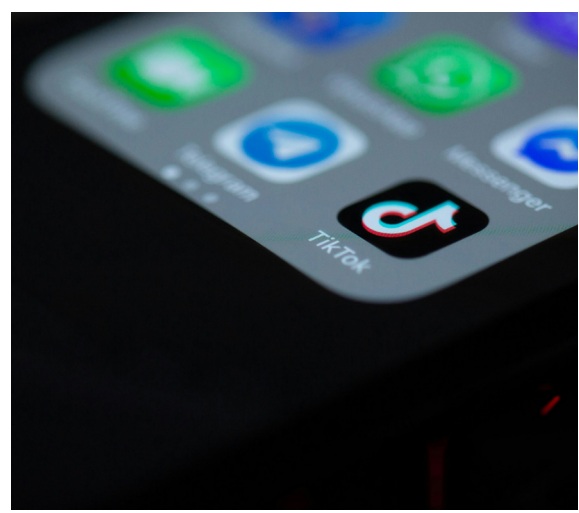
The first video was a video instructing viewers on how to give a YouTuber apology speech. Clearly, this shows that TikTok values accountability. This shows that TikTok will not be banned in America. There are somewhere between one and 340.1 million accountants in America, making it a quite accountable nation.

In the second video, a TikTok user stated that they do not drive in an attempt to reduce carbon emissions. This is a sign that TikTok will be banned in the USA,

as we produce quite a bit of pollution.

In conclusion, we are no closer to answers than we were at the beginning of this article.

As an anonymous source who does not use TikTok puts it, "My opinion is, who cares?"



Top 3 summer jobs for students

Gray Connor
Newsletter Editor

Summer is fast approaching, and while approximately 77% of students live off campus, there are plenty of job opportunities for those staying in the area.

Squirrel Impersonator

Summer is prime time for on-campus tours for incoming freshmen. However, the crowds of unfamiliar and rowdy faces tend to scare the pesky little mammals away. After each winter semester, join the list of dedicated volunteers to fill the space the squirrels left behind.

Squirrel impersonators, a position first introduced in May 1985, have become necessary to ensure EMU's local wildlife remains stable.

While only a temporary position, squirrel impersonators move into the fall semester with an advantage for the coveted spot of Swoop the Eagle. The mascot often appears at EMU's sanctioned events.

"Getting used to impersonating an animal over the summer really helped me nail my interview for Swoop!" one student told me. "Sometimes the costumes smell, though."

'Tub Room' Guard

While Buell Hall is no longer used for student housing, its mythical 'tub room' still stands firm in its lower levels.

The room, completely empty outside of an aging bathtub that sits in the corner, has been the discussion of on-campus students for years. While various rumors and myths have evolved through the decades regarding the room and its original intended use, one truth remains certain: It is totally a liability to have students trying to break into an abandoned dorm hall to try and see the Tub Room with their own eyes.

The simply titled Tub Room Guard will hold many important responsibilities, largely consisting of sitting inside the room, and

ensuring that no students attempt to enter. Guards are provided with a single wooden stool and are instructed to face the doorway. In the event that a student either happens upon or intentionally reaches the Tub Room, guards are to contact campus police immediately.

During the summer months, on-campus student activity remains limited. Attempted break-ins are typically limited, making certain this job is an easy pick for those looking to make some cash before the fall semester.

Ghost Conversationalist



Gideon the Ghost/The Eastern Echo

Encouraged for students studying marketing, public relations, or communications, Ghost Conversationalists are tasked with exactly what the name suggests - keeping the on-campus ghosts satisfied.

Typically, the student-clairvoyants are designated to one of two buildings: Starkweather Hall and Pease Auditorium. These two halls, built many many, many, many (many) years ago, house the majority of EMU's resident ghosts.

Ghost Conversationalists work in four-hour shifts, using a variety of tools to keep the spirits of these facilities busy. While on-campus ghosts are free to roam, it is preferred to keep them isolated to their respective favorite buildings to avoid any possible hauntings of those touring Eastern's campus.

The ghosts have been reported as friendly; however, the occasional chair or desk might fly across the room. Goggles and kneepads are provided upon acceptance of the position.

Spam Caller

Another stationary and largely easy job is that of a Spam Caller. Although repetitive, this job offers on-campus students the chance for light socialization on a somewhat empty campus.

Throughout the summer, incoming or returning students often forget some basic responsibilities: Paying their bills by the due date; selecting a room and roommate; and registering for classes. The sole responsibility of a spam caller is to helpfully remind students of these responsibilities throughout the summer, to ensure success from our students.

While it is helpful to have basic communication skills, as well as being comfortable speaking over the phone, spam callers follow a specific script for each call: "HELLO EASTERN STUDENTS - REMEMBER YOU GO TO EASTERN - SUCCESS IT! GOOD - BYE!"

Spam callers are given an office in King Hall, as well as a payphone - quarters provided - to complete these routine calls.

For those interested in any of these opportunities, job information and applications can be found somewhere online.

The Echo's guide to snacking for students

Gabriella Payeur
News Reporter

I am a girl who loves to snack. I am also a girl that is broke AF! Thus, I, Gabriella Payeur, am a super qualified gal to tell you what to eat. I've been news reporter for The Eastern Echo for a year, so I know my stuff. I have made sure to do my research and use qualified, named sources for this article. I also made sure that everything is relevant and unbiased! ;)

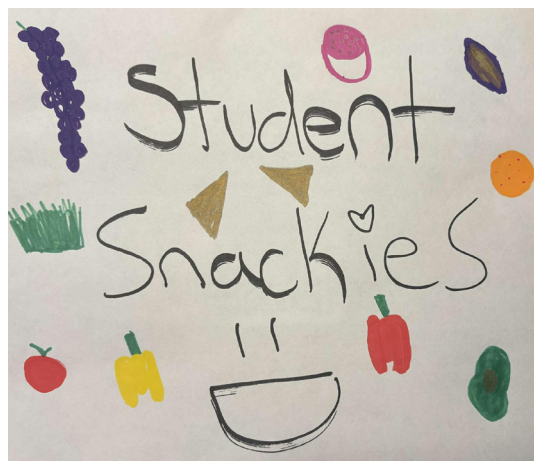
Cheap options:

Avocados: So versatile! Guacamole, avocado toast, straight up avocado. Well, cheap until Trumpet gets a backbone and solidifies those tariffs. Then RIP avocados.

Calamari: It sounds rich and french. Which it is but like, yum! Who doesn't love gnawing for minutes on end on a slippery, white, dead animal?

Peanut butter filled dates: Dr. Doofenshmirtz, registered dietitian, said that he loves peanut butter filled dates. They offer lots of healthy fats and protein with the peanut butter and carbs from the date.

Grilled squid: Love eating animals but hate the chewiness of calamari? Try grilled squid!



Gabriella Payeur/The Eastern Echo

Simple options:

Yogurt and granola: Go grab a nice cup of your favorite yogurt, throw some granola on top and BOOM! Snack!

Homemade poparts: Dr. Anonymous on Facebook tells us that sugar is bad for you. Thus, no more pop tarts. Instead, try making your own, healthier pop tarts! All you need is 35 minutes, try this simple recipe!

Baby carrots and ranch: No one wants to be

seen Buggs Bunnying a giant carrot, so try some baby carrots. Lots of fiber and orangness. But so plain, so throw in some ranch for flavor!

Whole wheat banana bread: College students love packaged foods but they're BAD FOR YOU!!!!!! Dr. Anonymous said so!!!!!! Instead, try making some quick and simple whole wheat banana bread muffins instead following this recipe, you only need an hour!

Gluten free options:

Peanut butter toast: Easy and full of protein! Just use a good gluten free bread option like Wonder Bread or Pepperidge Farmhouse.

Fresh fruit: Fruit is naturally gluten free, so no worries there. It is easy to go to any store and grab for an immediate snack, while not being too expensive. Or, you can go outside and pick one from a female tree! Oh wait, we don't plant female trees because we wouldn't want those free riders to get free, natural foods.

Nuts: ;)

Stuffed peppers: Fresh vegetables are also naturally gluten free! Spice up the regular boring pepper snack by throwing in some garlic, onion, ground beef, spinach, rice, pepper, and cheese. Stick them in the oven for about 35 minutes and

you've got a delicious, healthy snack. So quick and easy, check out this recipe for full instructions!

Vegan/vegetarian options:

Beef stick: So much protein! Pretty much any grocery store will have Slim Jim and other beef stick options readily available, even at the checkout if you get hungry at the last minute!

Hummus and pita chips: You can find these two ingredients at pretty much any store. There are expensive and inexpensive options for any budget. Plus, the chickpeas in the hummus offer a nice vegetarian protein source.

Grass: This delicious snack option is located right outside your house! And it's completely free! How could life get any better?

Chicken and rice: Are you a gym bro looking to cut? Maybe you just want something simple and nutritious. Well, chicken and rice is the perfect snack for either option! You can buy rice in bulk for \$1 somewhere. And chicken for another price somewhere else. My best gym bro friend said that this is his go to snack whenever he's cutting and he can use it to lose 10 pounds in a day!

I really love all the snack options above. I hope you found something yummy to eat even though you're broke!

'Yellowjackets' is the most bugolicious show on television

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Sometime recently, "Yellowjackets" wrapped up its third season. The show follows a group of four to nine-ish girls on a soccer team who get stranded in the woods via a plane or whatever. Something happens with a cult maybe. Cannibalism happens too, apparently.

Madeleine Petsch starred as Cheryl Blossom, queen of the bees in "Riverdale." Jerry Seinfeld wrote and directed the award-winning film "Bee Movie." Neither of these are relevant to "Yellowjackets" but they are also bee-related so, like, let them have this.

Highs

As its name foreshadows, there are some very yellow jackets in "Yellowjackets," presumably. The costumes were designed by someone. Yellow was used in the design amongst other colors. They also wear jackets, a staple of fashion. So, is it that far-off to assume they wear yellow jackets at some point? Probably not.

"Yellowjackets" might be notable for its queer representation. There's a lot of shipping and I can't keep track of the characters as I haven't actually watched the show but surely some of these ships are canon. Its good to have a show with this much queer representation! Or, sorry, there's all these potential queer ships that don't become canon, that would be really sad.

There's a plot that exists! Events happen in a sequenced order that leads to a narrative! It has characters who have arcs to add to the narrative! Actors are in it, on sets, and they speak dialogue!

"Yellowjackets" featured the song "Just a Girl" by Florence + the Machine in an earlier season. I haven't heard it but, like, Florence + the Machine are cool and if it's lead singer, Florence Welch, is free on Friday I'm free on Friday and think she should play me whatever new music she's working on for their next album; because that would be really cool. Flo if you're reading this, please just let me hear it.

Lows

Despite its name, "Yellowjackets" is not connected to the BMCU (Bee Movie Cinematic Universe). This franchise consists of the previously mentioned "Bee Movie" and nothing else. This is a missed opportunity to follow through on unanswered storylines from the film. How did Ken cope with his girlfriend breaking up with him over a bee? How does society change knowing bees are as intelligent as humans? How do the workers rights wins of bees impact other worker rights movements among humans and animals alike?

"Yellowjackets" is extra confusing if you look at your phone or computer while watching. The show didn't take into account if you're wearing headphones and watching a YouTube video at the same time. It's especially confusing if you've never watched an episode of it.

Verdict

"Yellowjackets" is a show that exists. It could be described with the word "bugolicious" for its use of yellowjackets, which are bugs. And, yes, bugolicious is a made-up word but, like, isn't every word made up? Someone just took sounds and decided they have meaning. This is linguistics alright. Nothing has meaning besides what we give it and that's beautiful. Therefore accepting "bugolicious" is permissible and if you don't use it, I'll be sad.

"Yellowjackets" is worth checking out. It has an audience. I don't know if it's good, I haven't watched it but, like, you could!

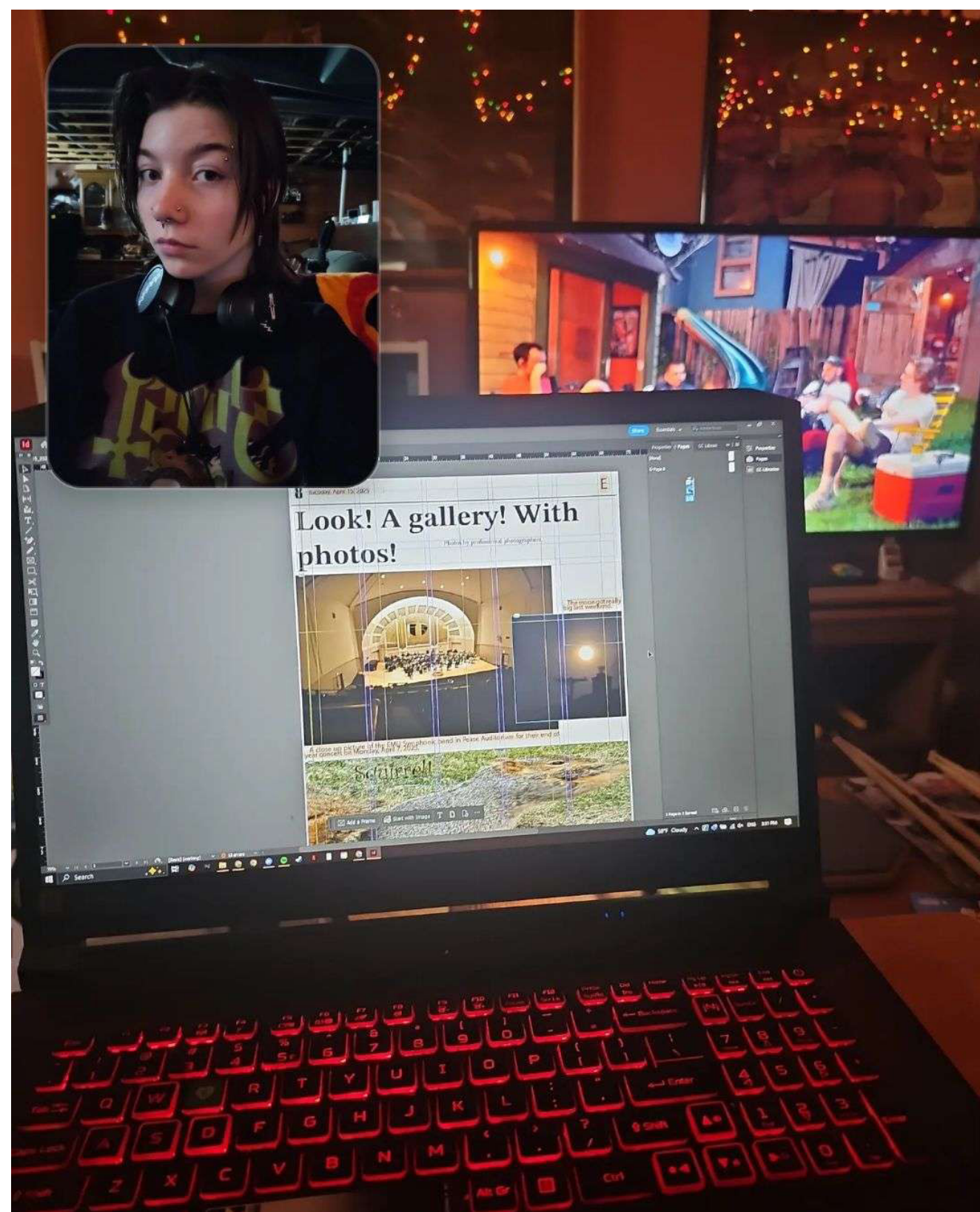
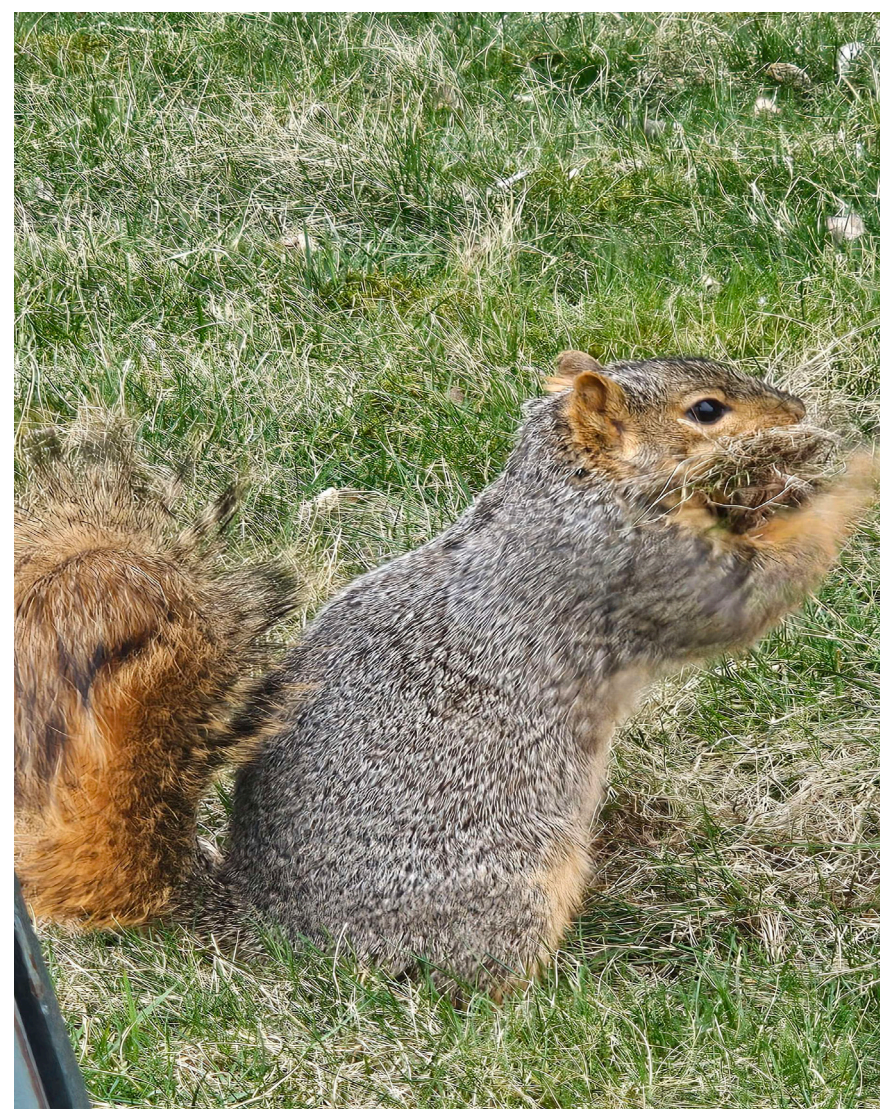
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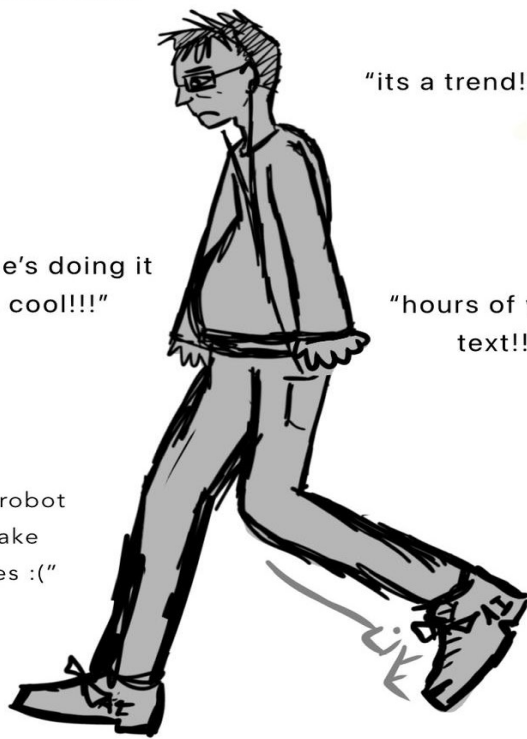
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