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Eastern student dies after shooting

1 dead, 1 injured in Saturday morning shooting on Seventh Street

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One man died and another was injured in a shooting incident at 2:28 a.m. Saturday on the 1000 block of Seventh Street.

The man who died was identified in a press release sent out by the Charleston Police Department as Byron Edingburg, 23, an Eastern student from Chicago.

According to the press release, officers located

two gunshot victims in the yard of the residence.

Edingburg was airlifted to Carle Hospital in Urbana, where he later died of his injuries.

The other victim has survived, but his current status is unknown.

The CPD is currently investigating the incident.

“The Eastern Illinois University community is deeply saddened to learn of this morning’s tragic incident that resulted in the loss of life of one of our students,” Eastern President David Glassman said in a statement. “Our thoughts



BYRON EDINGBURG

and prayers remain with his family and friends.”

On Facebook, friends and family posted to Edingburg’s wall about their disbelief and how much they will miss him.

In posts, they cited his intelligence and humor. Others wrote about his energy, positivity and warmth.

Anthony Ariola, a senior communication studies major who lives on Seventh Street, said at about 2:30 a.m. to 2:40 a.m. he saw police lights and people running from the area where shots were fired.

People were “in shambles,” he said, with cops up and down the block, from one end of the street to another.

“You know something bad happened because of the amount of cops,” Ariola said.

This is Ariola’s third year living on Seventh Street. Every year, he said it seems like a bigger

accident happens, but he hopes this is the last of it.

“It’s tragic, it’s a shame,” he said. “It hurts my heart. There’s a lot of incoming kids that just want a safe college experience, and I hope they get it.”

Though he does have an extra semester at Eastern, he will not be returning to live on Seventh Street.

“I’ve had great times but I’m glad I’m moving off,” he said.

Anyone with any information about the shooting has been asked to contact the police department at 217-345-8402 or Crime Stoppers at 1-866-345-8488. Any leads can be texted to 274637.

The News desk can be reached at 581-2812 or dennewsdesk@gmail.com.



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(Top): Kishore Bandarupalli, graduate student in the school of technology is carried by a group of friends Saturday at the Holi event in the Library Quad.

(Left): Lavanya Nemmani, a graduate student in the school of technology holds colored powder before tossing it into the air Saturday during the Holi event in the Library Quad.

Campus embraces festival of colors despite weather

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A cloud of colorful smoke hovered over multiple tie-dyed and smiling faces in the Library Quad Saturday afternoon as the Hindu Festival of Colors, otherwise known as Holi, unfolded.

Bright, tinted powders of red, pink, green and yellow were nestled in the cupped hands of participants.

Participants threw the powder at each other as they ran laughing across the Quad, with sounds of India playing from a large speaker.

Tanmay Pant, a graduate student studying sustainable energy, said there are different traditions practiced in different parts of India when it comes to Holi.

The festival can be celebrated on different days as well.

What stays the same is the atmosphere

that surrounds Holi.

Pant recalled a memory of celebrating Holi back at his home in Eastern India.

“It is like a community, friendly experience,” Pant said. “We go to everyone’s house in the community, they have dishes and food stuff outside their houses.”

A member of the Association of International Students, Pant said he and others try to bridge the gap between the different communities at Eastern.

One way to do so, he said, is by bringing traditional celebrations to campus.

“It’s a good experience and I like it,” Pant said. “It’s exhilarating.”

As the colors and water that filled two gray tubs flew across the Quad, marking their next happy victim, students cheered, smiled and hugged one another.

Lavanya Nemmani, a graduate student studying technology, said Holi is a festival based on a spiritual belief.

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