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## BRUINS BRING RUIN

The Panthers lost their second game in a row Saturday when they fell 85-59 to Belmont.

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## GIRLS ON THE RUN

The 10th season of the program for children begins in February.

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## PAECE gives performers safe space to express themselves

By T'Nerra Butler  
Multicultural Editor | @DEN\_News

As a way to give students a platform in expressing themselves through the arts, Performing Arts for Effective Civic Education has created "Tell a Story." The showcase is set for 6 p.m. Jan. 19 in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Tiyaji Williams, the president of PAECE, said "Tell a Story" is a night of expression where students show the campus their talents through artistic media.

She said people tell their stories in a number of ways—not just through words, but with dancing and singing as well.

Williams said the showcase brings more cultural diversity because it is a night of acceptance.

"It gives an understanding of how we all are different, and meant to be different," Williams said. "We want the same atmosphere that we have at our meetings where you can say with no judgement. It will be a safe atmosphere."

With this being the organization's first show, Williams said she was not expecting many to come to the informational.

She said a good number of acts are scheduled to perform the night of the show.

Cydne Garrett, the community service chair and parliamentarian for PAECE, said members of the organization wanted to create an open space for students to express themselves and give a place for people to understand their peers.

"We all come from different places and everybody has a story to be told," Garrett said. "Hopefully we touch a lot of hearts and I hope this will make Eastern, as a whole, more cohesive."

Garrett said as a performer she knows how dance and music can create a connection between the audience and performer.

"We're very receptive as people of art, because art is all around us," Garrett said. "Performing arts is a great way to express what we're feeling inside and it's a great way to receive what other people are feeling."

Garrett said this event is one of the reasons the organization was built, and it is the group's mission to give people a place to be free and give their opinions in a safe space.

Garrett said "Tell a Story" also can help the performers with stage experience.

Williams said she hopes to have a diverse crowd come out and support.

She said at meetings she sees people from different ethnic backgrounds; she hopes for that to continue, but she knows a lot of students are scared to come to places without a friend.

"We try to pull people in but this is not a black organization it's an organization about current events, and current events don't have a color," Williams said.

The organization is accepting canned goods for entry to the event, but Williams said it is not mandatory. She said those canned goods will be donated to a neighboring food pantry.

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DOMINIC BAIMA | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Kate Pleasant, an Eastern alumna and former WEIU employee, speaks in favor of not selling the WEIU-TV spectrum in the FCC spectrum auction Thursday in the atrium of the Tarble Arts Center during a public forum.

## WEIU-TV could be sold in auction

By Molly Dotson  
Staff Reporter | @DEN\_News

More than 60 students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members gathered in the atrium of the Table Arts Center during a public forum on Thursday regarding the possibility of WEIU-TV's involvement in the upcoming Federal Communications Commission spectrum auction.

President David Glassman and others organized this event to not only inform the public about the idea to sell the station's frequency but also to hear comments and concerns from those who would be affected by this decision.

"I am a strong believer in informed decisions, particularly major decisions that will have implications both short term and long term," Glassman said. "The forum today is to just become acquainted with what the option is and also to hear your thoughts and your comments that you might have relative to this particular opportunity."

Among the people commenting at the forum was Shannon Satterlee, a sophomore journalism major, who said her only reason for attending Eastern was the unique hands-on experience that is WEIU-TV.

"I saw that I was going to be a (WEIU-TV) news reporter this semester and I cried because I was so happy," Satterlee said. "Then I saw they're wanting to sell the station and I wanted to cry again."

If the frequency were sold, students involved in the program would no longer have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience through airtime.

News Director Kelly Runyon said students would still attain experience in other ways such as online streaming.

"We will still produce news as long as I'm the news director," Runyon said.

Students involved in the program are not the only group who would be affected by the decision to sell the frequency. Viewers would also take notice.



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WEIU-TV General Manager Jack Neal and Eastern President David Glassman answer questions from community members and alumni Thursday in the atrium of the Tarble Arts Center during a public forum about selling the WEIU spectrum in the FCC spectrum auction.

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Shannon Satterlee, sophomore journalism major



Jack Neal, the General Manager of WEIU-TV/FM, said more than 60 percent of their viewers are 65 and older.

While this may be merely a statistic to some, community member Kimberly Harris said her mother is one of these viewers. Harris said she did not want those faced with the decision to

sell the spectrum to forget this demographic. "There are all these people who are 65 and older, and even a little bit younger, and they watch WEIU all the time," Harris said. "They don't want to see it go."

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# Combs reaches 6-month milestone

By Lynnsey Veach  
City Editor | @DEN\_News

Charleston Mayor Brandon Combs has just passed the six-month milestone as mayor.

Combs assumed office in June after former mayor Larry Rennels died in the same month.

“It was big shoes to fill, and then I was dealing with the loss of Larry, who was kind of like a mentor,” Combs said.

With support from the people and community around him, Combs decided to take the position after only having served on the City Council for two years.

Combs grew up in Charleston and graduated from Charleston High School in 1999, then went on to study at Eastern, graduating in 2003.

Shortly after, he left his hometown and studied at the Logan University College of Chiropractic in Chesterfield, Missouri. Combs earned a second bachelor’s degree in human biology and later his doctorate in chiropractic.

He returned to Charleston with his wife soon after graduation and opened the local business Combs Chiropractic & Wellness Center. Along with being mayor and running the chiropractic practice with his wife, the Combs also stay busy raising three children: two daughters and one son.

“My biggest challenge so far started off with time management because I have my office and I was here,” Combs said. “That was definitely my biggest challenge while starting out, and then, just learning the ropes.”

Combs said his biggest accomplishment during his time as mayor will be coming up in February, hinting that a significant announcement is to come. “(For) the city as a whole, there are some phenomenal things coming down and I am super excited about it,” Combs said.

Combs refused to take sole credit for this to-be-announced accomplishment,



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Charleston Mayor Brandon Combs addresses new students during Convocation on Aug. 21, 2015 in Lantz Arena.

but he said it centers on his main goal of helping Charleston grow.

“There was the economy, and all that stuff that was going on in Charleston – we’ve not been bad, but we’ve kind of stagnated a little bit,” Combs said. “I want to make it easier for businesses and developments and things of that nature.”

Combs said a major goal on his list is to bring members of the Charleston community and Eastern students together.

Combs said he could not stress enough the importance of replacing negative perceptions of Eastern with positive thoughts and words.

“We just have to be more supportive, and we just need to realize Charleston is Eastern; Eastern is Charleston,” Combs said. “I am fighting for it.”

Combs said he hopes community members can realize that Eastern plays

a big part in Charleston and that many residents are employed at the university.

“Without Eastern, we are just a small Midwest town; Eastern also brings a lot of culture,” Combs said. “So we have to realize the role that Eastern plays in our community and how important it is.”

Combs said Eastern is a big reason why the city has many local businesses and the need for a big hospital like Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center.

As mayor, he said he encourages Eastern students to tell him their concerns because they are residents just like the rest of the community.

“(Eastern students) are a part of this community now, and (they) really are,” Combs said. “My office is opened to (students) too; I want them to feel like they can come here and express their concerns and I’m not going to look at them and say ‘well, you’re just some Eastern student.’”

Combs said students need to embrace and get more involved in local events to become a bigger part of the Charleston community.

While reflecting on his experiences so far as mayor, Combs also said he has learned many things, and therefore will probably plan on running for re-election.

“I’ve learned there really is just a lot of misrepresentation of what the city does, how the city works and what we stand for,” Combs said.

Adding another goal to the list, Combs said he hopes to see more community members realize that workers and members of the City Council only want to see Charleston “thrive and grow.”

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# Charleston Chamber to host annual dinner

Staff Report | @DEN\_News

The Charleston Area Chamber of Commerce is planning to start 2016 off with its annual dinner and awards ceremony. The key sponsor for the evening is Diepholz Auto Group.

According to a press release, the program is shorter this year than in previous years because there is no silent auction, leaving more time to network and musical entertainment.

The ceremony will take place in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Musical entertainment performed by Midwest Dueling Pianos will play from 8

to 10 p.m.

According to the press release, the pianists will take requests but only for cash tips.

The pianists will bring an extensive play list from which to choose songs, so attendees can bring cash to tip the pianists and get their selections played. Song suggestions with larger tips behind them will be played sooner in the evening.

The ceremony will begin with a social hour and cash bar at 5 p.m. The cash bar will be open the entire evening.

A brief program will begin at 6 p.m. where the current board chair,

Mike Stanton, will pass the gavel to the incoming chair, Steve Runyon. The buffet dinner will begin around 6:20 p.m.

According to the press release, the Chamber of Commerce will be giving out three awards: the Small Business of the Year award, the Outstanding Citizen of the Year award and the Diplomat of the Year award.

The ceremony is scheduled for Saturday Jan. 30. According to the press release, seating is limited and reservations need to be made by Jan. 22 at 4 p.m.

Tickets are \$55 per person but table sponsorships are available. Tables

of eight cost \$550, tables of 10 cost \$750, and tables of 12 cost \$750.

Tickets can be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce, 501 Jackson Ave., or by calling the Chamber office. The press release also says that reservations can be made on the chamber’s website.

The theme for the dinner is “Keys for Success” and will use black, white, and red colored decorations. The press release says that dressy attire is appropriate for the evening.

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# Girls on the Run to kick off 10th season

By **Lynnsey Veach**  
City Editor | @DEN\_News

The Mattoon Young Men's Christian Association will be hosting its 10th season of Girls on the Run East Central Illinois beginning the week of Feb. 1.

Girls on the Run will be hosted in Coles, Moultrie, Shelby, Effingham, Piatt and Douglas counties.

The program invites girls from 3rd to 8th grade to register and participate.

During the course of this 10-week program, the girls train to run a 5k scheduled for April 9 on Eastern's campus.

Beth Gillespie, the council director of Girls on the Run East Central Illinois, said during the season the volunteer coaches teach young girls lessons that will help them maintain healthy bodies and minds.

"Over the course of a 10 week Girls on the Run season, volunteer coaches teach life skills such as responding to bullies, dealing with body image and the media, making healthy decisions, and contributing to the community," Gillespie said.

Gillespie also said the program is in need of additional coaches, and encourages Eastern students to volun-

teer their time to mentor these young girls.

Vicky Prokop, a former Girls on the Run coach, said the season she spent with the girls was a great experience that actually motivated her to keep running and reaching for her own goals.

"I highly recommend other college students volunteer for this program," Prokop said. "As an EIU alum, I can say that Girls on the Run is one of my favorite college memories."

Tiffany Triplett, who will be coaching her fourth season of Girls on the Run at Jefferson Elementary School, has been a part of Girls on the Run East Central Illinois for over six seasons through her daughter, who has participated each season.

"I think the college coaches begin to see themselves as a role model that the girls feel comfortable talking to and leaning on," Triplett said. "The girls bond with the coaches and truly look up to them and respect and love them."

Triplett said she encourages girls to participate in Girls on the Run because it teaches them how to see their potential and be the best they could ever imagine.

"(Girls on the Run) teaches them that the sky is the limit and to nev-



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Jefferson Elementary School Girls on the Run members deliver blankets they made to Hilltop Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

er limit themselves simply because of their gender, size, age, color or background," Triplett said. "So when I tell people/parents/girls about the program, I tell them that the things that they will learn will be things that are able to do in every walk and aspect of their lives."

Girls on the Run East Central Illinois still needs young girls who plan on participating to register for the new season. Registration began on Jan. 5, so parents now have the chance to sign their daughters up to participate in the 2016 spring season. Anyone interested in learning more

about the program or registering can visit the event website or call Sarah Dowell at the Mattoon Area Family YMCA.

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# Fashion organization to put on 1st runway show

By **T'Nerra Butler**  
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Couture Models will be starting the semester off with a fashion show where more than 30 models will be striking poses and working the runway.

"Couture's Mad House" will take place at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

This will be the first fashion show from the organization. Adrianna Fullerton, the president of Couture Models, said she wants to bring something different to the Eastern campus.

Fullerton said mapping out a plan for the show was the easiest part, as

her organization began brainstorming around the end of spring last year.

"We sat down and were trying to pick different themes and ended up picking Mad House because we knew that would be the one we could really go crazy with and bring something different," Fullerton said. "It's not like Halloween, but there is definitely a scary element behind it."

With the organization being fairly new, Fullerton said no one knows what the team is capable of, so the show gives Couture Models a chance to get its name out around campus.

"We don't have a lot of nice events to go to, and this gives the student body something to do," Fullerton said. "I want people to be prepared

"I want people to be prepared for surprises and for something out of the ordinary."

-Adrianna Fullerton, president of Couture Models

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Fullerton also said it took all of fall semester to gather props but only minutes to come up with an idea.

She said the models would be in strenuous practice every day during the week of the event. Before winter break, the models practiced three times a week.

Fullerton said the only dilemma Couture ran into was not being able

to get a smoke machine for the show. She said other than that, setting up has been a breeze.

Jalen Washington, a specialist for Couture, said the show would have five scenes that would be walked on the ballroom's floor instead of on an extended runway on stage.

"I know we will do well because of our organization, and I am very eager for the weekend," Washington said. "It gives people a look on how to

build their confidence."

Washington said many of Couture Models' members have progressed into great models through practice over time. He said a lot goes into creating a great show.

"We don't just focus on what we're wearing, but the show that we're putting on and the story we're trying to tell," Washington said.

Fullerton said early arrival for the show is suggested. Tickets are \$3 for individuals and \$5 for two people.

"Be ready for an experience," Fullerton said.

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## Letter to the Editor

WEIU-TV  
should keep  
broadcasting

Dear President Glassman and  
WEIU General Manger Jack Neal,

I recently read with much disappointment your announcement that WEIU-TV is considering selling its digital spectrum during the upcoming FCC Spectrum auction.

This is a move that could potentially force WEIU-TV to stop broadcasting over the public airwaves, hurting students and viewers in East Central Illinois.

As a 2006 graduate of Eastern Illinois University, I spent four years working as a news anchor, reporter, and weather anchor for WEIU-TV NewsWatch.

I choose to attend Eastern because of WEIU-TV and the fact that it broadcast to a 12 county viewing area.

I wanted to work at a "real" TV station that broadcast to the community with an over-the-air signal. The experience gained by working at WEIU-TV directly led to me securing employment as a television reporter at another broadcast station after graduation.

If I was not afforded the opportunities I had working at WEIU-TV, I would not be where I am today.

While there is the possibility of a large pay out from participating in the FCC Spectrum auction, it's not worth the risk to WEIU-TV.

The station is a professional training ground for current and future broadcast journalists.

I believe taking WEIU-TV off the public airwaves will marginalize the value of student's resumes and lead to fewer students working at the station in general.

At the same time, I believe this move will hurt the viewers of WEIU-TV.

Over-the-air broadcasting is still very important to a large part of the population.

It's a free way of getting news and educational PBS programming to thousands of homes.

Not everyone has access to the Internet or the ability to pay for cable or satellite television.

Please save WEIU-TV!

Thank You,  
Blake Wood, 2006 Graduate

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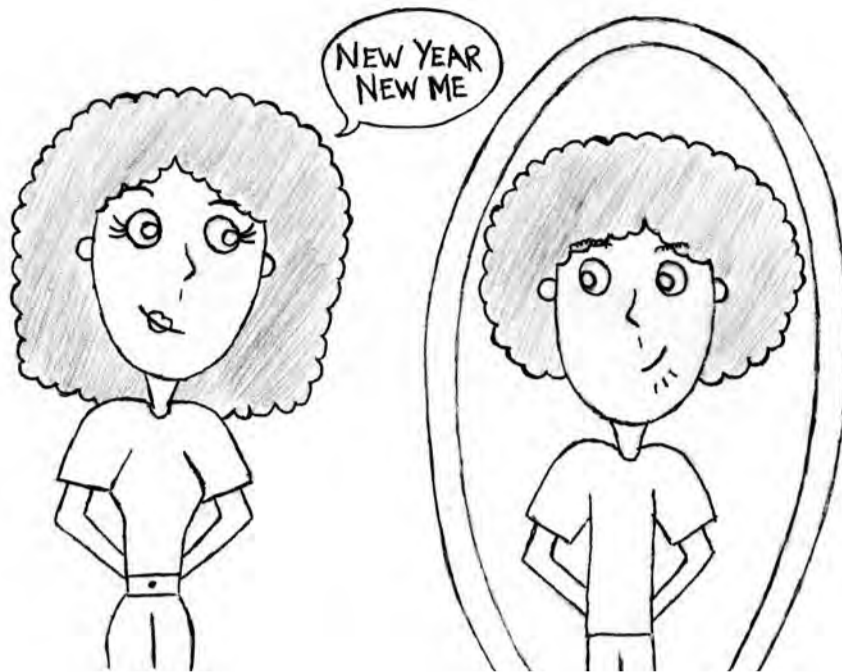
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## New Year's Resolution



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## Go to class, syllabus week is not real

It is finally that time again. The time every student has been awaiting for approximately the last three weeks.

It is finally time to start a new semester once again and all throughout the campus you can see the eager faces of students as they go to their classes.

If there was anything to be learned last semester or any semester before that is the beginning of a new semester is probably one of the most important moments in the school year.

Students get back to work after an extended break to become acquainted with new schedules, professors and class work.

The first week of a new semester has also been given an unofficial name, and the students are calling it "syllabus week."

We are sorry to inform you though that this week is actually not true and was probably made up by a student who did not do too well in school.

Syllabus week is allegedly the extra week of break students get during the first

week of every semester.

It is the time where professors go over a syllabus for an entire week of classes, so students do not have to go because students are responsible enough to download a class syllabus from D2L and read it on their own time.

What a great idea to tell students to miss classes.

Unfortunately, as mentioned before, research has been done by students who attend classes the first week and firsthand accounts have been received by professors to say that "syllabus week" is actually not a real week.

Besides, why would students want to miss the excitement of the first week of classes anyway?

Everyone has been gone for almost a month, and students have been posting on social media how excited they are to be back on campus and to see their friends. What better place is there to reunite with your peers than in class?

Nowhere is the answer.

Don't go out the first week of school just to miss or show up tired.

You won't be making a good first impression on your professors if you are already starting to slack.

Missing a week of classwork may also become a slow decline to a horrible semester you will not be able to climb out of later on.

So instead of going to the bars during the first week of class, get back into routine of preparing for class, doing homework and get involved on campus by joining a new student organization.

You could miss class this week if you really wanted.

There is no one stopping you from not going, but you would be missing out on a whole lot of excitement.

The daily editorial is the majority opinion of the editorial board of *The Daily Eastern News*.

## Show your support for music education

As you may have heard, a standing educational act, the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, is being phased out of use.

While the legislature behind NCLB was groundbreaking and ambitious, its pitfalls showed up in practice-- namely, its focus on standardized testing as a benchmark for student achievement and its basis for closing schools that did not make Adequate Yearly Progress, even in severely underserved areas.

I can't say I'm sad to see NCLB go. Even as a child, I knew the act's demands that 100 percent of students meet state standards in reading and mathematics was overreaching. No educational system can reach all students; similarly, no standards system can measure all achieving students as successful. Taking its place is the Every Child Achieves Act of 2015, which passed through the Senate in July.

Notably, this measure extends federal funding to struggling rural schools (an issue near and dear to my heart), offers extended coverage of English Language Learner populations through state legislative coverage, and expands the array of core subjects to include technology, civics and government, economics and startlingly the fine arts.

The fine arts! I'll let that sink in for you. Under the ECAA, fine arts instructors are once again vital to the educational system.

The pursuits that drove inspired historical figures are now increasingly available to students.

I'm glad to see art taking its rightful



Shelby Niehaus

place alongside the more practically valued subjects, but I've always had a particular soft spot for music education.

It's been said time and time again, in countless studies, that students who study the fine arts, particularly music, achieve more, tend to have higher self-esteem, and are more successful in math and science than students who don't participate in music.

However, I don't want to use these studies as the sole reason for music's inclusion as a core subject.

Music should be valued on its own as a worthy pursuit. It inspires people to do great things, it surrounds us in almost everything we do, and is one of the markers by which we measure civilization past and present.

Granted, maybe it's hard to find a job, and a stable one at that, in music.

But when did we decide to give up on the pursuits that made us human? Since

when did we decide that the only things worth doing and doing well were the mundanities that generated a little more cash?

Some opponents may also bring up the fact that not every student likes or can be good at music.

The object of core subjects isn't to make students like a topic, or to make them the best in the field at that topic.

Instead, core subjects are determined by what we as a society feel all students should be proficient in.

Sure, not everyone needs to be the next Einstein, but everyone should have a basic understanding of science, and the same goes now for the fine arts.

I fully support the inclusion of music as a core subject for the sake of music itself.

We would do our students a deep disservice to only provide core subjects that bolstered science and technological fields.

Without support for the fine arts, we would quickly grow into a closed off society, devoid of emotional experiences and the artistic innovations that make our lives worth living.

If you've ever loved music or art, you should support a fine arts core, as well.

Let's rebuild the education system into a place where students become well-rounded citizens rather than skilled test-takers.

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WEIU-TV General Manager Jack Neal answers questions from community members and alumni Thursday in the atrium of the Tarble Arts Center during a public forum about selling the WEIU spectrum in the FCC spectrum auction.

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Although many people who spoke with Harris about this decision agreed they are opposed to change, Neal said at least some modifications are inevitable.

“Everything will change to some extent anyway,” Neal said. “so when (the auction process) is all done, some time in late summer or early fall, the (FCC) is going to take a look at what they have, decide who’s going off air, and then they’re going to repack

probably 800-1,200 TV stations that are remaining on air in lower channels.”

The option to be involved in the spectrum auction was made available to hundreds of stations across the US.

This distinct process has two parts. The first is a reverse auction, which starts at \$104.8 million and decreases each round.

At some point during the reverse auction, the forward auction will be-

gin.

Neal said during either auction, the university can choose to withdraw.

Though the decision to be involved in the auction has not yet been made, Glassman along with others who are voting on this will consider many factors including the amount they would receive for the frequency as well as community members and students.

“We have to look at what the value of the spectrum is monetarily,”

Glassman said. “On the other side, we have to look at what the value (of WEIU-TV) is relative to the community and what EIU means to the community in broadcasting and what it means to our students and the academic excellence that we’re providing for our students.”

Glassman also said the future of broadcast television is a considerable factor as well.

“There’s also the factor of what

broadcasting will be like 10 to 15 years from now when we move even further into the digital age,” Glassman said.

The decision to be part of the auction will be made on Tuesday, but until then Glassman is welcoming feedback via email.

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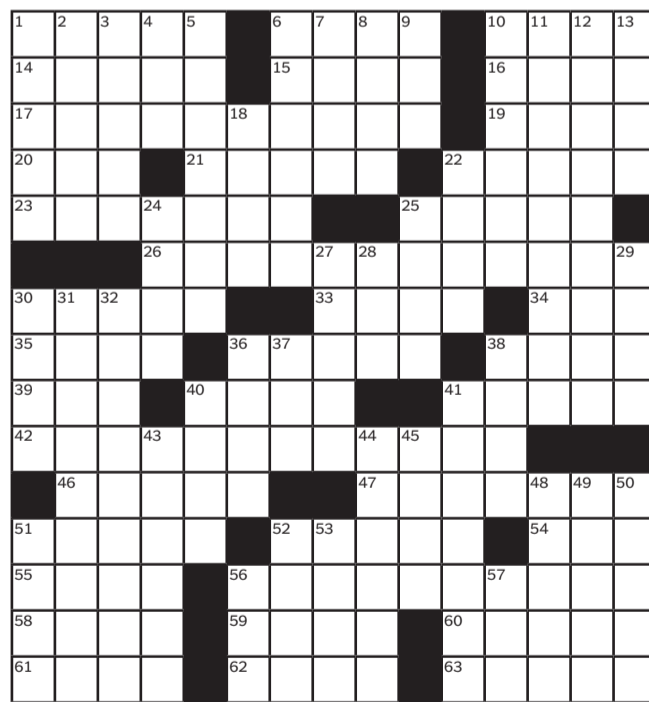
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Amy Lam, a senior biology major who works in Booth Library part time, handles gathering the requested books for other libraries across the state. "I think it is really important for students and faculty to get the things they need at school," Lam said.

## The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 1207

- ACROSS**
- 1 Pirate's "Stop!"
  - 6 Cry that means "I want some milk" (or who knows what?)
  - 10 It blocks Superman's X-ray vision
  - 14 Wood used in shingles
  - 15 Guns & \_\_\_ magazine
  - 16 What a wheel rotates on
  - 17 He quarterbacked the Dallas Cowboys to three 1990s Super Bowl wins
  - 19 "\_\_\_ be all right"
  - 20 Things checked by the T.S.A.
  - 21 "Um ... that is ..."
  - 22 Perfect
  - 23 Hanoi is its capital
  - 25 Unhealthily thin
  - 26 Animated TV character who cries "D'oh!"
  - 30 Chávez or Romero
  - 33 Morays and congers
  - 34 Abbr. ending a co. name
  - 35 Tons
  - 36 Work hinted at by the starts of 17-, 26-, 42- and 56-Across
  - 38 Centers of attention
  - 39 G.O.P'er: Abbr.
  - 40 Yemeni port city
  - 41 Candy \_\_\_ (Christmas decorations)
  - 42 Key vulnerability
  - 46 Rich cake
  - 47 Freeway access points
  - 51 Juliet's lover
  - 52 Yorba \_\_\_, Calif.
  - 54 Slangy affirmative
  - 55 Elvis \_\_\_ Presley
  - 56 French underground
  - 58 Indian dress
  - 59 Shakespeare's stream
- DOWN**
- 1 When Otello dies in "Otello"
  - 2 "Otello" composer
  - 3 Give \_\_\_ of one's own medicine
  - 4 Utter
  - 5 Singer Meghan
  - 6 "You and what army?!"
  - 7 Jane Austen novel on which "Clueless" is based
  - 8 Muscat's land
  - 9 Triumphed
  - 10 Bedridden
  - 11 File name add-on
  - 12 Suddenly
  - 13 "The Farmer in the \_\_\_"
  - 18 Mosque leader
  - 22 Dog food brand
  - 24 "All About \_\_\_ Bass" (2014 #1 hit by 5-Down)
  - 25 \_\_\_ the lily
  - 27 Bridle straps
  - 28 Caribbean, e.g.
  - 29 Formerly top-rated show starring Mark Harmon
  - 60 Comment made while fanning oneself
  - 61 Baldwin of "30 Rock"
  - 62 Telephoned
  - 63 Salaries, raw materials, advertising, etc.



PUZZLE BY JASON MUELLER

- 30 \_\_\_ mia (Italian term of endearment)
- 31 Kind of map often colored red and blue
- 32 Many a junior varsity player
- 36 Out of a job
- 37 Big name in jeans
- 38 Old presidential dog whose name starts a Christmas carol refrain
- 40 Voice above tenor
- 41 Made from clay
- 43 Peaceful
- 44 Sharpening
- 45 Finishes
- 48 The "fact" that the Great Wall of China is visible from space, and others
- 49 1990s candidate H. Ross \_\_\_
- 50 Features of Dalmatians
- 51 Tabula \_\_\_ (blank slate)
- 52 Volcanic output
- 53 Club that's usually numbered from 3 to 9
- 56 Golfing standard
- 57 Jimmy Eat World genre

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Red-shirt senior guard Shakita Cox scored three points during the Panther's 62-53 loss to Tennessee State on Wednesday in Lantz Arena.

## Panthers face Bruins, drop 15th-straight game

By **Mark Shanahan**  
Staff Reporter | @DEN\_Sports

The Eastern women's basketball team lost its 15th straight game to conference opponent Belmont on Saturday evening.

After building a first half lead of 54-23, Belmont cruised to an 89-61 win at home.

Eastern is now 1-15 for the season and 0-4 in conference play. Belmont is 9-7 for the season and 1-2 in conference play.

Three players scored double-digits for Eastern, but

that did not help them dig themselves out of the hole they were in from the start of the game.

Belmont had six players score double-digits.

Belmont opened with a 12-0 run against Eastern and kept the lead in the game.

Sally McCabe scored 10 of Belmont's first 15 points.

She finished the game with 14 points.

It took Eastern until the 6:06 mark to score their first basket as junior forward Erica Brown was fouled while making a layup and completed the three-point play.

Belmont shot 75 percent in the first quarter going 5-of-8 from the three-point line.

They led Eastern 30-13 after the first.

Belmont continued to shoot well from beyond the arc in the second quarter.

They had their biggest lead of 31 points late in the second quarter after Jenny Roy scored with a layup with 50 seconds left in the half.

Roy ended with 10 points and Eastern trailed 54-23 at halftime.

Belmont finished the first half with three players scor-

ing in double figures. Brown provided most of Eastern's offense in the first half with 11 points.

She finished the game with the team-high 17 points.

Eastern cut down on the lead in the third quarter going on an 8-3 run making the score 59-31.

Belmont's Kylee Smith stopped the run with a three-pointer.

Smith finished the game with the team high 20 points as their lead jumped to 62-31.

Eastern returned with an

11-2 run to make the score 73-39 going into the fourth quarter.

The lead was too big for a comeback in the fourth quarter, but Eastern fought back by outscoring Belmont, 22-16.

Belmont went on to earn an 89-61 victory.

Sophomore guard Grace Lennox said their second half was better than their first.

"We didn't lay down and let them kill us, we continued to fight and try to reduce the deficit," she said. "We learned that reversing the ball and not taking quick

shots is a much better way of playing, especially when we were not shooting very well."

Sophomore guard Mariah Madison scored eight points in the second half and finished with 12 points.

Lennox had another strong game with eight assists and five points.

Eastern is at home on Thursday set to take on Eastern Kentucky to open a three-game homestand.

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## Women's basketball team loses 6 games over break

By **Sean Hastings**  
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While the rest of the Eastern students were on break, the women's basketball team's season continued into conference play.

The Panthers lost all six games over break adding to their 15-game losing streak.

Eastern wrapped up the non-conference portion of its schedule with losses to Cincinnati and Illinois-Chicago on Dec. 20 and Dec. 28.

Red-shirt senior guard Shakita Cox led Eastern's

scorers in both games with 10 points against Cincinnati and 17 points against Illinois-Chicago.

Junior forward Erica Brown also had 10 points against Cincinnati.

Eastern outscored Cincinnati 16-4 in the fourth quarter, but it was not enough to erase a 25-point deficit.

The Panthers started conference play against Tennessee Tech in Cookeville, Tenn. on New Years Eve with an 81-74 loss.

It was the same when the new year started as Eastern's losing streak continued with

a 60-52 loss to Jacksonville State.

Sophomore guard Grace Lennox recorded 40 minutes and scored 18 points while dishing out seven assists in the loss to Tennessee Tech.

Junior guard Phylcia Johnson scored 14 points in the game.

Eastern was unable to get back on track on Jan. 6 against Tennessee State as its losing streak reached five straight for the winter break and 14 for the season.

The Panthers celebrated kids day and did not come out with a win while the mid-

dle school kids were in attendance.

Lennox led Eastern's scorers with 15 points and five assists.

She also recorded a season best five steals.

Tennessee State out-rebounded Eastern 57-33 with four players in double-digit rebounds.

Although the Panthers lost the game, they did hold a 17-9 lead midway through the second quarter and a 28-27 lead at the end of the half.

Eastern came out strong in the second half jumping to a 33-27 lead after a three-point-

er from Cox, a steal by Lennox and a layup by Brown.

Tennessee State went on a 7-2 run to tie the game at 35.

The Tigers held the lead for the remainder of the game as the Panthers were hit with cold shooting at just 16.7 percent in the third quarter.

The losing streak hit 15 games following an 89-61 loss to Belmont on Saturday.

The Bruins had six different players in double-digit scoring, while the Panthers had just three.

Belmont started the game with a 12-0 run putting Eastern in a deep hole.

Belmont had a 54-23 lead at the end of the first half not allowing Eastern to get back into the game.

Big leads were a consistent trend throughout the game as the Bruins scored 30 points in the first quarter compared to Eastern's 13.

The Panthers have fallen to 1-15 record for the season and are currently riding a 15-game losing streak.

They are also 0-4 in conference play.

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# Men's basketball team falls to Belmont

By Maher Kawash  
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The Eastern men's basketball team lost its second consecutive game 85-59 on Saturday against Belmont.

The Panthers fell behind early in the game as the Bruins opened with an 18-3 run.

Eastern found its way back with a 9-2 run to end the first half tied at 36.

"We were in a pretty good position most of the game," coach Jay Spoonhour said. "We missed about three shots in a row right at the basket, and we did not react real well to the missed opportunities."

The Panthers struggled to defend the three-point line as Craig Bradshaw of the Bruins made four of his eight attempts in the first half.

He finished with 14 points in the game.

Not only did the Bruins have their way from beyond the arc, but Evan Bradds found his way inside the paint as well.

"The game went from 6 to 15 awfully quick," Spoonhour said.

Bradds scored 22 points while going 12-of-14 from the free-throw line.

Eastern had a few bright spots in the loss as junior guard A.J. Riley scored 20 points, and senior Trae Anderson added 13 of his own.

The Panthers struggled all night to find their stroke resulting in a 37 percent field goal percentage.

Things were even more difficult for the Panthers from behind the three-point line as they shot 27 percent.

"That's just what Belmont does to you," Spoonhour said. "There is constant pressure to continue to match their scoring throughout the game."

With the loss, Eastern dropped to 1-3 in Ohio Valley Conference play and 4-12 overall in the season.

The Panthers continue to look to hit their stride heading into the most crucial part of the season with more conference games ahead.

"We'll have a good view of where we stand in this league after Saturday," Spoonhour said.

The loss to Belmont was the Panthers' 7th road loss of the season



as they continue to struggle on the road.

"We have good players, many of whom are in their first year," Spoonhour said. "It has just taken them a little longer than I'd hoped to put themselves in a position to make winning plays all the time."

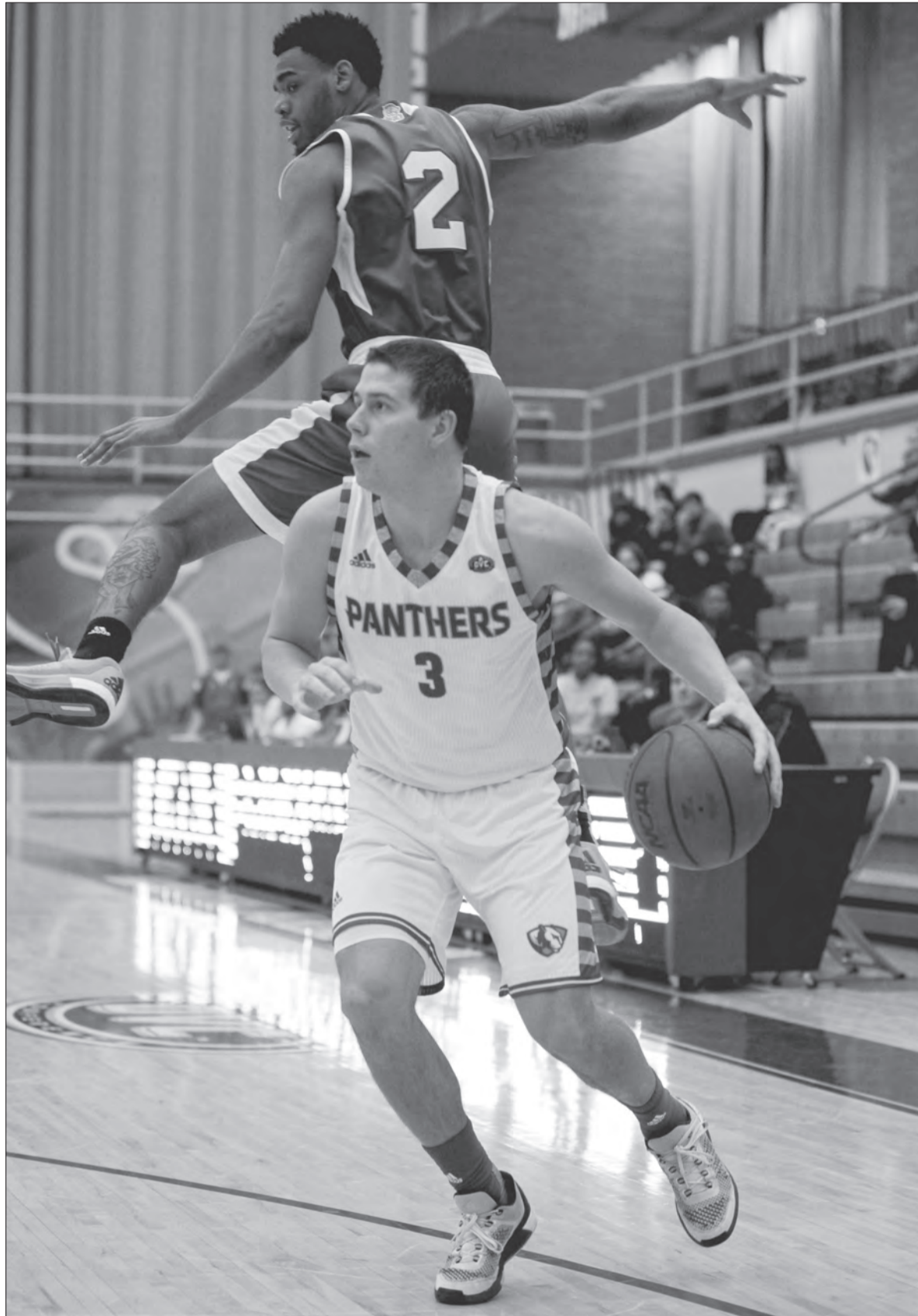
The Panthers return to Lantz Arena for their next two games against Eastern Kentucky and Morehead State this week.

"I'm just looking for constant improvement," Spoonhour said. "I think we've done that, but it hasn't necessarily been at the pace I'd like."

Eastern will search for its fifth win of the season as they also look to end their two game losing streak.

"This is a huge week for us," Spoonhour said. "Three of our first four OVC games have been on the road, but now we have two in a row at home, albeit against two really good teams."

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Freshman guard Casey Teson scored six points during the Panthers' 66-61 loss to Tennessee State on Wednesday in Lantz Arena.

# Panthers struggle to find consistency during season

## Team carries losing streak across state while heading into conference

By Maher Kawash  
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The Eastern men's basketball team is on a two-game losing streak and holds a 4-12 record for the season.

The Panthers lost eight of their last 10 games facing a crucial part of the season as they head into conference play.

Expectations are tempered as the team continues to seek ways to mesh and build experience with its new players.

The Panthers come up big in some games while falling hard in others.

Eastern struggles in the Ohio Valley Conference as they boast a 1-3 record in the league so far.

The team struggles most on the road with a 1-7 record for away games.

After winning two consecutive games in early December against Indiana State and Northern Kentucky, the Panthers lost five straight games.

Eastern had a chance to showcase its skills at the Global Sports Classic against Omaha and Houston but instead fell short.

The Panthers lost by double-digits in both games.

They could not find their place on defense when they gave up 80 points to both teams.

Eastern continues to find success with sophomore point guard Cornell Johnston.

Johnston has proven himself as one of the team's leaders.

He leads the Panthers in playing time with 37 minutes per game.

Johnston averages 10 points and



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Junior guard Demetrius McReynolds scored seven points during the Panthers' 66-61 loss to Tennessee State on Wednesday in Lantz Arena.

five assists per game in 16 games played this season.

Senior wing Trae Anderson has

also been a key part of the team's success averaging the team high 14.5 points per game as well as a 47

percent field goal percentage.

Although the Panthers hold an underwhelming 4-12 record, the team has seen a fair amount of good competition this season.

Eastern struggles on both offense and defense, as they are not consistently effective on both sides of the ball.

The team recently put up its highest point total of the season against Tennessee Tech but still fell short as they gave up 94 points in the game.

Tennessee Tech shot 62 percent from the field and 54 percent from behind the arc. Eastern will have a two game home stand against Eastern Kentucky and Morehead State this week.

With 13 games remaining in the season, the Panthers must find the right answers as they try to keep their postseason hopes alive.

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