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BOND REVENUE

Committee proposes two-percent increase

By Robyn Dexter
In-depth Editor

The Bond Revenue Committee recently gave a report to the Residence Hall Association on the proposed 2 percent room and board rate increase for Fiscal Year 2014.

Mark Hudson, the director of University Housing and Dining Services, broke down the rate by percentages to the RHA for better understanding.

"We want to keep our room and board rates as low as we possibly can while providing the best services to those who choose to take part," he said.

The expense report presented to the RHA detailed salaries, fixed cost charges, dining services and miscellaneous fees.

"Housing and Dining is a \$32 million operation," he said.

Under the salaries portion of the report, Hudson talked about 1-percent increases associated with labor union agreements.

"We know we're going to have these increases so we need to calculate that money into the budget to break even for next year," he said.

The current total for salaries is \$8,555,010, but the projection for FY 14 is \$8,643,631.

"We don't have any predicted increases for student labor next year in terms of increases in minimum wage," he said. "Student payroll is almost \$2.2 million that our department pays out for resident assistants, desk assistants, dining hall workers and more."

The next section of the proposed budget includes fixed cost charges.

"These are bills that the university receives collectively that need to be divided into multiple areas," Hudson said. "For example, we have to do our own elevator maintenance."

The section includes fire protection, insurance, elevator maintenance, management systems, trash removal and utilities.

Although there is an overall increase, there was a decrease in expenses for fire department contracts.

"The reason it went down is because every year we get farther away from the Blair Hall fire, it helps our premium like a good driver discount," Hudson said. "Our premium went up after the fire, but we get more credit five or six years after it."

Housing and dining currently has a \$5.5 million budget for utilities, but there is a 2.52-percent increase projected for FY 14.

"That includes the cost of the energy center and utilities such as water and electricity," he said.

The room and board rate proposal also includes indirect salaries such as business operation, Facilities Planning and Management and the University Police Department.

"This is the money of people we don't supervise, but we pay money to other departments because they need larger staffs because of us," he said.

There is currently a \$3,862,579 budget allotted for indirect salaries in FY 13, but there will be a \$38,626 increase for FY 14.

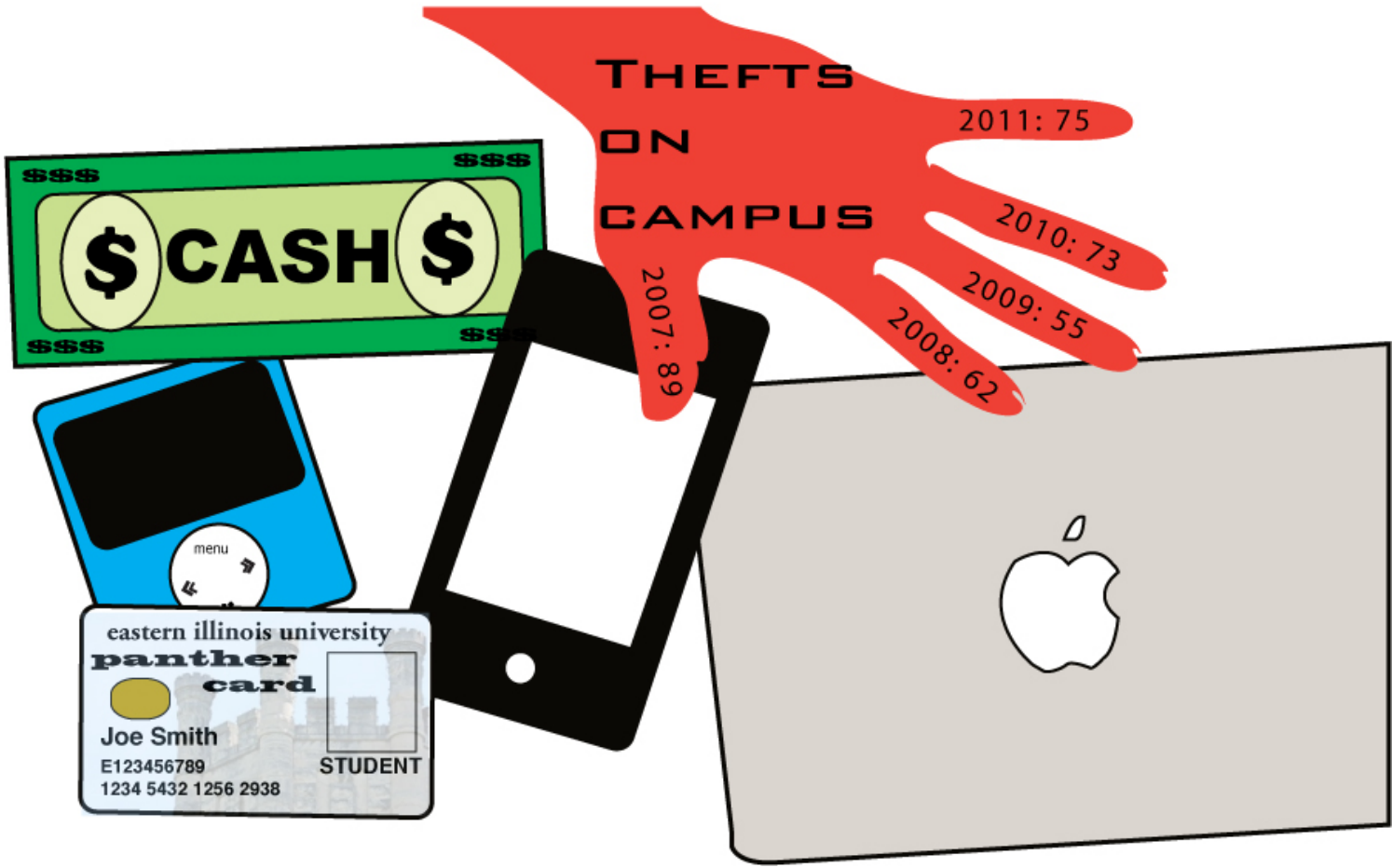
"All these folks are going to get a 1-percent salary increase, overall a 0.16-percent increase to the rate," Hudson said.

Dining services will have proposed percentage increases across the board from food costs to commodities to contractual fees.

"We have almost a \$5 million budget for food, and we serve a million meals a year," he said. "We're anticipating a 5-percent increase in food so that's almost a whole percentage point in the overall room and board rate."

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RESIDENCE HALLS



GRAPHIC BY SARA HALL | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

By Sara Hall
Online Editor

Prevent campus theft with simple measures

In the 2011-2012 school year, 75 thefts were reported on Eastern's campus residence halls, and housing staff and the University Police Department said these thefts could have been prevented through simple measures.

Heather Webb, the director of Student Standards, said high value items, such as game consoles, video games, laptops and cell phones are the most commonly reported stolen items on campus.

Webb said Panther Cards are also stolen and later used at the food court or C-store.

Michael King, the assistant resident director for Carman Hall, said he most often sees electronics, small items—even textbooks—and things that are portable get stolen.

"You rarely see a situation where a student takes a 72-inch TV," he said.

Move-in and move-out days, even on days at the beginning and end of breaks, could also be a time when items could be easily taken from a student.

"If you're carrying a bin of things, how easy is it for you to leave that bin for one second and have it taken, and you wouldn't notice it until later?" he said.

Officer David Closson of the UPD said students can sometimes lose track of their items when they are visiting with friends in other rooms and leave their own room unattended.

"They leave the doors wide open when they're down the hall," Closson said. "It only takes two seconds

for someone to walk in and grab something and keep going down the hall."

University and Greek courts have lower numbers of theft reported because of the different style of housing, Closson said.

"People tend to treat it more like an actual residence, and they tend to lock their doors," he said.

Reporting thefts

Closson said once a student reports a theft, the UPD will then conduct an investigation, speak to the involved parties, and forward the information to Student Standards and the State's Attorney if necessary.

The thefts reported to the UPD are not separated by residence hall, and no distinction is made between

men and women in the reports.

Student Standards, however, does record by geographic location of thefts, but the information is not released to the public.

Mark Hudson, the director of University Housing and Dining Services, said 600 cameras record the campus at the entrances, exits, lobbies, common areas, dining centers, elevators and stairwells.

"When we've had stuff stolen at times in the past, it's interesting how you can use these cameras and see 'Ok what time was it stolen,' and then we can back up and watch all the footage of all the cameras during a certain time to see if there's anybody of interest to resolve those issues," he said.

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STUDENT LIFE

Staff offers guidance before final exams

By Tim Deters
Features Editor

As final exams approach, Eastern staff members urge students to keep their physical and mental wellbeing in mind.

To encourage students to take steps to maintain healthy habits and ensure they will do well on their final exams, Eastern professionals have provided several key tips for students to follow.

Eat Right

Rachael Jannusch, the nutrition education coordinator at the Health Education Resource Center, said students must be mindful of their eat-

ing habits heading into Final Exams Week.

She said students should maintain a regular, healthy meal pattern throughout their studying process.

"Students should be incorporating small, healthful snacks to help control hunger with busy schedules," she said.

Danny Flood, a sophomore biological sciences major, said while he normally tries to eat three meals a day, he usually only eats two meals while studying for finals exams.

"When it comes to finals, I usually only eat breakfast and dinner and skip lunch," he said. "Getting everything done, I completely forget about it to be honest."

As well, students should avoid foods and beverages that can cause dehydration and increase stress, such as beverages that are sugar-sweetened and caffeinated or foods that are high in sugar and salt. To fight dehydration, Jannusch said students should drink eight to 10 cups of water a day.

Mackenzie Quinn, a sophomore special education major, said she enjoys drinking coffee in the morning and tea while studying. She said caffeine helps her with stress, though she does not overdo the amount she drinks.

Jannusch also suggested students eat a meal or snack before each exam to ensure they will not get hungry during the exam.

"If you are hungry, your concentration is compromised, which could result in ineffective studying or performance on a test," she said.

Sleep Well


Maintaining a regular and adequate sleep pattern is also crucial for students during Final Exams Week, said Rob McKinney, community organizing and leadership coordinator at the Health Education Resource Center.

"Do not ignore sleep during Finals Week," he said. "Not getting the right amount of sleep can produce a host of negative consequences for a person."

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Rain
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WEDNESDAY



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High: 51°
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The Daily Eastern News misidentified Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity members in the cutline for the photo of the Red Show in Monday's issue. *The News* regrets the error.

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Gary David, on french horn, and Glenna Murphy, on piano, perform Eugene Bozza's "En Foret, Op. 40" Monday evening at the Recital Hall in Doudna Fine Arts Center at the Student Recital Series: Horn Choir Recital.

TRANSPORTATION

Dial-a-Ride offers zip line route

Bus route to Mattoon now offered

By Samantha McDaniel
Daily Editor

A fixed route around Charleston and Mattoon was started by Dial-a-Ride in October to provide a steady transportation service for residents.

Susan Starwalt, the administrative director of Dial-a-Ride, said the route has 10 stops in Charleston and 11 in Mattoon.

The bus will stop at major locations within and between the two cities.

"It's a fixed route type of service, like what you'll see in the larger cities like Champaign or Chicago," Starwalt said. "We have designated bus stops, and they get around between Mattoon and Charleston."

She said the regular Dial-a-Ride service was not a fixed route, but it is door-to-door.

The bus will stop at the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, the LifeSpan Center, the Cross County Mall, the Mattoon CVS, the Amtrak Station, Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center and the Market Place, among others.

Starwalt said this service takes less time and planning for the person using it.

"A big benefit, especially for college students, is that they don't have to make a reservation," Starwalt said.

Starwalt said many students have been using their traditional service to get back and forth to the Amtrak Train Station in Mattoon, but have to make a reservation.

"With this service, they just go to the bus stop," Starwalt said. "We are there in a timely manner, and we pick up whoever is there, and we go on to our next stop."

She said the price is also cheaper than their traditional service. For one trip to Mattoon, it is \$4, but the cost for

"We are there in a timely manner, and we pick up whoever is there, and we go on to our next stop."

-Susan Starwalt, administrative director of Dial-a-Ride

the Zip Line one-way trip is 50 cents.

The service runs from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. There are not weekend hours.

Starwalt said Dial-a-Ride would like to expand the program hours and days.

"We are happy with the usage, but it needs, we need, to see more people using it," Starwalt said. "If we do, we will absolutely consider extending the day as well as the possibility of having it on weekends."

Starwalt said they will continue having the traditional service, which does have weekend hours that students can use.

She said this service is more available than the traditional

service.

"With going door-to-door, the buses were usually heavily booked," Starwalt said.

For the full schedule, people can visit the website at www.dialaridetransit.org or by calling 217-639-5169.

She said the community has shown interest in this service for a while before it was established.

"It is something the community had really wanted," Starwalt said. "We heard, not only from Eastern and Lake Land but other social service agencies so people can get on a bus and get where they want to go."

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CHRISTMAS



Mexican wedding cookie dough sits in a baking tray at the “Cookie Dough Swap Shop” on Monday in Klehm Hall.



Mexican wedding cookie dough sits on the counter ready to be bagged and frozen for the holiday season.



Baking supplies lay out on a table in a Klehm Hall classroom for the “Cookie Dough Swap Shop” on Monday.

Community bonds with baking

By Caroline McLeese
Staff Reporter

The sounds of beaters, the crack of eggs and the clanging of dishes could be heard throughout Klehm Hall Monday as 14 people made dough to freeze for the holiday season.

Participants of this noncredit course dug into 25-pound bags of flour and sugar to create 15 servings of eight different kinds of recipes.

The people were divided into seven groups of two.

A variety of people attended from Eastern students and faculty to locals.

Megan Markham, a junior special education major, said she decided to take the class because she has never baked before.

She said it looked like a fun break from studying for finals and was given the basic sugar cookie recipe.

Others decided to take the class because it gave them one less thing to do during the busy holiday season.

A team effort was made to mix all the ingredients in the massive mix-

ing bowls.

The mixes were separated so every member who participated in the workshop left with each kind of cookie.

Barb Monke, a Charleston resident, said she took the class last year and enjoyed leaving with a variety of cookies and learned new recipes.

She said she gives the cookies as gifts to friends and family for the holidays.

Georgia Ryan, a Charleston resident, said she plans to make a day of baking the dough when her son, Jeremy, comes home from culinary school in North Carolina.

She said baking cookies is a tradition in her family.

“I grew up making cookies for every holiday,” Ryan said. “It’s a family tradition passed down from three or four generations.”

Kathy Rhodes, a family and consumer sciences instructor, organized the Cookie Dough Swap Shop three years ago.

She said she saw an interest in people desiring to get their Christmas baking done all at one time. Her main role in the workshop is to

provide guidance to the bakers.

“I’m the gopher,” Rhodes said. “I go get this for them, I go get that for them, but I love it, I wouldn’t trade it for the world.”

Rhodes also chooses the recipes used in the shop. She chooses the ones she enjoys baking at home but also takes suggestions and tries to add a new recipe each year.

This year’s recipes consisted of a basic sugar cookie, triple chocolate treats, best ever cowboy cookies, snowballs, cocoa thumbprints, master butter cookies and chocolate cappuccino blossoms.

About 125 pounds of flour, 75 pounds of sugar, 30 dozen eggs and 60 pounds of butter were used for the recipes.

Rhodes said her favorite part of the shop is seeing everyone happy and hearing how much her students enjoyed themselves and the recipes.

“There’s so much love that goes into them,” Rhodes said. “You can guarantee that the plate of cookies you get were made with love.”

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Patti Peterson of Arthur digs her hands into her batch of triple chocolate treat cookie dough at the “Cookie Dough Swap Shop” on Monday in Klehm Hall. Peterson says she has been baking for 40 years and will continue to come to this event.

CREATIVE GIFTING

Students to budget for the Christmas season

Crafting becomes new option to save money

By Robyn Dexter
In-depth Editor

With the Christmas season quickly approaching and little time to buy gifts, many Eastern students turn to their crafting abilities to create gifts on a budget.

Jennette Grau, a junior music major, said she is making scarves for her friends this Christmas.

“I buy nice yarn that I think they

would like,” she said. “Last year, I made friendship necklaces based off their favorite colors.”

Grau said the easiest way to go about making necklaces is to go to craft stores and check out their sales and then find beads that match.

“Another good thing to do is go to local craft shows or flea markets to find unique beads and chains that can be reused,” she said.

Grau prefers to make her gifts rather than buy them because of the sentimental value of a homemade gift.

“I do little things like this because a homemade gift has more meaning to it,” she said. “I would

rather make a necklace or bracelet and put a little flair in it that makes the person happy than buy a necklace that 100 other people would have.”

Jessica Shockley, a sophomore undecided major, said she is making gifts for her floor in Ford Hall.

“I make magazine paper bracelets,” she said. “You cut out the magazine paper, make them into a triangle, glue it and roll it.”

Jacqueline Simonpietri, a junior biology major, has been helping with the Sigma Alpha Iota International Fraternity craft sale in the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

She said many people have pur-

chased items from the craft sale as Christmas gifts for friends and family members.

“We usually make everything we sell,” she said.

The only exception is donated pottery items from Art Smart in the Charleston Square.

Simonpietri said the group has many knitters who have donated their knitted works to the sale.

“If you know how to knit, you can make something for anybody,” she said.

Simonpietri said she has already figured out most of her Christmas presents for this year, including a necklace she made for her sister.

“I’m making the necklace (for her) out of beads my brother gave me,” she said. “I’m sort of re-gifting to her.”

Some of the items they are selling at the craft sale include bowls made out of molded music records that Simonpietri made.

She said she was motivated to make them for the sale after a friend made one for her.

“I try to only do it with records I think no one will ever listen to again,” she said.

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ACADEMICS

Final competitors ready for speech contest today

By TJ Bogar
Staff Reporter

Students will compete for prizes in the 10th annual Betty Balasi Public Speaking Contest Monday and Tuesday.

The first place prize is \$500, the second is \$300, and the third is \$100.

The contest is open to students of any major who have taken CMN 1310: Introduction to Speech Communication or CMN 1390: Introduction to Speech Communication (Honors) during the summer or fall of 2012.

The preliminary rounds took place

Monday at 6 p.m. in Coleman Hall, but were not open to the public.

During this round, students were placed in different rooms and presented their speeches to a pair of speech professors.

Once the scores were tallied, the top scorers moved on to the final round, which is 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Lumpkin Hall Auditorium.

This portion of the contest is open to the public.

Three members of the Eastern community: Brandon Hensley, a visiting professor from Millikin University; Jessica Ward, the area director of Taylor Hall; and Wally Carl-

son, pastor at Wesley United Methodist Church—each with speech backgrounds—will be judging the final round.

Rich Jones, the basic course director of the communication studies department and the main coordinator of the event, said getting judges from around the community boosts interest in the contest.

“It’s really fun to get people outside of the department,” Jones said. “To have those three people be the final judges is kind of cool.”

Andrew Robinson, a communication studies professor and coordinator of the contest, said public speak-

ing provides multiple benefits including advancement opportunities with employers and making a difference in local and global communities.

Robinson said attending the contest would not only benefit the speakers, but also everyone who attends by exposing them to new perspectives and issues they should be concerned with.

“(Those attending) will discover that public speaking can be fun and exciting,” Robinson said.

Last year’s winner, Clinton Brown, a senior communication studies major, said competing in the contest has many perks, not just the money that

comes with winning.

“It’s cool because you’re competing for money, but at the end of the day, public speaking is really important,” Brown said.

Brown said competing in the contest has settled his nerves for later speeches and has prepared him greatly for his classes and professional work.

“It’s a skill that no matter what your discipline or chosen field is, it’s important to work on and perfect it,” Brown said.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Take care of funding issues early, over break

As college students, we stereotypically have very little money and take on debt with the hope that investing in ourselves will eventually pay off.

With the state of the economy, the funds available to us seem to be constantly depleting.

Today's student needs to act quickly when securing money for schooling.

While it can be difficult to find time to apply to every grant and scholarship, there is thankfully a wealth of free time coming our way in the form of winter break.

Finals will be over, and while students will be tempted to veg out, that time should be taken advantage of.

The Illinois Monetary Award Program for the 2012-2013 academic year is already depleted and it would be pointless to apply for next semester, but students can start lining things up for the next year.

Though the grant is not simply handed out as a first-come-first-served basis but since there are only limited funds available, getting an application sent in as early as possible is not a bad idea.

Similarly, even if other scholarships and grants have deadlines that seem far away there is often no reason to wait until the last minute. Students can do simple research in their spare time for national or state scholarship in their chosen fields and complete the applications over break as well.

If students absolutely have to take on more debt and apply for a private loan there is again no reason not to complete as much as they can before the new semester starts. Having to take care of things after classes start will only add extra stress that could have been avoided.

Students should also avoid having their parents or others take care of their financial problems. The processes involved are important to learn for future financial dealings in their professional lives.

Dealing with loans and future debt can be scary and stressful. We understand why students would want to put off dealing with it. But the fact of the matter is that this is too important to avoid.

It also would not be a bad idea to research ways to pay off debt in the future. Students can find summer jobs or internship (hopefully in their field) that will help cover their finances and prepare them for the future. If their graduating this year than they absolutely should be researching potential career options after they pick up their degree.

Learning to deal with finances can help in all aspects of life. It can also determine how much stress you will be dealing with in the future.

Handling things earlier than needed and when you do not have other work to do is a smart practice that will pay off in the long run.

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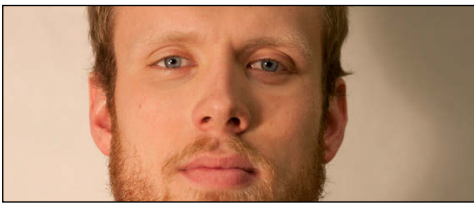
As a journalist, I have a duty to release information to the public for the good of our community. This is a primary tenet of democracy.

Robert Miller, the university's Freedom of Information Act officer, is in charge of fulfilling requests for public information about Eastern — including things like employee salaries or student fee breakdowns. This is information you have the right to know.

A list of faculty salaries is kept at the library but this information cannot be checked out of the building. This makes it more difficult for me to analyze the information. Illinois law requires the FOIA officer to release the information to the requester in their chosen format such as the much easier to use Excel spreadsheet.

In September, I requested a spreadsheet including faculty member salaries and their home addresses. This request was partially approved; the salaries for faculty were included, but the addresses were not. Illinois state law stipulates addresses as private information.

After meeting with Miller, he agreed to give me a separate spreadsheet that included how far from campus each faculty member lives. No ad-



Chacour Koop

resses were included, so no one's privacy would be compromised.

I was grateful for the information and eager to begin analysis. That's when I noticed differences between the two spreadsheets.

The distance spreadsheet listed about 700 faculty members, while the salary spreadsheet listed about 500.

This was a red flag. I scheduled a meeting to discuss this with Miller, but he canceled. Instead, I received an email from his office administrator.

I was told the 500 salary data entries "reflect retirements that had occurred prior to and including June 30, 2012, but that list did not contain any new hires," while the 700 distance data entries "include newly hired faculty."

Did Eastern hire about 200 new faculty this

year? No. A quick look through the faculty directory revealed about 70 faculty members who were not newly hired, yet still omitted from the salary data. David Raybin, the 2011 Illinois Professor of the Year, has worked at Eastern since 1981. He was not included in the salary data. Fern Kory has worked at Eastern since 1990 and was the 2005-2006 Faculty Laureate. She was not included in the salary data. Neither was former Eastern president Louis Hencken. The list goes on. I called Miller's office last week in an effort to understand the erroneous data—no response yet. I do not believe Miller is intentionally trying to mislead me and, subsequently, the public. However, this does not dismiss the fact that incomplete information is harmful to the transparency of any government institution. Should I write stories based on false data? You, the citizens of a democracy, deserve accurate information, but we're not getting that—yet.

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FROM THE EASEL



JUSTIN JONES | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

COLUMN

College is the key to the rest of our lives

I'm going to take a step back from analyzing a particular political or cultural issue today to give some thoughts I've ruminated upon for some time now.

First of all, I'm graduating. The road to my graduation hasn't been an easy one—not by a long shot. But I have made it, and now I get to step into the world.

Wait, what? Oh right, I have nearly completed one of the biggest rites of passage in American society, and yet I find myself struggling to determine or find a definite path for myself.

Okay, it's not a huge problem, but as I have heard my professors discuss numerous times, the university isn't a place where students are supposed to necessarily receive job training.

Part of me wishes I'd grasped onto this as a freshman when I decided to switch my major from chemistry to communication studies.

I have learned more than I could have imagined in my specific concentration of rhetoric and public advocacy, but one thing I couldn't find in any of my lecture notes from the past few years was specific applications toward a job or career.

Needless to say, I've had to learn the hard way about what I need to do if I'm going to have a



Greg Sainer

chance at beginning a career in the current job market.

Some of you may be wondering what the heck I'm worrying about, but let me just say, graduating is a scary prospect, and I know I'm not the first to think that.

What I have discovered, however, is that college is not all about the specific skills you might learn in the college classroom.

College is also all of the little things that come with listening to the endless lectures, doing the research papers and group presentations that made you frustrated, or simply dealing with other people in an organizational setting.

What I'm writing here might sound cliché to some, cheesy to others, or even dead wrong to the rest, but I hold fast to its truth.

As the new class of graduates walk out of Lantz Arena on December 15th, we'll be joining those who have gone before us in the search for the job of our lifetime. In this current job market and economic climate, that is going to be very difficult for many (Come on now, I can't just leave out politics entirely). What I do know is that our starting blocks have a foundation on what we gathered for ourselves over the last four years or so alongside our classes as much as from our classes. For me, this has been a lot of interactions with a countless number of people, some tough personal lessons, and a big hobby of following politics and ranting about it here at *The Daily Eastern News*. With all of that and my personal faith, I think I'll be all right in the end no matter where I end up. To the rest of those graduating, I wish you all of the best. We've laid our personal cornerstones. Now it's time to build the rest of our lives.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Holiday concert to feature festive songs

Well-known songs expected to entertain, include audience

By Shauna Laudant
Staff Reporter

Tis’ the season for holiday tunes to fill the Doudna Fine Arts Center’s halls as Eastern’s music ensembles support the festive spirit by performing popular holiday pieces.

Alicia Neal, the director of bands and conductor of the Eastern Wind Symphony, said Christmas music reminds people of family, the holidays, the idea of giving and things to be thankful for, which is why it is important for the university to have a holiday concert.

“The good thing about Christmas music is that it has a place in everyone’s heart, and they can relate it to something in their lives,” Neal said.

The Holiday Collage Concert will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Dvorak Concert Hall.

Neal said a Christmas Medley of popular seasonal songs—“Fantasia in G” by Ludwig van Beethoven and Percy Grainger’s “The Sussex

Mummers Christmas Carol”—are among the concert’s musical program.

Patricia Poulter, the associate dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, has rehearsed three times with the concert to narrate the story “Twas the Night Before Christmas” by Clement Clarke Moore.

The ensemble will interact and complement Poulter’s narration. For example, when Santa falls down the chimney, the audience will hear a musical interpretation of Santa falling down a chimney, Neal said.

J. Corey Francis, the assistant director of bands and the director of the Panther Marching Band, said he likes Christmas music because he believes there is a spirit and energy that lightens the mood.

Francis said the challenges a conductor faces are getting the ensemble to buy into the music to have it played as it should be played.

He said the performers get into the Christmas music more because it is that time of year, and everyone is kind of energized and excited for the holidays.

Francis conducts the concert band and strives for students to both play and feel the music simultaneously to make the concert suc-



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Michael Began, guest conductor, conducts "O Magnum Mysterium" by Morten Lauridsen arranged by H. Robert Reynolds during the EIU Concert Band and EIU Wind Symphony's Holiday Collage Concert 2011 in the Dvorak Concert Hall of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

cessful.

He said they often feel this type of music.

Francis said he believes the audience will enjoy the concert because it is music they will know so they

can attach themselves to it a little bit easier than other concerts.

Tickets for the Holiday Collage Concert are \$5.

Neal said everyone will know the songs.

“It’s a commonality amongst all people,” Neal said.

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Precautions and prevention

Preventing theft on campus can begin with everyday practices, Webb said.

“The most obvious is to always lock their door, even when they will be gone for a short time to eat or shower,” Webb said. “Most students develop a daily routine, so it is not difficult to determine when a room will be left unattended.”

Hudson said the residence hall staff has implemented an “Operation Lock Your Door” program where night assistants go around at 2 or 3 a.m. to check all the doorknobs.

“It’s not unusual for us to find 70 percent of the doors unlocked that first night, but when we go around later, 70 or 80 percent of the doors are locked,” he said.

King said in Carman, a residence hall the houses primarily freshmen, the staff has to work to engrain safety steps because first year students may be a little bit more naive to the possibility of having something stolen.

“Our communities aren’t full of thieves and taking things, but you don’t want to put yourself at the risk of someone getting in and taking something like that,” he said.

Closson said students should nev-

er leave a room unattended and unlocked.

“It’s not being paranoid; it’s being diligent,” he said.

When a student keys someone into the building for whatever reason, this creates a “piggybacking” effect, Webb said, and creates a greater likelihood for would-be thieves to gain access to residents’ rooms.

Closson suggested filling out a property inventory sheet with the make, model and serial numbers of valuable items.

“How many people have an iPod (on campus)?” Closson said. “If students can document that kind of stuff, we can recover it for you.”

Hudson suggests students place renters’ insurance from a parent’s home policy to cover the items in a student’s room because stolen items are not the university’s liability.

“I think it’s part of growing up,” he said. “You realize you’re in a real world situation. Eastern is a place with a great safety record, but it’s also part of society. There are people in it that might be there to do you harm, so you need to be smart about it.”

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BOARD, from page 1

The last part of the proposed room and board rate includes fees that do not fit into other categories such as equipment repairs, cable TV, bandwidth increases, Telecom, ESCO window project and a resource fund to address wireless projects and maintenance issues.

Hudson said housing and dining had to increase its bandwidth by 200 megabytes because of increasing bandwidth usage on campus, and that increase amounted to 0.21 percent of the overall increase.

“We always want to be ahead of usage,” he said.

The last big addition to the plan is the resource to address projects and maintenance issues.

“We built in \$355,000 because with

lower occupancy because of low enrollment, we’ve had to use up most of the money that is our project money to balance the budget,” Hudson said. “Our budget is down about \$6 million so we need to do things to build some money back into the base.”

The offset revenue adjustment of \$497,371 brought the overall room and board rate increase from a 4.02 percent increase to a 2 percent increase.

“We’ve been keeping track of how much our room and board increase has been going up for 37 years, and this is the lowest increase we’ve done in those 37 years by almost a percent,” Hudson said.

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CHARLESTON

City Council to vote on tax levy

By Samantha McDaniel
Daily Editor

The Charleston City Council will vote on an ordinance to approve the annual tax levy of more than \$4 million for the fiscal year from May 1, 2013 to April 30, 2014 during its meeting Tuesday.

According to the ordinance, the city is asking for \$4,168,552 from property taxes for the 2013-14 fiscal year.

Mayor John Inyart said this ordinance has to be placed on file before the end of the year.

“This basically says how much money we are going to be requesting through the county from property taxes,” Inyart said.

The council will also vote to formally acknowledge the Fire and Police Pension Fund Board Reports so they can be used in the tax levy for next year.

The reports show how much money is in the funds, how it is invested and the percent of unfunded liabilities, Inyart said.

“It’s a very detailed report of how much money comes in each year, how much goes out each year and how it looks with respects to the assumptions made by the actuarial,” he said.

“They have determined where all the money, when and what money is still around, how we have it safeguarded.”

-Mayor John Inyart

The council will also see a presentation from Joyce Madigan from Gilbert, Metzger and Madigan, an accounting firm in Charleston.

Madigan will be giving the annual city audit review.

“She will come in and give us an review of our audit from this past year,” Inyart said.

The audit is for the 2011-12 fiscal year, which ended on April 30.

“They have determined where all the money, when and what money is still around, how we have it safeguarded,” Inyart said.

The council will vote on an ordinance that would allow the city to sell the property at 249 Jackson Ave. to Ed and Becky Carter of Charleston.

The property was appraised at \$3,800 and if it is passed, will be sold to develop a single family home.

Inyart said the lot has been used as a

storage spot for equipment during construction.

“We are all done with it, and we think it is best to get it sold and back on the tax roles,” Inyart said.

He said Ed Cater Construction plans to build and sell a home after the purchase.

There will also be a public hearing at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday regarding the close-out of CDAP-funded Flex Construction grant that is used for downtown improvements.

Community members can speak about the grant and their views on its performance.

The council will also vote to move its first city council meeting of January from Jan. 1 to Jan. 2.

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FINALS, from page 1

The main consequence of not getting enough sleep is that students’ exam performance will suffer because of drowsiness and lack of concentration, McKinney said.

“With your body and mind not fully recharged from a good night’s sleep, it is like working with a battery that is not fully charged,” he said.

McKinney suggested students strive to get eight hours of sleep each night.

To accomplish this, he said small steps can help student sleep better, including maintaining a sleeping area that is cool and dark.

Flood said he tries his best to not let final exams eat into his normal sleep patterns.

“For finals, I usually go to bed early,” he said, saying he strives to get at least eight hours of sleep per night.

Stress a Little

Despite their best efforts, students might still be overcome by stress during Final Exams Week, counselor Angi Parker said.

Parker said along with maintaining healthy eating habits and regular sleep patterns, students should also maintain a regular study procedure going into Final Exams Week.

“Don’t wait until the night before your exam to start studying,” she said. “Spread your study time out and take some breaks as you study.”

Quinn said she does her best to study on a regular basis and not cram the weekend before Final Exams Week.

“I do my homework and study really hard throughout the week,” she said.

Not only will regular breaks from studying help students relieve stress and give their minds a break, they will also help students’ exam performance, Parker said.

“Your brain will retain more information if you give it breaks than trying to cram all at once,” she said.

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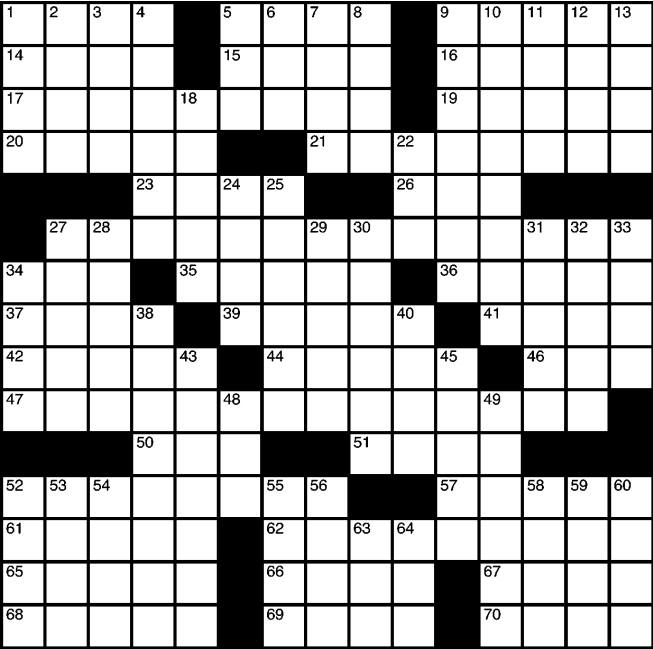
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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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9 Zip preceder
14 Really-really
15 Verdi's "Celeste Aida," e.g.
16 Hypothesize
17 Quits worrying
19 Oohed and ____
20 "Luncheon on the Grass" painter
21 Law firm bigwigs
23 Group with many golden agers
26 Failed firecracker
27 Like 56 minutes of each hour of The Masters telecast
34 Federal Web address ending
35 Office betting groups
36 Curaçao neighbor
37 TV's talking horse
39 Drum kit drum
41 "Want the light ____ off?"
42 "Stick Up for Yourself" nasal spray
44 Glittery topper
46 Molecule with a + charge, e.g.
47 "Get off my back!"
50 Mischief-maker
51 Hose fillers?
52 Wide-awake
57 Wanted poster word
61 Longish skirts
62 Unfinished business, or, in a way, what 17-, 27- and 47-Across have in common
65 Temporarily unavailable
66 Sask. neighbor
67 Macro or micro subj.
68 Help desk staffers, usually
69 Hornet's home
70 Tobe throw, say



By Marti DuGuay-Carpenter

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4 Pep rally cry
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7 Speech impediment
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10 How a pendulum swings
11 Tennis great Arthur
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Monday's Puzzle Solved

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WOMEN’S SWIMMING



The Panthers women’s swimming team cheers for their teammates Nov. 9 at Padovan Pool during the meet against Ball State.

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Swimmers surge forward in league, prepare for return

By Aldo Soto
Staff Reporter

The Eastern swim teams each finished in fifth place over the weekend at the House of Champions meet, but on the final day the teams swam at their highest level, head coach Elliott McGill said.

The Panthers advanced five swimmers to the top finals on Sunday at the IU Natatorium in Indianapolis and 25 more season-best times were recorded.

“Hailey Foss led the women as she capped off a great meet with a really good mile swim putting her fifth all-time,” McGill said. “Kaylee Morris moved up to ninth all-time, too, with another drop on her 100-free.”

Meanwhile, four Panthers set new personal bests on the final day of the three-day meet.

“The highlight of (Sunday) was our women’s 100-free,” McGill said. “To go three seconds faster than our conference meet last year really shows where our women’s team is at, at this point of the season.”

Freshman Beth Houghton, Conner Conroy and Jake Roberts all set new season best times in the mile, 200-fly and mile events, respectively.

Junior Kate Paige also set a new personal best in the 100-free relay.

Despite some individual flashes of success throughout the weekend the men finished in last place of the multi-team meet.

Wisconsin-Green Bay swam past the competition in Indianapolis, as their men’s and women’s teams came in first place in the meet.

The hosting Jaguars recorded a second and fourth place finish, respectively, for the men and women

squads.

With only one meet before the first half of the 2012-2013 season ends, the Eastern swim team has recorded 25 top 10 times in the Summit League and eight top 10 times in relays.

Out of those 25 top 10 times, Foss has recorded three with her best time being sixth in the 1000-free with a time of 10:46.41.

Fellow senior Kelli DiCanio holds two top 10 times in the league with her top finish being in the 100-breast, finishing with a time of 1:08.77, being good for the sixth best time.

Morris is tied with the sixth best time in the 100-free with a time of 53.79.

Other Panthers with top 10 times in the Summit League include sophomore Mackenzie Anderson in the 100-back, Paige in the 100-fly and ju-

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-Elliott McGill, head coach

nior Mary Lacine in the 200-IM.

Lacine also holds the third best time this year in the 400-IM with a time of 4:46.29.

The men also hold 15 top 10 times during the first half of this season.

The top finish for Eastern comes with the second best time in the 400-Medley relay.

Despite the second-best time, the Panthers are still nearly 12 seconds behind Oakland University.

The separation between those times is no surprise when it comes to the dominant performance shown by Oakland this season.

The Grizzlies hold 76 top 10 times in the Summit League this season.

The Panthers will return to action at 11 a.m. on Dec. 15 in Evansville.

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However, the offense has been a downfall early in the year as Eastern’s 58.2 points per game ranks dead last in the conference.

Despite its lack of team scoring, Eastern is seeing individual success from a few key players on offense.

Sophomore forward Josh Piper is the lone Panther inside the top 25 scorers in the OVC, averaging 12.1 points per game.

His 48.6 shooting percentage from the field and 44.4 shooting percent from three-point range both rank best among the Panthers.

Also, Piper’s 87.5 shooting percentage from the free throw line ties

him for sixth best in the OVC.

Senior guard Austin Akers is coming off a season-high assist performance with six against Stony Brook.

He leads the team with 38 and averages 4.2 assists per game.

That effort is good enough for sixth in the OVC.

Also, Akers’ 2.9 assists-to-turn-over ratio is second best in the OVC.

On defense, Akers is making his presence felt.

He averages 1.6 steals per game, placing him 13th in the conference.

Weekly Awards

Senior forward Robert Covington was name the OVC Player of the Week as he helped Tennessee State snap its to-game skid with a pair of wins over Fisk and Alabama A&M.

He averaged 28.0 points, 10.0 rebounds, 4.5 steals and 1.5 assists per game.

In those two games, he drained 17-of-26 shots (65.4 percent) from the field, and nailed 5-of-9 (55.6 percent) behind the arch. Covington was near perfect from the free throw line.

He sank 17-of-18 (94.4 percent) shots.

Eastern Kentucky junior guard Glenn Cosey, a transfer from Columbus State College, earned his second OVC Newcomer of the Week honors. Cosey averaged 18.0 points, 3.5 assists, 2.0 rebounds and 2.0 steals per game in wins over Delaware State and Western Carolina.

He hit 50 percent (13-of-26) from the field and 53.8 percent (7-of-13) behind the three-point line.

Cosey’s biggest moment came as a game changer when he scored a jumper with just 27 second remaining in the game, giving Eastern Kentucky its first lead in 31 minutes

and solidifying the win over Western Carolina.

Chris Horton, a freshman center from Austin Peay, received his third-consecutive OVC Freshman of the Week honors after averaging 12.0 points, 7.0 rebounds, 2.5 blocks and 1.5 steals per game, while hitting 71.4 percent (10-of-14) from the field.

Horton guided Austin Peay to wins over Beara College (Ky.) and Fairfield, last week.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



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Jordyne Crunk, an Eastern junior guard, keeps the ball away from junior guard Dee-Dee Bellamy during the game Thursday against Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis. The Panthers won the game 72-60 in over-time.

Defending three pointers key against Evansville Aces

By Alex McNamee
Staff Reporter

The Evansville Aces women's basketball team may not shoot it perfectly from beyond the arc, but they definitely shoot it.

The Aces, led by Khristian Hart, shoot 28 percent on three-point shots this season, but most of the players on their roster — even the forwards — are capable of knocking down a jumper.

Hart alone has attempted 66 three pointers this season. She's the team's leading scorer. She'll be Eastern senior guard Kelsey Wyss' responsibility come Tuesday night.

"We told (Wyss) she may not be able to help (on defense) as much, she's going to have to watch that kid," Eastern head coach Lee Buchanan said. "She'll catch it and let it fly."

The Aces' style of play is different from the Panthers' previous opponent, IUPUI, especially the amount of times the Aces shoot threes.

Part of the Panthers' gameplan in their win against IUPUI was to make them shoot threes. The Panthers' defense came through, forcing the Jaguars into shooting 2-of-

23 from beyond the arc.

Buchanan said the Aces' ability to convert three-point opportunities will spread out the Panthers' defense.

He said the Aces also may not be as athletic as IUPUI, but that's not a bad thing.

"They're probably not as athletic as IUPUI — probably a little more robotic," Buchanan said. "They're A-to-B-to-C. They're going to run their stuff."

Buchanan said the key to the game will be getting Evansville out of its A-to-B-to-C comfort zone.

"Which ever team can impose their will is going to win this (game)," Buchanan said.

Senior guard Kelsey Wyss said the team is ready to compete with Evansville, even though the Panthers exerted a lot of energy in the overtime win over IUPUI.

Wyss said there isn't a weak link on Evansville's team.

"They aren't going to put anyone out there who won't help them win the game," Wyss said.

Evansville will play three players who average double figures in scoring this season. Hart and Samantha Heck average 15 points apiece this

season.

"She's a big kid, who can step out and shoot threes," Buchanan said.

Evansville is 2-5 this season, but Buchanan said he thinks they're a lot better than their record shows.

Three of the Aces' five losses have come against Big Ten teams — Illinois, Wisconsin and Ohio State.

The Aces other two losses, though, came against Ohio Valley Conference teams — Murray State and Tennessee-Martin.

The Panthers will play both Murray State and Tennessee-Martin in conference play later this season.

However, one opponent the Panthers and Aces have in common, San Jose State, has lost to both of them.

The Aces showed off their three-point shooting ability against San Jose State, taking 37 threes and making 15. Hart and Heck scored 18 points apiece in the game.

The game against Evansville is set for a 7 p.m. tip-off on Tuesday in Lantz Arena.

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OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE

Panthers in 2nd place for ranking in OVC's Commissioner's Cup

Eastern Kentucky leads for the 5th consecutive year

By Jordan Pottorff
Sports Editor

Eastern Kentucky leads the Ohio Valley Conference Commissioner's Cup all-sport trophy standings after the completion of the fall sport championships.

The Colonels have totaled 48 total points, claiming first-place finishes in men's and women's cross country, a second-place tie in football and a third-place finish in soccer.

It marks the fifth consecutive year in which Eastern Kentucky has led the Commissioner's Cup at the conclusion of the fall sports year.

Eastern sits just behind the Colonels, totaling 45.5 total points in the fall sports year.

The Panthers were helped by a first-place finish in football, a second-place finish in men's cross country and a third-place finish in women's cross country.

Southeast Missouri is also in the running to claim its first OVC Commissioner's Cup trophy, as it totaled 44 points this fall.

The Redhawks have been helped by a third-place finish in volleyball, a third-place finish in men's cross country and a fourth-place finish in soccer.

Outside of Eastern Kentucky, Eastern and Southeast Missouri no other OVC team has totaled more than 40 points in the fall season.

Belmont (37.5 points), Tennessee-Martin (35.5 points), Austin Peay (33 points), Morehead State (31.5 points), Jacksonville State (30 points), Murray State (22 points), Southern Illinois-Edwardsville (22 points), Tennessee State (19 points) and Tennessee Tech (17 points) round out the OVC Commissioner's Cup standings.

Thirteen OVC Championships remain this year before the 2012-13 Commissioner's Cup all-sport trophy will be awarded to the winning school.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL



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Sherman Blanford, a junior forward, pump fakes past a University of Central Arkansas defender Nov. 28 in Lantz Arena.

Eastern falls short, loses 2 consecutive heartbreakers

By Anthony Catezone
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Recent games

Along with losing its last two games, the Eastern men's basketball team also managed to fall from second place in the west division, to last.

Those two losses both came as heartbreakers, as Eastern fell to Central Arkansas off a buzzer-beater at home 74-72.

That was followed by 66-52 loss to Stony Brook in New York, where the Seawolves closed out the Panthers on a 16-3 run in the second half.

Looking ahead

Now the Panthers (3-6) return home for a two-game slate.

They will host Western Illinois (5-

3) at 7 p.m. Dec. 5, then Toledo (2-5) at 6 p.m. on Dec. 8.

A week later, Eastern will kick off its season-long, five-game road trip beginning in Missouri with Saint Louis on Dec. 19, and closing in Tennessee with Morehead State on Jan. 5.

Three games into the road trip, after Eastern plays Drake, it will begin its Ohio Valley Conference schedule, with Tennessee State, Eastern Kentucky and then Morehead State.

Stat sheet

Head coach Jay Spoonhour's preach of defense has been heard by the Panthers.

They rank second in the OVC in scoring defense, surrendering 61.3 points per game.

PRESTIGE

Dino Babers wins AFCA award for Region 3 Coach of Year

Football team fourth in history conference to go from worst-to-first

Staff Report

Eastern head football coach Dino Babers was named the American Football Coaches Association Region 3 Coach of the Year on

Monday.

Babers took over a team that posted back-to-back 2-9 seasons and a last place finish in the Ohio Valley Conference in 2011.

Babers led the Panthers to a 7-5 record and claimed the automatic qualifying bid to represent the Ohio Valley Conference in the FCS Playoffs as outright conference champions.

The Panthers posted a 6-1 record in the OVC and became just the fourth team in conference his-

tory to record a worst-to-first turnaround.

Babers was also named the OVC Coach of the Year and became the fourth coach in conference history to win the conference championship in his first season as a collegiate head coach.

The AFCA Region Coach of the Year winners will be honored at the AFCA Convention in January.

Babers is also a current finalist for Eddie Robinson FCS Coach of the Year award.