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BENEFIT



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Laura Boyce, of Charleston, helps her daughter Arwen, 6, with homework at Jackson Avenue Coffee. Laura said the family frequents the JAC to do homework and has been going for a long time.

Community rallies to save JAC

By Samantha McDaniel | Daily Editor

Community members are rallying to preserve the smell of fresh coffee and the sound of local musicians on the square by organizing a benefit to raise \$18,000 for Jackson Avenue Coffee.

The benefit Wednesday is to help owner Dano Reible pay for his business' debt accumulated from unpaid state sales tax.

After being turned down for a loan, Reible was planning on closing the local coffee shop until community members began a campaign to save their beloved gathering place.

The group began raising money on Saturday with Melanie Mills, a communication studies professor, spearheading the "Save the JAC" campaign because she said she felt a connection with the coffee shop and wanted to save the atmosphere.

The benefit will take place from 6 to 10 p.m. Wednesday at the JAC to raise money to save the coffee shop.

"We are hoping to announce at the end of that event that we made it," Mills said.

The Third Place

The group wants to save the JAC because of its atmosphere and the family environment, Mills said.

"There is nowhere else besides a bar where amateur musicians can play," Mills said. "It's one of the few bar alternatives that we have in the community. It's for old people and young people alike."

Reible said staying open is not about the money, but about all the customers who frequent the tables of the shop.

The JAC brings in about \$6,000 a year after expenses and it is a low-level business, Mills said.

"One of the reasons the group of us are helping because Dano took on this business on knowing that he was not going to make

a lot of money, but having a dream and a vision," Mills said.

She said Reible had the dream of providing the community with a place to gather and for the arts.

"The JAC is more than a business in our community, it is a very important third place," Mills said.

The concept of being a third place is the motto that the JAC operates on.

Reible said the JAC is a lot of people's third place, their home and work being the first and second.

Reible will attend a hearing at 9 a.m. Thursday in Springfield where he has to turn over \$18,000 or he will lose his business license.

He said even if they cannot raise the money, he feels blessed for all the support he has gotten from the community.

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CRIME

State police looking for 2 suspects for shooting

Staff Report

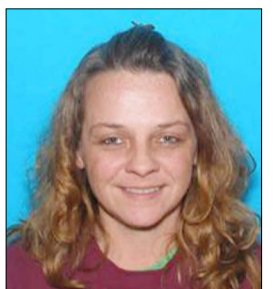
The Illinois State Police is currently looking for two people in connection with a Monday shooting reported in Johnson County.

John L. Cunningham, 41, and Janet S. Cunningham, 43, of Windsor, are the two suspects, who allegedly shot a male victim. The victim was later released from the hospital.

The police want people to be on the lookout for a stolen 1988 gray Dodge Dakota Pick-Up truck with a black top. The Illinois registration is 38392W.

Anyone with information regarding information on this case can contact the Illinois State Police at 618-542-2171 ext. 1202 or 911.

The suspects are considered armed and dangerous.



JANET CUNNINGHAM



JOHN L. CUNNINGHAM

CITY COUNCIL

Tax levy approved

By Amanda Wilkinson
Staff Reporter

The Charleston City Council is moving forward at the end of the year with a new \$4,168,552 tax levy as well as a new city attorney.

The council also approved the sale of 249 Jackson Ave., which the city took over because the building was in poor condition.

The newly approved tax levy amount is a 15-percent increase of from last year's amount.

The tax levy is the maximum amount of money the city requests for the fiscal year.

The amount requested with determines what the next year's property tax rate will be.

Mayor John Inyart said this money goes toward Charleston's general fund.

Inyart said this is the first step of requesting the money from the county. After the request is sent, the county will figure any tax exemptions before property taxes next year.

Inyart said the county then figures the property tax rate for the tax bills that go out in June 2013.

Inyart said he expects the property tax rate to increase with the tax levy amount increase.

"We try to keep it in check the best we can but at the same time the cost of providing the services to our residents continues to go up," Inyart said.

Throughout the meeting, members of the council congratulated Brian Bower, the former city attorney, for his new position as state's attorney.

Bower was recently elected to the state's attorney position, leaving an empty seat in the council.

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ENROLLMENT

Transfer rates predicted to decline

Rates predicted to reflect low enrollment stats

By Robyn Dexter
In-depth Editor

Although Eastern is seeing a decline in the upcoming spring semester's transfer rate, the Office of Transfer Relations is processing more than 400 applications.

Rita Pearson, the transfer coordinator for the Office of Transfer Relations, said the transfer student rates for Spring 2013 reflect the statewide enrollment decline that has been taking place.

"Many students have cut back to being part-time students," she said. "We do tend to follow that statewide trend as well."

Pearson said it is taking students longer to move through the system because they are only part-time and take longer to graduate.

"About three or four years ago when that recession hit, there was a huge movement to go back to school," she said. "We had an increase and we were excited to see a rise in transfer students as well."

Unfortunately, Pearson said not as many students transferred to four-year institutions as were expected.

"They just couldn't afford to stay in school or went into a technical program and were finished in two years," she said. "The funding just isn't there."

Pearson said the previous peak is just now starting to level out.

"We had a record high last year of 1,150 transfer students in the fall," she said.

The Office of Transfer Relations

does not track spring transfer rates as much over the years because it usually stays around 300 students, Pearson said.

"Spring tends to have less transfer students than in the fall," Pearson said. "We have lots of incompletes because we're still processing."

Pearson said the reason they are behind on the processing is because of the number of applications.

"There's no way of knowing who's going to matriculate, so we have to wait and see," she said.

The number of applicants will differ from the number of students who actually come to Eastern in the spring, as not everyone who applies to Eastern will attend.

Enrollment for community colleges and four-year institutions has seen a decline in enrollment over the past few years.

Pearson said she expects a lower transfer rate because of the decrease in community college enrollment.

Pearson said efforts are being made to improve the transfer rates by doing calling campaigns and checking up with students who have been applying to see where they are at in the application process.

"We send out notifications to community colleges as to when we're going to be there as well," she said. "We've doubled our visits to feeder schools."

Pearson said many students who transfer to Eastern have met all the requirements for their associate degree, but they never applied to receive it and make it official.

"They really should get the credit for what they've done, so we encourage students to do what we call reverse transfer," she said.

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CHARLESTON

Local business celebrates 40 years

By Anthony Catezone
Assistant Sports Editor

Linda Spence is leading a life most people only dream of, as she continues to pursue what she loves.

For the past 40 years, she has been the owner of Spence's on Jackson, a small shop that sells vintage clothing and accessories.

The self-proclaimed 'Little Shoppe On The Corner,' is at 722 Jackson Ave., in downtown Charleston.

This year is Spence's on Jackson's 40th anniversary, a store that Spence opened up herself at age 28. Now 68, Spence appreciates all 40 years she has owned the shop, as very few people follow their passion.

"I feel very, very blessed that I can make a living doing this," Spence said. "These 40 years have gone by in the blink of an eye. It really has, but I the love people. I love to laugh. I think this whole thing is freedom. How many people get to do what they want to do for 40 years and be happy with it? It's a great thing."

Spence said she instantly fell in love with rummage sales after moving to Charleston.

"I got addicted to the rummage sales," Spence said. "I lived in a town with 300 people and when I moved to Charleston, somebody asked me if I wanted to go to a rummage sale. When I went I thought, 'how cool. This stuff is cheap. They don't want this anymore?'"

Spence realized she wanted to open a business when friends would ask her to find things for them.

"I had more and more people asking me to try to find stuff for them," she said. "Well, pretty soon I had more than enough of that, so I set up in a room in my house. After making appointments with about 30 people, I decided I should open a shop."

The idea of hunting for jewelry, trinkets and vintage clothing is what turned Spence on this unique hobby. But she said nothing makes her happier than when customers find exactly what they want in her store.

"I love the hunt," Spence said. "I love looking for the stuff. It is just so awesome when I'm able to find something that somebody wants and they come and say, 'Oh my God, oh my God, oh my God. Come here, give me a hug.'"

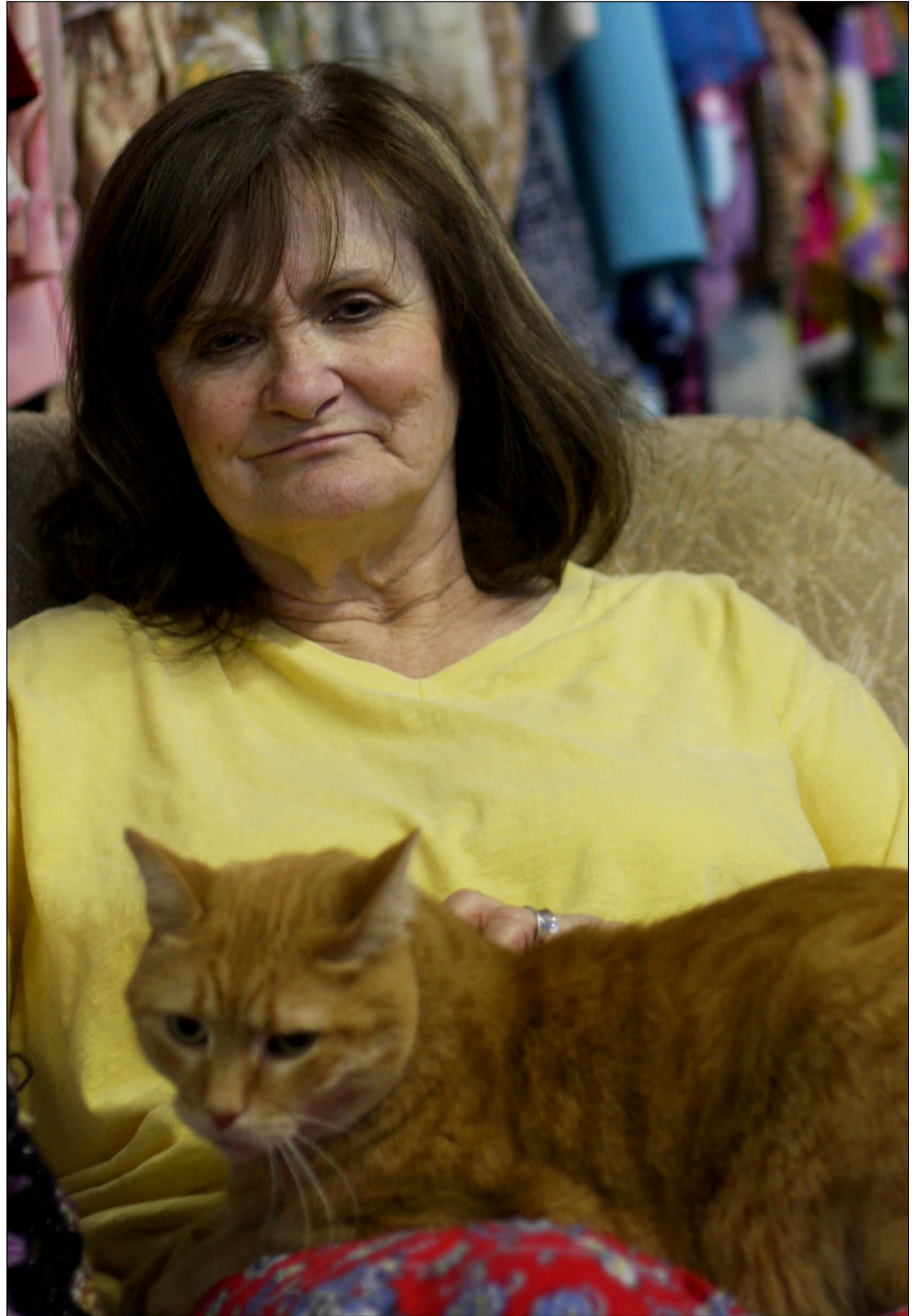
Spence said her best experience in her 40 years as the owner of Spence's has been meeting so many diverse people, as she has met people from New York and all across the nation.

Spence's friendships even reach overseas as she has created close bonds with people in Scotland and England. But, her favorite people to interact with are by far the students at Eastern, she said.

"I have always catered to the students," Spence said. "I love them. I have made friends with an awful lot of them. They come back and see me, they email me, they call me and they send me birthday cards."

She loves students so much, that she has hired some, but Spence believes that the carefree work environment gives her employees the exact feeling she has, which is it is not a job, rather what they have a passion for.

"I really like the style of stuff here," said Janna Repta, an employee at Spence's on



ANTHONY CATEZONE | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Linda Spence, of Charleston, sits with her cat, Tim, in her shop, Spence's on Jackson. Spence's has been open for 40 years throughout multiple locations in Charleston.

Jackson. "I'm not as knowledgeable as Linda (Spence) is, but it is definitely something I really like. I could definitely fill my entire wardrobe with just stuff from this store."

Spence gives her employees the freedom to design the store themselves. She said it makes the place more unique, as the students can put their personalities into the store, as well.

Repta, a junior early childhood education major, said she believes that Spence letting her employees design the inside of the store appeals to the customer's eye.

"The students who work here can put up what they like," Repta said. "So then, it relates back to all different customers, because all different people work here. It's great to be able to have an artistic input into the store."

As for looking ahead, Spence said she does not see an end for Spence's on Jackson in

sight. "I am going to do this as long as I possibly can," she said. "I am not the type to sit around. I don't travel, so this is my life. It is what keeps me going, and I hope to continue on my journey as long as I can."

The only thing that will change for Spence's on Jackson is the outlook of the store, as the store will take a step back in time.

"I have changed my outlooks," Spence said. "It is to diversify and take back my shop to what it started out with, and be almost total vintage. My love has always been and always will be anything that is eclectic, different or vintage."

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Java serves up friendliness

By **Seth Schroeder**
Opinions Editor

President Bill Perry gets a shot of espresso. Dan Nadler, Vice President for Student Affairs, gets a venti regular coffee with no room, sometimes twice a day. With winter on its way, many students are getting peppermint mochas and in the fall they prefer pumpkin spice.

This is how Kelsey Zak and Laura Schneider, student workers at Java Beanery and Bakery, know many of the customers they serve. They may not always know a regular's name, but they often get to know their usual drink order.

Schneider, a senior sociology major, said some of the same regulars have started to recognize her as well.

"I'll be at a party and people will be like, 'Java Girl!'" she said. "That's kind of cool."

Zak and Schneider have worked at Java for nearly three years and started working there around the same time.

They said despite the occasional rude customer and having to talk over the loud whirring sound of the blenders and steamers, they enjoy working there. They have made life-long friends with many of their fellow employees, have something extra to do that gets them out of their houses and work somewhere that smells like fresh coffee everyday.

Schneider said she works at Java everyday for a total of around 18 hours a week. She said she gets there at 6:30 a.m. for the opening shift.

She said she drank coffee regularly before working at Java, but through her work she learned a lot about the coffee shop atmosphere and knows a wider variety of drink orders available to her.

Schneider also bakes the muffins, bagels and other pastries served at Java every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Before working there she said she had no baking or barista experience. She said she had to memorize numerous drink orders, ten different kinds of muffins and had to get the timing down to bake them correctly.

"I was nervous at first. It was overwhelming how much there was to learn," Schneider said.

Now, Schneider said her bosses rely on her and Zak to train new employees how to bake and prepare different drink orders.

"It's kind of cool to come here and not know anything but then be in charge of teaching it to other people," she said.

Zak she never drank much coffee before working at Java, but after she started working there around 15 hours a week has now drinks around one coffee product a day.

"I started with all of the non-coffee

drinks and slowly started trying things with less cream, less sugar," she said.

Schneider and Zak said their job is not usually too challenging and they rarely have trouble balancing their schoolwork with their hours.

Zak said occasionally customers will occasionally snap at employees especially if the line is long.

"Sometimes they'll complain if they think you made a mistake or if their drink didn't come out as they envisioned," she said. "No one likes waiting in line so I guess I understand."

Schneider she wishes some customers would realize the employees at Java are people to and sometimes they make mistakes.

Zak said they occasionally run into unplanned problems as well such as running out of an ingredient or when a necessary machine breaks.

Schneider and Zak said it can take a while to get used to working with new coworkers and developing a flow that keeps them from running into each other. This can be especially problematic during the morning or afternoon rush or the 15 minutes before and after every hour when classes get out and the shop is busiest.

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HOUSING AND DINING

'Hunger Games' theme of feast

By **Robyn Dexter**
In-depth Editor

President Bill Perry, along with other vice presidents, will be participating in Eastern's bi-annual finals feast on Sunday.

"They'll be helping serve on the line and greeting students as they come in," Chris Wojtysiak, the unit director for Thomas Hall Dining Center, said.

This year's theme is centered on the popular book and movie series, "The Hunger Games."

Mark Hudson, the director of University Housing and Dining Services, said the theme was voted on during a Residence Hall Association meeting.

Wojtysiak said the food featured at finals feast will include a variety of appetizers.

"We'll have buffalo chicken empanadas, crab rangoon, onion rings, barbequed meatballs, pretzel bites, veggie trays and fruit trays,"

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-Chris Wojtysiak, unit director for Thomas Hall Dining Center

Wojtysiak said.

Wojtysiak said a raffle will be taking place for all who attend the finals.

"We have prizes baskets that you can win," he said.

The baskets will include prizes such as "The Hunger Games" movie and book, along with T-shirts featuring types of cereal.

"We also have a bunch of products from mtvU like games and notepads," Wojtysiak said.

Students will also have the opportunity to play games at the finals feast that will pertain to "The Hunger Games" theme.

"We'll have different games like Nerf gun target-type games where you can win additional prizes," he said.

Wojtysiak said housing and dining starts planning finals feast a few months before it occurs by assembling all the unit directors of the dining centers.

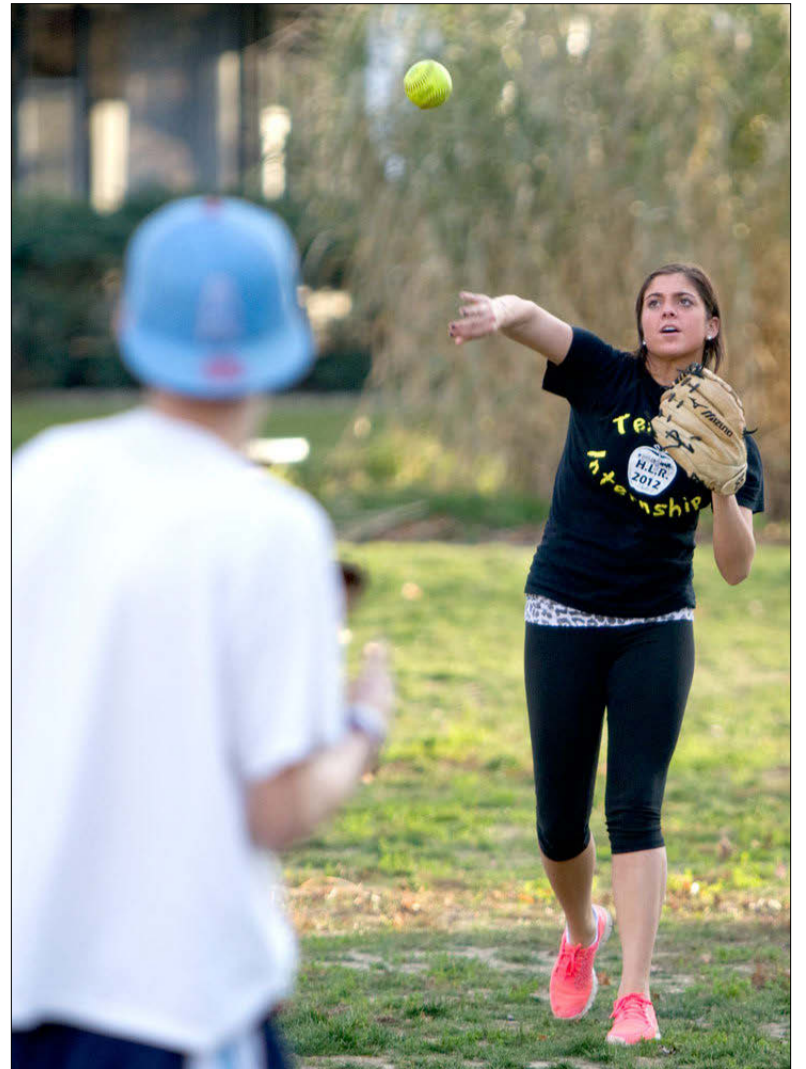
"We brainstorm different ideas and come up with different possibilities," he said. "Every year we try to do something that's completely different from what we've done in the past."

Finals feast has taken place each semester for about seven or eight years, Wojtysiak said.

The finals feast will take place from 9 to 11 p.m. on Sunday in the Thomas Hall Dining Center.

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Pitch-n-Catch



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Nicole Ellement, a freshman history major, throws a softball Monday afternoon in the South Quad. She was out taking advantage of the unseasonably warm weather.

HOLIDAYS

Drive supports local families

By **Amanda Wilkinson**
Staff Reporter

With the upcoming holiday season, the Panther Express: Toy Drive's goal is to make sure every child has a toy for the holidays.

In order to make that goal a reality, the Panther Express has partnered with the One Stop Community Christmas, which supplies toys and other home supplies to families in six counties: Coles, Clark, Cumberland, Edgar, Shelby and Douglas.

The One Stop Community Christmas is a holiday assistance program that lets families go through a shop-like atmosphere to pick up toys and other supplies for the holidays.

Rachel Fisher, the director of student community service, said the One Stop Community Christmas started because different toy collective groups wanted to benefit the most people.

Fisher said for the toy drive, they will be collecting new toys for ages 18 and below.

However, they would prefer items for kids ages 11 and up.

"We are particularly focused on kids ages 11 and up because we certainly know those are some of the harder ones to shop for," Fisher said.

However, they will accept other items such as bedding, laundry detergent, books and new jackets.

Fisher said even fresh sheets and blankets can be a treasure for someone who does not have them.

She said that she is excited to give blanket to children too.

"Our hope is to have enough blankets so every child could have a new blanket and then it's theirs," Fisher said.

The Mattoon Public Library is donating books with the goal of every

child having a new book this holiday season.

Fisher said One Stop Community Christmas will also accept monetary donations to help supply other items that are in greater need.

Fisher said last year, One Stop Community Christmas gave toys to about 1,500 local children and 500 local families.

She said they are hoping to supply toys and household items to 700 to 800 local families this year.

"Any and all items will be incredibly appreciated and will immediately go into the hands of someone who will have great value in them," Fisher said.

Items can be dropped off at the Human Services Building, the Academic Advising Center, the history and special education offices as well as the Student Community Service and business office located in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Items will be collected until Dec. 12.

Fisher said she hopes to see many items donated because the holidays are the time for giving.

"It certainly is a time of year when people are very aware of giving and the value of family," Fisher said. "We certainly see culturally, there's a real desire to give back during the holiday season."

Fisher said when people are out with their families or friends, it is easy to pick up something extra to donate.

"Something you would enjoy, grab one more," Fisher said. "It's going to be a great gift to someone in our community."

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Door-to-door solicitors not part of city, suspicious

Off-campus students may have noticed door-to-door solicitors visiting within the past few months with promises of new and cheaper energy plans. They may have also heard the city of Charleston is starting a new energy program that will start next year.

However, as *The Daily Eastern News* reported Monday, the solicitors are in no way affiliated with the city and students should be suspicious of the promises they are making.

The city's new program will allow the city to negotiate bid from an energy provider as a group. Charleston City Manager Scott Smith said this will help the residents get better prices on energy.

Smith said the solicitors may in fact get lower energy prices but they likely will not be as low as the energy prices they would get if they stuck with the city's plan.

The solicitors not only promise cheaper rates but have been known to pressure people into making the switch to their plan without consulting other options, act as if the decision is obvious and claim to have already signed up other residents in the individuals neighborhood.

If students and other residents would like to consider each plan, they may in fact find the solicitors have a better plan that will get them better energy prices than the city's plan. However, this decision should not be made lightly and should only be made with plenty of research.

Charleston residents should also keep in mind the city of Charleston came up with the energy plan with only the intent to help their citizens save money. The solicitors instead appear to be preying on people's confusion and trying to take advantage of a transition period in order to make a profit. They likely do not have Charleston's citizen's best interest at heart.

Smith has said the city will not be going door-to-door to tell citizens of the upcoming change. The city's program will not require any action by individual citizens and the switch will be made automatically. He said they will send a notice before the switch is made so citizens have a chance to opt out of it if they wish.

The energy plan the solicitors are offering may in fact save individual Charleston residents more money than if they stuck with the city's plan, but Smith has said this is unlikely.

In general, if citizens are feeling pressured they should at most accept information to look over later but refrain from signing anything. There is never a reason to agree to something without consulting your options first. Always remember that if you feel uncomfortable you can shut the door and walk away.

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COLUMN

Let us behold a world without news

Imagine for a second that for one day, you would live in a world without news.

Oh yes, I said it. Your news sources would be gone; from print to speech, you would be disconnected from the world of now.

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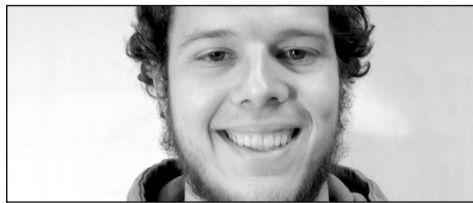
I can't put it in the paper, that's for sure. But I also can't put it online, for some reason I can't put it anywhere online.

My Internet is gone as well. There's no online news media anywhere to be found. No celebrity gossip, movie previews, or weather updates. There are no game scores or search engines. Nothing will open.

And when I go to check my Facebook and Twitter they freeze to a blank white screen.

I can't get anything to open, not even my email.

My point is simple; the world without news would be terrible.



Zachary White

If you look at any facet of life you can determine that it would be greatly undermined by a lack of news and information.

Look at the American Presidency for an example.

If we took away news for a day, the president and his staff would have no way of knowing what was going on in the world, let alone their own country.

They wouldn't know what bills were being enacted or what wars were being fought at home or around the world. A foreign nation could attack and there would be no way of knowing.

And we all wouldn't know either.

We would be completely cut off from what was going on in politics internationally, along with locally.

We wouldn't know anything about anything that was going on in our backyard.

If students were being taken from their houses or dorm rooms around campus, there would be no way of letting us know.

If hate crimes were raging rampant at night, we would have no way of knowing night was a bad time to be out.

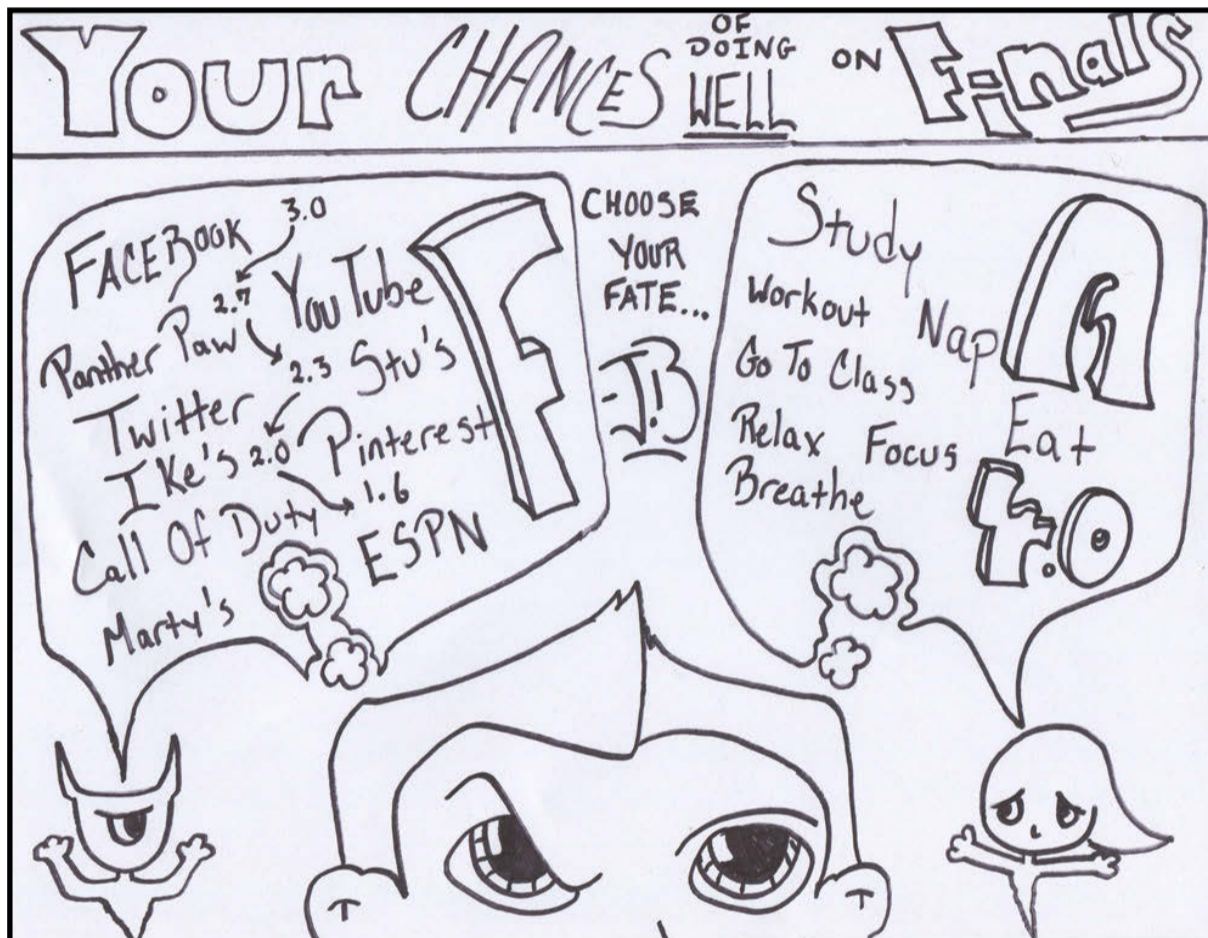
We would have a disconnect from our neighbors and our friends.

All because news is what is happening now. It's what you want to know about the world around you. News is news because it's what you're interested in, and a lack of news would keep you from knowing what you want to know.

Without news, the world would stand still.

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FROM THE EASEL



JOSHUA BRYANT | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

COLUMN

I am EIU...and started ChuckVegas too

Well, well, well...what is ChuckVegas?

It's everything that your parents warned you about when they dropped you off here for the first time.

You won't see it on any EIU brochures: Keg stands, grinding, DJs, flashing lights and alcohol, but it exists.

And it changed me forever.

I am not the man I was when I arrived at Carman Hall in August 2008 to meet some of the best friends and worst influences imaginable. The second I bid my parents farewell and saw them drive away, I felt a rush of freedom that I've never felt before. It was like being unleashed after 18 years of being restricted.

I get the same feeling each weekend down here.

It's the side of college life that no one wants to bring up in civilized discussion, despite the fact that those who run the world are likely to have participated in the same unspoken acts in their younger days.

That's where I came in.

I made a Facebook page dedicated to the unspoken part of the school so that people



Joshua Bryant

in the community would see just how much they have in common and how awesome this school can be.

With people having younger siblings, cousins, parents and a host of other people on Facebook that they don't want to know about their hidden insanity, the page is a place where I could talk about all the shocking, freaky and weird stuff that goes down here, and people could laugh at it.

I want to get this off my chest: Partying does not make you a bad person, a bad student or a bad influence, despite what many parents, professors and administrators make it seem to be. The stigma just exists in the pro-

fessional world. I'm nice to everyone I see, I work hard, go to class and...well...I'm not always the best influence, but we're all adults who should be able to think for themselves, so I won't count that against myself too hard.

The vast majority of the 3,000-plus people who like my page have figured out who I am by now, and I've made friends with some and enemies with others. But in all, I wouldn't take back anything I've done since I've been here. I love my friends, my old teammates on the football team and everyone who greets me in public, though I'll admit that I have absolutely no clue who a lot of you guys are...for lots of reasons.

I only have one piece of advice to leave the students with: College is going to be over, and it's going to be over quick, trust me. It goes by like lightning. Don't hesitate, don't hold back and don't miss opportunities. You never know what can happen in ChuckVegas.

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CAMPUS

Students compete in speech competition

By Tim Deters
Features Editor

Pacing back and forth, fiddling with papers and mouthing silent words, six students prepared to see whose speech would rise above the rest Monday.

The students competed in the 10th annual Betty Balasi Public Speaking Contest, hosted in the Lumpkin Hall Auditorium by the communication studies department.

The contest was 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.

Each student had seven to nine minutes to present their speeches they had also submitted for a grade in class.

Prizes for winners were \$500 for first place, \$300 for second place and \$100 for third place.

Dressed in a black pinstripe suit, a squared black bowtie and neon green tennis shoes, Christian Ilunga Matthiesen, a freshman business major, stood before an empty classroom practicing his speech before the competition.

While he was nervous about his speech on nonverbal communication, he said he was confident his nerves would help his performance.

"Of course you get nervous, and it keeps you on your toes," he said.

Dawn Williams, a freshman mathematics major, said she had practiced her speech many times but was still nervous about presenting her speech on the portrayal of women in the media.

"I'm kind of nervous," she said, dressed in a black pantsuit and turquoise heels. "Well, I take that back, I am very nervous right now."

Lindsay Johnson, a sophomore special education major, said she had not intended on participating in the competition until her honors speech instructor, Rich Jones, encouraged her to compete.

"I didn't think that I would even make it this far," she said about entering her speech about the importance of Facebook for students.

Richard Jones, a communication studies faculty member and coordinator of competition, said he enjoys watching students prepare and practice their speeches before the competition.

"When you go to speech competitions, it is normal to see a bunch of people talking to themselves," he said. "People find their own place to prep, which is fun to watch."

Jones said seeing students take pride in their preparations and presenting



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Lindsay Johnson, a sophomore special education major, competes in the 10th annual Betty Balasi Public Speaking Competition Tuesday in Lumpkin Hall Auditorium. Johnson won first place for her speech about the importance of Facebook for students.

their speeches with enthusiasm is encouraging to see.

Each student presented their speeches with an accompanying PowerPoint presentation before a crowd of nearly 70 students, faculty and staff.

After all the speeches had concluded and the judges handed their results to Jones, Johnson was awarded first place, Matthiesen second place and Lester Wang, a senior mathematics major, placed third for his speech on the importance of science, technology, engineering and mathematics education.

"I was shocked," Johnson said. "The

other speeches were really, really well thought-out and executed well."

She said she was honored to have won the competition and believes the skill of public speaking can help students in many ways.

"There's going to be a lot of situations that you are going to be nervous in, especially as a teacher," she said.

However, defeating nervous tendencies will be crucial to students' success, she said.

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JAC, from page 1

Mills said Reible did not ask for any help at first.

"We literally had to beg him for the opportunity to see if we could organize people to help him," Mills said. "It's not easy to say 'I made a mistake in my business and now it's going to close' so we had to convince him that the JAC is important enough to the community to let us try."

Reible said he tries to do a good thing by provide a safe atmosphere for musicians and young people.

"If we close down, this community is going to lose a place that parents can feel safe about leaving their kids, you can go and just relax and not feel pressure, and get things done," Reible said.

He said the place is the common hang out for the different types of people and without it, they would not be able to come together.

"On the back of our business card it even says we want to be your third place, home being your first, work being your second and JAC being your third," Reible said.

History of the JAC

Reible's connection to the JAC started five years ago when he and his wife would visit on the weekends he was home.

His life as a trucker caused him to travel frequently and they would go to the JAC to relax and talk.

Reible said he was talking to the previous owner about finding a local job so he could be home with his wife.

At the time the JAC was not for sale, but the owner suggested he buy it anyway.

"I said I'd love to buy the JAC if it was for sale and he said it is for sale for the right person," Reible said. "That's when it started."

Despite his lack of knowledge in the

business field, he bought the shop.

Efforts to Save the JAC

"I've talked to business people and I got advice on how to run things differently," Reible said.

He said if he remains open he will take out the tax daily and put it into a separate account to prevent it from happening again.

Since starting on Saturday, Reible was able to make a down payment of \$3,000 on Monday and by 10 a.m. Tuesday received about \$800 more in donations.

People can donate money by going to the JAC or through PayPal at danod@jacksonavenuecoffee.com.

All the money raised will go to paying off the debt, even if the JAC is closed.

Reible said he is thankful for all the support he has gotten, even if he has to close at the end of the week.

"I have seen so much outpouring of not just funds, but people who love this place," Reible said. "It's been very heartwarming."

Mills said if the JAC is closed at the end of the week a piece of the community will be gone.

"I think a lot of people gather there who will be kind of lost," Mills said.

Reible said he feels in his heart that the JAC can be saved.

He said it was the atmosphere of the shop that attracted him to the shop and it is the reason he wants to keep it open.

"So many different people interact here that would never interact anywhere else," Reible said. "So many people have gained new friendships and new hobbies and new interest because of Jackson Avenue Coffee."

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TRANSFER, from page 1

In this process, students can get their associate degree while continuing to take classes at Eastern.

"They can take their few remaining classes, send an Eastern transcript back to their community college and not delay starting their sequence here," she said. "We don't want them to waste any time."

Pearson said she has seen the number of students who do the reverse transfer process increase.

Though the numbers for spring transfer students will not be in until

the 10-day count in January, Pearson said she is optimistic about the number of transfer students that will come to Eastern.

She estimates somewhere between 200 and 300 students.

"We have about an 80-percent show rate," she said. "Transfer students yield at a higher rate than freshmen."

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TAX, from page 1

Rachael Cunningham, an attorney at the Brainard Law Office, was hired in as city attorney and was welcomed during her first meeting Tuesday.

Scott Smith, the Charleston city manager, said he appreciates Bower for all the years of service he gave to the city of Charleston.

"I've had the wonderful opportu-

nity to work with Brian for almost all the 23 years of service," Smith said. "Brian's done a good job of guiding me through treacherous waters."

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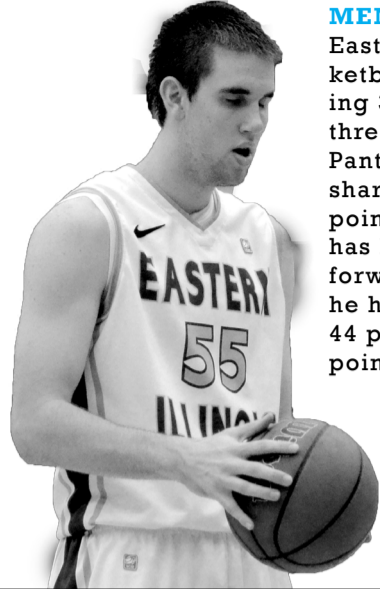
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Eastern's men's basketball team is shooting **35 percent** from three-point land. The Panthers' premiere sharp shooter to this point in the season has been sophomore forward Josh Piper as he has connected on 44 percent of his three point attempts.

35



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Eastern's women's basketball team is averaging an Ohio Valley Conference-best **15.2** assists per game this season. The Panthers have been led by senior guard Ta'Kenya Nixon's 5.5 assists per game average. Nixon ranks second in the OVC

15.2



61.3

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Eastern's men's basketball team is allowing just **61.3** points per game this season. The Panthers' opponents' 61.3 scoring average ranks second best among Ohio Valley Conference teams, trailing only Jacksonville State for the stingiest defense in the conference.

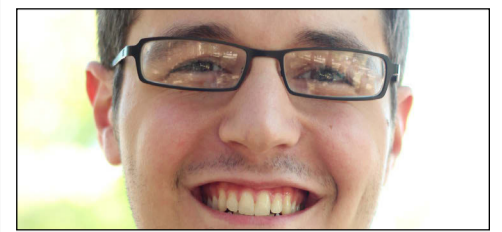
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Eastern's women's basketball team is averaging **65.7** points per game under first-year head coach Lee Buchanan. The Panthers' 65.7 scoring average ranks fourth in the OVC as they have been led by senior forward Mariah King's 14.5 points per game. King ranks fifth in the OVC in points per game.



VIEWS



Anthony Catezone

Calling all Panther fans

By Anthony Catezone
Assistant Sports Editor

The Eastern men's basketball team has won just one of its four games in Lantz Arena this season.

Now before reading on, realize that this is not to point out the flaws of the Eastern basketball team. It is rather to point out the flaws of those reading, and especially those who aren't.

Who is that? The Eastern student body.

In the four games the Panthers have played in Lantz Arena, a total of 2,280 fans have filled the stands. That is across all four games. On average, a dismal 570 fans scatter into Lantz Arena each game. All 11 remaining schools in the Ohio Valley Conference average at least double that, with almost half tripling it.

In his introductory press conference, head coach Jay Spoonhour said he hopes students anticipate games in Lantz Arena.

"I can't wait for the time when (Panther fans) say 'I cannot wait for that game,' or, 'we have to get there early, because they're going to close it down,'" Spoonhour said.

I realize, and Spoonhour does, too, as he has said many times, that with an energetic fan base, there must be an equally entertaining product on the court.

Eastern's last home game, a 74-72 loss to Central Arkansas that came off a buzzer-beater as time expired, drew in a season-high 811 people. Still, writing that feels weird, putting season-high and 811 in the same sentence when talking about attendance.

That was the most exciting NCAA basketball game I have ever witnessed in person. Take it as you will, whether I don't go to many collegiate basketball games or I am just easily entertained, but I stick to my statement.

Who's to say what a little more fan support would do? It can't hurt to try.

So go to the game against Western Illinois at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Lantz Arena.

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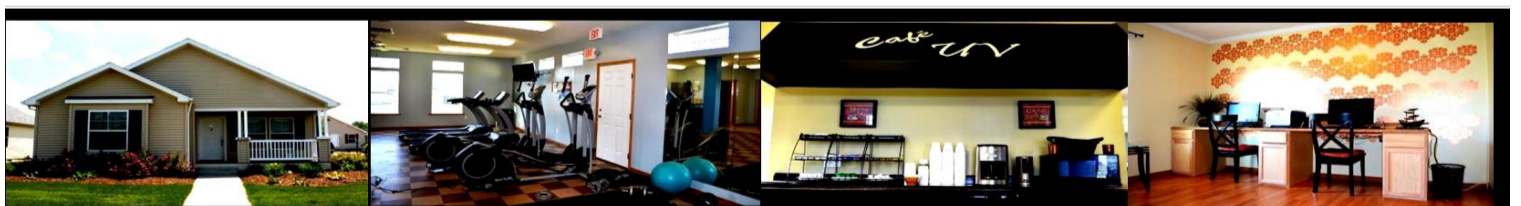
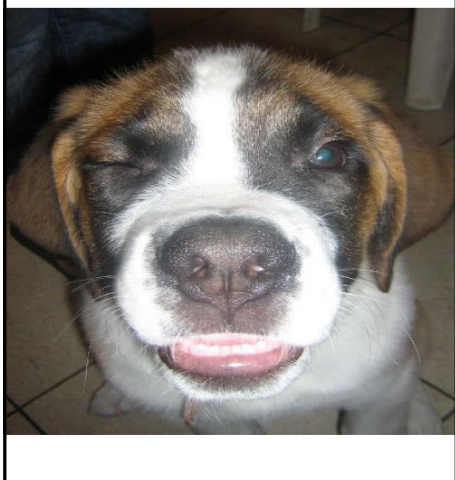
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



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Junior forward Taryn Olson makes a rebound and begins to send it back to her team during Eastern's 70-57 victory over Evansville Tuesday in Lantz Arena.

Panthers sink Aces with hot shooting

By Alex McNamee
Staff Reporter

The Evansville Purple Aces had some tired eyes late in Tuesday night's game as the Eastern women's basketball team asserted itself when shots started to fall.

The Panthers finished on a 15-6 run in the last 8:15 of the game, holding the Aces at the 51-point mark for almost six minutes. The Panthers cruised to a 70-57 win at Lantz Arena.

Four Evansville players competed in at least 30 minutes of the game, including Khristian Hart who played in 38 minutes, while only Eastern senior guard Ta'Kenya Nixon played 30 or more for the Panthers.

"That helped us at the end," Nixon said. "They probably got a little tired."

Eastern head coach Lee Buchanan said Evansville's tired legs may have contributed to its shooting woes in the second half.

The Aces were 7-of-26 from the field in the second half after making 50 percent of their shots in the first half.

Meanwhile, the Panthers' shots started to fall — sinking 6-of-14 three pointers and 46.7 percent of shots in the second half.

"When players start to see shots go in, it's a relief like everything is going to be OK," Buchanan said.

The Panthers made four consecutive three pointers between the 10:32-mark and 5:44-mark of the second half — from three different players.

Eastern red-shirt sophomore forward Katlyn Payne sank two three pointers on the Panthers way to a commanding lead. Also, junior guard Jordyne Crunk and sophomore forward Sabina Oroszova sank threes.

"When we're on the same page, shots just start dropping for everybody," senior forward Sydney Mitchell said.

Payne and Crunk led the way for the Panthers beyond the arc, each sinking two three pointers.

Both players came off the bench as a part of the Panthers' 31 bench points in the game. The Panthers outscored the Aces off the bench, 31-8.

"I think we're starting to come together — 31 points off the bench is huge. We got a little contribution from everybody and that's what a good team is supposed to do."

Lee Buchanan, head women's basketball coach

"I think we're starting to come together — 31 points off the bench is huge," Buchanan said. "We got a little contribution from everybody and that's what a good team is supposed to do."

Mitchell and freshman guard Danielle Woolfolk were a big part of the bench's effort in the game.

Mitchell, who has been nursing hamstring issues all season, scored 10 points in the game and grabbed four rebounds.

"I just think I was under the radar because of my performance before this game and (Evansville) didn't expect me to do anything," Mitchell said.

In six previous games, Mitchell only scored points in three of them. Her previous season-high was nine points against Dayton on Nov. 25.

"She kind of looked like Sydney again," Buchanan said.

Woolfolk set her career-high points and rebounds with seven points and six rebounds in nine minutes of play.

"She can do it every game if she wants to," Nixon said. "She doesn't play little."

Woolfolk is only 5-foot-3, but was third on the team Tuesday night with six rebounds.

Four players finished in double figures for the Panthers' — Nixon, Crunk, Mitchell and senior forward Mariah King.

The Panthers next game is at 7 p.m. Friday against Sacramento State in Lantz Arena.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Eastern hosts Western for in-state matchup

By Anthony Catezone
Assistant Sports Editor

The Eastern men's basketball team returns home after two heartbreaking losses to Central Arkansas and Stony Brook University.

Stony Brook used a late 16-3 run in the second half to close out Eastern and drop its record to 3-6.

The last time the Panthers were home, the Bears of Central Arkansas sank them with a last-second buzzer-beater.

Now, the Panthers must stay focused on their next opponent against in-state rival Western Illinois (5-3). The two will battle at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Lantz Arena. "We can't go into the next game

thinking about the last game," senior guard Austin Akers said. "We just need to go out, follow Coach Spoonhour's game plan and limit our breakdowns."

The Panthers are 1-3 in their home arena, while the Leathernecks are 2-3 on the road.

This will be the 154th meeting between the two. Eastern narrowly holds the all-time lead 77-76, but possess a dominant 47-22 series lead in Charleston.

The last Western victory on Eastern's home floor was in 1996.

The Leathernecks bested the Panthers last season, on their way to a 64-48 victory.

Both Eastern and Western average less than 60 points per game, with

58.2 and 58.8, respectively.

However, fans can expect a defensive struggle, as Eastern surrenders 61.3 points per game, second best in the OVC, Western gives up just 53.5 points per game, tops in the Summit League.

Akers has paved the way for the Panther offense this season as he averages 4.2 assists per game, sixth best in the Ohio Valley Conference, while his 2.9 assist-to-turnover ratio ranks second in the conference.

"We are going to control the tempo and play our brand of basketball," Akers said. "We want to limit their open shots and play solid on both ends of the court."

Sophomore forward Josh Piper is

the only player to average in double figures with 12.1 points per game. He is shooting a team-high 48.6 percent from the floor, while also adding 5.2 rebounds per game.

Fellow forward Sherman Blanford leads the Panthers in rebounds with 5.4 per game, while contributing 9.8 points a game.

Western is opposite Eastern in terms of streaks, as it has won two straight, behind a 68-63 win over Kansas City, and a 73-71 win over South Dakota.

Western can bring a suffocating defense, as it only allows 39.4 percent of opponent's shots.

However, the Leatherneck offense has had its struggles.

On Nov. 24, Western's latest

loss, the Leathernecks fell to Savannah State 39-38.

Ceola Clark is the frontrunner for Western's offense. He leads the Leathernecks with 14.5 points per game. He also averages 3.2 rebounds per game and 3.5 assists per game.

Terrell Parks is the leader on the glass, averaging nine rebounds a game.

Parks is the only other Leatherneck to average double-digit points, with 13.4 per game.

Tip off for Eastern and Western is scheduled for 7 p.m. in Lantz Arena.

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