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Library to celebrate 110 years

By Michael Spencer
City Editor | @tmskeeper

The Charleston Carnegie Public Library will celebrate its 110th anniversary Wednesday with a party and a reception to honor the milestone.

Mayor Larry Rennels will give a short speech following a party for area youth, after which there will be a reception in the Carnegie reading room.

The city council approved a proclamation on Jan. 7 that declared Wednesday the date of the anniversary.

Around the turn of the 20th century, American steel-industry tycoon Andrew Carnegie donated money to help build more than 1,600 public libraries across the United States. The library board accepted Carnegie's \$12,000 donation to the Charleston Public Library in 1901, and it officially began operations in 1904.

Library director Jeanne Hamilton said this is a good time to look back on the history of the public library and other libraries across the country.

"It's interesting to see how libraries have changed over the years," Hamilton said. "Before, it was so much about the books and the lending of the books."

Hamilton, a University of Illinois of Urbana-Champaign graduate, came to Charleston following the city's \$7 million dollar renovation of the space in 2009 that updated the building for the first time since 1967.

"That original space was pretty much one big room," Hamilton said. In addition to adding onto the original infrastructure, the old space was refurbished and the woodwork was revived.

For Hamilton, the result is an exciting new place that will act as a place for the Charleston residents to gather.

"I'm excited to be able to work in a building that is just really inviting and welcoming to the community," Hamilton said. "It's so great that we have this rich tradition here."

However, it isn't just about looking back for Hamilton, who said that the library has evolved into something new and unique.

"Now, we're offering a lot of programming and acting as a hub for the community to come and meet," Hamilton said. "Right now, we have six meeting rooms now and they're used constantly. We're a place where people can connect with each other. Our mission statement actually talks about connecting people through education and information and resources."

She said she also hopes the library attracts Eastern students searching for the quieter locale of the public library.

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PHOTOS BY KATIE SMITH | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Darius Francis, a junior communication studies major, writes his New Year's resolution on an index card during "Cocolutions" Tuesday in the Bridge Lounge of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Upper Right: Nathan Bolden, the University Board special events coordinator, writes his own New Year's resolution during "Cocolutions" Tuesday in the Bridge Lounge of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Bolden said he intends to be more focused and better prioritized in 2014.



Students declare changes for 2014

By Katie Smith
Photo Editor | @DEN_News

As a way to usher in the new year and the opportunities it gives students, members of the University Board welcomed students to consider future self-improvements during "Cocolutions."

"Cocolutions," set up in the Bridge Lounge of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, allowed students to make cups of hot chocolate and write down their New Year's resolutions.

Rocken Roll, a graduate student and co-coordinator, knows some resolutions are only temporary products of the ambition people feel with the coming of a new year.

"I think that it is important to - in the beginning - at least think about it," she said.

"Some plans are followed through better than others but I think it is important to reflect over the past year and the changes you want to bring for yourself and hopefully set goals to reach those."

Nathan Bolden, the UB special events coordinator, said of those who stopped by to make a cup of hot chocolate and frame their New Year's resolution, improving upon academic

performance and physical activity were among some of the most common resolutions shared amongst students.

Students' initial commitment to slimming down and bulking up is visible in the number of students swiping in at the university's Student Recreation Center the first weeks after winter break.

The recorded amount of swipes allowing entry to the recreation center between Dec. 1 and Dec. 14 in 2012 is 12,276.

The recorded amount between Jan. 7 through Jan. 21 in 2013 (the first two weeks following winter break) is 21,035.

Whether or not the additional 8,759 entries were the precedent of achieved resolutions, Bolden said the key to committing to any goal is believing you deserve to. He attributes this to the extent in which college students spend devoting their time to others.

"Sometimes it is good just to look back at the past years of you not following through and care about yourself enough and believe in yourself enough to follow through and really take head to the fact that a new year could really mean a new you," Bold-

en said.

He also said the "Cocolutions" was a way for students to think about bettering themselves in the new year.

"That's why this is a perfect exercise for you to get out of that mindset. It's OK to give and take care of others but it's also important to take care of yourself," he added.

Bolden also believes those opposed to New Year's resolutions are unknowingly working toward the same kind of improvement as 44% of Americans according to a 2014 Marist Poll.

"It is always good to document your thoughts and your goals, whether you call them New Year's resolutions or not," he said.

Bolden said he believes whether students call them plans for the new year or they call them goals - period - all people should focus on remaining committed to self-improvement.

For Darius Francis, a junior communication studies major, commitment is the most productive quality he believes a person can resolve to strengthen.

"Everyone always has plans for things they want to do," he said. "Make your goal to be confident and consistent on following through with those plans."

Francis recommends using cell-phone applications like calendars, alarms and email-reminders to remain productive and timely.

Similarly, Roll, who resolves to focus on her schoolwork and being a support for other students, said she thinks using resources like the writing center, library and instructors' office hours are good tools to begin working toward a New Year's resolution.

"Really utilize the services the teachers are providing," she said.

For students like Moniesha Curry, a junior psychology major, however, resolutions do not need to have a tangible outcome.

"My new years resolution is to stay true to who I am and stay true to my goals," Curry said.

No matter the manner of anyone's goal, resolution or lack thereof, Bolden believes acknowledging room for improvement is an early start toward reaching one's full potential.

"This is not done on the first of January so it's never too late to set a goal," he said. "A new year can really mean a new you."

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Bar owners deny violations; hearing soon

Staff Report

An attorney representing the Penalty Box Bar and Grill denied the three counts of violating their liquor license Monday after their second continuance given to seek the right legal council.

The charges include allegedly allowing those who are under 21-years-old into the establishment without purchasing food, to sit at the bar and allowing people

to stand or walk freely in the restaurant while consuming alcoholic beverages.

The owners have a Class D liquor license meaning they are supposed to run as a restaurant and not a bar.

Because the Penalty Box owners denied these claims, an evidentiary trial will take place at 2 p.m. Feb. 3 in City Hall council chambers.

At the hearing, the city of Charleston and Penalty Box attorney Stephen Friedel of Tapella and

Eberspacher and the Penalty Box owners including co-owner Sabrina Henderson, who has been representing the restaurant, will be able to present evidence through witnesses. This evidence will be presented in order for Mayor Larry Rennels, who is the liquor commissioner, to see if there is enough evidence to proceed to a motion.

The owners could be charged with a minimum fine of \$500 and, or a seven-day liquor license suspension.


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The maximum penalty could be a \$1,000 fine and, or a 30-day suspension. They could even have their liquor license revoked, however as Rennels stated in a previous *The Daily Eastern News* article, that is unlikely to happen. The license is normally revoked for more serious matters.

This is the owners' second offense against them, which might end with more serious repercussions.


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A little something to get you going



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Senior English majors Seth Mowrer and David Busboom sip hot chocolate Tuesday between Coleman Hall and Lumpkin Hall. Zeta Phi Beta sorority passed out the drinks to students as a service for their organization.

Public Works makes construction plans

By Michael Spencer
City Editor | [@tmskeeper](https://twitter.com/tmskeeper)

The Charleston Public Works Department will conduct a construction project this spring on the sanitary sewer force main that services the south half of Charleston including the majority of the Eastern campus.

The force main, operated from a lift station located at the base of the hill where Reynolds Drive becomes Lovers Lane, will be rebuilt as a part of a public works project that will cost roughly \$325,000.

Public Works director Curt Buescher said this will be the heftiest undertaking the city will face this year.

"That will be the biggest project, by far," Buescher said.

The force main is composed of

five pumps located at the aforementioned lift station south of Reynolds Drive. It forces sewage up the hill north of the station as opposed to a standard sewer main that relies on flowing water to move waste.

"Half the city of Charleston goes to that lift station," Buescher said. "So, it's a big deal. That lift station is the heart and this force main that we're talking about reconstructing is the artery that comes up from the bottom of the hill. If something happens to either one of those, we're in trouble. But what we've got going is an 18-inch force main there now and it's been there since 1987."

The project will be conducted in conjunction with the resurfacing of Reynolds Drive, scheduled to take place over the summer of this year. The current estimated cost of the

resurfacing project will be \$350,000 and is the most expensive public works project scheduled for this calendar year.

Additionally, the city will begin work on its "Worst-First" program that aims to resurface sidewalks in Charleston in a need-based order.

These projects will come less than six months after the city finished its largest-ever public works project on Ninth Street last fall.

"We just finished Ninth Street north of Family Video which was a great project, the largest project that's ever been done by the city of Charleston," Buescher said. "But since we focused so much on that last year, we're going to get out and pretty much the next year or two we're going to be really focused on sidewalks."

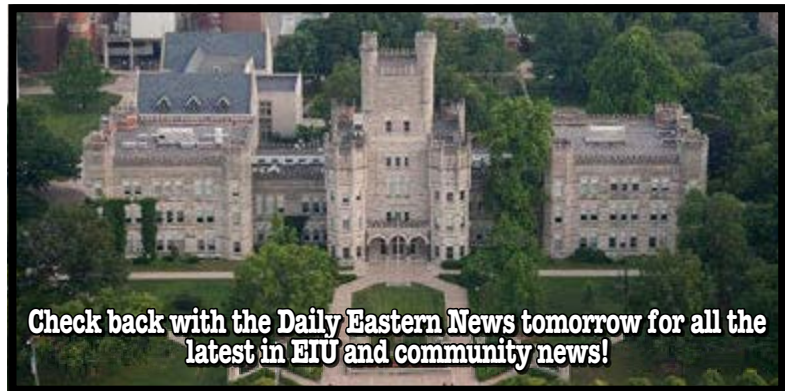
These projects, along with the

rest of the slate of public works-related efforts pertaining to street construction, comes from a yearly budget of roughly \$500,000, all of which is provided to the city through the Motor Fuel Tax or gas tax.

However, building projects such as the force main will come out of the water treatment budget, which will also go, in part, towards the resurfacing project on Reynolds Drive.

The budget will not be finalized until March and the official total cost of public works initiatives such as road resurfacing will be determined by bids the city receives from local contractors.

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Pillow talk



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Morgan Reidy, a junior theatre arts major, auditions for “The Vagina Monologues” on Tuesday in the Women’s Resource Center. “The Vagina Monologues” will be performed on Feb. 6, 7, and 8 at 7 p.m. in the Tarble Arts Center. Tickets are \$7 for students/ seniors and \$10 for general admission. Tickets will be on sale at What’s Cookin’ and the EIU Ticket Office.

NASA offering internship program for undergraduates

Staff Report

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration is accepting applications for their summer internship program from undergraduate students in the country.

In the eight week Student Airborne Research Program, 32 students out of the roughly 200 who will apply will have the ability to work hands-on researching surface, atmospheric and oceanographic processes by flying the DC-8.

The program will run from Jun. 15 until Aug. 8.

Emily Schaller, the program project manager, said the plane was basically a “flying laboratory.”

It is meant to hold a large amount of people to acquire and study air samples.

The air samples and other research will be gathered at NASA’s Dryden Aircraft Operations in Palmdale, California.

Participants in the program will receive round-trip travel to California, housing and transportation during the program, a \$3,000 stipend and a \$2,500 meals allowance.

Students will spend the first week installing instruments on board the DC-8 aircraft.

They will be split up into four groups with one spending the second week flying and collecting data and samples.

Those students will be handling the instruments on the aircraft.

The other three groups will be analyzing other earth samples. The next six weeks will be spent analyzing and interpret the data at the University of California-Irvine.

Students will then have the ability to present their findings to various scientific conferences.

While students from Eastern have not been accepted into the program, within the program’s six years, students from 107 colleges or universities have been a part of the program.

Schaller said they are especially looking for current juniors with a major dealing with earth sciences.

She said they are looking for students “who have an interest in applying their background to the study of the Earth.”

Applicants must be US citizens currently enrolled in a four-year college or university.

The deadline to turn in an application is Feb. 7, 2014.

More information on the program can found on the NASA National Suborbital Education and Research Center website.

She said the goal for the program is to engage the students in NASA’s earth science reserach.

“A lot of students don’t even realize NASA does earth sciences,” Schaller said.

CAA Learning Goals initiative coming to end

By Jack Cruikshank
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The Council on Academic Affairs is set to wrap up its review of the University Learning Goals that it started in fall 2013.

The revision to the goals came about as a part of the North Central Association (NCA) accreditation process.

There are five CAA individual subcommittees tied in with the revision to the learning goals. One committee is associated with each of the learning goals.

The five committees all meet concurrently before the regularly scheduled CAA meetings, acting as the CAA Committee on General Educa-

tion and University Learning Goals.

The five learning goals include critical thinking, writing and critical reading, speaking and listening, quantitative reasoning and responsible citizenship.

CAA members Steven Lucas, the chair of the Secondary Education and Foundations department, along with Rebecca Throneburg, a communications disorders professor, are in charge of the CAA subcommittees on learning goals.

Misty Rhoads, a professor of health studies and the chairperson of the CAA, said the revision to the learning goals is a necessary action due to the NCA accreditation process.

“We did (the learning goals review)

because we are up for accreditation,” Rhoads said. “And this just helps delineate what we are trying to do as a university and ultimately to assess it better to make sure we are giving our students a good experience.”

Rhoads said although the previous learning goals basics were similar, the revisions help specify what skills students should embody upon graduation.

“We have tried to make the goals more clear,” Rhoads said. “Specifically, what do we mean by ‘critical thinking’ and what do we mean by ‘writing?’ We didn’t really change much, we just took them and made them more clear so when professors are trying to assess students and we are trying to assess our university, it is

very clear what the goals mean.”

Rhoads, who is in her second year on the CAA but first as chairperson, said she has updated most of her own courses because of the revisions to the university learning goals.

“As a professor, I like how the learning goals show me what we are headed for,” Rhoads said. “I like how we have cut it down so when I am planning my classes, I can think about the things I need to focus on and what skills I would like to see my students have.”

Rhoads said she wants to conclude the learning goals revisions and ultimately create a series of lectures for professors in order to help them implement the new learning goals.

“We want to create little lectures

to give to professors and chairpersons to help them make students better speakers and better listeners,” Rhoads said.

She said quality of course proposals is something else she wants to focus on.

“We really want to focus on the quality of course proposals coming through, and look at ‘what are you offering, why are you offering it, and how is this going to help our students,’” Rhoads said. “We want to go beyond just grammar, but really focus on what EIU is offering and figuring out how we can make it better.”

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Don't be too overwhelmed by numerous options

Waiting in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Wednesday will be more than 200 registered student organizations, ready to sell students on the possibilities of Eastern.

These different RSOs at the spring semester Panther Palooza range from Greek life to academic clubs to social gatherings. Some may remind you have things you have done or saw in

high school; others may be completely foreign.

The fact of the matter remains, Eastern offers a plethora of opportunities for students.

If this is your first semester here, think about what kind of interests you have before diving headfirst into a sea of options. This will help you narrow your choices down ahead of time.

If this is not the first semester, then think back to previous Panther Paloozas. There must have

been things of interest.

Figuring out ahead of time what sort of groups would be of interest will help navigate the sea of different tables and different people all wanting to have you join.

While the Panther Palooza gives various opportunities to students, it is also not a time to squander. Get involved in college.

Make new friends. Experience a world that could be very different. In the end, it'll be worth it.

Panther Palooza is intended for students to get a small taste of what lies ahead in their years at Eastern. Take the experience not for granted. It could be life changing.

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Mental disorders ridiculed by society

You have depression? You just need to get over it.

You have ADHD? Sit down and listen, you're just being lazy.

You have an anxiety disorder? Take a deep breath, you're just over-reacting.

Just to be clear, I do not actually feel this way about mental disorders, but how many times have you heard these reactions?

Maybe you have a disorder or maybe you have used one of these statements against another person. Whoever you may be, these statements are incredible harmful and ignorant.

For some reason I have yet to understand, mental disorders are looked down upon and not taken seriously by a majority of people in the Western world.

Most of us have sustained a physical injury or illness at least once during our lives.

When we break a bone, our classmates sign our casts, wishing us better health and teachers make arrangements to make our lives easier. People might hold open doors for someone in crutches and they ask questions and show concern for the injured person.

I have seen people react kindly to those with physical problems, but for some reason, mental illnesses and diseases are not talked about in a positive way.

Depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder, ADHD and other common disorders are both frowned upon and sometimes completely dismissed as not



Liz Purcell

being a "real reason" for certain behavior.

Yes, depression is real and affects millions of Americans every day.

ADHD is not a label psychologists throw at restless children - it's a real disorder that affects people's moods, relationships and ability to focus from childhood into adulthood.

These mental disorders can undermine any person's normal day-to-day life. They cannot just "get over it" and their problems are never solved just by taking a pill.

Sometimes medication can help as a supplement to other treatment, but even if these people do decide to take medication, society deems these pills as "happy pills" that people take to ignore their problems.

It is incredibly heart-wrenching that society does not understand how hard people with mental disorders work to improve their lives.

Just like physical therapy for an injury, people with mental disorders go to therapy to talk about their life and find the root of the problem. They delve into distressing, difficult topics and work

through them to change lifelong habits.

Just like high blood pressure, risk of cancer, and other physical problems, depression, ADHD and other disorders can be inherited.

Mental disorders can be wrongly diagnosed but physical problems can be as well, so this is not a legitimate excuse to bash all mental disorders as being made up or fake.

People offer sympathy to those who are going through physical trauma, but someone who has a mental disorder is made fun of and looked down on, even if the antagonist has had those same problems in the past.

We have all been through difficult times, and I think it is time we stop and think about who we might be hurting when we dismiss the struggle someone is having on the inside.

People suffering from mental disorders suffer enough, and we have no right to judge them.

Mental disorders need to be talked about and accepted. Instead of adding on to their struggle, treat the person just like you would treat someone on crutches.

Open the door for them. Ask about what is bothering them. Offer your sympathy and try to make their life a little easier.

It's about time we treat people with mental disorders with equal respect.

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Panther Palooza to showcase different RSOs

By Bob Galuski
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Various registered student organizations are set to gather to showcase their groups as part of the spring Panther Palooza – this year bringing a carnival theme.

Panther Palooza will kick off at 3 p.m. Wednesday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Inside the Grand Ballroom, more than 120 organizations and university departments will be set up to help students dive into the opportunities available at Eastern.

Darnell Tyms, the student vice president for student affairs, said the theme – which Panther Palooza has never had before – came from a need to make it more festive.

“Prior to this spring, Panther Palooza has kept a very basic set up,” he said. This included chairs, tables and displays.

"The carnival theme is sure to encourage a more social, fun environment for students and registered student organizations," he said.

Tyms said this was a decision based off of reviewing surveys and speaking to Ceci Brinker, the Student Government adviser.

Following along with the carnival theme, the spring Panther Palooza will also have popcorn served and organizations are encouraged to have more thematic displays.

Tyms also said students will have the opportunity to participate in games set up.

The games will be provided by most of the organizations as well as the event itself, Tyms said.

Typically, Eastern has two Panther Paloozas during the school year.



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Eastern alumn Aaron Sieben speaks with the Director of Career Services Linda Moore at the spring 2013 Panther Palooza. This year's Panther Palooza will take place in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union from 3-7 p.m.

Each one is in the opening days of the new semester – one in the fall and the spring. The one in the fall takes place outside, while the spring semester Palooza is usually indoors.

When students approach the variety of organizations, they should be asking "What is the purpose of this organization?" Tyms said.

"This is key for any student to

assure that they are well informed about the organizations' role and impact it has at EIU," he said. "In addition, students should ask questions in regards to membership fees, number of participants, weekly meeting times, time commitment and what opportunities could derive from joining."

For the students who may feel

overwhelmed by the number of opportunities spread out before them, Tyms said all they need to do is take time to ask questions about the organizations.

“Don’t feel obligated to obtain membership,” he said. “Allow yourself to get a taste of the organizations you are interested in joining, even try some out.”

He also said taking time to consider each organization is important.

"Remember, you will have plenty of time to get involved so stick to something that fits your schedule," he said. "Eventually you will branch off to join more groups."

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» LIBRARY

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I'd love for (students) to come
check out our books but also as

place where Eastern students can come study," Hamilton said. "We have seen an increase in that in the last few years but I know I get comments that Booth (Library) is kind of noisy so we're kind of a off-the-

beaten-path type of place for students."

Hamilton said she hopes to expand her staff over the next year at the city's approval in order to better serve the community, adding that

the library budget is relatively tight for a community the size of Charleston.

Wednesday's celebration will begin at 4 p.m. with activities for children and teenagers and then con-

clude with statements from the mayor and a reception beginning at 5 p.m.

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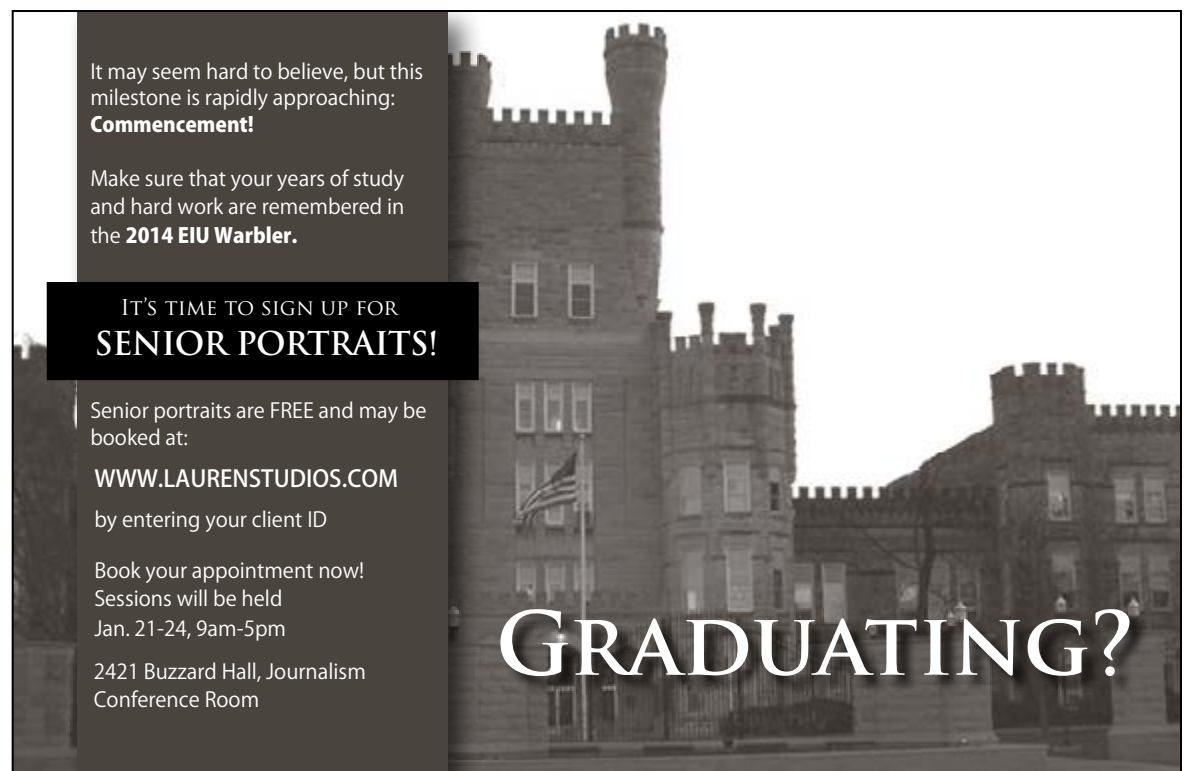
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Three players on the Eastern women's basketball team are averaging **at least 37 minutes** per game throughout conference play this season. Guards Katlyn Payne (38.5) and Jordyne Crunk (37.8) and forward Sabina Oroszova (37.5) are the top three players in the Ohio Valley Conference in minutes per game. No other team in the OVC has more than one player inside the top 10.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Eastern men's basketball team has a scoring margin of **-6 points** per game. That is second worst in the Ohio Valley Conference to only Tennessee-Martin, which is averaging a scoring margin of -11.8 points per game. The Panthers are surrendering 76 points per game while scoring 70.6 points per game this season, both are eighth in the conference.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

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Forward Sabina Oroszova of the women's basketball team has recorded **seven consecutive** double-doubles this season. The junior is sixth in the Ohio Valley Conference with 18.3 points per game and second in the conference in rebounds per game with 10.4. However, during OVC play, she is scoring 19 points per game and a conference-high 13.8 rebounds per game.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Eastern men's basketball team has a rebounding defense of **30.6 rebounds** per game to its opponents in conference play. That is fourth in the Ohio Valley Conference and just 1.3 rebounds per game away from first. It is the only statistic in which Eastern ranks inside the top four among OVC teams. Senior forward Sherman Blanford ranks ninth in the OVC with 6.4 rebounds per game.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Second string goalie steps up despite knee injury

By Dominic Renzetti
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With a short bench, frustrations were mounting for the Eastern hockey club, which was about to lose its fourth straight game – this time to Robert Morris on Jan. 4.

The Panthers played four games during winter break, losing the first two to Louis University by scores of 8-3 and 5-1 on Dec. 13 and 14, and the second two to Robert Morris on Jan. 3 and 4 by scores of 6-1 and 8-2, respectively. In the second game against Robert Morris, Eastern senior goalie Andrew Teske fired a puck at an opposing player after he scored, warranting a 10-minute major penalty. Typically, goalies are not sent to the penalty box, and another player is chosen to serve the penalty. But in this case, the officials ruled that Teske must serve his penalty, sending him to the box, and forcing Eastern to replace him at goal while the Panthers played short-handed.

Eastern's backup goalie, sophomore Zach Peifer, was not planning on playing in the game against Robert Morris. Peifer, a transfer student from Prairie State, is in his second semester at Eastern, had torn his MCL in his right knee a few weeks prior, likely ending his season.

Peifer had seen limited action during the course of the year before his injury, but as the only other goalie on the roster, his team needed him. Peifer would need to defend the goal for the Panthers for an entire 10 minutes (plus more with play stoppages) with a torn MCL.

"Well, at first I couldn't believe it," Peifer said. "I've never seen a goalie have to actually serve a penalty before, so I was in shock."

Peifer said he understood the risk he was taking by playing, but felt that it was something he had to do.

"A lot of the guys on the bench were telling me not to play because I could have got hurt much worse, but I had no option," he said. "When I got out there, I tried to focus on the game and not the pain. The boys played great in front of me, which was awesome, and I just did what I could to help the team."

The Panthers went on to lose, as Peifer gave up two goals in net.

For the team moving forward, it is about getting back to a stable routine, Eastern senior forward Chris Gallagher said.

"Having a break that long and not being able to see the boys for a while is rough but we are all use to it and we just have to get back in the routine," he said.

The Panthers have another tough task this weekend, taking on the University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign's Division I team.

Eastern played the Illinois Division II team at the beginning of the season, losing 11-5 on Sept. 20 in Danville. The Panthers will take on the Illini at 7:30 Saturday in Champaign.

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Red-shirt freshman guard Dennis Green goes up for a layup against IPFW at Lantz Arena. The Panthers lost 71-65 at Lanz Arena on Nov. 27, 2013. Eastern's next game will be at 7 p.m. Friday in Lantz Arena against Maury State.

Olivier gives spark for offense

By Anthony Catezone
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Chris Olivier has done exactly what he was brought in to do: rebound and score inside the paint for the Eastern men's basketball team.

The junior forward transfer from Northern Iowa sat out the fall semester of the 2013-14 season because of NCAA transfer rules.

But since he has been eligible, Olivier has found himself a home underneath the basket in Lantz Arena.

Olivier has averaged 10.3 points per game, third on the Panthers, and 6.2 rebounds per game in Ohio Valley Conference play, 10th in the league.

"He's going to come in and get a lot of rebounds, help build up our energy and give us another pair of fresh feet when the bigs are tired," forward Sherman Blanford said after the final game before Olivier's Panther debut. "He can definitely score in the post.

We will need that."

And scored he has. Olivier leads the Panthers as he is shooting 50 percent from the field in his first seven games, while also averaging nearly 10 shots per game. He has scored team highs three times with 14, 19 and 15 points.

"He has helped us not eliminate our scoring droughts, but he has helped us limit them," Eastern coach Jay Spoonhour said. "He is a good offensive player who scores around the basket."

The 6-foot-8, 245-pound forward has caused matchup problems for opponents, Spoonhour said, the Panthers have been able to play a bigger lineup and allow forwards Josh Piper and Blanford to play the 3-position, while Olivier fills their usual 4-position.

Weekly awards

Tennessee State guard Patrick Miller won the Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Week, as he averaged 29.5 points, 4.5 assists, two rebounds and 1.5 steals per game.



Chris Olivier

He started the week by scoring 22 points and dishing out two assists in a non-conference game with Middle Tennessee State.

He capped the week by scoring a career-high 37 points, the second-most points by an OVC player in a game this season, at Southeast Missouri.

The senior made 12-of-21 field goals and 11-of-12 free throws, had seven assists, recorded four rebounds and nabbed three steals.

Miller leads the OVC in scoring with 21.8 points per game and is sixth in each assists (4.3

per game) and steals (1.8 per game).

Murray State's Jarvis Williams earned OVC Newcomer of the Week honors for the second consecutive week after averaging 16.5 points, eight rebounds and 1.5 blocks per game, all while hitting 75 percent (15-of-20) from the field in two Racer wins.

The junior transfer from Gordon State College started the week with his seventh double-double of the season at Eastern Kentucky, making 9-of-9 field goalson his way to 19 points and also recording 11 rebounds. He capped the week with 14 points, five rebounds and two blocks in a victory over Austin Peay.

Williams currently ranks second in the OVC in rebounding with 10.5 per game, third in blocks with 1.6 per game, fifth in field-goal percentage with 61.4 percent and 11th in scoring with 14.1 points per game.

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Panthers hover near .500 halfway through season

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The Eastern women's basketball team is at the midway point through the season, and it currently has a 7-9 record.

The Panthers dropped the first three games by an average margin of 22 points per game. They struggled shooting the ball as well, only shooting 31 percent through the first three games of the season. Junior guard Katlyn Payne said the biggest challenge this season has been losing games that they should have won. The Panthers had leads in each of those three games in the first half. Looking to redeem themselves from the first three losses, the Panthers took

on a Loyola team at home, coached by WNBA legend Sheryl Swoopes. The Panthers shot 50 percent from the field and were in a tight-knit battle the entire game, until Jordyne Crunk sunk two free throws with .9 seconds on the clock to give coach Debbie Black her first win of her Eastern career.

The Panthers would add a close win over Western Illinois, which they had to come back from a deficit late in the second half. While being 2-3 at thanksgiving break, the Panthers headed the Kansas City for the University of Missouri-Kansas City Tournament. They faced a 0-6 UMKC team, but lost 69-62, followed by a 33-point loss to the University of Alabama-Birmingham. The Pan-

thers would split the next two games. They defeated Bradley 71-67, and were lead by a dominant performance by junior Sabina Oroszova who recorded a school-tying record for most field goals made in a game. She had 38 points on 16-of-29 shooting, including 2-of-3 from the 3-point line and had 15 rebounds in the contest.

Oroszova she is averaging 18.3 points per game and is shooting 45 percent from the floor and 32 percent from three. The Panthers have gotten most of the scoring from Oroszova and seniors Jordyne Crunk and Payne, who are averaging 13.8 and 12.5 points per game, respectively. Bench production has been a problem for the Panthers

this season, to where no one coming off the bench is averaging more than four points a game.

Coming out of winter break, the Panthers went down to Florida and swept the North Florida Holiday tournament by defeating Georgia Southern 57-50 and Air Force 76-44.

The Panthers would win another two out of the next three games they played and Oroszova said it is because of the chemistry the team has.

"I think we have figured out our roles on the team," she said. "We are trying to make each other better by competing in every practice. We just need to stay together as a team no matter what the result of the game is."

Payne said the most recent success has come from how hard they have worked in practice.

"The will to win and the attitude that we will fight for each other is why when we break in a huddle we stay together," Payne said. "The amount of passion we all have for the game, because we need to understand this is a chance not all people get and it can be taken away."

The Panthers are coming into this midway point on a two game losing streak, with road losses to Jacksonville State and Tennessee Tech.

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