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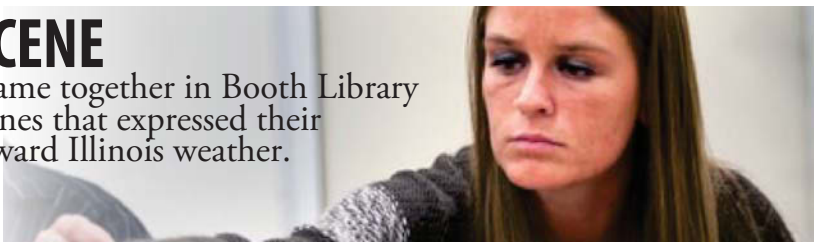
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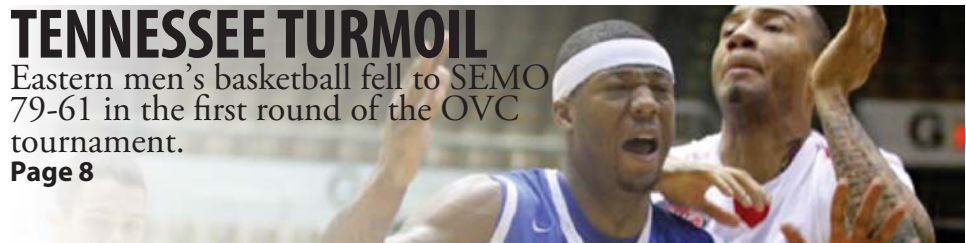
ZINE SCENE

Students came together in Booth Library to create zines that expressed their feelings toward Illinois weather. Page 3



TENNESSEE TURMOIL

Eastern men's basketball fell to SEMO 79-61 in the first round of the OVC tournament. Page 8



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Student government temporarily low on funds

By Jarad Jarmon Associate News Editor | @JJarmonReporter

Out of the \$43,735 student government received for FY14, the budget is currently \$35 for the time being.

This total was announced at the Student Senate meeting Wednesday.

Student Body President Kaylia Eskew said student government paid for shirts in advanced for Blue Crew shirts and the sponsors have already agreed to pay back the \$300 for the shirts. They will have \$335 for the rest of the fiscal year.

If left with additional funds by the end, those funds would then be allocated back into the apportionment board emergency funds. Eskew said the \$335 left will most likely be spent by then.

Darnell Tyms, the student vice president for Student Affairs, announced members from the four student fee funded groups: AB, student government, University Board and the Student Recreational Center will be presenting their AB approved budgets to the senate March 19 to then be tabled for the following senate meeting March 26.

AB was allotted \$500,000 to then be divvied out to these groups. The total amount of funds requested did not exceed or even reach that amount though. These groups only requested a total of \$498,918.

Bianca Tomlin, the university enhancement committee chairwoman, also brought up numerous ideas and issues students are having difficulties with. She said Yazmin Rodriguez, a sophomore sociology major, is looking into the chance of seeing more “blue” in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Tomlin said other than in specific areas like the Student Activities Center and the Bridge Lounge, there is not much blue in the Union.

She also said she has been talking with Dan Nadler, the vice president for Student Affairs, to have the blue paw prints across campus re-painted. The paw prints have not been painted in three years.

She added her committee is just making sure the administration and student government is aware of these issues students are having.

“This isn’t something we are looking to get done,” Tomlin said.

Executive Vice President Mitch Gurick announced the student action team will be going to lobby for Eastern on April 9.

The senate will meet again at 7 p.m. March 19 in the Arcola-Tuscola Room in the Union.

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Dan Chevalier (The Mute), maneuvers a hand-crafted dragon during a battle scene in The Fantasticks Wednesday in the Theatre of the Doudna Fine Arts Center. In this scene, the young lovers' fathers arranged to have the female love interest, Luisa, undergo a staged abduction so that Matt, the male love interest, could rescue her and earn Luisa's love. The dragon was the last enemy Matt fought off.

‘Fantasticks’ reveals moonlit love story

By Samantha Middendorf Staff Reporter | @DEN_News

The lights dimmed, the piano played and the cast of “The Fantasticks,” took the stage and danced under the moonlight.

“The Fantasticks” made its musical debut Wednesday at the Theater of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

The musical centered on Matt, a young man who studies moons, and Luisa, a young 16-year-old girl who becomes insane when she discovers she is pretty.

The children live with their fathers and are neighbors to each other. Their fathers hope to make them fall in love, so they build a wall separating their houses.

“To manipulate kids you simply tell them no,” the fathers explained to the audience. They succeeded, and Matt and Luisa quickly fell in love under the moonlight.

The fathers hired El Gallo, a bandit, to ambush Luisa with the hope that Matt will defeat those trying to take her away from him and become the hero of their epic love story.

El Gallo and his three sidekicks, Mortimer, Henry and the Mute ambush Luisa and Matt.

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Jennifer Tritz (Luisa) looks back to the audience during the first act of The Fantasticks. The play was a steampunk rendition of a classic love story about a boy who becomes overly infatuated with a girl.

Poverty, hunger an issue among students

By Michael Spencer City Editor | @tmskeeper

Editor's Note: This is the fourth part in an on-going series about poverty in Coles County.

The American “War on Poverty” turned 50 years old in January.

While the proverbial first shot might have been fired by President Lyndon Johnson's administration in 1964, Eastern students have picked up the banner and they are running with it.

However, a blind eye is not being turned to the issue of poverty and hunger within the ranks of the student body.

“I remember I was going back and forth to the welfare office and they kept saying that they needed this paperwork or I needed to bring this pay-stub or this or that, there was always something missing.”

Ke’Ana Troutman, junior sociology major

One in five Coles County residents live in poverty and those figures are not exclusive to the permanent residents. Students struggle daily to make ends meet while also working to earn an education.

Ke’Ana Troutman, a junior sociology major,

faced the challenges of being food insecure just last summer.

Troutman qualified for Federal Work Study, a program that offers funds for the part-time employment of students who qualify for the grant. Those who are eligible for work-study may also ap-

ply for food stamps.

During the summer of 2013, Troutman was re-hired at the Student Recreation Center without work-study while also working at a local pizza restaurant.


“I experienced a time when I wasn’t on Federal Work Study anymore because I got re-hired at the Rec. Center without work-study,” Troutman said. “So, I wasn’t using my work-study money but I wasn’t working the enough hours to still receive food stamps. It was about a month that I wasn’t receiving food stamps.”

Despite working two jobs, Troutman was still food insecure and without the aid of food stamps.

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NCA to present self-study sections

By Jack Cruikshank
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The committee responsible for the North Central Association re-accreditation process will host its sixth “First Friday” meeting Friday to elicit community feedback about the on-going process of re-accreditation.

The meeting will take place at 7:30 a.m. Friday in the 7th Street Underground of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Bob Augustine, the dean of the graduate school, said the co-chairmen of the five subcommittees will present highlights from the chapters in the NCA self-study literature.

“Our goal is to make sure the campus has a chance to provide feedback and can respond to the efforts of their colleagues who represent them on the subcommittees,” Augustine said.

The report will include five chapters focusing on Eastern’s mission, university integrity, teaching and learning to creating rigor, how to assess teaching and learning, and the final chapter overviews budgeting and planning.

“Each of those chapters is now drafted out,” Augustine said. “The

co-chairs will identify two or three highlights from the work that they have done and to engage members of the community about it whether they have any questions or other details they would like to know about the self-study.”

The last self-study forum will take place April 18 during which it will combine the final two First Friday meetings. During this meeting the campus community can provide feedback from the first draft of the entire approximately 200-page report.

Augustine said his team will be looking for feedback in one of two main areas: inaccuracies and whether or not any aspect of Eastern has been overlooked throughout the process of re-accreditation.

He said the community can also provide feedback online in addition to attending the upcoming meetings.

“Everyone (throughout the Eastern community) has a stake in ensuring that we have a great self-study, and we will, we will have a very successful self-study,” Augustine said.

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End the word



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Katherine Hickey, a freshman special education major, buys a Spread the Word to End the Word bracelet from Hannah Wankel, a senior special education major, at an outreach table in Buzzard Hall Tuesday.

City plans to commemorate Riot

By: Kristen Gisondi
Staff Reporter | @Den_News

The city of Charleston will play host to a full slate of events commemorating the Charleston Riot of 1864 on March 28-30.

Events like a 5-kilometer and 2-mile fun run, guided tours of the courthouse, and guest speakers will explain the history of the riot.

Additionally, Harold Holzer, a scholar and chairman of the Lincoln Bicentennial Foundation who has written and edited more than 40 books on the 16th president, will be speaking at the Charleston Riot dinner at the Charleston Moose Lodge on March 29.

In 1864, an altercation broke out between a group of Union soldiers and members of a group called the Copperheads, who were already prominent throughout the Northern border-states as Southern sympathizers and detractors to the war effort.

“This was nothing isolated to Coles County,” said Terry Barnhart, a histo-

ry professor at Eastern. “There were incidents like this everywhere. It was part of this larger movement in the North called the Northern Peace Movement.”

The altercation turned violent as nine people were killed and 12 people were injured. Fifteen Copperheads were arrested and later turned over to civilian authorities.

At a commemoration ceremony, Mayor Larry Rennels is set to mention the names of those who passed in the riot and their connection to any local descendants. Additionally, Rennels will read a proclamation issued by the city of Charleston at the time of the riot.

“It’s not necessarily a celebration, it’s a commemoration,” said Diane Ratliff, the event coordinator for the commemorative ceremonies. “We don’t want to celebrate the riot because people died but it’s important for people to know what brought about the altercation.”

The people arrested after the Charleston Riot were not formerly

charged with anything, but were just held in jail. Later, the prisoners were released.

Tours of the now-defunct underground jail where the prisoners were held will be given on March 28 and March 29.

Barnhart said taking the opportunity to look back on the riot provides an opportunity to examine the nuanced realities of the conflict.

“Many of us assume that everyone in the North rallied behind the Lincoln administration and we were all for the war,” Barnhart said. “The problem is that the war was like a chameleon. It changed in objectives and opportunities to fight.”

A free shuttle will run on Friday and Saturday, taking visitors to historical checkpoints in Charleston. Guided tours of the cemeteries where the fallen were buried will also take place throughout the weekend.

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BLOTTER Harrassment reported on camus

- Disorderly conduct was reported at 3:36 p.m. Monday at Lawson Hall. This incident was referred to the Office of Student Standards.

- Stephen Davis, 19, 14415 S. Woodlawn, Dolton, Ill., was arrested at 8:44 a.m. Tuesday on a Failure To Appear warrant for illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor. He was released to the custody of the Coles County Sheriff’s Office at 10:37 a.m. pending a \$1,000 bond.

- A Private Property Accident was reported at 12:29 p.m. Tuesday near Thomas Hall. No citations were issued.

- An electronic harassment report was taken at 1:59 p.m. Tuesday at the University Police Department. This incident was referred to the Office of Student Standards.

- A harassment report was taken at 4:33 p.m. Tuesday at the University Police Department. This incident is under investigation.

- Possession of another’s credit/debit card was reported at 8:37 a.m. Wednesday to the University Police Department to have occurred at various locations. This incident is under investigation.

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Zines encourage expression, avoid censorship

By Megan Ivey
Staff Reporter | @DEN_News

Paper, magazines, markers and pens covered the conference table.

Zines, which can be described as self-published, free-formed “pocket books” of all shapes and sizes, were sprawled out among two nearby tables.

Eastern students and faculty, along with panelists who have a history of self-publishing, gathered together to compile a group zine through the event “Cut and Paste — EIU Zine Symposium.”

The group decided to base their zine on Illinois weather, a topic that “everyone in the room could relate to.”

Each person was to construct one page of the zine.

Students and faculty took different approaches to poke fun at the topic, from cutting out a flip-flop advertisement and drawing a giant “x” over it, to spelling the phrase “winter sucks” with various typography found in magazines.

Derrick Parker, a senior communication studies major, said he had never heard the term zine before the event.

“I have no idea how to describe a zine,” Parker said. “Dr. Gracon talked about the panel in class, and it seemed like something cool.”

Before the workshop, the symposium gave Eastern students and faculty a glimpse into punk rock and the underground self publishing methods.

A discussion panel included five members.

The panel was lead in-person by David Gracon, a communications professor and organizer of the event, Robert

Petersen, an art professor, and Jason Pankoke, a writer and designer from Champaign.

Two panelists, Liz Mason, a self-publisher from Chicago, and Lainie Duro, who is opening a zine library in Austin, Texas were conferenced through Skype and telephone, respectfully.

The speakers discussed how zines helped shape their character.

Gracon, who started making zines after having bad experiences when writing for his high school newspaper, said making zines was a way to take control of his media.

“Editors often censored my writing,” Gracon said. “I felt that by the end, my pieces were void of any character.”

Gracon instead said he decided to write without restrictions by interviewing indie-labeled music, including The Ramones, for his zine titled, “Ape.”

Mason, who writes numerous issues of zines titled “Caboose,” said zines are the perfect outlet to “rant and rave.”

“I like to label my writing as sit down, stand up comedy,” Mason said. “I would be a terrible comedian in person, but I use zines to write humorously.”

Duro said the zine community brings her many “weird coincidences.”

“Weeks before I knew I would be in the panel, I discovered ‘Caboose,’” Duro said. “ It shows you what a small world the zine community really is. (Mason) is a hilarious writer.”

Mason said the zine community was like having multiple “punk-rock pen pals.”

The speakers said that zines and the



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Anna Richardson, a junior communications major, makes a “zine,” or pocket book, Wednesday in the conference room of Booth Library. The theme of the “zines” was an Illinois winter.

community opened themselves to new perspectives.

Pankoke, who described himself as a “latecomer to self-publishing” said that creating zines “opened his eyes.”

“It proved that there is an audience for everything,” Pankoke said. “No one should be limited.”

Petersen said the history of zines date back to the early 1830s.

He showcased many different types that have interested him through the years, including “Two Dead Ninjas,” which the author wrote a comic based

off his 3 year-old son’s drawings.

“How else could such a thing like this exist?” Petersen said.

The panelists also discussed how they would like to see zines progress.

Duro said she hopes to one day have a zine database, including tags of the author and location.

Gracon said he would like to encourage zine-making as a form of academic research.

He currently allows his students to make a zine as a final project in the class Alternative Media.

Miriam Anderson, a senior communication studies major, said she enjoyed making a zine for Gracon’s course.

“It centered around making my campus green,” Anderson said. “I like that it didn’t have to look professional.”

Peterson said to “not hold back” when making zines.

“Imagine the unimaginable,” Peterson said.

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CAA to vote on FCS course changes, business revisions

By Jack Cruikshank
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After not meeting quorum at their meeting Thursday, the Council on Academic Affairs will meet Thursday to review seven items it did not vote on during its last meeting, as well as nine new requests.

The meeting will take place at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Effingham Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The meeting’s 16 requests come

from the Lumpkin School of Business and Applied Sciences and the School of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Family and Consumer Sciences is requesting to change the core of their curriculum, which would take the current four required courses and change that to two courses for students not enrolled within a concentration.

In the revision proposal, the school said it wants these changes due to the realization of current duplication of content within courses.

According to the revision proposal, “The School of Family & Consumer Sciences used feedback from a recent accreditation to determine that information in some of the four core courses were duplicated, additional content was needed, and a tighter structure was necessary for the FCS Core Curriculum.”

The change will make only two courses, FCS 2500, Foundational Focus of Family and Consumer Sciences, and FCS 3500, Professionalism in Family and Consumer Sciences, the “core” of the curriculum.

The school will request to add the two FCS 2500 and FCS 3500 courses to the curriculum.

After adding the two new courses and revising the curriculum’s “core,” the school will request to revise the curricula for two of the major’s options in dietetics and family services.

The school of FCS will then request to change the name of the concentration in Consumer Studies to “Financial Literacy Concentration.”

The school of business will be re-

questing to add a new course, BUS 3100, Survey of Marketing Principles, which the council tabled at its last meeting because of a lack of information about the content of the class on the course proposal.

As well as revising the Business Administration Minor, the council will vote to revise the Marketing major and revise four finance courses numbered 3000 and higher.

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Matt sword fought them to their “death,” and finally slayed a mysterious dragon. In the end, he became the hero everyone hoped he would become.

“It is September before a rainfall; the perfect time to fall in love,” El Gallo declared, and the love story began.

However, what happened in the night is not always seen in the same light as day, and the family found conflict the next morning.

The next day, things began to become clearer and Matt, Luisa and their father begin to realize that they may not be as madly in love as they thought the night before.

The once imaginary family feud was now reality, and the wall is rebuilt.

El Gallo and his sidekicks returned and decided to take Matt, their “young rooster,” under their wing. He ran away with them in the hopes to discover the real world.

While Matt was away with the sidekicks, Luisa became enamored with El Gallo, her “bandit.” El Gallo told her that he always finds a way to take away what people love.

Despite this, El Gallo managed to make Luisa fall in love with him by taking her dancing and showing her the world beyond the wall. He showed her Henry, Mortimer and the Mute had been torturing Matt, but she could not see past the excitement of seeing the new world and dancing the night away with her new love, El Gallo.

El Gallo proved himself to be the crook that he is and stole Luisa’s highly treasured necklace that belonged to her mother. He ran away and once again Luisa found herself lost, alone and heart-broken.

Matt returned beaten and battered to find lonely Luisa. Once again, under the moonlight, they realized they are in love and have been all along.

The families united and were happy once again. They debated tearing down the wall that separates them, but El Gallo offered the advice, “Remember, you must always leave the wall.”

“The Fantasticks,” has been performed off-Broadway in New York since 1960. The Nebraska Theatre Caravan presented the performance at Eastern.

Eastern’s theatre arts majors had the opportunity of attending a workshop put on by some cast members of “The Fantasticks.” Dwight Vaught, the director of Doudna, said it is important to provide students with the chance to learn from professionals.

“We try to give the students a learning experience and also something that can be meaningful to them,” Vaught said.

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Panther of Wall Street



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Tim Martin, a *Wall Street Journal* reporter and Eastern alumnus, discusses his post-graduate experiences as a professional journalist Wednesday in the Robertson Auditorium in Lumpkin Hall. Martin, a former editor with *The Daily Eastern News*, was offered a job at *The Wall Street Journal* almost immediately following his graduation from Eastern. He turned down the position however, in order to pursue his longing to spend time in Korea. When he returned to the U.S., he learned the job was still available and has been working as a reporter at the publication for about five years.

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“I remember I was going back and forth to the welfare office and they kept saying that they needed this paperwork or I needed to bring this pay-stub or this or that, there was always something missing,” she said.

Finally, she decided to go the Charleston Area Food Pantry.

“I stuck out like a sore thumb,” Troutman said, adding that students are in need of the food pantry, but are often unwilling to utilize the service.

But the problem has not gone unnoticed by Rachel Fisher, the director of the student community service department, or the students who volunteer through her branch.

Fisher helped to establish extra hours last spring each Thursday evening at the food pantry, coordi-

nated and operated by Eastern students.

Since then, the program has taken off.

Crystal Brown, the assistant director of the student community service department, said student involvement has been considerable.

Looking across the food pantry at the eight Eastern students volunteering last Thursday, Brown added that the immense response had actually created a surplus of workers.

“We put the request out there for volunteers and within a day or two it’s full and we have people being added to a waiting list,” Brown said.

One of the students stocking shelves at that moment was Kelsey Jackson, a junior elementary education major, who is no stranger

to the food pantry. She said she has worked behind the counter five times but she has also stood on the other side as well.

Jackson and her husband came to Charleston last fall and struggled to make ends meet.

“Before we moved (her husband) had a job but when we moved here, the transfer of his job got mixed up and since August he hasn’t had a job,” Jackson said.

She visited the food pantry and decided she wanted to give back. “I decided to come here once and I felt bad for using this as a resource so I felt like it’s my job to give back if I’m going to keep using the food pantry,” Jackson said.

Fisher said an opportunity to unite students with the community in an effort to defeat hunger is invaluable.

“To have something so student centered, that is so committed to not only helping their peers but also their community members is fantastic,” Fisher said, “So I think for both the Charleston Area Food Pantry and us, that is probably the most outwardly external sign of the high level commitment we have between our two agencies.”

But the problem has not gone away. For Troutman, there is no guarantee that she will not face the same set of challenges again.

“I do have an internship this summer and I’m praying that I’ll get enough hours that I’ll be able to cover those three months over the summer,” Troutman said.

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Perrone provides spark at leadoff

By Aldo Soto
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Blood trickled down from Frankie Perrone’s jawline, down his neck, spattering onto his jersey, standing in left field in Eastern’s Friday baseball game against Michigan State.

But he told no one, hiding the fact that blood had been drawn after being cleated by fellow freshman Marshawn Taylor.

“There was a popup and (Marshawn) was drifting back from his shortstop position,” Perrone said. “As an outfielder, I have priority of anything hit out to the outfield, so I was coming in for the ball.”

Taylor was only trailing back because there was a slight breeze that pushed the ball out to the outfield, forcing Perrone to come in.

Eventually Taylor settled underneath the ball and made the catch, but by then it was too late for Perrone, who said that from his perspective he felt the ball was going to fall in, prompting him to make a diving effort.

“As he was going back, I tried to get out of the way because I saw he was going to catch it,” Perrone said. “But I guess when he caught it and I tried getting out of the way, his cleats got my face.”

The result: a Michigan State out and 15-20 stitches on three different parts of his face.

“On Saturday against Mississippi State, I had some fans telling me stuff when I was in the outfield playing defense,” Perrone said.

Perrone was all patched up before Saturday’s game, being taped up after getting stitches, which gave Bulldogs’ fans more ammunition to hurl at the freshman.

“The fans were non-stop, calling me Santa Claus because I had tape all across my chin and neck,” he said. “I heard someone say, ‘did your girlfriend slap you’ but you have to blind all that stuff out.”

The heckling was not the only hurdle the first-year starter had to overcome at the Diamond Classic in Starkville, Miss.

Adding salt to the wounds, Perrone went 0-for-5, striking out four times in Eastern’s 10-5 extra-innings win.

The four-strikeout performance followed a lineup change from Eastern coach Jim Schmitz.

Through the Panthers’ first eight games, sophomore Mitch Gasbarro hit leadoff seven times.

“We needed a change and if you see my track record I usually have my best hitter in the leadoff spot,” Schmitz said. “Gasbarro could be that guy in the future, but the way Frankie was being aggressive, we had to make that change.”

So, after primarily hitting fifth in the Panthers’ batting order before Friday’s game, Perrone was moved — his name penciled in at the top of the order.

Gray clouds loomed overhead Dudy Noble Field, where Eastern began its weekend play against the Spartans.

Perrone ended the afternoon striking out three consecutive times and said it was a bad day for him locating the ball from the Michigan State pitchers.

“As a baseball player you have to realize that some days you’re just not going to see the ball well and that’s how I felt Friday,” Perrone said.

Despite the swift brush of failure, the outfielder did not lose his confidence and neither did Schmitz.

“You can’t ask them to be aggressive and then get on them when they are,” Schmitz said.

Nothing was said to Perrone following Friday’s game and he made sure to bounce back the next day against No. 14 Mississippi State.

The Bulldogs built a 3-1 lead, as they entered the top of the eighth inning on Saturday.

Eastern’s Dane Sauer began the inning by drawing a walk from Myles Gentry. Perrone then walked into the batter’s box.

“I knew after Friday’s game that I needed to come back and prove to coach Schmitz and the team that I needed to start to get it going,” Perrone said.

Gentry, a right-handed pitcher, drops side arm when delivering a pitch, making his pitches have more movement.

Down 0-2 in the count, Perrone was able to detect a slider leaving Gentry’s right hand almost immediately after it left his hand.

“The key, especially in Division I baseball is that when guys are throwing with a lot of velocity, you have to get your foot down early, so then it’s eyes and you have



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Freshman Frankie Parrone wins the Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Week following Eastern’s games at The Diamond Classic in Starkville, Miss.

to notice early in the pitch the spin on the ball,” Perrone said.

Perrone said he knew he had a home run as soon as he made contact, golfing the ball over the left-field wall.

“There were 10,000 people at that game and its Mississippi State — it was just awesome, especially being a freshman and my first home run in college,” he said.

“It took everything I had to keep back from smiling running around the bases because I was so happy.”

Despite a 4-3 loss to the Bulldogs, the Panthers still had a double-header remaining on Sunday and Perrone would once again take advantage of another breaking pitch, while getting a bit of payback against the Spartans.

Although Eastern faltered against Michigan State, losing 18-13, Perrone hit his second home run in as many days.

With one out in the third inning, Perrone delivered again, giving Eastern a 7-4 lead with his

three-run home run.

Although the Panthers lost to the Spartans and were then shutout by the Bulldogs later on Sunday, Perrone finished the week 9-of-18 at the plate, hitting his first two collegiate home runs and collecting eight RBIs, while scoring three runs.

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Eastern entered the tournament averaging 9.7 bench points per game this season.

With the Panthers struggling from the field for the game, their big top three scorers had a tough time scoring as well. Payne went 2-of-9 from the field and scored 10 points.

Oroszova shot 6-of-17 from the field and scored 15 points, while Crunk shot 4-of-10 in her final game in her college career.

Black said the reason for the Panthers’ struggles from the field is that the Lady Colonels made them

start faster than they wanted too.

“We started the game kind of wired,” she said. “They sped us up and made us go fast. We knew that and we tried to kind of settle into our offense. We missed a lot of free throws in the first half, which would have helped us if we made some of those.”

The Panthers finished their season at 12-16 overall in Black’s first year at Eastern.

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“I don’t think I played well in the first half,” the Panthers’ lone senior said. “Shots just weren’t going my way. But in the second half, I knew it was my last game, so I had to play my heart out.”

However, for Redhawk freshman guard Antonius Cleveland, it

was his first ever postseason game, which he used to score 15 points off the bench, leading Southeast Missouri to a 24-0 bench point differential.

“I thought the difference of the game was bench scoring,” Nutt said. “Cleveland was outstanding off the

bench.”

Southeast Missouri will advance to play No. 3 seed Eastern Kentucky in the quarterfinals at 8 p.m. Thursday.

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Bigger, faster, stronger Eastern stumbles against SEMO, 79-61

Senior Blanford plays last game

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As quickly as Chris Olivier was taken out for the Eastern men's basketball team, Southeast Missouri pounced on the opportunity Wednesday night in Nashville, Tenn.

Olivier could only play so much in Eastern's 79-61 loss to Southeast Missouri in the first round of the Ohio Valley Conference tournament, the second consecutive season the No. 7 seeded Panthers fell to the No. 6 seeded Redhawks to end their season at the Municipal Auditorium.

Olivier, who got just his seventh start of the season, played 30 minutes, which he used to score a 19 points off 8-of-16 shooting with seven rebounds.

But it was the time he missed that became the most crucial for the Panthers, who finished 11-19 and 7-10 in the OVC.

The Panthers trailed 32-27 with 1:45 left to play in the first half when Olivier picked up his second foul of the game, as Redhawk Tyler Stone drove to the basket.

Eastern coach Jay Spoonhour took Olivier out for the rest of the half.

Stone made both free throws to put Southeast Missouri up by seven.

But for the remaining 1:45 Eastern's offense became stagnant, while Southeast Missouri's offense cruised with five straight points by Antonius Cleveland to close out the half, giving the Redhawks a 39-27 halftime advantage.

To open the second half, Olivier scored Eastern's first nine points to keep the Panthers just in reach, trailing 46-36.

But after two made free throws to cut the deficit to 10, Olivier was again subbed out with 16:45 remaining.

"He was tired and I wanted to tell him to guard better on defense," Spoonhour said. "There was 40 seconds before the TV timeout and you try to rest guys then so they get a little extra time."

Then Stone, who traded blows

with Olivier for the better part of the night, scored five straight points (a jumper inside the paint and a 3-pointer from the right wing) just 30 seconds apart to extend Southeast Missouri's lead to its largest at the time — 51-36 five minutes into the second half.

"Shot selection has been something we've worked on for three years," Redhawk coach Dickey Nutt said. "His hot is just about as good as anyone's. He put us on his shoulders there for a three-minute stretch when we got up about 15 points," Nutt said.

Stone had game highs of 27 points and 11 rebounds, his 11-of-17 shooting performance included 3-of-4 from 3-point range.

"You're not going to take everything in the world away from him," Spoonhour said. "So, if you have a choice of what you're going to do, you're going to watch him shoot jump shots. And boy, he made them."

Stone said Eastern's defense was playing off him, challenging the 6-foot-8, 230-pound forward to shoot the ball from outside.

"Coach (Dickey Nutt) just gives me the confidence to just go and shoot it," Stone said. "There is no thinking about it. It's just me and my confidence."

In the last two tournament games against the Panthers, Stone has combined for 22-of-29 shooting for an average of 25.5 points per game.

Southeast Missouri's lead would stretch to as many as 22 points midway through the half, while maintaining its season average of 50 percent from the field and a stellar 8-of-14 from 3-point range.

Southeast Missouri also out-rebounded Eastern 42 to 35.

"My gosh, they rank in the top 10 (in the country) in points, assists and field goal percentage," Spoonhour said. "And they're 65th in rebounds. We're in the 200s in all that stuff, so we have to play that much better."

In the second half is where senior Sherman Blanford played that much better for Eastern in his final game as a Panther.

Blanford scored 18 of his team-high 22 points in the second half, despite a 2-of-8 shooting performance in the first half.

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Sherman Blanford, a senior forward, is fouled during the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament game against Southeast Missouri Wednesday in Nashville, Tenn. at the Municipal Auditorium. The Panthers lost 79-61, eliminating them from the tournament. This was Blanford's final game as a member of Eastern's men's basketball team.

Panthers ousted in first round; end season at 12-16

By Bob Reynolds
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The Eastern women's basketball team shot 32 percent from the field, leading to its 75-52 loss to Eastern Kentucky in the first round of the Ohio Valley Conference tournament Wednesday in Nashville, Tenn., at the Municipal Auditorium.

The Panthers struggled shooting in both halves, making 7-of-22 attempts in the first half and 9-of-28 in the second half. The shooting woes also extended out to the 3-point range, where they shot only 11 percent (1-of-9).

Eastern junior guard Katlyn Payne made the only 3-pointer with 7:53

left in the second half, cutting the Panthers' deficit down to 12.

The Panthers did not make a 3-point field goal in the first half, missing all six of their attempts.

Eastern Kentucky's defense played the Panthers close throughout the game, limiting space between itself and the Eastern ball handlers.

Eastern Kentucky coach Chrissy Roberts said the Lady Colonels were clicking on all cylinders on defense.

"That is all we talk about is defense," she said. "I felt like (Wednesday) we played with a lot of confidence, not only in ourselves but in our teammates."

The Panthers had a tough time stopping the Eastern Kentucky duo of senior Marie Carpenter and fresh-

man Michaela Hunter, as both combined for 41 points.

Eastern coach Debbie Black said Carpenter is one of the best guards in the conference.

"She can elevate over about anyone in this league," she said. "You pretty much have to hope she misses some shots."

Carpenter started the afternoon making her first three shots and finished the game 9-of-17 from the field and 2-of-5 from the 3-point line.

In the first half with the Panthers trailing 25-22, the Lady Colonels proceeded to end the half on a 12-3 run. The Panthers had a chance to cut the lead back down to single digits, but in one trip down the floor at the end of the half the Panthers missed

three shots and four free throws.

Morgan Palombizio missed a 3-pointer, Jordyne Crunk and Sabina Oroszova missed a jumper and Deanna Willis missed four free throws during that span.

The Lady Colonels shot 48.4 percent in the first half and 2-of-5 from the 3-point line, ending the game 28-of-65 from the field (43.1 percent).

The Panthers scored two points in the first six minutes of the second half, which allowed the Lady Colonels build a 17-point lead.

Eastern Kentucky had its biggest lead at 25 with 2:30 minutes left to play.

Hunter came off the bench for the Lady Colonels, scoring 17 points on 7-of-15 shooting from the field and 2-of-4 from the 3-point line.

Hunter has had her best stretch of play, which spans her last four games, in which she has scored double figures in three of those four games, shooting more than 40 percent.

Black said not only did just Carpenter and Hunter score, but the Colonels got other contributions from key players as they outscored Eastern 38-8 in bench points.

"I think their other players hurt us as well," Black said. "Their other players really hurt us. Hunter had a heck of a game. I think when your role players step up, I think it makes it easier for your stars to score."

The Panthers struggled in bench points all season, because the lack of depth they have.

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