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SEALED WITH A KISS
The EIU Choral Ensemble performed "Songs of Love," Sunday including the melody "Set Me as a Seal."

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REDHAWK DOWN
The Eastern women's basketball team sits in eighth place in the Ohio Valley Conference after its 53-48 win Saturday against Southeast Missouri.

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Subcommittees evaluate budget cut areas

By Jack Cruikshank, Jason Howell & Jarad Jarmon
Staff Editors | @DEN_News

Members of the CUPB split up into three different subcommittees Friday to review, evaluate and work on ideas on how to alleviate the \$7 million budget cut President Bill Perry had proposed.

The subcommittees were formed based on academic affairs, student affairs and business affairs, the president's area and university advancement. The purpose of the meeting was just to begin the

budget cutting stage with only ideas – nothing is set in stone.

Academic Affairs

The academic affairs CUPB subcommittee met and decided that an average of \$84,500 must be cut from each of the 71 program analyses within academic affairs.

That number was based on the supposition of \$6 million of the cuts coming from the academic affairs section of the analyses.

Blair Lord, the vice president for academic af-

fairs, sat in on the meeting although he is not a voting member of the council.

Lord said academic affairs account for "two-thirds to three-fourths of the general fund."

The seven-person subcommittee met to start reviewing the 71 program analyses submitted under the academic affairs category.

The group collectively decided it is important for every member to read all of the program analyses in order to make sure nothing is overlooked.

Mahyar Izadi, the dean of the Lumpkin Col-

lege of Business and Applied Sciences, said he often became caught up in reading the individual details of every proposal, such as faculty publications.

Izadi went on to compare the reading of every program analyses to the reading of legislative laws.

"We owe it to everyone to read all of (the program analyses)," Izadi said, "It is similar to laws that legislators don't read."

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Members of the Residence Hall Association pretend to be paparazzi photographing celebrities on the Red Carpet Sunday in the basement of Stevenson Hall. The group was rehearsing their role call performance for the Illinois Residence Hall Association Conference.

Delegates prepare for state leadership conference

By Jarad Jarmon
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RHA delegates prepared Sunday for the Illinois Residence Hall Association leadership conference from Friday until Sunday at Southern Illinois University- Carbondale.

RHA will be sending 15 people including two advisers to represent the school to the other 180 who have registered for the conference. RHA secretary Kate Mokry said as was the case with past leadership conferences like the Great Lakes Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls conference, they will be going to programs, which are solely meant to enhance everyone who attends' leadership skill.

Mokry said delegates learn tips and advice to improve themselves as leaders whether it is refining their confidence or even public speaking skills.

"I have learned that with communication to not be afraid to stand up for something you truly believe in, to actually make the change," Mokry said.

Michael Sassaman, a sophomore mathematics major with teacher certification who has been to conferences like these, said he believes he has improved his hall council attending leadership pro-

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Kate Mokry, the RHA secretary

grams similar. He said he went to programs, which taught those who went how to strengthen relationships.

He added he has been trying to implement what he learned by bonding with residence assistants and making sure everyone knows their duty.

RHA is funding the conference trip but the money is already being budgeted

Christina Lauff, the National- Illinois communication coordinator, said in the RHA budget the is money allotted for "special conferences."

Many of the programs at the conference will even be run by some of the delegation. State schools are allowed to submit programs to be shown throughout the weekend. All of the programs submitted were accepted. The delegation will be presenting programs on dealing with stress, successful ice breaking, philanthropy and even

Disney.

Mokry designed and submitted a program called "Once Upon a Leader" correlating what could learn from Disney characters such as Peter Pan.

"Disney is something our age group can all relate to because we grew up on it," Mokry said.

There will be around 30 characters talked about as well as what attributes they possess, which might help in a leadership position.

"There is more to leadership than more meets the eye," Mokry said. "Sometimes people don't recognize that positivity is a leadership quality."

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Self-study focuses on university resources

By Jack Cruikshank
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Mike Maurer echoed Dan Nadler's statement on Eastern's upcoming financial situation, saying, "We want to be purveyors of hope, but navigators of reality."

Maurer, the director of Planning, Budget and Institutional Research for Eastern, brought up the statement by Nadler, the vice president for student affairs, during the North Central Association self-study report Friday.

NCA co-chairs Maurer and David Boggs, a business professor, focused on the fifth criterion of the study, which reviews resources, planning and institutional effectiveness as a part of the ongoing re-accreditation process.

Boggs reviewed the goals of the NCA criteria, while comparing the new goals to goals set in 2005, at the last NCA re-accreditation.

The committee found during the 2005 self-study that a diminishing rate of state funding would place Eastern in "financial peril" by 2015.

However, Boggs said the university has planned accordingly and has overcome those difficulties.

"We've endured and had a good decade," Boggs said.

While Boggs said the university has survived the last decade better than the 2005 study predicted, Maurer said the future has large obstacles Eastern still has to overcome.

Maurer said current obstacles include a declining enrollment and increased costs since 2005.

Maurer said he predicts a 3 percent of reduction in revenues as well as a 2 percent increase in expenses because of inflation.

Maurer said the current process of program analyses will be Eastern's "salvation," while the current strategic enrollment plan will also help alleviate Eastern's financial troubles.

"The combination of (reviewing program analyses and strategic enrollment planning) are the solution to this dilemma," Maurer said.

Eastern's tuition and fees have risen 62.1 percent since 2005, while Maurer said the consumer price index has risen approximately 20 percent.

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Conductor Richard Robert Rossi, leads the EIU Choral Ensembles in singing "She Walks in Beauty," during the Eastern Symphony Orchestra's presentation of "Songs of Love" Sunday in the Dvorak Concert Hall of the Doudna Fine Arts Center. Before performing the song, Rossi read the poem, "She walks in Beauty" by Lord Byron.

Choral ensembles perform concert of love

By Michael Spencer
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The EIU Choral Ensembles performed a Valentine's Day prelude at its Songs of Love concert Sunday.

The show featured classically styled arrangements of songs, which examined love in divine and secular ways. April Lee, the assistant choral director and a conductor, said the concert was designed to show love in a way that strayed from the more "Shakespearean" representation.

The University Mixed Chorus was the first group to perform, introducing the program with an arrangement of "Set Me As a Seal." The song featured lyrics that quoted verses from the Hebrew Bible.

Lee said the song represents love as a feeling that cannot be broken by worldly things.

The Concert Choir took the stage under the direction of Richard Rossi, director of orchestral and choral activities, and performed a somber rendition of "The Turtle Dove," which featured junior music education major Montana Thomason as a soloist.

Thomason voice broke over the top of the group as he sang lyrics that dealt with losing love and returning to rekindle the emotion.

He said he dedicated his performance to his recently late aunt.

"In doing my solo, it means something extra special because I sang it in honor of my Aunt Collette who passed away last year," Thomason said.

Overall, Thomason said he accom-



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The EIU Choral Ensemble sings "Set Me as a Seal," during the Eastern Symphony Orchestra's performance, "Songs of Love." The concert was a compilation of love songs intended to celebrate the corporeal pleasures of love.

plished what he had hoped for Sunday: communicating the value of love.

"I thought it was a great concert at a whole," Thomason said. "I like to express love through the music and that's just what I wanted to get across, that love is the basis for everything. That's what we wanted and that's what we did."

The show was concluded by a joint performance between the Concert Choir and the Eastern Symphony

Chamber Orchestra.

They took on Daniel Pinkham's "Wedding Cantata" which featured four parts meant to illustrate the physical pleasures of love.

The first and third movements examined love from the perspective of young people, enraptured in the full feeling of finding human connection.

As the movement continued, Pinkham worked to demonstrate a new found maturity that swelled as the song progressed.

The last movement of the cantata illustrated a great moment of intimacy between two lovers.

For the finale, the entire ensemble rounded off the evening with an American folksong called "The Gift of Love" which was a large and triumphant piece that brought the Songs of Love concert to a close.

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Esraa Odeh, a senior studio art major, gives constructive criticism to a fellow studio art major, Kevin Bagley, after he ran his Intaglio print plate for the fourth time through the print machine. Odeh observed how well it was coming along; however, Bagley said the process is long and takes a lot of patience.

Taylor Hall sprinkler, ceiling repairs complete

By Michael Spencer
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Repairs to the ruptured sprinkler pipe in Taylor Hall have been completed.

Areas around the pipe in question were re-insulated by a carpentry team and the sprinkler system was fixed and brought back on line while new tile was put in place.

"In Taylor, we had to obviously extract the water that came out at the break and then we had to fix that part of the pipe that froze and then re-energize the system after having that pipe checked, which took about a day to get that done," said Mark Hudson, the director of Housing and Dining.

He added that the quick reactions of the Building Service Workers made it possible to contain most of the damage.

Additionally, the repairs were kept relatively inexpensive because Eastern employees, who were already on-hand, were able to handle most of the repairs.

A line connected to the sprinkler system burst Jan. 29 after it had frozen because cold air from the exterior found its way into the surrounding attic space.

When the pipe broke, water spilled from the ceiling and tile was dislodged, forcing students to be evacuated and the Charleston Fire Department to be dispatched to the scene.

"There is no better double-checker than cold weather." (on the security of buildings' pipe lines)

-Mark Hudson, director of Housing & Dining

Students poured out of Taylor Hall and into the South quad after the evacuation alarms sounded throughout the complex.

The break in the sprinkler pipes in Taylor came just weeks after lines in the Thomas Hall complex burst, forcing employees to be called in to work overtime.

After the issues in Thomas Hall over break, maintenance crews began combing the campus for other areas that might have caused prob-

lems.

However, the examination of water pipes had not yet reached the parts of Taylor's south tower where the problem occurred.

"We right away said 'OK, let's go check out every other place we can think of that might cause that problem,'" Hudson said.

"We had gone through part of Taylor, but had not gotten to that one little area that had the problem."

Efforts have continued, but Hudson said it might be down to the elements to tell administrators whether or not the buildings are secure from cold weather.

"There is no better double-checker than cold weather," Hudson said. "I think that it's a pretty significant amount of water pipes that are out there."

Students who were briefly displaced by the incident after water leaked into their rooms, were allowed to return after just a few hours to spaces that were no worse for wear, Hudson said.

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There are plenty of topics to learn

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-Montgomery Bus Boycott

These are just a few ideas

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Multicultural education is necessary

Did anyone else watch Saturday Night Live's skit "28 Reasons?"

The skit featured the three African American actors that sung a song that basically said people should appreciate African Americans because reason one, they deserve a chance, and reasons 2-28, slavery.

The skit was developed for laughs, but it still brings up a strong point.

The month of February is African American Heritage Month. This month, along with other months and weeks such as Woman's History Month or Latina Heritage Month, is in place to educate the public on the history and accomplishments of minorities.

This is the time to appreciate the culture that this month is dedicated to.

Here at Eastern, there's something to do and learn almost every day of the month to learn about famous African Americans. Presentations are given to bring up topics to discuss amongst your peers.

African American History Month is a great time to keep up on discussion of the way our society thinks and views minorities.

It has been discussed before about how it's unfortunate African American's receive just one month of observance.

Morgan Freeman said it best when he was asked about Black History Month, which was what the month was formally called. He said, "I don't want a black history month. Black history is American history."

We have learned a great deal of history in school growing up, and what was done to African Americans.

We can't change the past, but we can continue to learn.

African American Heritage Month is

about education.

Racism and discrimination are two things that might never leave our lives. The discussion of racism and discrimination has been a circulating topic on this campus for years. It's not going to disappear in a few hours during a meeting, and it will not be solved this month.

It needs to continue to be a topic that is discussed until progress is achieved.

Take this time to use this month as an opportunity to learn more about history and culture. This is the time to take advantage of the resources available to gain a greater insight. Whether it's a meeting, or exhibit, there's something you can take away from it.

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Be aware of the way you argue

When did we as a culture lose the ability to disagree without labeling each other as haters? In a society that has become more and more polarized along ideological lines, civility has been forgotten, and it is now a common practice to slander those with opposing viewpoints.

The use of derogatory comments towards ideological opponents has become an epidemic. Insinuations are often made that any who oppose one side's agenda are haters, devaluing the meaning of actual hate.

And if you can't find a reason to curse your opponent, then make one up.

A manufactured crisis is created by one side attributing to the other a malicious, repugnant, or intolerant purpose behind any objection they might voice on an issue or, as in recent cases, a commercial.

An example of a manufactured crisis is the attempt by MSNBC to further the left's slander of those evil "right-wingers" by insinuating they would be against a "bi-racial" family.

The official MSNBC Twitter account



Brian Weaver

posted a tweet about the ad that General Mills ran during the recent Super Bowl. The tweet read: "Maybe the rightwing will hate it, but everyone else will go awww: the adorable new #Cheerios ad w/ biracial family."

There was no "hate" expressed by conservatives about this ad. MSNBC made up the imaginary reaction; most likely to try and make people believe that right-wingers are hateful, racist, bigots. The libelous tweet makes even less sense when the Cheerios ad clearly shows a family of a single "human" race.

Politics has long employed this type of

character assassination against opponents. In 2011, the Agenda Project ran an attack ad that featured a man that resembled future Vice- Presidential candidate Paul Ryan pushing an old woman in a wheelchair over a cliff to the tune of "American the Beautiful." The ad used superimposed statements condemning attempts by Republicans to reform Medicare.

No debate, no acknowledgement that the other side had any valid concerns or good ideas - simply a hatchet job meant to portray political opponents as evil.

Instead of immediately attributing hate, bigotry, or harmful intent to someone with a different viewpoint, we should talk to each other.

More importantly, we should listen. Then we might actually discover that our political "enemy" isn't such an enemy after all.

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Zooper Saturday



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Elephant Presley with the Zooperstars, cheers with cheerleaders during the Eastern women's basketball game Saturday at Lantz Arena. The Zooperstars performed during the men's and women's basketball games.

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"These (tuition increases) are incredible substantial increases in retrospect," Maurer said.

He said the university also could not look to the state of Illinois for other funding, as the state is delaying payments it has historically made on time.

"We can't look to additional state support (to defray rising costs)," Maurer said. "There is no good news at the state level."

Maurer said the out-migration of Illinois' population is also a contributing factor in Eastern's realization that state funding is not going to overcome upcoming difficulties.

"There are no positive indicators apparent (at the state level)," Maurer said. "We are not looking to the state for any salvation."

As per raising tuition to increase revenue, Maurer said he believes that is not a reality for Eastern.

"We have maxed out in what we can do with tuition and fees," Maurer said.

After the formal presentation concluded, the co-chairs asked for audience feedback on the issues at hand.

Issues raised during the feedback session included a feared lack of admissions performance, questions of why enrollment is declining, and concern about the "significant" tuition increases.

Maurer concluded the presentation by saying he is optimistic but he knows Eastern has a big hurdle to overcome.

"We have an economic challenge ahead," Maurer said. "We are in a storm, but we are going to get through it."

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Izadi also expressed concerns with the way some of the program analyses went over the requirement of limiting all responses to 300 words.

Izadi questioned whether the subcommittee should ignore everything after 300 words as to make each analysis fair.

The group decided not to make a decision about the analyses lengths at that time.

Allen Lanham, the chairman of the CUPB, began the discussion of how the subcommittee members should announce their desired cuts.

Lanham suggested an anonymous system where members would place their suggestions on paper and the chair of the subcommittee would read them and ultimately conduct a vote to foster discussion about the suggestions.

In the review of many of the program analyses from business, art and communication, Lanham said the online Mater of Business Administration is a great idea and can bring in about five to 10 students per year.

Stephen King, the chair of the communication studies program, was in attendance and talked to the subcommittee about the potential for forming a joint public relations major by combining courses currently taught in the journalism and communication studies versions of a public relations major.

King said the combination would allow the departments to offer one major which would offer six concentrations, in areas such as sports, writing or others.

King concluded that the current communication staff is "understaffed" and the problem currently is that the two majors are "dueling."

Student Affairs

Budget discussions centered on different programs as members of the Student Affairs subcommittee tossed around ideas on how to save money by cutting positions or consolidating multiple services.

Programs such as the Counseling Center, Career Services and New Student Programs entered into the discussion.

Options being considered for counselors include exploring contracts in 12 month, 10 month and nine month lengths, elimination of a position or multiple positions and combining the counseling center and career services because career services offers a certain amount of counseling.

Dan Nadler, the vice president for student affairs, was not in favor of charging an upfront fee for students to see a counselor.

"We believe very strongly in affordability in keeping costs down," he said. "We believe very strongly that nickel and diming students is not a really good operational method or philosophy that we believe strongly in. We think that frustrates students and makes them angry."

Grant Sterling, the chair of Faculty Senate and member of CUPB, suggested that the Student Recreation Center, Military Student Assistance and the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union be taken off the list of services to cut money from.

"The Rec Center only gets \$6,000, Military Student Assistance is basically mandated and the Union doesn't really get any appropriated dollars," Sterling said backing his suggestion.

The cost savings for New Student Programs also took priority as one committee member asked that duplication of services with Admissions be explored as both offer open house type

welcoming activities for incoming freshmen and transfer students.

One other option for New Student Programs would be the elimination of appropriated funds.

Sterling reiterated that small class sizes help with retention, and if cuts do not occur, faculty members would have to be fired in order to lead to larger class sizes.

Discussions about Student Affairs, athletics and the University Police Department will be discussed at a later meeting.

Business Affairs, the president's area and university advancement

The subcommittee for Business Affairs, the president's area and university advancement focused on select programs and sections of business affairs to see where there might be money to save and cut.

The subcommittee talked about standardizing purchasing and seeing what it might do to lower expenses and free up the budget.

It was agreed certain areas purchasing needs to be standardized like when buying computers and furniture such as desks.

David Emmerich, the informational technology manager and administrative coordinator, said buying in bulk would be saving instead of buying replacements for broken computers. He said, for instance, when buying Apple computers, they might get 10 percent off the entire purchase when buying in bulk.

Tim Zimmer, the director of Facilities Planning and Management, agreed with this type of thinking. He said furniture purchasing should also be centralized. Many of the desks within classrooms are very different, and are not saving the university money.

While some departments do centralize their purchasing, others do not, which might create an unnecessary burden on the budget. To clarify how much they might save through this idea, Emmerich said he will do some research and talk with the purchasing office to get an estimate of what might be saved with this move.

They talked about the accounting office, treasurer's office and telecommunications in the meeting looking for bigger ideas, which might create a bigger dent in the \$7 million to be cut.

Kathlene Shank, the deputy chairwoman of special education, said it is not only important to find out where to cut but also to point out what cuts might be reworked attract new students.

While there will still be more research done to see how cost effective it might be, the subcommittee members also proposed getting rid of many of the landlines and move toward the Voice over Internet Protocol, which would traffic phone calls through the Internet and not physical lines, which cost money to maintain.

There was also interest brought up from the Panthercard staff to provide panther cards without chips in them, which allows students to put money on their card. Without the chip, students would just use their dining dollars.

Emmerich said these cards would be cheaper without the chip.

While they went over a few ideas to save on spending, nothing has been set in stone. These ideas are still in beginning stages and might be brought to the other committees.

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Eastern unable to overcome SEMO's late push

By Bob Reynolds
Staff Reporter | @BobReynoldsDEN

The Eastern men's basketball team had a rough time finding a way to get a lead against the Southeast Missouri Redhawks.

The Redhawks defeated the Panthers on Saturday 74-68 in Lantz Arena.

There were 15 possessions in the second half that the Panthers had a chance to tie or take the lead, but could not convert.

"We did a pretty good job guarding," said Eastern coach Jay Spoonhour. "There were some pretty huge possessions where they got offensive rebounds. (Nino) Johnson and (Tyler) Stone were really strong inside. When you look at the overall numbers it was an even game."

Stone, Johnson and Josh Langford had a combined 10 rebounds between the three of them for the entire game.

Coming out of halftime down one, the Redhawks came out firing. Stone made a tip-in and then Jarekious Bradley dunked the ball in to give the Redhawks a six-point advantage with 17:33 left to play in the half.

After Panther guard Alex Austin hit three free throws and cut the lead down to two with about 16 minutes left in the second half, the Redhawks would score five straight points to give them a seven-point lead.

The Redhawks finally got their biggest lead of the game at eight points with three minutes left in the second half after Bradley hit a layup.

The Panthers trailed by six when Eastern forward Sherman Blanford drove to the basket and hit the layup, but Bradley drew the charge so the six-point Redhawk lead would stand.

The Redhawks would withstand the Panthers final push after Blanford's free throws cut the lead to two with about 35 seconds left.

Southeast would make their final 5-of-6 free throws to finish the game.

Blanford had the best day shooting for the Panthers, scoring 20 points on 7-of-14 shooting and 6-of-9 from the free throw line, but said coming from a 30-point game, he did not want people to think it was getting to his head.



Reggie Smith, a red-shirt junior guard, runs past Southeast Missouri's senior forward, Tyler Stone, during Saturday's game in Lantz Arena. Smith scored 13 total points in Saturday's game, which is the average number of points scored per game for Smith.

"That is not me at all," he said. "I just wanted to come out and play my game and do what I can. I was missing a lot of opportunities. A lot of my players stepped up, too."

A lot of the Panthers players did step up on Saturday, including Alex

Austin, who went 3-of-7 from the 3-point line and 3-of-3 from the free throw line.

Reggie Smith, after missing Thursday's game with an illness, had 13 points on 3-of-9 shooting and 6-of-7 from the free throw line.

But the and-one opportunities for

that the Panthers surrendered to the Redhawks late in the second proved to be a difference, Spoonhour said.

"I thought we gave them too many and-ones," he said. "Those hurt when they make it and you foul them. I thought we were pretty good in our zone and we were active."

Eastern fell to 9-15 overall and 6-6 in the Ohio Valley Conference and the Redhawks improved to 13-12 and 4-7 in the conference.

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Edwards, Viken record first-place finishes at invite

By Blake Nash
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The results were not the same as the last two weeks, but the Eastern track and field team once again had another solid week during the 2014 portion of its season.

Sprinter Calvin Edwards and pole-vaulter Mick Viken captured the Panthers two first place finishes for the meet.

For the third straight week Edwards won the 400-meter dash with a time of 21.21, which ranks fourth on the Eastern all-time list.

Viken won the men's pole vault with a height of 16-feet, 4.75-inches. However, he failed to clear the 17-foot mark for the first time this season.

His teammate Eric Gordon finished third with a height of 15'5."

In the women's pole vault, Jade Reibold made her return with a second place finish. Her height of 13'9.25" was

just short of the University of Michigan's Kiley Tobel.

Freshman Johnathan Boey placed fourth in the men's 60m dash with a final time of 6.83. He was narrowly beat out by the University of Notre Dame's Josh Atkinson.

Michigan State took home first place in this event, with an incredible performance by DeVantre Whitelow.

No other Panthers cracked the top five this weekend.

In the men's 3000m races, Eastern's Pablo Ramirez and William Roth each posted seventh place finishes.

Ramirez ran in the Ryan Shay 3K with a time of 8:10.71, which ranks third on the Panthers career charts. Roth finished with a time of 8:40.78 in the open 3K.

Friday night the men's team finished fourth in the distance medley relay with a time of 10:13.60, which consisted of Bryce Basting, Calvin Edwards, Ryan Ballard, and Riley McNerney.

Jalisa Paramore finished sixth, with a mark of 19'4.75." That event was won by Brittany Owens from the University of Louisville.

Annemarie Reed also gave the Panthers a solid performance on Friday in the women's open pole vault. Her mark of 12'1.50" finished sixth in the event, won by Sarah Birkmeier of Michigan State University.

The Panthers faced several Big Ten schools over the two-day weekend meet including Michigan, Indiana, Purdue, Michigan State, Northwestern and Illinois.

The Panthers will continue their 2014 season this Friday at Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Mich., on the outskirts of Lake Michigan.

Only two meets remain until the OVC Championships at Tennessee State.

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Freshman forward Niall Caparon, graduate student Charlie Garavaglia, senior defenseman Matt Aul, and junior forward Andrew Greene also recorded goals.

Eastern senior goalie Andrew Teske faced 42 shots in the first game, while sophomore Andrew Hayden and senior Tyler Stewart split time in goal for Saint Louis. Each goalie faced 15 shots.

In the second game, the Billikens took a commanding lead from the start, putting up seven goals in the first period. The Panthers found the net for the first and only time in the second period, when Shannon scored his second goal of the series.

Heading into the third period, Saint Louis was ahead 9-1. The Billikens added five more goals in the third period to bring the final score to 14-1.

Dettenmeier led the Billikens in the second game, scoring three goals and one assist for four points. Eigelberger had four points as well, coming off two goals and two assists. Sophomore forward Matt Gavula and junior

defenseman Connor Mullen each had one goal and two assists.

Also with three points, freshman forward James Colestock assisted on three goals. Greene, along with senior forward Grant Husley had two goals each, while freshman defenseman Brendan Wilson and Caparon had one goal and one assist each.

Rider was the only member of the Billikens to finish the game with one goal and no assists.

Aul, Eric Mebruer, Ben Modde and Chris Pilcher each had one assist.

Teske faced 42 shots in the second game, while Stewart and Hayden again split time. Hayden saw 20 shots come his way, while Stewart faced just five.

The Panthers finished the season on a 12-game losing streak. Senior captain Maronich said the club's game against the University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign would not be made up.

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Katlyn Payne, a red-shirt junior guard, dribbles past a player from Southeast Missouri Saturday in Lantz Arena. Payne scored 15 points against SEMO, contributing to Eastern's 53 - 48 win. The women's basketball team will go up against Murray State Feb. 15 in Kentucky.

Payne, Crunk lead Eastern to conference win

By Bob Reynolds
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Jordyne Crunk and Katlyn Payne led the Panthers to a 53-48 win over Southeast Missouri Saturday in Lantz Arena.

With 26 seconds left Payne received a pass from Crunk in the corner and hit her second of two made threes in the game, icing the game for the Panthers.

Payne led the Panthers with 15 points on 6-of-12 shooting from the field, while Crunk had 14 points and eight assists.

The Panthers shot 46.2 percent in the second half, which included 50 percent from the 3-point line.

For most of the second half, the Redhawks had a lead until the 12:44 mark, when Crunk made a layup.

The Redhawks would regain the lead at the 11:19 mark, with a jumper by Jordan Hunter.

Hunter had nine points in the game on 4-of-10 shooting.

After the Redhawks had a five-point lead with 10 minutes remaining, the Panthers would go on

a 14-5 run in about seven minutes to go ahead by four points, capped off by a pair of Sabina Oroszova free throws.

In the first half, the Panthers and Redhawks had an extremely tough time scoring the basketball.

At the second media timeout with about 12 minutes remaining, the Redhawks were leading the Panthers 5-2.

Both teams shot a combined 3-of-22 from the field, with Eastern only shooting 1-of-12.

Payne said it was frustrating because of the slow start for the Panthers.

"It was an ugly game," she said. "It was about time we buckled down and really won one of those ugly games that we've lost in the beginning of the season."

With about 10 minutes left in the half, the Redhawks took a 10-4 lead on a made shot from Patricia Mack.

After that the Panthers would go on a 15-6 run to close out the half, but Eastern coach Debbie Black said the Panthers probably had their best defensive effort of the season.

"We played for 40 minutes," Black said. "Usually when the ball doesn't go in the basket for us, we stop playing and today might define us for the rest

of the season. If we can play defense like that for the rest of the season you will always have a chance to win the game."

The Panthers held the Redhawks to only 21 made field goals on 59 shots and also held them to just 21 percent from the 3-point line (4-of-21).

Eastern is currently in the eighth and final play-off spot for the Ohio Valley Conference tournament and have a one-game lead on Morehead State.

With only five conference games left, Black said the Panthers need to get every win from here on out.

"It's one game at a time, we need to get every win," she said. "We can't take a possession off and we can't take a practice off. We dug ourselves a hole and we have to grind because if we lose this tonight we might not have a chance."

The Panthers improved to 10-12 on the season and 5-6 in the Ohio Valley Conference and will travel to Murray State on Saturday for the first of three straight road games.

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Saint Louis sweeps Eastern at last game

By Dominic Renzetti
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The Eastern hockey club closed out its 2014 season during the weekend with a pair of losses against Saint Louis.

The Panthers lost Friday by a score of 11-5 and 14-1 on Saturday.

Friday's game saw the first time the Panthers were back at their home ice at the David S. Palmer Arena in Danville. The Panthers had not played in Danville since their sweep over Eastern Kentucky back in November.

Despite the 11-5 loss, the five goals were the most the Panthers had scored since the sweep over Eastern Kentucky. Eastern had five different players score goals: senior forward Ryan Newton, senior forward Andrew Maronich, senior Tim Shannon, senior defenseman Joe Salazar, and junior forward Glenn Oskvarek.

Saint Louis had 11 goals, with three different players scoring two goals: junior forward Curran Eigelberger, freshman forward Issac Rider and sophomore forward Adam Dettenmeier. Senior defenseman Drew Tierney led the team with one goal and three assists for four points.

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Glenn Oskvarek, a junior forward, defends Andrew Teske, a senior goalie, during a game against St. Louis Saturday in the David S. Palmer arena in Danville. Eastern lost 14-1 in their final game of the season.

Panthers start season 2-3 in Rosemont

By Kaz Darzinskis
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The Eastern softball team finished its season-opening weekend at 2-3, alternating between a loss and a win from Friday through Sunday at the Rosemont Rumble in Rosemont.

The Panthers split their Friday double-header against host University of Illinois-Chicago and IUPUI, losing to the Flames 4-3 and defeating the Jaguars 9-7.

In the opener, senior Stephanie Maday pitched for the Panthers who gave up three earned runs on nine hits. Maday struck out five while walking five in her opening game effort.

Although the Flames committed four errors against Eastern, the Panthers could not capitalize offensively, as Elanie Heflin held them to two hits.

Illinois-Chicago catcher Courtney Heeley drove in the winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning, as she hit a double to center field that brought in Jenna Marshall and Paige Peterson, erasing a 3-2 Eastern lead.

In the evening game against IUPUI, senior Janelle Robinson started for Eastern, as she faced off against Jocelyn Oppenhuis.

Eastern's offensive scored four runs in the second inning and then added three more in the fourth. After adding a pair of runs in the fifth inning, IUPUI responded with three in the bottom half of the inning.

The Panthers held on for a 9-7 win as Eryn Dillon was thrown out at second base to end the game after she singled in the Jaguars' final run.

Robinson pitched five innings while surrendering eight hits – four of which were earned. She struck out five batters and walked three.

Senior Hanna Mennenga pitched the last two innings for Eastern to close out the Panthers' first victory of the season.

Mennenga said the team had a talk with Panthers' coach Angie Nicholson following the win, which helped Eastern throughout the weekend.

"After our second game we had a talk with coach about our energy we have in the dugout," Mennenga said. "I think that talk really helped us to stay up the next day and even into our Sunday game."

On Saturday, Eastern once again played IUPUI, as well as in-state rival University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

In the first-half of the Saturday double-header, Eastern lost 4-2 to Illinois in eight innings.

Senior Carly Willert led the offense for the Panthers, as she collected three hits, with a double and a triple. Catcher Hannah Cole continued to hit as she collected two more in the contest.

Mennenga pitched for the Panthers, going seven-plus innings, giving up four earned runs on eight hits. She struck out one, and walked two Illini batters.

Eastern then defeated IUPUI for the second time in as many days, as senior Reynae Hutchinson had two RBI's to lead the Panthers' to an 8-1 win.

The Panthers recorded 13 hits in the win, which complimented Maday's complete-game, four-hitter.

The senior surrendered one run in her outing, while striking out five Jaguars.

Eastern ended the weekend with a 9-3 loss to Western Illinois, as Kayla Kirkpatrick pitched all seven innings for the win.

Robinson started for the Panthers and allowed five earned runs on eight hits, striking out five and walking none.

The Panthers' next action will be at the Louisiana-Monroe Mardi Gras Classic, which starts Friday.

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