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ROCK THE VOTE

Student elections are coming up. For a look at the events and what steps students need to take to vote, check out the timeline.

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RAGE AGAINST THE CAJUNS

The Eastern's baseball team kept the Louisiana-Lafayette Ragin' Cajuns on the ropes during the weekend series, but dropped the final game.

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Open house could bring 1,000-plus to Eastern

Staff Report

If everyone stays true to their RSVP, then potentially more than 1,000 people will be visiting Eastern's campus Monday as part of Eastern's open house.

Lou Hencken, the interim admissions director, said 610 students have signed up to be part of the open house. He said he expects each student to bring at least one family member with them, boosting the total to more than 1,000.

The open house is for both prospective and admitted students to tour the campus and take part in different sessions. The sessions include Housing and Dining, financial aid, academic highlights, the honors program and student panels. Parents will also be able to hear from currently enrolled students during a special panel discussion.

Hencken said inclement weather may be a deterrent to not come during the registered days, and he is willing to accommodate the students with additional open houses.

A second open house, or Admitted Student Day, is already scheduled for March 29.

The amount of students coming into Eastern for the open house Monday could also potentially rival last year's biggest open house, in which 600 students registered that day.

The last biggest open house, in February 2013, beat out previous open houses of 2013 by 50 to 100 students.

Rockin' 'Rodeo'

For an in-depth story on The Eastern Symphony Orchestra's Rodeo concert, turn to page 5.



KATIE SMITH | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Violinists from the Eastern Symphony Orchestra perform during the Rodeo Concert Sunday in the Dvorak Concert Hall of the Doudna Fine Arts center.

Melting snow could result in flooding

By Michael Spencer

City Editor | @tmskeeper

Snow from the last two months will begin to disappear this week, as temperatures will reach around 50 degrees.

The melting process could be advantageous or disastrous for local farmers and business owners. Cameron Craig, Eastern's climatologist, said more than 36 inches of snow has blanketed east-central Illinois this winter. That is 12 inches above average and it will not be going away quickly.

"When you have a winter like this and you have warmer temperatures that move in, it's not going to melt all of a sudden," Craig said. "Over time, it's going to end up in the creeks and rivers and that's OK."

But the threat of flooding is posed by sudden heat waves, which will assuredly melt snow before the soil has thawed enough to absorb any run-off.

Diane Burns, a geology and geography professor, said the warm temperatures to come this week could melt the snow before the soil is ready.

"The snow and ice will definitely melt quickly, but the ground will not be able to absorb it all, especially at first," Burns said. "Mostly, however, given our topography and the amount of snow left, it shouldn't cause any significant flooding unless it's coupled with a lot of rain."

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Forum unveils strategic enrollment plan

By Jack Cruikshank

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Despite a slew of negative forces – including decreased state support and changing demographics – Mary Herrington-Perry, the assistant vice president for academic affairs, said the negatives have spurred the on-going process of strategic enrollment planning.

Other areas include increased competition for post-secondary instruction and decreased ability for families to pay for college, which are in addition to a 62.1 percent increase in tuition and fees and a 19.4 percent decrease in enrollment during the past 10 years.

"It may seem like the deck is stacked against us, but that's why we are planning ahead," Herrington-Perry said.

At the forum, which nearly 100 people attended in the Great Hall in Pemberton Hall, Herrington-Perry reviewed 12 steps that will help Eastern recruit new students within the first phase of the strategic enrollment process.

Herrington-Perry said those 12 steps are the basics of what Eastern is implementing to achieve its short-term goals, but those steps are not all of what the university is doing.

"A lot of work is being done outside of those 12 areas," Herrington-Perry said.

She said those 12 steps will hopefully recruit 151 new students for the immediate future, specifically Fall 2014, while creating a better foundation on which to build future long-term growth.

Those 151 students would represent a \$1.5 million return on investment, based on approximate costs of \$475,000 for the implementation of the 12 steps.

Herrington-Perry presented five scenarios, which

"We see steady and realistic progress if we do everything we plan (within the 12 steps)."

Mary Herrington-Perry, the assistant vice president for academic affairs

detail the projected amount of growth/decline based on what the consultants at Noel-Levitz, a firm consulting with Eastern, said are reasonable to expect after implementation of the 12 steps.

The fifth scenario, which Herrington-Perry said is the most realistic, accounts for a two percent increase in freshmen and a three percent in freshman-to-sophomore retention each year until 2023.

If those numbers are reached, Herrington-Perry said the realistic Fall 2023 enrollment would be 9,903 undergraduate students.

"We see steady and realistic progress if we do everything we plan (within the 12 steps)," Herrington-Perry said.

She said another problem for Eastern is the continued increase in enrollment competition, specifically from universities such as Illinois State University and Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.

"In the coming years, our competition are going to be more aggressive, especially SIU-C," Herrington-Perry said.

Lou Hencken, the interim director of admissions, said a major part of recruiting students is the visit to campus, and that Eastern is "the best kept secret in Illinois."

"This campus sells itself," Hencken said. "Once we get students to campus, we have sold them half way."

Hencken went on to say when camps are hosted on the Eastern campus, it is an excellent time to recruit students, but the campus mantra needs to be changed slightly during the summer.

He said the campus, specifically the residence halls, are vastly different from the academic year to the summer.

Hencken said he will be having meetings with building service workers and food service employees to explain to them the need to make Eastern seem lively and vibrant during the summer months.

Camps, such as band competitions and athletic events, bring in many students to Eastern every summer, and Hencken said he hopes those events will make students consider Eastern as a viable college option.

In a move to recruit more Latino students, which Hencken said will be on the rise among high school graduates in the coming decade, he has hired a new admissions representative who speaks Spanish.

Hencken said Aseret Gonzalez, a graduate student within the college student affairs program, will start representing Eastern in her new position Monday.

"When I was here for my second day on the job (as interim director of admissions), I thought we needed an admissions representative who could speak Spanish and we ended up having a resignation, so Aseret is our new representative," Hencken said.

Gonzalez will be traveling throughout the region representing Eastern to populations that are currently more difficult for Eastern to reach.

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Dick and Gloria Sampson look into each others' eyes while Pastor Parker Boothe performs the vow renewal ceremony for Valentine's Day Friday at Hilltop Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. This is the Sampson's second marriage and they have been married for 38 years.

CAA approves multiple program changes

By Jack Cruikshank
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The Council on Academic Affairs approved 13 proposed changes at its meeting Thursday.

Programs affected include applied engineering and technology, education, health studies and kinesiology and sports studies.

Nine of the proposals came from kinesiology and sport studies, and Jill Owen, the chair of the program, said the course revisions are adding more sports to certain classes that a physical education teacher would have to take.

Three of the courses added new instructions in the sports of lacrosse, disc golf, ultimate Frisbee and pickleball.

Owen said a growing trend within physical education is a desire for students to be able to teach, as traditional sports are becoming less common in the core of physical education classes.

"As students go to regions such as Chicago, they are being exposed to all these activities, which they currently have not had," Owen said.

Other changes within the program include the revision of KSS 2220, Technique and Theory of Folk, Square and Ballroom Dance I, to accommodate more dance types.

The class will now be called Technique and Theory of Dance.

"This course is being updated and revised to better serve our kinesiology and sports studies physical education teacher certification option K-12 special certificate majors when they begin to teach in a K-12 physical education setting," the course proposal states.

Owen also requested to revise four more courses to "update content and terminology."

She stipulated the core of the courses will remain the same, while only minor details will change.

The courses are KSS 1500, Kinesiology and Sports Studies as a Profession; KSS 2000, Technique and Practice of Teaching Physical Education; KSS 2400, Introduction to Elementary School Physical Education; and KSS 2450, Adapted Physical Education.

The ninth kinesiology request was to add a new course, KSS 2860, Teaching Health-Related Fitness.

Owen said the course will help students when they are taking the state level kinesiology context test.

The council unanimously approved two requests from David Melton, a professor in the school of technology, to change to the applied engineering and technology major and minor.

The revisions to the major include the elimination of set concentrations which, Melton said, will allow the students to "build their own program."

Students will now all be within the general field of study within the major.

"This has helped recruit students who don't fit in those concentrations," Melton said.

He said the change will be especially beneficial for transfer students who do not necessarily fit into one of the previous concentrations.

Melton said the minor revisions act as a "cleanup" through the elimination of courses that have not been taught in the eight years Melton has been involved with the program.

"We plan on removing more courses that aren't available to students (in the future)," Melton said.

The council approved a new course within health studies, HST 4830, Health and Humor, which will act as an elective for graduate students.

The course originally started as a one-credit-hour workshop, then evolved to two credits, and now has become a class.

Richard Cavanaugh, a health studies professor, said this topic of relating humor to health studies was the focus of his doctoral dissertation, and he said the amalgamation of the two

is "a fascinating and growing area of study."

The council approved a new course within education, ELE/MLE 4855, Exploring ESL Students through Clinical Experiences, which will combine a practicum experience, seminars and online discussions to prepare students better for the world of teaching English as a second language.

Stephen Lucas, the chair of Secondary Education and Foundations, then proposed to the CAA to approve a revision to the Adult Education minor within his department.

The change would change many of the courses in the minor Lucas said no one is currently seeking.

The minor involves courses from multiple departments on campus, and therefore, the councilmembers asked Lucas to confer with the other departments in regards to the potential enrollment decrease because of the change in the minor.

Lucas said he would, even though there are currently no students in the minor.

The request was tabled until a future meeting when Lucas has alerted the other departments.

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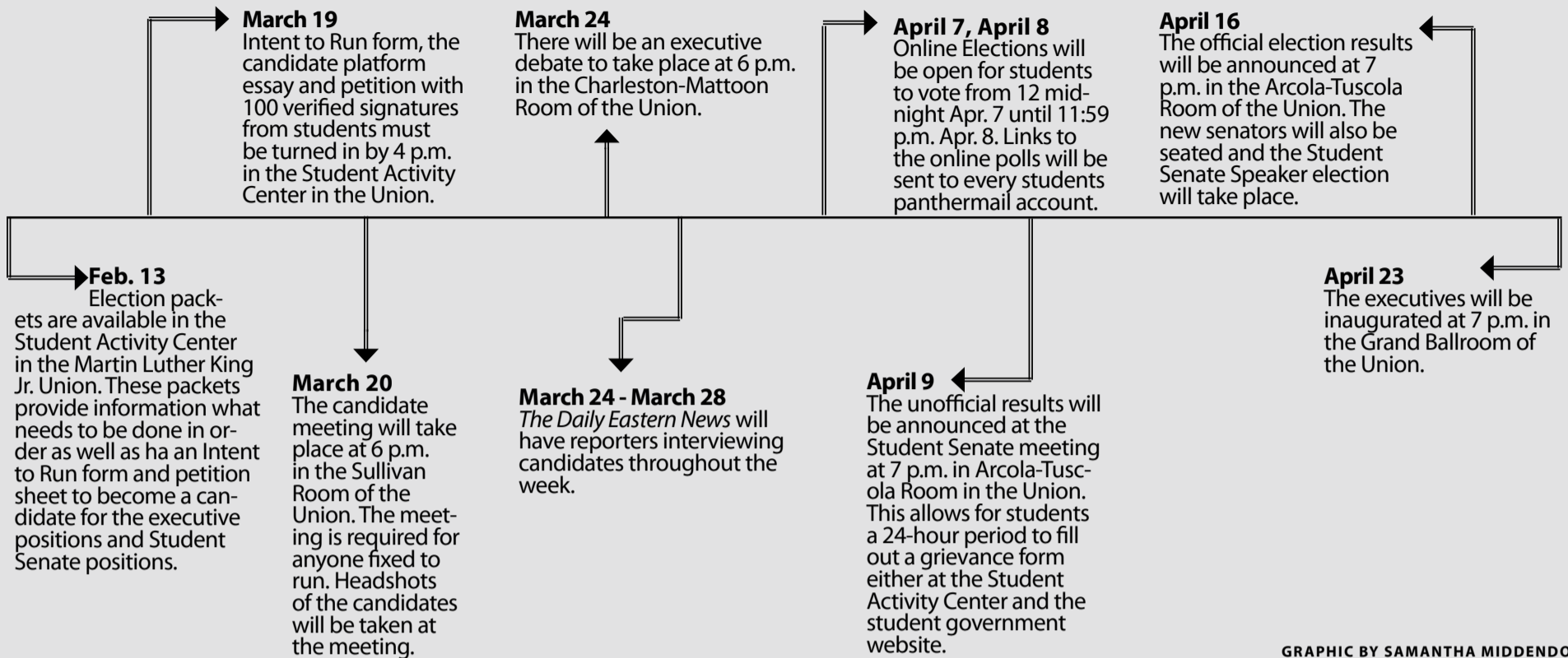
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Student government election timeline



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AB hears budget proposals for FY15

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The student government and the apportionment board budget was proposed to the AB Thursday.

Laurel Fuqua, the AB account technician, presented the apportionment budget request for the 2015 fiscal year asking for \$40,062. This is \$14,332 more than last year's budget.

Fuqua said added duties and responsibilities to her position as AB account technician warranted Dan Nadler, the vice president for student affairs, to put her salary under

the student life budget for the 2014 fiscal year so none of the \$20,000 budgeted for her salary was actually spent.

"He actually picked up my pay last year. I don't know if he is going to do that this year or not," Fuqua said.

This had not been done before until April, so she budgeted for her salary, unsure of whether he might do it again.

"I can't really expect that, but it if happens, that will be wonderful," Fuqua said.

Fuqua has been more involved Student Life, and Nadler handles the

student life budget.

Other than that change, the budget request asks for the same amount as the 2014 fiscal year.

Student Body President Kaylia Eskew presented a student government 2015 fiscal year budget request also, which asks for the same amount of money received last year: \$43,735.

Though she has asked for the same amount, Eskew has moved money from different line items, which were not being used, to other areas.

Other than having committees take money from a pool from "Other Contractual," the budget request has specific money allocated to each commit-

tee to start events. She said she hopes this will get the committees to co-sponsor with other committees and organizations.

She has also got rid of a position combining both the webmaster and public relations position in the budget to become the social media marketer.

They will also be saving on printing because of the recent push to advertise and promote through social media. This will save \$500, which is allocated to other sections like the in state employee travel.

This money goes to paying for the travel expenses for the student action team to lobby in Springfield and to go

the Illinois Board of Higher Education- Student Advisory Council.

The AB did not go over or decide on the budgets presented yet. They will meet to decide what cuts, if any, need to be made to either after hearing the proposals for the Student Recreations and University Board budget at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. They will review each budget at 7 p.m. Feb. 27 in the Arcola-Tuscola Room in the Union.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Don't fall into life's temptations

We are now about two weeks away from the Mr. and Mrs. EIU competition. The spray tans are sure to be coming soon, so now these body builders can stick out with all the snow on the ground.

These last two weeks are going to be a grind, but you should not lose focus on the task at hand. This is the time to really bear down, and focus on the prize ahead.

It has been a long road leading up to this for all of you competing.

Some of you are competing because this is your life. Lifting is that one thing in the day that you look forward to every day, and you can't wait to do it. This competition will reward you for all the hard work you put into it.

Some of you are competing because you wanted to make a change in your life. There was a point in time that you looked at yourself in the mirror, and you wanted to make a change. This competition will solidify the accomplishment of that goal.

Others might be just competing to enjoy the experience. You sat in the crowd for a couple years, and thought maybe you could do something like that if you put in the time and effort.

Regardless of your choice, these last two weeks need to be intense. If you are a friend of someone competing, give that person some support. Having someone to give that extra push can really benefit someone.

The pictures from past winners are now hanging at the rec center, so each time you walk in, it will remind you why you are doing this.

We are approaching midterms, and the stress level is probably going to rise for most of you, but you don't want to have a letdown this close from the competition.

Temptations have probably been poking at your mind for quite some time. You are going to have to just turn the other cheek. Put the Snickers bar in the freezer, and save it for later. It will taste so much better on March 2.

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"If you saw a heat wave, would you wave back?"

- Steven Wright

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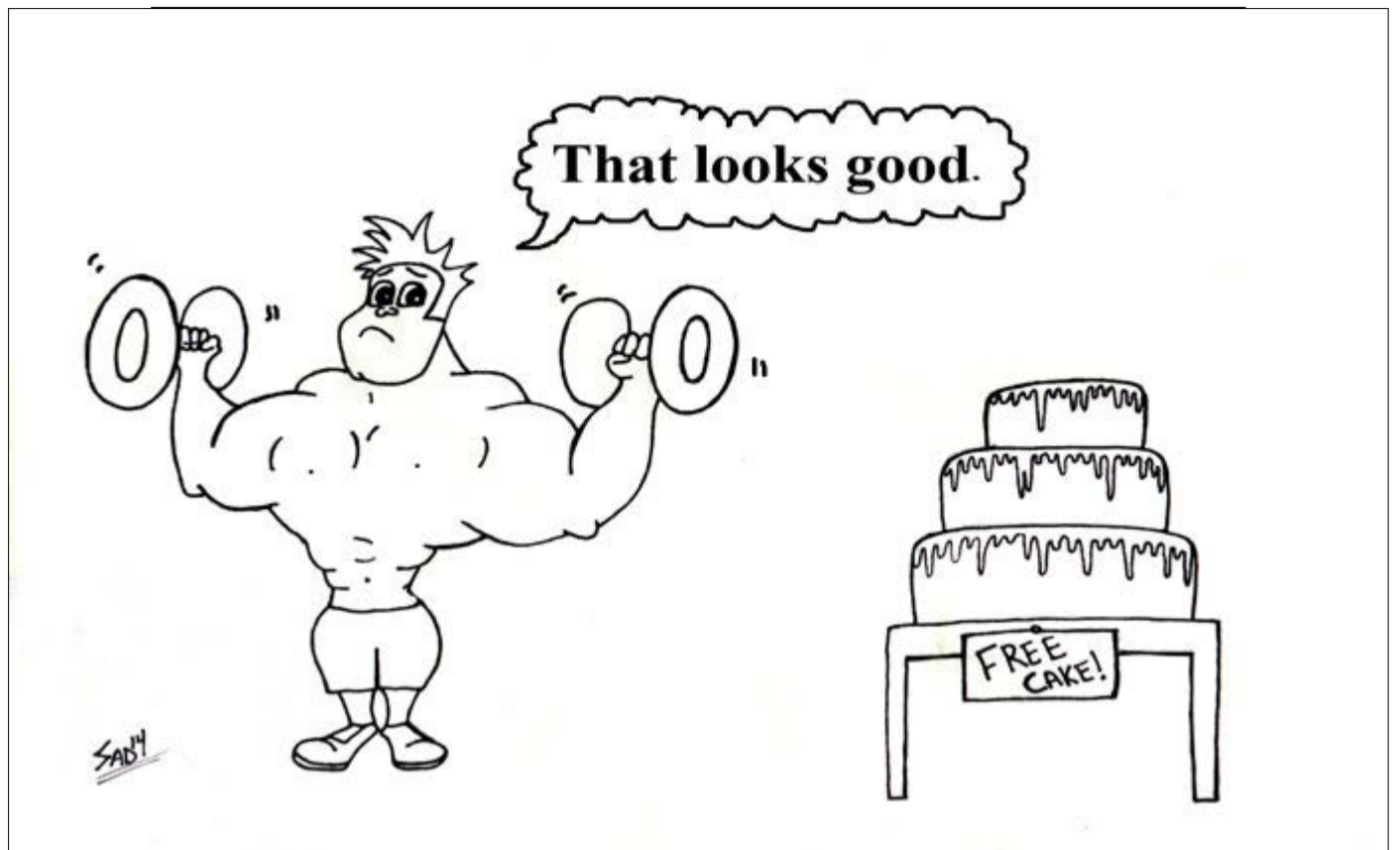
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Don't let the cake trip you up



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Cody Sanders made the change

I am just going to go ahead and put someone on the spotlight. Cody Sanders is topping my list currently.

There are probably a lot of you that do not know Cody. He is going to school at Eastern, and has been spending a lot of time working out this past year.

The Mr. and Mrs. EIU competition is just two weeks away, and for whoever shows up, you will see Cody Sanders's name on the program.

I don't know if he will win the competition, but he is going to leave McAfee Gym a winner regardless.

Back in the day, Cody was overweight with his maximum weight topping around 225 pounds.

As the years progressed, Cody lost some of that weight, but he still was more than 200 pounds. Last year, Cody decided to make a change in his life.

He wanted to compete in the Mr. and Mrs. EIU competition.

Unlike most people who inspire to change their lifestyle, Cody stuck with it. He has lost



Kyle Daubs

30 pounds since last year, while attending school, and completing his course work. He even hopes to lose five to 10 more pounds in the upcoming months. He is now 188 pounds.

People have seen how hard Cody has worked out at the gym. Heck, I personally have seen the chance, and I don't see him faltering in these last couple of weeks.

I don't think his fiancée, Amanda White, is going to let him anyways.

It's people like Amanda who keep people like Cody on pace by just being that foundation in the support system. I think it is fair to say that Amanda and Cody have worked out together almost every day there is training to

be done.

Having that kind of support can do wonders on someone.

People like Cody need to be shared around the world. Cody had a goal, stuck with it, and has transformed his image because of it.

I have been friends with Cody since my sophomore year of high school. I can say that this is the best shape that I have ever seen this man.

Cody has been on a mission this past year, and has transformed because of it.

There are so many of you out there that want to change, but you quit because it's too hard. All of you out there have a success story in your lives, but the only person stopping you is you.

Will today be the day that you decided to change, or are you going to call up Chubby's for some cheese sticks?

Cody Sanders found a way, and so can you.

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I have a dream of an equal future

We are in the midst of what the United States and Canada honor as Black History Month, now known in America as African-American Heritage Month. America is a better nation because of the contributions of its black citizens.

The combination of people from the myriad ethnicities that exist on earth has made America a beacon of hope and freedom to the world. We have become one culture held together by a love of freedom, a common language, and our Constitution. Sadly, we have let things like skin color, or "race," remain a divisive subject among us.

I am reminded of a quote by actress Whoopi Goldberg about being called an "African-American." She said "... I dislike this idea nowadays that if you're a black person in America, then you must be called African-American. Listen, I've visited Africa, and I've got news for everyone: I'm not an African. The Africans know I'm not an African. I'm an American. This is my country. My people helped to build it and we've been here for centuries. Just call me black, if you want to call me anything."

Having met people from Africa, the only



Brian Weaver

thing that they have in common with my fellow Americans who are black is skin color. I do not see black Americans as African any more than I see myself as European.

The fact that we have let such a superficial thing as skin color divide us is just one of our many failings as humans.

I understand the reason and purpose behind designating this month to acknowledge the historical contributions that black Americans have made to our nation, but the contributions black Americans made were not due to their skin color, their ancestry, or any other ethnic trait.

Those advancements were the result of human beings exercising their God-given tal-

ents and intelligence in a meritorious society. If you give any person the advantage of the education, security, and freedom that we have in this country, they will have the chance to succeed and bring about great advancements if they have the talent and work hard.

Success is not guaranteed to any of us, just the chance to try.

There is only one race and that is the human race. Instead of judging each other by something that is only skin-deep, we should judge by how we treat each other. That is what defines us as human beings.

Just like Martin Luther King Jr. said, "I have a dream that one day we will judge each other, not by the color of our skin, but by the content of our character."

I honor the contributions of "black" Americans who have helped make this country a better place and look forward to a day when a month is not needed to honor them separately from those of other ethnicities or skin colors.

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Flutist performs solo at Copland concert CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

By Bob Galuski
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Stepping on stage, her purple dress sweeping the floor around her, nerves were the last thing on Jennifer Antkowiak's mind. Instead, she looked to her left: Richard Rossi, her conductor, stood there, poised and ready. She looked to her right: her mentor Rebecca Johnson, a music professor, waited. And behind her: the full weight of the Eastern Symphony Orchestra raised their instruments.

But it wasn't nerves on her mind.

"On stage is where I belong," Antkowiak said. "I never get nervous there."

Antkowiak, a junior music major, stood side-by-side with Johnson to perform a flute duet, accompanied by the orchestra.

The song, "Fantasia Mexicana," by Samuel Zyman highlighted both of the flutists' skills.

Against the booming tunes of the orchestra behind them, Johnson and Antkowiak were able to cut through the robust sounds with sharp, piercing notes. As the progression went on, the orchestra — particularly the brass section — would let their sound dip into lower octaves, giving Antkowiak and Johnson room to maneuver, creating high and low pitches throughout the concert hall.

Antkowiak, a recipient of the Presidential Scholarship, said working with her instructor, Johnson, was amazing.

"Nothing compares to working with Dr. Johnson," she said.

Rossi said in his 14 years as conductor, he never had a student and teacher perform together for an audience.

"I've never had them do a concerto together," he said.

The one piece was part of a bigger concert — "Rodeo," a tribute to American composer Aaron Copland.



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Rebecca Johnson, a flute instructor, performs a solo during the first half of the Eastern Symphony Orchestra's Rodeo Concert Sunday in the Dvorak Concert Hall of the Doudna Fine Arts Center. Johnson has been a flute instructor at Eastern since 2007.

The orchestra performed two dance episodes from Copland's "Rodeo." "Buckaroo Holiday" and "Hoe Down" both featured the entire orchestra — including Antkowiak.

With the fast-paced tunes and even quicker changes, the Western-inspired pieces swept through the Dvorak Concert Hall of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Though a tribute to Copland, the concert only featured his music in the final two pieces.

The orchestra also performed pieces by Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach in the form of "Concerto in D Minor," broken into three parts: "Allegro," "Un Poco Andante" and "Allegro di Molto."

Kicking off the concert on a quick-start, "Allegro" began with a fast entrance, sweeping the audience up in a medley of back and forth between the individual string instruments, accumulating

in the first flute solo by Johnson.

From there, the rest of "Concerto in D Minor" juxtaposed itself, moving from quick, high pitch notes to low, mournful pitches that echoed in the hall.

Without Johnson, Antkowiak performed another solo — this time for "Concierto Pastoral," by Joaquin Rodrigo.

Giving the slow-building piece sharp pitches, Antkowiak performed her solo first, allowing for

a warm up.

As for what happens to Antkowiak after the concert, she is going to be performing her first solo concert in April. The Eastern Symphony Orchestra will return to stage for the Multi-Cultural Concert at 7:30 p.m. April 25.

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Burns also said the snow water equivalent figures indicate there is 1 inch worth of rain on the ground in the form of snow. Additionally, heavy rains, which are some times associated with early spring weather, can change the picture of the snow melt.

Craig said the storms that work their way into the area in the next few weeks could create more dangerous flooding situations than the snow. The snow might be

gone with the warm temperatures this week, but the soil will not be able to absorb the rain that is in the forecast for the next seven days.

"The snow by mid-week should disappear but then it's the problem with the situation if we get a rainstorm, then the soil is still frozen," Craig said.

Craig added severe weather will dog the upcoming spring season, but there is no way to be specific

about forecasts this far out.

The rate the snow melts has broader implications for the agriculture industry as flooding, which coincides with planting, could put the local economy on the ropes, but a steady melting season would provide a chance for a quality harvest.

"If we can hold on to this into March, prior to the planting season, then we're in good shape," Craig said.

If snow is allowed to melt slowly and couples with frequent and slow rainfall then the agriculture industry and the local economy will profit.

"Depending on the topography, some of this snowmelt water will get into the streams and help wash out the concentrations of fertilizers and pesticides that may be accumulating in smaller streams and creeks, and some will infiltrate into the soil and provide moisture

for the yet-to-be-planted crops to use," Burns said.

Craig said the Charleston area will see high temperatures towards the end of February, but it will be punctuated by more periods of extreme cold.

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Eastern playoff hopes dwindle with loss

By **Bob Reynolds**
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The Eastern women's basketball team is hanging on for dear life with the Ohio Valley Conference tournament right around the corner.

The Panthers are currently sitting in eighth place with four conference games left to play.

The 83-74 loss to Murray State on Saturday had been described by assistant coach Kim Foley as a "huge blow" to the Panthers' playoff hopes.

"We're approaching every game as a tournament game," Foley said. "This league is so competitive you never know what is going to happen."

Murray State picked up its second win in the OVC and now are 2-9 in the conference.

Freshman Erica Brown made three straight jumpers to give the Panthers a 16-10 lead in the first half.

Brown had 11 points on 5-of-10 shooting for her first double-digit game in about two weeks.

With the Panthers up 20-14, Murray State would go on a 22-9 run to give the Racers a 36-29 lead at the half.

In that span, Bianca Babic hit back-to-back three's to tie the game.

Babic had 12 points in the first half on 4-of-8 from the 3-point line.

Eastern cut the margin to one point coming out of the half with back-to-back 3-pointers by Morgan Palombizio to open the second half for her only six points of the day.

Immediately after Palombizio made those 3's, Murray State would answer.

Nikia Edom made a 3-point shot and then Jessica Winfrey's two made shots put the Racer lead back up to seven midway through the second half.

Just like the Panthers did against the Racers the last time these two teams played, the Racers had five players in double digits.

Winfrey was one of them with 15 points on 7-of-11 shooting.

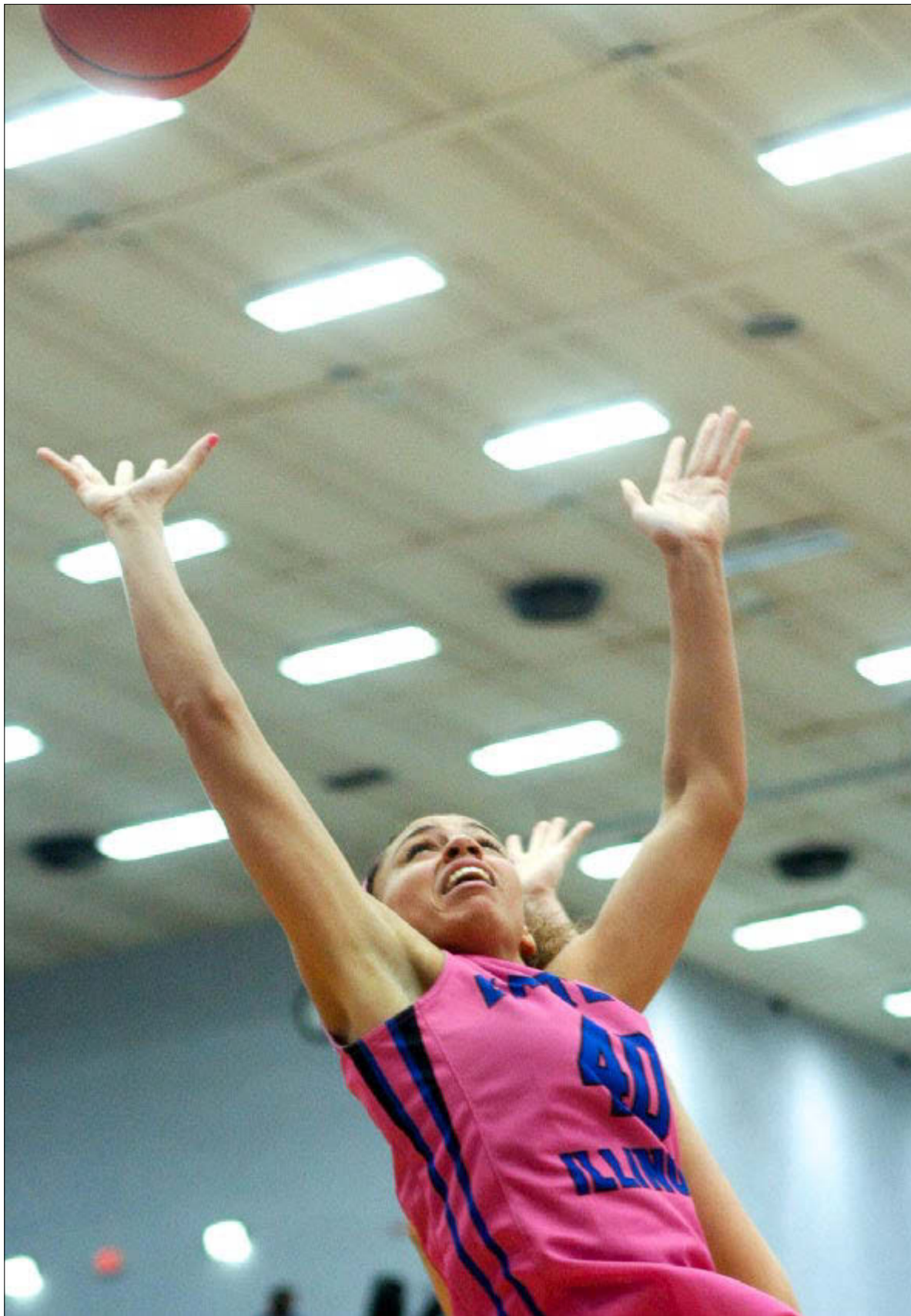
With the Racers up 14 points, the Panthers started to make a run. Panther guards Katlyn Payne and Jordyne Crunk both hit 3-point shots during a 17-5 run.

Crunk's 3 came with six minutes left and cut the Murray State lead down to three.

Crunk had 20 points on 7-of-16 shooting and Payne had 12 points on 4-of-7 shooting from 3-point range.

Sabina Oroszova would hit a layup with 5:17 to play to cut the Racer lead to one at 64-63, but that is as close as the Panthers would get.

Oroszova fouled out of the game with about five minutes left in the second half.



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Senior forward Taryn Olson attempts to gain control of the ball in a game Feb. 1 in Lantz Arena. The Panthers beat the SIU-E Cougars 71-61.

She had six points on 3-of-10 shooting.

The Panthers are currently 10-13 and 5-7 in the OVC, and the Panthers are facing another must-win game on the road at Austin Peay on Monday and

will look to end their road woes.

The Panther still hold the eighth and final playoff spot with four conference games left.

The Governors are 6-7 in the OVC and a half of a game ahead of the Pan-

thers in the standings.

Eastern and Austin Peay will tip-off at 7 pm in Clarksville, Tenn.

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Louisiana-Lafayette's lone run was scored in the seventh inning, when Blake Trahan hit a sacrifice-fly to left field, which brought in Michael Strentz from third base.

Greenfield pitched the final two innings to record the save for Eastern.

Eastern shutout Saturday

Eastern played a double-header Saturday, losing both games by a combined score of 14-0.

Junior Matt Borens suffered the 1-0 loss in the front end of the double-header, allowing a home run with two outs in the third inning to Jace Conrad.

Borens pitched six innings, giving up four hits, while striking out seven and walking one.

The Eastern offense was not able to manage a run against Cajun starter Carson Baranik, who went 7.1 innings, giving up only one hit in his outing.

The Louisiana-Lafayette bullpen pitched the final 1.2 innings, allowing two hits to Eastern.

Left-handed pitcher Ryan Wilson

pitched a scoreless ninth inning as he pitched the save for the Cajuns.

In game two of the double-header, Eastern pitcher Christian Slazinik started his first game in more than a year.

The red-shirt junior pitched into the fifth inning, but was pulled after allowing five runs. He was charged with six runs, while four of them were earned.

Freshman Jake Haberer came in, but was not able to hold down Louisiana-Lafayette's offense. Through 1.1 innings, Harberer gave up six runs all of them earned.

Greg Milhorn started for the Cajuns and shutout the Panthers' offense through six innings. He allowed two hits – the only hits Eastern scratched out in the 13-0 defeat.

Eastern will play another ranked team starting at 3 p.m. Friday against Arkansas in Fayetteville, Ark.

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"We had people out there who should have been able to get rebounds, but Murray State got the offensive rebounds," Spoonhour said in a press release.

Eastern guard Reggie Smith had little to no playing time for the second consecutive game. Smith was one of five players who sat out in the Panthers' 88-83 loss against Austin Peay Thursday.

"They broke team rules," Spoonhour said. "They were out after curfew. If you do that the night before this game, an important game, that tells me your head isn't in the right place."

But against Murray State, Smith would have played had he not been injured.

"He got knocked down a couple of times," Spoonhour said. "He could have helped us. He really played well. He said, 'coach, I'm trying' — he was holding his side."

Smith played just 11 minutes and scored just two points off free throws

while going 0-of-2 from the field.

As for Blanford, he scored a game-high 26 points with eight rebounds. It was the fifth consecutive game that the Panthers' only senior scored 20 points or more, following two career high with 32 points and 18 rebounds at Austin Peay.

Forward Chris Olivier was the only other Panther to score in double figures with 14 points. Murray State had four players score in double digits and two players with nine points apiece, Moss scoring a team-high 18 points.

Eastern fell to 6-8 in the OVC and remains seventh overall, where the top eight teams make the post-season tournament. Murray State built its lead as the top team in the west division, improving to 11-2 in the OVC.

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Panthers post 4 first-place finishes

Viken hits season-best at pole vault

By **Blake Nash**
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The Eastern track and field team posted four first-place finishes Friday at Grand Valley State.

Three of those finishes were taken by the men's team, while Janie Howse picked up the lone first-place finish on the women's side.

Howse's Sub-Elite weight-throw mark of 54-feet, 7.50-inches won the Panthers their first throwing event of the season. She also placed fifth in the shot put with a mark of 41'11".

On the men's side, Calvin Edwards, Mick Viken and Pablo Ramirez once again took a walk to the first-place podium.

Edwards took home a victory in the 400-meter dash with a time of 47.35, which ranks third best in school history.

Edwards has posted back-to-back Ohio Valley Conference Male Athlete of the Week finishes in the 200m dash, which he did not compete in this week.

Another teammate who entered the Eastern all-time list was Pablo Ramirez. Ramirez won the 5000m race with a time of 14:15.66, which is the fourth best in school history.

Mick Viken continued his routine in the pole vault, winning with a season-best mark of 17'9.25". His teammate Peter Geraghty finished behind him in second, with a mark of 17'3.50".

Also in the pole vault, Kirstie Wieber placed third in the women's pole vault with a height of 12'3.50". Kristen Hixson took home first for the host school Grand Valley State.

The women's 4x400m relay team of Amina Jackson, Dhiaa Dean, Cassidy Strohl and Ashley Fouch, also entered the Eastern all-time list, despite a fifth-place finish.

Their time of 3:48.64 ranks third on the Panthers' career list. Indiana Tech won this event with a time of 3:42.61.

The Panthers also took home second place finishes in the men's 60m dash. Johnathan Boey's time of 6.83 gave Eastern its only silver medal finish for the day.

Aviance King and David Johansson rounded out the men's top five finishes Friday in the high jump and weight throw respectively.

King cleared a height of 6'8.25" for a third place finish, while Johansson's longest throw of 56'4" landed him fifth in the Sub-Elite weight throw.

Kailey James 5'3.25" mark bumped her into the top five, with a fifth place finish.

The next meet for Eastern will be the final home meet for the indoor season. The EIU Friday Night Special will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Lantz Fieldhouse.

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Freshman infielder Mitch Gasbarro tries to speed up to his next base to give the Panthers a head start against Murray State on April 5, 2013. They struck up a win against Murray State, beating them 6-3. The baseball team will play at 3 p.m. Friday against Arkansas in Fayetteville, Ark.

Eastern loses tight game in series finale

By Aldo Soto
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After scoring five runs in the fifth inning that gave the Eastern baseball team a 7-4 lead, Louisiana-Lafayette responded with five runs of its own, leading to a 9-8 win Sunday in Lafayette, La. With a five-run fifth inning for the Ragin' Cajuns, Louisiana-Lafayette won three straight games during the weekend, winning the series 3-1.

Senior Montana Timmons lined out to center field, leaving Caleb Howell and Demetre Taylor stranded in scoring position to end the game.

Timmons had been 4-for-4 prior to the last out of the game, in his first start of the season.

Eastern pitcher Troy Barton made his first start since the end of the 2012 season, and last-

ed two innings, throwing 42 pitches, allowing four runs (one earned) on three hits and a walk.

After falling behind 4-1 through four innings, Eastern third baseman Brant Valach hit a triple to right-center field with the bases loaded, giving the Panthers a 6-4 lead.

Timmons followed with an RBI-single, putting the Panthers ahead by three.

Left-handed pitcher Garrison Stenger was in his third inning of relief and could not get out of the fifth inning with the lead for the Panthers.

Louisiana-Lafayette left fielder Ryan Wilson hit a three-run home run off of Stenger to tie the game at seven in the fifth inning.

The Cajuns then scored two more runs on a single from Blake Trahan and a triple hit by

Seth Harrison that gave them a 9-7 lead.

Howell hit a sacrifice-fly to right field in the sixth inning that brought in Mitch Gasbarro across to score, but Eastern was not able to threaten the Cajuns again until the ninth inning.

Freshman righty Reagan Bazar faced the final two batters and recorded his first save for Louisiana-Lafayette.

Johansmeier wins

The season began Friday with sophomore pitcher Jake Johansmeier going six innings for Eastern, allowing one run on three hits, picking up the win over Louisiana-Lafayette.

The 5-1 win over the Cajuns was Eastern's first win against a top-25 ranked team since the Panthers beat Louisville in 2012. Johansmeier's performance was

backed up by RBI-singles in the fifth inning from Jason Scholl and Demetre Taylor, which gave the Panthers a 3-0 lead after Caleb Howell scored on a pass ball in the fourth inning.

With a three-run lead, Johansmeier kept the Cajuns unbalanced at the plate, using primarily off-speed pitches, he said.

Johansmeier said it was a team effort all around.

"I think I threw 10-20 fastballs out of 90 pitches, so I had to be on my game," he said. "With that being the case I let the defense do a lot and they stepped up big to put the team ahead."

Eastern added a run apiece in the seventh and ninth innings, respectively, giving Panthers' closer Joe Greenfield a bit of a cushion in the bottom of the ninth inning.

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Panthers out-paced by Racers late run

By Anthony Catezone
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Forward Sherman Blanford had just scored a fast-break layup for the Eastern men's basketball team, cutting its deficit to four points against the Ohio Valley Conference west division leader Murray State.

The Panthers had six minutes left to muster up a lead, and with ample opportunity in front of them. But they were unable to capitalize, losing 72-60 Saturday night in Murray, Ky., damaging their postseason hopes.

With the Panthers still trailing 58-54, the Racers' T.J. Sapp missed a jumper with 5:42 remaining. Eastern rebounded the ball, but on the ensuing possession Zach Dickerson turned the ball over.

Jarvis Williams, who forced the turnover, made 1-of-2 free throws for Murray State. And even with a missed 3-pointer off the offensive rebound by the Racers, Eastern trailed by just five.

But three missed shots and a turnover followed on the Panthers' next four possessions allowed the Racers to take 68-54 lead with two minutes left behind a 10-0 run capped off by a Jeffery Moss 3-pointer.

A stretch that Eastern coach Jay Spoonhour credited to Murray State's offensive rebounds.

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Senior forward Sherman Blanford makes his way on the court to prepare against the Southeast Missouri Redhawks on Feb. 8. The Eastern's men basketball team came up short, losing 68-74.

Panthers take 4 of 5 on weekend

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In Monroe, La. the Eastern softball team played five games in three days. It opened up on Friday playing host team University Louisiana at Monroe followed by Grambling State University.

Against Louisiana, the Panthers went down early as senior Stephanie Maday gave up two early runs in the opening inning. She then settled in to a nice groove, going the distance in the team's 9-2 win. Maday in the complete game gave up ten hits, with two earned runs, while striking out five and walking zero.

As a team, Eastern collected 11 hits while plating nine runs. In the game, three Panthers homered as Hannah Cole, Brooke Owens and April Markowski all hit the long ball.

Sophomore Jennette Isaac paced the Panthers from the leadoff spot as she hit 2-of-3 with an RBI and a walk; she also collected a stolen base while getting caught once attempting to steal.

In the evening game, Eastern faced Grambling State University. Senior Hanna Mennenga had a game-high 15 strike outs, coming within one of her career high, while going the distance against Grambling.

Mennenga gave up two runs in the fourth inning, and over the course of the 5-2 victory she walked four batters.

In the game Hannah Cole, and Brooke Owens again paced the Panthers with each going 2-of-3 at the plate while driving in a run. In the night game, Coach Angie Nicholson's aggressive base running was on display as the team collected four steals.

On Saturday the Panthers again faced Louisiana-Monroe and Grambling State, this time splitting the pair.

In the opening game Eastern Lost to host Louisiana-Monroe 7-1, while against Grambling State, the Panthers would win 20-2 in a five-inning slaughter.

Against Louisiana State, Eastern's Janelle Robinson pitched, where she threw 1 2/3 inning before giving way to Maday in relief.

Louisiana Monroe collected nine hits off of panther pitching, in scoring the seven runs, they were walked four times and struck out seven times.

The Panthers were only able to string together three hits to score one run as Carly Willert was the lone scorer.

In the night cap, things were much more exciting offensively for the Panthers as they had 17 hits to go on to score 20 runs. The Panthers had three home runs in the game hit by Owens, Reynae Hutchinson and Bailey O'Dell.

Hutchinson was 3-3 on the day scoring 4 runs, catcher Hannah Cole was 3-4 with another 4 runs scored, and Owens was 2-4 with 3 runs scored.

Mennenga got the win as she improved to 2-1 on the season. She pitched five innings while giving up two runs; she managed to strike out seven batters.

The Panthers took on Houston Baptist on Sunday winning the game 4-3. The Panthers tied the game in the bottom of the seventh inning on a RBI bunt squeeze play, which saw Ashleigh Westover single on the bunt attempt and brought home Hannah Cole for the tying run.

Markowski then ended the game on a sacrifice fly, plating pitcher Mennenga who came in to pinch run for Bailey O'Dell.

Maday improved to 3-1 on the year, pitching seven innings, giving up three runs, while striking out four and walking four.

Eastern went 4-1 on the weekend, and improved their overall record to 6-4 on the season. The Panthers will again be on the road this upcoming weekend as they travel to Jackson, Miss.

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