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Perry announces goal of \$7 million in budget cuts

By Jack Cruikshank
Administration Editor | @DEN_News

At the Council on University Planning and Budget meeting Friday, President Bill Perry announced he wants the CUPB to suggest areas where the university can cut \$7 million over the next two years.

That \$7 million represents 6.7 percent of the overall appropriated budget.

As well as the \$7 million to be cut from the appropriated budget, Perry expressed a desire to "reallocate \$1 million in the appropriated budget to provide additional support to programs that can produce sustainable, quality enrollment growth for the university."

In order to decide where the cuts will come from, the CUPB has been tasked with the job of deciding the cuts, then presenting its findings to the President.

At the meeting Friday, the council voted 17-0-0 to divide into three subcommittees in order to review program analyses, which individual groups have submitted from around campus.

In total, 115 program analyses have been submitted electronically from groups such as colleges and departments to specific people like the general counsel and the minority affairs director.

Of the program analyses submitted, 71 were

academic affairs, 17 student affairs, and the remaining 27 were various others.

The individual program analyses can be viewed on the Eastern website.

The CUPB is divided into three groups: academic, student, and an all-encompassing group that includes business affairs, the president's area, and university advancement.

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Protocol in place in case of closing

By Bob Galuski
Managing Editor | @BobGaluski

In order for classes to be canceled because of inclement weather, steps need to be taken and a protocol followed before anything happens.

The protocol is detailed on the Eastern website under the "Inclement Weather Class Cancellation Protocols," which was last updated in 2004.

Blair Lord, the provost and vice president for academic affairs, said the Eastern website is the primary method of relaying information about class statuses, however other outlets are used.

"Our website is the primary means of communication, but we have a list of radio and TV stations that are notified," he said. "Because the stations will only run cancelations, you will never hear them state that EIU is 'Open.'"

Lord, who is the primary official involved, said he also consults with others on when classes need to be canceled because of weather.

He evaluates the current weather conditions, including icing conditions and the accumulation of four or more inches of snow, according to the protocol. Along with the conditions, the predicted weather conditions that affect icing conditions with snow accumulation are taken into account.

Factors such as Illinois Department of Transportation and Illinois State Police issuing weather advisories and road closures are also evaluated, along with if there is contact from utility providers.

Lord also consults with President Bill Perry in deciding if school will close. Lord needs to contact Perry no later than 4 a.m., according to the protocol.

However, the decision to cancel class can come during the previous day.

Circumstances such as hazardous icing conditions or approximately four inches of accumulated snow or other weather conditions of imminent hazard to student and employee health and safety are taken into account. Along with those circumstances, if Illinois Route 16 between Charleston and Mattoon closes, it is also taken into account.

According to the protocol, faculty members are encouraged not to penalize students for missing class because of inclement weather. It also states that students should discuss their absence with their professors.

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Viktoria Rekasius, a freshman management major, puts her shoe on after removing her pants during The Nearly Naked Mile Saturday outside Carman Hall. "I thought it would be a lot colder but when you were actually running it was fine."

Students shed clothes for charity

By Bob Galuski
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All three of them wore no shirts; they were without pants or shoes — all of the clothing they had arrived with had been donated to charity. Without much care for the lack of clothes in the biting winds of the 20-degree weather, they decided to skip gallantly instead of run the last leg of the race, crossing the finish line with a celebratory jump.

Matt Crippen, a junior sociology major, said he did not mind the colder temperatures and was thankful it was not as cold as it had been.

Along with his twin brother, Scott Crippen, a junior sociology major, and their friend John Aloff a sophomore psychology major from the College of DuPage, the three men ran in the Nearly Naked Mile Saturday.

Beginning in Carman Hall's parking lot, runners — roughly 30 regis-



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Runners listen to instructions before The Nearly Naked Mile Saturday outside Carman Hall. Participants started the race bundled in layers, and stripped themselves of specific articles of clothing at designated check points throughout the race.

tered — took off up Ninth Street, around Johnson Ave., down 12th Street and through Roosevelt Dr. to end at Carman Hall. In total it was approximately one mile of running.

Even with the cooler temper-

atures, the runners also provided a twist to the run — as they went through the race, they could shed off pieces of their clothes to donate to charity, ending with only a scant few articles.

Aaron Hollis, a first year graduate student in the College Student Affairs, hit the finish line first, continuing into Carman Hall's parking lot to cool down.

He said it was not the cold weather that motivated him to run, but instead the reason for running.

"It's an extraordinary cause," he said.

The clothes were donated to Standing Stone Community Center, while the shoes were donated to Nike Reuse-a-Shoe and the money from registration went to the Charleston Food Pantry.

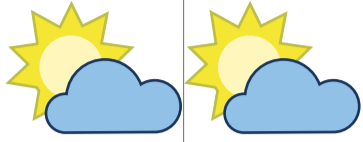
Hollis said one thing that inspired him was the idea of his shoes being grounded up by Nike Reuse-a-Shoe and then recycled into new pairs of shoes for others to use.

While most of the runners showed up in clothing, Eric Palmer, a senior family consumer sciences major, arrived wearing only athletic shorts, socks and shoes.

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Skating away from cold temperatures



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Citlally Fabela, a freshman biological sciences major, takes advantage of the warmer weather while she longboards with friends Sunday outside the Booth Library. Fabela said she has been longboarding for three years.

Shimkus meets with constituents

By Michael Spencer
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Constituents met with Rep. John Shimkus (R, Illinois – 15) at City Hall Friday to discuss their personal concerns with issues under the congressman's purview.

Shimkus met with the residents of his district last week in order to hear from the people he said are ultimately his employers. The opportunity allowed him to discuss struggles his voters have with the federal government in a one-on-one environment.

Shimkus said the setting allowed for conversations that put the representative at the disposal of his voters, even for just 15 minutes at a time.

"In rural America, which is where I represent, most people don't ask for a lot from government, especially at the national level," Shimkus said of the message he got from his constituents. "They don't expect a

lot from the national government. But the services that they do need or qualify for, they would like to see a little bit more efficient response."

Among those issues were struggles with government agencies or things such as making the congressman aware of important events in the community.

One such voter on hand for the session was Tom Donnell, a local farmer, who was there to speak on behalf of a neighbor he said was not being treated fairly by the Internal Revenue Service.

Donnell said he liked the way Shimkus was on hand to speak one-on-one with the people. Donnell said it was something for which he does not see enough.

"I'll tell you what this is, the man has 33 counties, this is grassroots democracy," Donnell said. "We need more of it."

Those 33 counties that make up the 15th district include places as far north as Livingston county,

a sliver of territory running south down the eastern Illinois border and the area as far west as the edge of Decatur.

Carolyn Cloyd, the executive director for United Way of Coles County, was at City Hall to discuss the poverty rate in the surrounding area and to make the congressman aware of the organization's "Run for the Fallen" which takes place each summer in honor of soldiers who died in the line of duty.

She was prompted to reach out to Shimkus to make him aware of the issues United Way is trying to combat in central Illinois.

"At our last meeting we talked about trying to get ahold of local politicians and here he is," Cloyd said.

When Shimkus returns to Washington, he said he will turn to his congressional subcommittee work.

One such initiative that he began work on last week involves FEMA relief funding. Shimkus and

a number of other Illinois congressmen started work last week on a bipartisan initiative to "bring fairness" to the FEMA relief process.

The issue for Shimkus and his fellow colleagues is the formula that FEMA uses to appropriate disaster aid funds.

Shimkus said the problem is the formula takes into account state funding and local population, meaning that places in rural Illinois frequently do not get assistance from the federal government.

"Because of the way FEMA has their formula, rural Illinois doesn't qualify because of the formula," Shimkus said.

The congressman will begin his last regular session this month ahead of his re-election bid at the end of the year.

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All hail the queen



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Treasur Cunningham, a sophomore communication disorders and sciences major receives the title of Ms. Black and Gold 2014 Friday at the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Concert artist in works for spring

By Bob Galuski
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Members of the University Board are currently sifting through the list of recommendations for the upcoming Spring Concert in order to make a decision on which artist it will be.

A survey was sent out shortly before Thanksgiving Break to students asking them to choose which artist they would most likely see at the Spring Concert.

Kara Butorac, the chair for the UB, said the artists lined up with each genre as representatives of the genre.

She said nothing has been set yet, and members are still compiling the results.

Butorac added that one thing the members look at, though, are the comments given by students in order to accurately select an artist to perform.

Surveys have been used for a number of years to gauge student interest for the Spring Concert, and Butorac said despite any one genre not receiving particular interest in previous years, the selection still stays on the survey.

"The student body's (interests) can change year to year," Butorac said.

The Spring Concert is tentatively set for sometime in April, she added.

Last year's concert featured Phillip Phillips, winner of season 11 of TV's "American Idol" performing. He was also chosen based on a survey sent out.

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Library accepting award applications

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Booth Library is now accepting applications for the spring 2014 Awards for Excellence in Student Research and Creativity.

Allen Lanham, the dean of library services at Booth Library, said students can offer a wide range of research and activities, as long as applicants have consulted a library during the creative process of the projects.

The deadline for submissions is March 17, with the winners to be announced as a part of the library's festivities celebrating National Library Week from April 13 until 19.

In the past, projects submitted have included written work, artistic work, musical work, performances and digital media.

Lanham said he defines creativity "loosely," and he will accept almost any form of work as long as the student is able to articulate his or her reasoning

behind the piece.

"We want to recognize excellence that we know exists and give students an opportunity to have a nice line on their resume and also get some cash," Lanham said.

The cash award varies, with the maximum being \$300.

Lanham said he hopes students use a variety of materials available at Booth or other libraries and archives, whether physical resources or through library online databases.

"We have an enormous collection of items here and provide services that would make one more successful in their field if students pay attention, utilize it and commit the time," Lanham said.

Although many of the applicants use work originally created as a requirement for a course, Lanham said students can also submit work derived from personal research unrelated to a class.

The research has to have been completed one year from the deadline.

"(This award) rewards students for recent work, and it can be on almost any topic," Lanham said. "It can be artistic, results dedicated to results of data, surveys or even a term paper."

To Lanham, the point of the awards is to showcase some of the excellence he knows exists within the Eastern campus.

"We wanted to bring to the forefront the importance of libraries in the university, and the fact that students' careers are highly influenced by what is made available to them," Lanham said.

Lanham said he hopes students will take this opportunity to advance their collective of the world around them.

"(Students) could find inspiration here and go off and do something that doesn't require a great deal of sources," Lanham said. "The thoughts and the impetus of the project came from dreaming around some of the resources found (at a library)."

So far, no applications have been submitted, but Lanham says he is not

concerned, as he suspects the vast majority to be submitted within one week of the deadline.

He said it is never too early for a student to get involved in their disciplines.

"If you are investigating, for example, the current situation of Illinois politics, what are you going to read," Lanham said. "You can't just say, 'well, my dad said this...' Well, it is fine to know what your father thinks, but what do millions of other people think?"

To Lanham, this opportunity affords students a great change to explore their world around them, while also gaining a small stipend.

"If you come use resources provided through the library, all of a sudden, your world is much wider than it could be," Lanham said.

For more information about the award, or to apply, visit the Booth Library website.

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Discretion should be always used

During the past couple of days, we've had quite the weather here in Charleston. One day it's snow; the next day it's rain. Then, it may seem like the sun might start to shine through, and then the next thing you know, more snow.

The end of last week specifically saw temperatures dip into sub-zero territory, leading to some students calling for Eastern to cancel classes. On Thursday, *The Daily Eastern News* posted a story on our Storify account showcasing dozens and dozens of mostly upset and angry tweets about Eastern's decision to not cancel class during the below freezing temperatures. No alert was put up on Eastern's website and classes went on as scheduled on Thursday and Friday, despite the cold. Many of the tweets from Eastern students criticized the university. They said that it was a dangerous decision for classes still to be held, while others said that Eastern downright did not care about its students.

These claims, some legitimate, others illegitimate, call into question of you going or not going to class.

The answer is something that most students probably over think, but is actually quite simple. We're all adults here, and no one is forcing anybody to go to class. Your decision to go to class is up to your discretion every day, whether it's snowing, freezing cold, warm, or sunny. The simple fact is that if you think that your commute to class, whether it be driving from out of town or walking across campus from your residence hall or off-campus apartment, will be a danger to you and your general health, safety or well being, then you probably shouldn't go.

Just shoot an email to your professor explaining your situation. As long as your absences are to a minimum, your words are sincere, and your promise to make up whatever it is that you missed, most professors should be pretty understanding of your situation. This however is not an excuse to ditch class just because you don't feel like going out that day or because you looked out your window, saw a little snow and decided to go back to bed. Weather can be a legitimate reason for missing class, but it shouldn't be an excuse. You should try and make every best effort to make it to class, seeing as how that's what you're here for after all. Missing one day of your biology lecture probably won't kill you, while frostbite very well could.

So, don't waste your time refreshing Eastern's website hoping for that alert to pop up. Use your best judgment and discretion when deciding to brave the elements.

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Sunday's heatwave



DOMINIC RENZETTI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Bundle up Eastern, it is cold outside

Sometimes I play a game when I go to class. The game is called "Who Wants To Look Fresh That Badly?"

The game consists of me walking to class and spotting out the people who are so cold because they are only wearing just a sweatshirt and jeans.

You get bonus points for the people who are in shorts and a t-shirt.

You are probably thinking that I am crazy and no one would even think about wearing just that in this weather.

Keep your eyes peeled because they are out there.

Ladies and gentleman, if you haven't noticed, it is very cold outside with the exception of yesterday's weather gift of 40-degree temperatures.

I don't understand how some of you can only throw on a hoodie with no gloves or a hat.

I look like I just left a snow apocalypse. As much as I sound like a mom right now, safety is the real issue. Frostbite does happen. There are multiple hospitals in New York that have set records for cases of frostbite and other cold weather emergency related incidents.



Kyle Daubs

Robin Webb, a writer for *USA Today*, wrote an article reporting that 20 people had died from the weather, and that article was back in Jan. 7 this year.

The weather isn't going to get any better either. Today, the high is five degrees, while Tuesday has a high of four degrees.

I am all up for the foundation of "no pants, no problem," but this weather is scary dangerous. Residents in Minnesota are probably happy that the rest of America can feel what they have to go through every winter.

The thing is I know that most of you probably own a set of gloves, or a scarf. Is wearing them that detrimental to your self-image?

I understand that probably has nothing to do with it either.

I'm still going to call you out because I just don't get it.

This has been going on for years though, so it is not all that surprising.

Growing up in this town, every year we get to see the ladies dress up in their short skirts on the weekend despite frigid temperatures.

This is just another year of laughing at you all.

If anything, maybe I inspired other people to play the game too.

Hopefully, the inspiration comes in wearing some warm clothes. If you don't, thanks for helping me win at my own game.

Either way, stay warm because we don't want to write about you being an add on to the statistics. So, bundle up EIU, and have a good night, sleep tight, and don't let the frostbite bite.

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We must be part of recovery process

Waiting with me in the lobby of the Illinois Terminal in Champaign was an older man holding a large cardboard box. He was wearing a gray sweatshirt, black sweatpants and very generic pair of white sneakers. I've been riding the train here in central Illinois for a few years now, so his appearance did not strike me as something I had not seen before.

Each time I ride the train, there's usually a handful of guys dressed just like him, all holding a large cardboard box filled with all of their possessions. These men are tasting their first hours of freedom, having been recently released from a correctional facility downstate. It seems like for most of them, the train seems to be the easiest way for them to get home to Chicago, or in this man's case, Champaign.

Tired of holding the cardboard box, the man put it down and turned around to admire a statue of a panther that sits in the terminal lobby. Why there is a statue of a panther at the terminal? I have no idea, but I'm sure it was much more interesting than anything he had probably seen in awhile. He touched the statue, examining its details and features. His back was turned to the automatic doors, so he didn't see the



Dominic Renzetti

next guy walk through. In walked a taller man, probably in his 20s, possibly a little older than me. He watched the man touch the statue and grinned.

"You know, you shouldn't touch things that don't belong to you," he said to the man in a deep voice. The man turned around quickly, muttering a few words under his breath and when he got a look of who was standing in front of him, he paused and a puzzled look came over his face.

"Is that you?" he said. The other man replied with a simple, "What up, pops?"

The two embraced with a hug. The man told his son he couldn't believe how big he had gotten and how much he had grown. His son asked

him how he was doing, to which he replied, "Well, a whole lot better now."

There was a silence between them. Neither said anything for a few seconds that seemed to feel like much longer.

"You wanna get out of here?" the son said, finally breaking the silence. The man quickly picked up his box and the two headed for the exit.

I've sat next to a lot of these guys on the train. Most of them ask me to use my cell-phone. I let them, and listen as they'll call home or wherever, but most of the time, nobody answers. There probably won't be anybody waiting for them when they get off the train.

For a lot of people being released from prison, family support can be a huge factor that determines whether or not they wind up returning. Whether we like it or not, when someone we love is put in this situation, we are still part of the recovery process, and it starts with being there for them.

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'Dozing through Douglas



DOMINIC BAIMA | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Facilities Planning and Management workers fill a hole they dug to repair a water main break Friday behind Douglas Hall. A member of the Facilities Planning and Management staff said the water main broke sometime Thursday afternoon and affected Lincoln, Stevenson and Douglas Halls. Signs hung in the Stevenson Dining stated that the lunch menu was limited because of the break. The Student Recreation Center posted on their Facebook page Friday that their water had been shut off and they had no water fountains and bathrooms because of the break.

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Allan Lanham, the chairperson of the CUPB, said the three subcommittees will work on cuts through the semester.

"We are all responsible for reviewing the subcommittee reports and submitting a recommendation as CUPB," Lanham said.

Perry said he hopes the CUPB will make sure the cuts are still aligning with Eastern's core mission.

Perry continued that while the individual groups will recommend changes, the CUPB as a whole will still be able to comment on an area, even if they aren't in the subcommittee.

"I think that what you'll find is you'll

start to get a feel of what kind of recommendations should be made, and then the overall CUPB would look it over," Perry said.

As well as forming the three new subcommittees, the CUPB heard presentations from all four vice-presidents in relation to their various areas of work.

The next CUPB meeting will be at 2 p.m. Friday in the fourth floor of Booth Library, where the subcommittees will meet.

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Palmer said he was not worried about the cold weather and he was participating because he loved to run.

"It's my last semester and I love to run," he said. "I always want to help out a charity."

Kari Clark, a senior sociology major, said she donated more clothes than she was wearing initially because of the cause.

She said she donated hats, gloves, pants, shirts and other items to the various charities.

Clark was also not bothered by the cold weather; instead she said the idea of it being a good cause outweighed personal discomfort.

"I wouldn't strip if it wasn't for a good cause," she said, laughing.

Some students showed up wearing running attire – jogging pants, sweat-

shirts and gloves. Others showed up in more extravagant gear – pajamas, buffalo-horned hats and multi-colored skirts.

Matt Crippen, Scott Crippen and Aloff all showed up with pajama pants and bandannas and sunglasses. The last two items were still present at the end of the race.

Matt Crippen said the whole spectacle of them skipping at the end was planned.

Scott Crippen said the cold was never an issue and the three of them were going to run no matter what.

"It wasn't really bothering us," he said. "We got through it, but I can't tell you my secret how."

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Senior Jalisa Paramore participates in the long jump during the John Craft Invite Saturday at Lantz Fieldhouse. Paramore won both the long jump and the 60m hurdles. The men's and women's track and field teams finished first place overall at the meet.

Panthers dominate John Craft Invite

By Blake Nash
Staff Reporter | @DEN_Sports

The Eastern men's and women's track teams both came in first place at the John Craft Invite Saturday at the Lantz Fieldhouse as both teams combined for 20 first-place finishes.

Jalissa Paramore and Calvin Edwards continued their success for Eastern by accounting for five of those 20 top finishes. Paramore won the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.75 seconds and the long jump with a mark of 18-feet, 2.5-inches.

Edwards continued his sprint race domination with wins in the 200-meter dash (21.92), and the 400-meter race (49.14). He was also part of the first-place finish in the 4x400 meter relay for the Panthers, which finished with a time of 3:22.38. His teammate Jonathon Boey also finished first in the 60-meter dash with a time of 6.71.

Eastern pole vaulters Mick Viken and Peter Geraghty continued their

competitive duel in the pole vault, with Viken earning the victory with a height of 17-feet, 7-inches. Geraghty came in second with a height of 16-feet, 7.25 inches. The women's pole vault was one by Eastern's Kirstie Wieber, with a height of 12-feet, 3.5 inches.

Eastern coach Tom Akers said the pole vaulters on the men's team have a friendly competition.

"The better competition has got to be Pete and Mick because that's their wheel house," Akers said. "They're both vaulters with great talents and are great competitors."

The Panthers showed much improvement in the long distance runs, most notably in the 3,000-meter race. Mike Hesslau and Emily Brelsford each won their event with a time of 8:28.86 and 10:19.52, respectively for Eastern.

Teammate Pablo Ramirez continued to perform well in the mile, a week after entering the school's Top-10 career list. His time of 4:15.65 won the men's mile

for the Panthers Saturday.

Eastern also won the men's and women's 800-meter races, as Julie James (2:19.05) and Ryan Ballard (1:55.75) came away victorious. Freshman Ashley Fouch also had a big day for the Panthers, as she won both the 400-meter, individually, and the 4x400-meter race as the anchor for her team.

In field events the Panthers picked up a win in the men's high jump, thanks to the effort of Aviance King. The red-shirt junior from Aurora jumped 6-feet, 8-inches to win the event. Kendall Williams swept the men's sand jumps with wins in the long jump and the triple jumps.

Following the meet, the Panthers received their 2013 Ohio Valley Conference championship rings.

Eastern returns to action Friday and Saturday at the Northern Iowa Invite.

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Eastern splits meets against Western

By Dan Hildebrandt
Staff Reporter | @DEN_Sports

The Eastern women's swim team routed the Western Illinois Leathernecks 146-57, while the men's team came up five points shy of a victory, losing 105-100, Friday at Padovan Pool.

The women and men both swam well on Friday with the women winning all but one of their events and the men winning five out of 11 events.

Eastern coach Elliot McGill said he liked the effort the Panthers put into each event.

"Our women won every event but one and our men won five out of the nine individual events," McGill said. "You don't do that without trying hard."

The men, still yet to win on the season, were close to putting a one in the win column. With this meet being the closest loss of the season, the Panthers have showed improvement, McGill said.

"Losing by that close always stings a little bit," McGill said. "But at the end of the day, we had too many positives to let our focus stray towards the loss and not our individual performances."

Compared to the meet against Ball State on Jan. 18, Eastern showed a lot of improvement in the pool

against the Leathernecks on Friday. A lot of the Panthers' times improved and they won more events this time around.

McGill said he was pleased with his team's performance. The Panthers' added passion seemed to light a fire inside the team.

"I thought we performed pretty well," McGill said. "We looked a lot better and had better times than last week. Our energy and passion on deck was awesome and that really carried us in the pool."

Any coach wants to see improvement out of his or her team and McGill is no different. McGill said he only had one thing he wanted to see his Panthers take away from this meet.

"That we are getting faster each week leading up to conference," he said. "That's all we can really control."

Eastern only has one more regular season meet this season. Saint Louis will come to visit the Panthers at Padovan Pool for a rematch from earlier this season. Both the Panther men and women lost when the team traveled to St. Louis back in October.

The Panthers will take on the Billikens at 5 p.m. Friday at Padovan Pool.

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» MEN'S BASKETBALL CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8

The Panthers improved to 4-5 in the Ohio Valley Conference while the Redhawks fall to 3-5, snapping their two-game OVC win streak.

Eastern out-shot Southeast Missouri 50 percent to 52.6 percent. The Panthers also made 7-of-13 from 3-point range, while keeping the Redhawks just 4-of-21.

"We fell into a trap, honestly," Nutt said. "We fell into a trap that we feel like we can score the basketball and our guys have fun in scoring points. We don't have fun in stopping people, and we've got to change that."

Eastern, the OVC's worst scoring offense, scored 13 points more than its season average.

Eastern led the game before it even started, as a technical foul on Southeast Missouri allowed Panther guard Zach Dickerson to make 1-of-2 free throws on the foul, giving the Panthers a 1-0 at tip off.

But while trailing 19-18 midway through the first half, the Panthers

used a 19-1 run to jump out to a 37-20, its largest of the game.

The Redhawks responded with a 13-2 to end the first half, which cut the Panthers' lead down to six.

Eastern's run saw five different Panthers score, with guard Reggie Smith scoring seven of his game-high 23 points in the seven minute span. Smith made 8-of-16 from the field and 6-of-9 from the free throw line with six assists.

The Redhawks shot 18-of-29 as a team from the free throw line and also committed 11 turnovers.

"We had 11 turnovers for the night, but the guys that missed 11 free throws, that's a turnover," Nutt said. "When you're not shooting the basketball very well and then you compound that with free throws, you've got a real problem."

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» WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8

The Skyhawks have scored more than 100 points in their last 3-of-4 games. They have the highest-scoring offense in the Ohio Valley Conference, averaging 80.4 points per game.

Tennessee-Martin also leads the OVC with a 43 field-goal percentage.

Skyhawks guards Heather Butler and Jasmine Newsome are averaging 22 and 19 points a game, respectively.

Payne said the Panthers are going to have to work hard to stop the Skyhawks offense.

"We take pride in our defense and we will work hard to make all

the players beat us and not the two guards," she said.

The Skyhawks come into this game with an 8-0 record in the OVC and is first in the West Division. The Panthers currently have a 3-5 record in the conference and are third in the West Division.

Tennessee-Martin also ranks first in the conference with an average scoring margin of seven points per game.

The two OVC foes will play at 7 p.m. Monday in Martin, Tenn.

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Red-shirt junior guard Reggie Smith goes up for the basket in a game against Murray State University on Jan. 16 in Lantz Arena. Smith scored 23 points in Saturday's 77-74 win over Southeast Missouri. The Panthers play Cleveland State at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Lantz Arena.

Eastern holds off Southeast Missouri in OVC battle

By Anthony Catezone
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Despite a 16-7 run by Southeast Missouri in the final 2:41, the Eastern men's basketball team held on for a 77-74 win in Cape Girardeau, Mo., Saturday.

The Panthers led the Redhawks 70-58 with 2:41 left in regulation.

A 3-pointer and layup back-to-back by Southeast Missouri guard Lucas Nutt triggered the Redhawks' late run, as he scored

seven of his 17 points during that stretch.

With 16 seconds remaining, Jarekious Bradley made a 3-pointer for the Redhawks to cut the game to 75-72, but that was the closest Southeast Missouri would get.

Eastern forward Josh Piper made 1-of-2 free throws on the ensuing possession, extending the Panthers' lead to four.

With Piper missing the second, Redhawk forward Tyler Stone hauled in the last of his game-high 11 rebounds.

As Southeast Missouri pushed the ball up

the court, an open Bradley was once again found behind the 3-point line.

Only this time he missed the 3-point attempt with nine seconds remaining.

"We got open looks sometimes," Bradley said in a press release. "We just didn't knock them down like we're used to. I'll give credit to their defense, too."

Bradley shot 2-of-8 from 3-point range, scoring 18 points.

Eastern guard Dylan Chatman rebounded the ball and was fouled four seconds later.

He, too, made 1-of-2 free throws for the Panthers, giving them a 77-72 lead and sealed the win before Nutt made a layup as time expired for the 77-74 final.

"It's a gut-wrenching loss and we are very disappointed with the way we played," said Southeast Missouri coach Dickey Nutt. "We didn't treat this game with a sense of urgency. We gave them confidence and they hit shots."

MEN'S BASKETBALL, page 7

Panthers to head to Martin after on-road loss

By Bob Reynolds
Staff Reporter | @BobReynoldsDEN

The Eastern women's basketball team shot 28 percent from the field Saturday en route to a 66-49 loss to Southeast Missouri.

The Panthers got off to a 9-2 lead, but struggled to shoot the ball the rest of the first half, scoring 13 points in the remainder of the half.

The Redhawks shooting in the first half was not much better. They shot 9-of-32, including 2-of-10 from the 3-point line.

With the game tied at 29 early in the second half, the Redhawks went on a 12-5 run to give them their biggest lead at seven, capped off by a couple of made free throws by Kenyada Brown.

Brown finished the game with eight points on 2-of-5 shooting.

The Redhawks would continue to go on a scoring run, and started to pull away from the Panthers.

They would have their biggest lead of the game, as the Redhawks were up 14 with less than two minutes to go in the game, and

that would pretty much seal the victory for Southeast Missouri.

Redhawks guard Jordan Hunter finished the game with 22 points on 9-of-15 shooting, which included 2-of-4 from the 3-point line.

Katlyn Payne had another rough game shooting the ball, as she would go 2-of-13 from the field, including 1-of-7 from the 3-point line for Eastern.

Payne said her shooting woes are just a mental thing.

"I have to keep working and helping in other aspects of the game, like defense and rebounding," she said.

The Panthers top three scorers, Jordyne Crunk, Sabina Oroszova and Payne, shot a combined 8-of-36 from the floor.

Crunk and Oroszova scored 12 and 11 points, respectively.

The Panthers will follow up their Saturday trip to Southeast Missouri with another road game against Tennessee-Martin Monday night.



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Freshman guard Aaliyah Gaines looks for a pass against Austin Peay University on Jan. 19 in Lantz Arena. The women's basketball team will go up against UT Martin at 7 p.m. Monday at Martin, Tennessee.

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