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SUMMIT LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

After a long season, the Eastern men’s and women’s swim teams head to Indianapolis for the Summit League championship, hosted by IUPUI. The Panthers have never won a Summit League title at either the men’s or women’s level.

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Bar fined, suspended for 7 days

By Jarad Jarmon
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After three months of continuances, the Penalty Box Bar and Grill owners were charged with a \$500 fine and a seven-day suspension at an evidentiary hearing Tuesday.

The owners of the bar, located at 1419 4th St., must pay the fine within 45 days. Also, the Penalty Box liquor license will be suspended at 6 a.m. March 2 and run until 6 a.m. March 9. Because this was their second violation, the co-owners, Sabrina Henderson and William Nelson were charged the minimum sentence for a second violation.

Mayor Larry Rennels said the dates for the suspension were chosen because it would be the week before Spring Break, and unofficial St. Patrick’s Day is coming up.

“March 7 and March 8 is when it is scheduled to be unofficial St. Paddy’s Day in Champaign and sometimes that makes its way down to Charleston, so they will be suspended those two nights,” Rennels said.

There was agreement reached between the city, represented by Rachel Cunningham, and the Penalty Box owners, represented by Steven Friedel, an attorney from the Tapella and Eberspacher law firm in Charleston, for two of the three liquor license violations to be dismissed.

The co-owners were indicted with allowing patrons under the age of 21 into the restaurant without purchasing food, allowing them to sit at the bar and allowing patrons to walk and stand about the establishment while consuming and alcoholic beverages. This was in violation of the Penalty Box Class D liquor license, which requires the establishment to act as a restaurant and not a bar.

They were only charged allowing patrons to stand and walk throughout the restaurant while consuming alcohol.

Rennels said he was willing to dismiss the other two counts if they plead guilty to the third count.

If they are found within violation of the liquor license for a third time within one year, the Penalty Box owners could see a minimum of \$750 and-or a 30 day liquor license suspension. Rennels said under more extreme circumstances, they could even see a \$1,000 and-or a revocation of their liquor license.

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Puddle Jumping



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Le’Vetta Doxie, a junior family and consumer sciences major, walks around a large puddle Tuesday in the South Quad. Puddles covered campus from precipitation Monday and the melting snow. The Charleston area reached a high temperature of 47 degrees.

Admissions director candidate wants ‘out of state’ connections

By Bob Galuski
Managing Editor | @BobGaluski

For Ryan Cockerill, one of the best recruitment strategies to increase enrollment would be to focus on out of state students.

Cockerill, the current director of admission at Lewis University in Romeoville, Ill., presented his ideas for increasing enrollment at Eastern Tuesday in the Arcola-Tuscola Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Cockerill is a candidate for the director of Admissions at Eastern, and as part of his candidacy, offered suggestions on how to improve enrollment and recruitment to faculty

and students.

And one suggestion was to focus on different out of state students, such as those from Indianapolis and St. Louis.

As a way to tap into the market of Indianapolis and St. Louis students, Cockerill said they need to be more aware of the fact that students from Indiana can pay Illinois residency rates – \$20,140 compared to the out of state rate of \$37,120 – if they attend Eastern.

Cockerill added that 90 percent of college-bound students only travel beyond 300 miles from home in order to attend school. He said recruiting past the 300 mile marker would see a 10 percent – at best – success rate.

“Most people probably don’t realize

that you are closer to Indianapolis and closer to St. Louis than you are to Chicago,” Cockerill said. “That’s huge.”

However, just offering the in-state tuition is not enough, Cockerill said. Personalization needs to be a more primary focus.

“The days of the generalization approach are over,” Cockerill said.

Cockerill suggests email and telephone campaigns – having teachers in one area contact students interested in that area.

Another approach to adding the personalization is using the tools of social media. Cockerill said he would have his staff set up different Facebook pages and send friend requests to admitted students.

At first, the staff would post campus information, deadlines and maybe some items the students would find fun.

But then, he said, it evolved.

No longer was it just staff members posting, but incoming students asking about roommates, classes and other things. It was taken out of the admissions’ hands and put into the students’.

Despite the various suggestions of personal touch, when faced with a particular example of a student from a large high school with no idea what he wanted out of a college and no support system to help guide him, Cockerill said to get the student on campus.

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Daycare owner jailed on suspicion of child battery

Staff Report

A Charleston woman was jailed on suspicion of aggravated battery of a child after allegedly shaking a 22-month old boy at her daycare facility in Charleston.

Patricia L. Brant, 42, owns and operates Treasured Tots Daycare, located at 609 11th Street in Charles-

ton, and was the only adult present on Friday when the injuries took place, according to police reports.

According to WCIA, Piersen Eaker, has been in the hospital since Friday with symptoms of shaken baby syndrome, as well as some bleeding in his brain. Doctors have been trying to take Eaker off ventilation, but he is still unable to breathe on

his own, and neighbors have been helping in taking care of Eaker’s five-month old brother, Lincoln, according to the same report.

According to the WCIA report, the family believes Brant shook the child until he was unconscious. According to police records, Brant told police she thought the boy fell and hit his head but a physician de-

scribed extensive injuries indicating shaking or more serious trauma, according to the *Journal Gazette-Times Courier*.


Brant told police that she called for help after she found the child in the outside playpen having trouble breathing and with rigid arms. She said she hit the boy’s face and tapped his chest in an attempt to revive

him, but refused to answer any more questions after the police’s mention of the doctor’s observation of the injuries, according to the report.

Brant’s bond is set at \$20,000. She’s scheduled to appear in court on Monday. Aggravated assault of a child, is a class X felony, which requires prison time if convicted. No charges have been formally filed yet.


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It's getting hot in here



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Groundskeepers take advantage of the rising temperatures and plow melting snow off parking lots as temperatures are expected to rise throughout the week.

Voter turnout expected to stay consistent

By Michael Spencer
City Editor | @tmskeeper

Around 30 percent of the constituency is expected to turnout for the primary election March 18.

With the primary one month away, the Coles County Clerks office is preparing for the election that will select candidates for the upcoming midterm set for November.

Around 30 percent are likely to show up at the polls next month, while voter turnout for the midterm is expected to be nearly half the registered voters in Coles County. The trend is a good predictor for the numbers that will vote in March, said Audrey Jorns, deputy clerk for the Coles County Clerk's office.

For the last March primary, ahead of the gubernatorial election in Nov.

2012, less than a third of the constituency voted while more than two-thirds were at the polls several months later.

"The biggest turnout of course is for the presidential elections and that's when our turnout can be up to 70 percent, but we don't see anything like that in this kind of an election," Jorns said.

Jorns said turnout for primary elections is dependent upon a number of factors both directly and indirectly related to the candidates and issues on the ballot.

"There are 44 precincts in our county and it kind of depends on what's on the ballot and what kind of issues get the voter out," Jorns said, adding that sometimes small parts of the community can play a big role in deciding the fate of elections.

"You could have a very small part of

the community but if they have a tightly contested race or issue on the ballot you can get a whole lot of voter participation out of a small area of the county," Jorns said.

For Eastern students, there will be two different polling places. Depending on where a student lives on or off campus, the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union and the Newman Catholic Center will host the polling for the precinct.

"There is precinct line that can run right through the campus," Jorns said.

Mitch Gurick, the student body executive vice president, said students that took part in the student government's voter registration drive were given their assigned polling place when they registered.

"During voter registration we in-

formed people about when the elections were," Gurick said. "We also informed them about where they will be able to vote on campus."

The voter registration deadline for the March 18 primary election passed Tuesday and absentee voting has begun.

However, if a voter's address or name has changed since registering to vote, that can still be changed at the county clerk's office.

"They have between Feb. 19 and March 15 to come to the county clerk's office and make those changes," Jorns said.

If changes must be made to voter information, the ballot for the March 18 primary will have to be cast at the clerk's office.

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City council to vote on waiving of lime bid

By Michael Spencer
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In what is expected to be a brief meeting, the city council will examine a resolution that will waive the bidding process for the purchase of lime used by the water treatment plant.

The city determined that only one vendor is available for the purchase of lime in the Charleston area. There-

fore, the council must nullify the bidding process.

"Lime is something they use out at the water treatment plant and they have shopped around over the years and they have found there's really only one supplier that supplies the lime that meets their requirements," said Mayor Larry Rennels.

The funds for the purchase of lime have already been budgeted.

Lime is used to soften and adjust the pH balance of water to make it less corrosive.

Additionally, the council will examine a resolution that will authorize the contract for janitorial services.

"We're rehiring the same company that's been doing the janitorial services so there's nothing new there," Rennels said, adding that there will be continuity in the contract so there will be no

changes there either.

The council will also approve the comptrollers report and vote on a raffle license for the Charleston Community Theatre's 50th anniversary celebration scheduled for later this month.

The meeting will take place 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

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Changes to be proposed to Student Senate

By Jarad Jarmon
Associate New Editor | @JJarmonReporter

Student Senate will be meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday to hear proposed by-law changes regarding the Student Organization Council and the Student Action Team.

Darnell Tyms, the student vice president for student affairs, will be proposing changes to the Student Organization Council.

Other than changing the name of the program to RSO (Registered Student Organization) Initiative, Tyms said there will be some major changes,

which will hopefully reach out to more RSOs and be less inefficient.

Under these changes, senate members would have to reach out to at least four RSOs of their choosing instead of being assigned them. They will have to attend at least two meetings or events hosted by any of their selected RSOs every month. The four they choose must all be of different constituents. For instance, senate members cannot go to more than one sorority, one academic group or one religious group.

Tyms said there is a bulletin board in the Student Activity Center with the list of RSOs where the senate members

will tally which RSOs they have met up with.

He said he hopes this will alleviate potential problems with too many senate members going to one RSO seeing how there is no cap to how many can represent an RSO. He added he expects not to see much overlap.

There will also not be any Student Organization Council meetings. Tyms said attendance had been a problem for years. Organizations have other priorities outside of having to go to SOC meetings and it should not be expected of them, Tyms said.

“The organizations almost felt it was

a huge responsibility in addition to things they had to do already,” Tyms said. “They feel more comfortable having senators visit their meetings.”

Executive Vice President Mitch Gurick will be proposing bylaw changes to the Student Action Team. Gurick said these changes would mainly be updating the current bylaws. They had not been changed since spring 2009.

Gurick added there would be a process to kick people off of the team, which had not existed beforehand. Titles have also been updated, and responsibilities have been updated for the vice-chairmen position.

He will also be proposing a resolution to approve the budget for a couple of Student Action Team members to take a trip to the Illinois Board of Higher Education- Student Advisory Committee meeting at 10 a.m. March 1 at Columbia College in Chicago. The trip would cost \$272.

At the meeting they will go in detail on planned lobbying dates as well as review issues affecting higher education like the lack of Monetary Award Program funding.

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Missing SIU-C student found dead in wooded area

By Dominic Renzetti
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The Southern Illinois University-Carbondale student who had been missing since last week was found dead Tuesday, according to The Daily Egyptian, the school’s student newspaper.

The body of 19-year-old Pravin Varughese was discovered at 9:45 a.m. Tuesday in a wooded area in the 400 block of East Main St., south of Illinois Route 13 in Carbondale.

Police are not considering this a homicide investigation and do not suspect foul play.

Varughese, a sophomore criminal justice major, was last seen leaving a party at 606 W. College St., in Carbondale around 11 p.m. Wednesday. According to police, a “recent acquaintance” gave Pravin a ride from the party, but after a dispute, Varughese left the car and headed for the wooded area.

“The difficult terrain and low temperatures are believed to have contribut-

ed to Varughese’s difficulty finding his way out of the wooded area,” Carbondale police said in a press conference on Tuesday.

Varughese was wearing jeans and a T-shirt when he entered the woods, and while an exact cause of death is still pending, police said the cold may have been a factor.

A statement offered on behalf of Southern Illinois-Carbondale Chancellor Rita Cheng offered condolences to Varughese’s family, and urged grieving students to visit the counseling center on campus if needed.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Open houses should focus more on academics

Walking into the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Monday, prospective students were met with booths showcasing athletics, student government, Booth Library and finally, academics.

While each of the extra-circular activities shown mixed with the academics are important to the college experience, most students arrive at the university for an education.

By blending the different areas of academia into the other organizations, not only could it create confusion and distraction, it also sends off the wrong message.

With the exception of maybe athletes who have already received scholarships to play here, for most prospective students, it is education that is the draw.

Academics should not take a backseat to other activities on campus, and by placing them all together with vague semblance of order it gives off the wrong impression.

While this was probably not intentional, it does merit additional looking at.

With enrollment currently in a steady decline, overlooks such as the aesthetics of the open house cannot be done. Other areas of the open house succeeded in promoting academics, such as allowing students to maneuver through classes and buildings. However, when the prospective student’s first impression of the campus comes from seeing the English section next to Textbook Rental Services or Athletics, it might give off the wrong tone.

Along with putting the spotlight on academics, it can also be said that too much focus can be a buzzkill for students as well. The mock classrooms, for example, may have given the wrong inclination.

Students arrived at Eastern on a day off from school not to sit in a classroom-like setting and be lectured, but to explore the various opportunities available at Eastern. They did not

leave school just to go to school. They came to dive into what is in store for the future if they decide to come to Eastern.

The open house was considered a success by the administration – 500 students showed up with inclement weather bearing down on them – but improvements can still be made.

The first step is getting the students to campus, but improvements such as giving them an easier way to decipher the academics from the extra-circular and not placing them in a classroom setting will go a long way to step two, which is retention.

If students are put off by aspects that can easily be fixed, enrollment will continue to suffer.

The daily editorial is the majority opinion of the editorial board of *The Daily Eastern News*.

Spring break is still weeks away

It’s the time of year when everyone is sick and tired of cold, boring, and old winter and is counting the days until spring break. We picture ourselves on the beach with our closest friends at some place warm.

We can finally have no worries and no responsibilities for a little while. All our problems drift away in the waves. It sounds really perfect, but I am totally getting off track. We still have a few more weeks left until break.

It’s easy to become distracted this time of year. It is easy to start slacking on your school work. Students start putting off assignments like it’s their jobs.

Procrastinating becomes second to breathing. It’s the thing most college students are best at. The test in a week? OK, lets wait to study until the night before. The paper is due in a couple weeks? OK, I could probably type that up the morning before class.

We start to forget why we are even here. Students come to college to further their education so they can have their ideal jobs



Jessica Kozik

in the future.

We actually want to learn. We choose to go to college to learn, but then when we gets to college something starts to happen. All those ideas of how we actually wanted to learn are swiped away by the little to no desire we have to put in as much effort as we need to.

Sometimes, we end up slacking off and not making our education a priority. It is easy to become distracted by things that draw more interest like athletics, extracurricular activities, and spending time with friends.

Even when we do make the time to actually sit down and do our work, we waste a good amount of time checking Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook a bunch of times. We browse the web, letting our minds lose focus on what we were originally doing.

We take any distraction we can get from doing homework.

Keeping this up can lead to you falling behind. It’s important to remember the goals we have set for ourselves.

We need to stay focus on our reasons for being here and start putting in the effort because it will pay off eventually and it will be worth it.

This time of your life might be the most stressful, but it is still capable of being the most fun as well.

It is just important to have balance so that way you can make the most of your time here.

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“Get them to the campus,” he said.

Cockerill added this was a method for all students, not just the particular example. He said once the students are on campus it is easier for them to get connected to faculty and other students.

Parents then need to be educated, Cockerill said.

The students needed to be invested in the campus and then the parents could be educated about the programs and opportunities.

Cockerill also discussed the various programs offered at Eastern and how to tailor them for the current marketplace.

While Eastern has been traditionally a teacher-oriented university, the market for teachers is shrinking, he said.

Cockerill suggested looking at the other “niche markets,” using kinesiology as an example.

“Some of these niche markets, these programs that are not avail-

able at all colleges, that’s where you pick up your students from the outside markets,” he said.

Cockerill also went into the firm Noel-Levitz, a consulting firm that has been working with Eastern since November 2011.

Cockerill said while at Lewis University, he has worked with the firm as well.

He discussed the idea of financial aid leverage being a “necessary evil” in today’s admissions.

Blair Lord, the provost and vice president for academic affairs, said Regis Gilman, the dean of the school of continuing education, and Mary Herrington-Perry, the assistant vice president for academic affairs, are the hiring authority.

“I know that the search committee reviewed the application materials and determined that Mr. Cockerill warranted an on-campus visit,” Lord said.

He also said the search committee has been considering other candidates for the on-campus interviews, but was not sure of other visits.

“Just because a search committee identifies other potential candidates which it would like to interview does not mean that the candidates will actually choose to come,” he said.

A self-proclaimed “data nerd,” Cockerill told the audience he was all about data analysis when it comes to figuring out how to assess which students are going to which colleges.

He said the biggest telltale if the recruitment is working is based on if they student enrolls or not. Then, he said, it’s time to look at the schools, whether or not more or less recruitment is needed. He said he also looks at the historic rates of schools – up to the last five years.

Along with looking at historical rates, Cockerill said at Lewis University, they have been pulling out of certain college fairs and recruitment days in schools where they have historically not gathered any students.

“We’re reinvesting our time and energy in schools where we historically got 10 to 12 stu-




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Ryan Cockerill, the current director of admissions at Lewis University in Romeoville, Ill., presents his own ideas on how to raise enrollment at Eastern in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Tuesday. Cockerill’s presentation was part of an on-campus interview for Eastern’s director of admissions. During the session, Cockerill suggested recruiting harder in areas such as Indiana and St. Louis.

dents,” he said. “Well now we want 14 to 15 students. If you do that at 20, 30 schools, you’ll pick up the slack.”

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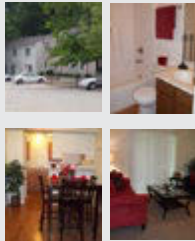
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STAT ATTACK



The Eastern softball team scored 20 runs in its Saturday win against Grambling State, which ended in five innings because of the mercy rule. Senior Reynae Hutchinson led Eastern with four RBIs and was one of four Panthers to hit a home run. Junior Bailey O'Dell, senior Ashleigh Westover and senior Brooke Owens added three RBIs. Five players had two or more hits in the 20-2 win for Eastern.

SOFTBALL

The Eastern women's basketball team defeated Austin Peay 65-63 Monday night, winning its first Ohio Valley Conference road game of the season. The Panthers are 2-9 overall on the road this season, which includes a 1-6 in the OVC. Eastern has two conference road games remaining and are seventh in the OVC standings. Eastern finished 7-9 in road games last season.



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



Senior pitcher Hanna Mennenga recorded 15 strikeouts in the Eastern softball 5-2 win against Grambling State Friday at the Mardi Gras Classic. Mennenga allowed two hits and two runs, which came in the fourth inning. She came one strikeout short of tying her career high. Mennenga then had seven more strikeouts Saturday. The pitcher was named Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Week by collegesportsmadness.com.

SOFTBALL

Senior forward Sherman Blanford has scored 20 or more points in each of the Panthers' last five games. Blanford has averaged 26.4 points during the five-game stretch. Against Austin Peay on Thursday, Blanford scored a career-high 32 points. Following a 26-point performance against Murray State Saturday, he was named Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Week.



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Swim teams prepare for championship

By Dan Hildebrandt
Staff Reporter | @DEN_Sports

After a few weeks off of competition, the Eastern men's and women's swim teams are ready for their final and most important meet of the season – the Summit League Championships.

The time off has allowed the swimmers to rest and possibly put on a good showing at the conference meet, Eastern swim coach Elliott McGill said.

"We've started to really see some kids come around as we've rested the last few weeks," he said. "We are all very confident that we will put up some fast times."

The men and women each have their own strengths. Both groups

have a few swimmers that could potentially take top honors in their respective events. The women have a very deep squad while the men will have to put up some really good times to provide that depth, McGill said.

"For the women, Kate Paige and Kaylee Morris both have a chance to push for some individual all-conference honors," McGill said. "Overall though, the strength of this team is their depth."

McGill also expects success from his veteran men swimmers as well as the younger ones.

"For the men, Colin McGill and Harris Thompson are both seeded very high," McGill said. "However, we are really looking for our younger guys to drop a lot of time to pro-

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A lot of the competition Eastern will be facing presents a challenge. Denver entered the Summit League this season, replacing Oakland, which won 14 consecutive conference titles.

"Denver is a very good team," McGill said. "So Oakland leaving and them coming in won't real-

ly allow for much movement in the standings at the top."

Despite the strong competition, all the Panthers can control is how well they swim, McGill said.

"At the end of the day, it's about swimming fast and putting up the times that are needed," he said.

Eastern is already at a disadvantage to many of the teams in the Summit League as the Panthers do

not include diving in their competition repertoire. The need for extra points in the pool will be a great incentive for the Panthers.

"If we are going to jump over any other teams in the standings, we have to take care of business in the pool first," McGill said. "We already know not having diving will set us back 50 to 80 points, so our squads are even more eager to show what we have in the pool to try to make up those points."

The Summit League Championships will get started on Wednesday and will come to a close on Saturday in Indianapolis.

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Oroszova leads Panthers to much needed win

By Bob Reynolds
Staff Reporter | @BobReynoldsDEN

For the first time in a while a team did not double-team Eastern women's basketball player Sabina Oroszova – and it cost Austin Peay dearly.

Oroszova scored 24 points on 11-or-18 shooting in 37 minutes of play in Monday's 65-63 win over Austin Peay.

Eastern women's basketball coach Debbie Black said the reason Austin Peay did not double Oroszova is because she thought her forwards were playing well the last four or five games.

Oroszova said she simply took advantage of the rare opportunity.

"I played one-on-one with their posts," she said. "I had height and strength advantages, plus my teammates did a great job finding me and giving me the ball."

With the Ohio Valley Conference

Tournament coming up in about three weeks, the Panthers are currently in the tournament as the seventh seed.

After a loss to Murray State Saturday, the Panthers' playoff hopes are looking better after a comeback win in Clarksville, Tenn., Monday.

With Morehead State winning on Monday over Jacksonville State, the Panthers would have been on the outside looking in if they had lost on Monday and Oroszova said they knew they had to forget about Saturday as soon as possible.

"After a loss on Saturday, we knew we needed to do much more and work as a team to get that win," she said. "Even though we had only two days to prepare I think we did a great job sticking to the game plan and listening to instructions from coaches."

Black said Eastern's Morgan Palombizio had the game of her life on Monday.

Palombizio scored in double digits for only the third time this season and the first since the Panthers' win over Loyola back on Nov. 21.

Palombizio shot 3-of-5 from the field, which included 3-of-3 from the 3-point line and scored 11 points on the day. That is the second game in a row that she has made all the 3-point field goals she has attempted.

Eastern guard Katlyn Payne said Palombizio and Oroszova played a big role in their win against Austin Peay.

"We needed them to step up and they did," Payne said.

At one point in the second half, the Panthers were down 10 and Palombizio fueled the comeback, hitting two of her three 3-point shots late in the second half.

During a timeout while being down 10, Oroszova said Black told the Panthers it was their game.

"She said if we want to win, it is time

Statistics at Austin Peay

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SABINA OROSZOVA

to leave everything out on the floor," Oroszova said. "We fought for all 40 minutes and got our desired outcome and a very needed win."

The Panthers have three conference games left – two on the road against Belmont and Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, respectively and a home game against Tennessee-Martin, which currently is atop the OVC.

The Panthers are currently one game ahead of Morehead State, which owns

the tie-breaker over them.

Payne said they are going to take it one game at a time, just like they do every game and not look ahead on their schedule and play as a team.

"We are great when we play as a team," she said. "That is how we will win these next games, as a team."

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