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UP ALL NIGHT, SLEEP ALL DAY

Students can celebrate the end of the semester with the University Board's Up All Nite event Friday.

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After a weekend of sweeps, Eastern's softball brings its winning streak up to 11.

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CUPB does not endorse academic affairs cuts

By Jarad Jarmon
Associate News Editor | @JJarmonReporter

The Council on University Planning and Budgeting have decided the recommendations to be sent to the president's council to be considered when deciding where the cuts will be made.

The CUPB endorsed two of the three-subcommittee recommendations including excluding the academic affairs subcommittee. Despite the lack of endorsement, all three recommendations were accepted as written.

Some of the members had difficulties with aspects of all three-recommendation lists. Asege HaileMariam, a psychology professor, said she could not vote in support of any subcommittee recommendation lists. She said there were parts in each one she could not agree with.

The president's council will be looking over everything including the various budgets and program analyses across campus as well as the recommendations CUPB made when deciding the \$8 million needed to be cut over the next couple of years. Of the \$8 million, \$1 million will be reallocated into programs, which need the appropriations more.

President Bill Perry said what those in the state congress decide on when it comes to higher education allocations would affect the cuts made at Eastern.

He added others in higher education as well as himself have been advocating to congressmen for level or increased state funding for higher education.

"We are going to be looking at everything. (The recommendations) are going to be an important part, but they might not have addressed some things that can help us," Perry said.

Bill Weber, the vice president for business affairs, said the attrition will also play a big role in how many cuts are made. He added the recent state pension reform has spiked a significant increase in faculty looking to retire.

While next year's budget already had a certain amount of attrition built in, those looking to retire are exceeding that number. The current retirement numbers are in the mid-70s. The average attrition is usually 60 faculty members.

"I am not going to be surprised if it hits higher than that," Weber said. "When you hit about 90, then you are at the point when are talking about 5 percent of our workforce."

The president's council will have solidified recommendations to present to the Board of Trustees at their June 6 meeting.

At the meeting, each CUPB subcommittee provided recommendations to enhance the university in their area.

The business affairs, president's area and university advancement subcommittee reviewed the possibility of creating a metric system that would make each program and building on campus more efficient.

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Vice president for business affairs to step down

By Bob Galuski
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The vice president for business affairs will be stepping down from his position at the end of May.

Bill Weber, who has worked in various positions at Eastern for 26 years, said the state pension law, which was passed in December, had a major impact on his reason to leave.

"I had hoped to work a bit longer here at Eastern, but again, between the realization I've reached a stage of life where I do want to change the pace of life, where I do want to have the time and free-



dom to focus on my other interests," he said. "And the timing of the state pension law brought me to the conclusion that the end of May is the right time for me to step down."

Weber said his decision was not a long time coming, and the timing with the pension law spurred him step down, even though it is not the end of his contract.

Along with the state pension law, Weber said his

decision also came from a desire to explore other interests, which includes his hobby of photography and image editing.

He said he enjoys taking photos and, with the help of Photoshop and other editing software, edit the images into different styles.

"And so my long-term plan is to keep working on my skills and hopefully be able to start a business that offers services in image editing, photo transformation and even comic book coloring," Weber said.

Other than wanting to start a small business, Weber said he did not have any detailed plans after he steps down at the end of May.

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The steel guitar player for Sawyer Brothers Band looks out into the crowd towards the beginning of their set during Eastern's 2013 Celebration: A Festival of the Arts between Buzzard Hall and the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Celebration to feature reptiles, arts, bands

By Shauna DeLacey
Staff Reporter | @DEN_News

Rain or shine, it's coming to Eastern again.

For the 37th year, the Celebration: A Festival of the Arts will begin Friday.

The festival will be at South Seventh Street, between the Doudna Fine Arts Center and the Tarble Arts Center.

The festival will have dance programs, children's theater, a children's art tent, musical performances and an international fair.

Bands will take the stage and the food booths will open at 11:30 a.m. Friday. There is no admission fee to the festival and the area is handicapped accessible.

Artisans and musicians will represent the "From Generation to Generations: Illinois Folk Arts," an exhibit coordinated by the Tarble Arts Center.

There will also be a fine arts fair in the middle of the festival on Saturday and Sunday. The fair will feature more than 40

sculptors, photographers, stained glass artisans and jewelers.

Herpetology exhibit will be offer to all ages, with the chance to see and hold a range of reptiles and amphibians.

There will also be the annual Prairie Plant sale featuring a variety of plants and grasses that are Illinois native.

Dan Crews, the director of patron services at the Doudna, said he believes Celebration is a way to bring attention to the arts and put the spotlight on them in Illinois.

"I view Celebration as a welcoming of spring back to east central Illinois," he said. "It's a great opportunity for people to gather together and celebrate the role the arts play in our lives."

Celebration has been a three-day festival since 1977, and Crews has been the chair of the planning committee since 1993.

Crews also said since rain seems to be nearly inevitable when Celebration occurs, there will be a covered stage for the performances.

Crews added that Celebration is one of the year's first outdoor festivals in Illinois, and even though it has a tendency to rain, he said with the winter being as ongoing as it has been, people are looking for an excuse to come outside.

He also said while the community of Charleston is a big supporter and Celebration has a turnout from Charleston, it is something for the students to see and an opportunity for students to immerse themselves in the arts.

"I hope students come out and take advantage of the festival's offerings," he said.

Eastern's College of Arts and Humanities hosts Celebration and it's sponsored by the Doudna Fine Arts Center, Consolidated Communications, the City of Charleston, and the EIU International Center for Global Diversity.

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The Perry family partakes in a picnic Sunday near Campus Pond. The family's parents are both Eastern graduates. They said although they are from Mattoon, they wanted to return to the university and celebrate the nice weather on the familiar campus.



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Helen Rardin, 17 months old, bends down to grasp wild flowers growing in her front yard during an Easter egg hunt made just for her on Sunday. Rardin was disinterested in the eggs hidden just feet away from her and instead took a break to pick flowers. The eggs Rardin did collect, were filled with coins and candy, which she saved in her pink, Disney Princess Easter basket.



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Helen Rardin, 17 months, searches for an Easter egg in the front lawn of her family's Charleston home Sunday. Helen Rardin's mother, Misty Rardin, refers to her as "The Miracle Child." Despite having been born on December 12, 2012, Helen Rardin was born to 41-year-old Misty Rardin, who feared pregnancy complications because of her age. Sunday was Helen Rardin's first egg hunt. Her mother said the family thought she would enjoy it, but they also wanted a chance to see her in her new dress. "She is so adorable; we just had to do it," Misty Rardin said.

Library honors students in research, excellence

Staff Report

The Library Advisory Board of Booth Library awarded six students as the winners of the 2014 Awards for Excellence in Student Research and Creativity.

Each of the recipients submitted original works completed within the past year for the awards.

The graduate award recipients were Jenna Carlson of Oak Park, Minn., for her paper, "Compar-

ison of Weight-Loss Programs," and Marissa Sutera of Oak Lawn for her paper, "Fostering Intercultural Competencies through Global Awareness and Immersion."

Lauren Hunt, a senior elementary and special education major, won for her paper "Examining the Historical Representation of Native Americans within Children's Literature," Heather Lamb, a junior English major, won for her paper "Altered Recurrence in 'To the Lighthouse,'" and Erin Smith,

a junior art major, for her artwork, "Pop Pop Perry."

Along with the recipients, Kadija Robinson-Stallings, a senior art major, received an honorable mention for her artwork, "In Living Color."

The Booth Library Awards for Excellence in Student Research and Creativity program promotes and recognizes excellence in student research, said Beth Heldebrandt, the public relations director for Booth.

The program encourages students to enhance their studies by utilizing the wealth of information available at Booth and other research venues, she said.

The award recipients were selected based on excellence, creativity and the use of research resources.

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A crowd of students gather to receive free T-shirts August 17 at Up All Nite in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. This spring's Up All Nite will be Friday from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the the Union.

Students to stay 'Up All Nite' to end spring semester

By Sam Martel
Staff Reporter | @DEN_News

Embracing the theme of “make one, take one,” the spring Up All Nite will encompass the idea of creation-driven booths and activities for students.

Put on “by students, for students,” Up All Nite has been part of Eastern for many years, and typically runs twice a year — once in the fall semester and once in the spring semester.

Up All Nite will be from 7 p.m. un-

til 10 p.m. Friday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Nate Bolden, the special events coordinator for the University Board, said one of the driving aspects of this Up All Nite were the new activities.

“Although this is my first time planning the theme and events at Up All Nite, it will differ from previous semesters, as we don't like to recycle the same old stuff,” he said.

Up All Nite will be co-sponsored by

student community service, which is a departure from the normal tendency to have it all done by the UB.

Events at Up All Nite will consist of food for all students and many activities that fit the theme this semester, “Make one, take one.”

Bolden added most of the activities offered will allow students to make something for someone else and possibly get something in return.

There will be a Build-A-Bear station, caricatures, spray-painting hats and tow-

els, and even BINGO with some prizes.

Another option for students will be the movie, “The Legend of Hercules.”

It will be starting at 8 p.m. at the Seventh Street Underground in conjunction with Up All Nite.

This event cost roughly \$10,000 this semester, Bolden said.

“I really appreciate the community service aspect and being able to give back to the community and the kids,” Bolden said.

Along with the theme of “Make one,

take one,” this spring's Up All Nite puts the opportunity on the table for students to come out, socialize and leave with a keepsake from another peer, Bolden added.

“I've been planning this event all semester,” Bolden said. “The purpose is to encourage students that giving back can be fun.”

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Serik Mason, a 12-year-old Charleston resident, enjoys Sunday's weather by fishing on the bridge at Campus Pond. Mason said he often fishes at the location, and although the fish are not large, he typically has luck catching them.

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Weber earned his Ph.D. in economics from the University of Kansas in 1985.

Following a fellowship at Dartmouth College and a faculty appointment at Illinois State University, he joined Eastern's faculty in 1988 and was promoted to the rank of professor in 1995.

While at Eastern, Weber has served as a number of positions, including director of the Office for Economic Education, Treasurer and Vice President for Eastern's chapter of the University Professionals of Illinois, Local 4100, associate dean of the College of Sciences, director of summer sessions, associate vice president for academic affairs and university budget director.

Weber was appointed to the position of vice president for business affairs at Eastern in July 2009.

Even with the numerous positions at Eastern under his belt, Weber said he has not accomplished all of his goals, but instead has things in the works for his successor.

"I will have accomplished an awful lot. I've been here for 26 years. I'm very proud of what I and many others have accomplished over these past years," Weber said. "So no, there will be things that will remain for other people to do."

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Kathlene Shank, the special education department chairwoman, said these menus of metrics could be used to measure efficiencies.

"All of us should be assessing what we're doing and the process-

es we are responsible for to make sure we are efficient," Shank said.

They also recommended Eastern focus on soliciting contributions from alumni for scholarships.

The student affairs subcommittee recommended allocating any additional funds student affairs to provide programming to keep retention at Eastern. The academic affairs subcommittee recommend-

ed reallocating funds to programs that demonstrate they have more qualified applicants than resources to fulfill those needs.

CUPB will meet again for the last time of the semester at 2 p.m.

May 2 in Room 4440 in Booth Library.

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Eastern looks to carry 'spark' into final stretch

By Aldo Soto

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Joe Greenfield pitched eight innings, allowing two runs and Brant Valach hit two home runs, leading the Eastern baseball team past Southeast Missouri 10-3 Saturday afternoon, avoiding the series sweep.

Following 7-5 and 11-7 losses on Thursday and Friday, respectively, the Panthers salvaged the series finale of their series to improve to 6-12 in the Ohio Valley Conference.

After the Redhawks took an early 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning, with an RBI-single off the bat of Derek Gibson that scored Matt Teltor, Eastern outscored Southeast Missouri 10-2 in the final eight innings, as Greenfield surrendered a total of six hits during his eight-inning stint.

Eastern took a 3-1 lead into the top of the seventh inning, when it extended its advantage to six after a four-run rally.

Demetre Taylor hit a single to center field, which allowed Dane Sauer to score for the Panthers to start off the scoring. With two runners on base, Valach hit a three-run home run down the left-field line – his second three-run home run of the game.

Eastern coach Jim Schmitz said Valach is still playing with an injury to his right hand that extends into his wrist, but is still helping the Panthers despite feeling the pain.

"He's hurting and his hand isn't really healthy, but he's hanging in there for us," Schmitz said. "Two big three-run home runs were impressive."

Valach's fifth home run of the season gave Eastern a 7-1 lead, which would be more than enough for the Panthers Saturday.

Eastern added three more runs in the eighth inning, sealing its win and retrieving a win against the Redhawks.

The third baseman went 3-for-5, driving in six runs with two home runs, as Valach increased his batting average to .460 in OVC play.

Valach put the Panthers ahead in the fourth inning, hitting a three-run home run to left field off of Southeast Missouri starter Travis Hayes.

Meanwhile, Greenfield scattered six hits during his eight innings of work,



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Senior pitcher Joe Greenfield pitches against Tennessee Tech on April 13 at Coaches Stadium. The right-handed pitcher threw six innings and allowed six runs, two of them earned as he walked six batters in Eastern's 8-3 loss. The Golden Eagles won the weekend series 2-1. The Panthers are 12-27 overall and 6-12 in the Ohio Valley Conference.

allowing no runs between the second and sixth inning.

Schmitz said the performance by Greenfield, coupled with recent starts by Matt Borens should carry the momentum for Eastern in its last month of the season.

"(Greenfield) was so impressive, very powerful and dominating from the beginning," he said. "So, if that doesn't energize the team, I don't know what will with him and Matt throwing so well right now."

Greenfield's command was better than in previous outings, as he walked two batters, while striking out four.

The right-handed pitcher improved to 5-4 this season and lowered his ERA to 4.99.

Hayes on the other hand, suffered his first loss of the season, as he was chased out of the game during Eastern's seventh-inning rally. Hayes was charged with six runs, all of them earned, as he gave up seven hits and two walks in his 6.2 innings of work.

Hayes is now 5-1 this season. "I really think this is it – every season needs a spark and it's not just winning one of three because (Friday) was a deflating loss, very deflating loss, but we regrouped," Schmitz said. "This is it, though, a season has to have a time to get going."

Despite the win for the Panthers, they are still near the bottom of the OVC standings, behind four teams for the sixth spot, which would put

them in the conference tournament.

Valach's two-home run, six-RBI afternoon was assisted by two other players that had multi-hit games as well.

Taylor went 2-for-5, scoring two runs and driving in another for Eastern.

Tyler Schweigert also had two hits, going 2-for-4, with a run scored. Mitch Gasbarro also added an RBI and scored twice for the Panthers.

Moving forward, the Panthers are going to have to rely on more than their middle of the order hitters to win games, like they did Saturday, Schmitz said.

"Now, we have more weapons that are really contributing, so it's not just

Demetre and Valach," he said.

Troy Barton allowed a run with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning that brought in the Redhawks' third run, but then struck out Jason Blum to end the game.

Barton struck out the side in the ninth, ending Eastern's four-game losing streak.

The Panthers have four conference series' remaining, with their next one starting with a three-game set at home against Belmont. The first game starts at 3 p.m. Friday at Coaches Stadium.

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Men's basketball signs Butler, Johnston

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The Eastern men's basketball teams signed two players to National Letters of Intent, as coach Jay Spoonhour announced the signings of Cornell Johnston Wednesday and Corvon Butler Thursday.

Butler is a 6-foot, 4-inch guard, who is coming to Eastern from Southwestern Illinois Community College, where he sat out last season.

During the 2012-13 season, Butler played at North Carolina A&T, where the Aggies posted a 20-17 overall record and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament.

Butler played in eight games, totaling 28 minutes during his freshman year at North Carolina A&T.

Prior to college, Butler played for Champaign Central High School his senior season, when he led the team to its first 3A regional title in four years.

He was a first Team All-Big 12 Conference and Honorable Mention All-State selection. Butler av-

eraged 16 points and seven rebounds per game, including seven double-doubles.

During his junior year in high school, Butler played for Champaign Centennial, where current Eastern player Josh Piper also played at. Butler finished his junior season as an all-conference honoree.

"Corvon is a very versatile player," Spoonhour said in a press release. "He has the ability to play both inside and out. His size and athleticism will make him a tough matchup for a lot of teams."

Butler joins Cornell Johnston in Eastern's recruiting class, as he was signed Wednesday.

Johnston is a senior at Laude High School in St. Louis, where he averaged 17 points, 9.1 assists and 3.1 steals per game last season.

The 5-foot, 7-inch guard was named the Suburban East Conference Player of the Year for the third consecutive season, in addition to being tabbed to the all-conference first team for the fourth year in a row.

He also earned First Team MBCA All-State and First Team



CORNELL JOHNSTON

All-Metro honors.

"We are fortunate to get a player like Cornell," Spoonhour said. "He has proven to be one of the top players in the state of Missouri."

During his senior season, Johnston had 266 assists, which were the most in the St. Louis Metropolitan area for all classes. Johnston also set the school single-season record for three-pointers made with 69, while connecting on 41 percent of his shots from behind the arc.

"His ability to create open shots for his teammates along with his



CORVON BUTLER

speed and quickness on the defensive end will add a lot to our squad over the next four years," Spoonhour said.

The Panthers are coming off their second straight trip to the Ohio Valley Conference tournament under Spoonhour's first two years as Eastern's coach.

Eastern finished 11-19 last season, with a 7-9 record in conference play.

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In game two against Tennessee State, the Panthers relied on their pitching as Maday got the shutout-win as well for Eastern.

Maday pitched seven innings, striking out seven, allowing four hits, with one walk in the game. With the win, she improved her record to 15-5.

Isaac had half the hit total for Eastern, going 2-for-3. Tennessee State helped out the Panthers, committing four errors that allowed Eastern score both of its runs that were unearned.

O'Dell had an RBI-single to center field to break up a scoreless tie in the sixth inning, sending home Cole. Then in the seventh inning, Carly Willert reached on an error, which scored Haylee Beck, giving Eastern the decisive score of 2-0 over Tennessee State.

Eastern's next action starts at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Williams Field against Butler. The second game of the doubleheader is scheduled for 5 p.m.

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Senior infielder Reynae Hutchinson swings in a game on April 6 at Williams Field. The Panthers won the doubleheader against Morehead State 8-1 and 14-0. With three at bats, Hutchinson had one run and one hit with one run batted in.

Panthers' winning streak goes to 11 during weekend

By Kaz Darzinskis
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The Eastern softball team extended its midseason, unbeaten winning streak to 11, with a pair of doubleheader sweeps during the weekend against Belmont and Tennessee State.

The Panthers traveled to Nashville, Tenn., starting Friday and swept Belmont, with 11-2 and 3-1 wins. The following day, Eastern took two more games at Tennessee State, winning 1-0 and 2-0 Saturday. The four wins on the road trip lengthened Eastern's season-high winning streak and put the Panthers at 14-4 in the Ohio Valley Conference and 34-11 overall.

Eastern's first game against Belmont ended after five innings, as the mercy rule was put into place after the Panthers led 11-2.

Reynae Hutchinson led the potent Eastern offense in game one of the doubleheader, hitting two, three-run home runs. The Panthers hit four home runs as a team against the Bruins, which included one apiece by Bailey O'Dell and Ashleigh Westover.

Hutchinson went 3-for-3 in the first half of the doubleheader, driving in six runs, to go along with her two home runs.

Carly Willert was 2-for-2, with a walk and scored two runs, while driving in a run with a double in the first inning. Hanna Mennenga had all the run support she needed, closing out game one in five innings, getting the win.

Mennenga pitched all five innings, striking out four batters, while surrendering three hits and two runs against Belmont.

Game two was more of a pitcher

duel, but Eastern starter Stephanie Maday and reliever Hannah Rachor allowed only eight hits combined.

Maday pitched five innings for the Panthers, giving up six hits, with one earned run. She walked four batters, while striking out one. Maday battled for five innings before giving way to Rachor, who picked up her second save this year.

Rachor pitched the final two innings, giving up two hits, with no walks.

Offensively, Jennette Isaac went 3-for-4 from the leadoff spot for the Panthers, helping pace the offense all game.

Hutchinson had another run driven in, bringing her total to seven Friday.

O'Dell and Hannah Cole also had two hits for the Panthers in the 3-1 win.

On Saturday the Panthers had another doubleheader against Tennessee State and did not allow a run, shutting out the Tigers twice, needing a total of three runs in both games combined to come away with the sweep.

Mennenga pitched the first game against Tennessee State and she went seven innings, giving up five hits, walking one, while striking out nine batters.

With the win, Mennenga improved to 18-4 this season. She also had one of her more efficient outings, throwing 105 pitches against the Tigers.

Hutchinson had the only RBI in the 1-0 win, driving in Jennette Isaac.

Owens led all Eastern hitters, going 2-for-3 at the plate.

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Geraghty ties university's outdoor vault record

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Eastern's track and field teams placed in the top two at the Southern Illinois-Edwardsville Gateway Invitational as the women's team took home the gold, while the men's team came up short of conference foe Edwardsville and ended up in second place Saturday.

The women's team was victorious in three events, while the men's team came up with two. One of their two top finishes was in the pole vault competition, won by Eastern's Peter Geraghty.

Geraghty's height of 18-feet, 0.5 inch won him the event and tied the program record that was held by his teammate Mick Viken.

Viken did not place in the weekend's event, but sophomore Eric Gordon took third, with a height of 15-feet, 3 three inches.

On the women's side, three Eastern pole vaulters took third through fifth place and played a huge part in the women's team's overall points victory.

Annemarie Reid, Sadie Lovett, and Lauralyn Rosenberger all cleared the 12-foot, 1.50 inches barrier and took third, fourth and fifth place, respectively. Reid was given the third place finish, based on the number of attempts made.

In other women's action, Kris-

ten Paris won the 800-meter race with a time of 2:10.69. That time ranks sixth on the school's all-time list for the Panthers.

Eastern also finished first and second in the women's steeple chase, which was won by Ruth Garippo. She won with a time of 11:29.54, narrowly beating out Kelsey Hardimon, who finished with a time of 11:38.67.

Garippo's time ranks eighth on the school's all-time list.

The last first-place finisher for the Eastern women's team was Jalissa Paramore. She took first in the long jump, with a mark of 19'8.75". Paramore also took home silver in the 100-meter hurdles, with a time of 13.78.

Long-distance runner Mike Hesslau rounded out the first place finishes for the Eastern men, winning the 1,500-meter race with a time of 3:54.63.

Both of Eastern's 4x400 meter relay teams finished in the top three on Saturday. The men's team made up of Ryan Ballard, Bryce Basting, Ephraim Dorsey and Brock Ramos, finished second with a time of 3:17.21. The women's team finished third, as it consisted of Dhiaa Dean, Amina Jackson, Kristen Paris and Ashley Fouch. The quartet posted a time of 3:49.56.

The women's team won the meet with a total of 117 points.



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Brock Ramos and Mark Pedziwiatr hand off a baton during the 4x400 meter relay race during the Big Blue Classic April 4 at O'Brien Stadium.

Ohio Valley Conference members Austin Peay and Edwardsville rounded out the medal round for the weekend. Edwardsville won the men's meet with a total of 123.5 points, with Eastern follow-

ing with 114 points and Missouri taking third with 86 points.

The Panthers will return for a home meet, beginning at 3 p.m. Tuesday. Also the Drake Relays Invitational will begin Thursday

and will continue through Saturday.

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