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Students who want to renew their Housing and Dining contracts can do so online now.

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Forward Sherman Blanford will be honored on Senior Night as he is the only senior on the Panthers' roster.

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"TELL THE TRUTH AND DON'T BE AFRAID"

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CUPB subcommittee problems addressed

By Jarad Jarmon
Associate News Editor | @JJarmonReporter

Issues about the process to finding \$8 million dollars to cut were brought up when the Council on University Planning and Budget subcommittees met Friday.

While each subcommittee had ideas to where there could be minor spending cuts, there still had been no definitive places to where there could be cuts and nothing had been decided.

Some in the council took issue with the speed and clarity of what their real goal is in the subcommittees. Grant Sterling, a philosophy professor, had a couple of things to say on the subject bringing up multiple issues, some of which had no answer. He said the way the council is handling the task so far has been inefficient, bringing up a few problems he is having with finding cuts.

Sterling said one issue is the program analysis each council member is reading off of is not helpful in the slightest. In each program analysis, those who are writing them are making it sound like there is nowhere they cut in their program.

"Program analysis documents were written by people in charge of those programs, who deliberately wrote them in such a way, as to convince the people reading them that the program is wonderful and the program is badly underfunded and couldn't spare a penny," Sterling said.

He added he does understand why those who are writing these documents skew them to sound unable to be cut, but reading these documents make it very difficult to find what can be cut.

He also brought up confusion with what their mission is. The council is supposed to keep intact those things that are central to Eastern's mission statement. He said the council has not received clear definition of what it might mean to be inline with the mission statement.

President Bill Perry spoke up on this

concern, rising from his chair in the back of the room. Perry said the mission statement does make it clear what is and what is not central to the mission statement. He said it should be their north star.

"I would encourage everyone (the council) to look at that mission statement carefully. It was a mission statement created by the university with broad participation," Perry said. "Let that be your guiding star."

While a couple of the members were looking for more clarity on what to cut, Perry said he did not have or want any preconceived notions of what might be proposed and could not give specifics, but he did suggest to look at where they are cutting at other universities and their ideas, such as outsourcing email.

He added he is looking for a report on what the council is proposing whether it board ideas or specific plans.

Although these were major obstacles to look over, it boiled down to the crux of the matter, which is that every program is doing something good and members are finding it difficult to cut them down, Sterling said.

"Nobody wants to reduce something good," Sterling said. "There is not \$8 million worth of weight in the university."

The council is still trying to find where there could be cuts to avoid going the easy way out and cutting 5 percent across the board. While the idea was brought up, much of the council is still opposed to the idea believing it would not solve the problem gracefully enough.

The mentality is deans and directors would know where to cut so if everyone is forced to cut 5 percent, they would know where to cut.

Sterling said this would not work out because deans and directors will most likely not cut those working right next them in their office helping them out, whether they are crucial or not.

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New Miss Black EIU crowned in pageant

By Roberto Hodge
Staff Reporter | @DEN_News

Filling the room Saturday were men in suits, women in regal gowns of blacks and royal purples, the sounds of songs like R. Kelly's "Step in the Name of Love" - and, at the end, one Miss Black EIU winner.

Alexis Lambert, a junior psychology major, was crowned the 2014 Miss Black EIU after competing against nine other contestants.

"It's very new to me and it still doesn't seem real," said Lambert, a junior psychology major.

The 10 contestants participated in four sub-categories: creative expression, African garment, talent and impromptu questions from the judges.

As being crowned Miss Black EIU 2014, she is tasked like the other women before her, with a service project to represent Black Student Union.

The project is usually something in line with the platform the women stand upon for the pageant, and Lambert's is all about integrating womanhood in all aspects of society, which also falls into her motto, "Be the change you would like to see in this world."

She further explained her motto's meaning by saying there is a lack in leadership and role models and there is a need for people to step up and be that inspiration.

Lambert also gave a word of advice for the next Miss Black EIU: she should be very humble and understand that not only is she a role model for the black community, but the entire Eastern community.

"Know that you're beautiful, and it starts from within," said Lambert.

During the creative expression portion of the night, Lambert por-



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Alexis Lambert, a junior psychology major, is crowned as the 2014 Miss Black EIU Saturday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

trayed a mother whose boyfriend contracted Lou Gehrig's disease, which affects the spinal chord and nerve cells in the brain.

Her skit was filled with educational undertones of the disease, and how to handle possibly being a

single parent to her child.

Contestant number eight, Shanika Blatcher, a senior health studies major, had a powerful message of survival and triumph in her skit.

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Fire department rescues 16

By Michael Spencer
City Editor | @tmskeeper

The Charleston Fire Department assisted in the rescue of 16 people who were stranded when an ice jam on the Embarras River broke free at the East Harrison Bridge Saturday.

The group had parked their cars on the road near the bridge before using canoes to travel nearly one mile to a house in the area.

Thirteen people were trapped in a house and three others, who had attempted to travel by canoe back to their cars, were trapped on an island of exposed land surrounded by the rushing floodwater. The fire department was called to respond to the situation at 2:30 a.m. Saturday.

"(The water) was already high water but the ice jam made it worse," said Fire Chief Pat Goodwin. "That morning, they could not get out. It was too swift for



JASON HOWELL | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

The Embarras River after the Charleston Fire Department rescued 16 people who were stranded after ice broke loose and caused flooding from Friday into Saturday.

a canoe but three still tried. They didn't make it to the road, they made it to a little patch of ground, like an island."

However, the department was

forced to wait until morning to carry out the rescue because of the darkness and the swift nature of the current.

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The News brings home 15 awards from ICPA

Staff Report

The Daily Eastern News staff brought home 15 awards in the Illinois College Press Association's annual contest.

The News staff took third place in dailies front-page layout. In this category, three consecutive days of front pages were submitted. The category judges both content and layout.

Sports editor Anthony Catezone, a senior journalism major, won first place in headline writing, second place in sports feature stories and an honorable mentions in column writing and dailies feature stories.

Managing editor Bob Galuski, a senior English and journalism major, won third place in the dailies news story category for one of his stories on the "Barn Party" shooting in fall 2013, written while he was

news editor.

Photo editor Katie Smith, a junior journalism major, won third place in the dailies general news photo category.

On the Verge of the Weekend, The News', weekly entertainment supplement, took first place in the open category for entertainment supplements. The Verge, edited by Stephanie Markham, a sophomore journalism major, comes out each Friday.

Columnist and reporter Roberto Hodge, a senior journalism major, won third place in the open category for non-film critical reviews.

Zachary White, a 2013 Eastern graduate, won first place in the dailies photo essay category. White also served as summer editor-in-chief.

Columnist Mia Tapella, a 2013 Eastern graduate, placed second in dailies column writing.

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Local weather

TODAY TUESDAY



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Low: 11°

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Members of the wind symphony orchestra perform "O Magnum Mysterium" by Morten Lauridsen and arranged by H. Robert Reynolds during their "A New Look at the Past" concert in the Dvorak Concert Hall on Friday. The concert was conducted by Alicia Neal, a music professor.

History career day emphasizes 'passion,' persistence' for majors

By Blake Warman
Staff Reporter | @DEN_News

History majors on Friday had the opportunity to attend the 2014 History Career Day and enjoy an enriching look into the opportunities presented to them for their future.

This is the history department's second annual career day.

The event went down multiple avenues in discussion using panels of history faculty members.

The first set of panel members focused on the idea of obtaining grants, internships and Graduate School. The overall idea for success was to "apply yourself."

Charles Foy, a history professor, emphasized during the panel an idea he came up with called the "two P's" — passion and persistence. Foy also said passion and persistence should be used to further students in life and not just in school.

Along with faculty members were Eastern alumni like graduate student Stephanie Templin. Templin discussed to her fellow history majors the benefits of internships and why they are so important.

Templin also said to the students how internships increase chances in obtaining a job substantially because of the increased experience and recommendations.

She also said how grateful she is that the history department supports

this event, because she was first introduced to the History Career Day last year and felt that this event is extremely helpful to history majors.

The second panel consisted of some of the history faculty members who have done research, who are currently doing research and some who have went as far as having their books published. This group of teachers focused on informing students that besides teaching there are many more opportunities out there for students looking into history research. Even with these research opportunities, all the teachers including Bonnie Laughlin Schultz, a history professor, expressed how teaching increases their research and research increases their teaching and how being in the classroom to them is where history truly matters.

During the lunch portion of career day students heard from Patrick Rice, an Eastern alumnus, who delved into the topic of public school boards and what is happening to them today. During this time Rice covered many facts involving today's school boards and their importance in the public school system. Rice informed students as well about where some public school boards have strayed away from what really matters which is educating, preparing and informing students.

A panel also went into detail about the next big step for college students, which is applying and looking for

jobs. The panel was very focused on being prepared for the future and how graduate school is an option to look into because there is strong competition for history jobs currently.

Isaac Mier, a junior history major, attended the panel and said he was impressed with what he heard.

"It's nice having a full day dedicated to your major," he said.

One of the key words that stuck out to him was the word "passion." History professors made it clear to their students to "go into something that they are passionate about."

Mier was not the only history major who found this event helpful for similar reasons. Taylor Yangas, a junior history major, said the additional information given at this event helped provide her with more perspective on possible career options. Dani Swindel, a senior history major, found the career day helpful for information dealing with graduate school and getting names out there for networking.

Swindel also added it was nice to see professors involved in different research, like Mark Hubbard with his 19th century and Civil War research and Lee Patterson's discussion of Middle Eastern research with ancient Greece. She said it was informing to see the different types of research that students could explore.

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BLOTTER

Multiple theft charges, domestic battery reported

- Sergio Norvell, 19, 8214 S. Ellis Ave., Chicago, was arrested at 9 a.m. Friday by the University Police Department. He was charged with burglary, theft of less than \$300 and released at 9:40 a.m. to the Coles County Sheriff's Office pending court appearance to determine bond. At 10:05 a.m., Khaheem Hill, 1300 W. 85th St., Chicago, was arrested at Thomas Hall on the same charges. He was released to the custody of Coles County Sheriff's Office at 10:40 a.m. pending court appearance to determine bond. On the same date at 10:50 a.m., Derrick Green, 19, 8725 S. Justine St., Chicago, was arrested on the same charges. He was released to the custody of Coles County Sheriff's Office at 11:25 a.m. pending court appearance to determine bond.

- A theft was reported at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday in the Doudna Fine Arts Center. This incident is under investigation.

- Jacob Kemp, 24, 151 Terrace Lane, Apartment 31, Charleston, was arrested at 2:49 a.m. Wednesday in University Court. He was charged with domestic battery, interfering with reporting of domestic violence and resisting peace officer and released to the custody of Coles County Sheriff's Office at 3:14 a.m. pending court appearance to determine bond.

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Eastern's 'Macbeth' to go back to Scottish roots

By **Bob Galuski**
Managing Editor | @BobGaluski

Legend dictates people should not say its name within the confines of a theater. But that won't stop the Eastern theatre arts department from putting on the performance of "Macbeth."

Tragedy, lords, witches, kings and queens will take center stage Wednesday during the performance of "Macbeth."

William Shakespeare's "Macbeth" tells the story of an ambitious king and the extent to which he will go for absolute power.

Jean Wolski, a theatre arts professor, said supposedly there is a legendary curse placed on the text by the witches of the play.

"Supposedly those who say the title will be cursed with bad luck," she said in press release.

The theatre arts department will be hosting the performance beginning at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Theatre of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Additional shows will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, with the final performance at 2 p.m. Sunday.

In preparation for "Macbeth," or "The Scottish Play," as it is called to get around saying the title, the actors have been working on Scottish accents and on-stage sword fighting techniques.

Wolski said the play is focused on a Scottish theme. This means students had to learn Scottish dialect by listening to recording tapes and native speakers, all because of the Scottish influences found throughout the play.

"Macbeth" is set in Scotland



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Cast members rehearse "Macbeth" Sunday in the Theatre of the Doudna Fine Arts Center. Sunday's run-through was the first dress rehearsal for the play, which will debut at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Theatre of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

and was the first piece that Shakespeare wrote for the new King James. James was of Scottish descent, she said.

With the Scottish theme, students were able to explore the historical aspects of the production,

but learning the dialect helped them master other dialects – an essential to acting and performing, Wolski added.

While the Scottish theme is not original to Eastern's production, Wolski said any time the play

is performed a different take always goes with it. However, when "Macbeth" does not focus on the Scottish theme, actors speak in normal voices.

Tickets for the production are \$12 for general audience mem-

bers, \$10 for Eastern employees and seniors and \$5 for students.

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Housing, Dining contracts now available online

By **Jarad Jarmon**
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Housing and Dining Services is now offering a different process to re-contracting for the fall semester 2014.

Instead of getting contracts from the Housing and Dining Services or from the resident assistants, students looking to re-contract will now need to go online to re-

contract for the upcoming fall semester.

To access the contract, students who are currently in a residence hall or in Greek Court will have to go on to their PAWS account under the student tab. There will be a Housing and Dining link, which will direct the student to the online contract.

While online re-contracting had recently become available, the pro-

gram was available for incoming students as a pilot period two years ago.

Mark Hudson, the director of Housing and Dining Services, said incoming students were good for the pilot period because it was more of a need for them.

"We knew that we wanted to take care of that. Those people aren't physically at hand," Hudson said.

Hudson said this was just the next phase in moving Housing and Dining systems more online. It will eventually lead to having most of their services online saving paper, he added.

"We contract a couple of thousand people, and for everyone of them, you print off two contracts, one for them to keep and one for them to turn in. Those are usually of legal length," Hudson said.

He added it would save thousands of sheets of paper.

According to the housing and dining website, students should optimally fill out their contracts and send them in by May 1. Those who don't can expect to see their room assignment letters in July.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

New learning goals concern students

The Council on Academic Affairs has just begun six different workshops focusing on publicizing what the new learning goals are – and students should be paying attention as well as faculty.

Even though learning goals appear to be something only professors should concern themselves with, it has a big impact on the student body and how students function in their classrooms.

With meetings ranging from writing and critical thinking to responsible citizenship, these workshops are tailored to help the teacher in the classroom and the student in the real world.

Students come to Eastern for a myriad of reasons: cheaper tuition, clubs, legacies, but, most importantly, they should come because of the standard of education.

These learning goals are helping expand and become more informative about what that standard actually is.

Without standards set, Eastern would not be the institution it is today.

Students may think these are just guidelines

on how professors should conduct their classrooms, but in reality, it is part of their learning experience and growth.

The point of college is to help further prepare people for the working world, the real world.

And along with it come a certain set of standards and expectations.

With a college degree in your hand, you should be able to have the skills such as critical thinking or responsible citizenship. These are expectations that come with the degree.

The same as if you walk out of Eastern with a degree in biological sciences, employers will expect you to have knowledge and skills in the biological sciences arena.

But along with it, they expect you to be able to go further, and these goals are helping integrate the skills into the classrooms.

Even though it may appear to just be different sessions for only professors, give it a chance before blowing it off.

Go to one of the meetings and know what your tuition dollars are paying for.

If the goals seem lacking in some areas that you wish would be improved upon, speak up.

At the very least you will know the kind of education you're receiving.

Education comes not only from reading books and taking tests but personal growth as well.

The learning goals workshop, while not at first apparent, is actually one of the better ways to gage your growth as a human being and citizen of the real world.

Give it a shot – at the least you'll know where your money is going.

The five meetings for the individual meetings are: Writing/Critical Thinking at 2 p.m. Feb. 25 in the Arcola-Tuscola room, Speaking/Listening at 2 p.m. March 3 in the Arcola-Tuscola room, Critical Thinking at 11 a.m. March 21 in Buzzard Hall room 1103, Responsible Citizenship at 2 p.m. March 24 in the Arcola-Tuscola room and Quantitative Reasoning at 10 a.m. April 1 in the Arcola-Tuscola room.

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

How tolerant are we at Eastern?

Universities are supposed to be places where different ideas can be exchanged and debated in a rational manner; with tolerance shown to the other side. Is that ideal found here at Eastern?

But before we ask how tolerant the community of students, faculty and staff at Eastern are, we must first define tolerance. Sounds like something that everyone should already know. Just to set the stage, the Oxford Dictionary defines tolerance as “the ability or willingness to tolerate something, in particular the existence of opinions or behavior that one does not necessarily agree with.”

Does that sound like the kind of tolerance we hear people demanding these days? Do we all even have the same idea of what tolerance looks like?

I wonder if someone is really tolerant if they accuse another of being intolerant because they didn't like what that person said. Does someone sound tolerant if they use words like “hater” or “bigot” against those that have different beliefs than them?



Brian Weaver

Too many people confuse disagreement with hate and call others intolerant.

I have heard numerous people call another person intolerant just because that person disagreed with them about a particular issue. This is usually a knee-jerk response to hearing a dissenting view on an issue that the hearer is emotionally invested in. Excessive emotion in a debate can turn a normally calm person into an irrational, ranting, verbal bomb-thrower.

Some people demanding “tolerance” even go so far as to push for legislation that would punish, through fines or prison, anyone that might disagree with their views or behavior.

A sure sign of intolerance is if you threaten someone with jail or violence because they won't accept your views. Their intolerance for differing viewpoints is evidenced by their attempt to silence the other side.

So what happens when somebody speaks up at Eastern on a controversial subject? What reaction would they face from the students and employees here? I believe that as long as the speaker is peaceful and not inciting people to violence, we should let them speak. This has the added benefit of letting us know who the fools are.

But my question to the Eastern community is - how tolerant do you believe Eastern is when someone speaks on a sensitive issue? Do you demand tolerance from those that disagree with you but refuse to be tolerant of them? For, too often, those that scream for tolerance the most are the least tolerant among us.

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Jalyssa Woodall, a junior graphic design major, performs her creative expression piece during Miss Black EIU in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union on Saturday.

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She talked about how breast cancer is affecting women. Blatcher also spoke of a woman who survived the ordeal not once, but twice, and at the end, revealed the woman was her mother and welcomed her on the stage receiving a whirlwind of ap-

plauses from the judges and audience. As the night progressed into the African garment section, the women all emerged in beautifully decorated dashiki's ranging in a multitude of colors; each modeled to a specific

musical beat with their voices pre-recorded explaining what their African heritage meant to them. The pageant was filled with interpretative dance, singing, many educational words of wisdom and insight laced with female empower-

ment explaining the true worth of a woman both spiritually and intellectually.

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"It was a high risk to put rescuers in the water," Goodwin said. "We did need to do a rescue but we had time." Measurements were taken every 15 minutes to make sure an emergency operation was not required. Meanwhile, the group on the island was forced to wait for the intervening hours. "I've never seen an ice jam like that before in my life," said Pat Goodwin, the Charleston fire chief. "I thought, and several others agreed, that it looked like Antarctica because there were so many chunks of ice piled in there at the bridge. Everything north of the bridge was a big congested ice jam, everything south of the bridge was flowing water."

Blocks of ice broke free from the bridge and were pushed to the banks of the swollen river, where they remained as late as Sunday evening. The rescue teams were able to reach the trapped people in the house and on the island. Rescuers escorted the members of the stranded group back to the road where they were medically evaluated and released. The fire department worked with the dive team from the Lincoln Fire Protection District and the Ashmore Fire Protection Districts to create and execute a rescue plan.

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Former administration editor Robert Downen received honorable mentions in column writing and dailies feature stories. The News also brought home three awards in the open advertising categories: former managing editor Tim Deters, a 2013 graduate, took second place for the classified ad section. Ad designer Tim McHugh, a 2013 graduate, took third for advertisement less than a full page and Katie Reed, an art major, took third for advertising campaign. Editor-in-chief Dominic Renzetti said he was pleased with the way the awards turned out. "Any time we can be recognized for the hard work we do is a great feeling," he said. Renzetti added that the awards help to reinforce The News' mission. "The newspaper is important to not only inform students, faculty and the surrounding area, but it also serves as a historical record for the university," he said. "It gives people the opportunity to look back and see what life at East-

ern was like decades ago." The Illinois College Press Association is a statewide organization for student newspapers published at four-year public and private universities in the state. All work submitted must be completed by students. The awards focused on work done between Dec. 1, 2012, and Nov. 30, 2013. The News competes in the dailies division, going against The Daily Northwestern at Northwestern University, The Daily Illini at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, The Vidette at Illinois State University, The Western Courier at Western Illinois University, The Daily Egyptian at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale and The Northern Star at Northern Illinois University. In order to compete in the dailies division, the newspapers must be published in a print edition at least three times a week.

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Allen Lanham, the dean of Library Services, said as fair as it might sound, it is not fair to those programs, which are thriving and bringing in students. He added it is in no way a definitive plan.

Sterling said there might also be an issue with the growing administration staff and the fact that they might be doing the cuts.

Throughout the meeting, Lanham stressed the importance of being more specific and concrete with the subcommittee ideas asking them to clarify what they believe might save money. He said with the time allotted the subcommittees should have well researched and thought out ideas by March.

The subcommittees including academic affairs, student affairs and business affairs and the president's area each reviewed briefly announced their general ideas to what they might do to save. Unfortunately, many of these ideas yielded only tiny dents or little research into the effects their ideas might have to cutting \$8 million.

There was also a suggestion in the student affairs subcommittee to stop appropriated funds to New Student Programs.

Sterling, who was a part of the student affairs subcommittee said they still have not gotten to the big programs, which might actually yield larger sums of money.

Business affairs subcommittee also brought up ideas to have a new telephone system that would rid the school of landlines, and hopefully save money. This has not been fully researched though. They also brought up the idea of centralizing desks to save instead of having multiple different types of desks.

All of these ideas are still just that though, ideas. Nothing has been set in stone or fully researched.

Bill Weber, the vice president for business affairs, gave a semblance of hope though to the council. Weber said the State University Retirement Services has been having a flux of university staff wanting to look at their pension at the moment.

Usually, those wanting to view where they are at with their pension takes a two-to-three day appointment lead-time, but now they must wait eight weeks for an appointment, Weber said. They are even thinking of doing group appointments because of the massive amount of appointments being scheduled.

He added this is because the pension reform is currently causing waves in Illinois.

Weber said while this is good for attrition, council members should not just hang on the idea of retirement fixing their problem.


Lanham said the council needs to get moving a little quicker with the goal to propose a budget plan to the Board of Trustees during the third week of April. He added this is crucial because many of the members will not be at the university during the summer.



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Panthers finish sixth in Summit League

By Dan Hildebrandt
Staff Reporter | @DEN_Sports

The Eastern swim season came to a close on Saturday after the four-day Summit League Championships. The Panther men and women both came out with sixth place finishes in the Summit League.

The women finished with 226 points to finish ahead of in-state rival Western Illinois, who finished with 135. Meanwhile, the Panther men ended up with a four-day total of 277 points in the meet.

The Panther swimmers broke a total of 10 Eastern records and some swimmers broke into the top 10 best times in some events or the second time this season, freshman Harris Thompson broke a school record. This time it was in the 1000-yard freestyle. He also now has the third-best Eastern time in the 500-yard freestyle.

Senior Colin McGill can also hang his hat on a record-breaking performance at the Summit League Championships as he broke the 100-yard backstroke record for Eastern.

For the women, senior Kate Paige was a part of four record-breaking performances at the conference meet. She broke individual Eastern records in the 200-yard fly and the 100-yard fly. To go along with that, she also contributed to Eastern-best times in the 400-yard freestyle relay and the 200-yard medley relay.

Also coming home with some Eastern records is senior Olga Livshits as she contributed to three record-breaking performances. She broke the individual record for the 200-yard backstroke along with her contributions to the 400-yard freestyle relay and the 200-yard medley relay.

Senior Janis McGee broke the Eastern record for the 100-yard breaststroke along with helping out in the 200-yard medley relay.

Sophomore Kaylee Morris had an impressive conference meet finishing with four Eastern records. Morris broke individual records in the 100-yard freestyle as well as in the 50-yard freestyle. To go along with that, she also helped the women's 400-yard freestyle relay and the 200-yard medley relay teams break Eastern records.

To round out the record-breaking 400-yard freestyle relay team for the women was sophomore Joann Wakefield.

As expected, Denver was a very formidable opponent for the Panthers and the rest of the Summit League. Denver came out as conference victors for both the women and the men racking up four-day totals of 1017.5 and 1018.5, respectively.

For the women's side of competition, South Dakota State took home second place honors scoring 595 points while the IUPUI Jags came up with the third place finish at 517 points.

South Dakota finished fourth in the Summit League with a four-day score of 446 points.

Finishing fifth in the conference was Nebraska-Omaha scoring 385.5 points over four days.

As for the men, the IUPUI Jags came out with second place honors scoring 565 points over the course of the four-day meet.

Finishing just behind the Jags came South Dakota State in third place with 533.5 points.

While the women beat out rival Western Illinois, the men Leathernecks finished two places ahead of Eastern scoring 425 points.

And finally, finishing just ahead of the Panther men came South Dakota with a four-day score of 392 points.

Although Eastern did not finish near the top of the conference at the end of the Summit League Championships, the Panthers can definitely be proud of a few record-breaking swims.

As for next season, the men are expected to return 12 swimmers while the women are expected to return 18.

With the season at a close, the Panthers have left their mark in the Eastern record books with the 2013-2014 campaign.

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Geraghty ties school record

By Blake Nash
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Red-shirt senior Peter Geraghty's mark of 17-feet, 10.5-inches won him the men's pole vault, and a tie for the school's record, leading the Eastern track and field team to 13 first-place finishes.

Geraghty's co-holder for that record, Mick Viken, finished second with a mark of 17'4.5" for the Panthers.

This was the first time Geraghty had won this event since last January at the University of Illinois. Despite not winning for more than a month, Geraghty felt no pressure in his quest for a national championship berth.

"I've just been trying to get the height we've estimated, that we're pretty sure will get us to nationals," Geraghty said. "Today I did that, so that's a pretty good weight off my shoulders. Not that I just beat Mick, but being confident, and being one of the top 16 in the nation to qualify for nationals."

Two members of the women's team picked up the only multi-wins for Eastern. Angelica Anyaogu grabbed first in both the 60-meter dash and the long jump. Her time in the 60m dash was 7.73, while her long jump mark was 17'11.50".

Dhiaa Dean was the other member of the women's team to grab the other multiple win in both the 400m dash, and as a member of the 4x400m relay team.

Her time in the 400 was 56.79, fifth on the Eastern all-time list, and her team's 400m time was 3:55.07.

The Panthers earned wins from both the men's and women's teams in several events including the 60m dash, high jump, 200m dash and the 400m dash.



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Senior thrower Condia Smith competes in the hammer throw event at the EIU Friday Night Special on Friday in Lantz Fieldhouse. Eastern finished the meet with 13 first-place finishes.

Anyaogu and Kaleel Johnson took first in the 60m dash, with Johnson winning at a time of 6.87. In the high jump Eastern's winners were Kailey James, with a height of 5'3.75", while Aviance King won with a height of 6'8". Dean and fellow sophomore Christian Kolb swept the 400m dash, with Kolb getting a time of 50.63.

The last sweep was in the 200m dash, won by Calvin Edwards and Kirsten Bryant. Edwards won the men's race a time of 21.85, and Bryant won the women's race with a time of 6.87.

Jalissa Paramore also made her return to the first place podium with a win in the women's 60m hurdles. Her recorded time was

8.67, which was 29 tenths of a second faster than her fellow teammate Justine Moore.

Other first place finishes for Eastern included Emily Brelsfoard, with a time of 5:07.65 in the mile, Mike Hesslau, 2:30.61 in the 1000m.

Now it's on to the Ohio Valley Conference championships in Nashville, where the Panthers are ready to defend their title.

"If we compete the way we did tonight, good things will happen next week," Eastern coach Tom Akers said.

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Eastern swept by No. 25 Arkansas

By Aldo Soto
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After Eastern took a 3-2 lead in the top of the seventh inning, Arkansas stormed back with six unanswered runs, beating the Panthers and completing a three-game sweep with an 8-3 win Sunday in Fayetteville, Ark.

Eastern has now lost five straight games, all to ranked opponents, as No. 25 Arkansas improved to 6-0 on the season.

Junior Brent McAfee hit a sacrifice-fly in the seventh inning, regaining the lead for the Razorbacks at 4-3 — four more runs followed in the eighth inning, effectively putting the game out of reach for Eastern.

Tyler Spoon delivered the big blow for Arkansas, clearing the bases with a double hit to left-center field, giving the Razorbacks a 7-3 lead. He would then come around to score to end the four-run eighth, off of a single from McAfee.

Eastern finished the game with six hits off of Arkansas' staff, but also did not capitalize on early scoring opportunities.

In the second inning, the Panthers had runners at second and third after a Jacob Reese sacrifice-bunt advanced Frankie Perrone and Demetre Taylor over with one out.

Eastern then loaded the bases, when first baseman Adam Casson walked, but Marshawn Taylor and Mitch Gasbarro could not drive in any runs.

In the third inning, Eastern had runners at first and third with one out, but again no runs were scored, as Perrone and Demetre both struck out.

"We didn't get the big hit early, but we didn't put our heads down."

-Jim Schmitz, Eastern baseball coach

Despite the sweep, Eastern baseball coach Jim Schmitz said he was pleased with the effort and the team coming back to take a lead late in the game.

"We didn't get the big hit early, but we didn't put our heads down," Schmitz said.



"We went ahead, but obviously let it get away but as far as looking at the game I told the guys that I felt we really did compete the last two games."

Left-hander Christian Slazinik started Sunday for Eastern and pitched five innings, giving up two runs on four hits and two walks. He had a no-decision after Demetre gave Eastern a lead in the seventh, taking Slazinik off the hook for a loss.

Schmitz said the lefty had a solid outing. "He pitched really well — I think he had one bad pitch the entire five innings," Schmitz said.

Friday, Saturday recap
Arkansas junior Brian Anderson capped off a five-run eighth inning with a three-run home run to left field, overcoming an Eastern comeback Saturday for an 8-3 win.

After the Panthers rallied back in the top of the eighth inning, scoring three runs to tie the game, Eastern pitchers Joe Greenfield and Andrew Grahn were not able to contain the Arkansas offense, as the Razorbacks won their fifth game in a row to start the season.

Anderson's home run came off of Grahn, who had just entered the game.

Greenfield, replaced left-hander Garrison Stenger in the seventh inning. He allowed the third Arkansas runner to score, but it was charged to Stenger. Greenfield

had trouble in the eighth after recording the first two outs.

Following a walk to Jose Serrano, who made it five straight batters reaching base, Grahn was put in place of Greenfield — the home run then followed.

Junior Caleb Howell led Eastern with two hits, as he also recorded an RBI-double in the Panthers' rally in the eighth. Freshman Frankie Perrone tied the game with a two-run single.

Matt Borens started for the Panthers and allowed two runs in six innings, but none were earned, as he pitched six innings. He now has 12 innings pitched this season, giving up a total of one earned run, but has nothing to show for it.

Schmitz said Borens is the epitome of consistency.

"It's nice for everybody — you just want to show players on your team that you're consistent and you're going to go out there and give a good effort," he said.

The series opened Friday, when Arkansas pushed ahead of Eastern in the middle innings, 6-0, and went on to win 6-2 behind the left arm of starter Jalen Beeks.

Eastern scored two runs in the top of the ninth inning, when junior Trey Russell doubled to left field, driving in Jason Scholl and Marshawn Taylor. Unfortunately for the Panthers, the scoring ended there, as Jacob Reese and Dane Sauer proceeded to ground out and pop out to end the game.

Beeks pitched into the sixth inning, throwing 5.2 innings, allowing three hits and two walks. The lefty had five strikeouts in his scoreless outing, improving to 2-0 on the season.

Sophomore Jake Johansmeier took the loss for Eastern, as the right-handed pitcher surrendered all six runs (five earned) in 4.1 innings. He dropped to an even 1-1 on the year.

Eastern will play its third straight ranked opponent on the road starting at 2 p.m. Tuesday, when the Panthers play No. 7 Louisville in Jim Patterson Stadium.

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SHERMAN'S SENDOFF

Blanford finishes career at Lantz Arena Monday night

By Anthony Catezone
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Sherman Blanford begins his pregame routine with a morning walk-through at Lantz Arena with the rest of the Eastern men's basketball team.

The morning walk-through is then followed by a meal provided by the team — one that changes with each game — that he eats with his teammates.

While his father, Sherman Blanford, Sr., and his brother came to Charleston to see Blanford play during winter break, he said this game will be more emotional with his mother present.

"I know she's going to probably cry," Blanford said.

Even when Blanford's mother did watch him play high school, her emotions would go past crying.

"A lot of games she would just walk out of the gym; she gets so



Sherman Blanford

"I just want to send a special shout out to all the fans, the athletic department and the coaching staff. I'm really appreciative of the opportunity to play here. I love the support that we gained from last year to this year. I just want people to think of me as a humbled hard worker — a dreamchaser."

— Sherman Blanford, senior forward

Then Blanford heads home, where his routine begins.

He showers after practice and then he naps, the best part of his routine, for just long enough to reenergize him for whichever opponent Eastern has that night.

"A decent hour is all I need," Blanford said.

Eastern's opponent at 7 p.m. Monday night will be non-conference foe Chicago State in Lantz Arena on Senior Night, where Blanford, the Panthers' lone senior, will complete his pregame routine one last time.

After "fresh nap," the Philadelphian makes his way back to Lantz Arena to change into his uniform, get his ankles tapped by the physical trainers and head onto the court for shoot-around.

"I'll shoot a couple mid-range shots," Blanford said. "Then we stretch as a team and do layup lines, before we separate into 'biggs' and 'guard' groups."

The Panthers then go back into the locker room, where Blanford's routine starts to wrap up. He elects to use his last-minute preparation listening to artist Meek Mill, a rapper also from Philadelphia, whose come-from-the-gutter mentality inspires Blanford.

"His songs push me to where I want to be," Blanford said. "He talks about chasing your dreams no matter what. And despite where he came from and who told he couldn't make it, he made it."

For the third and final time, Blanford is back on the court warming up.

His 6-foot-6, 215-pound frame stands at the free throw line as his final tune-up takes place, a part of his repertoire that he emphasizes most. Blanford is 53-of-63 (84 percent) from the free throw line in the last 11 games.

While this will be the last pregame routine for Blanford, it will be the first time his mother, Lynette Blanford, has seen him play in the last four years, as he reflects.

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But such emotions won't get to Blanford, as he does not want to let the pressure of his last game in Lantz Arena get to him.

However, that does not mean he won't feel the sentiment deep down, knowing he can just gaze at the season ticket section and see his parents who are, meanwhile, watching him and his collegiate career simultaneously unfold and come to a close in the same moment.

"Just seeing them in the stands is going to mean so much," Blanford said. "For them to be in the same gym where I've had so many accomplishments and how far I've come as a player — it's going to mean a lot."

As for his father.

"He's going to be the loudest person in the gym," Blanford said. "You'll hear him yourself."

And perhaps this Senior Night could not come at a better time. Blanford is in the midst of a remarkable stretch run, one of the greatest of any Panther ever.

In the last six games, he has averaged 25 points and 11 rebounds per game while shooting 60 percent from the field, a span in which he set his career high for points in back-to-back-to-back games with 24, 30 and 32.

"I'm just doing what I'm asked to do," Blanford said. "Me being the only senior and a leader, I can't make too many mistakes."

He also decided to throw in a career-high 18 rebounds to compliment his 32 points while shooting 13-of-20 in a 88-83 loss at Austin Peay on Feb. 13.

"He is a guy who is at the end of his career and he is going to milk every last second of it," Eastern coach Jay Spoonhour said. "He's a little undersized, so he has to do it with that much more toughness and guile, and he does it. I'm proud of him."

Come 7 p.m. Monday night against Chicago State, Blanford will jog through the tunnel lead-



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Eastern forward Sherman Blanford will be honored on Senior Night as the men's basketball team hosts Chicago State in a non-conference game at 7 p.m. on Monday night in Lantz Arena. Blanford is the only senior on the Panthers' roster.

ing onto the court, through the fog set off by the machines, with the spotlights from the rafters beaming down on him one last time.

But when the clock reads triple zeroes and Blanford's career in Lantz Arena comes to a close, one thing will be certain.

"It was a great opportunity to

wear a Panther across my chest," Blanford said.

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