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END OF AN ERA

The iconic, huge bur oak tree that has resided at Eastern for decades outside of Old Main was taken down after a storm made it a safety hazard.

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DOUBLE QB

Two quarterbacks will play for Eastern during its first game Thursday.

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The Pink Panthers perform a dance routine during First Night in the South Quad Sunday.



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Football coach Kim Dameron addresses the crowd during First Night on Sunday in the South Quad.

TAKING THE PLUNGE

ALS ice bucket challenge accepted at First Night

By Debby Hernandez
Administration Editor | @DEN_News

First Night began Sunday night with blue-lighted necklaces, cowbells, beats and EIU chants on the South Quad.

Special guest and Eastern alumni Chris Hightower introduced the Panther Marching Band with Billy the Panther on stage.

"We been here since last Sunday at 9 a.m. and been practicing 13 hours since then," said Corey Francis, director of the Panther Marching Band.

Hightower said this was his first time guest speaking at First Night.

"I have been a comedian for a year and a half, but EIU is like my home so I come here whenever they need me," Hightower said. "This is my university; I am EIU."

The introduction continued with President Bill Perry, who was asked to do the ALS ice bucket challenge.

Those challenged are to dump a buck-

et of ice water over their heads and donate money to the ALS Association, which funds research of the progressive neurodegenerative disease Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis.

Perry challenged Omar Solomon, the Jolie Dance Troupe adviser, to do the ice bucket challenge as well.

Reggie Thedford, the student senate president, and other senate members gathered as Perry and Solomon prepared for their challenge.

They both daringly received a heavy bucket of ice water.

"The ice bucket challenge was something different," Perry said. "Reginald called me to do it so I said OK."

As his last year as president, Perry said he would miss the school spirit as students gather to kick off the year.



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Omar Soloman, an admission counselor, and President Perry, take the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge as the crowd looked on during First Night Sunday on the South Quad.

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Cable services to switch from analog to digital

By Roberto Hodge
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TVs sold before 2006 may no longer be able to receive basic (analog) cable services on campus beginning this fall semester.

Eastern's cable services have switched from analog to digital, meaning the picture and sound quality is high definition.

"We thought that would be better (and) people would appreciate it," said Mark Hudson, Director

of University Housing and Dining Services.

There are a couple of ways to tell if a TV will be able to support the digital output.

One way is if the TV's channels say "DC" next to them, or if the channel is given in a decimal, for example, 42.2, which is Disney Channel.

However, the best way to see if the TV will support digital channels is to go into the menu and do a full channel scan.

If that fails, students should head to the nearest electronic store to purchase a digital

QAM Conversion tuner.

Hudson said Eastern's main cable feed is Mediacom, but the university's contractor is I.N.C.

The university contracts with I.N.C. to acquire Mediacom and out of that comes the HBO and Spanish channels.

Eastern pays \$228,000 a year for the cable services that last for a 10-year contract.

A portion of that fee is paid quarterly, but each box that feeds the students' cable is

\$7.62 per box.


All of this is at no additional cost to the students and the new digital form of cable has brought with it a few new channels such as Galavisión, The Church Channel, Headline News and many more.

"It's a good deal," Hudson said.

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Fly into new school year

Students zip line, bungee run, joust

By Samantha Middendorf
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Students gathered in the South Quad Saturday night for Quakin' in the Quad: The Panther Games - Catching the Blue Blaze to eat, socialize and enjoy inflatable games.

Attractions included a zip line, air bots, bungee runs, jousting, bouncy boxing, free food and keepsakes from Papa Johns and a game of bingo.

Although first weekend events are typically aimed toward freshmen, many upperclassmen also attended.

Students stood in line for hours awaiting their chance to go down the mobile zip line.

Tiffany Dukes, a senior family and consumer sciences major, found out about the zip line online.

“I saw that they would have a zip line online, and I ran out here as fast as I could,” Dukes said. “I was scared while I was waiting in line, but I’m glad I did it.”

Dukes said she has gone to Quakin' in the Quad every year to meet new people and see what the event has to offer.

The line for the zip line was long, but that did not stop students from waiting for the 10- second ride.

Larken Parr, a senior geography major, and Tyler Reynolds, a junior math major, waited in line for the zip line for over an hour.

“It’s fun to come out and see other new and returning students having fun,” Reynolds said.

Students started their day at Jumpstart 2 G.I.V.E., a mandatory service day for freshmen and new transfer students, and were rewarded with the events at Quakin' in the Quad.

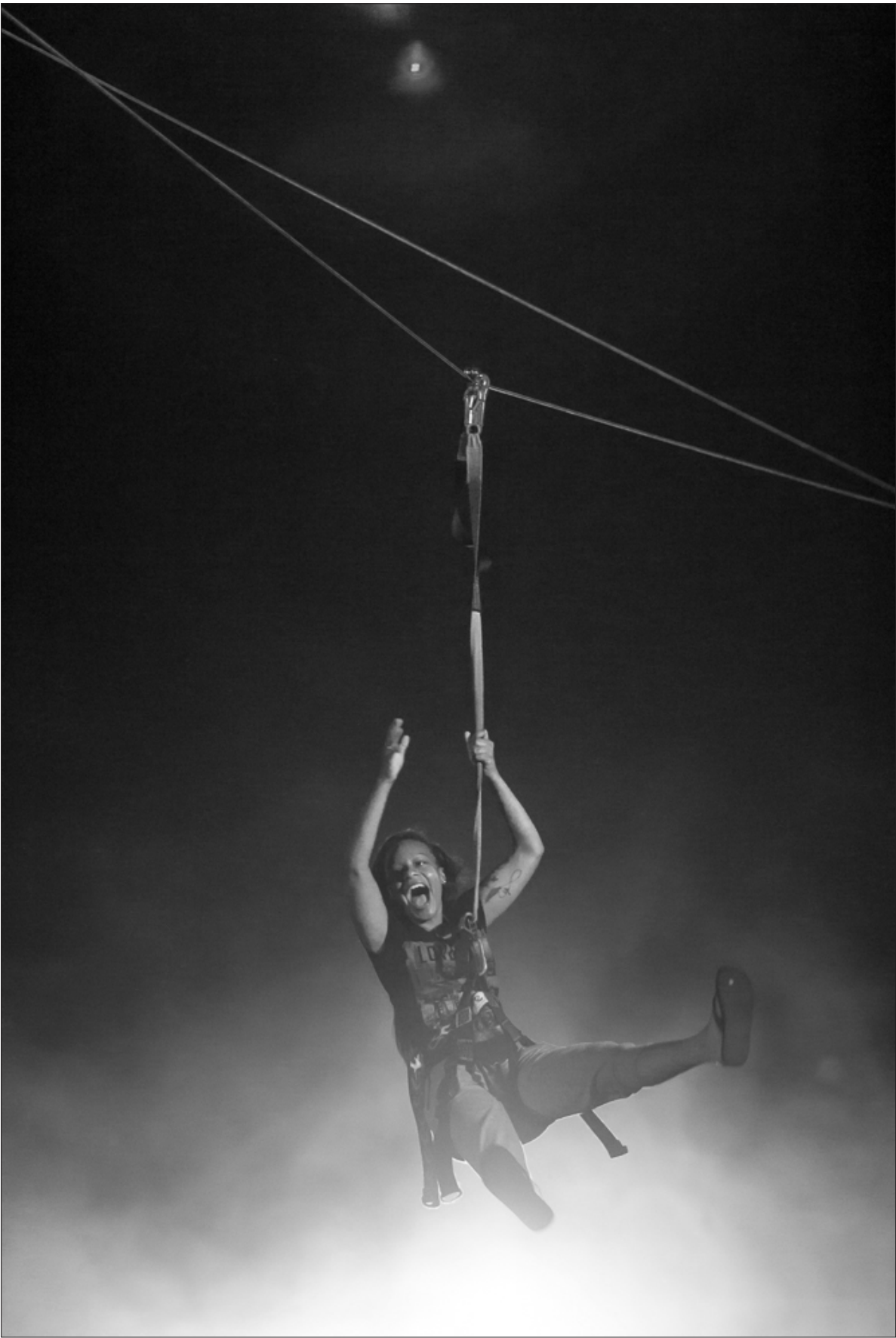
“It’s nice to do the service for others, and then go out and have fun for ourselves,” Parr said.

Lauren Adams, a sophomore history major, attended Quakin' in the Quad to meet up with old friends.

“I’m here to meet up with my RA from last year,” Adams said. “I couldn’t come as a freshman because I was in band, so it’s cool to come and check out what I missed.”

Students could also meet with various clubs and organizations including Greek Life, Christian Campus House and the University Board while at Quakin' in the Quad.

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Tiffany Dukes, a senior family and consumer science major, zips down a zipline during Quakin' in the Quad Saturday in the South Quad. At 30 feet high and with a wire that is 220 feet long, it is claimed to be the longest portable zipline in the world.

Students craft, compete at Up All Nite

By Samantha Middendorf
Entertainment Editor | Samantha_EE

The smell of popcorn engulfed the students’ senses as they entered the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Friday night for Up All Nite: In the Big Blue Capitol.

University Board Members provided new and returning students opportunities to get to know one another through creation stations, free food, prizes and the game show, “Think Fast.”

Ali Fisher, a freshman psychology major, and Delaney Killian, a freshman communication disorder and sciences major, met during first weekend events and became fast friends.

“I wanted to get out and meet new people,” Fisher said. “We met at the lunches they had for us, and decided to come here together.”

Fisher and Killian are most excited to meet new people at the first weekend events put on by the UB.

“It’s great because you get to meet new people, but you’re not sure when you’ll see them again,” Killian said.

“I’m most excited to meet new people and discover who my friend group will be,” Fisher said.

Various creation stations were set up throughout the Union to provide entertainment for students.

Caricature artists, create-a-critter and sand art caught the eyes of many that attended.

“I’m excited because the colors of sand I used match my dorm room,” Killian said.

Others enjoyed a roller-skating rink and “Think Fast.”

More than 100 students participated in “Think Fast,” where they answered multiple choice pop culture questions with the hopes of winning the grand prize of \$200.

“I’m really excited to participate in the game show,” Killian said. “It sounds like it will be a lot of fun.”

When searching for some downtime, students checked out the relaxation stations where they could enter to win prize packs and sit in massage chairs.

Among the many booths and ta-

bles, UB members, Christian Campus House and the Greek Life community greeted students.

Emily Mitchell, Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority member, said the members of Greek Life were in attendance to spread awareness of what the community is like to new students.

“We’re here to support the Greek system and show support to all the fraternities and sororities,” Mitchell said.

Students ended their evening dancing to music and socializing with new friends.

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Tree limb falls; Eastern’s roots reduced to stump

By Katie Smith
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The decaying trunk of Eastern’s old-est tree was pushed past its limits when a combination of the tree’s instability and poor weather conditions caused a limb to fall around 5 a.m. Aug. 8 outside Old Main.

Consequently, Eastern’s grounds work-ers spent the remainder of the day trim-ming the landmark down to a stump, while others debated plans to preserve the tree and put the remains to good use.

Regardless of the night’s wind and rain, the fallen limb was no more than a result of a tired and heavy tree, Vicki Woodard, the coordinator of public information at the university, said.

“They had already decided that once the tree became unsafe to be around they would take it down, and it just reached that point,” she said. “It was just too un-safe to keep it up any longer. It was a sad decision, but one that had to be made.”

Weighing thousands of pounds and standing about 100-feet tall, the tree is es-timated to have been about 250-300 years old, establishing it as a part of Eastern old-er than it’s monumental castle, Old Main.

The potential harm the tree threat-ened, however, outweighed that of its his-torical importance to some of Eastern’s community, Scott Hall, superintendent of grounds, said.

“One of the reasons we took the tree down is because there’s a lot of weight when one of those branches comes down,” he said. “If the limb were to fall down at say 7:30 in the morning, some-one could be seriously injured or killed.”

Plans to follow the tree’s removal have been in the works for about three years.

“We’ve talked about some plans of uti-lizing the wood to make various coasters, possible benches, gavels, things of that na-



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Tim Zimmer, the director of facilities, planning and management with Eastern’s grounds workers, speaks with Judy Gorrell, the executive secretary for President Bill Perry, Aug. 8 as the top of the bur oak tree outside Old Main was trimmed down. Gorrell has hopes to make portions of the tree into com-memorative ornaments to adorn the Christmas tree in Old Main.

ture,” Hall added.

Grounds workers previously collected about 30-50 seedlings in anticipation of the tree’s demise, with plans to plant them throughout the community.

“As older trees decline and we have to remove them, that leaves opportunity to plant some newer trees,” he said.

Still, Woodard said she believes the university has lost a monument.

“I think there’s a lot of memories peo-ple associate with the tree. It’s been here for so many years and it’s touched so many lives,” she said. “Whether you had a class underneath it, or you had a romance underneath it, it’s just sad to see it go.”

Although exact plans for reuse of the tree’s usable wood are still unclear, plans to discuss possible actions are underway, Robert Zeigel, the director of facilities, planning of management, said.

“They’re going to take cross-sections of the tree and preserve those for historical purposes and they have already given por-

tions of the wood to the biological scienc-es department for research purposes,” he said. “They’re going to look and see what the shape of the wood is in to decide what else they can do with it.”

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President Perry bids farewell to those assembled on the South Quad during First Night. Perry was nominated for the ALS ice bucket challenge, which he completed Sunday.

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“Being the last year definitely feels different,” Perry said. “Just because I will no longer be president does not mean I cannot come back as an audience.”

The night continued with the introduction of head football coach Kim Dameron and men’s basketball coach Jay Spoonhour.

Spoonhour was also summoned to do the ALS ice bucket challenge, and he complied.

“I had a friend who died from ALS,” Spoonhour said. “Social media has been unbelievable with this.”

He also stated that the ALS cause has been a success.

The Panther Cheerleaders and the Pink Panthers Special performed.

Amie Hansen, the director of the Blue Crew, asked the crowd to come out and support their sports teams.

Thedford said he was happy with the turnout.

“We been promoting our spirit campaign,” Thedford said. “Looks like a lot of people wore blue today.”

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Students and their families wait outside in the heat for elevators at Andrews Hall during campus move-in day on Thursday. Temperatures reached higher than 90 degrees Thursday.

New students move in amid heat wave

By **Stephanie Markham**
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On one of the hottest days yet this summer, Panther Pals gathered around each of the residence halls and lifted boxes, bins, refrigerators and other ob-long items into new students' rooms for move-in day.

Thursday morning was in the 90-degree temperature range because of a heat wave hitting central Illinois, which was accentuated by high humidity, said Cameron Craig, an Eastern geography professor and climatologist.

Craig said a warm front moved through the area the day before, which caused the sudden heat wave, and the humidity was a result of the large amount of crops and trees in the area releasing moisture.

However, crews still volunteered to help through the heat.

As the large blue moving carts lined up in the lobby of Andrews Hall, the elevator beeping continuously from extensive use, one helper offered popsicles to those waiting in line.

Most movers said the day went swiftly despite the exhausting temperatures, though.

Joey Marshall, a sophomore business major who volunteered as a Panther Pal in the Triads, said having the carts at their disposal made move-in a breeze.

"It's going really smooth," Marshall said. "It's really easy and we've got a lot of people, so it's quick. It takes two minutes to move somebody in."

Parents were especially appreciative of the fast service.

Bob Began, an Altamont, Ill. resident, was moving his daughter, a transfer from Lakeland

College, into Pemberton Hall. "I brought my daughter; it seems like they are doing all the work though," Began said.

Began arrived at the start of move-in at 9 a.m., and by about 9:15 a.m. he was already waiting by the car for the Panther Pals to return for the few stray boxes, pillows and mirror that was left.

Pete Porzio, from Tinley Park, said his son, an incoming freshman, was moved in promptly as well to Taylor Hall.

"Two big guys carried a refrigerator up four flights of stairs for us, so we're very happy about that," Porzio said.

For incoming freshman theatre arts major Christopher Sanderson, move-in was going fine with the large amount of help, but he said his parents were causing some stress.

He said his mother was upset he was leaving, and she and his father started bickering.

Rolled up and piled on top of Sanderson's cart was a large, ornate area rug.

"My dad decided to give it to me, and I'm like OK but I don't know if I have room for it," Sanderson said.

The most important things for Sanderson to bring were some of his favorite books, such as "The Great Gatsby."

"It was heartbreaking to pick just five to 10 books," he said.

Other students brought comfort items from home as well, some more uncommon than others.

Marshall said one student brought a mini trampoline, but it was not too hard to move because it folded up.

Elizabeth Breitbarth, a junior communication studies



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Steven Salesman, a junior kinesiology and sports studies major, along with other members of Eastern's ROTC, help students move in at the halls in the South Quad on Thursday.

major and Panther Pal for Andrews Hall, said one student brought about four different lamps, and another brought three boxes full of shoes.

"The nice thing though is everybody is saying thank you," Breitbarth said. "Every single student, every single parent."

Richard England, the dean of the Honors College, was helping students move their things up to their rooms in Thomas Hall.

England, who waited near the elevator with a cart of

bright neon boxes, said he helped in Thomas Hall this year because of the new honors housing on the first two floors.

"I also enjoyed helping out last year in Pemberton Hall, but I switched down here because of the new housing arrangement," England said. "And just because I can imagine if you are a student or particularly the parents who are about my age, it's nice to have a friendly face."

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Eastern head coach Kim Dameron gives a speech to his players at the end of practice on Thursday near O'Brien Field. The Panthers' first game is Aug. 28 against the University of Minnesota.

1-2 PUNCH

Eastern to run 2-QB system

By Aldo Soto
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Jimmy Garoppolo's replacement was the biggest question mark for the Eastern football team heading into this season.

It will not be red-shirt senior Andrew Manley, who transferred from New Mexico State last year, and it will not be Kentucky transfer Jalen Whitlow. It will be a combination of both quarterbacks, sharing the responsibility of running the Panthers' offense this year.

First-year head coach Kim Dameron knows who will start in the season opener Thursday at Minnesota, but also said that both quarterbacks would see playing time, which he wants to see happen all season.

"They will both play in the first game and I would hope that it will be that way all year long," Dameron said.

Manley established himself as the starting quarterback in the spring, showing off his arm and impressing the coaching staff with the ability to avoid turnovers and score points.

But once the rumor of Whitlow coming to Eastern became a reality, so did the possibility of more competition at the quarterback position.

"When Jalen said that he was coming here we were excited about that and his abilities and his experience, but you can't discount the fact that Andrew Manley is an experienced guy also," Dameron said. "We knew it would be great competition and I feel like it's brought out the best in both of them."

Both quarterbacks have started at least 15 games at New Mexico State and Kentucky, respectively.

Manley started all 12 games for the Aggies in 2012 before transferring to Eastern and Whitlow started eight games last year with the Wildcats.

Whitlow has an advantage over Manley in the running game, as he accumulated 663 yards during his 22 games at Kentucky, where he scored nine rushing touchdowns.

In 25 games, 20 of which came at New Mexico State, Manley rushed for negative yardage, while scoring two rushing touchdowns that both came in 2012.

However, Manley has thrown for 4,268 yards, nearly all of them

TALE OF THE TAPE		
Comparing Eastern's quarterbacks		
		
JALEN WHITLOW		ANDREW MANLEY
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22	GAMES PLAYED	25
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9	RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS	2
1,384	PASSING YARDS	4,268
663	RUSHING YARDS	-258
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while an Aggie, while Whitlow has thrown for less than a third of that total at 1,384 yards in four fewer starts.

Dameron said both quarterbacks are doing a good job of picking up the system of offensive coordinator Greg Stevens and that he does not mind criticism of choosing a dual-quarterback system instead of picking one starter.

"I've never really subscribed to that – plus the people that have had two really good ones have always been really hard for me to defend," Dameron said. "So, I don't think we should take one of our weapons off the field just because it happens to be a quarterback."

While the mystery of who would

replace Garoppolo has been answered, Dameron has still left a lot of intrigue when it comes to the Panthers' quarterback position. The rookie head coach did not say who would start Thursday.

"We know who is going to start and how much each of them are going to play and they both have packages," Dameron said.

Kick off is set for 6:30 p.m. at TCF Bank Stadium in Minneapolis, Minn., and until then all that is certain is Manley will play and Whitlow will make his Eastern debut.

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Garoppolo fighting for New England backup QB spot

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Jimmy Garoppolo played in his third preseason game with New England and for the third straight week he threw a touchdown pass as the Patriots defeated the Carolina Panthers 30-7 on Friday in Foxborough, Mass.

After making his NFL debut on Aug. 7 when he threw a touchdown in the fourth quarter to Brian Tyms against the Washington Redskins, Garoppolo has now thrown for 334 yards with four touchdowns and no interceptions. His highly touted quick release has only gotten better after last year's record-setting performance with Eastern, and his accuracy remains impressive. Garoppolo has completed 64.9 percent of his passes (24-of-37).

Last year's Walter Payton Award winner has the No. 2 quarterback rating with players that have attempted 26 or more passes. Garoppolo's 129.8 rating is only behind San Diego's Kellen Clemens' 146.8



JIMMY GAROPPOLO

so far this preseason.

Drafted in the second round of this year's draft by the Patriots, Garoppolo joined three-time Super Bowl champion Tom Brady and former Michigan and Arkansas quarterback Ryan Mallett.

With less than two weeks until the Patriots' regular-season opener at Miami, Garoppolo has a realistic opportunity of becoming Brady's backup.

Mallett is in the last year of his rookie contract and despite being the No. 2 quarterback for the past couple of years, Garoppolo's emergence this preseason could vault him into the new backup position.

In the last five years, New England head coach Bill Belichick has only carried three quarterbacks once on his roster. That was in 2011, when Brian Hoyer and Mallett were the No. 2 and No. 3 quarterbacks.

While Eastern's quarterback controversy was finally resolved for this season, the Panthers' best signal caller in school history is fighting his own battle, hoping to secure a spot with the Patriots.

New England's preseason finale kicks off at 6:30 p.m. Thursday against the New York Giants at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J.

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Red-shirt senior defender Lauren Hoppensteadt attempts to gain possession of the ball against Indiana State's Elly Freesmeir on Sunday at Lakeside Field. The Panthers lost 2-0.

Indiana State's first goal came at the 30:50 mark from junior midfielder Kate Johnson. The second followed at the 38:25 mark from sophomore midfielder Maddie Orf.

The Panthers were not able to respond in the second half, despite Indiana State playing down a player when senior defender Alexandra Rodas was given her second yellow card of the match in the 58th minute.

Senior midfielder Meagan Radloff tried to help create scoring opportunities for teammates Bianca Navejas and Kathleen MacKinnon in the second half, but neither were able to find the back of the net. Radloff herself had a chance in the final minutes off a corner kick from senior Allie Lakie that just went wide.

"We really wanted to dictate the pace and tempo today," Cherry said.

"But I thought we kind of got caught on the back foot and Indiana State took charge of the pace and tempo which made me have to sub more because our legs got a little tired."

Cherry used a total of 12 subs in the game.

Hinton again got the start in the game, making four saves.

Cherry said he would go back and evaluate Hinton and the rest of the team's game film, but said he thought Hinton handled herself well in the team's first two games.

Eastern will be back at home next weekend, hosting Marshall at 1 p.m. on Friday and Louisiana Tech at 1 p.m. Sunday.

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Women's soccer team drops first 2 matches

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The Eastern women's soccer team finds itself 0-2 after the first weekend of the 2014 season following losses to Northern Kentucky on Friday and Indiana State on Sunday.

On the road against Northern Kentucky, the Panthers gave up three first-half goals en route to a 4-0 season opening loss.

Eastern head coach Jason Cherry started junior Emily Hinton at goalkeeper with last season's starter Cortney Jerzy lost for the year with a concussion.

Hinton, who started three matches in her sophomore season, gave up the first goal of the game in the third minute to red-shirt junior forward Kelsey Laumann on an assist from freshman forward Macy Hamlin.

Northern Kentucky added two more in the first half from Hamlin, and then from sophomore midfielder Sami Rutowski.

A lightning delay in the second half shortened the match to 71:46, but the Norse were able to add one more goal from freshman forward Jessica Fray at 71:07, just before the game was called.

Red-shirt senior Lauren Hoppensteadt had two shots on goal in the loss for Eastern.

In the second match of the season on Sun-



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Red-shirt freshman forward Kayla Thompson races to the ball with Indiana State's Elle Steele (10) in Sunday's match at Lakeside Field. The Panthers lost 2-0 and will host Marshall at 1 p.m. Friday and Louisiana Tech at 1 p.m. Sunday.

day against Indiana State, the Panthers dropped a 2-0 loss in the blistering heat at Lakeside Field.

With the temperature rising into the 90s on Sunday, match officials issued water breaks at

the midway point of each half to keep the players hydrated.

"You have to watch peoples' legs and sub a little bit more, try to change the way you play at

first and try to make the other team chase the game," Cherry said about making adjustments in the heat.

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