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Exercising their right to be fit

Buck, Korkosz win fitness competition

By Molly Clutter
Staff Reporter

Emily Buck knew exactly what she was going to do after winning the Mr. EIU/Ms. Fitness Competition Saturday night.

“I’m going to go get pizza!” said the junior chemistry dietetics major.

Buck was one of three contestants who competed in the Ms. Fitness Competition.

The other two contestants were junior nursing major Jessica Amundsen and junior physical education major Katie Lehner.

The women had to compete in two events, routine and group symmetry, the routine being a dance-like number that showed off strength and balance. Then the women got together on stage and posed for the group symmetry.

The contestants had to do quarter turns while the judges examined their physique.

Eastern graduate student Kevin Jones was one of the judges for the evening.

Jones competed in the Mr. EIU competition in 2002 and took home the first-place trophy in the middleweight competition and was named Mr. EIU overall.

Jones has been judging since 2004.

He said the judges were looking for a number of things for Ms. Fitness.

“Basically what we look for is routine, muscularity, strength, balance and symmetry in the body,” Jones said.

Buck was no stranger to the competition as she competed in the Ms. Fitness Competition last year, so nerves were not a problem for her.

“I was really excited and pumped,” Buck said.

It’s not easy preparing for a competition like this – it takes a lot of discipline and dedication, Buck said.

To prepare, Buck ate six small meals a day while training with a personal trainer.

“I usually eat a lot of chicken, vegetables, fruit; stuff like that,” Buck said.

The men’s competition included eight men vying for the title of Mr. EIU. All the contestants were split into different weight categories, which was difficult to do, said event coordinator Steve Sobolewski.

“A lot of the guys were cluttered together,” Sobolewski said. “Most of it came down to weighing them tonight before the competition.”

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CARRIE HOLLIS | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Goo Goo Dolls lead singer John Rzeznik shook hands with the crowd and sent shouts out to those in the upper bleachers during the band’s opening songs at Sunday’s concert in Lantz Arena.

Eastern lets love, rock in

Goo Goo Dolls, Augustana play to, interact with capacity crowd of 3,500 fans Sunday in Lantz Arena

By Stephen Di Benedetto
Senior Activities Reporter

He did not wait long for his tickets, but Brandon Dohman spent his teenage years waiting to see the

Goo Goo Dolls in concert.

Dohman has wanted to see the Goo Goo Dolls live ever since he was 12 years old.

On Sunday, he finally got his chance.

“I was pumped,” said Dohman, a senior computer information service major. “I think they did a really good job of getting the crowd into it in the beginning and keeping everyone into it the whole time.”

Dohman was one of the 3,500 people who came out to see the Goo Goo Dolls and opening act Augustana perform in Lantz Arena.

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Dickey wins third annual Peck Music Competition



BRANDON CAMPBELL | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Chris Dickey, a senior music performance major, competes playing euphonium Saturday.

Senior music performance major plays euphonium

By Ashley Mefford
Staff Reporter

Christopher Dickey, a senior music performance major, won the third annual Peck Music Competition.

Dickey won playing the euphonium. He has been involved with music for 12 years and this was his third time being involved with the Peck Music Competition.

He placed third the first year he tried out.

Dickey enjoyed preparing for this competition because of the music.

The best part of preparing for this competition was when the music got better and better, Dickey

said.

The competition started out with 17 students vying for the coveted title competition winner.

The competition is named after Alex Peck, a resident of Charleston and supporter of Eastern’s Music Department.

The competition is only open to Eastern students. The students performed 10-minute sets each. The number of contestants was then reduced down to six based on the morning performances.

There were three judges at this competition: Dawn Harris, visiting lecturer in voice at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Randall Reyman, director of jazz activities and coordinator of brass at Millikin University; and Christos Tsitsaros, associate professor of piano pedagogy at the U of I.

The six finalists came back that afternoon to perform a second

time.

After each contestant performed, the judges deliberated during an intermission and came back with the names of the winner and the two runners up.

The winner of the competition was awarded \$1,000, second place won \$500 and third place won \$250.

The winner of last year’s Peck Music Competition, Dane Thomas, a senior music education with a vocal emphasis major, finished in second place this year.

Thomas said he prepared for this competition by taking voice lessons once a week.

A lot of rehearsal time goes into a competition like this, he said.

“To do a 10-minute set, you need at least a month to practice,” Thomas said.

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Smoke fills Union basement

AC transformer causes electrical fire, Union still open after shuffle

By Cathy Bayer
News Editor

A malfunction in the air conditioner transformer caused an electrical fire in the west side of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Friday night.

But most of the union was still open Saturday and Sunday, despite the electrical-fire odor in the air.

Two banquets scheduled for the University Ballroom were moved to 7th Street Underground.

The mezzanine lounge area was also closed for smoke cleanup.

The Charleston Fire Department was called to the scene at 8:29 Friday night.

There was flammable liquid building up in the transformer, which is hard to put out, said Charleston Police Chief Kris Phipps.

Dry chemicals and foam were used to coat the oil that was leaking from the transformer.

Phipps said there was more smoke than fire.

Nikki Yakas, a junior physical education major, was working in the union bowling alley, when she saw the smoke.

She received a call from her supervisor to evacuate the building, even though no alarm sounded on the building's west side.

After evacuating, Yakas heard two big booms, she said.

Yakas said she was surprised she didn't hear a fire alarm sound after she saw the smoke.

She was worried about the group of 10-year-old boys bowling that night. All 12 lanes were filled, she said.

Donnie Davis, a building supervisor, made the call to have workers evacuate the building.

"When there's something like this, you have to get everyone else out," Davis said.

The east side's alarm sent a few students out of the 24-hour study lounge.

Police officers came into the lounge and told at least one student to leave the building.

Ovais Malik, a senior computer information systems major, said he was surprised the alarm only went off on the east side, the opposite side of the fire.

The fire alarm in the union didn't



ADAM TEDDER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Charleston fire fighters investigate a small fire caused by an air conditioning unit transformer Friday night in the basement of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

go off on the west side.

"The alarm should have gone off on this side," Nadler said.

Sgt. Mike Elam from the University Police Department was standing with Yakas outside the union's entrance after the building was evacuated.

He said he didn't think the firefighters could pinpoint exactly what was happening. Smoke poured from a vent on the right side of the entrance of the union.

"But where there's smoke, there's fire," Elam said.

A university electrician said it was strange that this happened now — an overload is more likely during the summer when the transformer is actually in use.

Power to the union was shut down at 9:35 p.m. for an hour so firefighters could safely get into the air conditioning transformer that contained the fire.

The power needed to be shut off long enough for firefighters to get into the room containing the smoke, said Tim Donnell, a building service worker.

The power that feeds back to the west side of the union also feeds into McAfee, Lincoln, Stevenson and Douglas Halls.

Once the room doors were open, revealing the transformer, smoke filled the union's lower and main levels.

Tim Taflinger, the manager of the Union Bowling Alley, got a call

telling him about the electrical fire.

This was the first time in his 24 years at Eastern anything like this had happened.

Taflinger was told the situation wasn't that bad, but he decided to come to see for himself.

"I've smelled electrical stuff before, but this is bad," he said. "It's going to take a while to air out, looks like."

Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs, said he thought it was harder to get rid of the electrical smoke smell, rather than a traditional fire.

He thought this smell was stronger.

"You'll remember this smell — it's electrical," said Tim Lewis, Eastern's network engineer.

Other student workers were evacuated from the building after turning off machines in the union food court.

Workers were told there was an electrical fire in the lower level that might have been caused by a short in the transformer, said Jon Wolf, a sophomore finance major.

Wolf was working at Subway at the time of the incident.

The air was still hazy after 11 p.m. when the building would be turned over to the electrician and building service workers to clean up the mess, Phipps said.

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Students cope with outage

Power loss in Tower confuses residents

By Kevin Murphy
Associate Sports Editor

Residents of Lincoln, Stevenson and Douglas residence halls were without power Friday night as a result of an electrical fire in the basement of Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Firefighters turned the electricity off at about 9:30 p.m. to lessen the risk of injury to personnel working the problem. The power was left off for about an hour.

Brittney Fentress, an associate resident director in Stevenson Hall, was on duty when she first

noticed the power was out in her room.

She said she walked out of her apartment and noticed other residents were walking around on the floor.

She made the call to other resident assistants, whether they were on duty or not, and the assistants went to the other floors and started doing floor checks.

"At that point I didn't know what was going on," Fentress said.

Fentress had other resident assistants check Lincoln, Stevenson and Douglas halls as a precaution to make sure no one had burned any candles and to keep residents calm.

"My plan of action was ... to make sure we were visible and to

calm them and inform them of information we had at the time," Fentress said.

Students roamed the hallways as they waited for the power to be restored.

"The backup generator was on so it provided light in the hallways," Fentress said.

Fentress said the light was also on in the stairwells and in the south side lobby.

Larissa Cascio, a junior elementary education major, started playing board games with other residents in the hallway when the power went out.

"We wanted to be entertained," Cascio said.

Cascio and other residents were calm, Fentress said.

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New site tracks local legislation

Bill information will no longer sent via e-mail by administrators

By Kaitlyn Lonkar
Staff Reporter

Eastern is making it easier for faculty, staff and students to track legislation that affects them directly.

Through a new Web site called EIU Legislation Tracker the Eastern community can look at different Illinois bills.

Julia Abell, administrator in planning and institutional studies, and Jill Nilsen, vice president for external relations, came up with the idea of being able to view the bills online.

Before the Web site was created, they used to e-mail out the bills to everyone on campus that it affected.

For Nilsen and Abell, the process became too time consuming and something had to change.

“It has really made communication about legislation concerning Eastern much more convenient,” Nilsen said.

Ideas were collaborated between Nilsen and Abell and put to life through Ryan Gibson at the Center for Academic Technology Support starting in December.

Three different sites are included within the Legislation Tracker Web site.

Only Abell and Gibson access the first one.

At this site bills are placed online and categorized along with a link to the legislation site in Springfield to view the whole bill.

The second site is password protected and only about a dozen people, such as Eastern’s vice president and president have access to it.

This site is a comment page where everyone with access is able to comment on the bills that are going to affect them.

“It is important for us to keep track of legislation in Illinois because it has such a big impact on us,” Gibson said. “They can comment and collaborate on this site.”

The public views the third site so they can have an idea of what is being tracked.

On this Web site, the public is able to view the different categories of bills such as budget, pension/retirement, teacher education, financial aid and facilities/physical plant.

There are many different reasons why the Web site was created, Abell said, but the main reason is for comments.

“It is really difficult to get the bills out to the campus and comments back,” Abell said.

“We just thought, wouldn’t it be nice to have a Web site and Ryan Gibson helped us create what we wanted.”

Abell and Gibson agree that it is an easy site to use because one can search by last updated and by the different categories.

For access to this Web site and more information on what bills pertain to a specific category, go to: www.eiu.edu/~eiuer/legislation/viewall.php.

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CAMPUS | GREEK LIFE

Keeping up with Epsilon Sigma Alpha

Members raise money for next year’s funds

By Stacy Smith
Greek Life Reporter

Members of Epsilon Sigma Alpha invited friends, family and alumni Saturday to its Family Weekend at the Miller Banquet Hall to help fund the organization for the previous year.

The sorority raised \$2,413 from the auction, doubling the amount from last year, said Megan Gooding, the fundraising coordinator for ESA.

All auction items and desserts were donated by ESA members.

With approximately 150 attendants, tickets cost \$13 which included dinner catered by What’s Cookin’ and attendees had the opportunity to purchase ESA novelty items, bingo cards and auction donations.

Gooding said she was impressed this year because of the turnout, prizes and amount of donations received.

“I’m really happy with the turnout and so grateful for everyone’s help,” she said.

ESA holds the event every year to help raise money for donations and maintain a general budget, which is used for Family Weekend, formal and other events, she said.

Hilary Hancock, president of ESA, also helped organize Family Weekend.

“The organization is important because you get to meet a great group of girls and make a difference in people’s lives in the community that you can see,” she said.

“We’re making lives better, helping save lives and making lifelong friends.”

ESA’s largest philanthropy is donations for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital and Easter Seals.

Kristin Beltrame, alumni and one of the first members of ESA in 1990, attended the event to support her niece.



STACY SMITH | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Bridget Mischke, sister of Epsilon Sigma Alpha member Jennifer Mischke, hoped to win at bingo during ESA’s Family Weekend event Saturday night. ESA members raised \$2,413 through auction donations.

She said the organization helped her be more generous and understanding of others.

“After graduation I donated time at a homeless shelter serving food and setting up beds,” she said. “Being involved with ESA has taught me to go out and learn more about the community.”

Beltrame advises members to build strong relationships and have fun giving back to others.

“Enjoy what you’re doing in college and make an effort to stay in touch with close friends afterwards,” she said.

New pledges must complete 25 service hours a semester and active

members must complete 20 hours a semester.

Jennifer Mischke, a new ESA member, has completed 13 hours of community service work.

Some of her service work was helping with highway cleanup and Special Olympics and cleaning a house for someone who was unable to.

“It seemed like 25 hours would be really hard, but you get to do everything with the girls and it’s a lot of fun,” said Mischke, a sophomore elementary education major. “It’s very cool to be able to help someone who’s in that much need.”

Students net awards for artistic expression

\$4,675 in prizes given in exhibition

By Steven Teeters
Staff Reporter

Gourds may not provide the most interesting visuals, however, Andrea Blaser’s oil on canvas painting, “Still Life with Gourds,” was selected as Best in Show for the student exhibition at the Tarble Arts center Sunday.

“I’ve spent a lot of hours in the studio working on my art,” said Blaser, a senior art major. “This still life was not of particular interest content-wise, but I really thought the arrangement of this piece was beautiful, and the amount of work put in makes it really special.”

A panel of three jurors selected students to award for their meritorious contributions to Eastern’s art department.

“The student show is our opportunity to showcase undergraduate talent,” said Glenn Hild, art department chair.

With 54 different students displaying 94 different works of art, the student art show gave \$4,675 in awards for pieces of art in various categories. The amount awarded for Best in Show was not disclosed.

Categories include: digital art, ceramics, painting, printmaking, drawing, design, fibers, metals, electronic

design and sculpture. Along with the individual merit awards for each category, the jurors also selected several honorable mentions for some of the pieces.

The student art show aimed to get undergraduate art students interested in displaying their artwork in a professional and competitive setting.

“This is usually a student’s first time being exposed to an outside person judging their work, so a lot of students are reluctant,” said Ann Coddington, art foundations professor. “But in fine arts there is competition, just like any other job. I think everyone should enter something – it’s important.”

Along with the selected merit awards from the panel of jurors, additional awards and recognition were presented from Eastern’s art faculty. These included the Susan Stephens Memorial Award, the Calvin Countryman Award, the Paul Rand Award and the Chairman’s Award.

From traditional, to digital media, the works in this exhibition began to detect and expose cultural and social nuances of visual expression and discovery, according to Ann Taulbee, one of the jurors and director of Heistand Galleries at Miami University.

The art exhibition will be on display at the Tarble Arts Center through March 25, showcasing the undergraduate artists at Eastern.

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campusbriefs

Peer Helper meeting Tuesday

Peer Helper is having an informational meeting at 7 p.m. March 6 in Lumpkin Hall Room 2041.

Peer Helper is an organization that helps incoming students get adjusted to college life.

Veteran Peer Helpers will be present to answer any questions and help give a better insight of the peer leader/peer mentee relationship.

For more information contact Yolanda Williams, director of Peer Helper, at 581-7401.

— Stacy Smith, Greek Life Reporter

Farm diet lecture slated today

As part of Booth Library’s ongoing “Farm Life” exhibit, Karla Kennedy-Hagan, an assistant professor in family and consumer sciences, will give a presentation titled “Diet, Health and Physical Activity Out on the Farm: Taking a Look Back in Time to Compare the Years.”

The presentation will take a look at the life of farming families of the past and how things have changed throughout the years.

The discussion will take place at 4 p.m. today in Booth Library’s Conference Room 4440.

Women’s history film tonight

A Women’s History and Awareness Month movie will be shown at 7 tonight in the Buzzard Auditorium.

“Bread and Roses” is a film about two Mexican sisters who work as cleaners and try to unionize.

The film was released in 2000 and was nominated for the Golden Palm Award at the Cannes Film Festival. It also won the 2002 Imagen Award for Best Theatrical Feature Film.

— Marco Santana, Campus Editor

policereport

» Hit & Run — It was reported Feb. 27 that a 2000 Pontiac was struck and damaged by another vehicle while it was parked in the S parking lot on Eastern’s campus.

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Textbook sale

Time | Through March 30

Location | Textbook Rental

More info | Textbooks may be purchased during regular business hours.

Dreamweaver basics

Time | 9 a.m.

Location | CATS training lab, McAfee, Room 1214

More info | Lecture will focus on the basics of the Web site designing software

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COLUMNIST | JACOB FOSTER

Social rejection creates violence

I knew it all along.

Self-esteem is overrated. Actually, despite the implications of the term itself, it turns out that self-esteem gone wrong can end up harming society as a whole.

A study conducted by professors at San Diego State University and published in the journal *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin* attempts to explain the connection between narcissism, social rejection and aggressive behavior in America's youth.

The research for this project consisted of four different studies in which professors had the participants complete the Narcissistic Personality Inventory, which is the accepted barometer of narcissism in psych circles. The professors then had the participants, most of them 18 and 19-year-old undergrads, put through some experience in which they experienced social rejection or exclusion. Across all the studies, the participants who exhibited more narcissistic traits were more likely to react violently or aggressively.

Now, the popular and accepted school of thought when it comes to violence in schools tells us to place the majority of the blame for these actions on the apparently low self-esteem of the aggressors. The logical train of thought being that a student with a high enough idea of his or herself will not be bothered enough by social rejection to feel the need to react.

Part of what this study argues effectively, however, is that a damaged self-esteem is the result of a grandiose, unrealistic idea of one's self worth in the first place. For one extreme example, on tapes made before the Columbine shooting, Eric Harris said, "Isn't it fun to get the respect that we're going to deserve?"

The study's lead author, Jean Twenge, does acknowledge that one way to limit violence in schools is to limit "instances of social rejection." However, attempting to control the social hierarchy of a typical high school hardly seems like a plausible idea, so Twenge suggests that we ought to concentrate on "reducing feelings of narcissism" instead. She goes on to say that schools need to take a closer look at programs designed to bolster self-esteem in their students as many of them "cross the line into encouraging narcissism and egoism."

Now, I think we can all agree that everyone should try to maintain a balance between self-esteem and modesty, and high schools should have systems in place to reinforce that sentiment. Yet, in the society in which we live, it seems increasingly more obvious that the modest, humble side of the equation loses out to our burgeoning sense of entitlement.

What needs to happen is for these schools to use their programs to emphasize that the students do deserve respect from their peers and others while downplaying the idea that each student is "special." Because, fact of the matter is, we're not — we're each a somewhat less-than-integral cog functioning on a number of levels to fit a number of needs in society.

Deal with it.

Jacob Foster



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people who have held positions in their local governments while attending school.

The mayor of Hillsdale, Mich., was elected at age 18. Sam Juhl, mayor of Roland, Iowa, was also 18 at the time he was elected.

Other examples of young people in city government positions can be found in Linesville, Penn., Waterville Village, Ohio and Westbrook, Maine.

These young people should serve as an inspiration to students who contemplate the idea of running for local government positions. Many of these individuals worked through high school and mayoral and council duties at the same time.

For college students, both in Charleston and elsewhere, it is important to take an active role in local politics because they live in the city for nine months of the year for four to five years.

If students took a more active role in local politics, the social environment of Charleston could be very different. In theory, college students could "run" the town and enact legislature they have desired for years.

However, before action that drastic can happen, students need to get involved on smaller levels. Students should begin by attending council meetings and voicing their opinions, and then expressing their beliefs at the polls.

Once students build up the process with these steps, someone may be in the situation to begin their quest for a council position.

According to Inyart, "anything's possible."

winning an election and holding the position should be willing to spend the extra year in Charleston if necessary.

The legislation students would be attempting to enact would affect students for all future generations, not just the council members' four-year term. Dedicating this extra year to the position allows students to break away from an egocentric mindset and fight for the benefit of future generations of students.

The idea of attempting to balance school and council work may seem unbearable to some, but looking at the current council situations help put the idea in perspective.

All of the current members of the council maintain other jobs while holding their positions. These jobs could be compared to the amount of time that school consumes for students.

Many of the council members are business owners, which requires even more time and dedication.

Also, if one were to look across the country, they would find several young

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DRAWN FROM THE NEWS | TERRENCE NOWICKI



OTHER VIEWS | DEPAUW UNIVERSITY

We are a liberal arts university of roughly 2,400 students in the middle of Indiana. Sometimes, it's easy for us to think of ourselves as small and unimportant. Then something like the Delta Zeta sorority controversy explodes...

...In a week or so, the media will leave. We won't hear Barbara Walters mentioning DZ on "The View" while we're eating breakfast. We will no longer see familiar faces and DePauw landmarks on the nightly news. And we won't have the nation looking at us through a magnifying glass.

Instead, the women on all sides of this issue will return to healing their now-deeper emotional wounds. But, hey, at least no one will confuse us with DePaul anymore.

FEATURED BLOGGER | KATIE ANDERSON

"I go to college at Eastern Illinois University. This sentence makes my new friends here at the University of Winchester giggle every time I say it.

The idea of someone going to "college" and going to "Uni," as they call it, is very different.

At Winchester we have a four-week Easter break..."



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» Rock

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The lights flickered on and off to the beat of a guitar right before the Goo Goo Dolls took the stage. Eventually, the band ran onto the stage and opened their show. They performed around 17 songs.

Leader singer John Rzeznik walked across the stage, pointed to the crowd and even crouched down to greet the audience in the front row throughout many of the songs.

The audience greeted Rzeznik with their hands in the air, cheers and even body surfing.

"I screamed a lot and now I can't hear anything, but I don't care," said Jaclyn Patulo, a sophomore student from Bradley University.

Patulo traveled two hours just to see the Goo Goo Dolls perform.

"They're really good live especially because most bands (can't) perform live," Patulo said. "I like the energy that they had."

The Goo Goo Dolls performed hits including "Slide," "Name" and "Iris," while performing newer songs off their 2006 studio album



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Above, lead singer John Rzeznik serenades the crowd during the Goo Goo Dolls' "Black Balloon" whole dozens of black balloons were thrown into the air by the crowd on the floor. Augustana, right, opened Sunday night for the Goo Goo Dolls in Lantz Arena. Augustana played eight songs including their latest single, "Boston."

"Let Love In." While performing "Iris," the Goo Goo Dolls were greeted with cell phone backlights and lighters that the audience held in their hands.

Throughout the entire concert, students held digital cameras and camera phones high above their heads to capture the performance.

Dohman said that it was worth the wait and that he did not leave the concert disappointed.

After performing the song "Let Love In," the stage went dark and

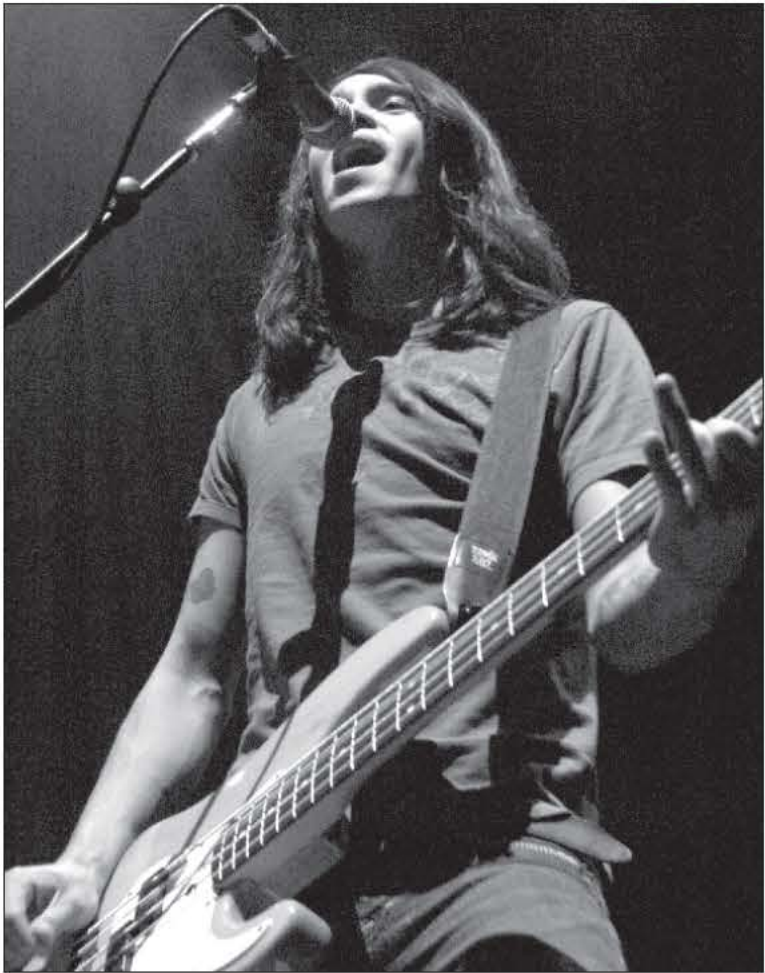
the Goo Goo Dolls walked off the stage.

The audience cheered and even stomped their feet, to try and draw the Goo Goo Dolls back out to play more songs.

After about five minutes, the band came back on stage played "Give a Little Bit."

Toward the end of the song Rzeznik spread his arms wide and waved goodbye to the audience.

Augustana opened for the Goo Goo Dolls and played around nine songs off their first album "All the



Stars and Boulevards."

They played other popular hits like "Boston" and "Wasteland."

"I've heard them a few times before and got hooked on them right away," said Kevin Blankenship, a freshman mathematics major.

Blankenship said that Augustana had an excellent performance and

that they are a good band with good music.

"I thought the show was awesome," said Mallory Taylor, University Board concert coordinator.

"I think the audience reacted great. I think everyone was having a good time."

» Music

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Students are drawn to a competition like this because of its atmosphere.

"The best part of being in the competition is supporting my friends and colleagues to do their best. Everyone in the music department is very supportive and it makes competitions like the Peck Competition become a fun atmosphere instead of a cut-throat, competitive atmosphere," Thomas said.

Third place went to saxophonist Kyle Slemmer, a music performance graduate student. This was the first time he had entered the contest.

Since all three finalists will be graduating, they will not be able to compete in next year's Peck Music Competition.

Peck said he enjoyed the performances.

"I thought the performances were excellent through and through. It would be hard to pick a winner," Peck said.

» Fit

FROM PAGE 1

The different weight classes include: light weight, middleweight, light-heavy weight and heavy weight.

The men competed in routine, group symmetry and mandatory poses.

The men's routine was a little different from the women's. They still had music, but there was no dancing. It included more flexing muscles in the best ways that suited each candidate's body.

The mandatory posing was different from the women. Competitors had to stand on the stage as one judge called out specific poses.

After each weight class was done, the winner of that weight class was announced. The eight contestants narrowed to four, as the winner from each weight class continued on and compete for Mr. EIU.

The qualities for Mr. EIU were similar to that

FITNESS COMPETITION

» **Lightweight class competitors:** Ryan Connolly, Jon Perry, Josh Studzinski

» **Class winner:** Studzinski

» **Middle weight class competitors:** Clayton Drake, Kevin Arndt, Jason Korkosz

» **Class winner:** Korkosz

» **Light-heavyweight class competitor:** Brian Range

» **Heavyweight class competitor:** Trevor Tittsworth

of Ms. Fitness.

"For the men we look for symmetry, muscularity, definition and overall size of muscle," Jones said.

In the finals the men had to compete in group symmetry and mandatory poses.

After a long night of posing, middleweight Jason Korkosz, a senior physical education major,

was victorious.

"I put all the time in the world into this competition," Korkosz said. "I lifted six days a week; did cardio five to seven times a week; ate nothing but egg whites, tuna, broccoli and cauliflower; I'm so sick of broccoli and cauliflower."

This competition was not unfamiliar territory for Korkosz as he has also competed in power lifting competitions in the past.

It seemed like Korkosz was the favorite of the night as more than half of the crowd were friends and family there to support him.

His family wore T-shirts displaying "Team Korkosz."

While preparing for competitions like this it might be easy for one to be stereotyped as meatheads or too bulky, but both Mr. EIU and Ms. Fitness feel like that is not the case for them.

"I feel like people respect me more than anything," Buck said.

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EFFINGHAM | FUNDRAISING

Students, residents take the Polar Plunge

Participants earn more than \$16,000 for Special Olympics

By Tearria Ruffin
Campus Reporter

While most people were bundled under their covers Saturday, 86 volunteers leapt into Effingham's Lake Sara to benefit Special Olympics.

Megan Lynch said her younger brother, Kenny, thought it was the greatest thing in the world to watch her take part in the event.

Kenny, who suffers from Ausperger's Syndrome, didn't think his sister was the type of person to jump into cold water.

Megan, however, said she was not concerned about how the water felt. She just wanted to raise money for her brother.

"You have to try everything once," Lynch said.

Kimberly Abel, the ninth area director for the Polar Plunge, said swimming in icy waters might not be appealing to everyone.

"The weather like we are having today when it is cold, brisk out and the water temperature is 38 degrees, scares people off," Abel said.

For the many participants, wading in icy waters was well worth the cause.

Bill Thallemer, president of



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Stephanie Sloman, a senior special education major, and Kyle Pratt, a special education graduate student, brave the frigid waters of Lake Sara in Effingham on Saturday afternoon during the Polar Plunge. The 86 plungers raised \$16,770 for Special Olympics Illinois east central area nine.

Lake Land College, said the Polar Plunge is part of what everyone goes through in life.

"Jumping in cold water is temporary compared to someone with a disability," Thallemer said.

Kenny Lynch, 20, was diagnosed with Ausperger's syndrome, a

developmental condition related to autism that affects one's communication and social skills.

In 1998, Kenny started Special Olympics, and Megan volunteered the following year. Megan said Kenny inspired to not only participate in events like the Polar

Plunge but to pursue a career in teaching special education.

"I love the athletes and the smiles on their faces," Lynch said. "It is the best feeling in the world."

Polar Plunge raised \$16,770 for its athletes.

Abel said the athletes appreciate

BILL THALLEMER |
PRESIDENT LAKE LAND COLLEGE

"Jumping in cold water is temporary compared to someone with a disability."

the participants help.

"They know that people do this for them and they go out and say 'thank you,'" Abel said. "It gives them a sense of involvement."

Heather Janick, a special education major, said she was motivated to set her goal higher and raise the most money for the Polar Plunge. Janik raised more than \$2,600.

Ryan Spears, a special education major, said he panicked when he couldn't feel his legs and lost his breath.

"I wanted to get out of there as quick as possible," Spears said.

Spears and his group raised more than \$1,000. Spears said he jumped into cold lakes before, but the Polar Plunge was a great opportunity to raise some money.

"It is something that is not hard to do and not that expensive," Spears said. "I would definitely do it again."



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Man suspected of dismembering his wife hides in snowy park, maintains innocence

The Associated Press

HARBOR SPRINGS, Mich. — Wearing neither coat nor shoes, a fugitive suspected of killing and dismembering his wife was found hiding under a fallen tree Sunday in a snowbound state park after a bitterly cold night on the run, authorities said.

Police tracked down Stephen Grant about 225 miles north of the suburban Detroit community where body parts believed to be those of his wife were discovered. He was in stable condition and was being treated for frostbite and hypothermia under police guard at a hospital.

Grant was wearing only slacks, a shirt and socks when he was captured nearly 10 hours after he abandoned a truck and set out on foot in Wilderness State Park near the tip of Michigan's Lower Peninsula, Emmet County Sheriff Pete Wallin said. He had no weapons and did not resist.

"I don't think he probably could have made it much longer in those kind of conditions," Wallin said during a news conference. "I wouldn't want to be out there unless I was dressed for it."

Grant, 37, will be returned to Macomb County for arraignment in the death of Tara Lynn Grant, a 34-year-old businesswoman and mother of two who disappeared last month. A torso found in the family home and other body parts found in a park near their home were believed to be hers.

Tara Grant last was seen Feb. 9, and police said the couple had argued that day over her business travels abroad. Her husband reported her missing five days later; he has steadfastly maintained his innocence.

Explaining a tragedy



RENEE HANNANS HENR | MCT

Atlanta Fire Rescue Deputy Chief Wilmond Meadows explains to family members of Bluffton University's baseball team what possibly happened to make the charter bus crash in Atlanta. The team was traveling to its annual spring training in Florida when the charter bus crashed on Friday. Four members of the team, the bus driver and his wife died in the crash. Georgia transportation officials said they had no immediate plans to close or add more safety signs to the highway exit ramp where the crash took place, despite the site having numerous crashes.

NAACP president resigns

Group leader during times following Katrina leaves because of 'misalignment' within

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — NAACP President Bruce S. Gordon is quitting the civil rights organization, leaving after just 19 months at the helm, he told The Associated Press on Sunday.

Gordon cited growing strain with board members over the group's management style and future operations.

"I believe that any organization that's going to be effective will only be effective if the board and the CEO are aligned, and I don't think we are aligned," Gordon said. "This compromises the ability of the board to be as effective as it can be."

Gordon said he will give up his duties before month's end.

He spoke by phone from Los

Angeles, where he attended the NAACP Image Awards.

Dennis C. Hayes, general counsel of the Baltimore-based National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, is expected to serve as interim president, Gordon said.

Hayes filled the same role after Kweisi Mfume resigned the presidency in 2004 after nine years.

Gordon said that while the NAACP is an advocacy organization, it needs to be more focused on service and finding solutions.

"I'm used to a CEO running an organization, with the board approving strategy and policy," Gordon said. "But the NAACP board is very much involved."

Gordon said he made the decision in recent weeks and told the board at its annual meeting in New York City in mid-February. NAACP leaders were surprised by his decision and engaged in hours of discussion, he said.

Gordon sounded weary as he boarded a flight home to New York City on Sunday.

"I don't view this as I'm right and they're wrong. I view this as I see things one way and they see things a different way," he said. "That misalignment between the CEO and the board is unhealthy."

Asked about his plans after leaving the NAACP, Gordon said: "I'm going to catch my breath."

Gordon, 61, was a surprise pick for the NAACP's top post. When he took over on Aug. 1, 2005, he had no track record in traditional civil rights circles. He had spent 35 years in the telecommunications industry and retired in 2003 from his post as president of the Retail Markets Group for Verizon Corp.

Critics said he wouldn't be a good fit for the nearly 98-year-old organization.

However, he smoothed strained relations between the NAACP and the White House, meeting with President Bush three times in less than a year. He used his corporate ties to lend quick assistance to black New Orleans residents after Hurricane Katrina.

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Death count reaches 3,173 since start of war in Iraq

» WASHINGTON — As of Sunday at least 3,173 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. The figure includes seven military civilians. At least 2,547 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers. The AP count is thirteen higher than the Defense Department's tally, last updated Friday.

Former senator, VP candidate dies at the age of 77

» ST. LOUIS — Former U.S. Sen. Thomas Eagleton, who resigned as a vice presidential nominee in 1972 after it was revealed he had been hospitalized for depression, died Sunday. He was 77.

The cause of death was a combination of heart, respiratory and other problems, his family said in a statement. Eagleton had suffered from a variety of illnesses and ailments in recent years.

"Tom Eagleton managed to be a statesman, an intellectual and a man of the people all at the same time," Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., said in a statement.

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The Associated Press

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and 34 wounded as the convoy made a frenzied escape, and injured Afghans said the Americans fired on civilian cars and pedestrians as they sped away. U.S. officials said militant gunfire may have killed or injured civilians, but Afghanistan's Interior Ministry and wounded Afghans said most of the bullets were American. Hundreds of angry Afghans protested near the blast site, denouncing the U.S. presence here. As the Americans fled, they treated every car and person along

the busy, tree-lined highway as a potential attacker, said Mohammad Khan Katawazi, the district chief of Shinwar in eastern Afghanistan's Nangarhar province. "I saw them turning and firing in this direction, then turning and firing in that direction," Ahmed Najib, a 23-year-old hit by a bullet in his right shoulder, said of the U.S. forces. "I even saw a farmer shot by the Americans." Lt. Col. David Accetta, the top U.S. military spokesman in Afghanistan, said gunmen may

have fired on U.S. forces at multiple points during the escape. He said it was not yet clear how the casualties happened, though he left open the possibility that U.S. forces had shot civilians. "It's not entirely clear right now if the people killed or wounded by gunfire were killed or wounded by coalition forces gunfire or enemy attackers gunfire," he said. The accusation that U.S. forces killed or wounded so many Afghans was likely to cause an uproar in a country that has seen an untold number of

civilians killed by international forces since the U.S.-led invasion in 2001. A high-level delegation was appointed to investigate. Afghan President Hamid Karzai has pleaded repeatedly for Western troops to take care not to harm civilians, and in December wept during a speech lamenting civilian deaths at the hands of foreign forces. An AP tally, based on reports from Afghan, NATO and coalition officials, puts the overall civilian death toll in 2006 at 834, most from militant attacks.

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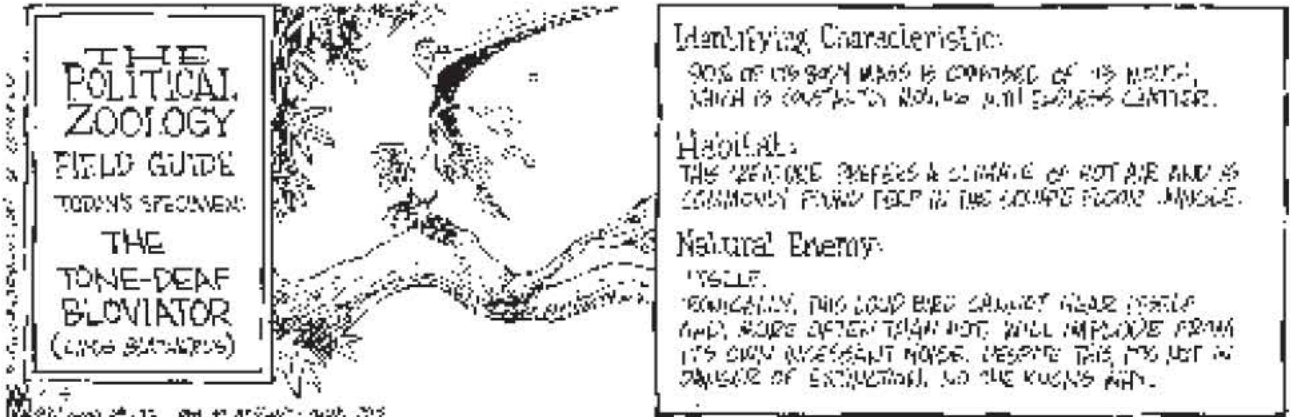
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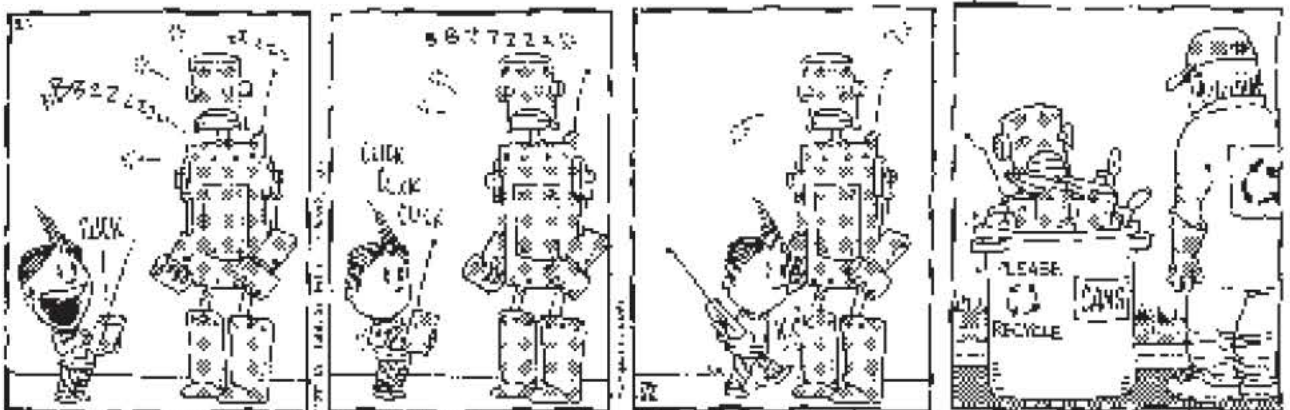
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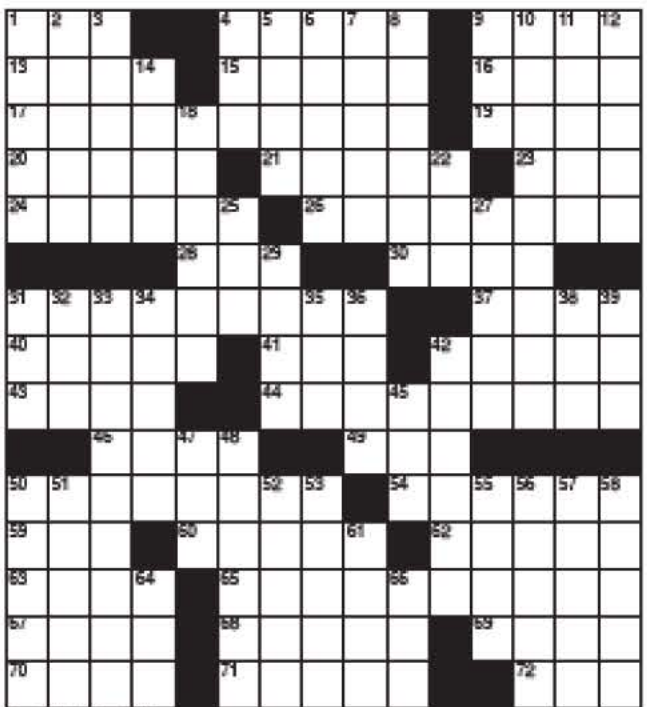
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- 17 Road sign #1
- 19 General's garden
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- 23 Item exhumed or poached
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- 70 Observed
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- 1 Gen. in the Confederacy
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- 3 Doctrine
- 4 Roman 1,230
- 5 Wanted soldier
- 6 Stitch again
- 7 Cloudless
- 8 Fatherland, colloquially
- 9 Hearty brew
- 10 Degraded
- 11 Alpha's opposite
- 12 Slender and long-limbed
- 14 Home of "The Lady and Her Maid"
- 18 "Take care of the bird for the party"
- 22 Mexican drink
- 25 Large monster
- 27 Gland, as tooth
- 28 Little bug
- 31 "Peacock" network
- 32 "...man ____ mouse?"
- 33 Show silently
- 34 Fancy goodbye



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- 35 Tiny collision
- 36 Thug
- 38 ____ culpa
- 39 Flagellate: Abbr.
- 42 "Aunt"
- 45 Cushion
- 47 Supplier of PIN money?
- 48 Feed pitch with a curve
- 50 Homes in trees
- 51 Kitten, Fern and ____
- 52 Jagged, as a half's edge
- 53 All keyed up
- 55 Via's opposite
- 56 Collier's opposite
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Errors, big innings wreck weekend

Eastern commits eight errors, losing all three games at first annual AutoZone Classic in Memphis, Tenn.

By Joe Waltasti
Sports Reporter

It only took three innings for Eastern to surrender 21 runs this weekend in Memphis, Tenn.

But the pitching staff was not totally to blame as the defense yielded 11 errors in three games at the first annual AutoZone Classic.

The Panthers gave up 13 runs in two innings in a 16-7 loss Friday to Indiana, six runs in one inning in a 11-5 loss Saturday to Northern Iowa and two runs in one inning in a 5-4 loss Sunday afternoon to the host Memphis Tigers.

Against the Tigers, starting pitcher Alex Guttosch had the best outing of the weekend, lasting six innings and allowing five runs (three earned).

The defense behind Guttosch yielded three errors and mistakes in the field plagued the weekend.

“Defensively, it was just atrocious,” said Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz. “Holy moly. Dropped fly balls, dropped balls by the first baseman, lost balls in the sun; just real sloppy stuff.”

Against Indiana, senior shortstop Adam Varrassi had three errors, and the Panthers committed 11 total during the three-game stretch at AutoZone Park, the home of the St. Louis Cardinals’ AAA affiliate Memphis Cardinals.

Schmitz said his team made more mistakes than the box scores showed, specifically pointing to missed assignments on bunts and hit-and-runs that gave opposing teams more at-bats.

“I’m very disappointed in how we played,” Schmitz said. “For a senior team, we had no idea how to play baseball.”

For the second straight year, starting pitcher Brandon Murphy was yanked in the second inning against Indiana. Last year, Murphy gave up seven runs in less than two innings, and this year, the Hoosiers roughed up the Charleston native for seven runs (six earned).

Mike Budde, who came in to relieve Murphy, pitched well, giving up just two earned runs on five hits in five innings.

Freshman starter Tyler Kehrer last longer than Murphy on Saturday but gave up four earned runs in 4.1 innings pitch. Northern Iowa did all its damage on reliever Tyler Brandon, but the all five runs scored on the 6-foot-4 right-hander were unearned.

Offensively, the Panthers performed well. Lead-off hitter and center fielder Brett Nommensen recorded a hit in each game after struggling in the opening weekend at Evansville and right-fielder Erik Huber recorded his first home run of the season against Indiana. Designated hitter and left fielder Mark Chagnon also had a hit in each game and freshman outfielder Ryan Meyer had two RBIs and three hits Sunday as the designated hitter against Memphis.

Memphis was undefeated in the four-team tournament, defeating Northern Iowa 3-2 on Saturday and winning 5-3 against Indiana.

Indiana beat Northern Iowa 4-2 on Sunday after it lost to Memphis on Saturday. Eastern will hope to reverse its fortunes during spring break with eight games in 10 days.

The Panthers start off their break with a three-game stand at Belmont before taking on Charleston Southern and the College of Charleston in Charleston, S.C. Eastern finish the break with a three-game series against the Citadel.

Memphis 5, Eastern 4

Eastern	ab	r	h	rbi
Nommensen, CF	1	0	1	0
Chagnon, DH-LF	4	0	2	0
Huber, RF-1B	4	1	1	0
Peppenhorst, PH-C	5	0	0	0
Restko, 2B	0	0	0	0
Derbak, 1B	5	1	3	0
Kreke, 2B	3	0	1	1
Blaskovitz, PH-3B	0	1	0	0
Varrassi, SS	2	1	0	0
Vaculik, P	0	0	0	0
Guttosch, P	0	0	0	0
Miller, Kirk P	0	0	0	0
Spears, LF-RF	4	1	0	0
Meyer, DH	4	0	3	2
Campbell, 3B	5	1	3	0
TOTALS	37	4	14	3

Memphis	ab	r	h	rbi
Chalmers, CF	4	1	2	0
Petersen, LF	5	1	0	0
Moss, 2B	4	1	2	3
Amar, 1B	4	0	1	0
Farrell, 3B	0	0	0	0
Lieberman, DH	4	0	2	0
Murray, RF	1	1	1	1
Kirkland, C	4	1	1	0
Hudgens, P	0	0	0	0
Davis, P	0	0	0	0
Ashley, P	0	0	0	0
Yokley, P	0	0	0	0
Norrid, 3B	0	0	0	0
Watson, C	4	0	1	0
TOTALS	34	5	10	5

Memphis	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Ashley	4.1	10	3	3	2	5
Yokley	2.2	2	1	0	2	4
Davis	0.2	0	0	0	0	1
Eastern						
Guttosch	6	9	5	3	2	2
Miller	0.2	1	0	0	1	0
Vaculik	1.1	0	0	0	0	4

Inning by Inning	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
EU	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
UM	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	x	

Northern Iowa 11, Eastern 5

Eastern	ab	r	h	rbi
Nommensen, CF	5	1	2	1
Kreke, 2B	3	0	0	0
Blaskovitz, PH-3B	2	0	0	0
Chagnon, DH-LF	3	1	1	1
Astrouski, PH	1	0	0	0
Huber, RF-1B	5	1	2	0
Campbell, 3B	2	0	0	1
Restko, 2B	1	0	0	0
Spears, LF-RF	3	1	0	0
Cobb, C	3	0	1	1
Peppenhorst, PH-C	1	0	0	0
Derbak, 1B	4	0	1	0
Varrassi, SS	4	1	1	0
Keherer, P	0	0	0	0
Brandon, P	0	0	0	0
Jeske, P	0	0	0	0
Foley, P	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	37	5	8	4

LOB: 8 2B: Nommensen; Huber 5B: Spears (2)

Northern Iowa	ab	r	h	rbi
Manrique, CF	4	3	2	0
Bradley, LF	5	2	4	0
Douglas, SS	4	1	3	3
Featherston, 1B	2	2	0	1
Embry, RF	4	1	0	2
Kraayenbrink, DH	4	1	1	1
Hendrix, 2B	5	0	1	2
Ballesteros, 3B	5	0	1	1
Almonte, C	3	0	1	0
Wei, PR/C	2	1	0	0
Sinclair, P	0	0	0	0
Flattery, P	0	0	0	0
McDermott, P	0	0	0	0
Hoffman, P	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	38	11	13	10

LOB: 10 5B: Manrique (2)

N. Iowa	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Sinclair	4.1	6	4	3	1	1
Flattery	2.2	2	1	0	2	1
McDermott	1	0	0	0	0	1
Hoffman	1	0	0	0	0	2
Eastern						
Keherer	4.1	7	4	4	3	3
Brandon	1.1	2	5	0	0	1
Jeske	0.1	2	1	0	1	1
Foley	1	2	1	1	1	0
Derbak	1	0	0	0	0	1

Inning by Inning	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
EU	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0
UNI	2	0	1	0	1	0	x		

Indiana 16, Eastern 7

Indiana	ab	r	h	rbi
Crawford, 2B	6	3	4	3
Richardson, DH	5	3	2	1
Hass, SS	6	2	2	3
Phegley, C	6	1	3	3
O'Connor, C	0	0	0	0
Schultz, LF	4	2	2	0
Fidler, 1B	4	1	1	1
Nilles, 1B	2	1	1	0
Mack, RF	2	0	1	1
Hervey, RF	3	0	0	0
Means, CF	4	2	1	2
Cox, 3B	4	1	3	1
TOTALS	46	16	20	15

LOB: 8 2B: Crawford (2), Phegley 2 (2), Schultz (1), Cox (1) HR: Hass (1) 5B: Means 2 (2), Cox (1)

Eastern	ab	r	h	rbi
Nommensen, CF	4	2	2	0
Kreke, 2B	3	0	1	1
Moore, PH	1	0	0	0
Blaskovitz, 2B	0	0	0	0
Chagnon, DH	4	0	1	1
Huber, RF	4	1	1	2
Campbell, 3B	4	1	1	0
Astrouski, PH	1	0	0	0
Peppenhorst, C	3	1	2	0
Myer, PH	1	0	0	0
Foley, PR	0	0	0	0
Spears, LF	3	1	0	0
Restko, PH	1	0	0	0
Derbak, 1B	4	1	1	2
Cobb, PH	1	0	0	0
Varrassi, SS	4	0	1	1
Murphy, P	0	0	0	0
Budde, P	0	0	0	0
Jeske, P	0	0	0	0
Gierich, P	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	38	7	10	7

LOB: 10 HR: Huber (1) 5B: Nommensen 2 (3), Spears (2)

Indiana	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Fleenor	2	7	6	4	1	0
Ferrall	4	3	1	1	3	3
Vicini	2	0	0	0	0	3
Arnett	1	0	0	0	0	1
Eastern						
Murphy	2	8	7	6	2	1
Budde	5	5	3	2	1	0
Jeske	1	0	0	0	0	0
Gierich	1	7	6	6	0	0

Inning by Inning	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
IU	1	0	7	0	2	0	0	6	
EU	1	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	

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The trouble with doubles

Teamwork matches intertwined with singles success

By Brandy Provaznik
Staff Reporter

The doubles point was, as it is often, an important factor in the outcome of a match.

This weekend, the Eastern men got the point and the women didn't, both resulting in different outcomes for the two teams.

The men didn't need the doubles point Saturday en route to defeating Indianapolis 7-0 on Saturday. But Eastern (6-1) claimed the doubles point Sunday in a 4-3 win against Illinois State. If the Panthers would have lost the doubles point, they would have lost the match.

The women lost all three doubles matches and the one point that comes with it, ending their meet overall 4-3 to Indiana-Purdue-Indianapolis.

Blackburn said No. 1 and 2 doubles were close and came down to only a couple points.

“It was anybody’s match but they just played a little better than we did and won 8-6 in the first two sets and 8-2 in the third set,” Blackburn said.

This is the Panthers’ (4-4) third 4-3 loss in a row this season.

Senior Madina Mambetova said it is frustrating to keep losing but they know that they are playing tough teams.

“We are not going to beat ourselves up over these losses we are going to use them to prepare for Bradley and the upcoming conference meets,” said junior Sandra Sasidharan.

Another thing the women said they wanted to work on was patience.

“Going out, I may have to do more than four rallies or so, I have to wait for the right time,” Sasidharan said. “Instead of being impatient and trying to get it over with and I have to wait so that I don’t make errors.”

The men swept Indianapolis 7-0 and won the doubles point overall, losing only one of the doubles sets. Milicevic and junior Sean Bush were 5-0 in doubles going into the match on Saturday.

Milicevic said they were confident and started off well but struggled throughout the rest of the match and lost 9-7.

“That loss was sort of a positive, though, because I took all that anger and disappointment and used it in singles,” Milicevic said.

On Sunday Milicevic said that the Panthers were considered the underdogs against Illinois State.

“Beating Illinois State was really important for us because it gives us confidence going into the conference meets next weekend,” said senior Chuck Levaque.

Blackburn said he was especially impressed with the doubles play because the partnerships are only about three meets old.

If the women had got the doubles point on Saturday they would have won and if the men hadn’t captured it on Sunday they would have lost.

“Doubles is the most important part,” Milicevic said. “It can be what determines a win from a loss.”

NCAA WEST REGIONAL RESULTS			
TEAM SCORES		KENNY ROBERTSON’S MATCHES	
School	Score	1. Robertson def. Stephen Crozier	F, 1:58
1. Northern Iowa	96.0	2. Robertson def. Nate Althoff	F, 0:46
2. Northern Colorado	73.5	3. Robertson def. Alex Dolly	D, 6-4
3. Wyoming	56.0		
4. North Dakota State	42.0		
5. South Dakota State	37.0		
6. Air Force Academy	32.5		
7. Eastern Illinois	28.0		

GREG PERZ’S MATCHES			
1. Perz			BYE
2. Perz def. Danny Dunning			D, 8-7
3. Shawn Vincent def. Perz			M, 11-3

» Qualify

FROM PAGE 12

Trinka lost in the opening round to Anthony Stegeman of the Air Force Academy 14-5, but won his first wrestling match and pinned Justin LaGosh of North Dakota State in 36 seconds.

Trinka won his match earlier this year against LaGosh and pinned him in 4:10.

Trinka then lost a close bout, 5-3, to Tyler Rhodes of Northern

Iowa in the wrestlebacks.

Freshman 135-pounder Lenny Grodoski ended his freshman year similar to Trinka’s. Kyle Anson of Northern Iowa pinned Grodoski in 3:14.

Grodoski defeated Jeff Cooley of South Dakota State, 3-2 in the wrestlebacks. Grodoski lost to Eric Sanders of North Dakota 6-2.

Grodoski and Trinka were the only Eastern wrestlers, besides Robertson and Perz, to record a win at regionals.

Eastern finished last out of seven teams with 28 points. Northern Iowa won the meet with 96 points.

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Provisional Time	54.40		
» Tarra Grant	58.42		
Women’s 5000 Meter Run			
Provisional Time	16:42.00		
» Nicole Flounders	17:52.58		
Women’s 60 Meter Hurdles			
Provisional Time	8.43		
» Chandra Golden	9.00		

» Provisional

FROM PAGE 12

Grant finished nearly four seconds off the provisional mark.

At Fayetteville, Ark., two Panthers who have hit the provisional marks did not improve on their marks.

Seniors Obe Eruteya (triple jump) and Kyle Ellis (pole vault) still have a chance to compete at the NCAA Indoor Championships because they have already provisionally qualified, but did not better their earlier performances.

Eruteya’s best mark of the year is 50 feet and 11.5 inches

and it came at the Ohio Valley Conference Championships.

Friday night, Eruteya jumped 48 feet, 10 inches.

“Obe’s injury has limited him to be consistent,” said jumps coach Nate Davis.

Eruteya has been jumping with a hamstring injury. Ellis’ best mark is 17 feet, 1 inch that came at the Iowa State Classic in mid-February.

Friday night, Ellis vaulted 16 feet, 8.25 inches.

“(Ellis) didn’t have the explosiveness,” Davis said.

Ellis lack of explosiveness was because of hamstring injury he suffered at the OVC Indoor Championships.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT FINAL



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Eastern's Lindsay Kluempers drives against SEMO's Tarina Nixon(left) and Ashley Lovelady during Eastern's 63-42 loss On Feb. 14 at Lantz Arena. Lovelady had 10 points and four assists in the OVC Championship.

Lyles layup clinches tourney

By Joe Waltasti
Sports Reporter

Joi Scott's post presence proved to be irreplaceable.
Murray State's senior forward, the Ohio Valley Conference's player of the year, missed the last four games of the season due to injury and her absence could not be overcome in the OVC

Tournament Championship game, where Southeast Missouri defeated the Racers 62-60 and clinched the conference's automatic berth to the NCAA tournament.
SEMO used a balanced offensive attack and four players finished with double-digit totals in points. Sophomore guard Sonya Daugherty led the Redhawks with 18 and took home tournament MVP honors.

Daugherty's pass to senior center and Chicago native, Lachelle Lyles, set up the game-winning layup with 6.5 seconds remaining.
Murray State had a chance to tie the game and force overtime but sophomore guard Amber Guffey's layup rimmed out as time expired.
Sophomore guard Ashley Nichole Hayes paced the Racers with 26 points and 10 rebounds.

MEN'S BASKETBALL | OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT FINAL



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Freshman guard Romain Martin reaches for the ball during Eastern's 63-62 loss to Eastern Kentucky on Jan. 13. EKU upset No. 1 seeded Austin Peay to win the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament on Sunday.

EKU ekes past Austin Peay

By Matt Daniels
Sports Editor

The play wasn't even designed for Eastern Kentucky's Josh Taylor.
But the forward's 12-foot running jump shot in the lane with 2.9 seconds left dropped through the net.
Taylor's basket gave EKU a 63-62 win against Austin Peay in Saturday night's Ohio Valley Conference Championship in Nashville, Tenn., sending the Colonels to their second NCAA Tournament in the past three years.
Taylor's game-winning basket

was his only one of the game.
The shot was designed for freshman guard Adam Leonard, Taylor said.
"I stepped out, was wide open, pump-faked for a three," Taylor said about his basket. "He jumped over me, I went for the rim and just went for the finish and it went in."
The Colonels had to hold off a late Austin Peay rally in order to secure the win. EKU led by 11 with 5 minutes, 37 seconds to play, before Austin Peay came back and tied the game at 59 with just more than a minute to play.
Austin Peay, the No. 1 seed

and regular season champion, is guaranteed a spot in the National Invitation Tournament since it won the league.
EKU now has to wait to find out where and who it will play in the NCAA Tournament. The Colonels last made the NCAA Tournament in 2005 as a No. 15 seed.
The Colonels lost a game that was closer than the final score indicated, 72-64 to Kentucky. The last time an OVC team won a game in the NCAA Tournament was 1989, when then-league member Middle Tennessee State beat Florida State 97-83.

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Salukis lose to Creighton

The Associated Press
ST. LOUIS – Creighton knows how to ramp it up in the Missouri Valley Conference tournament.
Anthony Tolliver had 15 points and 13 rebounds to help Creighton upset No. 11 Southern Illinois 67-61 Sunday in the conference championship, earning the Bluejays their sixth title in nine years.
None of the six championships have come with the Blue Jays playing as the top seed.
"I used to say it was just our depth because we used to play 10 or 11 guys," said coach Dana Altman, whose team earned its seventh NCAA tournament appearance over that span. "But this year that

wasn't the reason."
Nate Funk, who scored a season-high 33 points in the semifinals against Missouri State, was named tournament MVP after scoring 19 points.
All three have overcome major injuries and, Altman said, "that adds a little bit when you can finish it like that."
Jamaal Tatum had 21 points for Southern Illinois (27-6), which has won the regular-season title five times in the last six seasons but has won the tournament only once during that span.
"If we don't really take care of our defense, we're just an average team," guard Bryan Mullins said.

matt daniels OUT OF BOUNDS OVC can't compare to MVC

The wonderful month of March is finally here.
And after spending the weekend in St. Louis watching six Missouri Valley Conference men's basketball games in the span of 36 hours, this writer is ready for the real Madness to begin.
But first, let's examine Eastern's not-so-wonderful conference, the Ohio Valley, against the conference that has set the precedent for all mid-majors to follow, the MVC.
The MVC likes to refer to itself as the best non-BCS basketball conference in the nation – which it is.
Fan attention and media scrutiny is at an all-time high in the MVC, with 22,612 coming to watch Saturday's semifinals. It was also the largest crowd ever to witness a college basketball game at the Scottrade Center in St. Louis.
And while there were some empty seats scattered among the Scottrade Center, signs plastered to the front of the arena an hour before the 1:35 p.m. tip-off of the Bradley-Southern Illinois game indicated the event is sold out.
And this was for the semifinals.
Compare that to the OVC championship game on Saturday night at Gaylord Entertainment Center in Nashville, Tenn., an arena (17,000-seat capacity) comparable in size to the Scottrade Center.
Only 3,652 attended the championship in Nashville.
But a big question could be: why can't the OVC duplicate the success the MVC has had recently?
The MVC, according to realltimepi.com, is sixth out of 32 conferences in the RPI ratings – one spot ahead of the Big 12.
The OVC is 24th, below conferences like the Metro Atlantic Athletic, the Mid-Continent, the Ivy League and the Patriot League.
Factors going into the RPI ratings include a team's record and its strength of schedule. Of all 11 OVC schools, only one (Samford at 190), had strength of schedules below 200. Eastern's was the only one above 300 (at 301 out of 336 Division I teams).
The MVC, however, had all its teams in the top 100 in terms

of strength of schedule, with Creighton having the 17th most difficult schedule in the nation.
A decade ago, the MVC was in the same position the OVC is in now. Usually only one dominating team, only one team advancing to the NCAA Tournament, average attendance numbers for the conference tournament and no national attention.
Now, the MVC is booming, with sold-out arenas watching games, national television exposure, and most importantly, actually winning important games.
Bradley and Wichita State advanced to the Sweet 16 last year, and every MVC team that gets in this year (three, should be four), has a chance to reach the Final Four.
Eastern Kentucky, who earned OVC's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament this year, is a well-coached and intelligent team under second-year head coach Jeff Neubauer.

But EKU will most likely get a No. 15 or No. 16 seed (ESPN's bracketologist Joe Lundardi had Austin Peay, the league favorite, as a No. 16 seed) and will compete hard, but the overall talent of a No. 1 or No. 2 seed will wear the Colonels down.
So the Colonels will travel to one of eight possible first-round destinations, put on their maroon-and-white uniforms, gamely show some of the nation how the OVC plays ball, and head back to Richmond, Ky. after another OVC first-round loss.
Last year, Murray State competed with North Carolina for almost the entire 40 minutes, but lost. The precedent of an OVC team competing with a team from the ACC, the Big Ten, the SEC is there.

But the precedent is only of one team being able to compete. The MVC used to be in the same situation. But not anymore.
Southern Illinois, Creighton, Missouri State and Bradley should get into this year's tournament. And their eyes are set on the ultimate prize: advancing to Atlanta and having a chance to play for a national championship.
It's not a joke anymore that a team from the MVC can compete for a national title.
But in OVC-land, it's still a far-fetched idea.



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WOMEN'S TENNIS

WEDNESDAY at Bradley |
Noon Peoria

SOFTBALL

FRIDAY vs. Cal-Poly |
2:30 p.m. National Invite Tournament

BASEBALL

FRIDAY at Belmont |
3 p.m.

SOFTBALL

FRIDAY vs. San Jose State |
8 p.m. National Invite Tournament

TENNIS

SATURDAY vs. Morehead State |
Noon Tennis Courts

SOFTBALL

SATURDAY vs. California |
Noon National Invite Tournament

BASEBALL

SATURDAY at Belmont |
1 p.m.

SOFTBALL

SATURDAY vs. UC Riverside |
5:30 p.m. National Invite Tournament

triplethreat



Senior Kenny Robertson and junior Greg Perz qualified for the NCAA Championships March 15-17 in Auburn Hills, Mich.

Robertson returns to the championships for the third time and Perz makes his second appearance.

Eastern head coach Ralph McCausland (above) will take his two wrestlers to the Palace in Auburn Hills, Mich., to battle the best in the country.

Here are the top wrestling teams in the country:

1. Minnesota — The reigning Big Ten Champions have done it again, winning back-to-back conference titles.

They went 20-1 in the season and dropped only one dual match against Hofstra. They rolled through the conference with an unblemished record (8-0).

The Golden Gophers have been ranked in the top three all season and knocked off No. 12 Central Michigan, No. 14 Penn, No. 1 Oklahoma State, No. 7 Iowa State, No. 13 Cornell, No. 1 Missouri, No. 10 Penn State, No. 17 Michigan, No. 18 Indiana, No. 11 Illinois, No. 20 Michigan State, No. 21 Nebraska, No. 9 Wisconsin and No. 10 Iowa.

2. Iowa State — The Cyclones won the prestigious Midlands Tournament in December and won the Big 12 Conference Championships this past weekend.

Iowa State will send all 10 wrestlers to the NCAA Championship. The Cyclones' two losses have come to Minnesota and Iowa.

3. Missouri — The No. 3 team in the nation finished second at the Big 12 Conference championships.

They edged the defending national championships, the Oklahoma State Cowboys in the conference meet.

The Tigers finished with 61.5 points and the Cowboys finished with 61. The Tigers will send eight wrestlers to the national championship.

— Kevin Murphy

WRESTLING | NCAA WEST REGIONAL

Perz, Robertson qualify for NCAA Championships

Pair returns for second straight year

By Kevin Murphy
Associate Sports Editor

They're back.

Senior Kenny Robertson and junior Greg Perz qualified for the NCAA Championships in Auburn Hills, Mich., after stellar performances this weekend at the NCAA West Regionals in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Robertson returns to the championships for the third time and Perz makes his second appearance.

"Both of them have done what they have needed to do," said head coach Ralph McCausland.

Robertson (19-6) won the 174-pound regional. He defeated Alex Dolly of Northern Iowa in the championship match, 6-4.

"I was pretty jacked up," Robertson said.

This match was a lot closer than the first-season meetings.

Robertson had defeated him 6-0 on Feb. 3 at Northern Iowa.

Robertson opened up the bracket by pinning Stephen Crozier of the Air Force Academy in 1 minute, 58 seconds. He then pinned Nate Althoff of South Dakota State in 46 seconds to

advance to the championship match.

The coaches awarded Robertson the most pins award because of the number of pins and how quick they came.

Robertson also defeated Althoff in an earlier match this year. Robertson won 1-0.

Robertson has won the last 15 of his 17 matches. His last losses came against Danny Burke on Feb. 18 (8-6 in overtime) and against Lloyd Rogers in a fall on Jan. 14.

Perz (26-8), now becomes a two-time NCAA qualifier with his second-place finish at the NCAA West Regional. He was selected

as wild card by the coaches at the wrestling meet.

"His resume carried himself," McCausland said.

Perz lost the 184-pound championship bout to Shawn Vincent of Northern Colorado, 11-3.

"He tried a couple throws that didn't go his way," Robertson said.

Perz received a bye and defeated Danny Dunning of Northern Iowa in the semifinals, 8-7.

Freshman 285-pounder Joe Trinka was another highlight for the Panthers.

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TRACK AND FIELD | LAST CHANCE MEET

Provisional mark eludes most

Men's distance medley relay team could qualify for nationals

By Kevin Murphy
Associate Sports Editor

The men's distance medley relay ran a provisional qualifying mark Friday night at the Notre Dame Last Chance Meets in South Bend, Ind.

The Panthers finished the race in 9 minutes, 45 seconds. The provisional mark is 9:45.70.

Men's distance coach Geoff Masanet said the time will probably not qualify them for the national championships.

This is because, Masanet said, Eastern had the worst qualifying time of any qualifying teams at the Notre Dame Last Chance Meets in the distance medley relay and are so far down on the provisional list that the NCAA won't take the squad.

The NCAA only takes the top 15 times in each event, said men's head coach Tom Akers last week.

Senior Dan Strackeljahn, juniors Chris Wesson and Brenton Pegues and sophomore David Holm ran the relay.

The foursome set a new Eastern record.

Holm ran the first leg of the race by running 1,200 meters. Holm led the field of runners through the first 600 meters.

"No one seemed to take the lead," Masanet said.

Holm fell back until he made the exchange with Pegues, who ran the 400-meter leg separated from the pack.

Pegues and Wesson, the 800-meter runner, also had the rest of the race separated from most of the runners.

"It makes it a little bit harder," Masanet said about racing separately.

Strackeljahn tried to narrow the gap.

Masanet said he ran a 4:05 split.

"He ran poised," Masanet said.

Texas won the relay in a time of 9:31.27, which is an automatic mark for the NCAA Indoor Championships. The automatic mark is 9:34.00.

Masanet said they were one of the smaller schools to finish well with a smaller budget competing against bigger schools.

Teams in the field also included Wisconsin, Notre Dame, Michigan, Tennessee and



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Junior middle distance runner Amy Lelune leads the pack during the OVC Indoor Championships on Feb. 16. Members of the track and field team traveled to Notre Dame or Arkansas for the Last Chance Meet.



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Sophomore David Holm provisionally qualified as part of the distance medley relay team.

Oregon.

"It would have been nicer to be closer to some of those schools," Strackeljahn said.

In other events, Strackeljahn

MEN'S LAST CHANCE TIMES AT NOTRE DAME AND ARKANSAS

Men's 400-Meter Dash

Provisional Time 47.25

» Brenton Pegues 50.26

Men's One Mile Run

Provisional Time 4:04.00

» Dan Strackeljahn 4:04.72

Men's 800-Meter Run

Provisional Time 1:49.50

» Chris Wesson 1:53.12

» Davis Holm 1:56.57

Men's 60-Meter Hurdles

Provisional Time 7.91

» Kirkland Thornton 8.18

» Matt Fisher 8.87

Men's Distance Medley

Provisional Time 9:45.70

» Eastern "A" 9:45.00

Men's Pole Vault

Provisional Mark 5.2 Meters

» Kyle Ellis 5.09 Meters

Men's Triple Jump

Provisional Mark 15.40 Meters

» Obe Eruteya 14.88 Meters

finished fourth in the mile in 4:04.72.

It is a personal record for Strackeljahn, but shades off the automatic and provisional mark. The provisional mark is 4:04.00

"He won his heat pretty easily," Masanet said.

Masanet said he did not know why Strackeljahn was in the faster heat.

Masanet said Strackeljahn could have a run faster time.

"I tried to kick it in with whatever I had left," Strackeljahn said.

Brandon Bethke of Wisconsin won the race in 4:01.84.

Masanet said it was interesting

to hear Eastern Illinois over the public announce system when Strackeljahn finished fourth.

In other action, Wesson recorded a season best in the 800-meter run (1:53.12), but fell short of the provisional qualifying time of 1:49.50.

On the women's side, Chandra Golden (9.00 seconds in the 60-meter hurdles), Shawana Smith (24.89 seconds in the 200-meter dash) and Tarra Grant (58.42 in the 400-meter dash) all did not qualify provisionally or automatically for the NCAA Indoor Championships.

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