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Big Blue Classic



AMIR PRELLBERG | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Senior runner Megan Balas (left) bends over after finishing the 1500 meter run in frigid weather Saturday afternoon at O'Brien stadium. The cold weather and wind made it difficult for all the participants during the meet. The women's track team won the Big Blue Classic team title with 225 points. For more coverage of the Big Blue Classic, turn to page 8.

CAMPUS | RACE RELATIONS

Forum inspired by racism

By **Marco Santana**
Campus Editor

The incident was embarrassing. Eastern hosted a regional leadership conference for Asian-Americans – the Midwest Asian-American Student Union rotates its

conference hosts from year-to-year. As students from several area colleges walked around Eastern's campus, a car drove by and the driver yelled at the group. "Go back to China!" he screamed. The episode led Asian-American students to want to do something about racial slurs and their effects on others. The Asian-American Association will conduct a student panel on racial slurs at 3 p.m. today in the Charleston-Mattoon Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. The panel is a part of Asian Heritage Month. The panelists will share stories they have run into that have to do with race and racism.

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UNIVERSITY | PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH

New president to be named Tuesday

Staff Report

The Eastern Illinois University Board of Trustees will announce the university's new president on Tuesday. The Board of Trustees will meet at 3 p.m. in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union to formally vote on the new president.

A reception for the new president will be held at 4 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the union. The new president will take office July 1, replacing current Eastern President Lou Hencken. The three finalists for the position are Sue Kiefer Hammersmith, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay; Blair Lord,

Eastern provost and vice president for academic affairs; and William Perry, vice provost at Texas A&M. Hammersmith is also one of three finalists for an ongoing presidential search at Edinburgh University of Pennsylvania. Southern Illinois University at Carbondale announced Hammersmith as one of four finalists for its chancellor position Friday.

CAMPUS | EVENTS

Speaking contest helps ease nerves

Bock competition to be held in Coleman tonight

By **Beth Hackett**
Senior Activities Reporter

Suzanne Enck-Wanzer knows some people are traumatized speaking in public. But she said one way to

overcome those fears and improve one's confidence is by competing in speaking competitions. "Any practice speaking in public should have the effect of helping people realize that public speaking is really nothing to fear," Enck-Wanzer said. Preliminaries for the Bock Public Speaking Contest will be held today in Coleman Hall Auditorium. In the past, anywhere from 15 to 50 contestants have entered.

The finals will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday. The preliminary rounds are split into groups of six contestants each and faculty members of the communication studies department judge each round. After all the rounds have concluded, the judges rank the contestants in each round. "All of the rankings are then tabulated and the six people with the best overall ranks advance to the

final round on Wednesday night," Enck-Wanzer said. Dan Crews, dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, said the event provides practical experience after learning speech techniques in class. It's beneficial to take part in a competitive setting and be awarded for these kinds of speeches, he said. And the award is more than a certificate of achievement. "Certainly, public speaking is

chief among many of the areas that our students excel and, quite frankly, the potential to win money is quite an incentive, too," Enck-Wanzer said. The first place winner wins \$300, second place wins \$200, and third place wins \$100. Natalie Sager took part in the event in fall of 2004 and won third place.

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Cardinal released from hospital

The Associated Press

MAYWOOD—Cardinal Francis George was released from the hospital Sunday, one day after slipping on a marble church floor while blessing Easter baskets and fracturing his hip.

George will recover at home and plans to maintain his regular work schedule.

However, George will postpone all public appearances for the next few days, including Sunday's traditional Easter Mass at Holy Name Cathedral, according to a statement from the archdiocese.

He planned to celebrate a private Mass on Sunday at his home, archdiocese spokeswoman Colleen Dolan said.

"His spirits are good," Dolan told The Associated Press.

COLLEEN DOLAN | SPOKESWOMAN

"His spirits are good. He's happy to be home."

"He's happy to be home," said Dolan.

George, 70, was hospitalized at Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood on Saturday afternoon after the mishap at Saint Ferdinand's Parish.

Because he suffered from polio as a child, George wears a brace on his right leg that causes him to fall occasionally, Dolan said.

George received applause after being helped back to the altar. He continued the service before being taken to the hospital by an aide when he had trouble walking.

"This is not an unusual occurrence for me to fall," George said during the Mass. "I fall many times in the course of a year."

The injury will require physical therapy and George will use a walker for about a week so he doesn't put pressure on the hip while it heals, Dolan said.

The Roman Catholic archbishop, one of the most prominent U.S. cardinals and the spiritual leader of more than 2.3 million Catholics in the Chicago area, underwent surgery July 27 to have his cancerous bladder removed.

» Forum

FROM PAGE 1

Mieko Fujiura, an art history major and president of AAA, said the panel's importance has increased since an on-campus racism forum Feb. 7.

That forum was a result of a letter to the editor in *The Daily Eastern News* Jan. 30 by Don Smith that referenced a Web site many people felt was racist in content.

Fujiura said the awareness of racial issues on campus has decreased since then.

"Things have died down but it's still important to get a discussion on these topics," she said.

Fujiura lives in Darien, a community that in 2000 had a minority population of nearly 16 percent. Charleston's minority population was less than 8 percent. Both cities had a population just more than 20,000.

MIEKO FUJIURA | PRESIDENT OF ASIAN-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

"You realize with stereotypes, you want to dispel them and try to work around them. It's a very subtle form of racism."

She said moving to a community with a smaller minority population was an adjustment.

"You encounter a lot of stereotypes," she said. "You realize with stereotypes, you want to dispel them and try to work around them. It's a very subtle form of racism."

Fujiura said AAA sent out calls to other recognized student organizations to participate in the panel.

Five students, including Fujiura, are on the panel.

AAA's adviser, Jinhee Lee, said minority students who move to a college town feel lonely and sometimes aren't active enough in

STUDENT PANEL ON RACIAL SLURS

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 » **Where:** Charleston-Mattoon Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

searching for organizations that might make them comfortable.

She said the panel should help students know that if problems with racial discrimination happen on campus, they can speak about them.

"(The panel will) let them know it's OK to openly talk about it in a public discussion," Lee said.

» Contest

FROM PAGE 1

"My teacher submitted my name after I gave my speech in class," Sager said.

"I had a fear of speaking, but afterwards, speeches were a little easier," Sager said.

Sager said she'd recommend others take part in the event because it wasn't too bad.

Enck-Wanzer said taking part in these events is an excellent opportunity to hone one's speaking skills.

The event also allows students to demonstrate their involvement in the department.

She said those who attend are usually impressed to see the many talents Eastern students have to offer.

DAN CREWS | DIRECTOR OF PUBLICITY

"I know there is a certain amount of nervousness, but coming out of it, students gain satisfaction and pride."

It's also interesting to see the range of topics and approaches that students will use in creating a persuasive message, she said.

"I always leave the final round feeling more impressed by our students and hopeful about our future generations," she said.

Crews said contestants prepare a speech ahead of time, then deliver the speech in a predetermined order.

Sager said she gave her speech in class one week before the event and had three-to-five days to prepare for the contest.

Crews said some students might be a little intimidated to enter because it is out of the classroom setting.

"I know there is a certain amount of nervousness, but coming out of it, students gain satisfaction and pride," he said.

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Award-winning cartoonist of "Wizard of Id," dies at 76

ENDICOTT, N.Y.—Cartoonist Johnny Hart, whose award-winning "B.C." comic strip appeared in more than 1,300 newspapers worldwide, died at his home on Saturday. He was 76.

"He had a stroke," Hart's wife, Bobby, said on Sunday. "He died at his storyboard."

Database shows Pa. has 1.4 million warrants outstanding

HARRISBURG, Pa.—Pennsylvania's new statewide computer system makes it possible for the first time to put a number on how many warrants remain unserved across the state, 1.4 million, including more than 100 for homicide, The Associated Press has found.

Pennsylvania is now the largest state to complete such a comprehensive court computer network, although several other large states, including California, New York and Ohio, are planning or implementing such systems, according to the National Center for State Courts in Williamsburg, Va.

ourmistakes

»The fraternity Sigma Alpha Epsilon was misidentified in the cutline on Page 2 of Friday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*.

The DEN regrets the errors.

Catalog of all living species tops 1 million

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A worldwide scientific effort to catalog every living species has topped the 1 million milestone.

Six years into the program the total has reached 1,009,000, researchers report. They hope to complete the listing by 2011, reaching an expected total of about 1.75 million species.

Thomas M. Orrell, a biologist at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History, said the finished catalog will include all known living organisms, from plants and animals to fungi and microorganisms such as bacteria, protozoa and viruses.

"Many are surprised that, despite over two centuries of work by biologists and the current worldwide interest in biodiversity, there is presently no comprehensive catalog of all known species of organisms on Earth," Orrell said.

The listing does not include fossil species from the past.

The Integrated Taxonomic Information System-Species 2000 Catalog of Life provides access to data maintained by a variety of scientific organizations, each specializing in a certain area.

For example, information on dipteran flies is maintained by the Agriculture Department's Systematic Entomology Laboratory at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History.

Natural history museums in London, the Netherlands and New York maintain clothes moth, dragonfly and spider data. Experts in Canada and Paris keep the data on Ichneumon wasps and longhorn beetles.

Easter brings winter weather

The Associated Press

ATLANTA—An unseasonable cold snap put a chill on Easter Sunday services across the Southeast and much of the rest of the country, moving some events indoors and adding layers over spring frocks.

Even baseball had to take a time out, because of snow.

The usual courtyard service at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church in Columbia, S.C., had to be moved indoors, said the Rev. Michael Bingham.

Sunday morning lows in Columbia dropped to the upper 20s, the National Weather Service said.

"Our musicians are worried about their fingers," he said Saturday as the church's plans were being changed.

Across much of the eastern two-thirds of the nation, Easter celebrants swapped frills, bonnets and sandals for coats, scarves and heavy socks.

Baseball fans huddled in blankets and, instead of spring planting, backyard gardeners were bundling their crops.

Two weeks into spring, Easter morning temperatures were in the upper 30s along the Gulf Coast and in the single digits in northern Minnesota and the Dakotas.

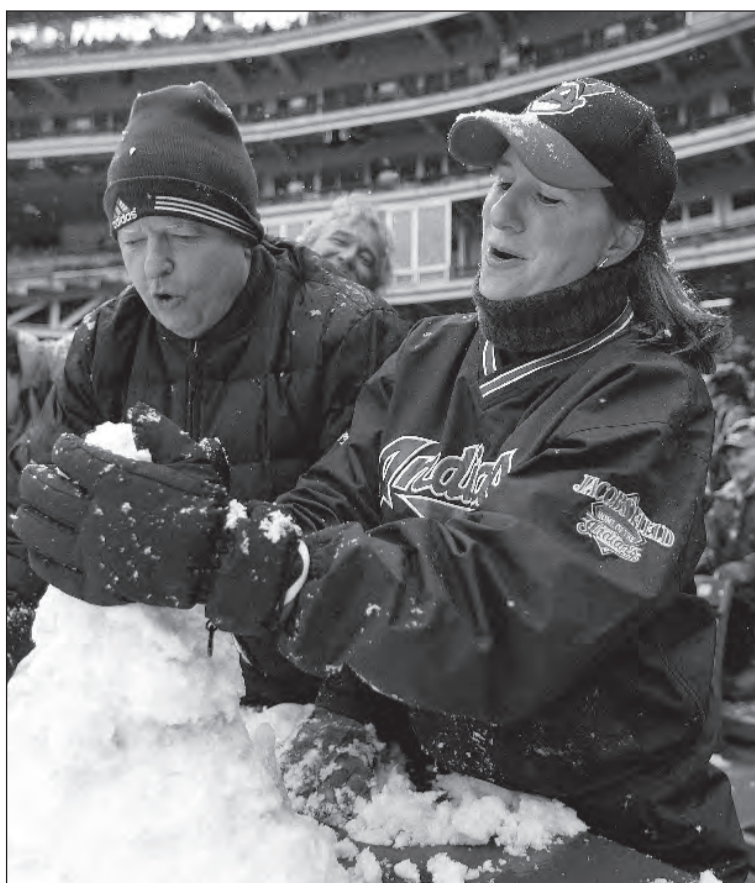
Atlanta had a low of 30 degrees, with a wind chill of 23, the weather service said.

The same reading put a chill on New York City's Fifth Avenue, celebrated in song for the traditional Easter Parade of spring finery.

Despite the chill, nearly 1,000 people attended the annual sunrise service at Georgia's Stone Mountain Park, as a slight breeze whipped over the granite monument.

The service usually attracts 10,000.

Nashville, Tenn., bottomed out Sunday at 23 degrees, knocking one



LEW STAMP | MCT

Bob Herbolich and Laurel Jordan make a snowman atop the visiting team's dugout during a weather break in Cleveland, Ohio on Friday, April 6, 2007. The Seattle Mariners take on the Cleveland Indians.

degree off the Easter Sunday record set on March 24, 1940.

Light snow showers were scattered over the western Plains and around the Great Lakes and Ohio Valley.

However, the snow was heavy along the Lake Erie shore in Cleveland and on Sunday, for the second day in a row, the Seattle Mariners and Cleveland Indians had to cancel a doubleheader.

More than a foot of snow had fallen parts of the Cleveland area since Friday.

The teams were snowed out of the doubleheader on Saturday, when they were attempting to

make up Friday's game, which was postponed after they played four innings and sat through nearly three hours of delays.

Kids in Chicago donned winter clothing for an Easter egg hunt at the Glessner House Museum.

The city high reached just 32 degrees on Saturday, matching a record set in 1936, and Sunday's low was 28.

The Windy City's average high for early April is 54.

"All the little kids had boots on and some of them were trying to wear their spring dresses. It was awful," said Clare Schaecher, the museum's education director.

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COLUMNIST | ADAM TESTA

Kick them out already

The Charleston City Council is making a big mistake.

The five members of the council recently voiced their opinions of the struggle at the Lake Charleston Island Tract.

Four of the five members are committed to not renewing the leases of the homes on the tract and upholding a 1992 decision of the council.

One council member, Lorelei Sims, proposed voting on the issue to make these stances official.

The council as a whole disagreed.

The members of the council decided that since leases do not expire until 2009, it is too early to vote to make the decision official.

This is the council's mistake.

With a solid commitment from four of the five members of the council, action needs to be taken while support is high.

Upcoming city elections may remove current council members Jeff Lahr and Larry Rennels from their positions.

If both Lahr and Rennels are replaced, the makeup of the council's decision could be greatly changed. If both replacements supported keeping the leases, the vote of the council could potentially swing the opposite direction.

The bigger fear is that the change in membership may lead to more discussion and a less concrete decision for the council. If the two new potential members of the council did not have a strong stance, the debate may continue.

With a continuing debate, the decision would be drawn out even longer. The longer this discussion gets drawn out, the worse it is for all parties.

The Lake Charleston tenants need to know what their future holds. Right now, they can assume what will happen, but nothing is official.

There needs to be closure to the Lake Charleston debate.

Thirteen homes will be vacated when leases expire. This leaves 13 families that will need to find someplace else to live.

While these individuals have known since 1992 that they would be forced to leave their homes, recent debate leaves them unsure of exactly what will happen.

By voting on these properties, these families would definitely know where they stand on housing situations.

The Lake Charleston tenants should prepare for the worst, but it is also the city's responsibility to inform them with reasonable time as to what will happen.

The City Council has done very well in allowing all sides of the debate on the Lake Charleston issue to be heard. The council has also done a good job keeping the public informed and updated.

It would be a pure shame to watch all these positive maneuvers the council has made go to waste by letting this vote be prolonged much longer.

The council needs to correct its mistake and accept Sims' proposal to put the issue up to vote, and this needs to happen before city elections to avoid dragging this issue out longer.

Adam Testa



ourview

Perry will be good president

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Dr. William Perry was named the 10th sitting Eastern president on Tuesday.

The Daily Eastern News would like to welcome President Perry to Eastern's campus.

Perry takes over as Eastern's chief administrator on July 1.

Perry, 61, has worked for 36 years in Texas.

He has been with Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas, since 1971.

He has served as vice provost, a tenured professor in mathematics, executive associate provost, dean of faculties and associate provost, associate dean for academic affairs and associate head of the department of mathematics.

Texas A&M has 45,000 students.

Eastern's student population is approximately 12,000.

However, when Perry started at A&M, the student population was 13,000.

Perry has followed universities through population increases and will be able to transition if Eastern's student population continues to grow, which it will.

Perry brings the mentality that comes from working at a larger university that will benefit Eastern and bring it into the forefront of education.

Texas A&M offers degrees in 150 courses and has 10 colleges, including: Agriculture and Life Sciences, Architecture, Business,

Education, Engineering, Geosciences, Liberal Arts, Science, Veterinary medicine and Government and Public Service.

By comparison, Eastern currently offers 58 majors.

Building Eastern to a competitive university means bringing in more degree programs, something Perry has experienced at Texas A&M.

Perry is eager and willing to work to bring Eastern to the top of Illinois universities.

"I'm excited about Eastern Illinois University and I'm excited about the opportunity," said Perry.

Eastern should be excited about the opportunity Perry will bring to the university.

Perry will bring fresh ideas to the campus.

While Perry will bring fresh ideas to campus, one person that will help him and

cannot be overlooked during the transition process is Blair Lord, Eastern's provost and vice president for academic affairs.

While Lord was not named Eastern's new president, Lord is a vital part of the university and has been for the past six years, working on behalf of Eastern students in Springfield and working with various members of the campus community to make Eastern an institution of higher learning in the state of Illinois.

Lord has dealt with the state government, other Illinois administrators and the students, faculty and staff of Eastern since 2001, things Perry has not yet done.

The DEN has no doubt that Lord will work with Perry in his transition as Eastern's new president to help the university grow into the first choice institution that both men want it to be.

We are excited to see the changes that President Perry will bring to Eastern's campus.

On Tuesday Perry said, "I am very happy to be here." Eastern's faculty, staff and students should be very happy that Perry is at Eastern as well.

The editorial is the majority opinion of The Daily Eastern News editorial board. Reach the Opinions editor at DENopinions@gmail.com.

OTHER UNIVERSITY VIEWS | UCLA

The debate about immigration typically centers on the millions of people who enter the country illegally each year looking for work.

But now tens of thousands of skilled workers are getting turned away as well.

Through the H-1B visa category, companies can employ skilled foreign workers who have a bachelor's degree or equivalent on a temporary basis.

These workers specialize in areas such as engineering, science, medicine, law, computer programming and accounting.

The presence of these workers in the U.S. is an advantage not only for the employees but for the country as well, especially as the government is working to keep this country competitive in the

science and technology sector. As so much is being outsourced and the U.S. is concerned about falling behind, it seems counterintuitive to turn away thousands of skilled people who want to come here and share their skills.

And capping the number of skilled foreigners who can come to the country to work could have long-term effects on the United States' competitiveness.

There is no reason these people should not be here, and many, many reasons that they should.

Instead of sticking to an arbitrary cap set by Congress years ago, the cap should be reviewed and increased to accommodate the demand on the part of the workers and the need on the part of the country.

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COLUMNIST | MAURICE TRACY

A generation of bandage fanatics

I have just come from the panel discussion – I am sure you didn't go to because you didn't know about it; who cares that it has been posted on hundreds of flyers all over campus, or that it has been advertised on our homepage, or that it was mentioned in *The Daily Eastern News*; you just did not know, right? – on racial slurs hosted by the Asian American Association.

While many important points were made and issues were raised, it was one Mr. Tristan Michael who illuminated a very important point.

This point is not a newly raised concern, but it is nonetheless a crucial point when addressing issues dealing with social inequalities and social issues.

Tristan pointed to the fact that we always wait for something big, glaring and ugly to happen for us to react (Don Smith's letter, Imus' radio comments about the Rutgers' Women's Basketball team, an ignorant person telling Asian students to "go back to China" over the MASU Leadership conference held here at Eastern, etc), but once we react, we quickly bore with the topic and convince ourselves we have addressed it enough.

We also *only* react to these incidents; we don't react when it is something that we see as something small, trivia, or "none-of-our-business" which allows for "mild" or "complacent" racism to grow unchecked.

Tristan is right. I will go further; by not

checking people, by ignoring and convincing ourselves that to confront something is to give weight or credence or "time" to that particular issue/slug/person/behavior is to subject ourselves to the social/cultural version of second-hand smoking.

Moreover, while many are quick to say that all we do is talk, that there is never any action, never any suggestions – which, curiously, those very same people always seem to fail to offer any suggestions as well – perhaps the problem is what Tristan illuminated.

We get exhausted.

Talking ad nauseum about anything, especially social problems/inequities, is not particularly fun, but it is sometimes necessary. We don't act because we are still frustrated, to the point of immobility.

People feel as if they have not been heard, and why would they think otherwise when the same things, the same injustices, happen time and time again?

How could the minority student or individual not sometimes feel the sting of anger and frustration when they are frequently greeted with looks in classrooms, subjected to constant passive-aggressive means of racism, sexism, homophobia and elitism, both inside and outside the classroom, and when they voice their concerns?

They are constantly met with the "you misunderstand me," or "you are taking it the

wrong way," or "I didn't mean it that way," or the ever popular "It happens to all of us, get over it" mentalities.

Couple this with the problem that many people, usually non-minorities, seem to think that by talking about a problem for a week or a day has somehow resolved the issue at hand, and we can now go back to our MTV, post-Clueless, Arrested Development lives and feel good about ourselves because we have "hugged it out," and it is no wonder why real action has not happened. We are a generation of bandage fanatics.

We want to hide the scar; more to the point, we don't want there to be a scar, so, we bandage ourselves and move on.

We are afraid to just rip the bandage off and deal with the pain, the anger and the fall-out and then move on. It is time we get over that, and it is time we feel the pain, feel the anger and let it rip; then we will not only move on, but we will be productive in doing so.

Maurice Tracy



Maurice Tracy is an English graduate student. He can be reached at maurice.tracy@gmail.com

PANTHER BRIEFS | SPORTS

Rucker may be out for spring

Junior wide receiver Micah Rucker could be out for the rest of the spring practice season.

The Bonita Springs, Fla., native sprained his left knee in full pads at practice last Monday.

Rucker said he was going down field to block the safety for the running back. The running back was then tackled from behind and landed on top of Rucker's left knee.

The third-team All-American was the first EIU receiver to catch for more than 800 yards during the 2006 season.

Rucker said he would be out for the next couple of practices and he could possibly be out for the spring season, but it is still up to the Eastern training staff.

Sophomore running back Norris Smith said Rucker's injury should be a two-to-three week process.

"Everyone has their little nagging injuries," Smith said.

Smith said he's working through an overused hamstring and tendonitis in his knee.

Rucker, who transferred from

Minnesota before the 2006 season, was a first-team Ohio Valley Conference selection as he led the league in receiving yards.

Rucker had four games with more than 100 yards receiving and had five games with multiple touchdown catches.

Bats go cold at Eastern Kentucky

Eastern Illinois' struggles on the road in Ohio Valley Conference softball action continued this weekend.

The Panthers (14-19, 3-8 OVC) lost both its games against Eastern Kentucky (18-18, 10-3) on Friday in Richmond, Ky.

In eight conference road games this year, the Panthers are 1-7.

Eastern's offense and defense struggled in the first game, with the Panthers only managing three hits and committing four errors en route to a 7-2 defeat.

The Colonels used a four-run third inning to turn a 2-1 lead into a 6-1 lead.

Junior Karyn Mackie (7-6) got the loss after allowing four runs (two earned) in two innings of work.

Senior catcher Sandyn Short hit her fifth home run of the year in the fourth inning, but after her home run, the Panthers only managed

First game of Fri.'s DH Eastern Kentucky 7, Eastern Ill. 2

Inning by Inning	R	H	E
EIU	0	0	1
EKU	2	0	4

WP: Anderson, (8-10) LP: Mackie, Karyn (7-6)
E: Robison, Short, Danca, Mackie, Karyn -EIU; Hussey -EKU. LOB: EIU 3; EKU 6. 2B: Menzione -EIU; Hussey, Anderson -EKU. SB: Rolf -EKU. SH: Mackie, Robyn -EIU. HR: Short -EIU; Foxley -EKU. HBP: Mayrhofer -EKU. DP: EIU 1.

Key Inning: Bottom of the third
Eastern Kentucky scored four runs on four hits. The Panthers committed two errors. The first runner in scoring position for Eastern Kentucky came off a error by sophomore left fielder

Second game of Fri.'s DH Eastern Kentucky 5, Eastern Ill. 1

Inning by Inning	R	H	E
EIU	0	0	1
EKU	2	0	3

WP: Bledsoe, Jenn (5-2) LP: Jacoby, Kath. (6-9)

E: Short -EIU; Rolf -EKU. LOB: EIU 9; EKU 8. 2B: Hussey, Patterson -EKU. HBP: Hussey, Patterson -EKU. SH: Steele -EIU; Mayrhofer -EKU. CS: Rolf, -EKU.

Key Inning: Bottom of the fourth
The walks finally caught up to Panthers. Starting pitcher Kathleen Jacoby walked two to start the inning. Maegan Galloway came in for relief and walked another to load the bases. EKU's Hussey doubled to left field to clear the bases and scored three.

one hit in the final three innings. Eastern had eight hits in the second, but only managed to score

one run in a 5-1 loss.

The Panthers stranded nine runners on base in the game.

Sophomore pitcher Kathleen Jacoby (6-9) started and lasted 3 1/3 innings, allowing four runs (three earned).

Saturday's series final against the Colonels was canceled because of cold temperatures in the area.

With the two losses, Eastern sits in ninth place in the conference. Only the top six teams make the conference tournament.

The Panthers return to action when they travel to play Indiana-Purdue-Indianapolis at 2 p.m. today.

Tennis to play Northern Illinois

The men's tennis squad is making up a match against Northern Illinois that was canceled in February because of weather conditions.

Eastern will play the Huskies at 2 p.m. today in Rockford. The match was originally scheduled at 1 p.m. Feb. 25.

The Panthers (12-4) return to Ohio Valley Conference play when host Eastern Kentucky at 11 a.m. Friday at Darling Courts.

-Compiled by Associate Sports Editor Kevin Murphy

» Panthers

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BIG BLUE CLASSIC MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD WINNERS

»200 Meters: Brenton Emanuel (22.17)

»400 Meters: Brenton Pegues (48.57)

»110 Meter Hurdles: Kirkland Thornton (14.60)

»400 Meter Hurdles: Kirkland Thornton (54.77)

»4x100 Meter Relay: (41.86)

»4x400 Meter Relay: (3:18.11)

»4x800 Meter Relay: (7:57.25)

»Javelin: Austin Hogue (197'08")

»Decathlon: Kyle Ellis

The Sycamores led in team scoring with 237 points and Eastern finished second out of eight teams with 221 points.

Junior Kirkland Thornton and the relay teams added to the team's second place finish.

Thornton won the 110-meter (14.60 seconds) and 400-meter hurdles (54.77 seconds).

"I thought his 400-meter hurdle (race) was very solid," said men's head coach Tom Akers. "A strong wind in your face down the backstretch is not exactly what intermediate hurdlers strive on but he made some appropriate adjustments and got out after it early and on the homestretch didn't have to work that hard to hold on to his victory."

All of the relay teams posted first-place finishes.

The 4x100 won in 41.86 seconds, the 4x400-meter relay team won in 3:18.11 and the 4x800-meter relay team won in 7 minutes, 51.25 seconds.

Other top finishers for the Panthers included: senior Brenton Emanuel with a win in the 200-meter dash (22.17 seconds), junior Brenton Pegues in the 400-meter dash (48.57 seconds) and senior Austin Hogue in the javelin (197.08 feet).

Senior Kyle Ellis won the decathlon with 5,842 points as part of the multiple events that are a part of the Big Blue Classic.

Next weekend the men's and women's teams will travel to Macomb to compete at the Lee Calhoun Invitational.

NATIONAL SPORTS | ROUNDUP

Unheralded Johnson wins Masters

The Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — A strange week at the Masters saved the biggest surprises for the end Sunday — unheralded Zach Johnson won the green jacket, and beat Tiger Woods to do it.

Johnson pulled away from Woods and the rest of the pack with three birdies in a crucial four-hole stretch along the back nine of Augusta National, closing with a 69 for a two-shot victory and only the second of his career.

Johnson finished at 1-over 289, matching a Masters record last set in 1956 for highest winning score.

Parker leads Raptors past Bulls

TORONTO — Anthony Parker scored a career-high 27 points and Chris Bosh had 22

points and 11 rebounds, leading the Toronto Raptors to a 103-89 victory against the Chicago Bulls on Sunday night.

Joey Graham added 19 points for the Raptors, who clinched their first Atlantic Division title last Friday and their first playoff spot in five years last month.

Wells outpitches college teammate

HOUSTON — Albert Pujols hit a two-run homer to snap out of a 1-for-17 slump and Kip Wells outpitched college teammate Jason Jennings as the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Houston Astros 10-1 on Sunday.

Wells (1-1) allowed one hit and struck out seven in seven innings.

Jennings (0-1), who played with Wells at

Baylor, gave up five hits, including Pujols' homer, and struck out five in five innings.

Cubs can't pull off sweep of Brewers

MILWAUKEE — The Brewers finally got to their longtime nemesis, scoring six runs off Cubs' right-hander Wade Miller on their way to a 9-4 victory on Sunday.

Milwaukee avoided a three-game sweep by the Cubs, who return to Wrigley Field for their home opener against Houston on Monday.

Santana strikes out nine in Twins' win

CHICAGO — Johan Santana allowed one hit over seven scoreless innings, and the Minnesota Twins beat the Chicago White Sox 3-1 on Sunday.

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Pitching nowhere to be found in loss

By Matt Daniels
Sport Editor

Eastern's starting pitching needed to improve.

At least, that's what Panther head coach Jim Schmitz said after last weekend's series at Tennessee-Martin.

After this weekend's abbreviated two-game series against Murray State, the question of whether the starting pitching quandary had been solved is unclear.

"Like I said, it was a warm game one and a cold game two," Schmitz said about Friday's doubleheader against Murray State.

The temperature stayed around 30 degrees for both games, but the type of pitching the Panthers showed in the second game, a 15-4 Eastern loss, was vastly different than the first game.

Junior right-hander Alex Guttosch started the second game, and retired the first three Thoroughbreds he faced, including two by strikeouts.

Then he ran into trouble in the second inning.

First game of Fri.'s DH

Eastern 11, Murray State 2

Inning by Inning	R
MSU	0 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 2 1 1 3
EIU	0 1 2 0 7 0 1 0 X 11 12 0

WP: Vaculik, Chris (2-5) LP: Perconte,

E: Hudson, Pittman, Allen - MSU.
LOB: EIU 5; MSU 10. 2B: Payton; Peppenhorst; Kreke, EIU. HR: Cobb - EIU.
SB: Kreke - EIU. SH: Swain, - TSU. SF:

Key Inning: Bottom of the Fifth

The Panthers scored seven runs to put the 'Breds out of contention. Freshman catcher Kory Peppenhorst hit a single with the bases loaded and sophomore second baseman Jordan Kreke contributed a two-run double.

Second game of Fri.'s DH

Murray State 15, Eastern 4

Inning by Inning	R	H	E
MSU	0 7 2 1 1 3 1	15	15 0
EIU	0 1 2 1 0 0 0	4	6 1

WP: Allen, L. (2-2) LP: Guttosch, Alex. (0-3)

E: Blaskovitz, Bryan - EIU. LOB: EIU 4; MSU 10.
2B: Pittman - MSU; Cobb - EIU. SB: Spears, - EIU. HR: Payton, Owen - MSU; Kreke - EIU. SH: Leidolf - MSU. SF: Hudson, Derbak - EIU.

Key Inning: Top of the second

The Panthers were tagged for seven runs in the nightcap. The Thoroughbreds sent 12 men to the plate this inning. Seven of eight Murray State players registered singles.

Morrell's pitches, like they had been against Budde and Guttosch.

However, Morrell had trouble locating the ball and walked five batters in 1 1/3 innings. He allowed one run despite giving up no hits.

Schmitz said senior Chris Vaculik, the starter in Friday's first game, did well locating and getting his breaking ball over the plate. This showed in Vaculik's seven inning performance, where he allowed only one run on eight hits.

"To me, it's just a matter of the starting pitcher went out and did

a good job," Schmitz said. "The second guy went out and threw the ball right down the middle and above the belt. We just had no pitching in the second game."

Eastern (12-13, 5-3 Ohio Valley Conference) trailed 10-4 heading into the fifth inning, but the Thoroughbreds (7-21, 4-4) scored once in the fifth, three times in the sixth and once in the seventh to pick up the victory.

Senior Drew Gierich pitched the final 3 1/3 innings for the Panthers, allowing five runs on six hits.

Schmitz didn't warm up another pitcher the rest of the game, even after Gierich started to struggle.

Junior left-hander Mike Manns was scheduled to start Saturday's game against Murray, but it was canceled because of the cold weather in Charleston.

In the Panthers' eight conference games this year, Schmitz has now used five different starting pitchers.

"You can't really guarantee anything," Vaculik said. "I wish there would have been a better outcome (in the second game) because then it's not so cold."

» Vaculik

FROM PAGE 8

Senior designated hitter Jason Cobb had to deal with sitting on the bench for the majority of both games, but did his part hitting the ball.

Cobb hit a line drive, solo home run in the seventh inning to give the Panthers a 10-run lead again.

Cobb said hitting on a cold day like Friday was tough.

"The wind was hitting your eyes," he said.

"Your eyes were watering. I had to call time up there in one of my at-bats because I couldn't see the ball at all. Then, you had the gray sky back there too, so it was kind of hard."

Schmitz said an adjustment in Cobb's swing has helped the senior from O'Fallon.

"We made a big change on how he's holding the bat and getting through the zone," Schmitz said. "We had to have it without Huber."

Peppenhorst finished 3-for-5, with two RBIs. The freshman catcher had a hit in his first three at-bats, while Kreke contributed three RBIs.

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A starting pitcher sets the tone for how a game will go.

If a starter struggles early, more than likely, his team will also.

If a starter has success early, more than likely, his team will also.

This was the case Friday for Panther baseball.

In Eastern's first game against Murray State, senior Chris Vaculik (above) started strong and only allowed two hits in the first four innings.

Second-game starter Alex Guttosch was pulled in the second inning after letting in five runs.

Here are three suggestions for Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz when determining a starting rotation:

1. Names out of a hat – It's baseball, after all. They wear hats. It's a logical choice. Put all the pitchers' names (all 14 who have thrown at least one inning this year) and go from there. So far, it may seem like Schmitz has done that, having had six pitchers start a game this season.

2. Last-name choices – Vaculik (6.26 ERA) appears to be the most consistent starter of late. With this logic, start at the end of the alphabet and work your way back. Vaculik would be the No. 1 starter, then senior Brandon Murphy (8.16 ERA) as your No. 2 guy, and so forth.

3. Turn to the bullpen – Treat every inning like a save situation. This would really test a manager's intuition. This can't be applied in every game (nor should any of these three ideas when determining a rotation), but why not? Freshman Richie Derbak (2-1, 3.14 ERA, five saves) has shown the ability to get outs. Have the rest of Eastern's pitching staff apply his closer-like mentality to every inning they pitch.

-Matt Daniels

Panthers earn title

Women win home meet while men fall short, finish second place

By Kevin Murphy

Associate Sports Editor

There's a first time for everything.

Women's head coach Mary Wallace said this was the first time Eastern had beat Indiana State.

The women's track team won the Big Blue Classic team title Saturday at O'Brien Stadium with 255 points, best in in the nine-team field.

Indiana State was the runner-up with 188 points.

"They're always a good solid team and to beat Indiana State means that the team is coming together and we do have a total program," Wallace said. "I think that's a sign of what the future brings."

Wallace competed against Indiana State in the Missouri Valley as the assistant men's and women's coach at Illinois State from 1997 to 2002.

"Traditionally, they're a real solid team," Wallace said. "I was really excited that we had won."

The Panthers lost to Indiana State earlier this season in an indoor quadrangular match on Dec. 9. The Sycamore also posted an indoor dual meet win against the Panthers in 2005.

The Sycamores also won this year's Saluki Invitational March 24 with 122 points. Eastern finished seventh in that meet with 63.5 points.

In 2004, Eastern was a runner-up to Indiana State at the Big Blue Classic. The Sycamores won by seven points.

"I think through the course of the indoor season we've grown a lot as a team," Wallace said. "It's a good sign of what we've done as a team and as a program for ourselves. We are able to compete and beat teams like them."

Eastern needed eight first-place finishes to defeat Indiana State.

Sophomore Shawana Smith

BIG BLUE CLASSIC WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD WINNERS

»100 Meters: Shawana Smith (12.20)

»200 Meters: Shawana Smith (25.12)

»800 Meters: Marlise Davidson (2:19.48)

»1,500 Meters: Nicole Flounders (4:44.58)

»110 Meter Hurdles: Chandra Golden (14.61)

»4x100 Meter Relay: (47.74)

»4x800 Meter Relay: (9:29.95)

»Shot Put: Kandace Arnold (42.06' 75")



Senior thrower Austin Hogue throws a shot put during the finals of the shot put event Saturday afternoon at O'Brien Stadium. Hogue placed fourth in the shot put, first in the javelin and tied for third in the discus with his senior teammate Jimmy Schultz.

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BASEBALL | EASTERN 11, MURRAY STATE 2

Cold weather doesn't affect Vaculik

Panther bats respond in near-freezing temperatures Friday

By Matt Daniels

Sports Editor

Eastern's bats weren't cold in the first game of Friday's doubleheader against Murray State, despite missing leading hitter Erik Huber.

Eastern won the first game 11-2 during a game that featured two snow delays because of the cold and windy conditions at Coaches Stadium.

Huber, the leading hitter (.468) in the Ohio Valley Conference, did not play in either game Friday because of a hamstring injury.

Head coach Jim Schmitz

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said Huber's injury isn't a major concern, but didn't see any reason to attempt to play his first baseman with temperatures near freezing, like they were Friday.

Saturday, the temperatures didn't increase either, forcing the cancellation of Saturday's game. The game will not be made up.

The game-time temperature was 32 degrees but a brisk wind made it feel like 18 degrees, according to weather.com.

Eastern senior Chris Vaculik battled through the cold and

brief snow flurries to pitch seven innings, allowing only one run on eight hits in Friday's first game.

Vaculik struck out a career-high seven, with the seventh strikeout coming in the top of the fourth.

He struck out the side in the third, and struck out two of the three batters he faced in the second.

The cold didn't affect Vaculik, who had a heating pad in the back of his uniform, and was able to locate his pitches well en route to picking up his second win of the year.

"It's kind of an advantage to a pitcher on (Friday's) type of day if you're able to locate in and out," Vaculik said. "Because no hitter really wants anything in on the ends or off the bat."

The Panthers broke open the

game in the bottom of the fifth.

Eastern led 3-0 before erupting for seven runs, highlighted by a two-run single by freshman catcher Kory Peppenhorst and a two-run double by second baseman Jordan Kreke.

Murray committed two errors in the inning, helping the Panthers' cause and increasing Eastern's lead to 10-0.

Vaculik allowed a run in the sixth, but got out of the inning before any more damage was done.

"It was a little tough at times just to stay loose," he said. "That long inning helped, but it also hurt me because I gave up one run because you stiffen up so much just sitting out."

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