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Registration system to launch today

Advisers prepare for expected glitches

By **Ashley Rueff**
Senior University Reporter

Eastern will soon find out if the new course registration system will work or run into problems.

Today is the first day of registration for Fall 2007 courses for graduate and post-baccalaureate students.

“It takes a lot of time to put a system like this together and to see that it works,” said Registrar Sue Harvey.

She has been heavily involved in switching registration to the new system as part of Banner, the Enterprise Information System Enhancement.

“When you switch to a new system, you try to cover as many possibilities as you can, but I can't guarantee that everything is going to be 100 percent,” she said. “But we're just not anticipating anything major.”

Harvey said the university has been doing mock registrations with the new system and trying to work out all the bugs to make the switch a smooth one.

One area that has raised some concern is prerequisites and class levels. Students' academic histories have not been completely switched over to Banner.

This means the registration system will not know if students have fulfilled prerequisite requirements for other courses during registration.

To prevent problems with registering, this portion of the new system will not be used to register for Fall 2007, Harvey said.

“There was some question as to whether or not classes were going to be in (Banner) correctly for students,” Harvey said. “Rather than blocking students from registering for classes which they were eligible, we chose to remove the class restrictions for right now.”

However, the psychology and mathematics departments will be using this portion of the system to see how it responds, Harvey said.

In addition to prerequisite restrictions, the system will not use any restrictions that would prevent freshmen and sophomores from registering for classes they are not eligible for because of class level.

Harvey said students' advisers should check these restrictions.

In addition to the prerequisites, advisers are waiting to see how some other changes in the new system will work, said Monica Zeigler, academic adviser and chair of the Campus Advising Network.



ERIC HILTNER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Cindy Hernandez, an Alegria family friend, rests Saturday morning after completing the 5K Run for Glory in Greek Court. Money raised from the event will go toward a scholarship in honor of Glorivette Alegria, an Eastern student who died at home during last year's spring break.

Running for Glory

More than 200 runners turn out to raise money for a memorial scholarship for Glorivette Alegria

By **Matt Hopf**
Student Government Reporter

Running was a passion of Glorivette Alegria.

She finished in the top third of the Chicago Marathon in 2005 and was planning to run it again in 2006.

Craig Clendening, Alegria's cross-country coach at Waubonsie Valley High School in Aurora, described how she really didn't like competition at first, but she really enjoyed being on the team.

He described her as “extremely positive” and “really goal-oriented.”

Glorivette died March 17, 2006, of liver and kidney failure while home on spring break.

On Saturday, more than 200

people ran or walked in her honor in the Run for Glory. The event included a 5K run and a 1-mile fun run/walk for participants.

“There was so much support,” said event coordinator Angie Taylor. “Even people who didn't know her came out.”

“Thank you everyone for being here in Glory's name,” said Alegria's mother, Ivette Alegria-Gorman, before the race for the 5K run.

Her stepfather, Tom Gorman, also spoke to the runners.

“Just remember when running your best, Glory is three steps in front of you,” he said.

Alegria's younger sister, Nancy, started the runners.

Alberto Guevrad, who was a high school teammate of Alegria,

won the men's division by finishing in 18 minutes, 27 seconds. He used Alegria as inspiration.

“Basically keeping her in my thoughts the whole way,” he said. “She was a great person, great teammate.”

Alegria's mother was happy with the turnout.

“It's a great honor to see so many people my daughter touched,” she said.

Proceeds from Run for Glory went to the EIU Glorivette Alegria Scholarship Fund. Taylor said the goal was to raise \$1,500.

“I know we're going to make that,” she said. The total amount raised was not known at press time.

She thinks the event will be a really strong event in the coming

years.

“(Alegria) would have been a senior this year,” Taylor said. “It will be a strong event because people who knew her will still be here.”

In order to start a scholarship on campus, there needs to be a \$5,000 base within five years. The family will decide on the qualifications of the scholarship.

Waubonsie Valley High School has a scholarship for one male and one female track or cross-country runner.

Glory Runners is a running club that competes in races across the country and has raised funds for the scholarship in her name. Another goal is to start a 5K race. For more information, go to www.gloryrunners.com.

UNIVERSITY | PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Sue Kiefer Hammersmith, the third finalist in Eastern's presidential search, speaks Friday during her open interview session.

‘Going to the next level’

Final presidential candidate focuses on faculty, student interactions during interview

By **Graham Milldrum**
University Reporter

Sue Hammersmith has fallen in love with Eastern.

The presidential hopeful was searching Eastern's Web site to learn more about the university, and saw Kim, the student featured on the home page, but paid more attention to the photo's text.

“I love EIU.”

Hammersmith loved the idea.

Every student should be able to feel that way, she said.

She is the last of the three presidential

candidates to visit campus. She interviewed with students, faculty and staff in a series of meetings Friday.

She is the provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay.

The president has to “chart the course” and have a vision, she said.

Hammersmith said all the universities she has worked at have been similar to Eastern with large undergraduate programs and small graduate programs.

She has found that working together is more effective than working alone.

This is a great way to counteract the drift that can develop between student affairs and academic affairs, she said.

Dressing Up for Diabetes



ADAM TEDDER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Caitlin Finnegan, a freshman communication disorders and sciences major, participates in the fashion show held Friday night in the Stevenson Lobby. The event was sponsored by Lincoln Hall as a fundraiser to support the American Diabetes Association. More than 20 million people living in the United States have diabetes, according to the ADA.



To view our slideshow of the fashion show, check out www.dennews.com.

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NATION | ROUNDUP

Senators call for resignation

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House and a key Republican senator reaffirmed support Saturday for Attorney General Alberto Gonzales even as Democrats questioned his credibility for apparently misrepresenting his role in firing eight federal prosecutors.

Critics said the latest document disclosure — more than 280 pages of e-mails, calendar notations and other documents sent to Congress late Friday — bolstered their case for Gonzales' ousting.

Yet one long-time ally who largely has kept quiet about the attorney general's fate issued a statement of support.

"He has always been straightforward and honest with me," said Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah. "So, unless there is clear evidence that the attorney general deliberately lied or misled Congress, I see no reason to call for his resignation."

Gonzales has said he participated in no discussions and saw no memos about plans to carry out the firings on Dec. 7 that Democrats contend were politically motivated.

His schedule, however, shows he attended at least one hour-long meeting, on Nov. 27, where he approved a detailed plan to execute the prosecutors' firings.

Democrats said the new documents appear to show Gonzales was more involved than he claimed earlier.

Smith autopsy released today

MIAMI — The murky circumstances surrounding Anna Nicole Smith's death could become clearer today, when authorities are expected to release the results of the former pinup's autopsy.

The anticipated disclosure of what killed Smith comes more

than six weeks after she was found unresponsive at her hotel suite in Hollywood, Fla.

The autopsy results had been expected weeks ago but have been repeatedly delayed, in part because the Broward County medical examiner, Dr. Joshua Perper, said he received additional evidence from the Seminole Police Department.

The department is investigating the starlet's death because the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino where she was staying is located on tribal land.

Authorities would not disclose what the additional evidence was.

Perper's initial autopsy report was released a day after Smith's death, but he said an extensive battery of tests was being performed to search for all manner of causes.

Perper's initial tests found no evidence, either in Smith's stomach or her bloodstream, that she had taken large amounts of prescription medication.

The medical examiner said prescription drugs, but no illegal drugs, were found in Smith's hotel room. He would not identify the drugs.

Interspecies cloning proposed

SAN FRANCISCO — It was nearly a decade ago that Jose Cibelli plugged his own DNA into a cow's egg in a novel cloning attempt that was condemned as unethical by President Clinton and landed the Michigan State University researcher in a mess of controversy.

Even though Cibelli and his colleagues patented the so-called interspecies cloning technique, they soon abandoned the research as a failure and the uproar subsided.

Now the tempest is brewing all over again.

At least three respected teams of British scientists have reignited the moral debate over inserting

human genes into animal eggs by proposing experiments similar to Cibelli's.

Their goal is to eliminate the need for women to donate eggs for the cloning of human embryos, a research goal they say will enable them to better understand the genetic causes of many diseases and design personalized medicines.

Currently, the few scientists actively pursuing human cloning are hobbled by a nearly nonexistent human egg supply. And each researcher will need thousands of them.

Lawyer in Duke case dies

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Kirk Osborn, a lead defense attorney in the Duke lacrosse sexual assault case, died early Sunday, a fellow defense attorney in the case said.

Osborn had a massive heart attack on Friday and died shortly before 1 a.m. Sunday, attorney Joe Cheshire said.

Osborn represented Reade Seligmann, one of three Duke lacrosse players charged in the case stemming from a dancer's allegation she was sexually assaulted at a team party.

The players were originally indicted on charges of rape, sexual offense and kidnapping, but Durham District Attorney Mike Nifong dropped the rape charges in December after the accuser changed a key detail in her story.

All three have steadfastly maintained their innocence.

"We will never forget Kirk and his sacrifices for Reade and for justice," Seligmann's family said in a statement. "Kirk's fight for the truth and for justice in this case met the highest standards of ethics and professionalism and stand in stark contrast to those who condemned Reade. He is an example of what a lawyer should be."

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Monday, April 2, 2007

5:00 - 5:50 p.m. 1501 Buzzard Hall

Tuesday, April 17, 2007

1:00 - 1:50 p.m. 1501 Buzzard Hall

REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED

The next opportunity to initiate the selection process and apply for University.

Admission to Teacher Education will be during the Summer Semester, 2007.

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Students meet reptiles, laugh all night

Comedian highlights UB's fifth 'Up All Nite'

By Beth Hakett
Senior Activities Reporter

Jen Kober uses harsh statements and shocking language to make her jokes heard.

She made it clear that she does not like skinny people with her own choice of words.

"I don't like being called fat," Kober said. "I'd rather you refer to me as 'hard to kidnap.'"

The basis of Friday's performance was her weight, jokes about herself and people who are skinnier than her.

Kober randomly selected audience members to pick on about one thing or another.

But the crowd found her endearing, despite the insults.

"(Kober) is the funniest comedian we have had all year, and I thought it was funny that she picked on me," said Holli Newcomer, a junior athletic training major and one of Kober's victims for the night.

Kober's performance was the biggest hit Friday night at the fifth University Board-sponsored Up All Nite. The theme for the event was "Around the World."

Activities included spray-painting hats, a caricature artist, foreign food stations, keychain pictures and Snakes Alive, an educational science program that allows students to interact with reptiles.

Among the reptiles were a black and white tegu and an albino Burmese python.

Students would extend their



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Justin Swimm, an airbrush artist, paints a hat on Friday night in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union as a part of 'Up All Nite,' an on-going series of programs sponsored by the University Board.

hands and the tegu would give out little "lizard kisses."

Phillips was apprehensive to hold the Burmese python at first.

She started off by cringing at the sight of the snake, then she decided to pet it and when she realized it wasn't going to hurt her, she held it.

"It was scary and exciting because I have never held a snake before and I know I am very scared of them," Phillips said. "It helped me get over my fear of snakes and I will definitely do it again in the future."

Although the reptiles were a big

hit, Kober was the highlight of the night.

The entire 7th Street Underground Cyber Lounge was filled with students and laughter as she nailed one joke after another.

She said she liked being a comedian since early childhood, and when she got to high school, a teacher placed her into speech class. There she learned quick rhetoric and how to work a crowd.

"Comedy is really all I could ever do," Kober said.

Much of Kober's material sprouts from her own life experiences and she chooses to steer away from

political and racial jokes, as she doesn't have much interest in those, she said.

As the finale of her act, Kober asked if anyone had an upcoming birthday.

Troy Tolan, a freshman math major, raised his hand.

Tolan was invited on stage to sit in a chair and receive a seductive song and dance by Kober.

The audience laughed wildly as Tolan was pet and whispered to.

"This is a birthday that I definitely won't forget," Tolan said. "It was a lot of fun, and she is hilarious."

Fraternity rocks McAfee with jazz, blues

Three bands perform to raise money for Musicians' Village and Habitat for Humanity

By Stacy Smith
Greek Life Reporter

Bob Pennisi has wanted to be a musician since he was in second grade.

Inspired by his father, who played in a rock band, he was encouraged to play musical instruments and still have a solid career.

"My dad doesn't want to see me broken on the streets or screwed out of a career," said Pennisi, the percussionist and backup vocalist of Bad With Names.

After attending Eastern for a year, Pennisi decided to leave school to further his career as a musician.

"Here at EIU, I wasted too much time not practicing enough," he said. "I sat around too much, didn't go to classes and partied too much."

After Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita, many musicians were left in need of help.

Bad With Names, Upon the Eighth Night and the Joe Burress Quartet performed Saturday at McAfee Gym to help raise money for the Musicians' Village and Habitat



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Nick Grill, a senior music major, plays the trumpet during the charity concert put on by Sigma Alpha Iota Friday night at McAfee Gymnasium. The event raised money for Habitat for Humanity and Musicians' Village.

for Humanity. SAI fraternity hosted the event.

"We don't want jazz to leave New Orleans, that is where it was born," said Lindsey Herza, social committee member of SAI.

Jazz and blues started in New Orleans and made music what it is today, she said.

Three members of Bad With Names left Eastern and wanted to return to show friends and peers what they have been doing since they left.

"Even though we're not getting paid, we get to show our friends

what we've done with our time being away," Pennisi said. "Being on stage is exhilarating. It's the best feeling in the world."

Bad With Names recently recorded a demo and plans to put together a promotion package around the Chicago area.

"Every major decision I've made has something to do with music, like college and quitting sports. If anything interfered, it was not an option," Pennisi said.

Some musicians think music can be enjoyed by everyone.

"Music is just an enormous part

of college," Pennisi said. "It breaks language barriers. People don't need to know a certain language to appreciate it."

Joe Burress, member of the Joe Burress Quartet and EIU jazz combo, has played the drums for 13 years.

He thinks the only drawback of music is how time-consuming it is.

"It's a busy life. I wake up at 9 a.m. and don't get out of (McAfee) until 12 a.m.," Burress said.

Mindy Fulling, editor of SIA, was pleased with the turnout, about 45 attendees.

However, some of the musicians were disappointed.

"I expected more people to come," Burress said. "It was on Facebook, and it's a good cause. I thought more musicians would be here to support New Orleans."

Kyle Muskopf, a freshman music education major, said he went to the event to support his classmates.

"It's good socially, good education and good creatively," he said. "You learn how to work with people."

Fulling said the aim was to give people a chance to be in a laidback environment.

"We just wanted people to chill and have fun," Fulling said. "I've had a great time so far, hopefully we can do it in the future and more people will come and help out."

"Death by Alcohol" program sponsored by Sigma Pi

» Sigma Pi is sponsoring an alcohol awareness program 7 - 9 p.m. today in Buzzard Hall Auditorium. The program will be featuring the documentary of Sam Spady and lecture on the dangers of alcohol consumption.

Spady was a 19-year-old Colorado State University student who was found dead in the guest room of CSU's Sigma Pi's chapter house.

— Stacy Smith, Greek Life Reporter

Bottling company wants Greeks to send in label designs

» Crystal Creek Bottling Company is hosting a water label design contest for Greek Life students. All submitted labels were turned in Friday and the deadline for receiving votes has been extended to midnight tonight. Voting will then be done until 5 p.m. Tuesday.

The winner will receive 1,440 water bottles to use for Greek Week, a party thrown by Crystal Creek Bottling Co. with free food from Chubby's. The designer of the label will receive dinner for two at Cody's Road House in Mattoon.

— Stacy Smith, Greek Life Reporter

Center conducts conference on suicide prevention

» The EIU Counseling Center will be conducting its annual conference on suicide prevention at 6 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

There will be a dinner and the center will hold raffles and giveaways.

— Marco Santana, Campus Editor

Student Senate forum to discuss extending bar hours

» The Student Senate external relations committee and shuttle bus committee will hold a forum to get feedback on extending city bar hours and creating a shuttle bus route from the Square to Lincoln Avenue.

The Senate believes that extending bar hours will reduce the number of house parties.

The forum will be at 6 p.m. tonight in the Bridge Lounge of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

ourmistakes

» The increase the University Board will receive was incorrect on page 3 of Friday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*.

The Apportionment Board allotted \$258,432 for UB next year. This is a total of \$14,107 more than what UB was given last year.

The DEN regrets the errors.

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Facebook campaigns lacking depth, issues

(U-WIRE) MARQUETTE, Mich. - With the future presidential election looming, students normally would have to do research in order to make a good decision regarding who will receive their vote. However, in this election, students won't have to look any further than their Facebook accounts; that is, if they want to know which candidate likes the same kind of music they do.

Presidential hopefuls have actually begun to create their own Facebook profiles.

This sort of campaigning, if it can even be called that, has made me question how elections are run. Sure, going on Facebook is a good way to get your name out to college-age students, but do we really need to know that one of former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney's favorite singers is Roy Orbison?

If these candidates want to use Facebook as a means of reaching out to the younger generations, they should at least be informing them on their political views and positions on issues such as education, health care or the Iraq war.

Yet instead of useful information, which citizens should be basing their votes on, we learn that Senator John McCain's favorite book is "For Whom the Bell Tolls" and that one of his interests is baseball.

And some of these presidential hopefuls even leave out some of the basic information that can be found at the top of their profiles.

McCain and Romney don't even state what their political views are. It seems as though they are hesitant to let the world know that, yes, they belong to the Republican Party.

If I were to use these candidates' Facebook profiles as deciding factors in my vote, then I would have to say that McCain receives my vote, because he listed "Seinfeld" as one of his favorite TV shows. How bad could he be if he loves this classic sitcom? Romney would definitely be out, as his taste in music is severely lacking. (I just can't bring myself to vote for someone who enjoys Alan Jackson.) Senators Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama wouldn't even stand a chance, as they have no personal information on their profiles at all. Their lack of candor makes me wonder what they don't want the rest of us to know.

Anyone looking at the walls of these candidates can also see our lack of seriousness when it comes to choosing our next president.

Clinton was called "a goddess" by a supporter. However, looking two wall posts down reveals an Obama supporter who befriended Clinton only to let all of her supporters know, "Life's a bitch, so don't vote for one."

One Facebooker expressed his love for McCain on McCain's wall, while another called him an "insult to true Republicans."

Obama has received over 100 gifts, 79 of which are the foam fingers saying "super" on them. Another of his many wall posts is a chain letter in which he is named as one of the sender's 15 prettiest girls on his friends list.

This infiltration of Facebook by presidential candidates was a bad idea to begin with. Favorite movies and witty quotes should not factor into anyone's decision on who to vote for in any presidential election. However, now that they are on there, perhaps Facebookers can use their profiles for something a little more constructive than sending the candidates gifts of toilet paper and soap to help them clean up the country.

Last week all three candidates for Eastern's presidency were on campus. William Perry, Texas A and M's vice provost; Blair Lord, Eastern's provost and vice president for Academic Affairs and Sue Kiefer Hammersmith, Wisconsin-Green Bay's provost are all being considered of becoming Eastern's next president.

While we at *The Daily Eastern News* are not taking a stance on which candidate is best to run Eastern's campus, we do know the issues we would like the future president to focus on.

Be open with the press. The current president realizes that the press is a vital part of the campus community. The role of the press is to inform the students, whom the administration is here to serve. The new president needs to conduct all university business in an appropriate manner.

Affordability and looking out for students' best interest in Springfield. Eastern has a reputation for an affordable yet quality institution. The future president needs to keep class sizes small, tuition low and fight for more funding in Springfield. It's a hard task, but the three candidates seem up to the challenge.

Campus Safety. While Eastern is one of the safest college campuses in the state, with one criminal sexual assault, seven aggravated batteries, and seven simple batteries reported in 2006 according to Eastern's crime statistics, we realize the campus could be safer. The current administration has worked with the Student Government to make

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The president we need

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Eastern safer. The next president of Eastern should work with the Student Government and expedite the process. Campus safety is an important issue that should not get stuck in committees and red tape.

Put students first. Continue the legacy of current Eastern President Lou Hencken who puts students first. From driving a golf cart on move-in day to attending most athletic events, Hencken has made his presence known on campus to the students. The most powerful person on campus regularly takes time to talk to students. This makes students feel like they are the most important part of the Eastern community. If the next president wants to be as beloved as Lou, he or she needs to do the same.

Give faculty the resources to do their jobs. This includes more computer labs, technology and support. Eastern has a tremendous faculty that works hard to put students first. The new president needs to be willing to work with the faculty in order to get them the resources they need to take

students into the 21st century. This means fighting for more money in Springfield and being an advocate for faculty in order to provide a quality educational institution.

Examine Grant in Aid allocations. Hencken has told *The DEN* that 80 percent of grant and aid funds goes toward athletics because Rich McDuffie, the director of athletics kept asking for it. There is a cap on the amount of grant and aid athletics receives. Athletics cannot receive more than 80 percent of the grant and aid fees. Hencken stated that the only way to lower the amount of grant and aid given to athletics was to cut sports. While this would be controversial, it is needed in order to place the emphasis on academics, not athletics here at Eastern. McDuffie has said there are 500 student athletes at Eastern. It hardly seems fair that these 500 people get the majority of the grand and aid money. The other 11,500 students deserve their fair share of the grant in aid money as well.

Be an academic leader. The new president must be willing to train people to be leaders and be responsible citizens. Educate the masses, not the elite. Eastern is not a flagship school in the state of Illinois. The new president needs to realize that Eastern's goal should be to turn the students that come here into responsible global citizens. Eastern is not the University of Illinois, and the future president needs to remember that when making any decisions for the university.

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"Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush was denied for an honorary degree at the University of Florida, but Bush can still call himself an honorary alumnus."

KEVIN KENEALY



COLUMNIST | ADAM TESTA

Experiencing five stages of grief

My maternal grandfather and I had never been very close.

He mostly kept to himself and did not involve himself in his nieces and nephews' lives very much.

We all knew that he loved us, and we all loved him, but the time spent together never amounted to much.

Long gaps of time would often pass between times that we would talk. Our parents would tell him how we were doing, and he would be interested and care, but I wish I had talked to him more.

The last time I talked to my Grandpa Ray was last summer, and now I will never talk to him again.

I found out yesterday morning that my grandfather had passed away.

While this situation is specific to my life, the deaths of friends and family members are something nearly all students will have to deal with during their years in college.

Each person's situation will be different, but in many ways, they will also be the same.

In her book "On Death and Dying," Elizabeth Kubler-Ross identified the five stages of grief an individual goes through when diagnosed with a terminal illness.

Many people believe these stages also apply to individuals who have lost a loved one.

The five stages of grief are denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance.

In dealing with the loss of a loved one, some of the stages play different roles than in

the diagnosis of a terminal illness. The length of time for each stage also differs based on the individual.

Denial typically does not last long with the loss of someone. After the initial shock and feeling of disbelief, it is hard to deny what has happened.

This does not mean that in our hearts we do not want to believe it untrue; it just means we understand the reality of what has happened.

Anger is a more prominent stage, especially for people our age to experience. We have to find someone to blame; that person who could have done something but failed to do so.

In my case, I instantly became angered that no one had checked in on my grandfather sooner. If someone had stopped by earlier, there is a possibility things may have happened differently.

Though we often know there is no one to blame, we feel as if someone else has to be held responsible.

Bargaining applies more to individuals with terminal illness diagnoses more than a loss because they try to offer something in exchange.

People who have lost someone will sometimes wish they could offer themselves instead, but this is not usually a major stage in dealing with grief.

After bargaining is depression, and this is where students really struggle to deal with

grief.

Depression can hit hard and heavy when suffering a loss. In these instances, it is important for people to try to find a way to comfort themselves and express their feelings.

In this stage, students experiencing grief should try to find counsel with friends, family and professional counselors.

While it may be hard for students to express their feelings to professionals, they should at least find comfort in being around friends and family.

The final stage is acceptance. This is important for individuals to achieve. While acceptance adds closure to the situation, remembrance is also an important stage.

These individuals were our loved ones, the ones close to us. We need to always remember those that we lost and that they will always be part of our lives. They will never be forgotten.

Adam Testa



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» Registration

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"One of the things that we may be concerned about is that when students are allowed to register, everyone is allowed to register at the same time," Zeigler said. "We're not quite sure how the system is going to take all of these students at one time."

She said the university does not expect that high traffic in the system will cause a problem, but this is a change from the previous system. Under the old system, students registered on different

days according to the last digits of their Social Security numbers. But now, on April 23, the first day of registration for freshmen, all students will have access to the system as of 6 a.m.

"As advisers, we're telling all of our students you better get up, you better get on the system," Zeigler said.

She's also telling her students about the new course reference numbers they will need to register for appropriate classes. Instead of a course number, students will need to use a five-digit number to register for each course.

Students will also need to have

their alternate PIN number, which should be assigned to them by their advisers.

"We're moving to a more automated system overall, so students have to get an alternate PIN number to register," Zeigler said.

The PIN number will require students to see their advisers before registering and also prevent other advisers from flagging a student to register. Before the new program, any adviser could flag any student, allowing them to register, Zeigler said.

Another change in the new system is going to add another

step in the process for priority registration students.

Now, those students will be registering the same day as seniors, April 2, but they won't be able to register on their own.

"In order to maintain priority registration for students, the staff will be registering them," Irwin said.

All honors students who are not already seniors must make an appointment with the Honors College so that a staff member can register them early. Priority registration students outside of the Honors College have had to make different accommodations as well.

Three staff members at the Honors College will register students in 10-minute increments throughout the week.

Irwin has contacted honors programs at other universities that also use the Banner course registration system to ask how they go about priority registration. She hopes to find a different way to register in the future.

"I think it's too soon to tell what kind of impact (Banner is) going to have on the way we do business," Irwin said. "Change is always going to create some anxiety. What I've seen of the other systems of Banner, I'm very happy with."

» Candidate

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"I believe in the idea of collective intelligence," she said.

Planning committees on campus should decide issues like capping enrollment or making the institution more selective, she said.

She explained that presidents, no matter who they are, cannot be as smart as all of the people in the university, so presidents should rely on others to help them make decisions.

Hammersmith said she didn't know the institution or area very well. That is her first priority for work, she said.

Her advantages over the other two candidates include her high energy and strong work ethic, she said.

She has been told she is good with conflict resolution, and is aware of the worth of time used to work out differences.

Hammersmith also confessed an

imperfection.

"If I have one flaw, it may be that I am too open," she said.

Hammersmith was asked about her role as a finalist for another presidential position at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. When asked which job she would prefer, she hesitated.

"I won't answer your question," she said.

But she did offer some personal information.

"Well, my brother keeps telling me that I would only be two hours and 23 minutes away from his house," she said.

Her mother would be a little more than three hours away. She has two daughters who live in Indiana.

But she said there was more than just geography behind her decision to work at Eastern.

"You have a good university," she said.

If hired, Hammersmith said one of her first tasks would be putting on a T-shirt and helping with move-in day - a good way to be visible

and get in contact with students.

Hammersmith said she thinks there are many ways to ensure that students are involved with their campus.

She mentioned Greek Life, athletics and the arts as ways for students to be involved.

To improve involvement, Hammersmith mentioned a few plans.

One was to schedule programming on weekends to encourage students to stay on campus.

Hammersmith said a university needs "a campus life students want."

She gave the example of a coffee house that was built on Green Bay's campus. Students helped plan and design the conversion of a lounge into the coffee house.

Now it's packed every day, she said. Additions to campus that students want is crucial to avoid becoming a "suitcase school."

Hammersmith also addressed the state of higher education.

"Higher education is at a real challenge," she said, mostly because of the reduction in funding from the state.

In ensuring funding, Hammersmith said the president has an external role, mostly to deal with private and corporate donors.

She described Eastern's promotional budget as "teeny tiny" and that it should be expanded.

This would help the president increase awareness of the university, something she feels is a major flaw.

She said someone told her that "Eastern was the best-kept secret" in Illinois.

"I see Eastern going to the next level," if she takes over, she said. She wants to focus on new programs and the lack of recognition of Eastern.

"You're not an institution struggling to decide who they want to be when they grow up," Hammersmith said.

That is why she thinks Eastern does not need drastic changes. "You have so many things just right," she said.

Student Senate Speaker Kent Ohms asked Hammersmith about her personal philosophy on higher education.

"It's good," she said with a laugh.

She went on to say it is vital for a democracy and strong economy.

Regarding Eastern's focus on teaching, Hammersmith said that it is important to balance research and teaching since they strengthen one another.

She said private fundraising, another question topic, is based on a personal relationship. She compared it to a couple, where one spouse has to travel and visit the other.

"They don't give to a proposal or hypothesis, they give to an institution," Hammersmith said.


Forum attendees were encouraged to fill out a comment form to return to the Presidential Search Advisory Committee.

"I expect we will see thousands of responses," said Amanda Raz, student representative on the committee.

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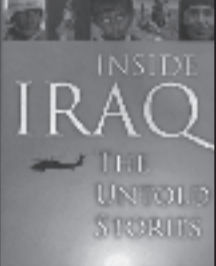



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Night at the opera

Tribute to Mozart held in McAfee Gym features Eastern vocal student who performed in Italy



NORA MABERRY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Members of Eastern's Symphony Orchestra perform during "A Mozart Tribute" Sunday in McAfee Gymnasium. The orchestra is composed of Eastern students, staff and local citizens.

By Ashley Mefford
Activities Reporter

Dane Thomas' summer trip to Italy last year was used to his advantage.

Thomas, a senior music education major, went to Italy to play the role of Figaro in Mozart's "Le nozze di Figaro." It was this trip that gave him more experience as an opera singer. Thomas was the featured soloist at the Eastern Symphony Orchestra's concert Sunday.

"The best part about the concert is getting the opportunity to perform with an orchestra," Thomas said.

Several groups performed at the concert: The Symphonic Honors Initiative Program (SHIP), Eastern Symphony Orchestra Brass Ensemble, the Eastern Symphony Orchestra and the Eastern Symphony Chamber Orchestra.

SHIP is an outreach program for high school and middle school children in Coles County and the nearby areas.

Thomas received the solo because of a competition.

"It is an annual competition that is open to all music majors," said Parker Melvin, the chair of Eastern's music department.

The concert's title was "A Mozart Tribute." Mozart composed all of the songs performed at the concert.

Preparing for this concert was lengthy because Mozart is difficult to learn for a symphony, said Richard Rossi, Eastern's Symphony Orchestra conductor.

"Mozart's last symphony was the hardest part of preparing for this concert because it was written almost at the romantic period," Rossi said.

Rossi said it took the Eastern Symphony Orchestra and the Eastern Symphony Chamber Orchestra, the two groups that he conducted, two months to prepare for the concert.

Rossi said the best part of conducting is seeing his students make music.

"You have to know when to get out of the way and when you're needed; the students make the music and I conduct," Rossi said.

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TRACK AND FIELD | SALUKI INVITATIONAL

Hogue wins javelin at Saluki Invitational

Blondell wins steeplechase for Panther women

By Kevin Murphy
Associate Sports Editor



Jill Blondell

Junior runner won the steeplechase, a 3,000 meter race with hurdles and water obstacles with a time of 11 minutes, 26.30 seconds. The time was a personal best for Blondelle.



Austin Hogue

Senior thrower won the javelin at the Saluki Invitational with a throw of 59.13 meters. Hogue's personal best throw is 66.37 meters, which he threw at the 2006 NCAA Midwest regionals.

AUSTIN HOGUE | SENIOR THROWER

"I had to bounce back... I felt more comfortable with my approach."

The first day of the Saluki Invitational on Friday did not go well for senior thrower Austin Hogue.

Hogue did not throw qualify for the finals of the hammer throw at Carbondale.

"I've had to bounce back," Hogue said.

Hogue's first-day letdowns turned into second-day victories. Hogue won the javelin and placed in fifth in the discus throw on Saturday.

"It's going to take a while to get his rhythm," said men's head coach Tom Akers.

Hogue won the javelin with a throw of 59.13-meters.

"I felt more comfortable with my approach," Hogue said.

Although the throw is not his best this season, Hogue said he is pleased where he is. Hogue threw 61.54-meters at the Georgia Relays on March 17.

Hogue's personal best throw is 66.37-meters at 2006's NCAA Midwest Regionals

Throws coach Mary Wallace said that Hogue did not quite hit everything on Sunday.

The senior from Tuscola threw 48.05-

meters in the discus throw.

Jason Carruthers of Indiana State won the discus with a throw of 52.08-meters.

Senior thrower Jimmy Schultz placed eighth in the discus throw with a throw of 46.24-meters.

"He's getting to the front of the ring and in the right position," Hogue said of Schultz.

The Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Shot Put Champion placed third in the shot put with a throw of 15.43-meters.

Brenton Siemons of Southern Illinois won the event with a throw of 16.95-meters, which is a regional qualifying mark. Schultz did have a successful hammer throw because he fouled each time.

In other action, junior sprinter Brenton Pegues took third in the 400-meter dash and set a new personal record of 47.69 seconds.

Pegues also took third in the 200-meter dash and finished in a time of 22.32 seconds.

"He's starting to get a little more aggressive," Akers said. "He has a very long stride. That stride becomes more of an asset (in the outdoor season)."

Akers said Pegues' longer stride helps him during the outdoor season because the turns are wider than in the indoor season. The men's squad finished fifth out of 12 teams with 55 points. Indiana State won the men's team title with 142 points.

On the women's side, junior Jillian Blondell won the steeplechase.

The steeplechase is a 3,000-meter race with hurdles and water obstacles.

"She got much better as the race went on," said senior Nicole Flounders.

Flounders said the runners started out slow, which was good for Blondell, who Flounders said has more endurance.

Blondell won the event in 11 minutes, 26.30 seconds.

"Jill's a great example of someone setting her mind," Wallace said.

It is a personal record for Blondell as she moves into third place all-time on Eastern's list.

Junior Kim Archer took fifth in the steeplechase and finished in a time of 11:50.90.

Sophomore Nicole Walcott jumped 5.03-meters to place second. Santia Spight of Indiana State won the high jump (5.05-meters).

Sophomore Tricia Gaumer placed fourth in the pole vault with a jump of 3.35-meters.

The women's squad finished seventh of 13 teams with 63.5 points.

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FROM PAGE 12

But why? Why not "step it up" or "make it count" when a team isn't in conference play?

Samford men's basketball head coach Jimmy Tillette was about the only OVC coach to admit the league was down this past season.

"If you look at games outside the conference, the quality wins are not there," Tillette said Jan. 22.

It was evident in the NCAA men's basketball tournament, where league representative Eastern Kentucky drew a No. 16 seed.

Way to represent the mid-major label by being seeded as one of the worst teams in the 65-team field.

Men's and women's basketball in the OVC plays a ridiculously long conference schedule (20 games) so most of the focus should be placed on the OVC race.

But this doesn't mean schedule easy wins against NAIA schools (Eastern 64, Indiana South Bend 49 or Samford 83, Tennessee Temple 59 in men's basketball this year).

Eastern baseball was picked by Baseball America to win the OVC this year.

The Panthers have struggled on their way to a 7-11 start, but wait - they've won two of their first three OVC games.

Which, in a strategic sense, is a smart move.

Only one team from the league will make the NCAA baseball tournament, and that's whoever wins the league tournament.

With only the top six teams making the OVC Tournament, every conference game takes on a magnitude of 100 times more importance than a non-conference game.

But if that's so, why even play the non-conference games?

Yes, experience and preparation for sacred conference season are reasons, but teams just can't click it on and off for conference games.

It brings inconsistent performances and hinders OVC schools' chances to have more teams play on a national stage in postseason tournaments.

In women's soccer, the Panthers have compiled a 5-13-1 non-conference record the last two years.

But wait, conference play is a different season: at least it has been in Tim Nowak's first two years as Eastern's head coach.

His teams are 10-2-6 in OVC play, finishing in the top three of the conference the last two years.

Eastern softball is off to a rough 10-15 start. The Panthers have played tough competition this year, traveling out to California during spring break, compiling a 2-4 record while there.

All this tough non-conference play is designed to help the team once conference play starts.

But the 1-5 OVC mark Eastern has so far does not show that.

In OVC softball this year, Tennessee Tech is the dominant team and it seems it will be a fight for whoever finishes second.

In a league such as the OVC, which will only qualify one team for postseason play in each sport the majority of the time, league play is crucial.

For the league to grow and expand on a national scale, though, teams need to start treating non-conference play more seriously.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS | EASTERN 6, AUSTIN PEAY 1

Panthers ace OVC matches at Austin Peay

Identical high scores highlight both teams' smashing focus

By Kevin Murphy
Associate Sports Editor

On Sunday, the men's and women's tennis teams won at Austin Peay in their fifth Ohio Valley Conference match of the season.

The men and women prevailed with identical 6-1 scores.

"We've focused on coming out with energy," said Eastern head coach John Blackburn.

In women's competition, junior Sandra Sasidharan remained undefeated in singles competition (15-0) and won at No. 1 singles, 6-2 and 6-3.

Blackburn said Sasidharan played

focused to remain undefeated.

"It feels good (to be undefeated), but it's not over yet," Sasidharan said.

Sophomore Natalie Martin (14-1) got back on the winning track after dropping her first match of the season to St. Louis on Tuesday.

"She came back," Sasidharan said. "I'm really happy for her."

Martin, at No. 2 singles, won on Sunday in straight sets, 6-0 and 6-0.

"She really showed a lot of guts this weekend," Blackburn said.

In women's doubles competition, all three pairs won to earn the point for the Panthers. The men won five of their six singles matches against the Governors, with the only loss coming at No. 3 singles.

In doubles competition, the Panther men (10-3, 3-2 OVC) won two of the three doubles matches.

MEN'S TENNIS RESULTS

»Singles	Results
Chuck Levaque- No. 1 Singles	W 6-3, 6-0
Vuk Milicevic-No. 2 Singles	W 6-3, 6-1
Brandon Lenfert- No. 3 Singles	L 3-6, 6-7 (10-4)
Chris Thomas- No. 4 Singles	W 3-6, 6-2, 6-4
Jeff Rutherford- No. 5 Singles	W 6-3, 6-1
Jordan Nestrud- No. 6 Singles	W 6-2, 6-3
»Doubles	
Milicevic/Lenfert- No. 1 Doubles	L 8-5
Bush/Thomas- No. 2 Doubles	W 8-6
Levaque/Nestrud- No. 3 Doubles	W 8-5

Thomas and junior Sean Bush won at the No. 2 doubles, 8-6. Chuck Levaque and Jordan Nestrud won at No. 3 doubles, 8-5. Vuk Milicevic and senior Brandon Lenfert lost at No. 1 doubles, 8-5.

On Saturday, the men and

women (8-7, 3-2) also won by identical 5-2 scores against Tennessee-Martin.

Eastern men defeated the Skyhawks 5-2. The women defeated the 2005 and 2006 OVC Champions Skyhawks 5-2 as well.

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A confidence-building win

Jacoby's complete game shutout ends Panthers' conference losing streak

By Matt Daniels
Sports Editor

Eastern head coach Kim Schuette gathered her team in the outfield before the start of Sunday's game against Samford.

The message she delivered at Bulldog Field: play with confidence.

"We needed to come home with a win, at least to leave with something positive," said Eastern sophomore pitcher Kathleen Jacoby.

Jacoby did her part to make sure Eastern returned to Charleston with some confidence.

Jacoby threw a complete game — a four-hit shutout in Eastern's 2-0 win against Samford.

The win ended the Panthers' five-game conference losing streak, which was 8-3 and 2-1 in Saturday's doubleheader against Samford.

The right-handed Panther, who

KIM SCHUETTE | HEAD COACH

"Sarah's a gamer and she's a fighter. She led off the game with a shot. She just hit the ball hard (Sunday) and she's just putting the ball in play."

hadn't won since Feb. 25 against Tulsa, kept the Bulldog hitters off balance all game by getting ahead of their hitters, Schuette said. "They just couldn't get on her screwball and rise ball," Schuette said.

The shutout was Jacoby's first of the year and eighth of her career.

Jacoby needed to have a stellar pitching performance, with Bulldog starter Stephanie Royall also baffling Eastern hitters.

Panther second baseman Sarah Coppert had Royall figured out by Coppert's third at-bat.

Royall had a no-hitter entering the fifth inning, before Eastern's center fielder Angela Danca singled to left. Danca advanced to second on an error by the Bulldog left fielder and then to third on a sacrifice bunt by freshman Denee' Menzione.

Freshman Stephanie Militello,

pinch-hitting for Jacoby, was hit by a pitch, and then stole second base.

Coppert, who had struck out in her previous at-bat against Royall, came up and lined a groundball between first and second base.

The opposite-field single scored Danca and Militello to give Eastern a 2-0 lead.

"Sarah's a gamer and she's a fighter," Schuette said. "She led off the game with a shot. She just hit the ball hard (Sunday) and she's just putting the ball in play."

The Bulldogs threatened in the bottom of the fifth, getting a runner on base before Eastern catcher Sandyn Short threw a runner out trying to steal second.

Another Samford player singled before Jacoby got the next Bulldog batter to foul out and end the inning.

Jacoby did not allow a hit in

the final two innings, striking out two in the seventh inning to secure Eastern's 10th win this year.

Coppert said she was glad the Panthers' came through with the win on Sunday.

"Our team would have been pretty mad to come home with two sweeps in the first two weekends of conference play," she said.

Eastern 2, Samford 0

Inning by Inning	R	H	E
EIU	0	0	0
SAM	0	0	0

WP: Jacoby, Kathleen (5-6) LP: Royall, Stephanie (9-7)

E - Jacoby - EIU; Pearce, Liz, Reeves, Rachael, Simao, Brittany, - SAM. HBP: Militello, Stephanie - EIU. LOB - EIU 4; SAM 7. 2B Pearce - SAM. SB: Militello; Brackett, Lauren - EIU; Reeves - SAM. SH: Menzione, Denee' - EIU; Pearce; Reeves - SAM. CS: Coppert, Sarah - EIU, Metcalf, Jeslyn (2) - SAM.

Key Inning: Top of the Fifth Eastern scored in the top of the fifth when Sophomore Sarah Coppert singled through the right side to score Militello and Angela Danca.

» Series

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Tech head coach Matt Bragga said Huber, who finished the weekend 8-for-13 with 2 home runs, 3 runs scored and 3 RBIs, should be the conference's player of the week this upcoming week. Bragga said Tech's pitchers didn't make any special adjustments to Huber.

"We really don't make it into too big of a deal," Bragga said. "But that kid's dynamite. He's a one-man wrecking crew."

Leftfielder Mark Chagnon said Huber's play in the first inning

helped the Panthers get off to a good start, which was not the case in the second game of the series.

"(We) try to come out of the chute, try to put up a couple runs and try to bury a team," Chagnon said. "In the second game that didn't happen but we came out and scored early today."

Right fielder Casey Spears had a base hit to left field that brought in two runs in the third inning to give Eastern a 5-0 lead. The score remained 5-0 until the sixth inning when the Panthers brought in three more runs.

Nommensen started the

Eastern 9, Tennessee Tech 2

Inning by Inning	R	H	E
TTU	0	0	0
EIU	2	0	3

WP: Manns, Mike (1-0) LP: Cole, Zac (1-2)

E: Cole - TTU; Huber, Erik, Campbell, Ryan, Varrasi, Adam - EIU DP EIU 2; TTU 3. LOB - EIU 10; TTU 14. 2B - Peppenhorst, Kyle, Campbell - EIU. 3B: Nommensen, Brett - EIU. HR: Huber - EIU. HBP Nelson, Goodwin, New, Reilly - TTU. SH: Wardlow - TTU. SF: Meinhart, - TTU; Chagnon, Mark, - EIU. SB - Nommensen, - EIU.

Key Inning: Bottom of the First Sophomore CF Brett Nommensen singled before senior 1B Erik Huber homered to put Eastern up 2-0 early in the game.

inning off with a triple to right field, and then was brought in by a sacrifice fly from Chagnon. Huber singled and scored on catcher Kory

Peppenhorst's opposite-field double to left field. Starting pitcher Mike Manns didn't allow a run in 5 2/3 innings work, despite allowing seven hits. Nommensen got Manns out of a jam in the second inning when he threw a Tech runner trying to score out at home plate.

Nommensen said the win to start off OVC play was especially a big deal because they didn't get off to a good start last year.

Eastern went 1-2 in last year's opening series, also against Tech.

"We have come away 1-2 a lot on the first weekend," Schmitz said.

» Schmitz

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The Panthers struggled to a 17-39 record that year, leaving Schmitz

one win shy of the record heading into the 2006 season.

Schmitz broke that record when Eastern beat Wisconsin-Milwaukee 3-2 in the Panthers' second game last year.

Schmitz joined his team in shallow right field after Saturday's win and not much was made of his win.

"He was extremely calm about the whole thing," Derbak said.

Schmitz said he was glad his wife and two of his three daughters were there to see the win.

"It's been a good fit for me and my family," Schmitz said of his time at Eastern. "They follow what I do

Softball bus catches fire

No injuries to team reported

By Matt Daniels
Sports Editor

The bus carrying Eastern's softball team back from Birmingham, Ala. on Sunday blew out one of its tires and caught on fire, said Eastern head softball coach Kim Schuette.

The incident happened shortly before 5 p.m., with the team traveling on Interstate 65.

Schuette said the tire blew out, and she and the bus driver went to check out the situation. Schuette said flames were coming from underneath the bus and she called 911.

The small fire was put out, and the team and players went to a truck stop nearby.

No players were hurt and no equipment was damaged.

Schuette said at 7:45 p.m. that the team had managed to secure another bus to take home and expected to leave the Birmingham area by 9 p.m.

The damaged bus belonged to Peoria Charter Company and the new bus was from the Birmingham area, Schuette said.

The bus incident culminated a weekend of adventure for the Panther softball team.

When the team arrived Friday night in Birmingham at the Drury Inn, the hotel did not have reservations for Eastern.

Schuette said she called the hotel last week to confirm the reservations and also did on Wednesday. However, Schuette said the hotel had nine rooms available, so the team was able to stay there.

and it makes you feel real proud as a dad that they're out here. Of all the places I've been, this is where I've been the longest. To be able to do something long means I guess they like what I'm doing."

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Eastern baseball head coach Jim Schmitz (above) earned his 500th career win this weekend and also saw his team start out conference play well. Senior first baseman Erik Huber led the way offensively for Eastern. Huber reached base five times in Saturday's win, and went 4-for-5 with two home runs in Sunday's win. Here are three other observations from this weekend's series:

- 1. Derbak can deal** — Freshman Richie Derbak starts at second base, but he can also help Eastern out on the mound. He allowed one run in the ninth inning and preserved Eastern's 9-7 win after entering the game with the bases loaded and no outs.
- 2. Too many runners left on base** — The Panthers scored 21 runs this weekend. In Saturday's win, 13 Panthers were left on base, while 10 were left on in Sunday's win.
- 3. Campbell needs to produce** — Senior third baseman Ryan Campbell is one double away from breaking the program's all-time doubles record. But, he only finished the weekend 2-for-13 and dropped in the batting lineup.

—Matt Daniels

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'Stepping it up for conference'

Saying the Ohio Valley Conference is a respectable mid-major is a stretch. It's more like a low mid-major. In all the sports in the Ohio Valley Conference, one common theme all head coaches at every member school have stressed is the importance of conference play. "We must do well in OVC play" or "Conference is the time it matters" or "We'll step it up once conference play" starts are all words heard by members of the media who cover OVC sports.

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BASEBALL | HISTORIC VICTORY

Schmitz reaches milestone

Eastern's 9-7 win Saturday gives coach his 500th career win

By Matt Daniels
Sports Editor

Jim Schmitz didn't let on that he had just won his 500th career game as a college baseball head coach.

Schmitz didn't jump for joy, or pump his fist or let out a big yell. His players didn't douse him with a Gatorade bath or present him with plaques commemorating the historic win.

Schmitz simply stood, walked out, shook hands with his players and received a congratulatory hug from his 12-year-old daughter, Hannah.

The Panthers pulled out a 9-7 win in the first game of Saturday's doubleheader against Tennessee Tech to give Schmitz the historic win.

"He came up to us and said it was a good win for him," said senior first baseman Erik Huber. "He said 'Let's go out and play another game.' It was very brief but we said congratulations."

"That's how he is," said Eastern senior third baseman Ryan Campbell. "He never really gets too up or too down. After the game, it's a good job and he lets us know what we need to work on."

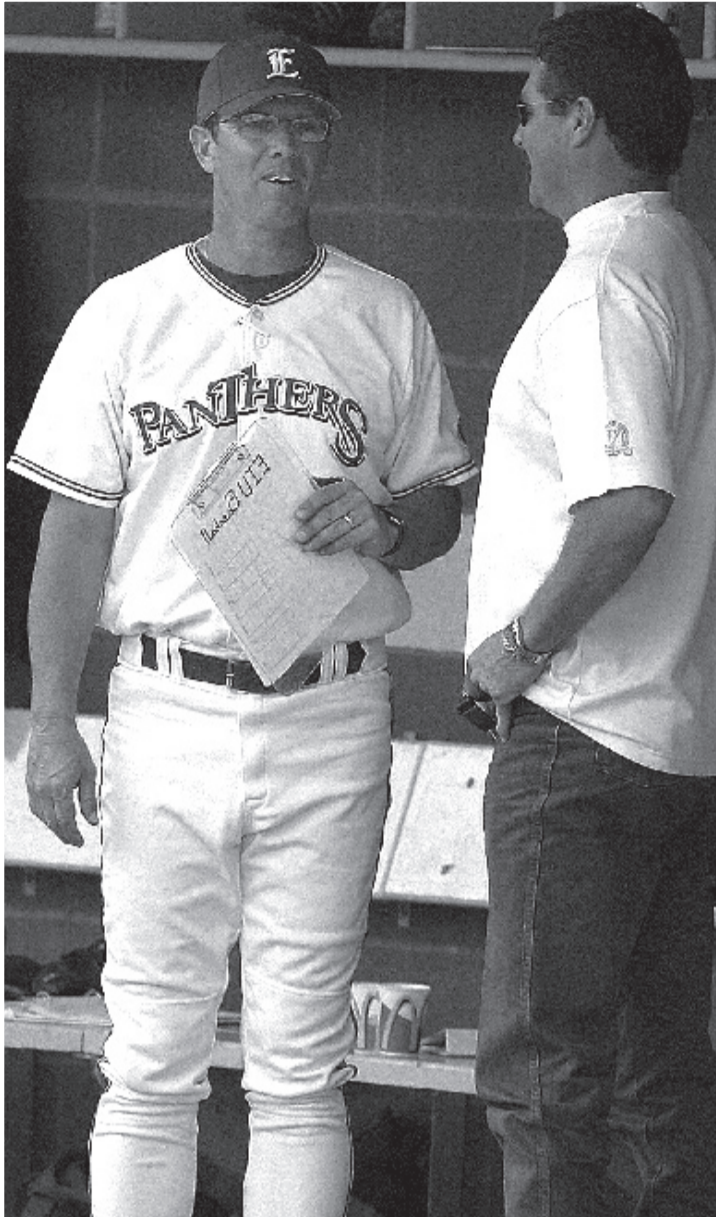
The Panthers led 9-6 going into the ninth, but didn't make it easy for Schmitz and the team to win.

Tech loaded the bases with no outs, prompting Schmitz to stand for the only time that inning. He headed out to the pitcher's mound to replace Mike Budde with freshman Richie Derbak, Eastern's closer.

Derbak, who said he didn't know about Schmitz being close to career win No. 500 until this weekend, retired all three hitters he faced to give Eastern the win.

"Coach Schmitz is a great guy," said Tech head coach Matt Bragga. "I've known him now for about three years and I just congratulate him and hope I can get that many."

Other than the visit to change pitchers, Schmitz sat against Eastern's dugout wall, calmly signaling in pitches to freshman catcher Kory Peppenhorst.



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Head coach Jim Schmitz talks to Eastern alumn and former NFL player Jeff Gossett after winning his 500th career game at Coaches Stadium on Saturday.

He leaned forward with two outs and Derbak got a 0-2 count on Tech's Thomas Nelson.

Nelson hit Derbak's next pitch to Campbell at third base, with Campbell then throwing across the field to Huber for the game's final out.

"It's a good accomplishment for him," said Huber, who went 3-for-4 in the win and reached base five times. "He's a great coach, knows what he's doing out there. I was luckily a part of his 300th (win at Eastern) last year. Those things we like to get for our coaches."

Schmitz, who also has been the head coach at Wilmington College in Ohio and at Cincinnati, is in his 13th year at Eastern.

Schmitz said he is glad the wait

for win No. 500 is over.

"It came up in the ninth in my mind," Schmitz said about the milestone. "I hate to admit that. I was like 'Get it over, let's go Derbak. Please.' Because the others have been long."

One of the other significant wins in Schmitz's coaching career at Eastern happened last year, when Schmitz won his 300th game at Eastern.

The win also made him the Panthers' all-time highest winning coach.

However, the win came later than expected for Schmitz, who was expected to break the record during the 2005 season.

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JIM SCHMITZ'S CAREER HEAD COACHING RECORD

» At Wilmington (Ohio) College:

Year	Record
1984	13-21
1985	22-20
1986	26-19
TOTAL	61-60

» At Cincinnati:

Year	Record
1987	31-21
1988	28-21
1989	21-30
1990	23-29
TOTAL	103-101

» At Eastern:

Year	Record
1995	28-19
1996	25-22
1997	25-28
1998	37-16
1999	33-23
2000	22-33
2001	35-20
2002	25-26
2003	26-31
2004	26-30
2005	17-39
2006	31-24
2007	7-11
TOTAL	337-322
OVERALL	501-483

KEY DATES IN SCHMITZ'S QUEST FOR WIN NO. 500

- 1984** — picked up first career win at Wilmington College
- 1987** — hired as head coach at Cincinnati
- 1988** — picked up career win No. 100 while at Cincinnati
- 1991** — became an assistant at Mississippi
- Aug. 31, 1994** — hired as Eastern's head coach
- 1996** — picked up career win No. 200 while at Eastern
- 1999** — picked up career win No. 300 while at Eastern
- 2003** — picked up career win No. 400 while at Eastern
- March 24, 2007** — picked up career win No. 500 while at Eastern

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Panthers loosen up for series win

Having fun marks good start for team in Ohio Valley Conference play

By Brandy Provaznik
Staff Reporter

Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz said being loose throughout Sunday's game against Tennessee Tech helped the Panthers win their opening Ohio Valley Conference series.

The Panthers won the first game of Saturday's doubleheader 9-7 but lost the second game 7-3, making Sunday's 9-2 victory crucial to having Eastern start off OVC play with a winning record.

"Coach told us before the game that we looked a little tense in the second game (on Saturday)," said



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Senior first baseman Erik Huber is congratulated by his teammates after hitting a solo home run during Eastern's victory against Tennessee Tech at Coaches Stadium on Sunday.

first baseman Erik Huber. "He just told us to have fun and play loose and I think that played a big factor."

Huber's hitting on Sunday had a big factor in giving Eastern the win.

Huber went 4-for-5 on the day,

with two home runs and three RBIs and is currently on a 16 game-hitting streak.

Huber hit a two-run home run to left field in the first inning, and then followed that up with a solo home run to lead off the third inning. Huber said starting the game off with two home runs was good but as for the hitting streak he doesn't pay too much attention to it.

"You think about it when you read about it and everyone's writing, but once the game starts you don't think about that," Huber said. "You're just in the box and hopefully you get a hit for the team."

And Huber did get a hit at every at-bat except for striking out to end the seventh inning.

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