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CAMPUS | VOTING

Candidates revealed for Student Government elections

Jordan, Murphy running for student body president

By BOB BAJEK

Student Government Editor

The candidates running for the April 6 and 7 Student Government elections were officially

announced Thursday.

Student Senate members Ron Jordan and Michelle Murphy are running for student body president.

Jordan, a first-semester senator and junior corporate communications major, is a candidate for the new party, Students for Change.

He is also a running back on the Eastern football team.

"I think there should be some change in our Student Government," Jordan said. "Our Student Government isn't represented well by athletes on campus. I think myself being a member on the executive board can shine some positive light on the athletic community and the minority community."

Jordan said he disagrees with the internal emphasis the Student Senate has had this year.

"We sit here and argue about bylaws and the constitution and all of these things every week when we could be doing projects," Jordan said. "We could be having town hall style meetings and helping students in many ways instead of arguing about things not important to the student body."

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LOCAL | PARKS

Lincoln Log Cabin waits to reopen

By JOE ASTROUSKI

City Editor

At first glance, the small herd of sheep and the few cars in the gravel parking lots may seem the only signs of life at the Lincoln Log Cabin Historic Site near Lerna.

Nearly four months after state budget cuts forced the site to close, site manager Matthew Mittlestaedt is working to preserve the historic park for the day when it opens its doors again.

"I wear many hats these days," Mittlestaedt said. "It's really about constant vigilance to make sure we preserve these things for the next generation."

The historic site includes a 1930s recreation of the home of Abraham Lincoln's father and stepmother, as well as Sargent Farm, a house built in the 1840s.

Although none of the buildings at the site are open to visitors, the park itself is open to the public, since federal conservation funds help fund a lake on the property.

"The grounds themselves are open to provide access to our recreation areas for fishing," Mittlestaedt said. "But (visitors) can't go inside right now."

The Lincoln Sargent Farm Foundation, a local group that has long funded educational programs at the site, plans to open the site for students this summer, he said.

The foundation will hold its annual "Fifth-grade Live-in," during which fifth grade students visit the farm for a day and learn how children lived during the 1800s.



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The educational center and the gift shop stand empty and without tourists at the Lincoln Log Cabin historical site on Thursday in Lerna after it was closed down due to budget cuts. The center is still accessible to the public although all historical buildings are closed and the reenactors are gone.

They will also hold a weekly program during the summer for students from ages 10 to 17.

"They get the chance to learn what life was like in the 19th Century," Mittlestaedt said. "We are interpreting life in the 1800s through activities."

Those activities include learn-

ing how to perform basic chores and activities from the 1800s.

The foundation is working with Eastern's historical administration department to design an exhibit to go on display at the site this summer, he said.

State Rep. Chapin Rose, R-

Mahomet, said, while Gov. Pat Quinn has expressed a desire to reopen closed historic sites around the state, it is unlikely that will happen during the current fiscal year, which ends in July.

"Right now, there's no money," Rose said. "The (governor's) spending authorities aren't there."

Rose said all Illinois state parks have been re-opened, adding that he hopes historic sites will be too.

"I hope that we'd be funding all the historic sites next year," Rose said.

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'CARMEN' OPENS



ERIN MATHENY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Kent Conrad, left, accompanies Emily Miller, right, as she sings "Pres des remparts de Seville" from the opera "Carmen" on Thursday afternoon in the Recital Hall of the Doudna Fine Arts Center. Miller sang as part of a masters class featuring Metropolitan Opera tenor Matthew Polenzani.

CAMPUS | DINING

Taylor Dining Hall issues receipts for to-go meals

By KRISTIN JORDING

Staff Reporter

Taylor Dining is cracking down on students who take more than one meal per swipe.

To stop this problem, Taylor Dining started issuing receipts for students getting food to go.

Panther Dining noticed many students would sit down and eat in Taylor and then also take food home in a to-go container.

Students would sometimes try to take two meals to go, said Jody Horn, director of Panther Dining.

"When customers take two or three meals at a time without being charged, it adds up and affects everyone's costs," she said.

Some people eat more than oth-

ers, and some meals are not eaten.

Both of these factors are taken into account when figuring out the cost of a meal plan, Horn said.

If the results at Taylor are positive, the policy might be implemented in other dining halls, she said.


Prior to the new rule, students could enter the food line as they pleased, and tell the server they needed a to-go meal.

Now, when students want their meal to go, they first have to get a receipt at the swiping station when they enter.

They then show the receipt to the person behind the food counter for proof.

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CAMPUS | PHOTO OF THE DAY

Sleeping the day away



KAROLINA STRACK | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

With no visitors or re-enactors around, a ram sleeps during the early afternoon Thursday in a fenced area at the Lincoln Log Cabin historical site in Lerna. The site closed down after former Governor Rod Blagojevich made tax cuts in the state budget.

ENTERTAINMENT | A DAILY LOOK

Singer Sting prepares to sell red wine

The Associated Press

ROME — After singing “Fields of Gold,” British rock star Sting is tending fields of grapes as he prepares to market red wine made at his country estate in Tuscany.

Some 30,000 bottles of wine produced on the property will go on sale in September, mainly in Britain and the United States, Paolo Rossi, the estate’s manager, said Thursday.

In 1997 the former Police frontman purchased a 16th-century villa, called Il Palagio, in Figline Valdarno, a small village some 19 miles south of Florence.

Over the years, he has turned the surrounding 860 acres into an organic farm that also produces honey, olive oil, fruit, vegetables and Tuscan salami.

“When I came here to Figline I wanted first of all to feed my family,” Sting said on Tuesday during an event at the village where the 57-year-old star spoke of the time he spends at Il Palagio.

“I also wanted to use agriculture with practices that would nourish the land and not deplete the land and so we went to traditional methods with farming, we got rid of pes-

ticides, we shunned monoculture, and it works, the farm is also a garden,” he said in the remarks broadcast by local television Rtv38.

Rossi did not reveal the name of the upcoming wine.

He said it will be a 2007 vintage based on the Sangiovese grape, with a touch of Cabernet and Merlot.

The wine, along with other products made on the Sting farm, will also be available at a shop on the property that the singer will inaugurate by June, Rossi said.

Jack White forms another new band, CD

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — No one can accuse Jack White of being lazy.

The rocker is already a member of The White Stripes and The Raconteurs, and now White says he’s formed a third band, The Dead Weather.

White announced the project Wednesday in Nashville and hosted a private party to hear the new CD and see a performance by the group.

He says The Dead Weather’s debut album, “Horehound,” will be released in June on his Third Man record label.

Besides White, the new group

includes Alison Mosshart of The Kills, Dean Fertita of Queens of the Stone Age and Jack Lawrence of The Greenhornes.

Both Fertita and Lawrence perform with White in The Raconteurs.

Sheryl Crow, Martina McBride and White’s partner in the White Stripes, Meg White, were among more than 150 guests at the party.

Afterward, White said the group began as friends getting together to make music.

“The idea was to do a 7-inch single and be done with it, but we started writing songs and something happened,” he said.

White says the band plans to tour this year.

Anne Heche, James Tupper welcome a new son

LOS ANGELES — It’s a boy, again, for Anne Heche.

People magazine reports that the 39-year-old actress and her boyfriend, actor James Tupper, welcomed son Atlas Heche Tupper over the weekend.

The couple met on the set of ABC’s “Men in Trees” and began dating in 2007.

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Teen gives away thousands in cash he found

The Associated Press

ROSEMOUNT, Minn. — A 16-year-old Minnesota boy has given away thousands of dollars to fellow students and a school aide.

The bag full of money he found was apparently tossed by a drug dealer.

When asked how he got the \$100 bills, the student first said it was his allowance.

He later said he found it in a ditch — and led po-

lice to a spot by a highway where they also found marijuana and scales.

The boy, described as learning disabled, gave away about \$11,000 of the nearly \$18,000 in the bag.

Law officers collected the money from students and from the school bus aide, who had reported that someone slipped \$1,200 into her bag.

The boy is not expected to face charges. A sheriff’s deputy said he’s “a good kid” who was trying to help people in need.

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CAMPUS | ART

Student art showcased at Tarble



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Meagan Geiger Powell's ceramic piece "Blue Moon" is on display at the Student Art Show on Feb. 25 through March 29.

Art department announces awards for 2009 All-Student Show

By JACQUELINE NATHALIE LOMA
Staff Reporter

The art department has announced the recipients of the 2009 All-Student Show awards and the 2009 department awards. The exhibition is open to the public until March 29 in the Tarble Arts Center.

The recipients were recognized at an awards reception held March 1.

Kathy Bryant, who received a merit award by media, said she was happy for the award.

She said this is her fifth merit award from the department.

"Merit Award is the best, because this comes from the department, and you work with the teacher," she said.

Meagan Geiger-Powell received the Heyduck Ceramics Award for her vase Blue Moon. Powell said this is her second time in a row to participate, and she was happy she

has been recognized both times.

"Vase Blue Moon is the composite form and a traditional pot. It can be used in different function," Geiger-Powell said.

She said art is her passion.

Michael Watts, the director of Tarble Art Center, said there were more entries this year than last year.

The contest is limited to Eastern students.

Students at Eastern who had taken at least one undergraduate studio art course during the academic year were eligible to enter the All-Student Show competition.

Admission is free, and the public is invited. The center will be closed on Sunday and Tuesday for the annual systems check.

The Tarble Arts Center is located on 9th Street at Cleveland Avenue on the Eastern campus in Charleston.

Regular hours for the Tarble are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday. It is closed on Monday.

Jacqueline Nathalie Loma is 581-7942 or at DENnewsdesk@gmail.com.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

PantherMail, e-mail services unavailable

The Student Services Building is scheduled for a power outage on Saturday. Times and service outages will begin at 9 p.m. Friday with PAWS, Self Service Banner, Internet Native Banner and all related banner applications.

At midnight on Friday, PantherMail and all e-mail services, WebCT and departmental server shares housed in the Information Technology Services Data Center will be unavailable. Outages will last until midnight on Saturday.

Gregg cuts hours during spring break

Gregg Computer Lab will be closed Saturday and Sunday. The hours for Monday through Friday will be 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The lab will be closed March 21.

Regular hours will go into effect March 22.

Food court to stay open for break

The hours for the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union's food court will change for spring break.

The court will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday and closed Saturday and Sunday.

The Monday through Friday of break, the food court will be open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., but Subway and Panther Grille will be closed.

The court will be closed March 21 and open from 4 to 11 p.m. March 22.

Regular hours will resume on March 23.

—Compiled by News Editor Matt Hopf

STATE | EDUCATION

Quinn on teachers' sides for more funding

The Associated Press

ROSEMONT — Gov. Pat Quinn didn't have any real specifics to share with hundreds of teachers Thursday, but his assurances that he was on their side and would fight for more funding for education brought them to their feet.

"What a difference a real governor makes, huh?" Ken Swanson, president of the Illinois Education Association, yelled over the loud standing ovation Quinn received.

As Quinn prepares the present a

budget plan next week in which he needs to address a deficit of at least \$9 billion, he stressed to teachers that it won't come at their expense - and will push for at least a little more money for education.

"I think you will see from the budget address next week that I'm willing to stick my neck out and take big chances on behalf of the kids of Illinois, their parents, their teachers..." he said.

That was music to the ears of the crowd, which cheered loudly as Swanson sounded more like

a kid in a school yard standing up to a bully than the president of an education association.

"If you're willing to stick your neck out and take the lead, we'll have your back," he said.

Quinn also told members of the audience he agrees with them about changing the way education is funded in the state - that the current system in which property taxes account for most school funding is unfair to rural and poor school districts.

"People in this room are on the

front line of helping us raise our kids, so we have to put the proper investment through the proper tax system," he said.

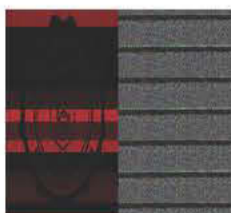
Quinn vowed to push for more money for higher education and repair school buildings.

He also dismissed any talk of consolidating pension systems, something the crowd was nervous about, particularly since earlier this week Treasurer Alexi Giannoulas said he wanted to lump the management of five pension systems.

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DAVID THILL

'Rapelay' is a disgusting venture

To the employees of the Japan-based Illusion video game development company: You all make me want to vomit. The very thought of you being paid to produce the types of video games your company develops makes my flesh crawl and brings a literal gag to the back of my throat.

What types of video games could this company produce that could bring such a visceral reaction from even the most hardened video gamer such as myself? Games with titles such as "Artificial Girl," "Battle Rape" and, easily the most disturbing of all, "Rapelay."

There is no typo there, although I wish there were.

This company is profiting from a game in which the goal is to work one's way up from molesting strangers on the subway all the way to the raping of a mother and her two young daughters, with the ultimate goal being to impregnate these women and force them to get abortions.

I shudder to think there are people out there who not only condone vicious violence against women, but also seek to profit from it. And there are people out there eager to throw money at these peoples' feet in order to carry out these atrocities against women, who have struggled for millennia just to be looked at and treated as people and as the equals they are. Imagine this: A group of people sitting around a conference table, tossing ideas back and forth for their next video game:

"Another sports game?" says Idiot No. 1.

"No, no. That's not graphic enough," says Moron No. 2, "Think more desensitizing. Something that really shakes the core of basic human decency down to its foundation."

"I've got it!" exalts Pathetic Bottom-feeder No. 3, "How about a game based on rape? You know, a game where you can run around and attempt to tear apart a woman's life, tear her down from a person to an object! Ripping away the basic humanity of a person and really getting to explore your most primitive, knuckle-dragging drool-dripping awfulness!"

"Brilliant!" exclaims Moron No. 2, "Get on it. I want to be ruining people's lives by Christmas."

Have we really run out of ideas? Has Japan, the cradle of video game civilization, the country that gave us lovable Mario and Luigi, hot-headed Donkey Kong and virtually all video game staples, come down to this?

I find it hard to believe there are no other profitable marketing ideas left other than to provide a how-to guide to becoming a misogynistic monster. CNN recently reported on this game and the fact that Amazon Marketplace, a Web site that allows for third party selling of items, recently stopped offering the game for purchase in Britain a full two years after its release. It took Amazon, CNN and the U.S. that long to catch on.

So, to the employees of Illusion, to the standards and ratings board that allowed this game be made and to whomever may find this game an entertaining idea, to reiterate: You disgust me. Your judgment is non-existent. Your morals are totally corrupt. Your souls? In question. I pity you as people.

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Drawn from the News | Dylan Polk



STAFF EDITORIAL

Herpes aside, safety issues remain in beer pong

Beer pong is a big deal for college students.

Every student knows a good house party on the weekends must have beer pong or else it isn't worth visiting.

To some college students, beer pong is like the Super Bowl magnified about 100 times and combines the skill and patience of carnival games with the joy and fellowship of drinking.

Imagine these students' reactions when national news sources reported the Center of Disease Control reported beer pong as a major contributor to the spread of herpes.

Cue dramatic music with students on their knees waving fists in the air and yelling, "Nooooo!"

Thankfully for the pseudo-athletes, the CDC was quick to respond, saying it had never conducted such studies, chalking the story up as a hoax.

But don't wipe the sweat from your brow just yet.

Although the CDC debunked the herpes myth, the U.S. National Institute of Health discourages sharing any eating utensil to lessen the chance of contracting diseases such as herpes.

This would include those all-to-familiar plastic cups set at each end of the table filled about a fifth of the way in luke-warm light beer.

The logic is sensible enough: A person with a herpes outbreak drinks from several cups and sets them aside. The next player grabs the cups, racks them and subsequently drinks from them, acquiring the virus left by the previous player.

Is it possible to spread herpes? Maybe. Is it likely? Not so much, but common sense should tell students not to play if the chance of contracting any illness is apparent, which could sometimes be visible.

Regardless of the validity of the story, there are still many hygienic issues to be taken seriously when playing beer pong.

One of the more cautious measures taken is the rinse cup: A cup of water set off to the side in which balls are dunked after each turn.

"Understandably, some of you are probably more wary than ever and are probably swearing off beer pong as you read. But there are precautions you can take."

Even though the balls have been rinsed off before being tossed into another cup of beer, sanitary issues are still just as relevant.

The rinse cup can contain germs tracked from the floor and may contain diseases such as E. coli.

Understandably, some of you are probably more wary than ever and are probably swearing off beer pong as you read.

But there are precautions you can take.

Always replace the rinse cup after each game.

Try to keep the table and surrounding area as clean as possible to avoid tracking bacteria into drinkable cups.

Above all, be responsible and safe.

Too much beer is a bad thing, no matter what anyone at any given party tells you.

In 2005, the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University found 150,000 college students annually develop health problems related to alcohol abuse.

In itself, drinking is not a bad thing, but too much can be harmful to yourself and those around you.

If you choose to drink or play beer pong, make sure you're safe and responsible.

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YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SENATE SHOULD NOT PURSUE EXTENSION OF HOURS

The March 11 editorial, "Extension of library hours inefficient according to survey," was absolutely right.

The research the Academic Affairs committee yielded, through a survey and a forum held on March 10, was insubstantial toward supporting further work by the committee.

As student representatives, we would be violating our duty by pursuing an issue the students have indicated, both actively and passively, they don't truly support.

While people have said they support library hours, not enough proved this through actions.

Our survey and our forum did not even come close to garnering enough student support, despite considerable

promotion by our committee and front-page coverage by *The Daily Eastern News*.

I apologize to those who voiced support for the committee's work and wanted changes to be made, but an initiative that could cost potentially thousands of dollars needs action more than it needs words.

Christopher Kromphardt
Academic Affairs committee chair

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» **Candidates**

FROM PAGE 1

Murphy, a sophomore communications studies major and second-semester senate member, is a candidate for the United Party of Students.

She said she hopes to bring more efficiency to Student Government.

"There are a lot of things that this campus community could offer to the students that if somebody could take a broader look at what could be done with the resources we have, a lot of programs that are currently implemented could be enhanced to benefit the student body that haven't had a proper look," Murphy said.

Murphy said she wants to be more accessible to students if elected student body president, so she could assist students quickly.

"Making sure that our constituents feel comfortable in coming to us to say they have a problem, a compliment or a complaint is important," Murphy said. "The first step is getting them to know how to tell us."

Both candidates addressed possible concerns over inexperience.

Jordan said he has been a student at Eastern for three years, so he understands what students want and need, even though he is not as well versed in parliamentary procedure.

He also said if elected student body president, athletics and Student Government would not conflict with each other.

"There are a lot of things that this campus community could offer to the students that if somebody could take a broader look at what could be done with the resources we have, a lot of programs that are currently implemented could be enhanced to benefit the student body that haven't had a proper look."

— **Michelle Murphy, Student Senate member**

Murphy said despite her sophomore status and limited experience on Student Senate, she has a lot of political knowledge.

She was student council president in high school, a member of the Tuscola Chamber of Commerce and Tuscola Economic Development Committee, and is vice president of the EIU Republicans.

Besides student body president, candidates were announced for the other Student Government positions.

Eric Wilber, student executive vice president and student trustee, is running unopposed to retain his executive position.

Wilber will be the only returning executive board member.

Student Senate member Jose Alarcon and student Scott Lambert, a sociology major, are

contesting for the vice president for academic affairs.

Members Tyson Holder and Brad Saribekian are pursuing the vice president for business affairs position.

Members Paul Reid and Mark Olendski are vying for the vice president for student affairs.

Twenty students are competing unopposed for 21 open senatorial seats, while up to nine senators will return in the fall.

If Alarcon, Saribekian, Reid and Murphy do not win their respective executive seats, they will serve out the remainder of their senatorial terms.

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» **Taylor**

FROM PAGE 1

Steve Parther, a sophomore physical education major, said he usually gets a to-go meal in Taylor every afternoon.

He said the receipt policy is pointless to add now because it makes things more difficult.

"They should have done that first semester," he said.

Katy Conrad, a freshman education major, will get to-go meals about once or twice a week.

"I don't really think it's that big of a deal," she said.

Conrad said she does not think the policy will stop students from getting more than one meal with one swipe.

For students to by-pass the rules, they could get a receipt, put it in their pocket, eat in and then get another meal to go, she said.

Horn said there are always ways to work against change.

"If we notice it continues to be a problem, we will have to find another route to try," she said.

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» **Elite**

FROM PAGE 8

The national championships are being held today and Saturday at the Gilliam Indoor Track Stadium at Texas A&M in College Station, Texas.

"It'll be a great atmosphere," Boey said. "Half of these guys are my role models. Now I get a chance to compete against these guys."

The men's 800-meter preliminary run is at 6:15 p.m. today, and the finals of the 800-meter run are at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday.

"In a meet like this, you don't know how the race is going to go out," Holm said.

Holm has the second-slowest time, but he is not that far from the leader. He is in the second heat, but is also in the same heat at Keating. The top two runners from each heat advance to the final, plus the next

four fastest times.

"I don't want to be a spectator," Holm said. "I want to make it to the finals."

Akers said Holm might have a chance at earning All-America honors despite being Canadian.

Americans usually earn All-American honors and foreign athletes earn All-America honors, he said.

The men's 200-meter preliminary dash is at 6:45 p.m. today, and the finals of the 200-meter dash will be

run at 8:10 p.m.

There are four heats of the 200-meter dash. The top eight fastest times advance to the final, so Boey has to run a fast race, but still have enough for if he makes it to the final. But he is also the first of four heats, so this weighed against him. If he does make the final, he has a chance at becoming an All-American.

"I really didn't know I was going to be an NCAA qualifier my first season," Boey said. "I can be All-

American as a red-shirt freshman."

The last Eastern All-American was during the 2000 season when Spezia finished 10th in the 60-meter hurdles. The last indoor national champion was Jim Maton in 1988.

Ironically, Holm has the second-best 800-meter time behind Maton in the indoor 800-meter run. Maton's time is 1:48.62.

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» **Murphy**

FROM PAGE 8

The Eastern baseball team plays South Florida, Bethune-Cookman and No. 10 Oklahoma this weekend in Tampa, Fla. The baseball team will get to enjoy a little bit more of Florida as they play Indiana and Bradley in Florida on Tuesday and Wednesday, respectively. Then they close out Spring Break with a trip to Morehead, Ky., to open up OVC play against Morehead State on March 21 and 22.

The Eastern men's and women's tennis teams take on arch-rival Western Illinois at noon today as the teams host their first home matches of the season at Darling Courts. The Eastern men's tennis team plays ECU at 11 a.m. on March 21 in Richmond, Ky., and they play Morehead State at 11 a.m. on March 22 in Morehead, Ky. The Eastern women's tennis team plays ECU at 2 p.m. on March 21 in Richmond, Ky., and they play Morehead State at 11 a.m. on March 22 at in Morehead, Ky.

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In addition, red-shirt freshman Zye Boey and David Holm will be competing at the NCAA Indoor Track and Field National championships this weekend at Texas A&M. Boey and Holm have a chance to bring home individual national titles and possibly bring home All-American or All-America honors. Eastern's Pro Day for football seniors who want a future in the NFL is today at O'Brien Stadium or Lantz Fieldhouse. The women's golf team will also be competing during Spring Break and travel to the Samford Invitational.

While Eastern athletes may be busy competing during their break, at least they won't have school to worry about.

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» **Junior**

FROM PAGE 8

Derbak believes that during his current eight-game hit streak, it's not the statistics that matter when he is up to bat, but its the level of focus that he is able to display.

"I'm seeing the ball really well right now," Derbak said. "Every once and a while people get in the zone and right now, I'm getting fortunate enough to get some hits. You need to be able to go up to the plate with confidence and know that you have a chance to do some things."

Derbak credits his hitting ability to his father, Richard, who got him involved with baseball when he bought Derbak his first Easton baseball bat at the age of four.

Derbak is primarily used in the closer's role as a pitcher, but Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz has taken notice of Derbak's recent hitting streak.

"Derbak's hitting is consistently getting better," Schmitz said. "He really has begun to hit the ball the other way, which shows that he is really learning to hit the ball to all sides of the field."

Derbak has also done well on the mound. In his seven appearances this season, Derbak has a record of 1-2 with a 3.12 ERA. He has pitched 8 2/3 innings, while striking out 11 and only walking two.

Derbak's favorite pitch is his change-up, which Schmitz said he has seen improvement in since Derbak's arrival.

"(Derbak) really brings a lot of energy to the team, which makes everyone else want to pick it up and play better"

— **Mike Recchia, sophomore pitcher**

"His change-up is becoming well known around the league, and it's really his best pitch," Schmitz said. "The biggest thing for me is the fact that even after a tough loss, (Derbak) is able to put it in the past and advance forward. We really look for that quality in a closer."

Schmitz considers Derbak more of a finesse pitcher, but also said when hitters begin to lock in on Derbak's change-up, he will need to be able to use his fastball.

Sophomore pitcher Mike Recchia said that not only is Derbak's change-up a major factor, but the confidence he instills in others on the team.

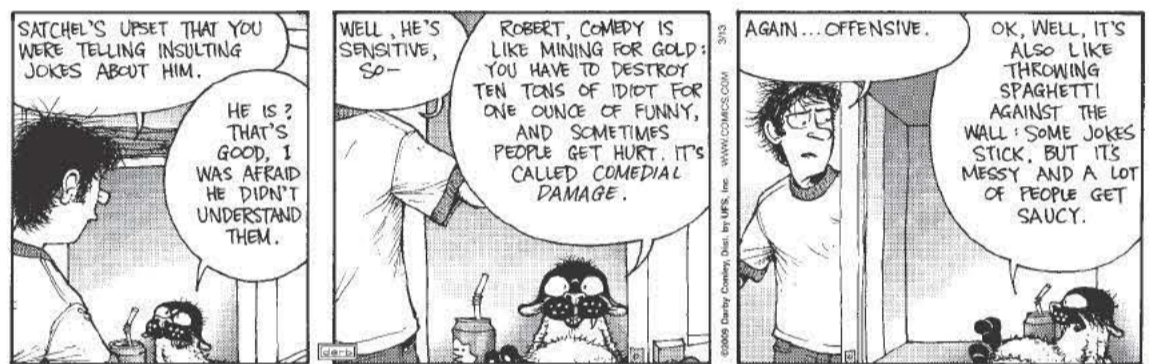
"(Derbak) really brings a lot of energy to the team, which makes everyone else want to pick it up and play better," Recchia said. "Whenever he takes the mound, I have a lot of confidence that he can get the job done."

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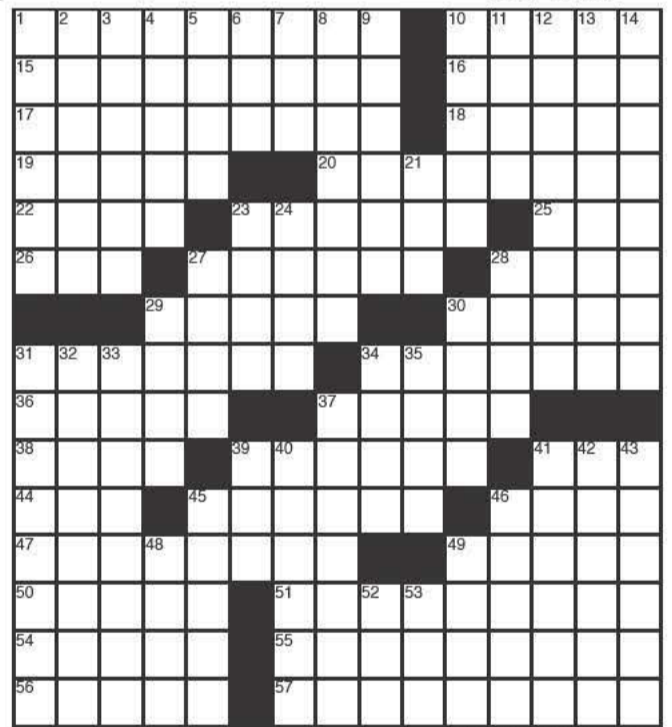
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MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD | NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



ERIN MATHENY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Eastern senior mid-distance runner David Holm rests after placing second in the men's mile during the Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships on Feb. 28 in Lantz Fieldhouse. Holm is running the 800-meter run at the national championships this weekend.

Competing with the elite

Boey, Holm have chance to earn honors

By KEVIN MURPHY
Sports Editor

Zye Boey and David Holm have reached an elite status this season.

The two members of the Eastern men's track team are competing at the NCAA Indoor Track and Field National Championships.

Boey qualified for the 200-meter dash, and Holm qualified for the 800-meter run.

It is each athlete's first appearance at the national championships.

The last Panther to participate at the indoor national meet was Gabe Spezia in 2000.

Holm is ranked 12th in the 800-meter run (1 minute, 48.86 seconds). The automatic time is 1:48. Oregon junior Andrew Keating leads

the field (1:47.03). Only three runners hit the automatic time this season.

In the 200-meter dash, Boey is ranked 12th with a time of 20.93 seconds. The automatic time is 20.83 seconds. Baylor junior Trey Harts leads the field with a season best time of 20.66 seconds. Only three other athletes were able to hit the automatic time.

Boey said he would have never

made it without his coaches and his teammates.

He said they constantly push him to be the best.

"I give them all the credit," Boey said. "I'm only one guy."

Fourteen athletes will compete in the 200-meter dash.

Boey is one of five freshmen in the event.

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TOP CAT | RICHIE DERBAK

Junior is focused

Pitcher has also done well at the plate

By NEIL SCHNEIDER
Staff Reporter

During his eight-game hitting streak for Eastern, junior designated hitter/pitcher Richie Derbak has established himself as a legitimate threat at the plate.

Derbak is currently hitting .515 with one home run, nine RBIs, and a slugging percentage of .727 on the season. What makes Derbak's statistics so interesting is the fact that he has only had 33 at-bats, which 17 of have gone for base hits.

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KELLY CREMENT | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Eastern junior pitcher Richie Derbak has been praised for his work on the mound, but is also really focused on the mound. Derbak also comes to be the designated hitter as well. "Every once in a while people get in the zone and right now, I'm getting fortunate enough to get some hits," Derbak said.

EASTERN SPORTS

Extend Spring Break Schedule

SOFTBALL

Saturday vs.

Tennessee State (DH) |
Noon - Williams Field

BASEBALL

Saturday vs.

Bethune-Cookman |
2 p.m. - Tampa, Fla.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Sunday at

Samford Invitational |
All Day - Oneonta, Ala.

BASEBALL

Sunday vs.

No. 15 Oklahoma |
11 a.m. - Tampa, Fla.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Monday at

Samford Invitational |
All Day - Oneonta, Ala.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Tuesday at

Samford Invitational |
All Day - Oneonta, Ala.

BASEBALL

Tuesday vs. Indiana |
9 a.m. - Lakeland, Fla.

SOFTBALL

Tuesday vs. Drake (DH) |
1 p.m. - Williams Field

BASEBALL

Wednesday vs. Bradley |
8:30 a.m. - Winter Haven, Fla.

SOFTBALL

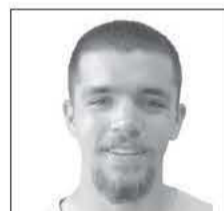
Wednesday vs. IUPUI (DH) |
Noon - Indianapolis

TRACK

March 20 at Georgia Relays |
All Day - Athens, Ga.

TRACK

March 21 at Georgia Relays |
All Day - Athens, Ga.



KEVIN MURPHY

Long week for athletes

While most Eastern students will spend their Spring Break at home or at an ideal vacation spot, Eastern athletes will be busy.

Softball opens up Ohio Valley Conference play this weekend against Tennessee State on Friday and Saturday. They play Drake at home for a doubleheader on Tuesday, travel to Indiana-Purdue-Indianapolis for a doubleheader on Wednesday and then return to host Tennessee Martin on March 21 and 22 at Williams Field for a three-game series.

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EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

MEN'S TRACK
Today at NCAA Championships |
All Day - College Station, Texas

TENNIS
Today vs. Western Illinois |
Noon - Darling Courts

SOFTBALL
Today vs. Tennessee State |
4 p.m. - Williams Field

BASEBALL
Today vs. South Florida |
6 p.m. - Tampa, Fla.

MEN'S TRACK
Saturday at NCAA Championships |
All Day - College Station, Texas