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VIGIL

MLK Jr. honored at vigil

By Samantha McDaniel & Nikki Reichert
Activities Editor & Staff Reporter

The ideas of Martin Luther King Jr. took on new life in the hearts of Eastern students on Monday.

Alpha Phi Alpha had the 25th annual Martin Luther King Jr. March/Vigil Monday to honor the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr.

Khelan Todd, the president of Alpha Phi Alpha, said they did this memorial because Martin Luther King Jr. was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha.

"The civil rights is closer to home because Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was both a brother and a historical leader," Todd said.

Todd said this year the members of Alpha Phi Alpha wanted to breathe life back into history by changing the program.

"History can be a bit dry, and we wanted to get the audience's attention," Todd said.

This year the program consisted of speakers, songs, poetry and images.

The theme of the program, DARE to Dream, included the ideas of drive, adversity, respect, and excellence.

Four speakers gave their perspective on one of the four ideas.

Phyllis Frimpong, a sociology major, said drive was one of the motivations behind King.

"Tonight as we celebrate Dr. King's legacy, let it be our personal drive and testimony to carry on his testimony," Frimpong said.

Frimpong said her grandmother



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Students prepare their candles in Thomas Hall for the 25th annual Martin Luther King Jr. march/vigil Monday. The march/vigil was hosted by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. and lead participants from Thomas Hall to the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

taught her to push forward.

"My grandmother taught me that I should be the change that I wish to see in the world," Frimpong said.

Adversity was also something that King faced during his quest for equality.

Liz Smith, a communication studies major, said overcoming adversity is one thing that King was known for.

"When you have all of these challenges, it's hard to come through that," Smith said.

Smith said facing adversity includes not giving up.

"Failure, to me, is not messing up, because you can mess up all day, it's not

stumbling, but it is quitting," Smith said. "If you are right there at the finish line, and you quit, that is failure."

Smith said King set an example for leaders in today's society.

"We need leaders to overcome their own challenges, and to rise up and change the social construct that we live in today, because that is what Martin Luther King Jr. said," Smith said.

Darnell Tyms, an English major, said that both Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King Jr. taught respect.

Tyms said the two leaders exhibited so much respect for the world.

Tyms also provoked the audience to

think about the true form of respect.

"The Promised Land is not a place, it is a mindset," Tyms said. "It is reaching a place of change in your heart and in your mind, learning to love the human kind generally, making no exceptions no matter the difference."

Brian Hannah, an economics major, discussed excellence.

"Excellence is the very essence of who you are," Hannah said. "It is a way of life."

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CAMPUS

Projects on hold due to lack of funding

By Robyn Dexter
Campus Editor

Eastern's Facilities Planning and Management has countless projects across campus in the works, but like the rest of the state, lack of funding is keeping them from appropriately pursuing the construction.

Stephen Shrake, associate director for design and construction, said one of the most obvious construction projects going on is in Old Main.

"We're doing restoration and stripping away lead paint," he said.

Shrake said the bulk of the construction happened over the winter break, but continues to happen in phases because of the extent being done.

"We're redoing the stairwell enclosures and repairing and refinishing defective pieces in our shops," he said.

The walls in Old Main are also undergoing some work and patching, Shrake said.

Gary Reed, director of facilities planning and management, said the electrical work like installation of new exit signs in Old Main is tricky to do because of the age of the building and the way it is structured.

The sandstone that makes up walls in Old Main is 14 inches thick, Reed said.

Pemberton Hall is currently being used as a staging area for Old Main, but after construction is finished, Facilities Planning and Management has plans to turn the former textbook rental space into the Honors College.

Long term, after the construction is finished, the space will be turned into something else as needed, he said.

The green space in between Klehm Hall and the Life Sciences Building has progressed over the past year and the construction equipment that was stored there has been replaced with grass, Reed said.

Eventually, Facilities Planning and Management has plans to plant more trees and greenery in the area and make the area emergency vehicle accessible.

"We're chipping away at the Master Plan, but the money just isn't there," he said.

Another project that has been underway concerns signs in front of various campus buildings such as residence halls.

"We're putting up smaller signs identifying buildings from the pedestrian side of campus," Shrake said.

He said the signs will help students and visitors find their way around campus easier.

"The material will be shipped to us later this month and we hope to have the signs in by the end of the semester," he said.

Shrake said the majority of the outside constructions projects were finished in the fall, and they are mainly doing interior work now.

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COUNCIL ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING & BUDGET

CUPB discusses stats, strategic plan

By Rachel Rodgers
Administration Editor

Online Eastern statistics for 2011 were presented to the Council on University Planning and Budget on Friday.

Robert Martin, the vice president for university advancement, said the Eastern website had 1.4 million unique visitors from 199 countries during the fall semester.

President Bill Perry's website has gained about 5,000 views compared to 2010, and his "Eastern Ways" blog has increased the viewing traffic, Martin said.

"The president has had 3,239 hits on his blog so far and has driven more people to his webpage," Martin said. "In 2010, he had almost 3,000 hits and now he has more than 8,000 people coming to his webpage."

Martin also said the views to the Eastern admissions webpage have decreased.

The views to the admissions webpage decreased about 16,000 views to 248,000, Martin said during the meeting.

"Also, the mobile visits to the Eastern webpage are up tremendously by

82,000 mobile clicks," Martin said.

The Facebook page for the university has 10,636 friends who have posted 25,706 stories about the university, he said.

Martin said Eastern's fan growth has increased 16.8 percent in the last six months.

"The fastest growing demographics are females ages 45 to 54, and the most visible active demographics are females ages 18 to 24," Martin said.

William Weber, the vice president for business affairs, spoke about the latest draft of the Strategic Plan that was released on Jan. 12. The first draft was released on Dec. 8.

"With each iteration, the plan is getting stronger and better, and I have been incorporating feedback as I have received it so my intent right now is to crank out a fourth draft," Weber said. "My main goal on the fourth draft is to elaborate on estimated costs that are scattered throughout the document and provide more detail on how these costs are covered and derived."

Weber approached several governance groups for feedback on the Strategic Plan including: the CUPB, the Staff Senate, the Faculty Senate, and the



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Steve Rich director of alumni services sits with the council for university planning and budgeting and discusses this month's plans for the university on Friday in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Civil Service Council.

Three open sessions are available this week for the campus community to provide any last-minute feedback on the Strategic Plan.

A session is available at 3:30 p.m. today in the Paris Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The other two sessions are at 9 a.m.

and 11 a.m. on Wednesday in the Paris Room.

After these sessions, a fifth and final draft will be created and presented to the Board of Trustees at its meeting at 1 p.m. on Friday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, Weber said.

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EIU weather

TODAY

WEDNESDAY



Rain/Snow Showers
High: 45°
Low: 17°



Mostly Cloudy
High: 30°
Low: 21°

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ONLINE

Video: Eastern Bucket List

Did you miss EIU's Bucket List last week? Check out our video on dennews.com



CITY BRIEF

Dirty's to host birthday for Betty White

Eastern's gerontology program will be hosting a 90th birthday party for actress Betty White at Dirty's Bar and Grill from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. today. Betty White, who was born on Jan. 17, 1922 is best known for her roles as Rose Nylund on the 80's sitcom "The Golden Girls," as well as her recent roles in the 2009 movie "The Proposal" and the current television show, "Hot in Cleveland." Dirty's Bar and Grill is located at 706 Lincoln Avenue and the event is open to anyone interested in attending.

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DARWIN DAY

Darwin essay theme announced

Entries center around impact of Darwin

By Kaylia Eskew
Staff Reporter

The Darwin Day Committee has released this year's essay theme for the 2012 Stephen Jay Gould Award and will be taking entries until noon on Jan. 27.

Essay entries will center on the theme "The impact of Darwin's theory of evolution on particular academic fields of inquiry," according to the Eastern website.

For the past nine years, the Darwin Day Committee has been honoring and celebrating the work of Charles Darwin by hosting Darwin Days.

In the past Darwin Days has included lectures, films, plays, a showcases at Booth Library and for the past six years an essay competition.

Stephen Mullin, a biological sciences professor and Darwin Day Committee member, said the committee hopes to educate the community on the importance of the idea of evolution.

"The award is to promote interest and creativity and pass along ideas and methods of evaluation," Mullin said.

The essay competition is open to both undergraduate and graduate students from any major and department.

"The theme is really broad to allow students to be creative, and we encourage and hope that students from all disciplines take part in this learning experience," Mullins said.

The Darwin Day Committee consists of four biological science professors who are Mullin, Gary Fritz, Ann Fritz and Zhiwei Liu.

Michael Kory, a Charleston resident, also serves on the committee.

Mullins assures that even though most of the judges are from the biological sciences department, there is no bias towards essays related to that discipline.

Gary Fritz said the committee is looking for Darwin's impact in all areas of study, not just biology.

"We are looking for how organismal evolutionary theory has impacted various fields of enquiry, not just biology, and look for scholarship in the paper insofar as its depth, style, organization, comprehension, rationale and synthesis," Gary Fritz said.

Mullins said creativity is a big part of the competition, and the judges hope that students will be open to putting their writing skills to work in a new way.

"Darwin as well as hundreds of others have impacted our understanding of the world by fostering creativity and that's what we want in these essays, creativity and original thought," Mullins said.

The essay winner will receive a \$500 award and the winner's essay will be showcased as part of the exhibit.

The essays must be between 10 to 20 pages, double-spaced and have 12-point Times New Roman font.

All entries can be submitted to the Department of Biological Sciences main office Room 2070 in the Life Sciences Building by noon on Jan. 27.

In addition to one typed, double-spaced copy of the essay, applicants must also submit a nomination letter from a faculty member supporting the quality of the paper.

Darwin Day 2012 events will take place Feb. 5-9 and will be located throughout Booth Library, the Physical Science Building, Coleman Hall and the Life Science Building.

The Darwin Day committee puts the events together with help from numerous other departments including sociology and anthropology, and from registered student organizations.

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Preparing Pizza



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Sophomore special education major Jordan Keigher prepares a pizza at Thomas hall Monday.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

Students follow legacy's footsteps

By Robyn Dexter
Campus Editor

Martin Luther King Jr. Day brings opportunities to Eastern students to give back to their community and follow in the footsteps of the Civil Rights leader.

Rachel Fisher, director of student community service, said the turnout for the event was very impressive.

"This was by far the most successful (Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service) has ever been," Fisher said.

2012 marked the 26th anniversary of the national holiday.

Fisher said there were nine different service projects in the Charleston and Eastern community that the volunteers traveled to, with activities ranging from sorting clothing donations to volunteering at the Humane Society.

"We are also very happy that our retired senior volunteers wanted to participate," Fisher said.

More than 250 members of the Eastern community volunteered their afternoon at Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, Fisher said.

"I think one of the things we're moving towards is not only finding ways for our students to engage in the community, but finding ways for the community to engage too," she said.

Fisher said the variety of age in the volunteers helped create a more intergenerational day.

"It's been an incredibly inspiring day because everyone wants a chance to

have an impact," Fisher said.

In 1994, Congress passed the King Holiday and Service Act, which encourages the nation to use their day off to give back to the community.

Fisher said the service day brought out close to 200 volunteers in 2011, and the increase in volunteers makes for a very successful day.

"Every year (the program) just grows, which really says a lot about the Eastern community and its students," Fisher said.

Grace Gustafson, a sophomore English major, said the service day is a good way to remember King as well.

"It's important to continue his legacy and remember what he did for the United States," she said.

Gustafson spent the afternoon volunteering with several other students at Catholic Charities.

She is a member of the Residence Hall Association and serves on the service subcommittee.

"We've been working with the volunteer center and have been trying to promote (the service day)," she said.

Jessica Rhymes, a junior psychology major, said she believes the service day helps keep the memory of King alive.

"I consider it a day to honor a man who did something great for our country," she said.

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UNIVERSITY BOARD

Up All Night returns with new theme

Diverse activities help students relieve stress

By **Nikki Reichert**
Staff Reporter

Up All Night has a new theme this semester: Flashback Friday.

Up All Night will be at 7-11 p.m. Friday in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The University Board Chairman Darius White said this Up All Night will allow students to revisit their childhood.

"The theme of flashback to childhood is a time for students to take a break from their busy college careers and go back to a simpler, more enjoyable time in their lives," White said.

White said, the flashback theme will be incorporated in some of the activities that will take place during the event.

White said the music selection will feature music from the '80s and the '90s, there will be a green screen to digitally insert a band like *NSYNC or Backstreet Boys to student performances of singing and dancing.

White said he believes that there is a mindset of coming back to school and diving into work, but there is no reason for students not to enjoy themselves as well.

White said Up All Night is a chance for students to relieve some stress and to familiarize transfers and new students to the Eastern community.

This semester the event highlights four to five inflatable activities, including American Gladiator

Up All Night

When: 7 to 11 p.m. on Friday
Where: The Martin Luther King Jr. University Union
Cost: Free
Hosted By: The University Board

Joust and Bungee Basketball.

"One change from last semester is that bingo has been dropped due to budget cuts from the apportionment board," White said.

He also said there will still be free popcorn, chips, and sodas.

There will be no replacement for bingo at this event, but the University Board is planning to feature bingo at the Spring Fling event later this semester.

White said he believes that students might be upset that bingo is being cut from the program.

Students are used to having bingo at the University Board events, White said.

Dance Dance Revolution and Rockband activities will also be featured, along with chances to win novelties and other small prizes.

White said he believes that this is a good time for students to connect with each other in an informal setting.

He said the weather might affect attendance from those students who live off campus, but should not be a problem for those who live on campus.

This event is free and open to the public.

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FILE PHOTO | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS
Kristy Kolzow, a junior family and consumer sciences major, rounds the corner of the giant tricycle course Aug. 19 at Up All Night in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

CITY

Speed limit on Fourth Street may be reduced

City of Charleston to receive award, vote on resolution

By **Kathryn Richter**
City Editor

The Charleston City Council will vote on an ordinance on Tuesday that will reduce the speed limit of Fourth Street to 20 mph.

Fourth Street recently received new fluorescent yellow pedestrian crossing markers and other equipment to control traffic, but Mayor John Inyart said the new ordinance came as a staff recommendation.

"It's the result of several years with of discussion with my staff, and EIU representative, including Dr. Perry, where we were all looking for ways that would help improve pedestrian safety in and around campus," Inyart said.

The city of Charleston will be a recipient of the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association.

"This achievement is based on our budget process meeting and or exceeding the guidelines set by his organization," Inyart said. "It wouldn't be possible without our Comptroller Heather Kuykendall."

The City Council will also vote on a resolution for an agreement with Eastern regarding the Geographic Information System Support Services today.

The resolution is for a one-year agreement between the city of Charleston and Eastern that would allow Eastern to house the information for the Geographic Information System to use as a learning tool.

This would allow Charleston to gain the help of student interns.

Charleston will also pay a fee of around \$6,250, Inyart said.

"Several years ago, when we were looking at purchasing some very expensive software to do this ourselves, we had contact with the folks at Eastern and determined through conversations that this would be better done working together," Inyart said.

The City Council will also be accepting a bid from EJ Equipment for \$59,250 for the purchase of a sewer camera.

The camera will be able to look into the city's sewers without having to physically look into them, Inyart said.

"It's very difficult to put a price on something like this because the alternative to having a tool like this would be to go out in the middle of the road, dig a hole and look at the problem," Inyart said.

Inyart will also announce the new appointment of Sally Renaud to the Carnegie Library Board of Trustees.

Renaud is an associate professor of Journalism at Eastern.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

Students ponder results of King's dream

By **Nike Ogunbodede**
Associate News Editor

Khelan Todd is not a far cry from the suited, clean-cut reverend he said he has emulated since he was first able to comprehend the meaning of Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech.

Todd is the chapter president of Alpha Phi Alpha, a fraternity that King pledged in 1952 while getting his master's at Boston University.

"I think his unfortunate death was influential in the black movement," Todd said. "It's important that we live out the legacy he set forth."

Todd, a senior communication studies major said he thinks the importance of King's philosophy surpasses that of common thought of equality and focuses mainly on caring about the human condition.

"It's caring about human life, that's it. No matter what color, race, sexual orientation you are (you matter)," Todd said.

Todd said he thinks black people are doing the best they can.

Sireon Williams, a junior elementary education major, said she thinks different aspects of the black culture would excite and disappoint King.

"There's a lot of diversity now. We are able to drink from water fountains behind people, go to school and learn from other cultures, but the way specifically black culture is today, I don't think he would be happy with it," Williams said.

Williams said she thinks King would be especially disappointed with the degrading music lyrics prevalent and associated with the black culture.

"It's so degrading towards women," Williams said.

Liz Smith, a senior communication studies major, said she does not think King would be impressed with the change in society or the black community.

Smith does admit that society has gotten better since the Civil Rights Movement, but also said she thinks it is not as good as it could be.

"Until we stop seeing people as stereotypes and start seeing people as individuals, until we can get passed the way people look and the sexual orientation and the race and the size—all those different classifications that we put on people we can't move forward," Smith said.

Williams said she thinks the only way for black people to continue to grow as a community is to raise the expectations they have for each other—beginning with speaking out.

"We are still treated like we don't have a voice sometimes. We still don't speak up and we still don't do anything about some of the things that are going on," she said. "We could raise the bar—it starts with speaking up."

Williams also said she feels like black people—herself included—tend to settle for what they are given.

She also said she thinks black people need to educate themselves on

"Until we stop seeing people as stereotypes and start seeing people as individuals ... we can't move forward."

Liz Smith, a senior communication studies major

black heritage outside of the classroom.

"In classes you can't even cover as much history as somebody needs to know beside Harriet Tubman and Martin Luther King," she said. "It's like those are the only two people and there are other people who contributed to (the Civil Rights Movement).

Leon Fields, a junior communication studies major, said he does not think King would be pleased with the growth of society at all.

"Our generation is not carrying (on King's legacy)," Fields said. "Blacks are against each other and it's really sad."

Fields said blacks need a King-type role model.

Smith said she thinks the lack of education and the number of broken homes in the black community diminishes the pride black people should have in their culture.

"There is no pride to really take in what we have—it's good thus far, but we still have so left to go—black people and America," Smith said.

Smith said there are steps society

can take to progress as a whole.

"The first step is getting over personal biases and personal stereotypes that we have against other people," Smith said. "When we can get passed that we can make a change as a society."

Blake Morris, a junior theater major, said he thinks King would be proud with the way black culture and people have been able to somewhat assimilate with the rest of the society.

"It sounds kind of cliché, but we've come a long way as a people from the time that Martin Luther King passed until now so much has changed," Morris said.

Although society is not totally fundamentally equal Morris said he chooses to focus on the positive things and work his way from there.

"Despite all of the downfall as a people and as a society as a whole, in a lot of ways the good outweighs the bad," Morris said.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Dr. King's dream not yet realized

It is a common misconception that Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, which is actually on Jan. 15.

The day is not celebrated because he was born, but rather because he lived his life in a way that many people wish to live theirs—with conviction and the belief that while things may suck beyond conceivable doubt things can get better.

An article into today's issue of *The Daily Eastern News* posed a question to a few black students: Would Martin Luther King Jr. be proud of what many people say is a 180-degree turn in the American society as well as the black culture?

We feel compelled to agree with Sireon Williams, who said she thought King would be both proud and disappointed by the current status of American blacks.

Life for blacks in America is far, far better than it was when King was leading marches through the streets of the segregated South. At a very crucial level, many of the changes King fought for in his life have become realized.

Blacks no longer face state-sanctioned segregation. No one can be arrested on the grounds that they drank from a whites-only water fountain or refused to sit in the "colored" section of a restaurant.

But America is still plagued by de facto segregation. Though we have lived without legal racial segregation for a generation, our schools, our communities and our public resources are still somewhat segregated along racial lines.

Public schools in black communities do try to make due with out-dated, worn out textbooks; teachers struggle to manage classes with more than 30 students.

This educational inequality is results in only 16 percent of black high school seniors scoring at or above proficient literacy levels, compared to 43 percent of whites. Education, especially primary education, is the greatest vehicle for social mobility in America. Having been deprived of the same quality education as students in white communities receive, students in black communities graduate high school with far fewer opportunities.

We do buy the notion of a post-racial America, nor do we find it particularly ideal; we believe we should look to our diversity as a source of strength. And we are not so self involved nor oblivious of history to have already forgotten the immense significance of the 2008 presidential election. Whatever one thinks of President Obama's policies, his presidency represents an America willing and able to confront the demons of its past head on. King would have just turned 80, had he survived to witness Obama's inauguration. We think he would have been proud of his work that day.

Still, the de facto segregation of today is still affected by federal legislation (or lack thereof), and more change is needed.

The responsibility to we owe to Dr. King, to ourselves and to our children, to realize his dream rests on all of our shoulders.

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COLUMN

Change starts with each of us believing in America

In all of the messages that we have preached in this time of new beginnings, change—whatever you want to call it—the one message that should never be interpreted within is hate.

Now, when I talk of hate I am more specifically referring to hate for this country. The message I have always tried to send is that every citizen, of any shape, size, descent or creed, has a right to question and be a part of the things that happen within this country, within their state and within their local community.

But as I sit and wonder, I consider that one of the big problems in this country is the fact that people are not standing alongside their country.

We have to realize that good men founded this country, and good men carried the flag through the darkest and deadliest of moments to allow us to have what we do today.

Despite any corruption or wrongdoing that we deal with on what seems a daily basis, we stand by our flag and we stand by the name that represents the good people we are and the good things we try and do in the process.



Julian Russell

No one and no country has or ever will get it completely right and neither will America. We do our best, and we can't wallow in fault and still move ahead. We can learn from our mistakes and try harder to fix our issues, starting within, at the forefront of our destination.

Once we can do that, once we can pull together and stand by our leaders, stand by our flag, our name, our place on this earth, we will see ourselves clasp back together. The economy will boost and hope will spread neighbor to neighbor.

If we can't fix ourselves how can we even attempt to be the worldwide example setter? And if you still do not believe, why not give it a try? We can see that we need new ideas; we need a new path.

Stand up and question every moment of every decision if that is what you desire. But do it with pride for America, pride for what our flag stands for and pride for the fact that you are an American, because being American is not by any means a bad thing.

I don't support the Pledge of Allegiance in schools and I don't agree with the war in Iraq. But just as much as the government might be wrong, so might I because there rarely is a "right answer" in politics.

The sooner we all realize that, the better, because the hate in the air is running thick and rampant and only you can make the decision to change, it one by one.

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AROUND THE STATE

Don't make promises you won't be able to keep

By **Angelica Wright**
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I don't mind when people tell me they will try to take me places, or even try to get me a new book, but as soon as they drop the word "promise" into their plans, tons of red flags go off in my head. I can't help but wonder what that word means to them.

This may sound a bit childish, but if I make a promise, I will do everything I can to make it happen. To me, this simple word means a lot. It means I care enough to go the extra length for that person I promised, whether or not it is myself or someone else. That isn't always the case. There are some things that just can't be done no matter who the promise is made to.

"I promise to drink less." Sound familiar? This is something I know I have said several times before. I am proud to say that I have kept that promise. This doesn't mean that I don't drink; what it means is that I do not go past my limit. My friends respect me for being strong enough to keep this up and even refuse a shot or two. However, there are also a couple of things that I can't make any promises on.

I can't promise that I will make A's in all my classes, but I can try really hard. I also can't promise to not make noises when poked or tickled. I can't help that I am ticklish, and to promise to not react is denying a part of myself. However, I do apologize if you're reading and a loud "eep" suddenly distracts you.

A while back, I tried to make a friend promise me he would stop smoking.

When he said that he couldn't really promise anything, I felt really hurt. Thinking back on it now, I realize that my friend was fine. He didn't stop completely, but instead of smoking two cartons a day, it's gone down to one package a week. Granted, that took a few years to happen.

There are people in my life who haven't quite grasped that empty promises will make you look bad. I will not name any names. All I will say is this: Even if you don't say the word, you can still make all your actions count for something. Save me the pain of disappointment, and don't make a promise you don't intend to keep.

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LOTTERY

Lucky to be a Panther

Student wins \$25,000 in scratch off lotto

By Nike Ogunbodede
Associate News Editor

Will Gregorich realized he had a serious scratch-off lottery tickets addiction, an addiction that was only reinforced when he won \$25,000 on a spur of the moment 2 a.m. trip to the gas station.

Gregorich, a sophomore kinesiology and sports studies major, has been playing lottery scratch cards since the summer he turned 18 years old, but on Jan. 4 he hit the jackpot.

The win, he said, was the result of a series of random events that made it possible for him and a friend to purchase the winning \$30 ticket.

"I wouldn't have been able to buy either of (the tickets) if I hadn't won my fantasy football league that week I wouldn't have had any money if I hadn't been for that," he said.

Gregorich's friend Cole Blechle, a sophomore at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, would not have been able to buy the ticket if his father had not paid for the Denny's dinner they had earlier that night, Gregorich said.

"I told him later that I would have bought the tickets regardless," he

said.

Gregorich said he and Blechle actually purchased another \$30 card prior to buying the winning card at a U-Gas station in Waterloo.

"We just randomly decided 'hey, lets go and buy a \$30 scratcher' and we didn't win anything and we were like 'the odds to break even are 2.57' so we bought it and won \$25,000," he said. "We just bought the tickets to kill time."

The state will take about \$8,500 for taxes, he said.

Their card had several different games and provided four different numbers they needed to scratch—the pairs winning number was 17.

They were in shock, Gregorich said before realizing how lucky they were.

"After the initial shock, we started jumping around and screaming at the (cashier) that was working," Gregorich said. "She didn't seem that excited."

Gregorich said he wanted to tell his mother, but decided against it because his mother had to work at 6 a.m. that morning.

When his mother found out—via Facebook photos—she told him to secure the house and put the card into the family's safe, he said.

"She thought someone was going to break in and steal it," Gregorich said.

Gregorich also said he faced skepticism from his friends.

"Nobody believed me. I had to show them several pictures just to get them to consider it was real," he said.

Because Gregorich and Blechle are splitting the money, they will not receive the money for four to six more weeks, but they are already are planning a trip to England to potentially see the English Premier League soccer team.

"It's something I always thought would be cool to do, but I never thought I would be able to do it," he said.

He said they are hoping to budget well in order to keep the trip under \$3,000, so they can save the rest.

Gregorich said he does think people can waste time and money on lottery tickets.

"The night it happened I said 'I'm never buying another scratch off again' and obviously that didn't happen," he said.

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"Money from the (American Disability Association) dried up in 2004," Shrake said.

The money was going to be used for installing an elevator in McAfee and the Student Services building.

Illinois needs to create capital opportunities in order for projects such as the ones they have planned to take place, Reed said

"We were left high and dry in 2004," he said.

Future project plans include a design for a GPS monument in the rock area between the Library Quad and the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

"The monument would show exactly where EIU is in the world," Reed said.

He said funding for this would come from the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union as well as from facilities.

"If the funding happened, this could get some real traction," Reed said.

There will also be a summer project where the turf on the football field as well as the track will be redone.

"It's been eight years since (the football field turf) has been replaced," Reed said.

He said the base of the track is so dilapidated that they will be starting over with it.

"We're just waiting on approval right now," he said.

The sidewalk to the Textbook Rental Service will also be having some work done to it in the near future, since there is no complete sidewalk out to the facility, Reed said.

The area between Student Services and the power plant will also be having construction done to it starting shortly, he said.

"Honeywell, the company that built the Renewable Energy Center, will be beginning construction starting soon," Reed said.

The goal for the area is to eventually turn it into an inviting outdoor lounge space, he said.

"We will be looking at a new Student Services building as well when funding is sufficient," Reed said.

Facilities Planning and Management is looking into is the improvement of drainage conditions around the Life Sciences Building.

When Doudna Fine Arts Center was constructed, it aggravated drain-

age problems around the Life Sciences Building causing the building flood during times of heavy rainfall, Reed said.

"The design is just about done (for the project)," he said.

Improvements will also be made to the Triad buildings of Ford, McKinney and Weller halls.

"We're installing sprinklers in the buildings this summer," Reed said.

The Triad is the last three of the residence halls to have sprinkler systems installed.

Reed said they have been working on putting the systems in one or two residence halls per year.

Reed and Shrake both said they are always concerned about the appearance and functionality of campus, and strive to make it as appealing and safe for students as they can.

Reed also said the more funding they get for their projects, the more they will be able to do.

"The more we can do, the more excited we'll be to keep (campus) top notch," Reed said.

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CITY



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Wynette Noll, a volunteer pioneer at the Lincoln Log Cabin state historic site, tends to a fire for boiling water Saturday while preparing a test run of a pilot program event on the Stephen Sargent Farm portion of the site.

Lincoln cabin tests pioneer program

By Kathryn Richter
City Editor

The Lincoln Log Cabin tested a pilot program for the board members of the Lincoln-Sargent Farm Foundation that focused on 19th century hearth cooking on Jan. 14.

Lori Henderson, the president of the Lincoln-Sargent Farm Foundation Board of Directors, said the program would allow participants to prepare a meal in 19th century style, as well as eating the meal that they make.

Henderson said she hopes to open the program to the public.

Henderson, who received a master's in historical administration from Eastern, said being a long-time member of the Charleston community is originally what made her get involved with the historical site.

"This is a critical community resource," Henderson said. "It takes a lot of people and commitment to make sure it remains vital."

Wynette Noll of Charleston said she has been a volunteer pioneer with the historical site for four years and originally got started with the program because of her kids. Noll said her daughter took a trip to the site

when she was in fifth grade and came home and expressed interest in volunteering there. Noll said volunteering at the site became something they did as a family.

Noll said volunteering at the site can be really hot in the summer, but the volunteers drink plenty of cold well water and stay in the shade when possible.

"It's going to be hot no matter what you do," Noll said.

Noll said the site also has a resident cat, Sheeba.

Sheeba was a stray who wandered the farm during the summer, curling up on furniture in the Lincoln Log Cabin and letting guests pet her.

During the winter, Sheeba stays with a volunteer pioneer because of the low temperatures.

Noll said being a volunteer pioneer can be interesting when dealing with people who visit.

Noll said visitors will often ask if the fire in the fireplace is real or if the food they are preparing is real food.

"You get some really crazy questions," Noll said.

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The Council also welcomed Christine Edwards, a new member during the meeting.

Edwards said she came to Eastern about six months ago and has been serving as a scholarship coordinator in the Office of Financial Aid.

She is also a member of the Staff Senate, and she said she volunteered

to become a representative on the CUPB.

"It is great to see some new and familiar faces and to be a part of such a diverse group," Edwards said.

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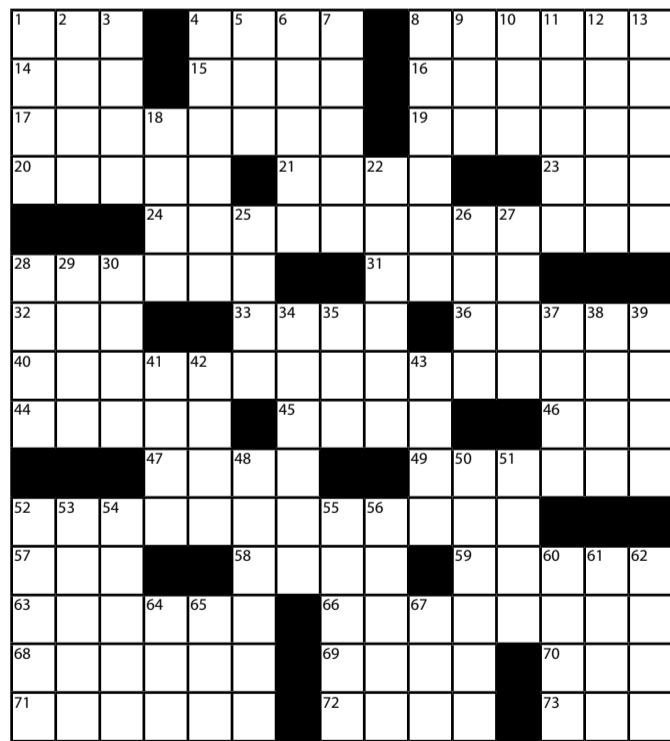
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VIEW

Granger making case to be All-OVC

What can be said about the play of senior guard Jeremy Granger this season? He leads the team in scoring, assists, steals and minutes played.

He has truly been playing like an All-Ohio Valley Conference selection.

Averaging 17.0 points per game, Granger has shown he can score with the best players in the OVC. He has an incredible knack for getting to the foul line. Where it is almost a certain make. Granger is one of the best free-throw shooters in the nation at 86 percent.

Granger has a very nice pull-up jumper that has almost become his signature shot.

To make himself even harder to guard, Granger added the three-point shot to his bag of tricks last season. Last year he made 38 percent of his three-point shots. This year his shooting numbers are a little down (36 percent for the year), but I expect those numbers to go up as the season wears on.

Granger said he likes to be the one to make plays in late game situations, but he is completely confident that his teammates can knock down shots. His facilitating and driving give guys like freshman guard Joey Miller and senior guard L.C. Doss lots of open shots from behind the three-point line. Granger's ability to find people in the paint has led to the emergence of sophomore forward Alfonso McKinnie.

Granger averages a career-high 4.3 assists per game and is the main reason why Eastern's offense ranks third in the OVC.



Rob Mortell

To compliment his array of offensive skills, Granger is a very solid defender. He told me he prefers guarding the team's best player and that he is always up for the challenge.

Defense is not easily quantified by statistics, meaning a lot of good defenders don't get recognition because they don't get blocks or steals. Granger does lead the team in steals at 1.1 per game, but it is his off-ball defense and talking that make him a great team defender. What else would be expected from the captain of the team? Nothing.

The most important stat that he leads the team in is minutes played. Head coach Mike Miller knows the importance of having Granger on the floor and he is for 34 of the 40 minutes.

Granger has great conditioning and makes his teammates better when he is on the floor, so he should be out there as much as possible.

Jeremy Granger is one of the most exciting players to watch in the OVC and should be a no-doubter to make an all-OVC team at seasons end.

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Grizzlies beat Bulls 102-86 without Rose

By the Associated Press

Mike Conley delivered a direct message to his Memphis Grizzlies before they played the Chicago Bulls.

"I said, 'Let's not forget what happened,'" Conley recounted from the pregame huddle.

"That was the last thing I said to them: 'That was an embarrassing loss. Let's go out there and just play hard and leave it all out there on the court,'" he said.

Beaten by 40 points by the Bulls on New Year's Day, the Grizzlies bounced back to defeat Chicago 102-86 Monday.

"I thought guys really took that to heart, especially in the first 6-7 minutes of the game," Conley said.

Rudy Gay scored 24 points and Conley added 20 points and eight assists as Memphis ended Chicago's five-game winning streak. The Bulls played without leading scorer Derrick Rose, who missed his second game in the last four with a sprained left toe.

Quite a different outcome than the Grizzlies' 104-64 drubbing in Chicago two weeks ago.

"Without having D-Rose out there, we had to take advantage of it," Conley said.

Marc Gasol had 19 points and 10 rebounds while Marreese Speights finished with 16 points and 12

rebounds for Memphis, which extended its winning streak to three games. Gay was 11 of 18 from the field while Gasol and Conley both hit nine of their 13 shots.

"I thought we came out with great energy and great focus," Memphis coach Lionel Hollins said. "Our defense was really good."

Luol Deng led the Bulls with 20 points and C.J. Watson finished with 17. Taj Gibson had 16 points and Carlos Boozer added 13 points, all in the first half, and seven rebounds.

"I don't think we did a good job mentally preparing for them. We should have been ready for that," Deng said of the potential retaliation factor. "We should have known that anytime you beat a team like that in the NBA, next time, they can't wait to see you. We should have been more prepared."

The Bulls rallied late in the third period and cut the lead to nine early in the fourth. Chicago got no closer.

Memphis had more trouble handling the ball in the first half than shooting it. Still, the Grizzlies were able to extend their lead through the second quarter when they cut back on their turnovers.

The Grizzlies overcame eight first-quarter turnovers by shooting 78 percent to open the game. Memphis led 58-38 at halftime.

SWIMMING



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Junior butterfly swimmer Daniel Enge swims the men's 100 yard butterfly during Eastern's meet against Western Illinois Saturday in the Ray Padovan Pool. Enge finished first with a time of 53.09, and both the men and women's teams took first place in the meet against Western Illinois.

Swimmers secure first win

By Nick Blankenship
 Staff Reporter

The Eastern swimming teams recorded their first wins of the season against Western Illinois.

The men and women now stand at 1-3 and 1-4, respectively, following their 123.5-73.5 and 127-63 wins in Padovan Pool Saturday afternoon.

Junior Michael Bower expressed that a weight had finally been lifted off the teams' shoulders. Bower won both the 400-yard individual medley and the 500-yard freestyle.

Junior Hailey Foss, who won the 200 and 500-yard freestyles, said that it's more about how the team was performing than getting Elliott McGill his first win as the head coach.

Bower on the other hand said, "I think he was finally starting to feel the pressure of having not gotten a win yet, and I really think it was a big plus for him to get it. Especially since it was against Western."

Foss feels that practice is starting to pay off more now than compared to earlier in the season.

"I'm doing a lot better, because you can even tell during your races if your splitting consistently, and I've been doing that really well lately."

Another notable performance came from sophomore Steve Swiercz, who fell behind in the 1000-yard freestyle and came back to win in dramatic fashion. This was Swiercz's first victory in his college career.

Eastern's men's and women's swim

teams also battled with Ball State the prior day, and lost 87-181 and 74-203, respectively. Even though they fell short, Foss said he feels that the teams performed really well.

"Hopefully we can take what we did wrong against Ball State, like mentally checking out of the races, and use that as motivation, especially because we want to have IU-PUI come here and we want to get them," Foss said. "We feel at the beginning of the year we weren't ready, but now we're feeling really good."

The Panthers next meet will be at home at 11 a.m. against rival Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis on Saturday.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



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Junior forward Sydney Mitchell scores during the second half of play against UT Martin Monday in Lantz Arena. Eastern beat UT Martin 70-63.

Panthers put away Tennessee-Martin

Wyss' shot helps team to finish win

By Alex McNamee
Staff Reporter

Tennessee-Martin's leading scorer, Heather Butler, had a chance to bring the game within a point with 1:55 to go, but missed the second of two free throws to make it 63-61 in Eastern's favor.

When Eastern got the ball, they looked for a good shot, but didn't panic when they didn't get it. The shot clock ticked under ten seconds, nine, eight, seven, and sophomore guard Jordyne Crunk passed the ball to junior guard Kelsey Wyss at the top of the three-point arc. Wyss went up with the shot with two to three players in her face.

Nailed it. The crowd went crazy. Eastern went up by five points.

Eastern junior guard Ta'Kenya Nixon said she could tell that shot took the air out of Tennessee-Martin.

"That's one of those shots where you can see in the other team's eyes like 'Holy crap,'" Nixon said.

With a 66-61 lead and 30 seconds to play, Eastern made "winning plays" to seal the victory, 70-63, Monday night.

Eastern head coach Brady Sallee said he has come to expect Wyss to make those kinds of shots late in games.

"It's a backbreaker," Sallee said. "How many of those shots have we seen Kelsey hit?"

Sallee said the shot was a credit to all of the players on the court who didn't panic as seconds began to disappear on the shot clock.

"A lot of teams when you start counting to 10-9-8, they start to go hog wild," Sallee said. "We just keep moving (the ball) — doing our thing."

Tennessee-Martin head coach Kevin McMillan said the game came down to three possessions at the end — Wyss' three-pointer and a play Eastern junior forward Sydney Mitchell made.

On Eastern's next possession, following the one that ended with Wyss' shot,

Crunk had to take a desperation shot at the end of the shot clock. She missed, but Mitchell chased after the ball and came up with the rebound.

"I was just hungry to win, that's all I wanted to do," Mitchell said. "It was crunch time."

After getting the rebound, Mitchell was fouled and sank both free throws to give Eastern a 68-61 lead.

On the other end of the court, Tennessee-Martin was failing to convert its opportunities, including missing a lay-up and Butler missing a free throw.

"That was the game," McMillan said.

Eastern head coach Brady Sallee said his team committed to making effort plays throughout the game, beginning in the first half when players like Nixon and sophomore guard Jessica Parker were diving on the floor for loose balls.

"Just winning plays," Sallee said. "Very rarely does a game like this come down to the plays you run. It comes down to players making plays."

Sallee said his team showed the kind of effort a team has to have at home in a game between the top two teams in the Ohio Valley Conference.

"That's what your home court has to mean to you," Sallee said.

Mitchell said the team was prepared to give a full effort going into the game knowing that Tennessee-Martin, last season's OVC Conference Tournament champion, had a target on its back.

"We put a lot of blood, sweat and tears on the floor," Mitchell said.

Now that the Panthers have beaten Tennessee-Martin, Mitchell said she thinks they've turned the tables in the OVC.

"We're going to have a target on our back now," Mitchell said.

Eastern is now the only team in the OVC with an undefeated conference record, at 4-0. Tennessee-Martin was the last to fall, before the Panthers stood alone atop the OVC.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Red-hot hawks down Panthers

By Rob Mortell
Staff Reporter

Despite a career-high 31 points from senior guard Jeremy Granger, Eastern's men's basketball team could not find a way to win on the road against Southeast Missouri.

The Panthers lost 73-80, dropping their overall record to 9-7 and 2-2 in the Ohio Valley Conference. SEMO continued its hot start to the conference season as it improved to 5-1 in the OVC and 10-8 overall.

Twenty-five of Granger's 31 points came in the second half as he connected on 10-of-16 shots. Granger also added six assists and one steal to round out a solid overall game.

The Redhawks were scorching to open the game as they hit 10 three-point shots in the first half. The sizzling start led to a 29-44 lead at halftime.

The Panthers, led by Granger, would put in a run for a comeback.

Junior guard Austin Akers cut the deficit to 52-60 with a lay-up. The bucket left just under 11 minutes in the game.

The score would stay around 10 points for the next six minutes, when a 5-to-0 run would pull the Panthers within five points with 4:21 remaining in the game. That would be as close as Eastern would get to the lead for the rest of the game.

Freshman guard Joey Miller provided the Panthers with a second scoring option as he scored 12 points, while grabbing four rebounds and dishing out four assists. However Miller and Granger were the only Panthers able to score in double-digits.

The Redhawks were led by guard Marland Smith, who scored 24 points and added three assists. Smith was on



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Coach Mike Miller holds his face in his hands after a botched play during the last few minutes of Eastern's game against UT Martin Thursday in Lantz Arena. Eastern lost on the road Saturday 73-80 against Southeast Missouri.

fire from beyond the three-point line, hitting 7-of-10 shots for the game. Forward Tyler Stone had 18 points on 7-of-11 shooting from the field and also contributed on the defensive side of the ball with two blocked shots.

Forward Leon Powell asserted him-

self on both ends of the court. He scored 15 points and grabbed a game-high 12 rebounds, eight of which were offensive rebounds.

Powell led SEMO to a sizable advantage rebounding-wise as the Panthers were out rebounded 24-to-39.

The Panthers return to action Thursday at home against Tennessee State. Tip-off is scheduled for 7 p.m. in Lantz Arena.

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