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LOCAL | CRIME

Armed robbery reported in apartment complex

By KRISTINA PETERS
Editor in chief

An armed robbery was reported at 6:56 p.m. Tuesday at the apartment complex located on 950 Fourth Street, according to Mark Jenkins, chief of the Charleston Police Department. Jenkins said one male was at home

by himself when two males forced open the door.

The victim described the suspects as two black males – one wore a black hooded sweatshirt and blue jeans, and the second wore a blue jacket.

Jenkins said the victim reported both suspects wore black bandanas that covered their faces, and the one

wearing the black sweatshirt was said to be carrying a handgun.

"No shots were fired," Jenkins said.

Jenkins said the victim was forced on the floor, but there were no injuries. He said the victim claims to be missing video games and video game systems.

"Investigation is ongoing at this

time," Jenkins said.

He said the suspects fled eastbound on foot.

Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs, sent out an e-mail at about 8:30 p.m. Tuesday to inform students about the armed robbery.

An Alert EIU text message was also sent out around 9:30 p.m. about the

robbery. If anyone has information concerning this incident or similar incidents, call the Charleston Police Department at 345-8406 or the University Police Department at 581-3212.

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CAMPUS | FRAUD

UPD warns caution against spam

By KRYSTAL MOYA
Administration Editor

After reports were filed back-to-back by victims of e-mail and online scams, the University Police Department wanted to issue a warning.

In the last week of January, two students filed reports that they were victimized by online scam artists.

One student was a victim to the Craigslist scam and the other an e-mail chain venture opportunity. Both lost thousands of dollars to the scams, which are virtually untraceable.

"A lot of these things you would think would be common sense, and I am not trying to insult anyone's intelligence," said university police officer Ryan Risinger. "But depending on how naïve or gullible a person is, or depending on the need or the greed, students have the ability to be seduced by these things."

Risinger, who presents on issues of online scams and identity theft, said students who were victimized by the scams fell into common traps that everyone is susceptible to.

He said both scams were common and the Federal Trade Commission has issued warnings against them because of victimization.

In the Craigslist scam, Risinger explained, a student would find a great deal on a relatively new vehicle in impeccable condition.

For example, a 2009 Chevy Trailblazer is being advertised for \$3,000. The Craigslist advertisement would then link to a supposed eBay Web page that has the advertisement and contact listing.

After several e-mails, expectations of payment first would arise; money would be wired through Money Gram International at a local Wal-Mart, which can be picked up at any Money Gram International location.

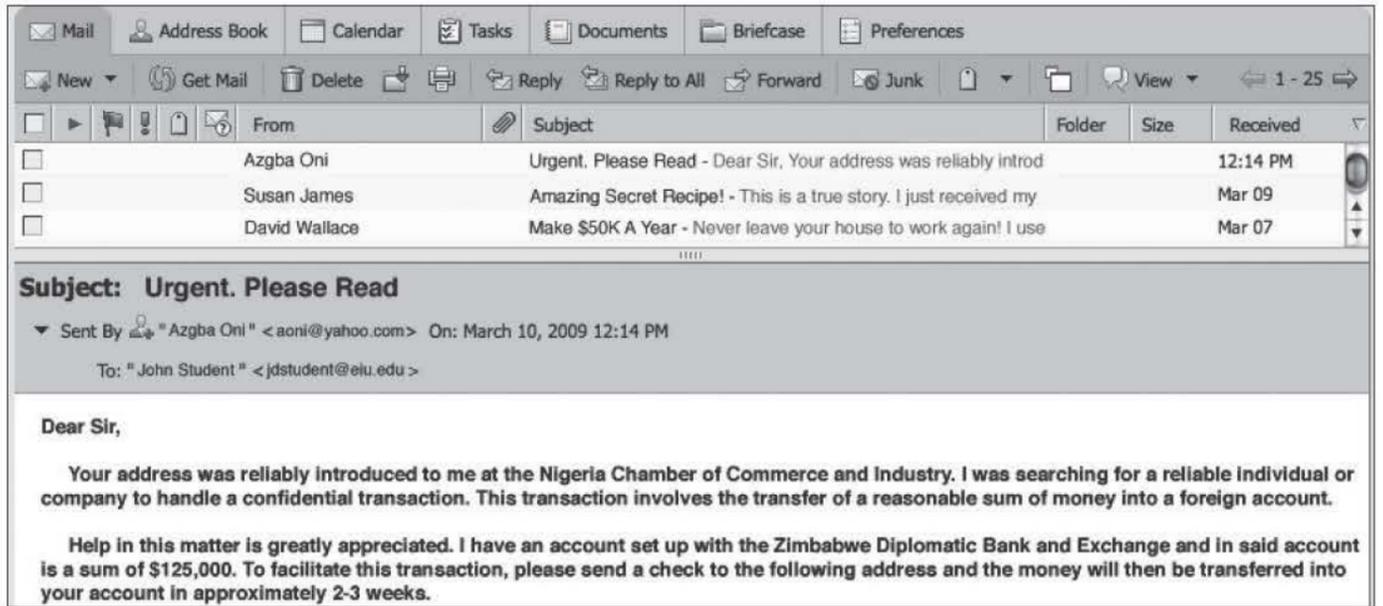


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Students are falling prey to an increasing number of e-mail scams and losing a lot of money by participating in them.

"From there the scam artist picks up the money from any location they please, shuts down the eBay page that was a fake and you are out of the money you sent because Craigslist, eBay, Wal-Mart and Money Gram are not responsible," Risinger said. "It is untraceable."

He advises to stay away from hyperlinks. "If anything, do not trust advertiser-made links," Risinger said. "Also, ask a friend, teacher or someone close if the advertisement looks legitimate. A second opinion always helps with online purchases."

The second scam, also called the Nigerian E-mail Scam, involves a chain-forwarded opportunity to make large amounts of "fast cash."

In the case of the Eastern student, Risinger

said he received an e-mail that said he would make \$900 for wiring deposits internationally for a company. The student gave the bank information and received a large deposit in his account, wired the money through Western Union and then waited for his payment.

After the wire transfer was complete, the student discovered their bank account was overdrawn by \$8,000. Risinger said there have been complaints about other scams throughout the years and there is little restitution. Tracing Internet crimes when victims are willing participants are extremely difficult to trace, he added.

"Some of these things can be very threatening, like the e-mail that says 'I am a hit-man or assassin and you are on my list. If you give me so

much money I will take you off my list and fake my hit for my boss,'" he said.

"People buy into these, but if you get something like it you should just ignore it. Do not respond. If you come across one of these scams, you can report it to UPD which can collect data and issue warnings about the scam. If it seems too good to be true, it probably is illegal -- either on your part or theirs."

Lists and tips on how to avoid online scams are compiled in a comprehensive list on the FTC's website. Search "Web Scams" for more information.

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EDUCATION | MONEY

Fundraising delayed by economy

By STEPHEN DI BENEDETTO
Staff Reporter

The receding economy has slowed planning for Eastern's major comprehensive capital campaign, but the overall goal of the campaign should not be altered.

The campaign could likely raise \$40 million to four different areas of the university.

"We are slowing down and that is fairly consistent with best practice across the United States right now," said Jill Nilsen, vice president for external relations.

The campaign is currently in a silent phase. In order to go live with the campaign, half of the overall goal must be met.

Karla Evans, director of the Office of Philanthropy, said the struggling economy has affected the launch date of the campaign.

"It has slightly postponed our launch," she said. "We hope to be out of the silent phase and ready for public launch in April 2010."

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GOVERNMENT | PRESIDENT

Obama's new budget plan to benefit students

By KRYSTAL MOYA
Administration Editor

Jone Zieren has reviewed President Barack Obama's 2010 budget proposal and his approved stimulus package in conjunction with the benefits toward higher education.

Zieren, director of financial aid, said the most significant aspect included in the \$3.55 trillion plan is the increase of funds for the Pell Grant.

The program would be transformed into an entitlement program that would no longer go to Congress each year to solicit funding, she said.

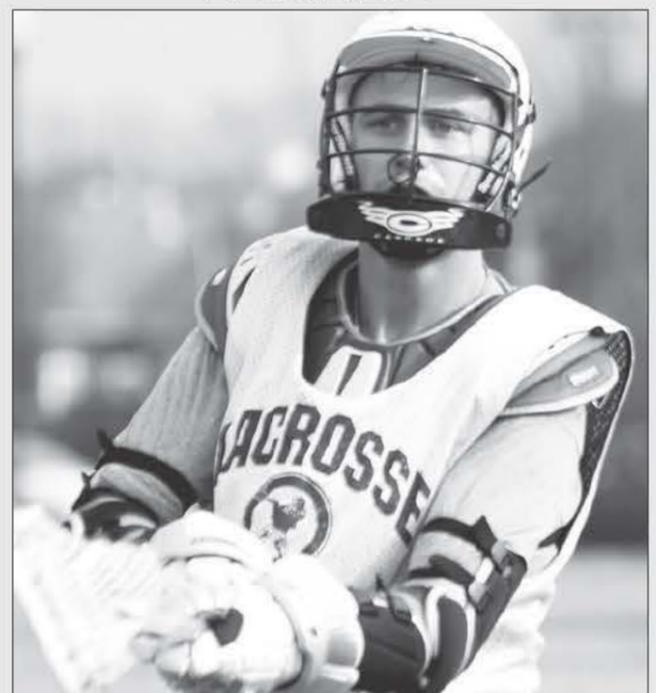
"It would be more like Social Security or Medicare, money going into the program on a fixed budget automatically," Zieren said.

In both pieces of legislation, the maximum Pell Grant would increase in the 2009-2010 school year by \$500 to \$5,350, after an already approved increase of \$119.

For the 2010-2011 school year, the maximum Pell Grant would increase an additional \$150. The award would then increase each subsequent year by the consumer price index plus 1 percent.

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LACROSSE



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Ryan Knapp, a sophomore industrial technology major, practices for an upcoming lacrosse game Tuesday afternoon in the field south of Buzzard Hall. The team's game will be April 4 at 10 a.m. on the men's rugby field behind O'Brien Stadium.

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CAMPUS | MEETING

Senate proposes new expenses

Proposal for election expenses introduced

By **BOB BAJEK**
Student Government Editor

Emergency legislation for the Student Government Elections budget will be voted upon at 7 p.m. today at the Student Senate meeting.

The proposal would allocate about \$970 if the whole bill is passed, said Student Senate Speaker Drew Griffin. This will take into account the expenses occurred with printing ballots and producing signage.

The Student Government Elections will be held April 6 and 7.

Griffin said the agenda contains a resolution for the Student Relations Student Government Forum.

The event will be held during the Student Senate meeting March 25 in the Grand Ballroom.

This forum is an offspring from former Student Senate member Eric Hiltner's "What's Your Beef?" forum in October. Students are encouraged to participate in the meeting

and bring up concerns to the Student Senate.

"We are hoping to promote this as a larger open meeting to encourage students to come," Griffin said.

Last open forum, only Ashley Nolan, a senior English major, participated by voicing concerns with the Electronic Writing Portfolio. Her concerns resulted in an EWP Forum sponsored by Student Government that was held Feb. 17.

In other business on the agenda, Griffin said Krishna Thomas, assistant director of Faculty Development, will speak during audience participation.

Thomas will tell the Student Senate about how she wants to bring Barbara Walvoord to Eastern as a speaker.

Walvoord would discuss ways to increase student motivation and participation.

Griffin also explained why two items from last week's agenda were pulled.

The bill for changing Student Government Elections Commission

was pulled.

Some members questioned why executives from Residence Hall Association and Black Student Union, and members of Interfraternity and Panhellenic councils were not allowed to serve on the elections commission.

"None of those members were pulled from serving," Griffin said because the bill was pulled.

The disability survey resolution was pulled because its author, Student Senate member Jose Alarcon, said he felt no senate members would actually work on the resolution because they would say it was only voluntary.

Lastly, Griffin said petitions for election will be due at noon today. This will allow time for the GPA to be checked and other requirements to be processed.

"Hopefully on Thursday, we will know who is running at noon," Griffin said.

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CAMPUS | EVENT

Poetry duo give new experiences

Open Mic performers will be openers for slam poetry group

By **HEATHER HOLM**
Activities Editor

Dan "Sully" Sullivan, member of the slam poetry duo, Death From Below, along with Alvin Lau have been performing professional poetry for about five or six years.

They have been featured on DEF Jam Poetry.

Death From Below will be the featured act at University Board's Open Mic Night today.

"We've been writing and performing since about 2000," Sullivan said.

A third member, Tim Stafford, sometimes performs as well, but will be unable to make it.

Sullivan said he has actually been writing poetry since high school.

"A lot of our work is labeled as stand-up poetry," Sullivan said. "We try to represent what it means to be from Chicago and the suburbs of Chicago."

Sullivan said Death From Below

talks about occurrences in Chicago because they are from the south side of Chicago.

"It is not white picket fence, it is more smoke and liquor stores, and people from big cities understand this," Sullivan said. "We deal with things like this through our humor and tell our stories along with our family's stories. We use these stories as a springboard for our poetry."

Sullivan said they talk about things ranging from skateboarding to capture the flag to break-dancing in a warehouse.

Sullivan added that Death From Below's slam poetry is not expressed in what people would think of as a normal poetic way.

"When people think of poetry, they think of dudes with beards talking about trees or boats or something," Sullivan said. "This is a different experience — we are not beatniks snapping our fingers or anything."

Lauren Phillips, UB Mainstage coordinator, said she decided to have this group perform because a lot of Eastern's population is from the Chicago.

Phillips found them at the National Association for Campus Activ-

ities' regional conference at Peoria in October.

The reason Phillips picked them is because a lot of students read poetry at the open mic nights.

"They were so entertaining and their charisma on stage pulls you in," Phillips said. "They also do a lot of comedy poetry."

Sheila Hurley, UB concerts coordinator, said UB thought a slam poet duo would be something different.

"They did a poem about growing up and hanging out at parks and we thought it was really funny," Hurley said.

Hurley said that slam poetry is kind of like rap with the performers talking really fast and rhyming a lot, but without the beat.

Phillips said this is the last Open Mic Night before spring break and this time anyone can come, but they must be there before 8 p.m.

The Open Mic portion will take place from 8 to 9 p.m. and Death from Below will perform from 9 to 10 p.m. in 7th Street Underground.

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CAMPUS | FORUM

Extending library hours put on hold

BY KAYLEIGH ZYSKOWSKI
Staff Reporter

The forum on library hours Tuesday night discussed why extending the hours is currently not a possibility.

The Academic Affairs Committee and the Association of Honors Students hosted the forum to present the research done by the committee.

Allen Lanham, dean of library services at Booth Library, began the forum by explaining the problems with extending the hours of the library. Lanham said with the current economy, there are no extra funds to hire additional staff.

"While it would be possible to close certain departments of the library on certain days of the week, this is not the kind of service we want to offer," Lanham said.

The library staff is not willing to sacrifice proper service and safety to stay open longer hours, he said.

Limited funding is not the only problem with extending the library hours at this point in time.

Lanham said there should be no need for hours to be added because the library is open 98 hours a week.

Lanham explained that even if a student in one week has 20 hours of classes, 20 hours of work, 20 hours of eating meals and at least five hours of



KAROLINA STRACK | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Student body president Levi Bulgar laughs at a joke told by Allen Lanham, dean of Booth Library, during the faculty forum on the extension of library hours on Tuesday afternoon in Booth Library.

meetings, that would still allow the student to be in the library for five hours a day.

"I haven't been able to find the student that is (in the library) five hours every day," Lanham said.

After about six months of research, Chris Kromphardt, chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, said he was expecting more students to attend the forum.

Excluding members from the

hosting organizations, less than five students attended the event.

"This forum may not have been the most successful, but it's a step in the right direction within a larger process," Kromphardt said.

The process is still moving forward, but in a new direction than the committee originally planned. Instead of trying to lengthen the hours of the library, the committee would like to see other changes addressed.

A possible change the committee may look into is the possibility of shifting hours instead of extending them. According to the student surveys, there is a want for the library to open at 7 a.m. during the week for the students who would like to print or pick up material before their 8 a.m. classes.

According to the committee's observations, Thursday nights are the slowest hours, but the committee will continue to do research to determine which hours will be most convenient for the majority of the students.

According to a report issued by the Informational Technology Service of about 20 labs found on campus, the library hosts 50 percent of the student computer usage.

Kromphardt said this could possibly be because the library is the only lab on campus that allows students to charge for printing directly to their student accounts.

Looking into expanding this capability to other labs found on campus may lower the students' want for the extended library hours.

"I wish we could be open all the time, but we simply don't have the funding to become a 7-Eleven," Lanham said.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Internet services unavailable for outage

The Student Services Building is scheduled for 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.

Homecoming committee picks theme for fall 2009

The 2009 Homecoming Committee has picked the theme "EIU Back to BLUE" for Homecoming week 2009, Oct. 11 to Oct. 17.

The committee still has a few positions open. Pick up an application at the Student Life Office on the second floor in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Fraternity hosts BMW car smash

A "Car Smash" of a BMW will take place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. today on the South Quad. The Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity will donate half of the proceeds to Coles County Animal Shelter.

The other half will go toward supporting their fraternity house. See full story at dennews.com.

—Compiled by Associate News Editor Emily Zulz

BLOTTER

A traffic incident involving a silver Dodge, blue Hyundai and blue Ford was reported on Thursday in a Greek Court parking lot, said the University Police Department.

Rynard Wilson, of Charleston, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs, possession of cannabis 2.5 to 10 grams and obstructing justice after a 12:35 a.m. Friday arrest at Ninth Street and Lincoln Avenue, police said.

A burglary was reported on Sunday in Thomas Hall, police said.

CAMPUS | EVENT

Peace prize nominee to present 'There are no good wars'

Women, children who lived through war a topic of event

BY HEATHER HOLM
Activities Editor

Kathy Kelly wants to encourage people to believe that, in their time, they can eradicate war.

"I like Martin Luther King's thought that we have to be neighbors that go beyond time, race and nation-state," Kelly said.

Kelly will present her speech "There Are No Good Wars: Women, Children and the Scars of War" as the keynote lecture of Women's History and Awareness Month at 7 p.m. today in the Grand Ballroom

of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

"She's going to be talking about women and children who have lived through the conflict of the war in Iraq along with the Middle East and Afghanistan," said Sace Elder, chair of the Women's History and Awareness Month committee. "She has a strong reputation in the activist community in Chicago."

Kelly has worked as a peace activist in Iraq in 2003 during the Shock and Awe campaign.

"This (campaign) was at the beginning of U.S. involvement when the U.S. military first came in," Elder said.

In the last 20 years, Kelly said she has wanted to work toward the goal of ending war. She was a 2000, 2001

and 2003 Nobel Peace Prize nominee.

Kelly also lived in Amman, Jordan for five months in 2007.

"She was living with Iraqi refugees who had fled during the war," Elder said.

Jeannie Ludlow, coordinator for the women's studies program, said Kelly can help students and faculty understand what war means.

Ludlow said she has seen movies and heard stories about war, but she still will never understand it.

"(Kelly) works with civilians in war to get them what they need, such as food, medicine and safety," Ludlow said. "Then, she comes back and tells their stories. In the community we live in, no one can fully understand what it means to be in a

war."

Ludlow said Kelly has been on the ground during bombings in war zones working to help civilians.

"Students may also be interested to know that she's a long-time peace, anti-nuclear activist who has spent some time incarcerated in federal prison for her activism," she said.

The theme of this year's Women's History and Awareness Month is "Women and War."

"We are active in two wars right now, and there is a lot in the news right now about local people being deployed," she said.

The lecture today is free and open to the public.

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The truth about
'killing trees'

I'm all for conservation, but something I value more than the protection of America's forests is the truth: The phrase "killing trees" is misused by the misinformed masses who think they are saving the forests, but are really merely broadcasting their ignorance of the way American paper products are produced.

The concept of "killing trees" is repeated so often that the thought of it being rooted in fiction is difficult for many to understand.

The average American understands paper comes from trees and in order for paper to be produced, it is necessary for a tree to be cut down. So far, the thought process is completely true.

Unfortunately, it is here the truth is obstructed by footage we've seen on the news. Images of large yellow trucks tearing down beautiful, virgin trees or protesters chaining themselves to a particularly old trees have led many to think that it is common practice for timber companies to acquire lumber in socially questionable ways.

Fortunately, the American timber industry does not rely on already existing trees as material for their products. No matter how many times stock footage of men with chainsaws stealing another of God's shady gifts from the earth is broadcasted on the news, it doesn't change the fact that the vast majority of trees used in product production come from tree farms.

A tree farm is exactly what it sounds like: A piece of land is selected for trees to be planted on where they will grow until they are ready to be harvested.

When put in those simple terms it is difficult to believe that people can still go around comparing the use of paper products to murder.

If people applied the same aggressive vocabulary when discussing someone's consumption of any other product it would sound ridiculous.

Would you accuse someone who goes back to the salad bar for another bowl of salad of being a "lettuce killer"? If your friend decided to get a small order of fries instead of the large, would you pat them on the back and congratulate them for "saving potatoes"?

Another misconception strongly tied to this one is the idea that our overuse of paper products has drained our national tree supply.

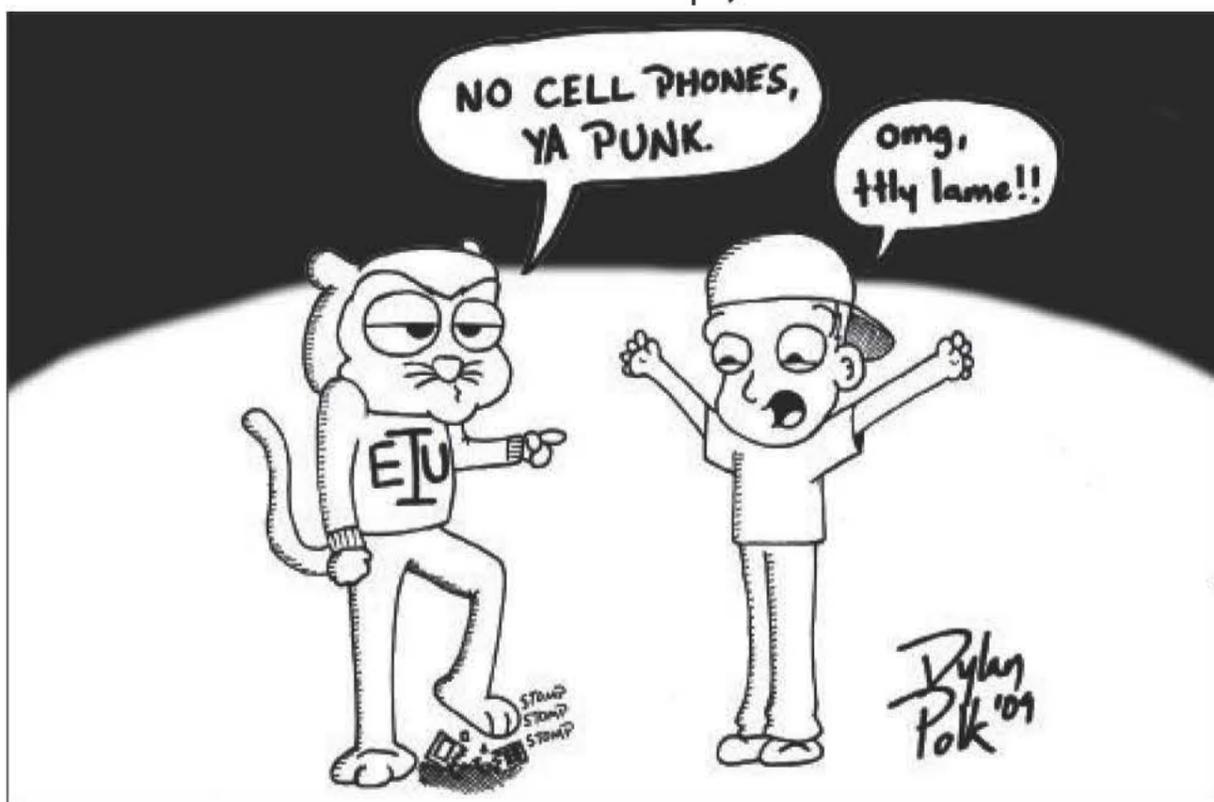
Anyone who understands supply and demand could tell you where the logic fails. Industry strives to meet the demands of the consumers. If there was a sudden increase in demand for paper products, the industry would merely increase its production by planting more trees for harvest.

And that is what has happened. The amount of trees in this country has tripled since 1920.

Although it may not sound as dramatic, when you make strides to avoid using paper you are not saving a tree from its premature death, you are being efficient, and though that may not sound as cool, it is the truth.

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Drawn from the News | Dylan Polk



STAFF EDITORIAL

Extension of library hours
inefficient according to survey

The Student Senate continues to throw around the idea of extending the Booth Library hours.

In an ideal world, this would be a good idea.

However, we don't live in an ideal world. We live in a world that is going through some tough economic times. Everyone, including universities, has had to make cuts or think more about their spending.

Extending the library hours would not be a good investment for the university and Allen Lanham, dean of library services at Booth, seems to understand.

Lanham said the library would probably not expand because of budget concerns and students would have to demonstrate a need for extending hours.

In an article printed Jan. 16 in *The Daily Eastern News*, Lanham said since the last extension, he does not have enough people to fill additional hours; meaning additional employees or longer shifts are needed.

He also said a staff of seven is required, even late at night for the safety of students.

At a library forum held Tuesday night, Lanham said there should also be no need for hours to be added because the library is open 98 hours a week.

Additionally, in a survey conducted by the Academic Affairs Committee, students don't seem to demonstrate the need for extending hours.

The survey had 180 responses, which was far less than the 1,000 responses Chris Kromphardt, Academic Affairs Committee chair, said was desired.

According to the Library Advisory Board minutes from Nov. 12, Lanham wanted about 1,240 students to answer the survey.

"Extending the library hours would not be a good investment for the university and Allen Lanham, dean of library services at Booth, seems to understand."

The senate got nowhere near close, so the sample they have is a poor representation of Eastern.

But of the students surveyed, 53 percent of the students were satisfied with the current hours while only 40 percent were dissatisfied and 7 percent were neutral.

When asked if the students would use the library during the proposed hours, it was an overwhelming no or unsure.

Of 160 respondents, 45.7 percent said "do not know," "probably will not" or "definitely will not" use the library at 7 a.m. opposed to 24.4 percent who "definitely would."

Only 36 percent out of 161 respondents said they would use the library Friday evening as opposed to 34.8 percent who "do not know," "probably will not" or "definitely will not" use the hours.

These numbers are too small to be once again considering extending the library hours.

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CLASS IN THE CLASSROOM

UC-BERKELEY — Being a student at the University of California Berkeley comes with the stigma of being laid back-wearing sweatpants or even pajamas to class, losing your hairbrush and not even noticing, and, of course, always running late.

That extra 10 minutes of "Berkeley time" may play into the stigma of a laid-back classroom environment, but punctuality is extremely important when it comes to classroom etiquette. Those 30 seconds you spend slowly opening the door, shuffling to an empty seat and

awkwardly fishing through your bag to find your pen are 30 seconds your classmates will spend watching you instead of the professor. There are many wonderful excuses for lateness—a broken alarm clock, overzealous proselytizers on Sproul, an unexplainable inability to turn your eyes away from the latest episode of "Lost." The best we can do is to erase "Berkeley time" from our minds and pretend that 9:00 really does mean 9:00.

If something comes up that you simply cannot prevent, apologize to the professor at the end of class. Not only will you likely be forgiven, but you will also stand out for your consideration.

It is tempting to arrive late to classes in large lecture halls simply to avoid the frustration of trying to get in and out. Berkeley's budget doesn't provide for crowd control officers in Wheeler, so we all need to take the initiative to make things go smoothly. There is no reason it should take 10 minutes to walk 50 feet if we use common sense.

Classroom etiquette is simply about respecting your professors and peers and creating an environment that fosters focus and learning.

Marta Belcher
Daily Californian

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» Fundraising

FROM PAGE 1

President Bill Perry said, in a silent phase, fundraisers in external relations are devoting their time to seeking commitments for larger gifts to the university.

Perry added, because of the economy, some donors might decide to delay giving a gift, but added donors remain committed to the university.

"I'm sure we'll see a little slow down there, but that doesn't mean we should slow down with planning either," he said. "We need to keep moving forward."

Evans said she expects the campaign to last about five years once it is launched.

She said the campaign would have

four objectives. The money raised during the campaign would go toward students, faculty, programs and capital.

Money toward students entails scholarships and financial aid. Money toward faculty would go to professional development, such as conference trips and research opportunities. Money toward programs would go to academic programs. Money toward capital would go to improvement projects for Eastern facilities.

Evans said the deans of Eastern's five colleges are assessing individual needs that would articulate the priority projects of each college.

"That will be like our wish lists," she said. "It will be my job and my directors' job to push those projects."

Nilsen said the vice presidents are working within their areas to gauge

their needs for the campaign. She said Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs, is primarily doing this.

During campaigning, sometimes a donor specifically wants a gift to go toward a particular project. Evans said she and her directors would have to play the role of matchmaker in that instance. She added negotiation is open as long as the gift is going to help a student, faculty member, program or a building.

"I cannot think of hardly anything that would not fit in one of those four categories," Evans said.

The steering committee of the campaign will ultimately make the official announcement to how much money the campaign will raise, Evans said.

Evans said the university would

present different proposals to the committee about the overall goal and timeframe of the campaign on April 9. The committee is comprised of 20 volunteers connected to the university who have affluence and influence, meaning the volunteers are wealthy and know many people. To serve on the committee, each volunteer was asked to donate \$100,000 to the campaign.

Evans said many times the volunteers are uncomfortable with asking people they know for money to a campaign. The volunteers, however, allow fundraisers at the university to meet more people, like potential donors.

Perry said the overall goal of the campaign could also fluctuate. Depending on the future, the university might have a more aggressive goal.

"It's going to depend upon our experiences over the next year in major gifts and commitments we've accrued," Perry said.

Eastern's last philanthropic campaign was in 2003. The three-year mini-campaign raised \$11 million from 2003 to June 2006.

Evans said the economy has delayed the launch of the project, not the goal of the project. She said the economy has caused people to reflect on which charitable organizations are important to them.

"Folks who were spreading their philanthropy pretty wide have had to narrow that," Evans said. "But we remain strong. Education remains very strong."

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» Obama

FROM PAGE 1

Eastern participates in the Pell Grant program, which awards funds that do not need to be returned to low or moderate-income students.

The proposed budget also includes the removal of the Federal Family Education Loan Program, which gives federal loans from private-sector lenders.

Private colleges and colleges with high tuitions traditionally participate in this program with guaranteed funding from the government.

"From what I understand, Obama wants to shut this loan program down and reallocate all the funding into increasing the Federal Stafford Direct Loan Program, which is directly administered from the government," Zieren said. "This

would eliminate the cost of subsidies that the government is currently paying private lenders to distribute those loans."

This loan change would not affect Eastern directly. The university already participates in the Stafford program. According to the FAFSA Web site, Eastern students were part of 1.5 million who received \$14 billion in aid under the Stafford program. The Family program loaned \$56 billion to about 6 million students.

However, Eastern would be indirectly affected by the Family program's removal. The subsidies the government would save on could be used to increase the Pell Grant program as well as other federal grants and scholarships.

"Increasing grant dollars instead of loan amounts is the best for our students who are of low income and high need," Zieren said.

In addition, Obama's budget includes a com-

prehensive plan to revamp the Federal Perkins Loan Program, which was stricken in the stimulus' compromise. The plan would increase the number of schools and students that participate in the loan program by redistributing the funds.

"We currently participate in the Perkins program, but we haven't really received new funds in years," Zieren said. "Instead, we fund the program ourselves through the collections from students on their past Perkins loans."

Both the proposed budget and the stimulus include a tax credit for family college spending.

The proposal would phase out the Hope Scholarship credit and make the American Opportunity Tax Credit policy permanent to allow all families to claim a tax credit and receive benefits for reaching higher education.

Hope awards a maximum of \$1,800 to families that earn enough to pay income tax, which

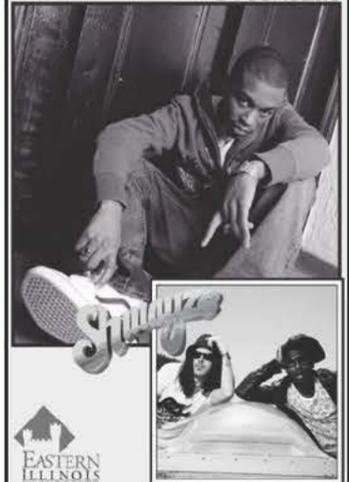
can only be claimed for tuition and fees. America awards \$2,500 maximum to those who pay income tax and \$1,000 to those who cannot.

"I discussed this idea with Linda Coffey, the university's expert on taxes and tax credits, and she explained that this would benefit the students of Eastern, who can come from lower income families," Zieren said.

Finally, the budget calls for a new "access and completion incentive program," funded at \$2.5 billion over five years. The program will give federal grants to states and other educational groups to distribute to students in area colleges. It is aimed to increase the number of successful students in college and has a focus on low-income and minority students.

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» **Cusack**

FROM PAGE 8

Junior guard Romain Martin surpassed the 1,000-point mark this season, and will return to anchor the Panthers backcourt next season. Martin averaged 15.4 points per game this season and was one of the most consistent players on the roster.

Martin was a Second-Team All-OVC performer as well.

One of the biggest improvements this year was the play of junior center Ousmane Cisse. Cisse dominated at certain points of the season and was a constant threat each game for a double-double. With the addition of Pratl, who has shown in high school he is well equipped to play the post, it will be hard for teams to double-team either player.

Sophomore guard Tyler Laser played well for the Panthers this year and he and Martin were two of the

best three point shooters in the Ohio Valley Conference. Laser averaged 11.4 points per game and was tied for sixth in the conference in 3-point percentage. He also had a stretch of 45 straight-made free throws, which was the second most in conference history.

Junior guard T.J. Marion made an impact for the Panthers, earning a spot in the starting lineup early in the season. He was named to OVC All-Newcomer Team and should improve with a year of Division I play under his belt.

Freshman guard Jeremy Granger played well for the Panthers off the bench as the season went on, as his quickness made it hard for defenders to match-up.

Only time will tell whether the Panthers will take a step to the next level next season, but at least on paper, things are looking good.

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» **Soccer**

FROM PAGE 8

The 2002 Western grad was also an assistant with the West-rewinds during the 2002 season. Perala still holds the Summit League record for saves.

Perala is the second consecutive Western grad to coach the Eastern women's soccer program.

Former head coach Tim Nowak was the coach from 2005 to 2008.

Nowak was also a goalkeeper with the Leathernecks.

He left in late January to join the Arkansas women's soccer program as an assistant coach.

Perala has four incoming recruits plus last season's team only graduated three players.

"(Perala) is a great up-and-coming coach who will be a great

addition to the Eastern Illinois athletic staff," said Eastern athletic director Barbara Burke in a press release. "She has a proven track record as a recruiter and coach that will help to rebuild the Panther women's soccer program."

Perala will officially start her job on March 16. The Panthers finished the 2008 season with a record of 3-14-2 and lost in the first round of the OVC Tournament.

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» **Briefs**

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Eastern is coming off a 1-3 showing at the Kansas Tournament. The Sycamores (4-6) are coming off a 1-4 showing at the Georgia Tech Buzz Classic. Two of the losses were by one run including a loss to Purdue and Kennesaw State. Indiana State also took an 8-6 loss to preseason OVC favorite, Jacksonville State.

Eastern leads the all-time series against Indiana State 42-26.

Former tennis player earns national honor

Former Eastern tennis player Fernando Velasco of Austin, Texas, was named the Professional Tennis Registry (PTR) Male Player of the Year as the awards were recently handed out at the 2009 PTR International Tennis Symposium in Hilton Head Island, S.C.

Velasco played tennis at Eastern from 1962-65. He is currently ranked No. 1 in Texas and No. 20 in the National USTA 65 and over Singles.

He ended his year with a 32-10 and he was a member of the team that won both the 65-and-over Division and Overall Team National Championship at the Intersectional Tournament held in Arlington, Texas.

He was also named Senior Player of the Year by the Capital Area Ten-

nis Association. Velasco, a PTR Master Professional, is the General Manager and Director of Tennis of the Circle C Tennis Club in Austin.

PTR is the largest global organization of tennis teaching professionals with more than 13,000 members in 122 countries.

Women's cross country earns academic award

The Eastern women's cross country team was named one of the nation's All-Academic squads by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association after Eastern's squad maintained a 3.12 team GPA for Fall 2008.

Eastern had three team members, junior Jessica Blondell, sophomore Martha Pedziwiatr and freshman Jenna Wise, post 4.0 GPAs for the semester.

Eastern was one of three Ohio Valley Conference schools to make the list as 162 NCAA Division I teams nationwide maintained a team GPA of 3.00 or better.

Eastern's squad was honored with the OVC Team Sportsmanship Award for the 2008 season.

Washington was the national All-Academic squad of the year after the Huskies won their first NCAA Division I cross country title and posted a 3.28 team GPA.

—Compiled by Sports Editor Kevin Murphy. He can be reached at 581-7944 or at kjmurphy@eiu.edu.

DePaul advances

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Will Walker and Dar Tucker scored 17 points apiece and DePaul ended its 18-game losing streak with a 67-57 victory over Cincinnati on Tuesday in the opening round of the Big East tournament.

The 16th-seeded Blue Demons (9-23) avoided the most losses in a season in school history and advanced to the second round against eighth-seeded Providence on Wednesday.

Mac Koshwal had 12 points and

nine rebounds for DePaul, which last won Dec. 28 against Alcorn State.

Deonta Vaughn had 15 points for the Bearcats (18-14), who dropped to 0-3 all-time in the Big East tournament.

Cincinnati led 41-38 before the Blue Demons went on a 15-2 run during which the Bearcats missed 13 of 14 shots from the field.

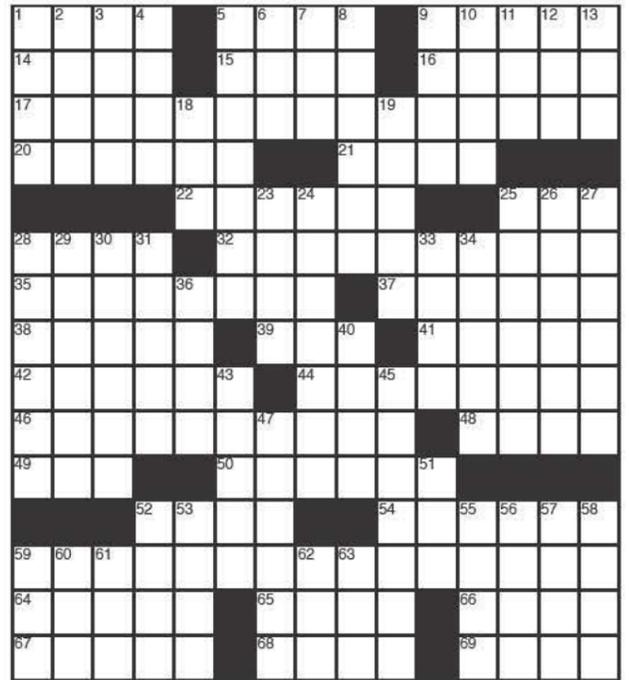
Tucker, limited to five minutes in the first half because of foul trouble, scored all his points in the second half — nine in the final 5:30.

The New York Times Crossword

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- 1 Rubberneck
- 5 Digital signal receiver
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- 16 See 15-Across
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- 21 Nereid sister of Galatea
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- 39 Clairvoyant's claim
- 41 Half of a 45 with more airplay
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- 49 Blacken
- 50 Like some sausages and Web sites
- 52 Air condition
- 54 Entree from the frozen food department
- 59 Freedom from the requirement of having long sleeves?
- 64 Thai or Chinese
- 65 Craving
- 66 Spree
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- 68 Disgusting one
- 69 Queries
- DOWN
- 1 Shirts and skirts
- 2 Salt's direction
- 3 Policy
- 4 River in a Best Picture title
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- 6 Patient observers: Abbr.
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- 8 Dematerialize
- 9 Drawn
- 10 Baja boss
- 11 Time to remember



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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



- 12 Mil. leader
- 13 Draw
- 18 Press coverage
- 19 Housemate, informally
- 23 Bundle in a barn
- 24 Comedian Yakov Smirnoff, by birth
- 25 Emphatic confirmation of action
- 26 Eye intently
- 27 Naval affirmative
- 28 Without profit
- 29 Guide for Hillary
- 30 ___ moment
- 31 Spud
- 33 Put one's feet up
- 34 Poet who wrote "Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats"
- 36 Ain't as it should be?
- 40 Part of PRNDL
- 43 Groove for a letter-shaped bolt
- 45 Ruby
- 47 Freak
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- 55 "Ciao!"
- 56 Old hands
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DAN CUSACK

Hope for Eastern's future

The men's basketball team ended its season last Tuesday with a loss to Austin Peay, but it is never too early to start thinking about next season.

Eastern will return 12 out of 13 players, including their top four scorers from this season.

The Panthers had eight new players this year, but were still able to improve their overall win total from a year earlier (12-18) as well as their conference win total (eight).

The eight new players will have a year of experience under them, as this was their first taste of Division I basketball.

The lone recruit joining the club next season will be Shaun Pratl, the 6-foot-7 forward from Oak Lawn Richards. Pratl has shown he can play on the big stage as he led his high school to an Illinois High School Association Class 4A State Championship last season.

Pratl should make an immediate difference with the Panthers and may even have an opportunity to start because the only starter leaving is senior forward Billy Parrish.

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ATHLETIC | EMPLOYMENT

UAB coach hired to lead soccer

Staff Report

The third women's soccer coach in Eastern history has been hired.

Summer Perala, an assistant at Alabama-Birmingham for the past six seasons, was announced as the head coach on Tuesday.

Perala was a goalkeeper at Western Illinois and was also the head coach at Rockford Guilford High School in 2003.

Perala coached the UAB Blazers

from 2004 to 2008. She was the associate head coach the past two seasons.

"I'm very excited to become the head coach of the Eastern Illinois women's soccer program," Perala said in a press release. "Having played collegiate soccer in the state, I am very aware of the tradition and success the EIU program has had, and I look forward to guiding this program back to that level of success."

Perala helped guide the Blazers program to three Conference USA

titles and two NCAA bids during her six-year stint at UAB. The Blazers won the C-USA regular season title in 2003, followed up with a Conference Tournament title in 2004 and again in 2006 to advance to the NCAA College Cup.

In 2004, they defeated Wake Forest before falling to No. 10 Tennessee in NCAA College Cup action. Perala served as the Blazers primary recruiter and made an immediate impact during her first season helping

the team post a 13-5-1 record.

She helped coach eight C-USA first team selections. As a well-respected goalkeepers specialist, Perala took the Blazers' 2003 squad with two freshmen goalkeepers and turned it into the No. 2 defensive unit in the conference.

UAB limited its opposition to a school-record 21 goals with nine shut-outs.

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BASEBALL | INDIANA STATE 10, EASTERN 9

Panthers blow four-run lead in loss

Nommensen homers twice in loss to ISU

By COLLIN WHITCHURCH
Assistant Sports Editor

The Panthers pitching staff allowed nine walks and hit four batters as they blew an early four-run lead and fell to Indiana State 10-9 Tuesday in Terre Haute, Ind.

Four of the Sycamores nine walks came in a six-run fifth inning that gave them an 8-6 lead.

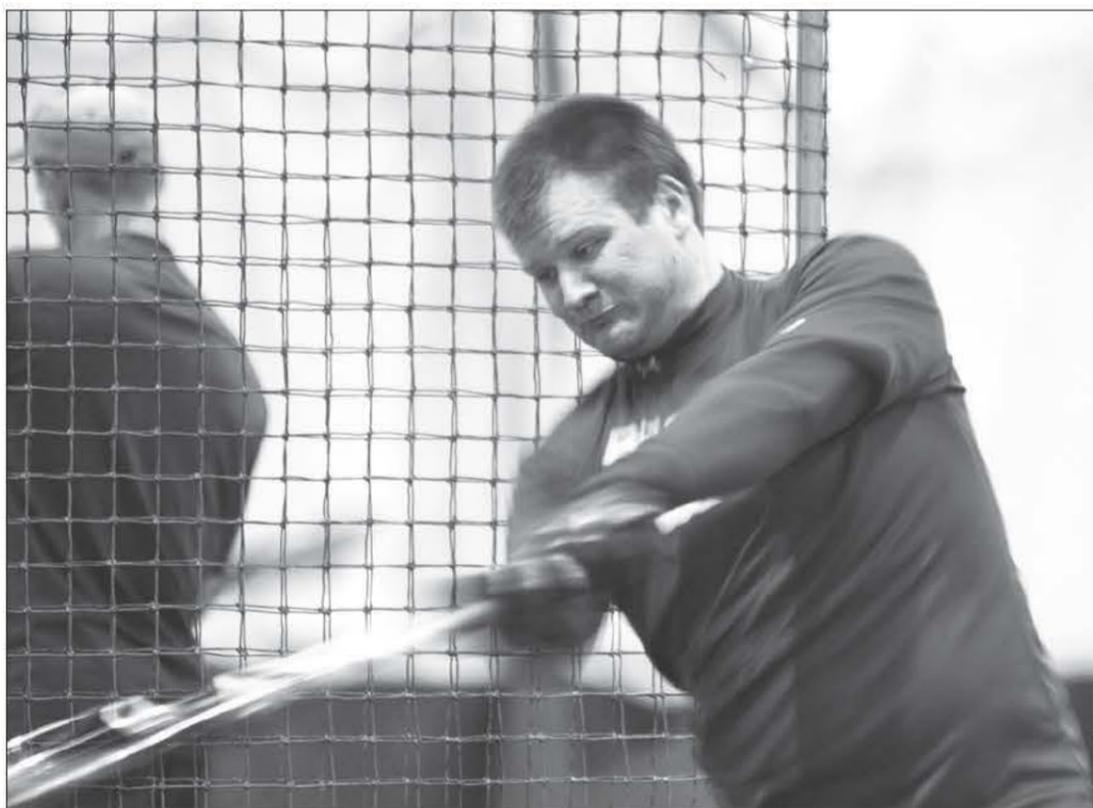
Eastern starting pitcher, red-shirt freshman Mike Martin, was knocked out of the game in that inning after allowing five runs on four hits. He finished the game with six walks while failing to strike out a single batter.

"Obviously, the six walks are disappointing to say the least," said Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz. "But he showed some signs of pitching in big situations."

The Panthers (6-4) jumped out to a quick 6-2 lead thanks to home runs by senior center fielder Brett Nommensen and senior third baseman Zach Skidmore.

Nommensen led off the game with a home run and added a two-run shot in the eighth inning that pulled the Panthers within one at 9-8. He finished the game 3-for-5 with three runs scored and three RBIs.

"The last two or three weekends I haven't been playing as well as I wanted and I've been working a lot," Nommensen said. "I just went back to the approach of seeing the



ERIN MATHENY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Eastern freshman catcher Gerik Wallsten practices on Feb. 18 in Lantz Fieldhouse. The Panthers fell to Indiana State 10-9 Tuesday in Terre Haute, Ind. They travel to Tampa, Fla. for a tournament this weekend.

fastball, hitting the fastball and laying off the junk they throw. I've been able to pick up the ball and drive it instead of just trying to kill the ball."

Sycamore senior first baseman Brian Jett hit the game-winning single for the Sycamores (10-5).

Even with the offensive power the team displayed, Schmitz said he was most pleased with the way

the offense was hitting.

"The thing I'm most happy with is that we scored runs in six innings or so," he said. "We scored in a lot of innings, and we're definitely doing better hitting with runners in scoring position and hitting in different situations."

Skidmore finished the game 2-for-5 with two RBIs to go along with his third-inning blast.

Freshman Zach Borenstein got the start in right field in place of the struggling Ryan Lindquist and had 2 RBIs, and junior designated hitter Richie Derbak continued his recent hot streak by going 3-for-3 with two runs scored. He is now 11 for his last 18.

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PANTHER BRIEFS

Men's golf places 12th at Samford Invite

The Eastern men's golf team opened its season with a 12th-place showing at the Samford Invitational at the 6,000-yard par-72 Limestone Springs Golf Course in Oneonta, Ala.

The Panthers wrapped up the three-round invitational on Tuesday.

The Panthers are 12th of 14 teams with 922 strokes. Tuesday was the worst day for the Panthers. They shot a 317 in the final round.

Freshman Gino Parrodi led the Panthers with an 11-over-par 227.

He finished tied for 35th individ-

ually. Sophomore Francisco Cherizola was second for the Panthers with a 235. Junior Lucas Mannix and junior Matt Bird each finished with a score of 236.

Ohio Valley Conference member Murray State won the invitational with 859 strokes.

Kennesaw State finished second with 868 strokes. Eastern Kentucky finished third with 882 strokes.

Clayton State senior Will Wilcox won the individual title on the second hole of a playoff with Murray

State sophomore Cameron Carrico. They both shot par on the first hole before Wilcox won it on the 18th.

Wilcox and Carrico shot a 209 through the first three rounds.

Softball hosts Indiana State

The last time the Eastern softball team tried to play Indiana State — their game was canceled.

The Panthers (9-7) were supposed to play the Sycamores last week at Williams Field, but the game was canceled because of wet conditions. Eastern's home opener against the

Sycamores is set for 4 p.m. today at Williams Field.

"It'll be good to have a game on our field before we open this weekend," said Eastern head coach Kim Schuette.

The Panthers host Tennessee State as part of the opening weekend of Ohio Valley Conference play. Eastern plays TSU in a doubleheader at 4 p.m. Friday at Williams Field. They conclude the series at noon Saturday at Williams Field.

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Staring down justice, racism Women and war

Author visits Eastern, conducts poetry reading with samples about growing up during the Civil Rights Movement

By Sheree Patterson
Editor in Chief

Audience members were invited to go back to a time when the Civil Rights Era had just begun, to a place where fried apple pies were considered a treasured dessert, a place where it all began for award-winning author, poet and professor Janice Harrington: the South of the 1960s.

Harrington, author of three books, conducted a poetry reading Feb. 19. While doing so, she shared her inspirations and personal perseverance involved with the creation of her writing.

Her book, *Even the Hollow My Body Made is Gone*, won the A. Poulin Jr. poetry prize from BOA Editions, Ltd., a nonprofit publisher of poetry and other literary works, and the Kate Tufts Discovery Award, which is presented annually for a first book by a poet of genuine promise. Her other books are children's books: *The Chicken Chasing Queen of Lamar County* and *Going North*.

Harrington was born in Vernon, Ala. and moved to Nebraska with her family when she was 8-years-old.

"I was surrounded by family when the civil rights movement was underway," Harrington said.



Erin Matheny | The Daily Eastern News

Janice Harrington reads a sample of her poetry on Feb. 19 in the Black Box Theater of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

"My parents wanted us to have more opportunities and a better education. They were set on moving out of the south."

Harrington said she began writing seriously as an adult in the mid-1990s and fell deeply in love with poetry when she read *For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow Is Enuf* by Ntozake Shange.

"Ntozake Shange was recognizing the joys, pains and triumphs of black women," Harrington said.

"She made the hearts of black women tremble and sing."

I had teachers who made me love it, Harrington remembered. Now, listening to hip-hop, living through life experiences and things she reads are what inspire her to write.

Although Harrington has completed three books, she won't describe herself as a writer.

"I'm a re-writer," Harrington said, adding that her writing process can include completing more

than 50 drafts of a piece before she feels it's ready to be published.

Some of the pieces she read from her book were "Fried Apple Pie," "Wind," "Bedchecks," "If she had Lived" and "A Black Woman can't Sing."

"A Black Woman can't Sing" is a revelation of the limited range of subjects available to most African American writers, who are discouraged from addressing any-

SEE POETRY, PAGE 4

Panel to bring first hand accounts of women in military barrier-breaking experiences

By Eric Hiltner
Staff Reporter

Women have participated in wars throughout history in many forms; they have acted as victims, peacemakers and fighters.

This year's Women's History and Awareness Month theme, "Women & War" plans on bringing movies, panel discussions and guest speakers to explore and highlight their experiences at war.

Kathy Kelly, author of "There Are No Good Wars: Women, Children, and the Scars of War," will be discussing the refugee situation within Iraq and Jordan, and her time spent as a peace activist.

"We will be talking about women and children as victims of war," said Sace Elder, WHAM Committee Chair.

Elder developed the idea last spring during the election year primaries when, the Iraq war was looming large as a political issue and as a relevant issue on campus because of the amount of students involved with the military.

The "Women of Valor" panel and discussion in Booth Library will contain women flyers and naval officers from World War II telling their stories about the war.

This month also features a program called "Living History."

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Greek life: Black and White organizations

Speaker shares study results about stereotypes and race among Greek organizations

By Zinika Livingston
Staff Reporter

In college, being greek and being a racial minority are two classifications that come with many stereotypes. But being a minority within the greek system comes with even more social misunderstanding.

Rashawn Ray addressed pessimistic stereotypes in his lecture, "Getting Off and Getting Intimate: Black and White Fraternity Men's Approaches to Women."

Ray, a professor who is currently working toward his doctorate in Sociology at Indiana University in Bloomington, Ind., discussed the results of the studies he conducted for his thesis, "Class Identities in the United States (1974-2006)



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Rashawn Ray spoke about the inequality between Black and White fraternity houses on college campuses, and using them to get women.

Family Configuration, Gender, Race and Policy Attitudes."

Ray, an Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. member, noticed the race component was missing from much of the sociological research

on college life. He and his friend Jason, a White male, studied the relationship between fraternity men and race at a predominately White "party school" and interviewed 15 Black fraternity members and

15 White fraternity members. The names of the fraternities were anonymous.

To ensure the integrity of the fraternity members interviewed, Ray interviewed Black fraternity members and Jason interviewed White fraternity members.

"To some people, greek men are perceived as partiers and womanizers," Ray said. "However, all fraternities have principles in regards to academic achievement, leadership and social responsibility."

Ray also found that greek life has been noted as creating a hegemonic peer culture that places women at a social, structural and physical disadvantage.

Black fraternity members think they receive some negative stereotypes because of this.

"We put on parties to generate our revenue," a Black fraternity member said.

Ray said Black fraternity members work substantially harder than

their White counterparts due to low membership and their commitment to community service.

Alumni of Black fraternities don't donate as much money as the White fraternity members do, Ray said. On the campus where the interviews took place, the Black fraternity houses were small compared to the White fraternity mansions. One such mansion called "The House" consisted of 50 rooms, cooks, maids and specialized parking spots, Ray said.

"These two structural components influence how men treat women," Ray said.

The White fraternity members admitted "The House" is a great way to meet women. It's easier to get women to come to "The House," a White fraternity member said.

"Sex is not always the end result," a White fraternity member

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From the Wire

Science fields lack female minority professors

U. Maryland — The lack of minority women in academia is a self-perpetuating trend that deprives young minority females of role models and networking opportunities, professors and researchers said at a panel discussion on the campus Tuesday.

"I see a lot of women who are incredibly smart not go into these fields," said Ritu Agarwal, a University of Maryland business professor.

There are only 26 women of color holding tenure professorship at this university, according to Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs Ellin Scholnick, despite there being close to 1,500 tenure or tenure-track faculty at the university.

When students reach higher education, there is a significant drop in female minority participation in science fields, according to a recent study by a Catholic University of America sociology professor. That minimal number of prospective role models hinders the development of female minority students.

"I wish there was a woman role model I could turn to," Agarwal said. "There were many times I wished I were a man [for networking purposes]. Many times I felt people weren't taking me as seriously as my actions and scholarship suggest."

The study found that due to low expectations set by a white male driven society, minority students, especially women, are aware of

racial discrimination and low expectations, leading to a decline in interest. Disinterest begins in the eighth grade and lasts through the senior year of high school. This is caused by a lack of female minority science teachers and less challenging curricula, leaving students unprepared for university-level classes.

The lack of minority and female interest in science, technology and engineering fields is reflected at the university. In the engineering school, only 16.8 percent of undergraduates are female and only 13 percent come from underrepresented minority groups. At the graduate school level, the percentage of female students is higher, but the percentage of underrepresented minorities is lower.

Universities should have a strong female minority representation in their science faculty and promote science curricula that is culturally and prospectively diverse, the study said. Schools should also provide a "sense of belonging" to all students with access to labs, mentoring and symposiums.

"I think it's so helpful when you can see someone who's so similar to you," said Joy Browne, a sophomore biological anthropology major. "It's good to see someone physically in front of you who's portraying the goal you want to reach."

Interested in science since high school, Browne, who is black, said

she relied on the help of her white male teachers. While she did not feel discouraged or pressured to go into a different field, Browne said high school counselors would encourage minority students to pursue community college instead of a four-year institution.

At this university, Browne said she does not rely heavily on her female minority professors. Because lower level science classes are usually large lectures, there is less interaction and room for intimacy, she added.

"All the female teachers have not been helpful to me at all," Browne said. "There should be more focus on getting more women as lab instructors."

Like others, junior physiology and neurobiology major Aishat Olatunde, who is black, was always "geared toward math and science." Her interest lasted through high school, in which she took science Advanced Placement classes. While none of her teachers were women of color, Olatunde still felt supported. For her, a role model was a white woman who taught physics.

"Her explanation of how [women] could enter the science profession and move up really did excite me," she said.

While science classes at this university are statistically diverse, Olatunde said it is important to have a range of cultures.

"It's definitely diverse, but it's lacking in different backgrounds,"

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she said. An increase in the number of female minority students and faculty is an attainable goal, Olatunde said.

"I definitely think the number will increase," she said. "It's just a matter of when it'll increase. In one of those years, maybe I could be one of those role models."

To deal with the lack of minority women faculty, some said the university needs to do a better job retaining the professors they originally hire until the professors get tenure.

"[I am] extremely proud of this university. I just see people of all types from different places," said Carol Parham, an education professor who chairs university President Dan Mote's commission

on women's issues. "I think we should be concerned there's only 26 full professors. I met some of the most outstanding woman of color, but they leave before becoming full professors."

There is also a stigma attached to being a working woman of color, Parham said. Being a university professor does not fit the image of a disadvantaged housewife, and minority women must overcome these stereotypes in order to succeed and be taken seriously, she added.

"We still have a ways to go in terms of helping women of color be successful in the academy," Parham said.

Adele Hampton
The Diamondback

Diversity high, retention low at Eastern Washington U.

Eastern Washington U. — Eastern Washington University President Rodolfo Arévalo meant it when he told the college's Board of Directors he'd like 30 to 40 percent of Eastern's student body to be ethnically and culturally diverse within 10 years' time.

Eastern's student body has started to reflect a much more diverse population. As of fall 2007, minority students comprised nearly 20 percent of the student body. The numbers of minority students who actually graduate, however, tell a different story.

Despite an increase in minority populations, it appears that some minority retention rates are dropping dramatically. According to Eastern's 2009-'11 biennium Strategic Plan, retention rates for black freshmen dropped 9 percent in 2007 and the rates for Asian/Pacific Islander students plummeted 14 percent.

Sally Birge, interim director of the Chicano Education program, said that rates for Chicano students have stayed fairly constant. Around 86 percent of Latino students stay through their sophomore year, and 54 percent of those students graduate within six years.

"It looks like we're holding pretty steady with our graduation rates these days," said Paula Ortiz, the retention specialist with Chicano Education's College Assistance Migrant Program.

Because EWU states that it is committed to providing quality education to every student, one may wonder why some minority populations are not graduating at a higher rate.

Africana professor Dr. Robert Bartlett believes finances may play a part in it. "Retention issues are normally related to financial needs and tighter budgets," he ex-

plained. Bartlett mentioned that students may feel that the academic demands of college are too rigorous or some may have trouble securing loans, and, in turn, decide that college is not for them. But, as these issues are burdens for all students, there may be other challenges that Eastern's minority students face exclusively.

"Students have to take into consideration whether the institution meets their expectations," said Bartlett.

He mentioned that minority students may decide to drop out of college if they experience what he calls a "lack of cultural fit."

"There have to be people who look like them throughout the institution," he said. "Even some administrators and professors need to look like them."

Bartlett added that students who may find their institutions up to par

in other areas, like having knowledgeable professors and academic resources, may decide they are not able to enjoy an environment that doesn't provide outlets to the students' ethnic cultures.

Bartlett added that churches, neighborhoods and geographic areas outside of an institution should also include ethnic resources for minorities, who may feel out of place otherwise.

Cheney's static demographics, suggested Bartlett, may play a role in dropping minority retention rates. A small college town, Cheney's population reflects an 87.8 percent white population, a 2.2 percent black population, a 6.5 percent Asian population and a 4.5 percent Latino population.

Bartlett brought up another, more serious factor that is important to minority students: the possibility that racial discrimination has a role in the matter.

"I'd really like to have a dollar for every time I've been standing around campus with some colleagues and hear somebody say, 'Oh, they must be plotting something,' as they walk by," he said. "If students cannot relate to their surroundings or gather with people who look like them, they may come to the conclusion that 'this is not the place for me.'"

Bartlett recalled, "I had an African-American student come up to me one day and tell me that there were more squirrels on campus than black people."

Bartlett also said he believes EWU is an excellent institution that offers cutting edge instruction, resources and professors, and that any student who decides not to attend is missing out on something spectacular.

Kelley Shaw
The Easterner

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Talents displayed through song, poetry

Women express empowerment and success of their gender through songs and poetry.

By Jessica Leggin
Staff Reporter

Tiffanee Franklin, junior family and consumer sciences major, used song to express herself during the first "Women Take the Stage" event sponsored by the Black Student Union.

The "Women Take the Stage" event was one of the BSU programs that lead up to the 38th Annual Miss Black EIU Pageant.

During this event, women were able to express the empowerment and success of women through song and poetry.

Franklin touched on a gospel song that dealt with needing God not only when you are sad but for everything else.

"God is telling us don't just



Sheree Patterson | *Minority Today*

Tiffanee Franklin, junior family and consumer sciences major, sings a gospel tune about needing God during the first-ever 'Women Take the Stage' event.

call on him when you are just down and sad, but seek him all of the time," she said. "That's a little worship that keeps me going."

Franklin said when she took the stage to perform she was nervous but eventually got over it as time wore on.

"I was nervous but then I started to sing and I was OK" she said. "I was singing to Him (God). By being strong Black women, we are strong because of Him."

Charrell Barksdale, administrative assistant for BSU, opened the night up with a poem titled "What If I Am A Black Woman?" by an anonymous author.

This poem talks of the beauty, mind set and goal-oriented qualities of African American women that are sometimes looked upon as a threat.

"What if I am a Black Woman," said Barksdale as she read the poem. "Is it a sin? Pray for me! If you don't like women of color because we are midnight black, chestnut brown, honey bronzed, chocolate covered, cocoa dipped, big lipped, big hiped, big breast-ed and beautiful all at the same time."

Barksdale said through this event she wanted to share with others the positive aspects of women.

"Not just black women but to celebrate all women," said the senior pre-med major. "Saying the poems, it's encouraging and when the other women say them it encourages me also. It was some really good stuff that they were saying."

Barksdale said next year the events will be promoted more in order for more people to come out and show their talents.

"We are just going to have to go up to people individually and ask them to recite a poem about empowering women," she said. "Then if they'll tell their friends they'll come out as well."

As the event went on, Reneesha Reed, freshman elementary education major decided to volunteer and recite a poem provided by the program.

"I am just one of those people who just volunteer," she said. "It also inspires others that have the same talent you have who are scared to speak."

Reed said she is one of few who love to speak to crowds and express herself through poetry.

"I like to look in the crowd and see people's reaction," she said.

Reed also decided to share with her peers a poem she wrote herself, "The Person I Love the Most."

Reed said this poem was about her, and how putting herself first is one of her main priorities.

"I had to get myself on track and just remind myself who I love the most," she said. "It was just motivation for me to better myself."

Panel looks to define 'independent woman'

By Tresier Williams
Staff Reporter

A panel composed of several successful African American women on Eastern Illinois University's campus looked to define what an independent woman is.

The "Miss Independent" panel, hosted by Black Student Union, featured Keila Lacy, Taisha Mikell, Erica Weaver and Yolonda Williams.

When asked what her definition of an independent woman was, Lacey replied the title means you don't need anyone to hand you anything.

"Whatever I want to do, I can do," said Lacey.

Throughout the panel discussion, the term independent woman was defined. Also discussed was how intimidating it can be for African American women in the corporate world and how once es-

tablished in that world, they seem to be under appreciated.

The panel members defined an independent woman as more than what people usually think when they hear the word independent.

"We're not as highly valued," said Weaver. "We have some things that work against us."

Williams mentioned how some Black business students were told to change their hair.

"How far are you gonna go," said Williams. "If it's your hair one day what's gonna be next. If it's the money you want, you're gonna play the game to get it."

Panel members were asked what they were most proud of professionally as an independent woman.

Lacy touched on the importance of focusing on your objectives and not your obstacles.

Panelists also expressed feelings of disappointment in the Afri-

can American females on campus when it comes to the way they treat each other.

Charrell Barksdale, senior pre-med major, spoke on the issue of respect, or lack thereof, African American women show each other. She believes it has to do more with age than anything else.

"One might see more hostility and negativity from a first semester freshman or sophomore who is basically still new to campus," said Barksdale. "Whereas with a junior or senior one might see more cordiality and respect just because of the difference in maturity level."

Sterling McKinley, junior finance major, seconded the words of Barksdale.

"I feel like people who are younger are just a little naïve and immature when it comes to interacting with people," McKinley said, "they feel as if they have to prove something so consequently

FACT BOX			
Black women at EIU	Total	are Black women	Percent
Administrators:	22	0	0
Other Professionals:	287	16	5.6
Civil Service Workers:	916	5	0.5
Full-time and Part-time Faculty	807	12	1.5
Undergraduates	10,261	640	6.3
Female Undergraduates	5,902	640	10.8
Graduate students	1,779	54	3
Female graduate students	1,128	54	4.8

Data according to Eastern's Planning & Institutional Studies department

they have these attitudes that are not conducive to building relationships with their peers."

Turnout to the event was mod-

erate, but BSU officials were satisfied with the event. For more information on upcoming BSU events visit www.eiu.edu/~bsu/.

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While in the program students will develop a 10 to 15 minute presentation to local elementary school students. The presentation will portray successful, historical women in time appropriate costume.

This year five students will portray Mary, Queen of Scots; Alice Paul, founder of the American Women's Party, a radical arm of the suffrage movement; and Julia Child, a famous TV chef and spy during World War II.

Two students will be presenting as the famous civil rights couple, Coretta Scott King and Martin Luther King Jr.

These students will be presenting almost every school day at Jefferson and Carl Sandburg Elementary Schools.

The month concludes with the WHAM and Women Studies minor Awards Reception. During the reception two awards will be given to a member of the campus community, and to a member of the local community.

The reception will take place Tuesday March 31 at 7 p.m. in the

FACT BOX

Guidelines to receive women of achievement awards are given to women who have:

- Helped advance the progress of women's causes.
- Contributed to the success of women's professional or community organization.
- Defended women's rights and championed the case of equity.
- Made outstanding contributions in service to the community or Eastern Illinois University.

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said. "Sometimes that happens, but then sometimes it doesn't," he said.

Ray's results revealed that Black fraternity members take a more romantic approach to women and White fraternity members take a more sexual approach.

"However, structural settings, including community size and living arrangements structure these approaches," Ray said.

Many fraternity men, Black or White, fit into the typical stereo-

type of being, "loud, drunk, and obnoxious," said a senior human resources major from Eastern, who wished to remain anonymous.

Negative stereotypes are placed on fraternity members because, "at the turn of the 20th century, fraternity men were a bit more socially responsible and had a common conscious about upholding womanhood," Ray said.

"As fraternities increased in size and converted to a business-model, some membership numbers increased, quality decreased and social responsibility diminished," he added.

Miss Black EIU crown passes to another generation

Candace Collins wins the annual pageant crown utilizing her artistic talents.

By Stephen Tyler & Katrina Zaret

Since 1971, hundreds of women have competed for the Miss Black EIU crown. This year's crown winner was Candace Collins, senior graphic design major.

The pageant is one of Eastern Illinois University's largest cultural events held during African American Heritage Month, and gives contestants the opportunity to showcase their talents in four categories: creative expression, African garment, impromptu question and talent.

Before the competition began, the five contestants—LaShawn Harris, Unique McIntosh, Fritzlene Emile, Nicole Walcott and Collins—performed a dance number and afterward introduced themselves one by one.

Collins admitted she was nervous about the opening act, but as the evening progressed her nerves faded with the helpful presence of

her family.

Out of the four categories, Collins won three, winning creative expression, impromptu question and talent.

Collins thinks being an art student was her most outstanding quality and was her trump card to winning the three events. Though, she said it was not easy to maintain poise and grace under pressure.

Collins believes she has something authentic to appreciate after receiving the honorable title of Miss Black EIU.

"This is one of the biggest achievements I've ever made," said Collins, who understands the prestige of her prize. "Some really amazing women have held this title and have contended for this title ... It's an amazing honor to be right there beside them in EIU's history."

And though winning the top prize was an honor, Collins considers winning the pageant's Miss Congeniality award an even bigger honor.

"It's great to know that my peers look at me that way," Collins said. "It meant a lot to me."

Harris was the pageant's first runner-up, while Emile and McIntosh took second- and third runner-up, respectively.



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Candace Collins, winner of the 2009 Miss Black EIU pageant, performs her talent on March 1 in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Historical airmen remembered

By Madeline Smith & Spencer Nobles

Charles Hall wanted to prove something when he attended Eastern Illinois State Teachers College in the fall of 1938.

As the only African American who attended the university, Hall was listed as "colored" on his information card. On every other student's information card no nationality was listed.

Hall, encouraged by his high school football coach Harry Sockler, attended Eastern on a football scholarship.

Doug Lawhead, a Macintosh instructional support specialist for the College of Arts and Humanities, shared intriguing knowledge about the historical memories of African American pilots and there

links to Coles County.

"Why did he go to a school where he was the only African American?" Lawhead asked. "Hall wanted to prove something."

After transferring to Tuskegee Institute, Hall was a member of the fourth class to graduate from Tuskegee Institute. Hall made history when, as captain of the 99th Fighter Squadron, he was the first African American pilot to shoot down an enemy aircraft. This was such an accomplishment because the U.S. Air Corp did not allow African Americans to fly missions. Hall completed 108 combat missions over Africa, Sicily, Italy and his plane was hit 8 times

Lawhead introduced another African American aviation pioneer named Grover C. Nash, who was the first African American pi-



Photo courtesy of the National Museum of the United States Air Force

Charles Hall sits in the cockpit of his P-40L and points to the victory mark for shooting down a German fighter aircraft. Hall, an EIU alum, was the first Tuskegee airman to score a victory in World War II on July 2, 1943 over Castelvetro, Italy.

lot to deliver mail. Nash flew from Chicago to Mattoon and picked up 500 letters, then picked up 700 letters from Charleston before flying

back to Chicago.

Hall and Nash are only two of the African Americans that helped establish aviation history.

An Activist Speaks out

By Karolina Strack
Staff Reporter

Nobel prize-nominee Kathy Kelly will address the public in a lecture about the impact of war on women and children.

With the war in Iraq entering into its 6th year Kelly will discuss problems that effect Iraqis displaced by the war. The long time peace activist, Kelly, lived in Baghdad during the initial invasion in 2003.

Kelly, the co-founder of Voices in the Wilderness and coordinator for Voices for Creative Non-violence will present the lecture at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11 in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union in an event that is open to the public. The lecture is a part of Women's History and Awareness Month at EIU.

Her work with Voices in the Wilderness focused on supplying medical supplies and medicine to families in Iraq from 1996 to 2003 despite economic sanctions disallowing such actions. With a history of heavy involvement in Iraq Kelly also spent about six months in 2007 and 2008 living with Iraqi refugees in Jordan.

Kelly most recently participated in a march from Chicago to St. Paul, Minn. that urged politicians from both sides of the aisle to work for peace and end the United States' involvement in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

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yond so-called black experience," said English professor Tim Engles. "They should also receive attention and credit for their ability to address anything in the world they want to address, like white writers who are never limited to discussing such a thing as the white experience."

"If she had Lived" was influenced by the birthing experience of Harrington's aunt mixed with Greek mythology.

Osiris Johnson, freshman psychology major and poet, said this was his favorite poem.

"I liked the symbolism," John-

son said. "It sounded like something I would write, (and) it sounded like she had a lot of pain."

Johnson recited his poem "I Just Want to Elevate" at the reading. The poem was about his experience growing up without a father. He said his work is also influenced by his own life experiences or of those close to him.

Having performed on stage since he was 8-years-old, Johnson considers poetry one of the easiest ways to express feelings, because it has no guidelines.

Though they come from different background, both poets use their poetry to share life experiences.

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Living she would have proved that colored woman held the Fanus between her thighs and loved him. Their fierce rut amidst yellow-eyed asters and red sand:

Their kindled groins beside the nests of fire ants. She lay beneath him and they loved, and they loved, her flesh drinking the clabbered sperm this happened to a colored woman in Alabama, and she gave birth to a goat-faced girl.

— 'If she had Lived,' *Even the Hollow my Body Made is Gone*