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CYBER BLACKOUT

Internet users, popular websites unite in protest against SOPA

By Nike Ogunbodede/Associate News Editor

The Internet went dark on Wednesday. In protest to the Stop Online Piracy Act that was introduced to the House of Representatives, 75,000 websites like Wikipedia, Google, Reddit, Boing Boing, Craigslist and Flickr imposed a website "blackout."

If it is passed SOPA, also known as House Bill 3261, would give the U.S. Attorney General the authorization to issue a court order requiring U.S. Internet companies to eliminate American access to foreign piracy websites.

Thirteen percent of American adults have illegally watched movies or TV shows online, which costs media companies billions of dollars, according to The Motion Picture Association of America, a SOPA supporter.

The document, which was issued in the Oct. 26 by Rep. Lamar Smith, would also create a two-pronged approach dedicated to giving the infringed upon property right holder because of the negligence of a "U.S.-directed site" to take legal action against sites that do not comply with the law.

Smith is the house judiciary committee chairman.

Wikipedia's English website, which was one website to completely blackout, had a state representative generator that gave the contact information for state representation related to a given zip code.

The other language versions of Wikipedia were functioning as

normal.

People viewing the site could then contact their representatives to voice their opposition or approval of said bill.

Becca George, a junior special education major, said she thinks it is important for people to speak out against things they think are unjust.

"I just wonder how much they will get accomplished for shutting down Wikipedia for a day, I mean, it is a great opportunity to show if they are not for it," George said.

David Melton, assistant professor of the school of technology, said he thinks the Internet at its core is to for everyone to freely share and receive information faster than ever before.

"We used to use libraries, we used to use our neighbors, our community and now we have access to information globally," he said. "People need information and the Internet is there."

The Internet was a natural progress of the human relationship, he said.

"It allows us to have other opinions besides the ones that are generated locally," Melton said.

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How did it get to this point?

May 2011

May 12, 2011  
Protect Intellectual Property Act introduced to the Senate by Vermont State Senator Patrick Leahy, of Vermont.

May 26, 2011  
Protect IP Act passes Senate Judiciary Committee by unanimous voice vote. Bill is placed on Senate calendar.

June 2011

June 16, 2011  
Commercial Felony Streaming Act is passed by Judiciary Committee by unanimous voice vote.

June 30, 2011  
Gamer community recognizes the broad implications the felony streaming provisions in S. 978 (which later became part of SOPA). Videos by gamers are increasingly posted on YouTube.

October 2011

Oct. 26, 2011  
Stop Online Piracy Act introduced to the House of Representatives by Rep. Lamar Smith, of Texas. 31 co-sponsors.

November 2011

November 16  
The House Judiciary Committee holds hearings on SOPA. American Censorship Day is held, sites interrupt their web pages with site seizure screens.

January 2012

January 13, 2012  
SOPA Strike is announced for Jan 18th.

January 13-18, 2012  
More members of Congress start to come out against the bills citing meetings with constituents.

PERFORMANCE

Doudna cuts price due to low sales

Staff Report

Due to low numbers, the Doudna Fine Arts Center has decided to slash the ticket prices for the Lucky Plus Dance Company's production of "Punk Yankees" scheduled for this weekend.

Dan Crews, director of patron services for the Doudna Fine Arts Center, said this is the first time this is being done in a last-minute attempt to increase attendance.

For their "Punk Yankees" performance, Crews said the dance theater group will integrate live performance, video and social media elements in order to explore copyright and intellectual property.

As of Wednesday afternoon, a little more than 30 tickets out of 250 total have been sold for the show.

With the discounted price, students and community members can buy two tickets for the price of one.

Per pair, general admission tickets cost \$15, senior tickets cost \$12 and student tickets cost \$7.

Crews said he believes the timing may have contributed to the low-ticket sales.

"It got caught right behind the holidays, so people weren't as willing to pay for the tickets then," Crews said. "And unfortunately, they haven't picked up since class resumed."

The Chicago-based dance theater company will perform 7:30 p.m. on Friday and 4 p.m. on Saturday in the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Although the center will not take any profit loss if tickets are not sold, Crews said he hopes the reduced ticket price will garner interest for the performance.

"Essentially, this group explores free speech - something we sometimes take for granted," he said. "It would be a shame for the Eastern community to miss out on this up and coming group."

MEMORIAL



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Assistant professor of English Jeannie Ludlow, also the director of women's studies, reads a letter from a longtime friend and colleague of Kaninika Bhatnagar, an assistant professor of technology and women's studies faculty member who died Dec. 30 in St. Louis. Letters and tributes will be sent to Bhatnagar's family in India in addition to a video of the memorial.

Colleagues share memories about dedicated professor

By Elizabeth Edwards  
News Editor

Colleagues and students reminisced Wednesday about a professor described as a gentle person who was passionate about learning and her students.

Kaninika Bhatnagar, 43, a professor of technology died on Dec 30, 2011 at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.

During the memorial service, one of her students Michael DeMuth said Bhatnagar was very dedicated to her class.

DeMuth a senior applied engineering technology major, was in Bhatnagar's fall material technology class and had no idea she was sick throughout the semester.

She valued every minute of her class

and her office was always filled with books and papers preparing for the upcoming class session, DeMuth said.

"She will be terribly missed," he said. While, Deborah Woodley, interim chair of the school of technology, said one of things she admired about Bhatnagar is that she received four degrees without knowing how to drive.

Bhatnagar's driving instructor Terri Biggs spoke at the service and said she become friends with Bhatnagar during their driving sessions and described her as a quiet, but vibrant person.

Bhatnagar was afraid to drive, but was determined to overcome her fear of driving for her daughter, Maria, Biggs said.

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## ONLINE

### Blog: Celebrity Smack Talk

Sports Editor Dominic Renzetti breaks down why he has a big problem with the Queen of Pop herself, Madonna.

### Story: RHA to elect new exec member

The Residence Hall Association will be elected an officer for the National Illinois Communications Coordinator position today in the lobby of McKinney Hall.

### Story: CAA discusses possible return of several courses

The Council for Academic Affairs will meet in subcommittees to discuss the university learning goals prior to its regular meeting today.

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## COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

# Daisy Lane offers sales, classes

**Kathryn Richter**  
City Editor

Daisy Lane Scrapbooking and Craft Mall in Mattoon is a family business that offers classes and social hours.

Karen Boyer, along with her mom, Cindy Bauer, and younger sister Mary Sims, have owned Daisy Lane Scrapbooking and Craft Mall for 12 years.

Boyer said she did crafts with her mom as a child and after she got married, Boyer and her mom purchased Daisy Lane.

"We feel blessed to have a business where our family can work together," Boyer said.

At the time, Daisy Lane was located in Effingham, but moved to its current 12,000 square ft. location in Mattoon, Boyer said.

Daisy Lane also allows individuals to purchase booth space to sell finished crafts and wares in a part of their store, Boyer said.

Daisy Lane also offers classes in their store at Eastern and in the city of Charleston through the Charleston Parks and Recreation Department on topics covering hair bows to scrapbooking.

"We just embraced that opportunity and headed over there," Boyer said. "It's a nice opportunity to

stay local."

Boyer said Daisy Lane's biggest competition is bigger chain stores and online businesses, but they try to make up for that with better customer service and wider selections.

"I think you can find a selection here that you can't find in any other store,"

Boyer said part of the Daisy Lane store is dedicated to finished crafts such as home décor.

Right now, roughed up wood and old signs are in high demand, Boyer said.

Daisy Lane also has a section of the store dedicated to craft supplies such as beads, jewelry making supplies and scrapbooking supplies.

Boyer said Daisy Lane sees a lot of different people, ranging from parents who want to enjoy doing crafts with their children to students who want craft supplies for school projects.

"We see so many different people from all walks of life," Boyer said.

Boyer also said that Daisy Lane will also do special orders for people who do not have the time or resources to go out and find the products themselves.

Daisy Lane also offers classes in their in-house classroom on weekends and weekdays, as well as a



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Karen Boyer, owner of the Daisy Lane Scrapbooking & Craft Mall, works on projects to prepare for weekly children's classes on Wednesday in the work room of her store.

scrapbooking crop.

The crop is scheduled every Friday night from 6 p.m. to midnight where people can work on their scrapbooking projects and socialize with other scrapbookers.

Daisy Lane is located at 2619 Lake Land Blvd. in Mattoon.

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## CAMPUS

# Professor to hold open discussion on bullying

**By: Samantha McDaniel**  
Activities Editor

Standing up to bullying as a kid made Janice Collins interested in the issues of bullying.

Collins, an assistant professor of journalism, said as a child she stood up for those who were continuously bullied.

"I've never been bullied. I have been the protector, however, of people who have been bullied," Collins said.

Since 2005, Collins has been researching issues of bullying and said she wants to pose some of her questions at the "Town Hall Tonight: Speaking the Unspoken: Addressing the Bullies in us all" at 7 p.m. today in the Buzzard Hall Auditorium.

"I wanted to have a discussion open to the public about the many different levels and areas of bully-

ing," Collins said. "When we think of bullying, most of the time we think of students in school. What we don't think about is the bullying that exists among adults."

Collins said this show is meant to start the discussion on the topic of bullying and to help people look at themselves to make sure they are not bullying others.

Collins said she hopes to get people to think about ways they can help stop bullying.

"I think we really have to look at ourselves, a lot closer than we have been, as an integrated part of society," Collins said. "If I am not doing anything to stop bullying then perhaps I am part of the problem."

Collins said this idea is why she helped those who were bullied as a kid.

Collins said she was in second grade when she saw a kid being beaten up.

"I'll never forget him, because I only met him once," Collins said. "Being a military brat, you learn to meet people very quickly, and it makes an impact on your life."

Collins said she was walking home when she saw the kid being beaten up and she stepped in to help.

"Being the popular one in school, the most athletic in school, students liked me," Collins said. "Even at that young age I found a way to go over, get them off of him, and tell them that from then on he is my best friend and we will walk home everyday together, and no one will hurt him again."

Collins said by making him her best friend, it stopped the physical abuse and also helped elevate his social status.

"It put him in a location that said 'Hey, he is worthy and he has some self value,'" Collins said.

Collins said this led her to the question of why people do not do more themselves.

"I question, is it time as a people to take back the morality that is gone, human kindness to one another?" Collins said.

Collins said she will pose questions such as religious tolerance, sexual orientation and other areas of bullying that need to be explored.

The Town Hall Tonight will be aired on WEIU TV at 6 p.m. on Friday, midnight on Saturday and at 5 p.m. on Sunday.

"I know at times it'll be passionate, and I'm OK with that, and they will be verbalizing what bullying means to them," Collins said.

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Brent McCullough, arborist for Eastern, trims branches off of the trees outside of Ford and McKinney Halls on Fourth Street Wednesday. The work on pruning off dead or dangerous branches started a few weeks ago, McCullough said.

**CAMPUS**

## Amigos & Friends seek volunteer tutors

By Robyn Dexter  
Campus Editor

The Amigos and Friends organization is seeking tutors to help teach English as a second language to members of the Eastern community.

Stephanie Cascio, a senior elementary education major and program coordinator for Amigos and Friends, said they are looking for volunteers to help out with the program.

"We just really want everyone to have that opportunity to grow as a person," Cascio said.

The volunteer group, which works through the Newman Catholic Center, strives to help members learn English, regardless of their age of background.

"We have one-on-one tutoring, and sometimes have co-teaching as well where we have two teachers for one student," she said.

Cascio said many of the students come from countries such as Mexico and Guatemala and vary from local workers in Charleston to international students.

"We're here to help (the students) and help them feel like they have a family away from home," she said.

Cascio said the students are all at dif-

ferent levels in their learning, so tutors work one-on-one with them to meet their needs.

"We're looking for people who have experience tutoring or are education majors," she said.

Cascio said they have about 20 volunteer teachers at the moment, but because of busy schedules and people not being able to give their time on a regular scheduled basis, they are seeking help from the Eastern community.

"We offer daytime tutoring as well for those who can't make the regular times," she said.

Katie Eckberg, a sophomore special education major, said she loves the opportunity to make a difference for people who do not always have the opportunity.

"Many of our Amigos work seven days a week, so we hold the tutoring in the evenings," she said.

Eckberg said her experience tutoring with Amigos and Friends has been really rewarding.

"It's a good chance for our students to practice, and it's also a good way for all of us to meet people," she said.

Cascio said Amigos and Friends hosts a variety of field trips and events throughout the year, with activities that

are beneficial to the students' real life learning.

"One of our field trips was to go to Wal-Mart and have a scavenger hunt," she said.

During the hunt, the students had to look for items and ask their tutors for help finding them, Cascio said.

"Activities where the students are able to socialize are the best for helping them learn," she said.

The majority of the students are young adults, but there are also a few adult members, so the age range is fairly wide, she said.

"I love how the program works, and I want to continue to make it more family-oriented," Cascio said.

Amigos and Friends meets at 10 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays in the Newman Catholic Center.

Anyone wanting to volunteer as a tutor or learn more about the program can contact Doris Nordin, campus minister, at [dnordin@eiunewman.org](mailto:dnordin@eiunewman.org) or Stephanie Cascio at [slcascio@eiu.edu](mailto:slcascio@eiu.edu).

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**CAMPUS**

## Chinese New Year to be celebrated with lanterns

By Samantha McDaniel  
Activities Editor

Unlike the traditions of resolutions and the dropping of the ball in Times Square, the Chinese celebrate their New Year's in a different way.

To bring the Chinese Year of the Dragon to campus, the University Board cultural arts will provide supplies for students to make paper lanterns from 3 to 6 p.m. on Monday in Andrews Hall lobby.

Karla Centeno, the cultural arts coordinator for the University Board, said while students are making their paper lanterns they can learn more about the Chinese culture.

The lanterns are made in China to hang on houses as well used in lantern parades.

"We found out that the Chinese New Year's starts this month and more importantly that in China, they have a lantern festival celebrate their New Year's," Centeno said. "We figured it would be a creative idea to have paper lanterns for students to decorate."

Centeno said the Chinese Student Association will be speaking at the event.

"This year is the Year of the Dragon," Centeno said. "The dragon is associated with the Chinese culture and I think it'll be interesting to see how

(the Chinese Student Organization) feel about this year being the Year of the Dragon."

Centeno said students do not know how other cultures celebrate their New Year's.

"We will be able to find out about all those different types of things that are similar and different to our traditions," Centeno said.

Centeno said the Chinese Student Organization will be sharing what other traditions they have that most Americans do not know about.

"It's just a different way of celebrating New Year's than we are here," Centeno said.

Centeno said students can come in

throughout the day to make a lantern without staying the whole time.

"We tried keeping a big segment of time so student can come experience the event and learn about the culture," Centeno said.

Some of the other traditions that the Chinese do include cleaning and decorating their house, honoring the animal of the year, good luck presents, new clothes and family gatherings.

The Chinese clean their house to get rid of bad luck and welcome good luck and decorate their houses using statues of the animal of the year to honor the animal.

Centeno said she thinks this is a

great way for students to experience a different culture.

"It's a great idea to have a craft thing and learn at the same time," Centeno said.

The University Board will supply all the supplies to make the lanterns and symbols at the celebration.

"I hope our students take the opportunity to come out, not just to enjoy the art, but also the learning experiences," Centeno said.

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**STAFF EDITORIAL**

## Fight to save free Internet must continue

What happened yesterday was important. Major websites, including Google, Wikipedia, Craigslist.org, Mozilla Firefox, Boing-Boing.net and Reddit.com, Wired.com, MoveOn.org, WordPress.com, FunnyOrDie.com, UrbanSpoon.com and TechCrunch.com (to name a few), shut down their websites (their means of income) to draw attention to legislation that could change the Internet we know and love for the worse.

The two bills being protested, the Stop Online Piracy Act (SOPA) in the House and the Protect Intellectual Property Act (PIPA) in the Senate, seem well intentioned on their face. But the authority these acts would give to the government and to large corporations to censor the Internet is unprecedented, unnecessary and, quite frankly, un-American.

SOPA and PIPA are depicted as righteous remedies to a serious problem presented by the Internet. People can pirate movies, music, games and books over the Internet. This bypasses the system set up by the entertainment industry to get money for the creative products they fund and produce.

SOPA and PIPA claim to stop this by giving U.S. attorneys general the authority to essentially shut down websites that use, or even link to, copyright material. That's important because sites like Google don't check every word, image and video on every website they link to on search results. Google could potentially be shut down or castrated to a meager online library.

These bills have also been portrayed as protection against a dangerous army of foreign hackers intent to steal every last bit of American innovation. These are scare tactics, nothing more. If the last year has taught us anything, it has taught us that the Internet is the greatest force for global democracy in human history precisely because it allows free speech to flow freely across international borders.

Piracy is a problem that needs to be solved through smarter technology and business practices, not general sanctions that threaten free speech. The entertainment industry can already contact sites like YouTube to have copyright material removed. It should focus on changing its business model to exploit the Internet's masses who are willing to pay reasonable prices for original content.

This protest was the first of its kind. Tech giants flexed their grassroots muscles to protect the Internet as the greatest tool for free expression in modern (perhaps all) history. And it was very successful. At publication, almost 9.5 million users had contacted their representatives in protest. A more sensible, targeted bill, the Online Protection and Enforcement of Digital Trade (OPEN) Act, was introduced late Wednesday night with bipartisan support.

The blackouts are over. The fight is not. These bills have not yet been voted on. We urge our readers to contact their elected officials to tell them not to support censorship of the Internet.

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**COLUMN**

## The Net strikes back! Has anyone seen Facebook?

For the first time since January 2001, college students trying to get quick answers for their assignments on Wikipedia were unable to because the free encyclopedia was blacked out to raise awareness of a pair of proposed congressional bills: the Stop Online Piracy Act (SOPA) and the Protect Intellectual Property Act (PIPA).

Wikipedia wasn't the only site to protest, but they should get credit for much of the historic protest's effectiveness.

In summary, each of the bills were designed to fight the misuse of copyright online by granting the Federal Government the ability to block any site, foreign or domestic, for either hosting copyright material or having just one link to an offending site.

There are many reasons to oppose these bills:

- 1) They don't solve the problem because users can still access sites that host copyright material by entering its IP address.
- 2) Social media sites would be liable for the posts of their users. If one jerk tweets a link to thepiratebay.com the government would have the power to take down all of twitter.
- 3) Individual users who post copyright material could go to jail for five years under the bill. If you uploaded a video where you can hear a copyright song playing in the background, you could be sent to jail by the federal government.

Until yesterday's huge protest, the average



**Doug T. Graham**

user was unaware of the bills that have been working their way through Congress by a bipartisan coalition. It is fitting that the only time our historically unpopular Congress comes together it is over such historically unpopular legislation.

Because of the intense public attention on the bill as a result of the widespread protests, politicians are starting to drop their support. As of press time, five co-sponsors of PIPA, led by Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) and including our own Sen. Mark Kirk (R-Ill.) and two co-sponsors of SOPA, Rep. Ben Quayle (R-Ariz.) and Rep. Lee Terry (R-Neb.) have backed away from the legislation.

As the dust settles on a day of Internet protesting for the ages, it appears that, short of blowing the bills out of Congress completely, the protests were successful in turning them into political kryptonite unlikely to be touched again.

In my eyes, Wikipedia should emerge as the biggest hero of the protests. Though over 75,000 websites blacked out by adding black bars to their logos, darkening their homepage or linking to stopsopa.com in some way, Wikipedia was the most prominent site to close up shop for English speakers.

By taking away its millions of articles from the Internet, Wikipedia demonstrated to millions how, in some small way, their lives would be worse off with an Internet that could be restricted at the whim of the government.

Noticeably absent from the protests were the biggest players in social media: Facebook and Twitter. I am glad neither site shut itself down because without their communication channels the protests would have been severely limited. However, the more major players to take a stand against the bills, the better. Imagine how likely a congressman would be to support either bill if the new, hip social media channels opposed their legislation?

Despite Facebook and Twitter's odd absence from their ranks, the protesters of 1-18-12 should be proud for what they accomplished in the name of keeping the Internet free.

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**FROM THE EASEL**



**COLUMN**

## Half a century after King's dream, we self-segregate

Last year, I read about a robot that could play pool like a champ. Just recently, I found out via an XKCD cartoon that a robot at UIUC can play beer pong better than humans can. Not fair! Robots can't get drunk, can they?

Why am I writing about this nonsense? I am nervous to get to the point I intended with this column, because it is about race. I feel that no matter what I write, someone will want my head on a platter.

Nonetheless, I will suck it up and spit it out for you.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day really got me thinking about how far we have progressed in matters of race in the U.S. I argue that we are not as far as we think.

Sure, we have laws that protect from discrimination, but we can't make laws that put an end to prejudice, as Dr. Linda Leal noted in my Psychology of Gender class.

When I look around my classes, I see some minorities mixed in with the majority race, sitting just anywhere in the classroom. However, some minority students still cling together in an isolated corner.

I can't say that prejudice drives this phenomenon, but something has to be the reason for it. Eastern seems to take the matter of assimilation seriously, having sent out a survey on how students perceive the level of diversity and integration on campus to be.



**Nikki Davidson**

Something has to be happening that causes the rows in one of my classes to look like a gradient of mega pale to black. I can't see everyone's past experiences and hear what they're thinking when they choose where to sit and who to make friends with, but it is easy to assume that the minority sitting away from the rest of the class in a corner does so out of comfort.

I know that I've felt uncomfortable around people of other races before, and it influenced my seating choice. When I was being separated from the U.S. Navy, I was housed with the most diverse group I've ever met. I've always been drawn to people with strong personalities, and a small group of black women in my barracks had very pronounced presences, so I joined in on their conversation one day. They immediately acted offended and told me to get my "white ass" back where I belonged.

That was the first time I realized how ig-

norant I had been to the issue of race. I never really dealt with racism in all my years here in Charleston, thanks to Eastern. So why do I feel differently about the climate now that I actually attend this university? Was I blind?

The only thing I know to do is to continue being open-minded about everyone, realizing that no two people are exactly alike. I may have been rejected from a clique in the past, but for each of those racist women I encountered, I have met at least 10 wonderful black women since.

Having an open mind decreases our sensitivity to racial faux pas. If we react violently or with reciprocation of the blip, we are not making the world any better. Sometimes a person calls you a cracker without realizing its impact. We can be dignified and assert that race is not what defines us.

Just like how I wrote a b.s. intro to this column, people hold their tongues and live in fear of talking about the issues we all face regarding our racial differences and the stereotypes and segregation that still occur. Break through that fear so we can progress further. We can't fix a problem we deny having.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

# Student Senate share mixed opinions on proposed Fourth Street speed limit

By Rachel Rodgers  
Administration Editor

Student Senate members expressed differing opinions Wednesday on the City Council's proposed ordinance to change the speed limit from 30 to 20 mph on Fourth Street from Grant to Roosevelt avenues.

John Bays, a student senate member and a freshman history major, said changing the speed limit could create a speed trap for locals during times when significantly fewer students are on campus such as during the summer.

"I have lived in Charleston all of my life, and I think this would be an unnecessary change," Bays said. "I think the signs, lights and speed detector (on Fourth Street) will be more than effective with making people drive slower, but locals who have grown up here are used to going faster when most of the students are gone."

Mary Lane, the student vice president for business affairs, agreed.

"I believe that students were raised with the common sense to look both ways before they cross the street, and people should not be required to drive

20 mph when students are on break because it will create a speed trap," Lane said.

Pete Zizzo, a student senate member, gave his perspective as a student who does not own a car.

"When I am walking all over campus in the freezing cold weather, I am going to try and walk as fast as I can," Zizzo said "When I need to cross the street and see people warm in their cars, I expect them to slow down."

John Proffitt, a student senate member, said he thinks the additions to Fourth Street have proven effective with causing cars to slow down, and changing the speed limit could be another effective addition.

Also during the Student Senate's first meeting of the semester, nine students were inducted to fill nine of 12 open seats.

Student Senate Speaker Zach Samples said the three students who were not in attendance will be inducted at the meeting on Jan. 25.

Samples said he initially thought there were 10 open seats because of an error in the member roster.

The new student senate members

are: Ashley Aardsma, a senior kinesiology and sports studies major; Kathryn English, a freshman math education major; Matthew Hinton, a sophomore political science major; Gregory Schoonover, a junior philosophy major; James Johnston, a senior history and political science major; Delton Pierce, a junior public relations major; Holly LeMier, a graduate student; Antonio Romo, a sophomore sports management major; Sarah Minoke, a junior philosophy major; Brooke McMillan, a freshman political science major; Brian Lemke, a freshman business management major; and Gilles Thierry, a senior finance major.

Aardsma said she wanted to join the Student Senate because she has always been interested in government, and she finally found time to pursue her interest.

"I played rugby for four years, and now I am planning on becoming more involved with the student body by helping promote and put on events," Aardsma said.

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Colleen Walsh, a junior family and consumer sciences major, was unaware of the cyber-protests, but said she thinks the action drawn from the blackout will start a greater discussion.

George said she thinks a petition against the laws would also be effective.

"There are so many ways that people feel like its infringing upon their rights and I would agree," she said. "By saying that we can't take a YouTube video and post it on Facebook, then everyone is going to be breaking the law."

Melton said the bills will undoubtedly infringe upon the rights of Americans.

"The one thing that could concern me is that I could be tracked because those are things that are private to me as an individual," Melton said. "We can't have where government or anybody should be able to control our lives."

Melton said countries like China, who regulates which websites its citizens can see, should be a cautionary tale.

Adrienne Crawford, a junior elementary education major, is a worker at the Gregg Technology Center and said she sees a lot of students use Wikipedia while using the lab.

Nick Dano, a senior philosophy major, said he is in favor of stopping online piracy even though he admits to being a violator "a long time ago."

"It really feels like theft when we are able to download stuff for free," Dano said.

Dano said he thinks it's smart for copyright owners to try and protect themselves.

Facebook creator Mark Zuckerberg released a statement in opposition of SOPA and PIPA despite receiving criticism for his website for not participating in the blackout.

"We can't let poorly thought out laws get in the way of the Internet's development. Facebook opposes SOPA and PIPA, and we will continue to oppose any laws that will hurt the Internet," Zuckerberg said in a status update. "The world today needs political leaders who are pro-Internet."

Wednesday was scheduled to be the day the House would reconvene in Washington, D.C. to hear the bill, but after protests were made from across the country and cyberspace the House decided to postpone the hearing for a month.

PIPA, however, is supposed to be discussed in the Senate on Jan. 24.

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For an in-depth version of this story, check out DENnews.com

## MEMORIES, from page 1

She wanted her daughter to come to the United States and knew she needed to know how to drive, Biggs said.

Biggs said she took a driving class offered at Eastern in the fall 2010, but was not ready to take the test after completing the program.

Biggs gave her personal driving lessons to help Bhatnagar get her driver's license, which she received in 2011 and was able to drive the Honda she bought.

While Rigoberto Chinchilla, an associate professor of technology, knew Bhatnagar on a more personal level.

Chinchilla said he and his family spent Thanksgiving and Christmas with Bhatnagar. She even babysat his children on several occasions and bought presents for them, he said.

"She was a part of us," Chinchilla said. "We will miss her."

Also during the service Woodley said everyone was aware of Bhatnagar's academic talents, but not aware of her creative talents.

After her death, Woodley discovered that Bhatnagar was writing a screenplay and watercolor prints when she was going through Bhatnagar's belongings to send to her family in India.

Bhatnagar also attended a lot of writing classes nationwide and her father told Woodley after her death that Bhatnagar had aspired to become a writer.

Bhatnagar was currently working on a memoir about women from foreign countries coming to the schools in the United States.

The School of Technology compiled a scrapbook of letters about

Bhatnagar and will send them to her family in India. A formal service for Bhatnagar will take place in India.

She was born on Feb. 9, 1968 in Kota India to Rajendra Swarop and Shyama Bhatnagar.

She is survived by her daughter, Maria; father, Rajendra; and aunt, Santosh.

She joined the school of technology in 2008 and also served on the executive committee in the Women Studies Program.

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### Top Cat with Jeremy Granger, senior guard



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Senior guard Jeremy Granger goes for a layup during Eastern's 68-55 win against UT Martin in Lantz Arena Jan. 12. Eastern is set to play Tennessee State Thursday at 7 p.m. in Lantz Arena.

# Granger leading Panthers

By Rob Mortell  
Staff Reporter

Leading the team in points, assists, steals and minutes played are just a few of the reasons why senior guard Jeremy Granger is having the best season of his career.

Granger has led Eastern's men's basketball team to a 9-7 record overall and a 2-2 record in the Ohio Valley Conference, and his 31-point performance against Southeast Missouri State earns him this week's Top Cat.

After falling into an early hole, Granger did everything he could to resurrect the Panthers' struggling offense. He scored 25 of his 31 points in the second half and opened the half making seven consecutive shots. But his and the team's comeback effort was in vain as they lost their second OVC game of the season, 80-73.

The 31 points marked a career-high for Granger, adding to what has already been his best season as a Panther.

Granger said he contributes the jump in offensive production to

his teammates finding him in open space.

"This year my teammates are getting me better looks," Granger said. "Last year, I had the ball a lot and I had to try and make plays a lot. Where as this year, I am using more screens and things to get me open looks."

Granger is averaging 17.0 points per game, which is up from 14.3 last season. One reason for the jump in points is he is shooting better from the field. Last season Granger shot 43 percent, while this year he is shooting 47 percent and taking nearly 13 shots per game.

One part of his game that Granger takes a lot of pride in is free throw shooting. Granger is one of the best free throw shooters in the nation at 86 percent this season, and he was even better last year shooting 90 percent on his foul shots.

The Panthers, as a team, are great from the free throw line converting 76.9 percent of their attempts. Eastern is ranked sixth in the nation in free throw percentage this season.

Granger said head coach Mike

Miller puts a lot of emphasis on free throws in practice.

"At the end of practice we shoot 10 free throws, and if you miss two you have to do push ups," Granger said. "We know the importance of free throws because you know you have to make the free ones."

Granger still leads the team in minutes played; however, his minutes are down compared to last season. This year he is averaging 33.9 minutes per game and last season he averaged 35.4. Granger said the added rest helps him stay fresh.

"I think we are a little deeper this year," Granger said. "We got guys that can come in and step up off the bench, and I think that is good for me because I stay fresh a little longer during the games."

Whether it's having the ball in his hands at the end of the game or making his teammates better through his passing, Granger is a key component to the Panthers' success this season.

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  - Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 7:00 - 7:50
  - Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012 5:00 - 5:50
- (All meetings are held in 1501 Buzzard Hall)

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL



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Freshman guard Joey Miller steps off the ground to make a shot during Eastern's game against UT Martin Thursday in Lantz Arena. Eastern beat UT Martin 68-55.

# Limit Covington, beat Tenn. Tigers

## Granger stresses better practice for today's game

By Rob Mortell  
Staff Reporter

Eastern's men's basketball team will hope to shut down one of the best forwards in the Ohio Valley Conference in junior Robert Covington when it plays Tennessee State today.

Covington is the key to the Tigers' offense. He leads the team in scoring with 18.2 points per game. His defensive presence can be felt, too, as he also leads the team in blocks (1.2) and rebounds (8.2).

Although the 6-foot-8-inch forward can score inside, a majority of his scoring comes from beyond the three-point line. Covington leads the team with 42 three-point shots made, and he is shooting a very accurate 47 percent from long range.

If the Panthers can limit Covington on the offensive end, they should have a good chance of winning. In games where Covington scores more than 20 points Tennessee State is 5-1, and in games where he is held under 20 points the Tigers are 5-9.

Tennessee State enters the game with a 10-10 overall record and a 3-4 record in the OVC, while Eastern enters the game at 9-7 overall and 2-2 in conference play.

Sophomore guard Patrick Mill-

er is the only other Tiger averaging double-digits in scoring. Miller is averaging 12.3 points, while adding 3.5 assists and 1.4 steals per game.

The Panthers are led by senior guard Jeremy Granger. Granger leads the team in scoring (17.0), assists (4.5), steals (1.2) and minutes (33.9).

Granger said he is all right with where the team is right now, but he knows things will get better if they work hard.

"We need to practice harder," Granger said. "Right now we are practicing OK, but we can do a lot better. We just have to keep working on the things we do well and try to do things even better and hopefully we can go up from there."

Adding an inside scoring presence for the Panthers is sophomore forward Alfonzo McKinnie. The 6-foot-7-inch forward is averaging a career-high 11.1 points per game on 54 percent shooting from the field. McKinnie is also the anchor of Eastern's defense. He grabs 7.4 rebounds and blocks 1 shot per game.

Eastern is 4-2 in the last six games against Tennessee State, and it looks to continue that trend at 7 p.m. today in Lantz Arena.

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## VIEWS



Alex McNamee

# We'll see them again

The Eastern's women's basketball team had one of its first really tough tests Monday against Tennessee-Martin, last season's conference tournament champion.

They passed the first test and will not see them again until the end of the regular season.

But even though they passed the test, there were stipulations on both sides that explain that this wasn't a perfect game between the Ohio Valley Conference's top teams.

First on Eastern's side, junior forward Mariah King didn't have a good game; in fact, she didn't score a single point.

Now, this Tennessee-Martin team is not a low post dominating team in any stretch — a load of its points come from the guards — but King was still shut down.

Whether it just wasn't her night or the stars weren't aligned right, we don't quite know.

We do know that Eastern finally got a much-needed lift off the bench from players like Jordyne Crunk, Sabina Oroszova, Katlyn Payne and Jessica Parker.

Crunk scored 15 points in the game and, boy, we've all been waiting for her to come out and impress like she did during the second half of last season.

For Tennessee-Martin, Monday's game wasn't a perfect game either. One of their top scorers, Jasmine Newsome, had a bad game and didn't pitch in her usual 19 points per game. Instead, she scored only 12.

Newsome has been a menace since she's been at Tennessee-Martin — now only a sophomore.

Her partner in crime, Heather Butler, had a big game as usual.

One thing that Eastern head coach Brady Sallee said after Monday's game caught me off guard because I hadn't been thinking about it.

Tennessee-Martin scored 40 points in the second half compared to only 23 in the first half. The second half was, as Sallee said, what he expected.

He said he expected to have to play against Tennessee-Martin's second half performance for a whole game. Simply, they were supposed to play that way the whole game.

So they were off their game for whatever reason. Certainly Eastern had a lot to do with it, especially being at home.

Panthers were racing all over the floor, diving for loose balls, playing tough defense, and pushing Tennessee-Martin to the brink.

So while we look back at this premiere match-up, we can learn a lot of things from it.

No matter who has an off game for either team, both teams are so deep and so talented that others will step up and it will be a really good game.

By the schedule, these two teams meet one more time this season.

But let's not forget about Nashville, where the OVC tournament is. Tennessee-Martin will look to defend their title. Eastern will look to get that long awaited title. Can't wait.

## SOFTBALL

# Panthers place 2nd in preseason poll

### Staff Report

After receiving two first-place votes in the 2012 Ohio Valley Conference Preseason Poll, the Eastern softball team was picked to finish second in the conference by the league's softball coaches and sports information directors.

The Panthers took home the OVC regular season championship last season, where they would finish with a record of 40-12, setting a new best for the school's history books. Eight position players and three pitchers will be returning for head coach Kim Schuette, who is in her seventh year as head coach.

One returning pitcher is All-OVC second team sophomore pitcher Stephanie Maday. Maday finished second in the conference with an ERA of 1.61 last season. On the offensive side, junior outfielder Melise Brown will return after hitting .384 last season, as well as senior catcher Haliee Hanna, who batted .339 last season.

The number-one team in the conference is Jacksonville State, who won the OVC tournament title last season. The Gamecocks, who went 40-21, will return the 2011 OVC Co-Freshman of the Year, Tiffany Harbin. Harbin, who was also an All-OVC team member, struck out

268 batters last season on the mound for the Gamecocks. She was the OVC tournament MVP, throwing a no-hitter against Southeast Missouri. The Gamecocks received 14 first-place votes in the poll.

Tennessee-Martin received three first-place votes, one more than Eastern, yet is seated below them at the No. 3 spot. The Skyhawks finished with a record of 34-24 last season and third place in the OVC. The Skyhawks will also be returning pitcher/outfielder Amanda Bradenburg, who shared OVC Co-Freshman of the Year honors with Jacksonville State's Tiffany Harbin. Bradenburg was a first team All-OVC selection, hitting 14 doubles, while batting an overall .333 average. She led her team with 55 hits and 35 RBIs.

Following the top three, Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, Southeast Missouri and Tennessee Tech also all received one first-place vote. Murray State, Eastern Kentucky, Morehead State, Austin Peay and Tennessee State.

The Panthers' first game will be against Indiana University Purdue University- Indianapolis as part of the Georgia State tournament on Feb. 18.



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Sophomore infielder Carly Willert gets the force-out at second base April 17, 2011, for the first out of a double play against Tennessee-Martin.

## MLK Jr. Day sparks minds, uplifting student attitudes



Photos by Miranda Ploss & Timothy Bell

Students gather for the Martin Luther King Jr. vigil outside Thomas and the tribute outside the Martin Luther King Jr. University Grand Ballroom on Jan. 16. To celebrate King's dedication to the African American culture and his contributions to the precedent for African Americans.

By Tempestt Washington  
Senior Reporter

Students day off from school is significantly used to acknowledge Martin Luther King Jr. legacy and vision on Jan. 16.

This Monday, students celebrated Martin Luther King Day by participating in a march and a tribute to King. By attending this event, students were reminded that this day is not just about honoring a great man, but about student efforts to continue to work to make this world a better place.

On this day, King was acknowledged as a man that bridged the progression for African Americans while he maintained his integrity, self-respect, sanity, and individualism. As individuals, we seldom learn and forget to

acknowledge the people who have started a path for us. Instead, sometimes we tend to drift away from the progression.

All students are supposed to dream but work towards turning that dream into a reality. A lot of students forget that all dreams are possible and that King paved the way for this to be true.

Each year every Greek fraternity picks a way to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and this year marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Khelan Todd, president of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity Inc., helped with the event this year. His singing contribution to King, signifies and captures the historic meaning behind the event as well as the march.

This year, new and innovative ideas have been chosen to honor

King.

"The men of Alpha Phi Alpha Inc., want to dare people to dream and look at the bigger picture," Todd said. "This event helped to promote unity and give faculty and staff a chance to interact socially as well as the students."

Not only was unity an important aspect of the day, but the event was also marked by four words; adversity, respect, excellence, and drive, which were presented to remind students that this is what it takes for change.

Demarlon Brown, vice president of the Alumni Alpha Phi Alpha Inc. chapter, said "after leaving this event, we want you to stop talking, and start doing. We need people to change people's lives."

He also states that this event

taps into youth potential.

"People especially young people forget their potential, by having new leaders people will realize their potential."

During the rest of the show, the Alpha men took time to acknowledge and award someone for their contributions to the campus.

Elizabeth Smith, a senior corporate communications major, was awarded the Annie C. Singleton award. The award represents dedication, involvement, and contributions to the campus. It shows that you can be a part of a great change wherever you are at.

"When an evil man plots, a good man plans," she said. She said it is also hoped that others learn and overcome their issues

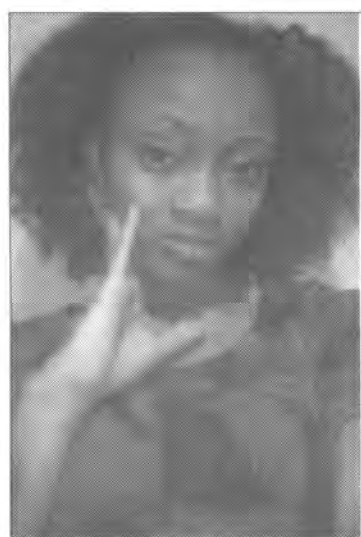
and become leaders. "This has been a wonderful opportunity, a privilege, and a honor. Because of King it was definitely necessary."

Daring others to dream was a unique approach to show students that you cannot be afraid.

Solomon Mbua, a graduate student and gerontology major, as well as this program's event coordinator said that student's need to learn not to be scared to dream as well as not being scared to fail.

"A lot of people are scared to fail and fear that their dream is too big," he said. "This fear makes people think the dream is impossible. He says all dreams are possible."

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**Column: 'The mask of social construct is knowledge, an Epistemology Privilege'**

By Dana Jackson  
Editor-in-chief

Non-violent, discipline, self-respect, intergerity, humane, and sanity, are words that we all celebrate and recognize in Martin Luther King Jr.

Jan. 16 would not be just

another day off from school but a day that we acknowledge a man who has made change even while obstaning from violence. We seldom acknowledge and learn about people who have started the path for us and we dare not to pick up where they left off, because of our fear and ignorance.

What keeps me so curiosly interested is that we celebrate King for his accomplishments that helped us to progress, but we still fail to live acceptable lives that reflect his vision.

A man thats actions and behaviors serve as precedent to the progression for the African American rights before us; should be our motivation to do better but unfortunately it is not.

It would be wrong of me to just point out the negative aspect of phycological suppression. But, we as African Americans have the Epistemology Privilege.

This means asking how social location, gender, as well, as race, class, age and ability

affects knowing and the process of knowlegde production. We as African Americans have epistemological privilege.

We are capable of micrscoically seeing and understanding what the rich economically, and culturally privileged cannot or avoid. Because unfortunately their view is distoreted by power and wealth.

We as people need to stop focusing on how we can assimilate into the understaning of the world but learn about ourselves and our own culture. This will ultimately help us as people to be accepting to other people as well.

Bridging the generational gap can help us to learn who we are, which could help us to be proactive in our everyday lives.

We need to understand that the knowlege about ourselves as a culture is are reality and a "privilege." Once we understand that it will come clear that epistomological privelege is important to society because it

forces certain social constructs and interpretations that are assumed to be realities to be questioned.

When the structures and systems that are put in place by a privileged class in power keep masses of groups marginalized and at a stagnant and struggling position.

This is not reality should not be accepted, no matter what ethnicity you are.

Martin Luther King had a dream that we as people need to come together because he knew that the "reality" of issues was the reason why we were struggling and still struggling today.

The world issues after a cetain time desensitizes us from living as individuals in reality, and categorizes us as conformist in hypocrisy.

We need to all step up as people and branch out from our comfort zones and re-define human life.

Martin Luther King did that for not only African Americans but

all people. He showed people that we were human first and in return gave us not what we wanted but what we needed.

Rejection, fear, critique, isolation, is oftenly avoided and being comfortable or safe is the top choice.

But, when you do not fight for what is right, just to keep safe. You are failing yourself. What we love in ourselves determines what we accept from others.

Martin Luther King knew and never doubted who he was an individual and that is how he was so sucessful in contributiing to the mobilization of African Americans Martin Luther King said it best "A lie cannot live."

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## **From the Margins to the Center**

### **The numbers continue to rise...**

- It is estimated that 160,000 children miss school every day due to fear of attack or intimidation by other students. Source: National Education Association.
- American schools harbor approximately 2.1 million bullies and 2.7 million of their victims.  
Dan Olweus, National School Safety Center.
- 1 in 7 Students in Grades K-12 is either a bully or a victim of bullying.
- 15% of all school absenteeism is directly related to fears of being bullied at school.

**Column: Just Smile!**

By Timothy Bell  
Staff Reporter

Do you know what a smile is? If not according to the dictionary a smile is a facial expression characterized by an upward curving of the corners of the mouth and indicating pleasure,

amusement, or derision.

Smiles can come in many colors, shapes, and sizes but they all have one thing in common and that is they are positive actions.

Have you ever had a gloomy day? Did you run into someone who had a smile on their face that day? Well, I did and it brought light to my day. It was as if someone came into that dark room that I was in with a flash light and helped me find my way out.

This is why I keep a smile on my face and I think everyone else should do the same. One can affect many people in a positive way with just a smile.

Marry Walsh, a sophomore special education major here at Eastern said "I smile so much because I have been so blessed. I have been blessed with a loving, and supportive family, and

amazing, true friends." "I also love my job, I am an R.A. in Andrews and I have the sweetest staff and residents there!" she said.

"Smiling definitely affects my day in a positive way. When I smile, people tend to smile back and that makes me happy."

As the saying goes, "Smiles are Contagious!"

Walsh also stated that sshe would like to add one of her avorite quotes.

"Today, give a stranger one of your smiles. It might be the only sunshine he sees all day."

So remember no matter what you are going through rise your head and just smile.

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# African American database offers students traces of African ancestry through DNA

By Dana Jackson  
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These results cannot be found in history books, DNA traces and reveals African lineage through the African Lineage Database for students at Eastern.

Dr. Janice Collins, assistant professor of the Journalism Department introduced this idea to students.

Familiar celebrities have participated in the testing for their African Lineage such as Spike Lee, director, writer and producer, Isaiah Washington, actor writer and producer, Blair Underwood, actor, Andrew Young statesman Businessman and humanitarian. Kimberly Elise, actress and India Arie singer and songwriter.

Collins said that after she took

the test it revealed to her that she was linked to the Mende Tribe of Sierra Leone, which was a linkage of 100 percent. She also was linked to people such as Mya Angelou, Isaiah Washington, and Andrew Young.

"All human beings come from Africa," she said. "The test traces maternal and paternal lineages. You will find more information from this test than in a book."

According to the African Ancestry website the exclusive African Lineage Database is the largest and most comprehensive resource of African lineages available today. It includes lineages from 30 countries and over 200 ethnic groups. Paternal lineages: 11,747 samples and maternal lineages: 13,690 samples.

The website states their exclusive and comprehensive database of over 25,000 indigenous African genetic sequences and their own analytical tools, have successfully determined ancestry over 99 percent of the time for both maternal and paternal lineages.

They find identical matches for approximately 85 percent of the people they test. For the remaining people. The tests are designed to determine the ancestry of a direct maternal lineage and/or a direct paternal lineage, one at a time.

The testing at Eastern will be \$270 while the regular price is \$349.

"If a student can get 13-14 people within their family to chip in \$20 a piece, one person's DNA can trace the African lineage for the

whole family," she said.

"I wanted to introduce this idea to Eastern Students because finding out about their African Ancestry will help develop their leadership and self-esteem," she said.

"When the word African American is said they can be proud of not only the American part, but now can be proud of the African part too."

"This DNA test will allow African Americans students to move from the margins to the core," Collins said. "Students will be informed about what tribe they are from and will also see similar characteristic in the tribe within themselves.

For instance, there may be similar facial characteristics. The Mende Tribe that I was linked to,

all have high cheekbones and they also have a secret language understood telepathically."

Collins also said that the DNA testing has the potential to be televised as a documentary.

"Funds will have to be in by Jan. 27, students will get the testing packets on Feb. 10 at the EIU Diversity Conference," Collins said.

If you are interested in participating in the DNA Testing contact Dr. Janice Collins prior to Jan. 30. at [jjcollins@eiu.edu](mailto:jjcollins@eiu.edu) 217-581-7170

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# State remains behind in payments

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Because of a lack of money, the state remains behind in payments to Eastern.

According to Paul McCann, director of business services and treasurer, the state owes the school about \$26 million.

"The state just is without money and they're not paying us because they don't have any money," he said.

Some students believe that this debt will have a negative effect on student life at the school.

"If Illinois owes the university money then we would have to pay out of pocket for what they owe," said Tenicha Hudson, a

sophomore journalism major. "It would be frustrating for students who do not have the means to pay the extra costs."

Mohogany Williams, a senior early childhood development major, says knowing the state owes the school money is a little bit upsetting.

"A lot of people use that money for many different things like programs here at school, different materials, or other resources. So if they don't have that money to get the things that they want or need it affects them in a negative way," she said. "It's not only affects the students but the faculty, administrators, the school in its entirety."

McCann said students do not

have to worry about being affected by the state's debt. The money currently owed to the school will have no effect on tuition, scholarships or any other ways that students may pay for school.

Although, the money that is owed to the school includes MAP Grant funding, students who receive the grant will still get their awards. The state legislature already fully funded the grant and credit has already been out to students who applied for it last year, according to McCann.

Students also should not worry about their extracurricular activities. Funding for activities and clubs is covered by student fees and no additional money is needed.

"Probably the only thing we're not doing much of is buying equipment and doing construction projects," McCann said.

The biggest impact the situation has on Eastern is how much is allowed to be spent.

"It might slow down what we can spend but we try very hard to be conservative with what we spend money on," he said.

Eastern has cut back on its expenses by reducing its budget and spending less. Eastern has reduced spending on supplies and only uses money for what are considered necessary expenditures.

The school needs more than just the administration to be

involved with saving money. Teachers are encouraged to make less paper copies and provided online versions of their class materials. It also encourages students to help the process by doing less spending so that the costs do not eventually trickle down to them.

Eastern has been saving money for about three years and so far has been able to cover some of the expenses that the money from the state normally would, according to McCann.

The state makes payments to Eastern whenever it has funds available. School officials remain in regular contact with the state comptroller to stay updated on the funding situation.

## Column: Women live to tell their stories before its to late



ed to walk around I could see that it was bigger than it seemed while looking from the outside.

It was also interesting to know that we were being escorted by two drug addicts that were very well-mannered, aware, and knowledgeable about the house.

I was so excited by the way, to be able to experience not the fact that it was a rehab house, but to women that were willing to change and acknowledge that they did indeed need help, as well as meet some of the people that proactively helped the women during their process.

During the discussion with the three ladies, I became very emotional. I have no idea what pain, remorse, guilt, or losses they had to endeavor during their addiction, but it was brave of them to each tell their story.

chelle, 32, started drink at the tender age of 15-years-old she still finished high school.

Then she decided to go on to college where she excelled in her studies at U of I. But, like we all know the stigma of drinking is also a big temptation in college.

She also explored acid, cocaine, and ecstasy. She was struggling a lot, but she still managed to get her Bachelor's degree.

I could tell as she was talking that she wanted to change. When you can acknowledge that there is a problem then you can change and I saw that in all the women.

Then there was another woman by the name of Gwen, she was the oldest out the two. She grew up in a functional home with two sisters. She was also struggling with

her addiction and it was having an effect on her marriage, so she decided to come to the Hour Glass House for help.

The one that stood out the most for me was woman by the name of Latrice.

She said that she attend a private school her father was a police officer. Stereotypically that is not two of the things that you may associate with a drug addict. She was very open about her experience as well.

She didn't deny anything. One thing that I will never forget she shows that she is very clever and smart when it comes to satisfy their needs. She said that one of the reasons she first came to rehab was to find out why her suddenly went through drug to drug in such a short time, and how to get knowledge about more drugs.

Something that shocked me was when she said that she had blown through \$7,000 in a week on drugs.

She also said that she was determined to positively make all that money back and her goal is to become a strong woman of God and become a millionaire.

All the women motivated me to remember to always be aware that it can happen to anyone. You have to be conscious of what decision you make and always want to get help and not think that you can just do it on your own.

The discussion was a great experience and I enjoyed it.

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I first walked into the Hour Glass House, it was very well kept and organized. As we start-

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# Style of the day:

## *The chill is in the air in campus wear*

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What's your style during the winter: "I like to wear layers, dark bold colors, like deep blues, purples and browns."

Fields gave some suggestions for staying warm and fashionable during those cold walks to class: "Wearing thermals or leggings underneath your pants can keep you warm," said Fields. She also suggested gloves with a flap, which enables you to show or hide your fingers. Thick sweaters and trench coats were also suggestions.

Fields also talked about some of her personal favorite fashion items for the winter. "I love boots." She referred to some of her favorite styles of boots as "combat" and "military style."

During the winter, big glasses can keep the wind out your eyes and add a twist to your outfit. Fields stated I like "nerd glasses." She also gave a description of a type of design; she referred to as "aviator shades." They are vintage or retro, said Fields.

Fields has a few favorite fashions items during the winter including scarves, boots and earmuffs.

Fields stated humorously, "I hate when my ears get cold, and I can't find my earmuffs."

According to Fields, she's "back in love" with the department store "Forever 21."

Stated humorously, "We were kindling our relationship because they use to seem so high but comparing them to "Wet Seal" they have more items to choose from," said Fields.

Fields also shops at the department store, "JCPenney" during the winter. She likes their long sleeves shirts, thermals and tunics.

Fields gave advice for staying fashionable and warm during the winter: "Wear layers, and colors that can compliment your skin tone and body type."

Stay fashionable on an affordable budget; "Walmart" and "Community Thrift Store" both in Charleston, IL are two places that supply affordable winter attire.

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Bri'an Fields, sophomore kinesiology and sports studies major, models winter fashion for campus.



## Cooking for Campus



By: Chantrell Nealon

Chicken Enchilada Pasta

Ingredients:

- 2-3 chicken breasts, cooked and shredded (don't wanna cook and shred? Buy an already-cooked rotisserie chicken)
- 2 tbsp. olive oil
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 medium onion diced
- 1 red pepper, diced
- 1 (4 oz.) can diced green chiles
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 2 (10 oz.) cans green chili enchilada sauce
- 2/3 cups red enchilada sauce
- 2 cups shredded cheese (I used colby and monterrey jack)
- 1 cup sour cream
- Penne pasta

I topped mine with diced tomatoes, sour cream, and green onions.

Directions:

1. Boil pasta according to the package
2. Chop veggies
3. Heat the olive oil in a deep skillet and cook onions for about 3-5 minutes. Add garlic and red pepper and cook for another 3-5 minutes
4. Add cooked chicken, green chiles, salt, and enchilada sauces.
5. Let sauce simmer for approx. 8-10 minutes
6. Add cheese and stir until the cheese is melted and heated through.
7. Toss in the sour cream but DO NOT bring to a boil! (Cook on low heat or the sour cream will curdle. YUCK!). Stir until sour cream is well mixed and heated through.
8. Drain pasta and return to pot.
9. Pour sauce over pasta and mix well.
10. Serve and garnish with whatever toppings your little heart desires.

Budget \$20