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'Living the dream;' remembering King King

March, vigil held in leader's honor

By Heather Holm Activities Editor

Students marched with lit candles Monday evening in the same way Martin Luther King Jr. did in his March on Washington in 1963, where he gave his famous "I Have a Dream" speech.

Students met in the lobby of Thomas Hall and then proceeded to march to the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union for some music, poetry and a keynote speaker.

"I came tonight because Alpha Phi Alpha has been putting it on for years, and it gives the campus a chance to come together and realize his vision," said Shawn Peoples, assistant director of student standards.

Darius White, Alpha Phi Alpha President, said the fraternity puts on the event every year to honor Martin Luther King Jr. as one of the fraternity's brothers and to honor his non-violent philosophy on solving problems.

Alpha Phi Alpha has been putting on this event for 22 years.

This year, the main theme was "Living the Dream" and the keynote speaker, Angela Grimes, touched on this by telling Eastern students to stand up for what they believe in, wake up and accomplish their dreams and not let excuses stand in their way.

Grimes graduated from Eastern in 1997 and ran into some bumps after she graduated in the way of getting a job. However, she still believed in her-



Music group Time of Change performs Monday night in the Martin Luther King Jr. Grand Ballroom during the program "Living the Dream" presented by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. Zeta Nu Chapter.

self and her goals and pushed herself to move forward.

She talked about how she had to let go of baggage, such as a negative attitude and friends who did not encourage her.

Students who attended said they decided to accomplish their goals and believe in themselves more.

"It was compelling and realistic," said Stephen Tyler, a corporate communications major. "We are our greatest motivators, and if you fail, it is because of you and no one else."

Akia Harper, a sophomore sociology major, liked how the speaker had a goal and strived for that goal.

"I liked how the speaker talked about letting go of baggage, and from now on, I will say to myself that I can do it and push through the obstacles," she said.

Grimes said she wanted to empower students on campus to know they can achieve whatever they set out to be no matter what. She also said that she wants to be an example at her former school, showing people that if a person has a goal, they can always move forward.

Grimes wanted students who attended the event to realize that they have come a long way and they should not give up on themselves.

"If Dr. King can fight to the end, who says we should stop now," Grimes said. She also mentioned how Martin Luther King Jr. helped blacks go from unemployment to employment and from injustice to equality and how this should not be forgotten.

"You can always light your candle and reignite what he has established," Grimes said.

Students also collected money to donate to Haiti at the event.

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Perry outlines budget restraints

CUPB recommends changes to furlough policy

By Sarah Ruholl Administration Editor month's pay. "It depends on the month, but usually 22 working days constitute a

By Sarah Ruholl Administration Editor

Eastern's economic stance was the subject of a campus wide e-mail sent by President Bill Perry on January 7.

In the e-mail, Perry discussed measures the university is taking to survive the lag in payments from the state.

"Cash flow for the state affects cash flow for us," Perry said.

To date, the university has received only \$11.5 million of its \$50.6 million state appropriation, straining the university's finances.

"In order to meet our obligations through the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2010) in the uncertain fiscal environment created by delayed delivery of our legislated state appropriations, we must take the following actions," Perry PERRY, page 5 Discussion and debate on furlough policy language culminated at Friday's Council on University Planning and Budget meeting.

The CUPB collected 355 comments on the first draft of President Bill Perry's proposed furlough policy through three open forums hosted on campus last week and the CUPB Web site.

Based on the comments, the CUPB recommended a handful of changes to the president, including some clarifications and a shortened number of possible furlough days.

The original had a maximum of 30 furlough days in a fiscal year.

"We identified those 30 days as working days," Dr. Karen Drage, a professor in the school of technology, said. "People would be much more comfortable with 20 days."

Bill Weber, the vice president for business affairs, said this change would bring the potential amount of furlough days to less than a month's salary," Weber said.

Weber also said that furlough day across the board would generate about \$90,000 in cost savings.

The CUPB recommended changing the wording from fiscal year to any 12-month period, which would alleviate concerns of the days being lumped together.

It was also recommended that the phrase "after all other cost-saving measures have been exhausted" be added to the description of when furloughs may be implemented.

Drage said the CUPB is still exploring other options for reducing operating costs. The three most common suggestions were pay reductions, short-term borrowing and delaying payments to outside vendors.

Perry said he would have a revised policy within the month.

"I will take action by the end of the month, as well as make some general remarks about implementation," he CUPB, page 5



AMIR PRELLBERG | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS Sandy Bowman, interim assistant director of human resources, speaks to facutly and employees in Room 1205 of the Physical Science building Jan. 12. THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS DENNEWS.COM

WEATHER TODAY



Another wet and cloudy day. A chance for a light drizzle this afternoon. Wednesday has a better chance for scattered showers; which will continue into Thursday morning. The rest of the week will continue to be warmer with temperatures in the middle to upper 40's by Saturday.

WEATHER TOMORROW

HIGH

Scattered Showers High: 40° Low: 32°

Wednesday



Thursday **Light Rain** High: 42° Low: 34°

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CITY **Brief meeting** expected

By Kayleigh Zyskowski **City Editor**

Today's Charleston City Council meeting has a chance of mimicking the last meeting, which only lasted eight minutes.

Mayor John Inyart said the trend in the short meetings is not a permanent change.

"I'm not quite sure of the exact reason why the meetings have been so short," Inyart said. "This may just mean that we have accomplished the projects we have set out to do in the correct time frames."

The consent agenda contains five items, including a raffle license being applied for by the Elks Lodge #623.

The raffle tickets have been sold for a motorcycle give away and the proceeds will go toward the Corn Belt Shrine Club.

The lone item not listed on the consent agenda is a presentation by Joyce Madigan, who will give the annual city audit review.

Madigan is a member of the Charleston accounting firm, Gilbert, Metzger and Madigan.

"It is a regulation to have an outside accountant check the work of the city on all audit reports," Inyart said. The report will last between 20 and 30 minutes.

Kayleiah Zyskowski can be reached

Hazy weekend



Stevenson Hall is covered in a hazy fog Monday afternoon as the humidity rose to 99 percent, according to weather.com. Temperatures over the weekend ranged in the high 40s, which melted the majority of the snow on the ground.

LUMPKIN UPDATE Classes relocated until Jan. 25

Because of flooding in Lumpkin Hall on Jan. 13, all classes on the 1000-level of the building have been relocated until at least Jan. 25. Check the university Web site for a list of relocations. More information will be posted as it becomes available.

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Rocking out



Unique photos of different types of rocks around campus are displayed in online editor Sam Sottosanto's photo blog at DENnews.com

Marching for King

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Alpha Phi Alpha hosted its annual Martin Luther King Jr. march and candlelight vigil. Take a look at this video at DENnews com to

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ORGANIZATIONS **SACIS financial struggles** gain interest with loans

By Erica Whelan Student Government Editor

The financial struggles faced by Charleston's Sexual Assault Counseling and Information Service have grown and gained interest since a \$35,000 loan was taken in October to meet payroll in the absence of federal funds.

This has been the most difficult year by far," SACIS executive director Bonnie Buckley said.

Buckley said the agency, which operates on a reimbursement basis, has never experienced a financial delay of comparable scale.

"It feels like we're just hanging on by the skin of our teeth every month," she said.

Loans

In addition to anxiety over making payroll and meeting costs, including rent paid to the university and telephone expenses, Buckley said SACIS has until the end of the month to pay back the loan - plus interest - that has been building for the past three months.

She said a subsequent loan may be needed to support the agency in the future. In order to pay the interest, SACIS will have to look to sources other than the grant money they receive, as the funds are subcontracted for specific purposes that do not include the practice of paying off interest.

'At this present time, we have enough to pay the loan back, but we wouldn't have enough money to make salary unless we get our December reimbursements," Buckley said. "In past years, within a few days, we could have our reimbursements so we'd have enough money to pay the staff. This year, for the first time ever, we don't get those right away because our state coalition is waiting to receive federal and state funds, and they just don't know when that's going to happen."

State Funding

Federal relief for social service

"It feels like we're just hanging on by the skin of our teeth every month."

Bonnie Buckley, SACIS executive director

agencies has been slow to come in the months following Gov. Quinn's cuts to the state budget that dissolved a projected 68 percent of finances allocated to the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault, which supports SACIS along with 32 other crisis centers and 16 satellite locations statewide.

Quinn's original proposals in June would have left the agency three people short with enough funds to continue operating for a month and a half. As some money has trickled in since ultimately reducing the magnitude of the cut, the SACIS staff remains hopeful they will receive the federal aid money guaranteed to them.

The center largely depends on federal and state funds granted to ICASA, which has been rendered unable to distribute advances in reimbursements while waiting to receive federal stimulus grants that lawmakers have approved but not released.

This has forced the agency to make emergency withdrawals from a second account that contains money from fundraisers and donations designated to aid the Charleston community, as well as a third account specifically for the service's sistercenter in Robinson, Buckley said.

The agency's primary account is designated for grants subcontracted by ICASA that are normally used to pay employees' salaries.

As ICASA waits for word from the state comptroller, few funds have circulated to aid SACIS in its struggle to make ends meet while serving people of all ages throughout Coles and Cumberland Counties.

Despite the prospect of an uncer-

SACIS

SACIS is a free and confidential service located in the basement of Lawson Hall that offers individual and group counseling to victims of various forms of sexual assault. The agency currently has openings available to treat clients and encourages those who have suffered abuse to seek help. The agency extends treatment to family members and operates a 24-hour crisis hotline that can be reached at (217) 348-5033.

aged to persevere by budgeting strategically and collecting portions of their paychecks through multiple minor grants, which they also depend on to pay the bills.

We're having to pay a bill out of one account and then reimburse it with our other federal and state funds," Buckley said.

This method has resulted in double bookkeeping that has increased the amount of paperwork she must complete, along with the workload shouldered by the agency's bookkeeper that now must be paid accordingly.

Most of the federal stimulus grants that SACIS receives are not large enough to pay the salary of even one full-time employee, Buckley said, prompting her to piece together separate grants to pay the staff.

"I'm using my back grant to pay four different people portions of salaries," Buckley said. "It's like putting a puzzle together. People worry. It's stressful because you don't know if there's going to be the funds to pay your salary at the end of every



ALYCIA ROCKEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

"It Happened One Night," an oil painting in the exhibit Saturation: New Paintings by Maria Tomasula, is on display in the Tarble Arts Center through March 21. Tomasula is a professor of art at the University of Notre Dame and will be having an artist's lecture in Table Arts Center Atrium on Feb. 25 at 7 p.m.

month. I certainly worry."

Fundraising

In the effort to generate funds while the waiting game wears on, the staff will conduct two fundraiser activities next month, including the agency's annual "Shake it for SA-CIS" event scheduled from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Feb. 19 in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Attendants will partake in learn-

ing a variety of dances that will culminate in a collective dance at the end of the night, and guests are encouraged to make donations to help support SACIS.

The agency will also benefit from the reproduction of Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues" which will take place Feb. 4 through 6 in the Tarble Arts Center.

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OPINIONS



David Thill

My own, personal award show

As many may be aware, the Golden Globe Awards were held Sunday. As usual, several people/productions that deserved to win did and several that perhaps did not deserve to win also did.

During the commercial breaks, I could not help but notice the advertisements for the upcoming Screen Actors Guild Awards.

For those of who you may not be aware, these are the awards given by actors to actors. Actors patting one another on the back simply to say they like what the other did even if the general public whom they are meant to entertain did not.

Personally, I cannot stand most award shows. There are simply too many that come up too often. So, despite my contempt for such ridiculous and needless awards, I think I'll start my own.

They shall be dubbed the Thillies and given out arbitrarily for no apparent reason to people throughout Illinois. The voting is strenuous, though. All nominees shall be considered by the grand academy, made up of myself and no one else. And the winners are

Best Actor in a Comedy

Rod Blagojevich, for his portrayal of a governor in Illinois politics. His performance was both satirical and brilliant in its buffoonery. I mean, the man allegedly tried to auction off a seat in the state House by doing everything short of posting an ad on craigslist. He was even caught making such phone calls on his own office phone!

Furthermore, he has since appeared on carious television shows including "Oprah" and "The View" and both times ended up making jokes and laughing with the hosts.

Blago is either a comedic genius on par with Monty Python, or the most arrogant, self-deluded individual since Howard Hughes.

Congratulations, Blago. Your performance made me both laugh out loud and cry uncontrollably at the realization that I voted for you.

Best Comedy

The Illinois Government — all of it. I have not seen such a three-ringed circus since the last time I, well, went to a three-ringed circus. Honestly, though, I had trouble deciding



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Charleston: A town with more than meets the collective eye

ome is where the heart is. Or is home where you make it? Is home simply where the rump comes to rest at the end of the day?

Regardless of the criteria one uses to define his home, the fact for nearly 12,000 Eastern students is that, for almost four years, Charleston has been or will be their home

And to not fully explore and appreciate one's home is to do oneself a disservice.

While most students are famililar with the general Charleston area, many do not dare to venture north of Lincoln Avenue.

We all venture to Wal-Mart once in awhile, or County Market. Most students are well aware of the businesses surrounding the intersection of Lincoln Avenue and Fourth Street. The fast food and various other businesses that make up the main stretch of Lincoln and certainly the bars that are littered around town are well known to students.

However, Charleston has much more to offer than just the obvious establishments and those seen along the two or three main streets in town.

Students would do well to make their way to the northern side of town.

Charleston has a colorful and storied history and making one's way to the historic town square offers much more than just a way to stretch one's legs.

The courthouse on the square is far more than just a clock tower to be seen in the distance. Abraham Lincoln often spent countless hours there while helping his father and stepmother establish and maintain their farm south of Charleston.

The square was also once the site of a riotous skirmish between Union soldiers and Confederate sympathizers, an event documented by the large mural on the south wall of the building on the corner of Jackson Avenue and Sixth

FROM THE EASEL

"The fact is, Eastern students need to learn more about the town that is their home, whether they like it or not."

The square also offers several small, locally owned businesses that students should explore. Beyond the obvious bars there, several restaurants, special interest shops and salons are located around the square.

The relationship between Eastern students and Charleston natives has long been an issue that never seems to end. Residents often feel students look down on them or feel they own the town simply because Eastern makes up a large portion of Charleston's population.

This is simply not true. Charleston existed long before Eastern and will exist long after. The fact is, Eastern students need to learn more about the town that is their home, whether they like it or not.

Of course, Charleston is not an urban hub of entertainment. It is not a large town that offers endless amounts of fun and thrills. It is, however, far more than many students give it credit for.

The historic downtown is a great example of what Charleston can offer. Students simply need to make an effort to venture farther across town than just to make their way to and from bars and restaurants.

Charleston is a home to all of us. If we wish to improve the relations between local residents and students, we must take it upon ourselves to show that Eastern students wish to make Charleston a home to all of us and show that we have an interest in the town that gives as much to the school as the school gives to it.

There really are far more things to do in Charleston than meets the eye. The history of the town should not be overlooked, but the locally owned businesses provide options for everything from shopping to restaurants, often at a lower price and all are just up the road.

It is simply a road that students need to walk down more often.



whether to categorize this show as a comedy or mystery. Will it have enough money? Where did the money go? Was it Blago in the Capitol Building with the candlestick?

There have been plenty of laughs, though. I mean, it promises money then doesn't have enough money to cover what it promised. If this were a Hollywood film, I would expect a hairbrained scheme to stage a fake war with Iowa to drum up funding.

Best Drama

All college students relying on state financial aid. This drama had everything. The characters, the true emotion, the fact that it makes everyone involved want to cry...

The fact is all students currently relying on Illinois to help them are up a creek. While legislators continue to promise money, they can't seem to find it. They can find plenty of blame to throw around for why they can't find it, though. And like a drama, no matter how many promises they gave, they left the viewer wanting more.

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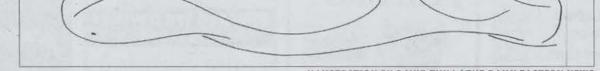


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FROM AROUND THE STATE oking forward, peering back

By Chelsea Peck The Daily Vidette Illinois State University

As the second semester of my senior year begins, I find myself looking back while looking forward. Looking back on the good times and the bad. Looking forward to what this semester has to bring and what my future will hold.

The past four years have seen many improvements and failures. Staying out until the wee hours of the morning with class in a few hours seemed like an okay idea until my alarm screeched me awake. But I have matured throughout the years. Just ask my mom. What I find most fascinating is what I still

have to look forward to in these next few months.

I'm actually excited about my classes (you'd think I would be tired of the lectures and notes by now) and I'm excited to take advantage of my last semester at this fine establishment that our rivals refer to as I Screwed Up.

When each new semester starts, I always see the good in what each class can bring to the table. I start out positive and then let it go from there. With work and class this semester, I will be kept busy, but it's a good busy. It's the type of busy that keeps my mind off the bad things and keeps me smiling throughout the day.

My first two years I had it easy compared to what my days are filled with now. But I would never go back to wasting away in my dorm room watching reruns of "Friends" while munching on the slop that used to be served in the dining centers. I hear the food has gone through much improvement.

Moving from one roommate to three was a difficult change for me and I found out I'm quite the clean freak. Who knew? Apartment life was a great change for me and pursuing a job at the Vidette has kept me busy ever since.

Last semester, I was a repeat offender of saying "I can't wait to graduate" and "I'm so ready to be out of here." And, believe me, I still am extremely ready to put on that cap and gown and shake President Bowman's hand, but I've still got a few good months of college life in me.

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said in his e-mail. "Except for searches already initiated, all hiring is frozen. Exceptions must be approved by the president. All operational spending is being reduced or postponed. All equipment purchases are frozen. Exceptions must be approved by the respective vice president. Operational cost savings will continue to be implemented. Nonsafety-related maintenance is being reduced or postponed. Travel reimbursement is being reduced or postponed."

The measures are strict, but none are rigid, allowing the university to function as necessary but in a scaled-down manner.

"You've got to take care of emergencies," Perry said.

Exceptions are taken on a case-bycase basis. One position search has already been approved, the hiring of a new director for WEIU. An interim director will fill the position for two months following Brenda Good's retirement, creating two months of salary savings.

"We need to fill it, and this is a way to make it revenue neutral," Perry said. Maintenance deferment will create

some cost savings as well. "A lot of maintenance projects that have already started are being delayed," Perry said. "The fundamental criterion is whether safety is involved."

The recent flooding of Lumpkin Hall sent clean up and repairs in the building to the top of a growing list of to-dos.

"Each project is being assessed and taken in order of importance," Perry said.

The university's annual travel expenses are around \$1.1 million, \$800,000 of "Each project is being assessed and taken in order of importance."

President Bill Perry

which goes toward faculty travel.

"This is travel that supports education enterprise," Perry said. "Faculty have to pay some costs, but they have always had to."

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CAMPUS BRIEFS Doughnut party to serve as meet-and-greet for CSC

The Civil Service Council will host a meet-and-greet today from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Black Box Theatre at the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

The event is for all non-negotiated civil service employees.

The doughnut party will include freebies, tours and a silent auction to raise money for the Civil Service Council Scholarship.

Women's Studies accepting nominations

The Women's Studies Program is asking for nominations for a Woman of Achievement Award. Nominees must be women who have made significant contributions to the local or Eastern community.

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Nomination letters should include an explanation of the nominee's contributions, as well as contact information for the nominee and nominator.

No more than three letters of support should supplement each nomination.

Nomination packets need to be sent to Jad Smith in the English department by Feb. 1.

> -Compiled by associate news editor Sarah Jean Bresnahan

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said.

Weber also talked about plans to address a "budget transparency issue." The office for business affairs will soon offer live access to expenditure data on its Website.

The data will be available in the form of pie charts that breakdown expenses into categories, such as personnel and operating expenses and subcategories, like personnel expenses in a particular vice president's office.

Drage announced a proposed bylaw change would be voted on during February's meeting.

The amendment would change all mentions of external relations and vice president for external relations to university advancement, a reflection of the position's title change.

Comments, the policy draft, a frequently asked questions page and cost containment suggestions can be found on CUPB's Web site, www. "I will take action by the end of the month, as well as make some general remarks about implementation." President Bill Perry

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Comments on the furlough policy and cost containment suggestions may also be submitted through the page.

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NATION

Relative of victims questioned in shooting

The Associated Press

BELLVILLE, Texas — Authorities working to determine what spurred a flurry of gunshots that left five people dead in southeast Texas are questioning a 20-year-old relative who lived with the victims in the isolated house surrounded by pasture land.

Police said Monday the victims of the weekend bloodshed all lived in the single-story brick home in Bellville, a town of about 4,000 people located 55 miles northwest of Houston. They included a retiree and his wife, a younger woman and man, and a girl believed to be about 3 years old, police said.

Investigators were questioning a 20-year-old man, who a relative said is

a son of the wife. He remained jailed on burglary and attempted burglary charges after allegedly trying to break into a Bellville home.

The man — arrested about 3 a.m. Sunday after a homeowner pulled a gun on him — could face capital murder charges. Prosecutors are reviewing the case. No one else is being sought and it does not appear any other people were involved in the shootings, Sheriff DeWayne Burger said.

Sgt. Paul Faircloth of the Austin County Sheriff's Office said authorities were still trying to determine a motive for the slayings. He said the sheriff's office received a call Sunday afternoon from a person who had gone to the home and discovered the crime scene. Deputies arrived and found four bodies inside the home.

Taco Bell founder dies

RANCHO SANTA FE, Calif. — Glen W. Bell Jr., an entrepreneur best known as the founder of the Taco Bell chain, has died. He was 86.

Bell died Sunday at his home in Rancho Santa Fe, according to a statement posted Monday on the Taco Bell Web site.

The Irvine-based company did not release a cause of death.

"Glen Bell was a visionary and innovator in the restaurant industry, as well as a dedicated family man," Greg Creed, president of Taco Bell, said in the statement.



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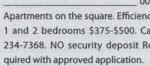
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MEN'S BASKETBALL | MOREHEAD STATE 73, EASTERN 51 Turnovers shoot Panthers in foot

By Bob Bajek **Sports Editor**

Morehead State continued its rise in the Ohio Valley Conference at the expense of the Panthers' men's basketball team, beating Eastern 73-51 Saturday in Morehead, Ky.

The Eagles (12-7, 7-1 in the Ohio Valley Conference) had 29 points off of turnovers to the Panthers' nine, and outscored Eastern 17-1 on secondchance points.

Eastern head coach Mike Miller said he was disappointed in his team's turnovers and lack of rebounding. The Panthers (10-8, 4-4 OVC) had 18 turnovers to Morehead's 13 and were outrebounded 37-24.

"If you look at our first shot defense, it was pretty good," Miller said. "We out-shot Murray and Morehead from the field, so our defense was OK. The areas were turnovers and lack of rebounding that cost us in this weekend's games.

Eagles' junior forward Kenneth Faried took over the game, scoring 16 points and grabbing 11 boards in the first half.

He led all players with 22 points and 15 rebounds overall.

Panthers senior center Ousmane Cisse and freshman forward Shaun Pratl had the task of containing Faried, the OVC Preseason Player of the Year.

"He's bouncy," Cisse said. "It's very hard, especially for somebody like him to shoot the ball. He is very good going back right after the shot. It is hard to contest the shot."

Cisse ran into foul trouble early, missing 14 minutes in the first half. In Cisse's absence Pratl took over and led the Panthers with 15 points while adding four assists.

"I felt like I had to play up to my competition, give (Faried) nothing easy and try and go at him to try to get him fouled out," Pratl said. "Lucky, we did get him fouled out, but it was too late in the game."

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"It was definitely part of the game plan, which isn't news for us because we always throw the ball inside," Sallee said. "I thought our players did a really good job of understanding when and how the ball needs to go inside."

Kloak was Eastern's leading scorer, finishing the game with 20 points and eight rebounds. She went to the free throw line 16 times, converting on 10 of her chances.

While the game ended with the difference being two free throws, it was not always so close; in fact, Eastern mounted a 17-4 run to begin the second half, after which it led by 14 points.

However, Morehead State got back into the game by shooting threes, even though it only made 9-of-32 in the game.

Three-pointers can get a team back in the game, but they can't necessarily win it," Kloak said. "They got themselves back into the game a little bit with their threes. If we kept playing our defense and kept getting the ball to the rim, we just thought that we couldn't be beaten with three-point shots."

Morehead State took the lead, 57-56, with 1:26 to go in the game, but Sallee said Eastern expected the Eagles to make a run and that the Panthers would not change their game plan.

"Pretty much the entire game we had kept them from going on a run, so I was expecting one to come and we went through it, used a timeout here or there to try and stop it, but we knew they were capable of it," Sallee said.

After the Eagles hit a three-pointer to tie the game at 60 with 12 seconds left, Eastern got the ball to Nixon, who ran down the floor to put up the shot that eventually led to Pressley's winning free throws.

Eastern moves into first place in the OVC with the win. The women return home Thursday to play Murray State (8-10, 3-4 OVC) at 5:30 p.m. in Lantz Arena.

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"Some people were in different events and probably relaxed them a little because that isn't something you normally do," Pappanastos said.

Bos said competing against the smaller Big Blue crew provided a good opportunity to try racing in new events, especially for sprint and distance freestyle swimmers.

"Some people swam in events they don't usually swim and other people were trying to figure out what our last event will be for our championship meet," Bos said. "So it was nice to pick up a win, but it was a little change of pace for us."

Occasionally, swimmers who race well in a different event can expand their racing repertoire, Bos said.

"It's sometimes hard to get people into different events because a lot of the meets you are swimming, based off the competition, you are trying to put up your best lineup to win the meet," Bos said. "We had a little leeway with Millikin, so we had them do some backstroke or butterfly.

Eastern will continue its season at 11 a.m. Sunday in Fishers, Ind., where the men will face off against Valparaiso and Ball State.

Also Sunday, the Panther women will compete against Valparaiso, Ball State, Butler and Youngstown State.

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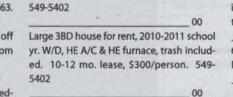
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VIEWS



Alex McNamee

Game isn't over yet

More than once this weekend, Eastern head coach Brady Sallee mentioned how rare it is to win games on the home courts of Eastern Kentucky and Morehead State; and yet, his team did.

Coming into this weekend, anyone associated with the women's basketball team could have told you how gigantic the team's two road games were.

In playing the previously top two teams in the Ohio Valley Conference, three opinions of Eastern's women's basketball team could have formed:

A) With losses to both EKU and MSU, the Panthers are a good team that's just not up to the same level as the Lady Colonels or Eagles.

B) In splitting the weekend - with a win and a loss against either team - the Panthers are right in the thick of things in the OVC.

C) By sweeping the weekend clean with two wins, the Panthers establish themselves as a conference favorite for the remainder of the season.

Reflecting on the weekend, the appropriate opinion of the Panthers would be 'C'.

At 10-8, 6-1 in the OVC, Eastern swept its two weekend match-ups by going on the road and winning grinding games that tested its toughness, depth and composure.

Although nobody on the team will tell you themselves, I believe what the players did this weekend is an accomplishment to be proud of.

Numerous times, both Sallee and his players said their wins against EKU and MSU are just two more win in an otherwise long season.

"Every game in conference is big," freshman guard Ta'Kenya Nixon said following Eastern's 60-50 win over EKU.

"Just another opportunity to go 1-0," Sallee said Thursday.

Not only did these games slingshot Eastern into first place in the league, but they also extended Eastern's winning streak to five games.

However, Eastern refuses to focus on its current win streak and its present position in the OVC standings. The Panthers are still focusing on one game at a time.

"We don't really look at this win like it boosts our confidence... we look at like 'OK, we got that one and now we need to focus on the next game'," senior guard Dominique Sims said following the EKU contest. "We are always looking toward the future."

"As far as being in first place right now, it doesn't

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | EASTERN 62, MOREHEAD STATE 60 Free throws key to victory

Panthers' post players have big game

By Alex McNamee Assistant Sports Editor

With two seconds left in the game, the top two teams in the Ohio Valley Conference watched as sophomore forward Chantelle Pressley delivered on two free throws that put Eastern (10-8, 6-1 OVC) over the top for a 62-60 win over Morehead State (13-7, 6-2 OVC).

Pressley got to the free throw line after coming up with what head coach Brady Sallee said was a "big-time" rebound off a missed shot by freshman guard Ta'Kenya Nixon

Pressley, a 57.8 percent free throw shooter, said as she walked up to the free throw line, she kept telling herself that she was going to make the two free throws and win the game.

"I wasn't nervous; I was just confident that I could go up there and knock those shots down because we really needed this win and I was willing to do anything to make these free throws," Pressley said.

Pressley finished the game with 10 points and seven rebounds, also hitting 4-of-4 from the free throw line as she and senior forward Maggie Kloak took advantage of their team's advantage in the post.

Sallee said the interior was a part of their game plan to exploit. **FREE THROWS**, page 7 Freshman guard Ta'Kenya Nixon goes up for a shot against Southeast Missouri State Jan. 9 in Lantz Arena. The Panthers won 62-60 against Morehead State Saturday to extend their winning streak to five.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING



Eastern flies by Western, Millikin

By Bob Bajek **Sports Editor**

Friday and Saturday's meets saw Eastern's men's and women's swim to a 166-90 result. Overall, Eastern won 24 of 28 events.

"Everybody likes beating Western, so we were excited doing that," freshman swimmer Michael Bower said.

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matter a whole heck of a lot," Sallee said following Saturday's 62-60, win over Morehead State.

The results speak for themselves.

Face it, Eastern is on a five-game winning streak, but the team is doing it because it has its mind in the right place.

Playing on a game-by-game basis has proved to be the right thing to do. If Eastern rids its minds of this hot streak and its first place position in the OVC standings, then what it has to play for is very simple.

The Panthers are playing chess. They are working hard to win one match-up at a time and they know they cannot say "checkmate" yet.

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DANNY DAMIANI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS Rich Waszak takes first place in the men's 200-yard backstroke with a time of 1:58.01 Friday night against Western Illinois.

teams notch sweeps against Western Illinois and Millikin in the Ray Padovan Pool.

"Both were really good," head coach Matt Bos said. "Obviously, to beat one of our bigger rivals in Western is always nice. We won the meet pretty convincingly, which is pretty good. We really swam well. Things are starting to come along. We are happy with the performances of the meet and some of the times we saw."

The Panthers women's squad (3-3, 1-0 in the Summit League) beat the Leathernecks 169-85, while the men (4-2, 1-0 Summit League) splashed

Sofia Pappanastos, a junior swimmer, was happy for her team's showing against Western.

'Especially for the girls' team because we lost to them last year, it was a big confidence boost for everyone and everyone on the girl's team came together," Pappanastos said.

In Saturday's meet, Eastern launched passed Millikin with the men (107-59) and women (105-66) having dominant performances.

Pappanastos said against Millikin, Bos had the swimmers race in different events as a change of pace and to keep them loose.

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