No Class? ’Snow Problem!

A weekend snowstorm buried Harrisonburg in more than a foot of the white stuff, forcing EMU to cancel classes Monday and delay opening until 1 p.m. on Tuesday. Students took full advantage of the time off and the rare snow.

Above: Sophomore Clinton Miller takes the plunge on the hill behind Roselawn. Left and Below: Snow blankets the cars in Roselawn parking lot and the quad in front of the Campus Center.

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On The Sidewalk:

“What did you do during the snowstorm?”

“I went sledding down the road.”
- Kristin McManus, senior

“I spent an hour digging my car out after EMU plowed it in.”
- Dave Landis, junior

“I went skating, played football, and sat around.”
- Eric Kennel, junior

“I slept and cleaned a lot”
- Lisa Yost, junior

“I pierced stuff.”
- Matt Shaeffer, junior

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Jubran said his motivation for suggesting these activities was to create an outlet for EMU cross-cultural students, Palestinian students (himself and Kharma), and Israeli people (the three Israeli panelists to speak on Friday) to share their perspectives and eyewitness accounts of what the situation is really like with other students and the people of Harrisonburg. “We want to put a face on the Palestinian people.”

On Tuesday evening, sophomore Tara Kreider shared about her experience with her Palestinian host family; her host father, “who worked at a repair shop, wore big glasses and used to joke about us being lazy as he stretched out on the couch to watch T.V.”; her host sister, “who attends the universi- ty, ... who longs to travel but hasn’t been to Jerusalem in sev- eral years, even though it lies only five miles away”; and her host brother, who “showed [me] that Jesus was still with him” in the midst of seeing his friend’s car blown up and other acts of violence: “I think the saddest part is that it’s all so normal to him.”

Many of the events this week pertain to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, and others, such as the dancing and food on Saturday, are simply to increase awareness of Palestinian cul- ture. Of the events on Saturday, Matt Kraybill said, “people want peace on both sides, they live normal lives. It’s important to celebrate who they are.” Mr. Jubran encourages all EMU stu- dents and Harrisonburg resi- dents to attend the PAW activi- ties.

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However, Meredith was still sat- isfied because he had “started to break the system of white supremacy.”

He says of his experiences that day, “I was not involved in any kind of effort to integrate; I was just trying to be a first-class citizen.”

Some of Meredith’s other civil rights efforts include the “Walk Against Fear,” which took him from Memphis to Jackson. He was shot during the march, but continued it after he recov- ered. He was then accompanied by Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

Meredith has also been involved in the government in his effort to bring about racial equal- ity. He has written 25 books, including his latest, Mississippi: A Volume of Eleven Books (1995).

History professor Mark Metzler Sawin had lunch with Meredith before Saturday’s event. He enjoyed talking with Meredith because of his “interest- ing world take.”

After listening to Meredith’s speech, Sawin said, “He’s a man to be respected, but his history’s dubious.”

Meredith had made several factually questionable references to United States history.

The event was part of EMU’s 2003 Black Man Think Tank, sponsored by the Black Student Union. Senior Adam Starks is the coordinator.