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## Inauguration Theme: 'Passion for Life and Learning'

Inauguration ceremonies for Joanne Glasser, EKU's 10<sup>th</sup> president, will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, March 8 in Alumni Coliseum.

The theme throughout the inauguration and numerous campus activities preceding and following the event is "A Passion for Life and Learning." The inauguration ceremony and most other related events are free and open to the public.



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Following the inauguration ceremony, a reception will be held on the main concourse for the University community, special guests and public. That evening, a Scholarship Dinner will be held,

with all proceeds going to establish an endowed diversity scholarship fund.

A President's Ball on Saturday, March 9 will conclude the weekend activities. The event, from 8:30 p.m. to midnight in the Keen Johnson Ballroom, is open to the University community and public. Admission for non-students is \$15 per person or \$20 per couple, and reservations may be made at 622-1724. Students will be admitted free, and should make reservations in advance at the EKU Student Government Association office in Room 132 of the Powell Building.

The presidential inauguration ceremony and related events are funded through gifts from alumni and other friends of the University.

Events preceding and following the inaugural ceremonies include a colloquium, a Chamber of Commerce mixer, musical performances, student and community receptions, a concert by Appalachian folk singer Jean Ritchie, and a "Celebration of EKU Excellence in Scholarly and Creative Work."

President Glasser, formerly executive vice president at Towson University, assumed the EKU presidency on Oct. 29, 2001.

### Schedule of Inaugural Events

#### Wednesday, Feb. 27

- College of Justice & Safety Colloquium, "The Crime Crash of the 1990s: Real or Fiction?" 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Posey Auditorium, Stratton Building. Featured speakers include Dr. Alfred Blumstein, Carnegie Mellon University, and Dr. Eli Silverman, City University of New York.
- EKU Staff Reception, 2:30-4 p.m., Walnut Hall, Keen Johnson Building, all staff employees invited.
- "Business After Hours," Richmond Chamber of Commerce Welcomes President Glasser, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Stratton Cafeteria, co-hosted by College of Justice & Safety, Dept. of Criminal Justice Training, Chamber of Commerce and Training Resource Center.

#### Wednesday, Feb. 27-Saturday, March 2

- "Baby," musical presented by EKU Theatre, 8 p.m. nightly, Gifford Theatre, tickets \$6, box office open weekdays Feb. 19-March 1, noon-4 p.m., call 622-1323.

#### Friday, March 1

- Annual "Arts Evening," sponsored by EKU chapter of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi and EKU Friends of the Fine Arts. Attendance is by paid subscription through the PKP chapter of FFA. Dinner 6-7:30 p.m. in Giles Gallery to close exhibit of work from Evansville University.

#### Monday, March 4-Thursday, March 7

- "The Art Faculty Collects," a showcase of extra-studio interests of EKU art faculty, Giles Gallery, Campbell Building. Opening reception Monday, March 4, 5-6:30 p.m. Other hours: Tuesday, March 5, noon-2:30 p.m.; Wednesday, March 6, 2:30-5 p.m.;

Thursday, March 7, noon-5 p.m.

#### Tuesday, March 5

- Future Teacher Day, 8:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m., beginning at Model Laboratory School and continuing at other campus locations.
- "The Sweet Tastes and Sounds of Kentucky," Model Laboratory School, reception and desserts, 6-7 p.m., entertainment, 7-8:30 p.m., featuring groups from Model Lab, Daniel Boone Elementary, Madison Central and Carl Hurley.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Employee Health Screening, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Powell Lobby, hosted by HEA 360 and 290 classes.

#### Wednesday, March 6

- Region 6 Future Business Leaders of America Conference, beginning 9 a.m. in Brock Auditorium, welcoming remarks by President Glasser at 9:25 a.m.
- Student Reception for President Glasser, 4-5:30 p.m., Powell Lobby, sponsored by Student Government Association, all students invited.
- "Mountain Soil: Ingredients for A New Sound," 6-7 p.m., lecture by Dr. Ron Pen, director, John Jacob Niles Center for American Music, Grand Reading Room; 7-7:30 p.m., reception for Pen and Jean Ritchie, Grand Reading Room; 8-9 p.m., free performance by Jean Ritchie, Posey Auditorium, Stratton Building. Sponsored by EKU Libraries, the EKU Center for Appalachian Studies, Friends of the EKU Libraries, the Kentucky Humanities Council and the American Library Association.

#### Thursday, March 7

- "Celebration of EKU Excellence in Scholarly and Creative Work," 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Keen Johnson Building.
- Ballroom Dance Workshop, 9 p.m., Weaver

Dance Studio, instructor Dr. Marianne McAdam.

#### Friday, March 8

- Robing, 2-3:30 p.m., Alumni Coliseum.
  - Inauguration Ceremonies, 3-4:30 p.m., Alumni Coliseum.
  - Reception, 4:30-6 p.m., Main Concourse, Alumni Coliseum.
  - Scholarship Reception and Dinner
- Note: Classes will be canceled from 2:15 to 5 p.m. on the Richmond campus and 1-5 p.m. at all EKU extended campus centers.*

#### Saturday, March 9

- Pops for Music Sake, 7-8:30 p.m., Brock Auditorium, tickets \$10, \$5 for students, proceeds to Department of Music Scholarship Fund, tickets may be purchased at door.
- President's Ball, 8:30 p.m.-midnight, Keen Johnson Building, open to University community and public. Students admitted free; make reservations in advance at Student Government Association office, Powell 132. Admission for non-students, \$15 per person or \$20 per couple. Tickets must be reserved in advance, call 622-1724 for reservations. Tuxedo rental available on campus at a discounted rate of \$30-40. Fitting Feb. 26, 5-8 p.m.; pickup March 5, 5-8 p.m.

#### Tuesday, March 12

- Reception, Gallery on Main, 5:30-8 p.m., Community Trust Bank Main Branch, 128 W. Main St., co-hosted by President Glasser and Harry Moberly, artists include Warren Brunner, Jeff Chapman Crane, Alfredo Escobar, Mitch Tolle, Anna Daniel Hall and Pat Banks. Sponsored in part by Community Trust Bank, Center for Appalachian Studies, Earth Days Committee.

For updates, click on the Inauguration Schedule of Events link on the EKU home page.



### M-I-C-K-E-Y-M-O-U-S-E

Members of Alpha Delta Pi and Phi Kappa Tau presented "A Tribute to Walt Disney" at the Greek Sing competition, part of Greek Week activities.

## Students Asked to Complete Survey

What makes for a good undergraduate experience?

Magazine rankings usually are based on what students were like when they entered college – entrance exam scores, high school class rank, etc. – and tangible institutional tools such as number of faculty, library books, computer terminals, etc.

Seven hundred EKU students will receive a survey soon that instead measures the college undergraduate experience by several categories related to learning and personal development: how and where students spend their time, the nature and quality of their interactions with faculty and peers, and what they have gained from their classes and other aspects of their college experience.

The National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) is distributing a short survey called "The

College Student Report 2002" to randomly selected freshmen and seniors at EKU and about 365 other colleges and universities nationwide.

According to Dr. Karen Carey, director of institutional research at EKU, results from the Report "can have a huge impact on programs that contribute to student success. It's important that we get a good response rate. We want to use the information to improve the undergraduate experience at Eastern."

Participation is confidential and voluntary, but EKU students who take the approximate 15 minutes to complete the survey within 10 days will be entered into drawings for two \$50 phone cards. Students who return either the paper survey or respond on-line will be eligible for the drawings.

All answers to the survey will remain confidential; no individual's answers will ever be identified in any report, Carey emphasized.

## Events

Continuing through Friday, March 1

### Art Exhibit

University of Evansville Faculty Exchange, Giles Gallery, Campbell Building, call 622-8135 for Gallery hours.

Monday, Feb. 25

### Golden Key Meeting

Golden Key Honor Society general meeting, 8:45 p.m., Pizza Hut.

Tuesday, Feb. 26

### Softball Returns

EKU vs. Louisville, doubleheader, 2 p.m.

### Musical Roots Explored

"Transplanted Roots: Anglo-Celtic Origins," part of "Old Sounds in New Lands: A Celebration

of Kentucky Appalachian Music" series. Lecture by members of Pale, Stout and Amber, 6-7 p.m., Grand Reading Room, Crabbe Library; reception for group, 7:30 p.m., Grand Reading Room; performance by Pale, Stout and Amber, 8-9 p.m., Pearl Buchanan Theater, Keen Johnson Building.

Wednesday, February 27

### Arlington Trio Performs

8 p.m., Brock Auditorium.

Wednesday, Feb. 27-Saturday, March 2

### Musical Presented

"Baby," a musical presented by EKU Theatre, 8 p.m. nightly, Gifford Theatre, tickets \$6, Gifford Box Office open weekdays noon-4 p.m., telephone 622-1323.

Thursday, Feb. 28

### 'Everyday Heroes'

"Everyday Heroes: Citizens and Civil Rights," lecture by Deborah Lewis, professor of political science, University of Maryland-Baltimore County and author and civil rights activist in the '60s and '70s, 7:30 p.m., Moore 116, part of year-long Chautauqua series on human rights.

### 'The Art of Kissing'

9 p.m., Keen Johnson Ballroom, part of year-long Thursday Alternative Getaway program.

Friday, March 1

### Mali African Dance & Drums

Workshop at 2:30 p.m., Weaver Gym; public performance, 8 p.m., Brock Auditorium.

Saturday, March 2

### Spring Spotlight Day

Beginning in Brock Auditorium at 8 a.m. and continuing in various campus locations through 12:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 3

### Film on Jean Ritchie

"Mountain Born: The Jean Ritchie Story," 7 p.m., Crabbe 118, free.

Tuesday, March 5

### School Safety Update

"Safe Schools in Kentucky: An Update," Jon Akers, director, Kentucky Center for School Safety, 7:30 p.m., Kennamer Room, Powell Building, sponsored by EKU Center for Kentucky History and Politics.

### Concert Band Performs

8 p.m., Gifford Theatre, Ken Haddix, conductor.

Wednesday, March 6

### Student Piano Recital

Senior Tasha Pence, 8 p.m., Gifford Theatre.

Thursday, March 7

### Land Rights: Global Perspective

"Indigenous Land Rights: A Global Perspective," Dr. Kelli Carmean, Dr. Robert Topmiller, Dr. David Zurich, 7:30 p.m., Moore 116, part of year-long Chautauqua series on human rights.

Thursday, March 7-Sunday, March 10

Friday, March 8

### First Weekend

See [www.firstweekend.eku.edu](http://www.firstweekend.eku.edu) for listings.

### Trumpet Recital

Rebecca Ledden, 8 p.m., Gifford Theatre.

## Spring Job Fair Feb. 27

EKU will hold its annual Spring Job Fair Wednesday, Feb. 27, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Keen Johnson Ballroom.

The event gives students of all levels and career interests valuable guidance and often results in full-time jobs, part-time employment, co-op positions, summer jobs or internships. The event is open to EKU students, all area college students and Eastern alumni.

Participating employers represent a wide range of career fields. In addition, representatives from numerous graduate programs and professional schools will be present.

"This is a great opportunity for students to explore career options and make valuable contacts," said Laura Melius, EKU director of career services. "If a student is still in the process of determining a career field, this is an opportunity to gather information in a cost-effective way."

A continuously updated list of employers and job opportunities is available at [www.career.eku.edu](http://www.career.eku.edu) and [www.coop.eku.edu](http://www.coop.eku.edu).

Employers may register for the event on-line and register to search EKU's student and alumni resume databases.

Parking will be available in the Stateland parking lot, located across the Eastern By-Pass from Roy Kidd Stadium. A shuttle service will provide transportation to and from the Keen Johnson Building.

Spring Job Fair sponsors are the divisions of Career Services, Cooperative Education and Alumni Relations, The Graduate School, the offices of Multicultural Student Services and Services for Students with Disabilities, and the Eastern Progress. For more information, call 622-1296.

## Announcements

### Calitri Receives National Award

Dr. Don Calitri has been selected to receive the 2002 American Association for Health Education Health Education Professional of the Year in the Administration category.

Calitri, chair of EKU's Department of Health Promotion and Administration and associate dean of the College of Health Sciences, will receive the award at AAHE's awards luncheon in San Diego, Calif., April 12.

Calitri, in his 26<sup>th</sup> year at EKU and 16<sup>th</sup> as department chair, earlier received the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD) Southern District Health Education Professional of the Year Award in the Administration category. The Southern District comprises 13 states.



Calitri

### Black History Events Postponed

Two Black History Month events at EKU have been rescheduled.

The Multicultural Mixer/Potluck Dinner that had been scheduled for Feb. 16 was rescheduled for Saturday, March 2, 6-9 p.m. in the Arlington Mule Barn.

The African-American Achievement Banquet previously scheduled for Feb. 17 has been rescheduled for Sunday, April 21, 4-6 p.m. in the Keen Johnson Ballroom.

For more information on either event, call the Office of Multicultural Student Services, 622-3205.

### EKU To Host First Round of OVC Women's Basketball Tournament

The EKU women's basketball team will host the first round of the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament on Tuesday, Feb. 26, in McBrayer Arena. Game time is set for 7 p.m. with the Lady Colonels' opponent yet to be determined. EKU currently leads the OVC with a 19-5 overall record and an 11-2 mark in league play. Tickets are available for \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. A limited number of free student tickets are available in advance only. Contact the EKU Ticket Office at 622-2122 for details.

### EKU Establishes First Team Award

The Director of Athletics' First Team Award will recognize the student-athletes from each of EKU's 16 teams with the highest GPA for the previous fall and spring semesters combined. The first "First Team" will be named in August 2002. First Team members, parents, coaches and faculty members will be invited to an awards celebration hosted by the Director of Athletics during a home football game weekend to be determined.

The award was established to acknowledge the academic success of EKU student-athletes and recognize those people whose support made their success possible.

### Madison Fellowships Available

The James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation will award generous fellowships in 2002 for master's-level graduate study in American history, political science or a closely related field.

College seniors and college graduates who intend to become secondary school teachers of American history, American government or social studies and plan to study full-time are eligible for the fellowships.

Through a nationwide competition, James Madison Fellowships will be awarded to at least one legal resident of each state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. territories.

Fellowships carry a maximum stipend of \$24,000 (for up to two years of full-time study for college graduates), which is used to cover tuition, required fees, books and room and board. Participation in an accredited four-week summer institute at Georgetown University on the Constitution and Bill of Rights is required of all Fellows.

EKU graduate students employed as social studies teachers who wish to undertake graduate work on a part-time basis may qualify for the Senior Fellowship program. Senior Fellows have up to five years to complete their degrees and are eligible to receive up to \$24,000 over the course of their studies.

The application deadline is March 1, 2002. For more information, contact Dr. Paul Blanchard ([paul.blanchard@eku.edu](mailto:paul.blanchard@eku.edu) or 622-4380) or visit the Foundation's Web site at [www.jamesmadison.com](http://www.jamesmadison.com).

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# Professor Member of Ocean Drilling Research Project

An EKU earth sciences professor has been invited to participate in an international research project to investigate the presence of methane gas hydrates within sediments of the ocean floor.



Borowski

For seven weeks this summer, Dr. Walter Borowski will serve as a geological chemist aboard the JOIDES Resolution, which will be stationed in the Pacific Ocean off the Oregon shore. He will be joined on the 471- by 70-foot drill ship by about 30 other research scientists from many different countries. The ship's derrick rises 200 feet above the water line, and the ship's drilling system can operate in

water as deep as approximately 27,000 feet.

This will be the third time Borowski, in his first year at EKU, has participated in an Ocean Drilling Program (ODP) project. The ODP is an international partnership of scientists and research institutions organized to explore the evolution and structure of the Earth, providing researchers around the world access to a vast repository of geological and environmental information recorded far below the ocean surface in seafloor sediments and rocks.

"One purpose of the expedition is to measure how much gas hydrate is present at this locale, so we can then extrapolate how much gas hydrate is likely present in oceans worldwide," Borowski said. "Gas hydrate is important because it contains methane, a greenhouse gas."

The amount of methane released from oceans potentially impacts world climate patterns, he explained. "Methane can warm the atmosphere by a factor 10 to 20 times greater



The JOIDES Resolution research ship

than carbon dioxide on a per molecule basis.

"Our efforts represent some of the best research going on," he added. "A great deal of what we know about the world's past climate is through the ODP and its preceding drilling

program.

"When there's a decrease in sea level," Borowski explained, "methane can be injected into the atmosphere and act as a greenhouse gas. With sea levels at their highest in about ten thousand years," large methane releases are "probably not happening today."

Borowski, who spent 10 years as a geologist with oil companies, said

his undergraduate students benefit from class discussions stemming from his research. In addition, graduate students will have the opportunity to work on some of the samples generated from the project.

# Students Create Models of Memorials to 9-11 Victims

During the early days of a senior interior design class project to create two models of suggested memorials to the victims of the Sept. 11 acts of terrorism, one of Professor Krista Atkins Nutter's students at EKU reported that her research on the Internet was interrupted.

"She told me had to stop because she was crying," Nutter said. "That was symbolic of what all the students were going through" as two teams of four students each poured their emotions, knowledge and skills into scaled monuments that would honor those who lost their lives in New York City, Washington, D.C. and rural Pennsylvania.

The models — one 5 feet by 5 feet the other 4 x 4 — likely will stay at EKU, but the project already has served several valuable purposes.

For Ashley Rickert, Louisville, the project provided a "chance to show more of our creative side" while making her and fellow students even more aware — painfully at times — of world events.

For Laura Weddle, Danville, "it was a good release emotionally. It let us better understand how we felt about the events of Sept. 11."

A dome is the centerpiece of the model



**MODEL DESIGNERS** — From left are Ashley Rickert, Tabatha Mann, Magen Ferrell, Cara Glenn, Andrea Rutledge, Laura Weddle and Katrina Harris.

designed and constructed by Rickert and three classmates: Tabatha Mann, Salyersville; Magen Ferrell, Shelbyville; and Amy McDermott, Fort Mitchell. Three granite pathways lead to the main structure, representing the locations where lives were lost. Terrazzo tiles made to represent flags of the countries represented among the victims line the entire base of the dome and a pool of water allows for reflection. The names of all the ground victims are engraved on the inside of the dome's wall and the names of those who perished on the flights are engraved on tiles along the pathways.

When inside the dome, visitors also would notice a marble statue of the firemen placing the flag upright on Tower 1 of the World Trade Center. An eternal flame surrounds the statue to further honor the memory of the firemen, policemen and other emergency workers who sacrificed their lives to save others.

The other model, while not as visually elaborate, is elegant in its simplicity. A circle of steps surround the memorial's center, marked by a sculpture of two standing triangles. The red and blue quartzite triangles represent the two

World Trade Center towers and, according to the model designers: faith, hope and charity; birth, life and death; mind, body and soul; father, mother and child; and past, present and future. Each victim of the terrorist acts is honored by a white granite star with names engraved.

The model is designed to be placed on an island near Lower Manhattan, so that visitors would be soothed by the surrounding water, yet the skyline of where the towers once stood would still be visible.

"Everybody has a different range of emotions concerning Sept. 11, so we wanted to design our model so that everyone who visited would come away with a different experience," said Weddle of the latter model, whose design/construction team also included Cara Glenn, Florence; Andrea Rutledge, Louisville; and Katrina Harris, Corbin.

Nutter acknowledged questions about the project's fitness for an interior design class. "Interior design," she explained, "is everything but interior decoration. Interior design is the art of shaping an individual's spatial experience."

"Even before the project was posed to the students, the design solutions were already happening inside of them. The existence and life-breath of these students have given them the only tools necessary for their contemplations, revelations, expressions and creations."

# Choral Group to Perform At Carnegie Hall in New York City

Twenty-seven EKU student and alumni vocalists will enjoy a "once-in-a-lifetime experience" Sunday, March 24 when they perform on the stage of world-famous Carnegie Hall in New York City.

They will be part of a 145-voice choir directed by Dr. David Greenlee, director of choral activities at EKU. It's the second time Greenlee has conducted a choir on the Carnegie stage. Three years ago, he was invited to lead a 200-voice choir, including many from Eastern.

This year's group will also include student singers from Columbia Union College, Takoma Park, Md.; Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Va.; and South Laurel High School, London, Ky. They will be accompanied by the New England Chamber Orchestra and four professional soloists in a 2 p.m. performance of Mozart's "The Solemn Vespers." Old Dominion's choir is

directed by EKU music alum Dr. Nancy Klein.

The complete University Singers and Concert Choir, totaling approximately 90 singers, will join forces to present the same concert for local audiences Sunday, April 7, at 3 p.m. in Brock Auditorium.

"An opportunity like this helps our students to realize how special it is to be a member of an outstanding college or university choir,"



Greenlee

Greenlee said. "It's also a great opportunity for those who have a professional career in mind. It gives them an opportunity to see what performing in New York City is like."

In fact, several EKU graduates are performing professionally in New York City, including Verda Tudor, formerly of Richmond, who performs in the chorus of the New York City Opera.

In addition to the public performance, the students will have a chance to tour the Big Apple, enjoy a dinner cruise around the Statue of Liberty and take in some Broadway shows. They will stay at the Hyatt Hotel three blocks from Times Square.

Twenty-four current EKU students will make the trip: Chip Adams, Berry; Chad Adkins, Whitley City; Emily Barth, Fort Thomas; Amie Dunn,

Frankfort; Alison Erwin, Hardinsburg; Jennifer King, Irvine; Corey Marcum, Burnside; Debby McDonald, Somerset; Brooklyn Melton, Wendover; Diana Parrish, Erlanger; Ariana St. Clair, Rockford, Ill.; Senica Taylor, New Bedford, Mass; Brandon Owens, Cassandra York, Jay Young, London; Lorin Franklin, Katie Jones, Ben Whitley, Lexington; Amy Fambrough, Lindsay Wenz, Mt. Sterling; Lydia Brown, Josh Koenig, Brandon Rose and Joey Wan, Richmond.

They will be joined by three alumni: Kelly McBride, Richmond; Susan Carlock Mullinix, Kettering, Ohio, and Robyn Spangler Epstein, Dallas, Texas.

The experience will be a bittersweet one for Greenlee, who's retiring this spring after a 40-year career in teaching, the last 22 at EKU as director of choral activities.

## Eastern Family Portrait

### Name: Brandon Dixon

#### Current Classification at EKU:

Senior!

#### Major:

Political Science.

#### What are your plans after graduation?

After graduation I hope to attend law school. That has yet to be determined at this point, but I have a few other options right now.

#### Hometown:

I'm from Franklin, Ky.

#### What high school did you attend?

Franklin Simpson High School.

#### Tell me about your family.

My mom's name is Donna, and she's a guidance counsel at a local school in Franklin. My father, Larry, owns a department store in Franklin called Soldmens and my sister, Amy, is a flight attendant for Southwest Airlines.

#### What are your interests and hobbies?

My hobbies include hunting, fishing and skiing. I also enjoy playing the guitar.

#### You were recently named Greek Man of the Year. How has your Greek experience enhanced your education at EKU?

The Greek experience for me brought out the leadership skills I always had. It developed those skills by allowing me to be involved in decisions concerning the University.

#### What does being Greek mean to you?

Being Greek for me means that I am willing to commit myself to



obtain higher goals and that I should strive to make myself a better person in all aspects of my life.

#### Do you have any guilty pleasures?

I really like to shop. My main focus is on shoes. I have about 40 pairs of shoes, but my family owns a department store so I think it's only natural.

#### What is your favorite food?

I like a dish called crawfish etoufe.

#### What is your favorite TV show?

"The West Wing."

#### What is your favorite movie?

"Forrest Gump."

#### Can you recall your most embarrassing moment?

During Greek Week, the committee named off the Greek leaders for this year. They asked that we all stand up when our names were called. My name was the first one called so I stood up and they proceeded to call names. They never told us whether or not they wanted us to sit down afterward, so I remained standing until

everyone was called. When it was over, I looked around the room and saw that I was the only person still standing. I got teased for a few days over that!

#### What is your favorite vacation spot?

Any place in the mountains! The reason for this is because I enjoy the outdoor sports like skiing and hiking. I always have a lot of fun.

#### If you could time-travel back in time to any place of your choice, where would it be?

I would go to France on June 6, 1945. My grandfather went to serve in WWII then and I was later born on that date in 1979. I have had a fascination with WWII ever since I found that out.

#### What is in your CD or tape player at home right now?

In my CD player you're likely to find "Dave Matthews," or "Widespread Panic," but I'm into all types of music.

#### What is your favorite Web site?

Probably my hometown newspaper's Web site, "franklinfavorite.com." That site allows me to catch up on all the gossip that's going on at home.

#### What book would you recommend to others?

Jimmy Carter's book, "An Hour Before Daylight." I liked this book because it reminds me of the stories my grandfather tells. I can relate to a lot of issues that the author addresses.

#### What is one thing about you that people might be surprised to know?

One thing I find that people do not know is that I am going into the U.S. Navy next year, in order to become a Judge Advocate upon graduation from law school.

#### Who or what has influenced you the most?

My parents and Sigma Chi. My parents laid the foundation of values I have and Sigma Chi has given me a chance to utilize those values in my everyday life.

## Recent Grad Wins Master's Thesis Award

Rebecca Blanton began her studies at EKU as a pre-med major.

It wasn't long, though, before the Harlan native decided "there were so many more fascinating creatures than humans" and changed her major to biology.

A prestigious award from the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools (CSGS) confirms that Blanton made a wise choice. The CSGS, an organization consisting of 200 graduate schools in 15 southern states, recently presented the 2002 Master's Thesis Award to Blanton for her work on fantail darters in North Carolina.

Blanton, who earned a bachelor's degree in biology from EKU in 1998 and a master's degree in the same subject last year, now is pursuing a doctoral degree in ecology and evolutionary biology at Tulane University in New Orleans. While at EKU, Blanton achieved a 3.8 GPA as an undergraduate, 4.0 in her graduate studies.

"This is a very prestigious award and it speaks highly of Rebecca and the quality of her work," said Dr. Guenter Schuster, Foundation Professor of biology at EKU and the recipient of the 1999 Outstanding College Teacher Award from the Kentucky Academy of Science.

Blanton, a 1994 graduate of Cumberland High School, said she has always been fascinated by biology, especially natural history and organismal biology.

"These darters are amazing, beautiful creatures," she declared, "and they have their greatest diversity right here in the southeastern U.S., yet there remains so much we don't know about them. They are a very important aspect of our freshwater ecosystems, which also makes them very interesting."

The full title of her award-winning thesis

was "Examination of Morphological Variation among Populations of Fantail Darters (Percidae: Etheostoma: Catonotus) from River Drainages of North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, with a redescription of the subspecies *Etheostoma flabellare brevispina* (Coker)."

Blanton credited many at EKU and elsewhere for her award.

"My family, of course, has always been extremely supportive and has offered their assistance in so many ways, emotionally and financially," Blanton said. "Without them, I could have never been the student that they allowed me to be."

Academically, "(former EKU biology professor) Dr. Patrick Ceas helped me originally develop my thesis topic and really sparked my interest in taxonomy and systematics and fishes in general. Dr. Schuster was also instrumental in the completion of my thesis (and) provided much helpful insight and was there to keep me on my toes every step of the way. His passion for aquatic biology was contagious and kept me inspired.

"I had a number of very good classes, especially a graduate-level course in aquatic biology," she added. "Dr. Ceas and Dr. Schuster



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provided me with excellent instruction in the areas of taxonomy and systematics and the natural history of organisms."

Fieldwork involved long trips to North Carolina to collect specimens, "and I was extremely lucky to be a part of a wonderful group of graduate students at EKU who were always willing to help collect. I seriously doubt that I would have been able to put together the same thesis without their help in the field."

Blanton credited other members of her thesis committee (Dr. Barbara Ramey at EKU and Dr. David Etner at the University of Tennessee), Dr. Robert Jenkins (Roanoke College), Dr. David Eisenhour (Morehead State University), and Dr. Larry Page (University of Illinois), among others.

"Even though my name is on the thesis ... and I put a lot of time, effort and thought into this project ... I'm sure I would not have received this award without the help of so many other wonderful people."

## New Library Hours

In response to a study by a group of SPE 300 students, Crabbe Library has extended hours for the spring semester.

The new hours are:

Mon. -Thurs.	7:45 a.m. - 1 a.m.
Friday	7:45 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sunday	1 p.m. - 1 a.m.

Students in Dr. Karen Rudick's SPE 300 class were directed to choose a topic of importance to the campus population, to research the topic, and then to present their "argument" to the individual(s) on campus who are in a position to effect the desired change.

Five students – Mary Edinger, Kandice Edgell, Nathan O'berg, Chris Ramsey and Linda Williams – chose extended library hours and at the end of the fall semester, they invited the Dean of Libraries and the Coordinator of Retrieval Services to attend their presentation.

The group conducted a survey of 375 students within the library and across campus, which revealed current library hours were seen as inconvenient by approximately 68% of those polled. Of the hours presented as alternatives, 75% indicated that they would most likely use extended hours between 11p.m. to 1 a.m. Library administrators who heard the presentation felt that the survey responses demonstrated thoughtful consideration of the questions asked and realistic expectations of library service.