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A Rush of Excitement

► Accent

Follow the journey from rushee to sisterhood /B1



Wondering which way is right

►Arts

The first days of school can be a time of deciding which groups to join/B3



► WEATHER

TODAY
Hi: 85
Low: 65
Conditions: Partly Sunny
FRI: 85, partly cloudy
SAT: 86, partly cloudy
SUN: 86, partly cloudy

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Student questions 'hidden' housing policies

Samuel Bowerman, 20, tried to be excused from the under-21 housing rule due to his allergies. After some of his requests for records regarding his appeals were denied, he filed a complaint with the Attorney General.



Amy Kearns/Progress

University accused of violating Kentucky open records law

By KRISTY GILBERT
Assistant news editor

Samuel Bowerman has been "crawling the chain" of the university's housing appeals committee for about a year so far in his crusade to live off-campus even though he is 20.

Bowerman filed an appeal with the Kentucky Attorney General's office Aug. 22 regarding, in his opinion, the violation of the Open Meetings Act by university housing officials.

This means if Eastern is found in violation of the Open Meetings Act,

the way many committees conduct their meetings could change, not only at Eastern, but at many other universities.

Bowerman's trek up the mountain of housing regulations began when he transferred from Howard Community College in Maryland to Eastern in May of 1996.

He later learned of Eastern's policy which states that students who are single and under the age of 21 are required to live in campus housing.

The policy also states exceptions are made for students who reside with their parent(s) in their principal residence within 50 miles of the Richmond campus as determined by an official state map.

Bowerman requested to be

allowed to live with his uncle in Berea, instead of living in campus housing due to a severe allergy condition.

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Eastern is also facing discrimination charges
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After several appeals were denied by the housing committee, Bowerman bit the bullet and moved into Commonwealth Hall in August of 1996.

Two weeks passed, and Bowerman realized his allergy condition was not going to allow him to live in campus housing.

"I stayed two weeks and it was rough, my allergies were really giving me problems," Bowerman said.

Again, after several appeals, and written letters from two doctors including Eastern's Student Health Service physician stating the sever-

ity of Bowerman's allergies, he was once again denied.

According to Bowerman, he was told that he was denied by the housing committee because "conditions like mine, similar conditions and other medical conditions, tend to be abused."

He went through the appeals process and Jeannette Crockett, dean of student life, finally approved Bowerman to live off campus Nov. 4, 1996.

He received a pro-rated refund of \$190.56 of his original deposit amount of \$648. Bowerman paid \$457.44 to sleep in the dorm for a couple of weeks.

After Bowerman struggled with the housing committee for four months and finally won his right to live off campus, he was offered a

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► Presidential Search

Firm to present report next month

New president possible by February

By JULIE CLAY
News editor

The person who will be leading Eastern through the next academic year has not been chosen yet, but the process is under way.

The search committee responsible for selecting Eastern's new president will be chosen early next week, said Board of Regents chair, Jim Gilbert, in an interview this week.

Gilbert has solicited nominations for the search committee from various groups — Student Association, Faculty Senate and department chairs. He said he has asked the Alumni Association for nominees, but may make that selection himself. He said he had received nominations from most of those groups.

Gilbert said he would select the search committee from the nominations he receives.

The search committee will report back to the Board of Regents with their recommendations, and finalists will be selected from that list. No timetable has been given yet for each stage of the process.

It is Gilbert's intention for the committees to have a list of potential candidates in January, with a president hired in February or March.

Eastern is not the only Kentucky university searching for a president. Half of the eight Kentucky public universities will have new presidents within the next year.

Funderburk announced that he will retire effective June 30, 1998 when his contract expires.

Funderburk declined to comment on the search for his replacement, saying it would not be appro-

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Funderburk boycotts U.S. News rankings

By JULIE CLAY
News editor

When the U.S. News and World Report released its college rankings July 21, Eastern ranked in the bottom tier of regional universities in the South.

A footnote after Eastern's ranking indicated it refused to fill out the U.S. News survey, the only regional university in the state to do so.

Eastern President Hanly Funderburk said the university has boycotted the U.S. News rankings for the last two years, after the Wall Street Journal reported Ivy League universities "selectively reported" some college entrance scores and other benchmarks to the magazine.

"I made the decision not to fill them out when U.S. News and World Report started reporting erroneous information which was sent to them by the Harvards, Princetons and Yales of this country," Funderburk said. "If they correct some of that, we'd be happy to participate again."

Educators have been critical of the rankings for years, but parents and prospective students may feel their influence when it comes time to decide to fill out application forms.

Eastern is not the only college to

Eastern's rankings

Academic reputation*	2.3 (out of 4.0)
Freshman retention rate	57 percent
Graduation rate	28 percent
Student/faculty ratio	23/1

*As ranked by education peers
Source: U.S. News and World Report

boycott the rankings and wind up in the cellar.

In 1995, Reed College in Oregon refused to provide student data, and wound up at the bottom of the list, according to the Chronicle of Higher Education. In 1996, Reed rose to the top 40 liberal colleges. This year, they fell slightly to the top 45, still refusing to provide data directly to U.S. News and World Report for the rankings.

After only 35 percent of dental schools returned surveys this year, the magazine gave up on including dental programs in its graduate-school listings. The American Association of Dental Schools urged its 54 members not to participate.

U.S. News used information compiled from other sources like the U.S. Department of Education and others for schools who refused to return the questionnaires.

New daycare center open on campus



Don Knight/Progress

Jodie Gallagher, a junior child development major from Owenton, shows Chastity one of the day care's puppets. The Brockton facility could help provide valuable interaction between children and students at Eastern who are learning how to teach them.

Kids keep colorful company in Brockton

New center helps fill need for campus child care with 33 spots

By CHARLES LEWIS
News writer

After four years of prodding, pulling and pushing by the Faculty Senate and Student Association, there is a more traditional day care center on campus.

A major stumbling block for campus leaders was finding a location for a center with adequate parking space where children could be dropped off safely.

The Kids Company Child Care Center, located at 509-511 Brockton, opened to a full house Monday.

The newly renovated facility offers child care for Eastern faculty, staff and students on a first come, first serve basis.

Mary Crawford, a sophomore in paralegal science, has a three-year-old daughter attending the center.

"I am glad students can utilize the center," Crawford said. "I have been really impressed with the day care. It's clean, and I've been really impressed with the director and the curriculum."

Operating hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday

through Friday. Applications are currently being accepted for children ages 1 to 3. Requests are also being taken for people needing evening and/or weekend care.

The center is licensed to care for 33 children at any one time.

The beige walls of the former Brockton housing apartment are decorated with colorful charts, maps, animals and a variety of other learning objects guaranteed to make the kids go wild.

Child-sized tables, chairs, shelves, a water fountain and activity items are generously located throughout the facility.

"We like to have people come in and tour, because we have a new concept with the children moving from room to room," said Nicole Hoskins, director of Kids Company-Eastern.

The center is broken down into theme rooms with names like: The Gross Motor Room, The Imagination Room, The Community Room, The Science Room, The Audio Visual Room

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Don Knight/Progress

During the first day of business for the day care in Brockton, 4-year-old Tyler plays in one of the new center's play rooms. Each room has a theme, such as The Imagination Room and The Science Room.

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Prices at the new day care center.
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Reminder

Monday is Labor Day, and an official university holiday. No classes will be held.

CLASS PATTERN

MWF

Perspective

► Editorials

New childcare improves learning

Small, crying children banging on desks and getting out of their seats in Eastern classrooms are one step closer to being a thing of the past.

A new daycare center, Kids Company, opened for business in the university's Brockton apartments last week. The center provides childcare for children of Eastern students, faculty and staff.

Although the process of the center opening was a long one, it holds many benefits for both children, parents, professors and some Eastern education students.

The process started in 1993 when Eastern's faculty senate created an ad hoc committee to study child care. It studied the costs of setting up and running a center as well as the necessity of it. It also studied the probability of the center being utilized and making money.

There were many delays due to finding a location and parking area, the substantial cost of the center and the details involved, such as how many children the center could admit.

For parents, the center means not having to bear the embarrassment of their child misbehaving while in class. They also can take with them the feeling they're leaving their child in a learning environment instead of in front of the television at the babysitter's. And the center's prices are comparable to other daycares.

For professors, the center means no more loud children in class disrupting them and the other students.

This new daycare is a step in the right direction by providing a service that improves the educational environment for professors, students and their children.

The new center is one of five, with two in the Burrier Building and two in the Model Laboratory school. The center, though, only holds 33 children at a time and more centers are needed. These centers are more than called-for. The university needs to evaluate the need to possibly expand child care for everyone involved in the university experience.

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► Campus Comments

Q. What is your impression of Eastern this semester?

Name: Kevin Begley
Age: 19
Major: Police administration
Year: Freshman
Hometown: Stanton
"I like EKU. I am enjoying the new experience of college."



Name: Tony Borgia
Age: 18
Major: Business
Year: Freshman
Hometown: New York
"I like it. People are really nice. It's a lot different than New York."



Name: Bethanie Butler
Age: 18
Major: Hearing-impaired
Year: Freshman
Hometown: Frankfort
"It like it. It's pretty."



Name: Amy Cravens
Age: 17
Major: Pre-pharmacy
Year: Freshman
Hometown: Albany
"It wasn't as bad as I thought it would be."



► Corrections

Second time not the charm



Victor Kappeler

For the second consecutive summer, the Progress Back to Campus Edition incorrectly identified Martin Diebold and Victor Kappeler. Their names and faces are matched correctly here. Kappeler is an associate professor in police studies. Diebold is the chair of special education.



Martin Diebold

An item in the Back to Campus Edition of the Progress failed to say that students no longer need to contact their advisers in order to drop or add a class. Both can now be done over the phone via The Colonel Connection by dialing 622-2020.

► To Our Readers

The Eastern Progress encourages readers to write letters to the editor on topics of interest to the university community.

Letters should be typed, double-spaced and limited to 250 words.

If a letter has excessive spelling, grammar and punctuation errors, the editor reserves the right to urge the writer to make revisions.

Unsigned letters, carbon copies, photocopies and letters with illegible signatures will not be accepted.

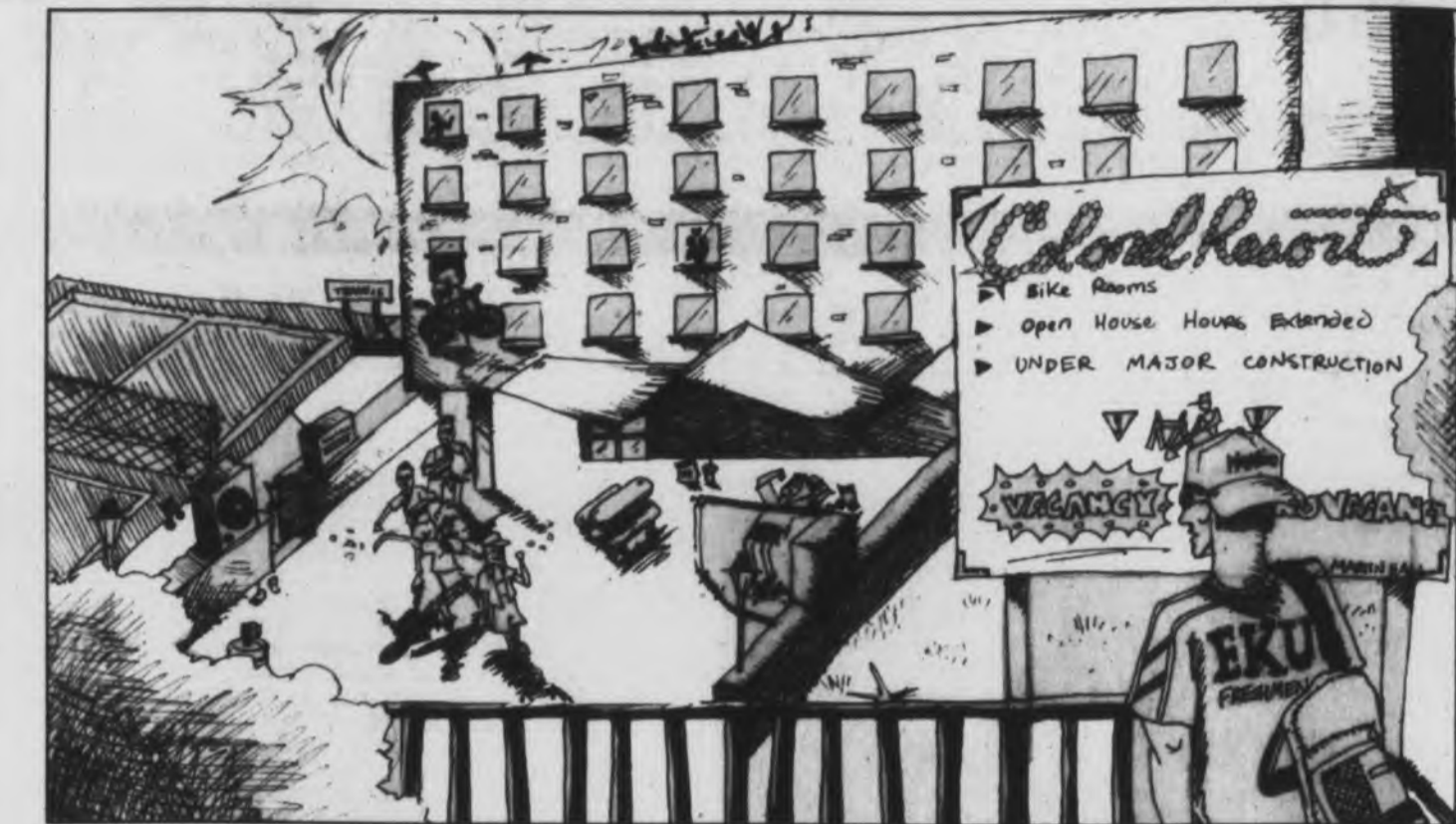
The Progress reserves the right not to publish letters that are judged to be libelous or in poor taste.

Letters should be addressed to the newspaper and should contain the writer's signature, address and phone number. Letters for publication will be verified. The Progress also gives its readers an opportunity to voice more detailed opinions in a column called "Your Turn."

Those interested in writing for this column should contact the editor prior to submitting the article.

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Letters and columns may also be submitted by e-mail at progress@acs.eku.edu.



THE GOOD (CAMPUS) LIFE

Improvements in Eastern's dorms are steps in right direction

Times, they are a changing. Eastern's dubious distinction as a "suitcase college" where students drive home every weekend had a decisive blow struck against it this summer with significant improvements in Martin and McGregor halls and extended open house hours proposed in others.

Perhaps as significant as the renovations themselves is how the improvements came about — through cooperation between students and the university.

Last year when the Residence Hall Association worked with the administration to bring in students' ideas on campus living through the dorm redesign contest, it showed Eastern was ready to hear from the students who live and study in the dorms.

The renovations that have been made as a result show that the univer-

sity was not only hearing students' needs, but were listening closely with the intent of acting on them.

Housing, RHA, student life and the other divisions that helped implement the changes are to be commended.

Three conditions remain to be dealt with, though, in finishing Eastern's push toward a more friendly campus life.

First, the university must take what has happened in McGregor and Martin halls and apply it to other student housing to see how best to improve each individual building.

Second, residents need to make these most recent changes count by respecting the housing they share.

With problems in the halls ranging from elevator vandalism to destroying water fountains, now is the time that residents need to prove they can co-

exist with minimal damage to their

surroundings.

Finally, the student body needs to evaluate these newest changes and be ready to offer more feedback for improving their campus living even further. The university put faith in campus residents and their ideas once; students need to make sure the opportunity is always there for the university to pull ideas from them.

Residents who think they have more solutions for bettering residence halls should attend RHA meetings and make ideas known to elected student leaders.

With the collective efforts of students and university officials, Eastern could be the place campus residents can consider a home, not just a school.

And occasionally keep the suitcases in the closet.

► Commentary

Lackluster fishing trip still worth bragging about



JULIE CLAY
My Turn

Julie Clay is a senior journalism major from Danville. Her summer internship took her to the shores of Lake Cumberland in Russell County. She is news editor for the Progress this fall.

My son Chris and I spent the summer in Russell County (Motto: No more underwear for you, Kentucky) and we had a great time.

We lived five miles too far away from Lake Cumberland, where the fish were so bored they'd jump onto everyone's hook but ours.

Hey, but you can't blame us for trying.

It's almost as if they knew we were coming, and they'd burble to each other in mysterious fish talk. "OOOobbbkkll — hhheerrbbb they arbbbbb — hidbbb!" And hide they did — at least those of keeping size, anyway. I kept trying to tell Chris we'd be lugging in a full bucket one day, but it just never happened.

The sad thing is, Chris is such a good fisherman. He loves every aspect of the hunt, from digging the wriggles to baiting the hook and manfully tossing out the line only to jerk it back seconds later. Enthusiasm should count for something, right?

Come to think of it, that could be the reason why we didn't catch much.

The first time we went fishing, Chris landed a bluegill after only

about 20 minutes of anxiety and many questions about worms and their lifespan in the water.

The fish was only five inches long, but the look on Chris' face and the noisy uproar involved with the catch told our bystanders it was much, much bigger and could possibly involve filleting and cornmeal.

After a few minutes of crowing over his success and petting the fish almost excessively until his eyes bulged, we threw him back in to grow some more before we got him again — maybe.

That was the only fish we caught that day, but you would have thought Chris had provided supper for all 30 family members at our reunion.

When we joined the rest of the family, my uncle John asked Chris how big his fish was.

My blond son spread out his arms as wide as his three-year-old wingspan was then, and said, "This big, Great John!" a smile splitting his face from ear to ear.

This summer, we went trolling in Lake Cumberland a couple of times, and nearly caught a manly-sized catfish on the first troll.

We must have gotten the biggest twig in that bottom section of the lake, and the disappointment was evident

We were aided by the finest fish scanner money could buy our friend Glen for his birthday, even if we couldn't figure out how it worked at all.

"Look, there's a whole school up ahead! Damn the torpedos and hold on to your bait! What does it mean when the screen flickers again?"

Chris landed something that nearly bent his pole in half, and I came to offer my assistance with what surely was our biggest catch yet.

We must have gotten the biggest twig in that bottom section of the lake, and the disappointment on his face was evident when we hauled it up for our inspection.

"Awww, it's just a stick, Mom." Then, our buddy Glen got something and there was a large hue and cry when his pole bent in half.

But whatever it was, it slipped away in the cool waters of the Cumberland and we were fishless once again.

We hovered about the creek, but never caught anything big enough to brag about that night. Glen eventually did catch a few small catfish, but that was it.

Our friends asked Chris how his fishing trip went.

"I caught the biggest stick in the whole lake!" he said proudly.

He's a natural at this fishing thing.

Small town living provides important life experience



JAMIE NEAL
Two Cents

Neal is managing editor for the Progress.

As I drove down the street, an elderly man in a rusty old work truck honked his horn, smiled and stuck out his hand in a wave directed at me.

In many places he would've been thought of as a dirty old man hitting on a young woman.

But this wasn't just any place. This was Taylorsville, Ky., Spencer County, a far reach from my hometown of Lexington. Taylorsville has a population of about 1,000 compared to Lexington's 242,000. That means Spencer County has a smaller population than even Eastern.

In Taylorsville, the people are

friendly, whether they know you or not.

This was the city I spent my summer vacation in. I was a journalism intern at The Spencer Magnet, but living and working there opened my eyes to a lot more than how to write for a small town newspaper.

One thing I learned about small town living is that keeping up the economy is sometimes a struggle. It is hard to keep people coming to businesses based there due to the lack of selection and the closeness to large cities, like Taylorsville is to Louisville. I spent a lot of time writing stories about new businesses coming into the

county and about businesses leaving because of the lack of patrons.

People in the county pride themselves on trying to better their home. Groups were constantly meeting to bring in businesses and fix problems, such as old, dangerous country roads. It was hard on those people when things they worked so hard for didn't succeed, such as new businesses with no customers.

Another lesson I learned about small town living was how trusting and safe it feels.

When I am at home in Lexington, I lock my car doors every night. I lock the front door of my house every

night. My family had an alarm system installed. No, I don't live in a dangerous neighborhood. It's a quiet court that mostly elderly people live on. Better safe than sorry, I say.

One night when I was in Taylorsville, I realized I had let my mom borrow the key to my apartment when she came to stay with me. Then I realized I also had let my friend have a key.

When my mom left to go home, she forgot to give me the key back. I had to go to Louisville and had no key to lock my apartment with.

I went to my editor's apartment to get my landlord's home phone num-

ber. Her reaction? "So just leave it unlocked, this is Taylorsville."

"What?" I said. "Leave my door unlocked with my television, jewelry and everything else I own inside? No way!"

There was no way I was going to do that, better safe than sorry, I say. That's not the way they see it in small towns, though.

That man that waved and honked at me was one of many that summer.

If I learned anything from summer break, I hope it's to be someone that honks, smiles and waves at others, no matter who they are.

► **Comic:** Greg Parr



Still performing after all these years



LIBBY FRAAS
My Turn

Fraas has been adviser to the Progress for 10 years. Her summer internship took her to Grand Rapids, Mich. where she wrote and edited news stories.

It was 10:10 p.m. on a Friday in July, and The Smothers Brothers were just wrapping up their act from a showboat in Lowell, Mich. Back in Grand Rapids, the night desk at the Press was holding a hole in the morning paper for the review from an intern who had been told to write it and send it via laptop modem no later than 11. They had forgotten to tell me that every thing in Lowell closes at 10.

That intern was me, and I had volunteered for this assignment earlier that afternoon when the entertainment editor found out his stringer had canceled and he had no one to send to the show. "You know, John," I said. "I'm a big Smothers Brothers fan," I said.

The American Society of Newspaper Editors selected 24 college journalism professors for the Institute of Journalism Excellence and matched us with newspapers across the country. The goal — to establish new ties between newspapers and journalism education.

My newspaper was *The Grand Rapids Press*, one of eight dailies owned by Booth Newspapers in Michigan with a circulation of about 200,000 on Sunday.

Now, here I was, 50 minutes from deadline with no story and no place to plug in the phone jack.

I did what any desperate person would do: I asked a policeman if he knew a place with an electrical outlet and a phone line.

He left me alone in the police building while I wrote frantically and tried to make sure the communications line was working. I was finally able to get my story to the newsroom as the clock struck 11. Over the phone, the desk edi-

tor asked a few good questions that helped to flesh out my hastily assembled story.

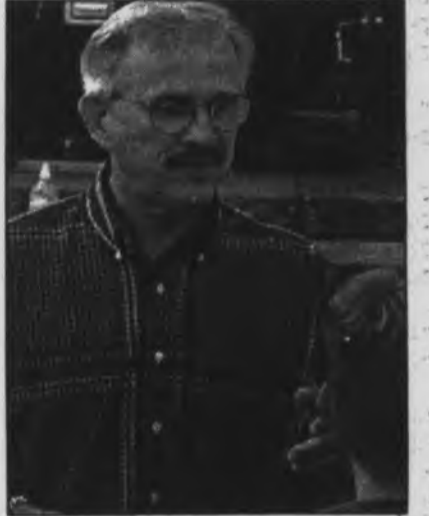
Early the next morning I walked to the nearest box to find my story. There it was under a photo of the two timeless comedians and the headline: "Audience liked both of them best." It was in the paper, and it was OK.

Most of what I learned as a reporter and copy editor at The Grand Rapids Press reinforced what I already was teaching in my classroom or as campus newspaper adviser. As my 23 peers noted when we gathered in Chicago at the end of the summer to exchange notes and wrap up our experience, many of us were already getting into newsrooms and talking to professionals to help make our teaching better. It gave me confidence to refine and hone my teaching methods and assignments to make sure my students learn these important lessons about journalism:

- Write quickly, accurately and well.
- I'll introduce more deadline writing assignments in class and have students take notes while standing or distracted by background noise and type notes over the phone directly into the computer.

- Good writers, photographers and copy editors are in demand and will be rewarded with the best assignments. There is nothing like having someone comment on the success of a lead or a good headline to make you feel like you really are contributing and being noticed.

- Journalism is fun. There is a tendency for news people to sometimes get so used to beats and the routine of news that they become cynical or lose the sense of excitement and freshness needed to produce a good newspaper. It



Dick Smothers is a bit grayer but still entertaining with his brother, Tom.

happens in teaching, too. Trying new approaches is better for our readers and our students.

I had a blast reporting for the business, news and feature sections on a variety of breaking and enterprise stories. Part of the experience was moving to a new community, a new state and having to "prove" myself to a few who weren't so sure someone from Eastern Kentucky could contribute.

The next night a different writer was sent to cover Loretta Lynn at the Lowell Showboat. He ran into the same problem of finding a place to send his story and ended up missing his deadline for the Sunday paper. In his 20s with hair that streamed to his belt buckle, he didn't try the cops. Maturity has its perks.

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Janssen wins faculty senate chair

By JULIE CLAY
News editor

New faculty senate chair Dr. Karen Janssen has stayed at Eastern for 20 years because no two years are ever the same.

"At Eastern, I've really had the opportunity to do different things — be involved in different activities and groups," Janssen said.

Janssen, a special education professor at Eastern since 1977, was elected to her new post in May. She received her doctorate in 1976 and her master's in 1969 in special educa-

tion from Indiana University. She completed her undergraduate psychology degree at DePaul University in 1968.

Janssen ran for faculty senate chair last year, but lost to incumbent Richard Rink by only three votes.



Janssen

"I see my role as more towards facilitating the actions and desires of faculty rather than directing their desires," Janssen said.

Janssen said she is pleased with the cooperation between faculty senate and Student Association in getting the new Kids Company child care facility on campus and would like to see increased links between faculty and student groups in the future.

Dr. Martin Diebold, chair of special education, said Janssen would be an effective leader for faculty senate.

"She's great, and I'm glad she's on our faculty," Diebold said.

Police Beat

The following reports have been filed with public safety.

August 19
Jonathan D. Purcell, 21, Hebron Ky., was arrested and charged with disregarding a traffic light and driving under the influence of alcohol.

August 18
Christina Brashear, Telford Hall, reported that her purse had been stolen from her unlocked vehicle.

August 17
George Grant, Jr., 26, Berea, was arrested and charged with alcohol intoxication, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

July 22
Julie A. Plyman, 22, Aurora, Ind., was arrested and charged with improper start from parked position, no operator's license in possession and driving under the influence of alcohol and other substances.

August 9
Thomas Higgins, Greg Adams Building, reported that the entrance door to the Greg Adams building had been damaged.

August 11
Albert Meadows, 23, Richmond, was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle on a suspended/revoked operator's license.

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August 6
Arnold H. Myers, Jr., 21, Fayetteville, N.C., was arrested and charged with alcohol intoxication.

August 4
Jason Hamblin, Brockton, reported that a burglary had occurred at Brockton 675. Nothing was reported missing from the residence.

Fugitive from Wisc. caught on campus

Troy A. Olsen, 22, Harrodsburg, was arrested August 2 and charged with reckless driving, driving while under the influence of alcohol and operating on a suspended license. Upon further investigation, it was learned that Olsen was a fugitive from Wisconsin and wanted for felony bail jumping and violation of parole.

— Kristy Gilbert

August 2
Christopher S. Pinkel, 23, Richmond, was arrested and charged with second-degree burglary.

July 31
Paul Landsaw, 21, Lexington, was arrested and charged with alcohol intoxication and possession of a suspended operator's license.

July 17
Gary Lamb, Jr., 19, Lexington, was arrested and charged with failure to illuminate headlights and operating a vehicle on a suspended/revoked operator's license.

July 14
L. Weber, Funderburk Building, reported that several individuals had their vehicles damaged in the Perkins Lot.

July 28
Robert Darren Begley, 31, Richmond, was arrested and charged with alcohol intoxication.

July 12
Timothy Palmer, 35, Richmond, was arrested and charged with fourth-degree aggravated assault.

July 11
Nicholas D. Turner, 18, Richmond, was arrested and charged with criminal trespassing.

July 25
Terry A. Martin, 22, Richmond, was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, criminal littering and no operator's license.

July 22
Helen Janeway, Stratton Building, reported that someone had stolen two laptop notebook computers from 300 Stratton.

July 19
William L. Seal, 24, Centerville, Ohio, was arrested and charged with alcohol intoxication.

July 21
Ernest Sizemore, 28, Richmond, was arrested and charged with operating a vehicle with a suspended operator's license.

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July 18
Ousmane Diallo, Palmer Hall, reported that someone had stolen his bicycle from the east bike rack at Palmer Hall.

July 17
Michael Wilson, Brockton, reported the theft of his bicycle from the bicycle rack at the northeast entrance of Alumni Coliseum.

July 15
Lee Beavers, Burrier Building, reported that someone had stolen a camcorder from room G-7 in the Burrier Building.

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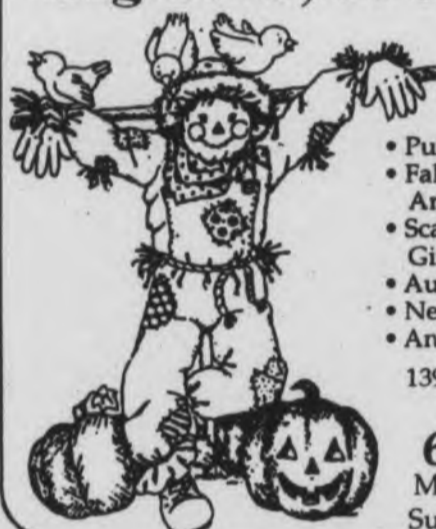
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Couple files discrimination charges against university

By JULIE CLAY
News editor

A former Eastern student and her husband filed a lawsuit in April against two Eastern administrators and the university, alleging they were discriminated against because of race.

Danita and Solomon Bogale, an interracial couple, charged Eastern student judicial affairs director Harry Moberly, Jr. and student affairs Vice President Thomas D. Myers along with the university with unfair treatment after Solomon's eviction in 1995 from Brockton student housing.

The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights filed the lawsuit on behalf of the Bogales after a disciplinary hearing chaired by Moberly found Solomon guilty of violating university housing regulations after a domestic dispute at their residence.

Moberly evicted him out of the couple's apartment, where they lived with their two children.

Solomon appealed to Myers in a letter.

Myers denied the appeal, giving Solomon an additional 10 days before he had to vacate student housing "in fairness." The Bogales moved to Lexington while Danita completed

her degree in nursing.

"I did not know Solomon was black, since I had only met him after the appeal was denied. Eastern does not discriminate," Myers said. "Not only do we pride ourselves on nondiscrimination, but we wouldn't have known he was black before the eviction."

Myers refused to comment further since the suit is still pending.

The agency states in the civil suit that Myers read all the police reports on a daily basis, and all such reports contain references to the race of the parties involved.

Police records show Solomon was charged in 1994 with fourth degree assault after a domestic argument with Danita. Danita reported to police that the incident was not the first time she had been struck by Solomon, and she feared it would happen again, according to police reports.

Public Safety was called to Brockton May 26, 1995 after a loud argument between the Bogales, police records state.

The next night, Solomon was charged with fourth degree assault again when Pattie A. Clay hospital called in police after Danita's left pinky finger was broken during an

argument.

Madison District Court issued an emergency restraining order against Solomon that night.

The court ordered counseling for the Bogales, and the records show they completed a session with Pastor A.Q. Portis of United Apostolic Church June 12, 1995.

The Commission found that the university gave different treatment to similar cases involving domestic disputes between couples of the same race after examining housing discipline and eviction records in 1995, according to the suit.

In a letter to Commission attorney Greg T. Munson in February 1997, university lawyer Giles T. Black said Eastern was ready and willing for the Bogales to occupy university housing again.

It was Danita Bogales' senior year. She graduated in May.

Black also stated in the letter that Eastern does not discriminate and does not approve of discrimination on the basis of race, and urged the Commission to settle the case.

The Commission is seeking \$50,000 in damages according to statutory penalty rules. The Bogales are also asking for punitive damages.

News Briefs

Falkenberg named associate vice president

Virginia Falkenberg was named associate vice president in July by President Hanly Funderburk. Her duties will include the supervision of Administrative Information Services, Academic Computing and Telecommunications Services, Media Resources, Grants and Contract and the Graduate School.



Falkenberg will still be in charge of the graduate school.

OT professor honored again

Gordon St. Michel, an Eastern associate professor of occupational therapy, received the Distinguished Service Award from the Kentucky Occupational Therapy Association May 29.

St. Michel joined Eastern's staff in 1988. In 1992 and 1995, he was named Outstanding Occupational Therapist of the Year by KOTA, and received Service Awards from the American Occupational Therapy Association.

New scholarship fund started

A scholarship fund has been established in honor of two of the "founding fathers" of Eastern.

The J. Dorland Coates and Thomas Jackson Coates Endowed Scholarship Fund was established by a bequest from the late Elizabeth C. Coates, wife of Dorland Coates and daughter-in-law of Thomas Jackson Coates.

It will provide for a \$40,000 scholarship endowment for the college of education.

Model Lab budget approved

The Eastern Board of Regents approved a \$2,112,609 budget for Model Laboratory School for 1997-98.

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Reforms increase Eastern's budget

By JULIE CLAY
 News editor

The first president for the new Council on Postsecondary Education is yet to be nominated, but Eastern has already felt changes from higher ed reform.

Increased funding from the General Assembly's special session in May allows Eastern to share in a \$23 million pool with other universities and the community college system this year. This allows for higher teaching salaries and an increased operating budget, according to Eastern President Hanly Funderburk.

Eastern received just over \$2 million dollars extra for this year as a result of higher education reform, Funderburk said.

"It helped us give probably a 6.8 percent increase rather than a 3 percent for faculty salaries," Funderburk said.

Operating budgets at Eastern haven't increased as much as faculty salaries in recent years, so the extra funds helped Eastern there, Funderburk said.

Over the next three years, additional funds will be added to seven investment and incentive funds

administered by CPE.

Kentucky universities and colleges will have to qualify for money coming from these funds by following CPE guidelines, which have yet to be set.

One fund, the \$6 million Regional University Excellence Trust Fund, is set aside for university degree or applied research programs that earn national recognition as programs of distinction in the next 20 years.

"I think this university has a large number of programs that are already programs of excellence," Faculty Senate chair Karen Janssen said. "It's difficult to select just one as excellent. It would be nice to recognize each and every program that's outstanding here."

Funderburk said he didn't view Eastern's prospects of having one excellent degree program over an applied research program.

"There's no reason we can't have more than one," Funderburk said. "Every time the subject is discussed, everyone mentions the law enforcement program as an emerging program of distinction, and there's our education department, occupational therapy and the Honors program too."

Right now, CPE is trying to get organized and address its first challenge — naming a president to lead them. Preliminary plans are underway to form presidential search committees, and Patton has said the search process will take at least six months.

Funderburk said he is excited about the new education plan this year, with its immediate challenges for Eastern to link its long term strategic planning to reform legislation.

"I am looking forward to being a part of the coordinating agency," Funderburk said.

CPE needs to select a person with strong knowledge of how to get things done in an academic environment, Funderburk said.

"The person (leading CPE) is a key individual for the success of this new legislation because that person is sitting at the focal point of all of this coordination and cooperation," he said. "I would hope that a college president, or someone who has been a college president, could assume that position because that person would have that experience. I think it's going to take time to make the thing work like it's supposed to."



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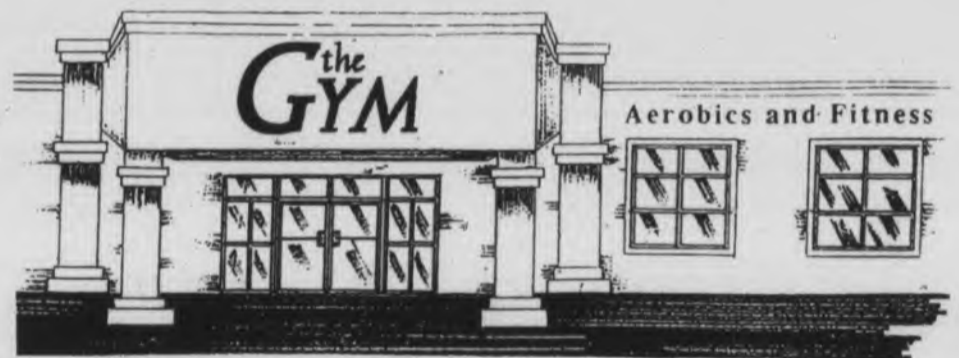
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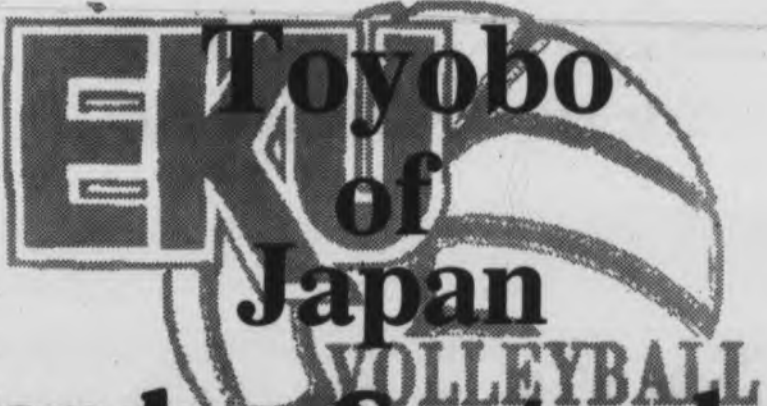
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Tim Mollette is a senior journalism major from Paintsville and editor of the Progress for the fall semester. This summer he interned at the Lexington

Herald-Leader in graphics and for its online news site. "I hope this paper will reflect and serve who it really belongs to - its readers," Tim said.



Jamie Neal is a senior journalism major from Lexington. She will be managing editor at the Progress this semester. "I am looking forward

to taking a leadership role at the paper after working here for two years," Jamie said.



Julie Clay is a senior journalism major from Danville, who will fill the news editor position this fall. An honors student, she juggles commu-

ting, parenthood and classwork with the Progress. "Watch for rising caffeine levels all semester long, and I pray for lower coffee costs for us all," Julie said.



Kristy Gilbert is a journalism major from Irvine who is on target to graduate in December. This semester, she will be working as as-

istant news editor at the Progress. "I am looking forward to working with this staff and having a successful final semester at Eastern," Kristy said.



Charles Lewis is a journalism major from Canton, Ohio. This semester he will be working as the news writer with the Pro-

gress. "It is my goal to keep the students and faculty well informed by giving them the news and information they need to make their lives easier," Charles said.



James Carroll is a staff artist majoring in graphic design. Personal interests include animation and illustration

"I believe my position as a staff artist will provide me with valuable techniques," James said.



Alyssa Bramlage is a 20-year-old junior from Fort Wright, Ky. Alyssa is majoring in journalism. For the Progress this semester, she

will be working as the copy editor. "As the copy editor, I am really looking forward to my new job and to renewing friendships," Alyssa said.



Jacinta Feldman is a sophomore journalism major from Louisville. She will edit the features page and supervise B section.

"My friend Brian Simms helped me make the decision to move to accent, and I'm excited about the change," Jacinta said.



Brian Simms is a 21-year-old senior journalism major from the Ville. He will serve his third semester as sports editor for the Pro-

gress. "In order to keep me occupied from counting down the days 'til spring break, I took this job," Brian said.



Lance Yeager is an English major slated for graduation in December. He will be serving as a assistant sports editor this year. "I'm

proud to be a part of this disturbing staff and am looking forward to covering the university's sports teams," Lance said.



Daniel Reinhart is a sophomore from sunny Albuquerque, N. M. Daniel is majoring in journalism with a minor

in psychology. This semester he will be working as a sports writer. "I enjoy sports and look forward to meeting some crazy and wacky people!" Daniel said.



John Ridener is a soon-to-be 19 year-old journalism major from Corbin, KY. He will be both on-

line editor and assistant copy editor. Interests include "playing advocate for the disadvantaged while at the same time acquiring enough power so that everyone but myself is disadvantaged," John said. At least he'll always have something to do.



Laetitia Clayton is a senior journalism major from Virginia Beach who now lives in Richmond. She will be an activities editor at the Progress.

Last semester she won the Outstanding Staff Writer award. "I look forward to learning a lot more about working for a paper this semester so I'll be better prepared for a career in journalism," Laetitia said.



Ericka Herd is a 21-year-old senior from Louisville. She is majoring in journalism. She will be an activities editor. She is also a member of

the track team. "I am hoping that my new position will provide the necessary abilities to be able to adapt to a career in journalism," Ericka said.



Michael Roy is a 21-year-old journalism major from Winchester. His job as arts editor deals with music, plays, and

and other art-related areas. "I make every effort to include the Beatles and their music into the page and trying not to have a hard day's night," Michael said.



Don Knight is a 24-year-old sophomore from Richmond. He is majoring in journalism, and minoring in German, as photo editor

for the Progress he photographs and delegates assignments. "I enjoy the constant challenge in photojournalism of trying to communicate a story through pictures," Don said.



Amy Kearns is a 22-year-old senior from Richmond. She is majoring in journalism. She is beginning her third

semester as assistant photo editor where she shoots various assignments. "I want to challenge myself as much as possible to improve my photography," Amy said.



Burt Bucher is a sophomore art education major from Richmond. He is returning this fall as the staff artist for his third semester.

"Drawing is a way of life for me and the Progress is allowing me to turn this hobby into a career," Burt said.



Greg Parr is one of four staff artists with the Progress. He has a bachelor's degree in art and has returned to Eastern to work on a

teaching degree. "I look forward to working for the Progress. I love drawing, and I hope this shows in some of the work I do," Greg said.



Lee Potter is a senior PE major from Lebanon, KY, now living in Richmond. She is starting her third semester at the paper as ad

manager this semester. "I'm really looking forward to working with our clients again. Hopefully we'll have a lot of new ones," Lee said.



Sonja Knight is the business secretary of the Progress and the most important person on staff. She is a native of Groß-Umstadt,

Germany. She is responsible for classifieds, billing and ad records, payroll, commissions, payments and expenditures. "My mom sends me boxes of good German chocolate and candy to keep me from getting homesick, and everybody on staff helps me eat it!" Sonja said.



Sherry Stebbins is a computer science major recently transplanted from Winchester now living in Richmond. This is her first semester

working as an ad rep for the Progress. "I am warily anticipating the new experiences awaiting me as a staff member for the Progress," Sherry said.



Lindsay Scherr is a junior from the great city of Louisville. She is a public relations major with minor in advertising. In

line with her studies, she is working as an ad representative. "I am excited to be working with the Progress. I think it will be a wonderful learning experience," Lindsay said.



Amy Campbell is a sophomore graphic design major from Winchester. In her second semester as ad design direc-

tor, she hopes to add to the vast amounts of knowledge year. "I try to keep in the company of geniuses so working for the Progress is helping me maintain that standard," Amy said.

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► Residence Halls



Don Knight/Progress

James Harmon, RHA president, and JoAnn Wilder, RHA secretary, watch television in the newly renovated Martin Hall.

McGregor, Martin get renovations

BY BRENDA AHEARN
Contributing writer

Soon Eastern residents in nine of the dorms will vote for an extended open-house policy, extending current hours to Thursday through Sunday.

On Sept. 2 and 3, Commonwealth, Dupree, Martin, McGregor, Palmer, Sullivan, Telford, Todd and Walters halls will vote to decide the number of days that the new 24-hour open-house policy will cover.

Jeannette Crockett, dean of student life, said those students may select the maximum hours, noon Thursday to midnight Sunday, or they may reduce the number of hours by their vote. The votes will be counted by the Residence Hall Association (RHA).

The extended policy option will not be offered to all the dorms. Open-house policy in Burnam, Case, Combs, Mattox and O'Donnell halls will not be changing.

Some students do not want the open house policy to change for personal reasons such as religious convictions, said Mike Lynch, president of Student Association.

For students who do not want the extended policy, dorms will keep the present policy.

The extended open-house policy was first tested last semester in Todd and Dupree halls. The test went well, Lynch said.

"If the past speaks of what the future holds, we should be all right," Lynch said.

Eastern's new open-house option is a reflection of a growing national trend.

"Not all, but most (other colleges) are doing something similar to this," said Eastern President Hanly Funderburk in a recent interview. "Of course, it will be interesting to see how some of the votes go in terms of how much time they want to keep some of these things."

Sullivan Hall, made an honors and nontraditional student dorm last year, and is now coed. Sullivan joins Martin, Dupree and Todd halls as the fourth coed residence available to students.

Jim Harmon, president of RHA, said he does not expect anymore dorms to be made coed anytime soon. More males are interested in moving into coed dorms than females, so they have trouble fill-

ing the rooms.

Some visible changes in housing have already been made.

During the summer, Martin and McGregor halls underwent significant interior renovations submitted by students in a room redesign contest sponsored by RHA.

"I think the renovations are excellent to be quite honest with you," said Harmon, a resident of Martin Hall. "It's not a drastic change; floor tiles, beds, chairs; they painted the doors, painted some of the rooms — a little went a long way. You walk into McGregor Hall lobby, and it's like a whole new hall."

Harmon said RHA is pleased with the improvements made to the dorms.

He said it will look at having all the dorms redone in the next few years on a priority basis.

These changes may even attract students who have previously lived off campus to move back to university housing, Harmon said.

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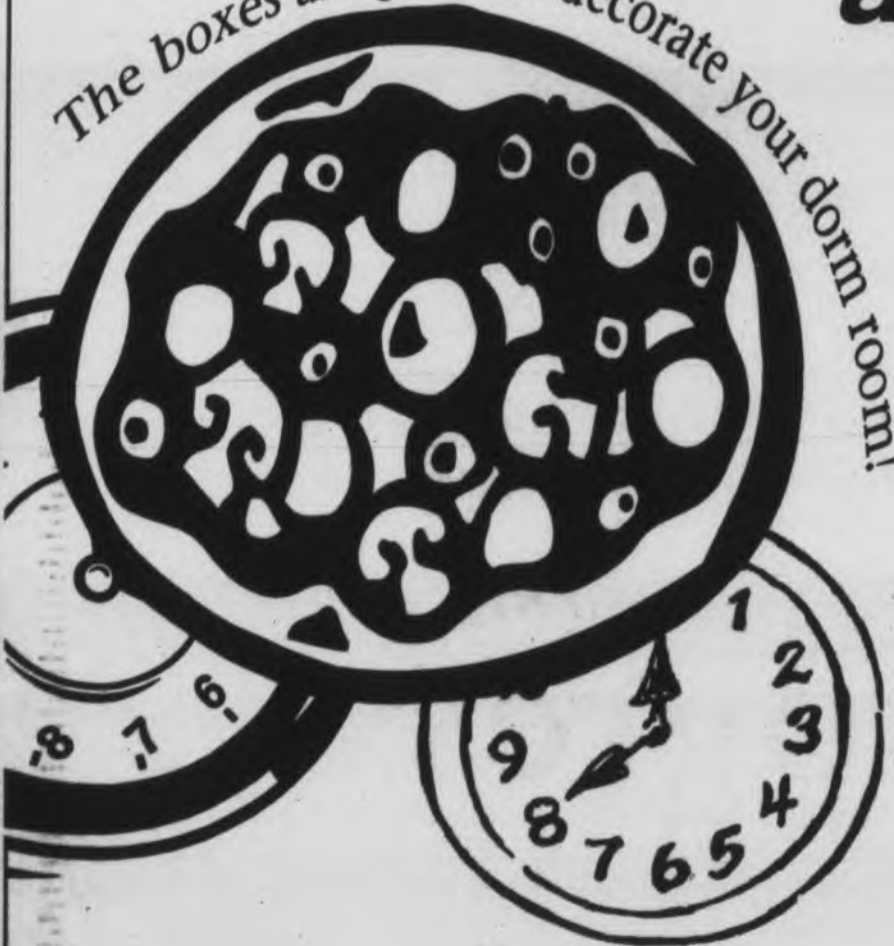
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From the front
position on the committee he had fought so hard.
In a letter from Amber Culver, director of housing, she proposes, "It seems that you are very interested in the appeals process. If so and you would like to serve on the committee in the future, please let me know."

Bowerman said he was not interested in the offer.
When Bowerman finally thought he had won his case, he received another letter explaining that he would have to fill out another computer form for the 1997-98 school year.

This sparked another flame with

ratio of men to women that were approved and denied, the length of time the housing committee was in session and a list of the committee members.
Upon his request, Bowerman received a letter from Culver explaining there is no written policy on how the committee decides to approve, deny or table an appeal.

He did receive a list of committee members and how they are chosen but none of the other information could be gathered because it does not exist, Culver said.
"Bottom line, we are glad to give him the information, but we don't have as much as was asked for," Crockett said.

If the university is found to be in violation of the open meetings law by the Attorney General, the housing committee as well as other university committees could see a big difference in the processes by which they operate.
"If we are not in compliance with the law, then we will be," Culver said.
Bowerman does not seek financial gain from his fight against the housing appeals committee.
"I guess you would say it's a personal goal. It's just not right," Bowerman said. "To know that no one else will have to go through this is all that I want."
The Attorney General is expected to make a ruling in Bowerman's case Sept. 5.

Search: 'We shouldn't be rushed in this process' — Gilbert

From the front
prate for him to do so.

He and his wife, Helen, plan to return to his home state of Alabama and help raise their three grandchildren, who all live in Montgomery, Funderburk said.

Eastern signed a \$33,500 contract with Academic Search Consultation Service, a Washington headhunting company, to assist its presidential search May 14.

Allan Ostar, senior consultant

with Academic Search Consultation, will present a pre-search report to the Regents Sept. 7 or 8, Gilbert said. After Ostar presents the findings, the Regents will determine goals they have for Eastern's next leader.
Mike Lynch, president of Student Association, said the people he nominated for the search committee were all student leaders who had been involved with student activities and organizations. He declined to identify his selections.

He did, though, identify some desirable traits for a new president.
"We'd like somebody with an extra touch, someone not afraid to make ripples and who treats the students as No. 1," Lynch said. "President Funderburk has been great with money, and he's helped out the university a lot."
Richard Freed, faculty regent, said Funderburk's efforts have been very beneficial over the past 12 years for Eastern.
"The next president likewise

will need to be a good fiscal manager," Freed said. "I hope the next president will place a strong emphasis on academic quality, taking an active role in promoting improved instruction at Eastern."
"We shouldn't be rushed in this process," Gilbert said.

The 1984 search that selected Funderburk took seven months and involved three advisory committees with a total of 45 members reporting to a presidential search committee of six regents, according to Progress files.

Child care: Center meeting day care committee's expectations

The cost of care

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From the front
with its own puppet theater and, of course, The Play Room, among others.

"The center is really geared to helping children learn," Crawford said.

"This center is a partnership with the university. They supplied us with the building, and the original start-up costs, but after that, we have to be self-sufficient," said Sherry Piersol, executive director and founder of Community Education Development Corp. (CEDC), the parent company of Kids Company.

"Everything that the parents pay us goes back into the center," she said.

Dr. Rita Davis, associate vice president of academic affairs and research, and chair of the campus Day Care Committee, said the cen-

ter is meeting all of the committee's expectations.

"It's a wonderful place," Davis said.

The committee selected Kids Company from four companies that submitted bids.

CEDC operates three other Kids Company centers in Kentucky — two in Lexington and one in Bowling Green.

"The full-time fees at our other centers is \$95 per week for 1-year olds compared to the \$75 at Kids Company-Eastern," said Piersol.

Since Eastern provides the building for the center, Piersol said their overhead was lowered, so the fees charged here are less than at other Kids Company centers.

"We don't want to turn anyone away," said center director Hoskins. "We've been working with the Madison County Department of

Social Services trying to get help for people who say our services are unaffordable."

"I think out of the 70 to 100 people we've interviewed, only one thought the center was free," said Piersol.

There are other child care services located on campus; two in the Model Laboratory School and two in the Burrier Building. These centers are more closely tied to an education program for teaching students at Eastern than Kids Company.

The Model centers are available only to students attending Model school. And the Burrier centers are only open for half days, and their services, although open to the general public, are full for the remainder for the year with a three-to-four child waiting list per category for next year.

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63 new faces join Eastern faculty

By ALYSSA BRAMLAGE
Copy editor

First-semester students often wander around campus with glazed-over looks on their faces and maps in their hands, but what about first-semester faculty?

With 63 new faculty members this fall, there could be a lot of bleary-eyed professors walking around campus.

To help combat the dazed-and-confused looks, the university sponsors a tour of the area to introduce new faces to Richmond.

Rita Davis, the associate vice president of academic affairs, coordinates the tour and said the newest members of Eastern's faculty enjoyed their introduction to the area. New faculty visited Somerset and Cumberland Falls this year in addition to touring the Richmond area.

The number of new faculty seems high compared to last year's 50-something new hires, Davis said.

Last semester, 33 Eastern professors retired, prompting a higher number of new faculty this semester.

Lilly Williams, a professor with the special education department, though, hasn't had a problem becoming acclimated since moving to Richmond and beginning her first semester at Eastern.

Williams received her Ph.D. from the University of Arizona in Tucson after moving from Bangalore, India. She moved to Richmond because



Amy Keams/Progress

Danny Miller joins Eastern's faculty as a paramedic instructor.

she was looking for an area that was similar to her home in India.

"I was the first to go to college in my family," Williams said. "I was looking for a similar situation, and in this area there is a lot of that. The cultural aspect of the Appalachian region is similar to back home."

She became interested in this topic while working as a volunteer for a school for the blind while in high school. She made friends with some of the students and then became interested in teaching.

Her first day on the job, Monday, included an interview for the school

newspaper, a student in crisis and meetings with other teachers. Her real teaching began Tuesday.

She has to instruct some people in the area of political correctness.

"When you write, please say students with disabilities, not disabled students," she said. "And people use wheelchairs, they aren't in them. I always say to put the person first, not the disability."

Williams plans to stay at Eastern as long as possible.

"I feel like I have a mission here," she said.

Danny Miller is another new fac-

"... the Appalachian region is similar to back home."



Lilly Williams, new faculty member from Bangalore, India

ulty member who is becoming acquainted with campus, though not as easily as Williams is.

"The most embarrassing thing I've done is to walk into the wrong classroom while there was a class in it," Miller said.

He finds that the excuse "I'm new" easily pardons silly mistakes.

The Greenville, S.C. transplant is a paramedic instructor who will teach a total of three classes and will coordinate clinicals for paramedic students.

Living in the area without his three children and his wife is difficult for the time being, he said. His family plans to join him after selling their house in Greenville.

"But I'm working 12- and 14-hour days so it's almost better that they aren't here," he said.

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Monday, August 25: Classes Begin In-Hall Room Changes Begin. See your Area Coordinator or Assistant Area Coordinator at your hall's front desk to make a room change. Appointments for Campus Wide Room Change Begin at EKU Housing, 106 Jones.
Tuesday, August 26: In-Hall Room Changes End.
Wednesday, September 3: Campus-Wide Room Changes Begin - Appointment Only.
Friday, September 12: 2 p.m. - Campus-Wide Room Changes End. No Room Changes after 2 p.m.
Monday, September 22: Consolidation Period Begins. If you receive a letter from EKU Housing, come to 106 Jones to discuss your options with Assignments staff.
Saturday, October 25: Homecoming.
Monday, November 3: Break Housing Reservations begin for Thanksgiving Break Period at EKU Housing.
Friday, November 14: 4 p.m. - Deadline for Reservations for November Thanksgiving Break Housing. Non-refundable prepayment required.
Tuesday, November 25: 6 p.m. - Halls Close for Thanksgiving Break. November (Thanksgiving) Break Begins. No evening classes/academic calendar.
Sunday, November 30: 8 a.m. - Halls Reopen
Monday, December 1: Classes Resume
Friday, December 5: 4 p.m. - Deadline for Reservations for Semester (Christmas) Break Housing at EKU Housing, 106 Jones. Non-refundable prepayment required.
Monday, December 8: Pre-Finals Week Begins
Saturday, December 13: Recognition Ceremony - Graduation
Monday, December 15: Deadline to cancel Spring '98 Housing/Private Room Contract by writing a letter at EKU Housing or mailing a letter to EKU Housing postmarked on or before 12/15/97.
Final Examination Period Begins.
Saturday, December 21: Semester Ends.
3 p.m. - Residence Halls close for Semester Break.

Wednesday, January 7: 8 a.m. - Residence Halls open.
Sunday, January 11: 5 p.m. - Check-in Deadline at your assigned residence hall for Spring Room Assignment. Failure to check in before 5 p.m. or notify Area Coordinator (call hall front desk)/EKU Housing will result in No Show Status and loss of room assignment and reservation/damage deposit.
Monday, January 12: Classes Begin In-Hall Room Changes Begin. See your Area Coordinator or Assistant Area Coordinator at your hall's front desk to make a room change. Make your appointment for Campus Wide Room change at EKU Housing, Jones 106.
Tuesday, January 13: In-Hall Room Changes End.
Monday, January 19: Martin Luther King Holiday.
Tuesday, January 20: Campus-Wide Room Changes Begin - by appointment only. EKU Housing, Jones 106.
Wednesday, January 28: 2 p.m. - Campus-Wide Room Changes End. No Room Changes after 2 p.m.
Thursday, February 5: Formal Consolidation Period
Monday, February 16: Presidents Day Holiday.
Monday, February 23: Break Housing Reservation Period Begins for Spring Break at EKU Housing.
Monday, March 2: Housing Intention Forms for Fall '98 Distributed at "Special Fall Housing" Floor Meeting. Return to R.A. immediately.
Friday, March 6: Noon - Deadline for Housing Intention Forms for Fall '98. Return to your R.A. 4 p.m. - Deadline to reserve Spring Break Housing. Non-refundable pre-payment required.
Saturday, March 14: 10 a.m. - Halls close for Spring Break.
Sunday, March 22: 8 a.m. - Halls Open.
Monday, March 23: Classes Resume. Contracts for Intersession/Summer '98 available.
Monday, April 6: Fall '98 Intention Form In Hall Room Change Period Begins. See your Area or Assistant Area Coordinator at the front desk of your hall to make a room change for next Fall.
Wednesday, April 8: Noon - Fall '98 Intention Form In Hall Room Change Period Ends.
Tuesday, April 14: Fall '98 Campus Wide Room Change Period Begins at EKU Housing, Jones 106. If you want to change rooms, halls, or roommates for next Fall, come to EKU Housing now!
Friday, April 24: Fall '98 Campus-Wide Room Changes End. No room changes after today.
Monday, April 27: Pre-Finals Week Begins
Monday, May 4: Finals Begin - Students must check out of their hall within 24 hours after their last exam.
Friday, May 8: Deadline to cancel Intersession '98 Housing/Private Room Contract by writing a letter to be received by EKU Housing postmarked on or before 5/8/98.
Saturday, May 9: Final Exam Period Ends. 1:30 p.m. - Graduation. 6 p.m. - Residence Halls close for Spring '98 Semester.

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Next Week:

Everything from eating cheese and crackers to conserving toilet paper, how to survive on a student's budget.

RUSH NUMBERS

A numerical breakdown of sisterhood

6

Rush lasts for six days. It begins on a Wednesday with orientation, and continues Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday with parties each night. It ends on a Monday night with a Candlelight Ceremony.

8

There are eight sororities in the Panhellenic Council on Eastern's campus. They are Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Gamma Delta, Alpha Omicron Pi, Chi Omega, Delta Zeta, Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Delta, and Pi Beta Phi.

18

The number of Rho Chis, or Rush Councilors, the Panhellenic Council had this year. The Rho Chis kept secret which sorority they were in until after Rush was over.

20

A girl can attend up to 20 parties during rush. All rushees attend eight the first night, then up to six on the second night, up to four on the third night and two on the last night. A rushee must be invited back to attend a sorority's party.

25

Each girl had to pay \$25 (\$35 if she signed up late) just to participate in rush. Each sorority has its own pledge and initiation fees separate from this. This money went to cover things like printing the rush information guide.

70

The "ceiling" number for sororities as set by the Panhellenic Council. No sorority can have more than 70 members.

220

The number of girls that started Rush on Wednesday this year.

Accent

The Rush of sisterhood



Members of Alpha Omicron Pi, left, watch as girls from all sororities sing at the Candlelight Ceremony, Monday in the Ravine.

Photos by Amy Keams/Progress

Getting ready for the final round of parties, freshmen Laura Kremer, below, fixes her hair.

Nights of hard work, parties form lasting bonds at Eastern

By JACINTA FELDMAN
Accent editor

Jessi Hart raised one arm and pointed to a band-aid stuck above her elbow.

"I am stuck on Chi-O 'cause Chi-O's stuck on me," she sang along with her fellow members of Chi-Omega.

The sisters of Chi-Omega were having a party to find new members. They, along with the other seven sororities in the Panhellenic Council at Eastern, were participating in the week known as Rush.

"It's the most important thing of the year because you get your new members," Hart said.

Rush began Wednesday, Aug. 20 and came to an end Monday night at the Candlelight Ceremony at the Ravine.

"A lot of these girls are away from home for the first time, and like anybody, need friendship," Amy Cook, the president of the Panhellenic Council said.

Denise Johnson, a member of Pi Beta Phi, said a person can gain a lot from joining a sorority. She said there are social benefits, but sororities also help with leadership and academic skills.

She said all the sororities and the rushees (the girls going through Rush) have fun, but "on both sides it's very stressful."

Laura Kremer, a freshman from Louisville, said she went through Rush this year mainly on the recommendation of her mother.

"I don't know what I was expecting, but it was nothing like I expected," Kremer said.

What to expect

Cook said only about 10 percent of the undergraduate population at Eastern is in a Greek organization, so many of the students here have never experienced Rush.

"It's a very confusing process,

and it's not very easy to explain," Panhellenic Council adviser Cari Heigle said.

Heigle said that Eastern's Panhellenic Council has a "no frills" policy for their Rush parties. This means the sororities don't spend a lot of money on "fluff stuff" to decorate the rooms.

"It's a comfortable setting, it's not fake. It's just basic," she said.

When Rush began on Wednesday the rushees were broken into groups and assigned Rho Chis — Rush counselors.

That night was an orientation for the girls. They came and "basically had a girl talk" with the Rush counselors, Cook said.

After that, the parties begin. Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, rushees attend parties given by the sororities, Cook said.

Thursday's parties, or Round 1 parties, are attended by all rushees, but after that, the girls have to get an invitation from a sorority to attend another one of their parties, Cook said.

But the sororities are not the only ones making choices that night. On Friday, the rushees are only allowed to attend six parties, so if a girl was invited back to all eight, she would have to cut two from her list.

On Saturday the number of parties a girl can attend has dwindled to four, and by Sunday the list is down to the rushee's final two choices, Cook said.

Sunday night the sorority hopefuls sign their preference card, and rank their final two choices. Then the girls and the sororities are matched by each of their preferences.

Cook said it is possible for a girl not to get into a sorority, but grades are most often the reason.

"Our goal is to pledge every girl

What's the cost?

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Initiation fee: \$130

ΑΓΔ:
New member fee: \$60
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ΧΩ:
Pledge fee: \$40
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ΔΖ:
Pledge fee: \$45
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ΚΑΘ:
Pledge fee: \$35
Initiation fee: \$140

ΚΔ:
Pledge fee: \$50
Initiation fee: \$150

ΠΒΦ:
New member fee: \$35
Initiation fee: \$100

that comes through Rush," she said.

What to wear

In the Sorority Rush 1997 information guide, there is a picture and description of what kind of outfits a rushee should wear to each round of parties.



Cook said the rushees were expected to get a little dressy each night. She said she wasn't sure why the Panhellenic Council has a dress code.

"It's just been a thing that's happened for years and years and years," she said.

Kremer said she liked knowing what kind of outfits to wear to the parties.

"I'd rather be told what to wear than showing up and everyone else be dressed much nicer than me, and I look like a scrub," she said.

Cook said the sororities don't make choices based on the girls' looks, but on the girl herself.

"It's not, 'Oh, you're cute.' It's not that at all," she said.

The week came to a climax at the Candlelight Ceremony Monday night at the Ravine. Earlier Monday

afternoon, the participants found out which sorority they were invited to join. Then, later that night, all the new members and active members gathered in the Ravine to sing, dance and celebrate.

"It's very serious, a lot of tears are shed," Cook said. "For one, it's the end of the week and everybody's tired and wants to get their girls."

All the Rho Chis walked down hand-in-hand to "We are Family," and to the cheers and applause of everyone gathered.

All the Rho Chis, who up until that point had kept it a secret which sorority they were in, went back to their "families" that night, Heigle said.

"The sisterhood is a very, very important part if it," Cook said. "That's where the fun comes in; the sisterhood."

'Plain Jane' discovers beauty, friendship in sorority activities



LESLEY GWYNN
My turn

I never thought of myself as a sorority girl. In high school I didn't have a lot of friends, nor was I ever involved in many school activities. I was basically a "Plain Jane" who sat through graduation thinking "who are these people?"

If anyone had told me then that when I started my second year in college I would find myself signing papers to begin Fall Rush, I would have laughed; I had the stereotypical idea of what a sorority was.

But when one of my best friends here at Eastern asked me to go through Rush with her, I couldn't refuse. Last Wednesday I found myself putting my signature on a form to begin what would be the toughest, most memorable, and most exhilarating week of my life.

It began in a huge room filled with an abundance of girls I had never seen

before in my life.

I was scared, excited, and extremely nervous, and I had a friend by my side, so I could only wonder what the others were feeling.

My first impulse was to get up and leave before I could make a fool of myself. But I stuck it out because I promised my friend and myself that I would at least give it a chance.

The entire room split up into what were called Rho Chi groups, each with a Rho Chi leader (short for Rush Counselor). My group followed our Rho Chi to our assigned area and talked about what would happen over the next five days. We were to meet back on Thursday at 4:30 p.m. to begin our adventure.

On Thursday I arrived at the appropriate time, and at 7 p.m. I was ready to enter my first party. I was terribly ner-

vous as I stood in a line of people outside a door behind which girls were chanting and screaming. The doors finally opened and I walked into the room. A girl led me by the arm through a tunnel of sorority girls to a corner of the room.

The same ceremony went on for the next seven parties. The final party came and my nervousness had turned into fatigue and starvation. I felt bad at the last party I attended because all I could think about was going home, taking off my shoes, and crawling into bed.

The parties went on for three more nights, with the list of girls invited back to attend them getting smaller each day.

Sunday night I showed up for what was called preference night. This was a much more serious setting, dark and quiet. When I entered each room of

both sororities, I was familiar with the girl who led me to my seat and sat with me for the hour. This would be the night I would have to choose which sorority I preferred.

By the end of the night I was standing in a line to sign my bid card to decide which sorority I preferred first, and then second.

That night I was told by my Rho Chi to stay in my room in case I hadn't received a bid by either sorority. She would call me by 11 p.m.

Worried, I sat with phone in hand until 11:15, by which point my phone still hadn't rung. This meant I had gotten in a sorority, but I didn't know which one.

Finally at 4:30 p.m. Monday I headed over to Brock Auditorium to find out which sorority I had gotten in. When I looked around the room, I noticed the

number of people that had started out had drastically dropped. I was surprised at the fact that I had made it all the way through. I was here, and I was in a sorority.

One by one, each girl went up on stage and their Rho Chi pinned a colored ribbon on her and announced to her which sorority she was invited to join.

Finally I walked on stage and closed my eyes as not only my Rho Chi, but now my friend pinned on my colored ribbon and announced to me the sorority that I had put first on my list.

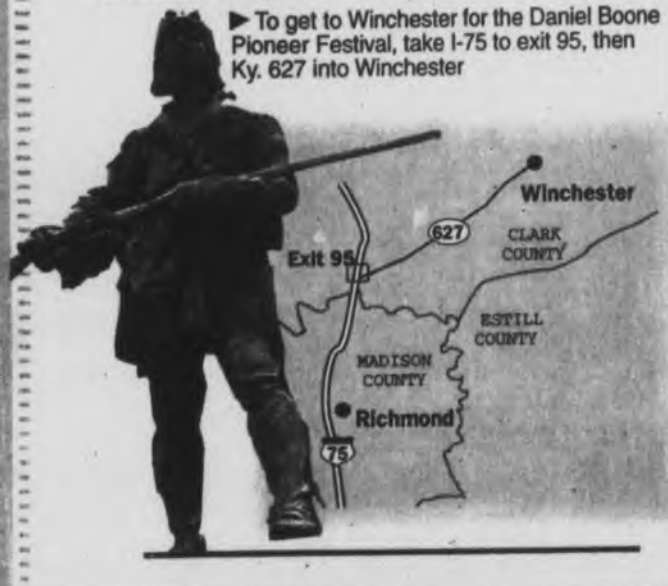
I no longer have the stereotypical idea of what I thought Rushing was all about. I realize now that these girls care about each other, are there for each other, and love one another. I am proud to say that I am in a sorority and proud to call them my sisters.

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The Daniel Boone Pioneer Festival in Winchester will be celebrating its 19th year, with the annual 5K run, a Walk with Friends event and various arts and crafts booths.

"We have a little bit of everything," said Kitty Strode, one of the organizers of the festival. "We'll have over 100 arts and crafts booths, the run and two days of cycling."

Festivities begin Saturday with registration for the run at 7 a.m. The run will start at Hannah McClure Elementary School. All other events will take place at College Park. Shuttle services will be available at George Rogers Clark High School. For information, call the Winchester Chamber of Commerce at (606) 744-6420.

TODAY

■ **Country singer Merle Haggard** will perform 8 p.m. at the Kentucky Theatre as part of the Troubadour Concert Series. Call (606) 231-6997 for ticket info.

■ **Auditions for the plays "Valley Song" and "The Importance of Being Earnest"** will be held in Campbell 137 at 7:30 p.m.

■ **Today is the last day** that the Graduate School will accept applications for graduation. Office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday and until 4:30 p.m. Friday. Students can go to Jones 414.

■ **A "Back to School Jam"** sponsored by the office of multicultural student services will be held at the Fountain Food Court from 9 p.m. to midnight.

■ **Today is the final day** to register or add a full semester class.

■ **Crank Williams** will rock Phone 3, starting at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

■ **The annual Admiral's Day Parade** at Fort Boonesborough starts at noon. Call (606) 527-3131 for information.

MONDAY

■ **Labor day.** No classes.

WEDNESDAY

■ **Hepatitis B vaccinations** will be given from 9-11 a.m. at Student Health Services. Cost is \$30 and must be pre-paid at Billings and Collections. Bring your receipt.

ANNOUNCING

■ **The Richmond First United Methodist Church** now has openings for its "Daily Disciples" after-school care program. The cost is \$35 a week. For more information call 623-3590.

■ **Claudia Kidwell**, the curator of costumes at the National Museum of the Smithsonian, will present a seminar titled "Men and Women: Dressing the Part" at the faculty dining room in Powell starting at noon.

■ If you have an event you would like published in the *What's On Tap* section, contact Laetitia Clayton, Ericka Herd or Michael Roy at 622-1872.

■ **Deadline for information** is noon the Monday prior to publication on Thursday. You may bring in announcements in advance.

FRIDAY

■ **Gold Tooth Display** will show off their musical skills at Phone 3 at 8 p.m.

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■ **The Colonel Kids Club** sign-up day will be held at 10 a.m. in Alumni Coliseum.

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TODAY IN POP CULTURE: 1964 — The Beatles played the first of two shows at New York's Forest Hills Tennis Stadium, during which they were pelted by jellybeans, their favorite food.

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BEST MOVIE — "G.I. Jane" is an excellent movie. The story is good, the acting is great and the characters are of the caliber that even if you hate them you still have to see their side of it, and give them some respect.



Demi Moore joins the Navy

The story concerns Jordan O'Neil (Demi Moore), a lieutenant in the United States Navy. She is selected as a test case that will determine whether women will be integrated 100 percent into the Navy. Her objective is to survive and successfully complete Combined Recognizance Team Navy SEALs training—a program that has a 60 percent drop-out rate.

She is sent to Cataland Naval Base, Florida for 12 weeks of preparation for situations typically encountered on Navy SEAL operations. After introductions are made, hell week begins.

No one ever expected O'Neil to make it past the first week, and when she does survive week after week, people in Washington realize she is doing too well. Pictures of her are sent to the office of the Judge Advocate General which suggest "conduct unbecoming an officer."

It is the story of a woman who will not sacrifice her integrity. It is the story of a woman who is not afraid to get "pissed off" when someone has treated her unjustly. It is the story of a hero. The story of one determined to prove herself worthy of the United States Navy SEALs.

—Brenda Ahearn

BEST ALBUM — After a decade apart, Fleetwood Mac has reunited and their new album, "The Dance" signals the return to the band of guitarist Lindsey Buckingham, and singers Stevie Nicks and Christine McVie. Three new songs are included among the classics, including "The Chain," "Gold Dust Woman" and "Go Your Own Way."



Darth Vader is back on video.

BEST VIDEO — The Force returns to home video as the "Star Wars" trilogy special editions hit the shelves. The videos will include all the new stuff that has been added and other extras.

Arts

Bad films inspire fandom

By MICHAEL ROY Arts editor

Can your heart stand the shocking truth about the worst motion pictures of all time? This paraphrasing of dialogue from "Plan 9 From Outer Space" makes the idea even scarier — bad films have entered the public conscience.

Not just tacky action flicks or unfunny comedies. The absolute worst, with rock bottom production values, hilariously awful acting and corny dialogue. Why do bad films fascinate the American public? Film festivals celebrate the cinematic output of Edward D. Wood, considered to be the worst director of all time.

"Mystery Science Theater 3000," the show where verbal comments are hurled at such camp classics like "The Brain That Wouldn't Die" and "Revenge of the Creature," has inspired a fanbase, a feature film and several seasons.

To this end, it would seem weird that audiences would want to watch these films in place of more expensive, better-made films.

"The only thing I can say is that we went through a weird art period," said Eastern film teacher Donald Cain. "The farther out the ideas, the better."

What are the worst films of all time? The fandom for campy and crummy flicks began with Harry and Michael Medved's Golden Turkey Awards, where they looked at the worst

films and had readers vote. "Plan 9" with its cardboard sets, wobbly tombstones, string-attached flying saucers and old home movie footage of Bela Lugosi mixed with a taller, younger double, won.

In recent years, the Golden Raspberry Awards, a comical take on the Academy Awards, has voted yearly for the worst film of the year. According to the Razzies, (as they are known), the worst film of the 1980s was "Mommie Dearest" while recent winners (or losers) have included the stripper epics "Striptease" and "Showgirls."

But even in comparison, no one can

beat Ed Wood for awfulness. His films, despite their imperfections which are legionary, still inspire a cult following.

Wood's films, usually tacky monster flicks that starred a failing Bela Lugosi, existed of outlandishly silly lines and a ton of stock footage.

"It seems the crazier the notion the better," Cain said, who also considers "Plan 9" to be the worst film ever. "Bad is good."

"Mystery Science Theater" would laugh it up. The show, where a human and his two wisecracking robots are forced to watch bad

films, take apart these bad films by playing on the tacky effects, stock footage use and the presence of a famous or infamous actor.

"The show allows people to be sarcastic," Cain said. "We like to snipe at everything."

Bad films will probably be around as long as the film industry can still make money and find audiences for them. As writer H.L. Mencken once said, "Nobody ever went broke underestimating the intelligence of the American public."

Few good actors needed for plays

By MICHAEL ROY Arts editor

For those who want to be in the spotlight, your chance is here.

Auditions for this semester's two plays, "Valley Song" and "The Importance of Being Earnest" will be held at 7:30 tonight.

And the call is open to anyone.

"Anybody can audition," said James Moreton, head of the theater department and director of "Earnest."

Moreton said that non-theater major students, faculty and anyone else interested can try out for parts.

"Anyone trying out should read the play in advance," Moreton said. "It is open to anybody."

"Valley Song," which runs from Oct. 1-4, concerns the story of an old man trying to protect his restless granddaughter from the outside world.

The play, written by South

African playwright Athol Fugard, requires two to three actors.

"One actor can play two roles," Moreton said.

Oscar Wilde's "Earnest" which starts Nov. 19, deals with romance in the Victorian era. The show, a comedy, will require a number of actors.

While "Valley Song" is going to be a small show, "Earnest" and the first show of the spring semester, "Grease" will be big productions.

"We have more time to develop," Moreton said of the bigger productions. "To work on sets, costumes and casting."

Moreton also added that these plays give students in the department a chance to work in different areas of theater.

Announcements of whom has been cast will be made Friday at the earliest.

For more info call 622-1315.

Play Auditions
When: 7:30 p.m.
Where: Campbell 137

Music 1997: From Elvis to Hanson

One thing you can say about the summer, music never delivers. And unless the fall delivers near classics, however, 1997 will go down as being a worse year for music than last year.

Music this year seemed to go stale. Here are the five most notable trends that have developed since this year began:

1.) The British are coming, the British are coming!

While American artists seem to be jumping on the cheese-pop bandwagon and a slew of rock bands are still worshipping at the altars of Saints Kurt and Eddie, the Brits have come out strong this year.

Records from Blur, Radiohead and the Chemical Brothers count among some of the best of the year. Oasis and the Stones are set to release new albums and such Britpop legends as David Bowie and Paul McCartney have even turned out good albums.

2.) One Hit Wonders Unite! Several acts since the dawn of time or Elvis at least have had one

big hit then seemed to fall into a black hole. Several artists' careers this year hinge on a signature hit.

This year we get Hanson's "MMMBop," the Verve Pipe's "The Freshmen," Meredith Brooks' "Bitch" and one album wonders Spice Girls.

3.) Reunited (and it feels so good in the bank account)

If the one-hit wonders ever need quick cash in the future, they can always do those reunion tours. The music, the explosions, the fans who probably remember the last time they played together. This year's reunions include "Rumours"-era Fleetwood Mac, bad hair metal kings Motley Crue, and New Wave fops Echo and the Bunnymen.

Also milking the past are partial reunions of metal gods Black Sabbath and alternative's original money maker, Jane's Addiction.

Even the Doors are reuniting with late singer Jim Morrison. For a tour they can always get Val Kilmer to sub for Jim.

4.) We don't like you anymore.

It looks like some of these bands may need to do the breakup and makeup thing to survive. This year has seen a slew of new albums either flop or debut high and fall off.

Aerosmith, Michael Jackson, Sammy Hagar, Live, the Offspring, En Vogue, Veruca Salt, Foo Fighters, Wu-Tang Clan and even a collection of pre-"Blue" LeAnn Rimes failed to sell. Maybe LeAnn can get work with those Hanson kids.

5.) The absence of the Smashing Pumpkins this year.

Rock's best group seemed to disappear this year. After a busy period where they released a double album, went on tour, fired their drummer for drug problems, went back on tour, won armful of MTV awards, released a five-CD box set, and lost the best album Grammy to Celine Dion, the Pumpkins only released two songs this year.

Is the nightmare over? No, not yet. New albums by cornpone queens Mariah Carey and Celine Dion and country demigod Garth Brooks will be battling it out for our cash come fall.

The 20th and 30th anniversaries of the King's death and "Sgt. Pepper" are here, and we get this:



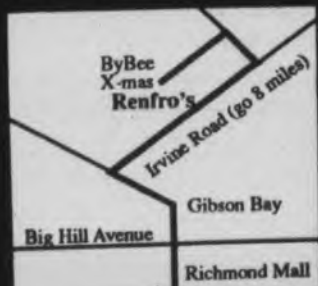
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Profiles



Wilson Frazier
Co-op Student of the Year

Frazier began his co-op experiences on Eastern's campus as a health and safety inspector. This and his other two co-op jobs led to his Co-op Student of the Year Award.

Hometown: Louisville
Major: Loss Prevention and Safety
Year: Graduate student
Frazier got a full-time job at Calwell Tanks in Louisville.

Safety major wraps up award

By JACINTA FELDMAN
Accent editor

When Wilson Frazier started his third co-op this summer, his job was to do something about employee cuts. Frazier, who will earn his master's degree in loss prevention and safety this fall, co-oped this summer at American Tape in Richmond.

One of the major problems American Tape was having when Frazier arrived was employees cutting themselves with razors, he said.

He wrote a regulation that made it mandatory that all employees wear Kevlar gloves. The number of cuts were reduced by 45 percent after the regulation went into effect, he said.

Because of his unusual co-op experiences, the Cooperative Education Association of Kentucky awarded Frazier the Co-op Student of the Year.

"I was kind of starting up my own department on the co-op," Frazier said.

Frazier said he went into the company, and "literally started a safety program from scratch."

He wrote safety regulations — sometimes 60 or 70 pages long — that brought the company into compliance with federal laws, he said.



Wilson Frazier had his last co-op this summer at American Tape in Richmond. Submitted photo

Frazier also co-oped as a safety director at Armada Manufacturing, an industry in Irvine that makes boats, and as a safety and health inspector at Eastern. The award was for all of his co-op experiences.

"I was surprised, and honored, of course," Frazier said. "But I knew I had unique circumstances." Frazier said the projects he worked on this summer weren't difficult because he had the experience he needed.

"The difficult part, of course, was getting management support and the money," he said. Larry Westbrook, the university's

safety and health coordinator, was Frazier's supervisor during his first co-op experience on campus. He wrote a letter of recommendation for Frazier to receive the award.

Westbrook said Frazier is "first class, one of the best student workers I've had in 30 years."

Frazier appreciated his comments.

"I could always count on him, he always did what he said he was going to do, and he did it like a professional," Westbrook said.

Besides being a hard and dependable worker, Westbrook said Frazier had a good personality. "He'll go far," Westbrook said. "He's a fine person, and I'm very happy for him."

Frazier needs only one class to finish his master's in December. He will start a job as full-time safety director at Calwell Tanks in Louisville in a few weeks.

"The new job is going to be the same type of thing; it's just I'm at a different plant and a different level," he said.

"I could always count on him, he always did what he said he was going to do, and he did it like a professional."

Larry Westbrook,
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Activities

Which way do I go?

Organizations and clubs on campus meet students' needs

By ERICKA HERD AND LAETITIA CLAYTON
Activities co-editors

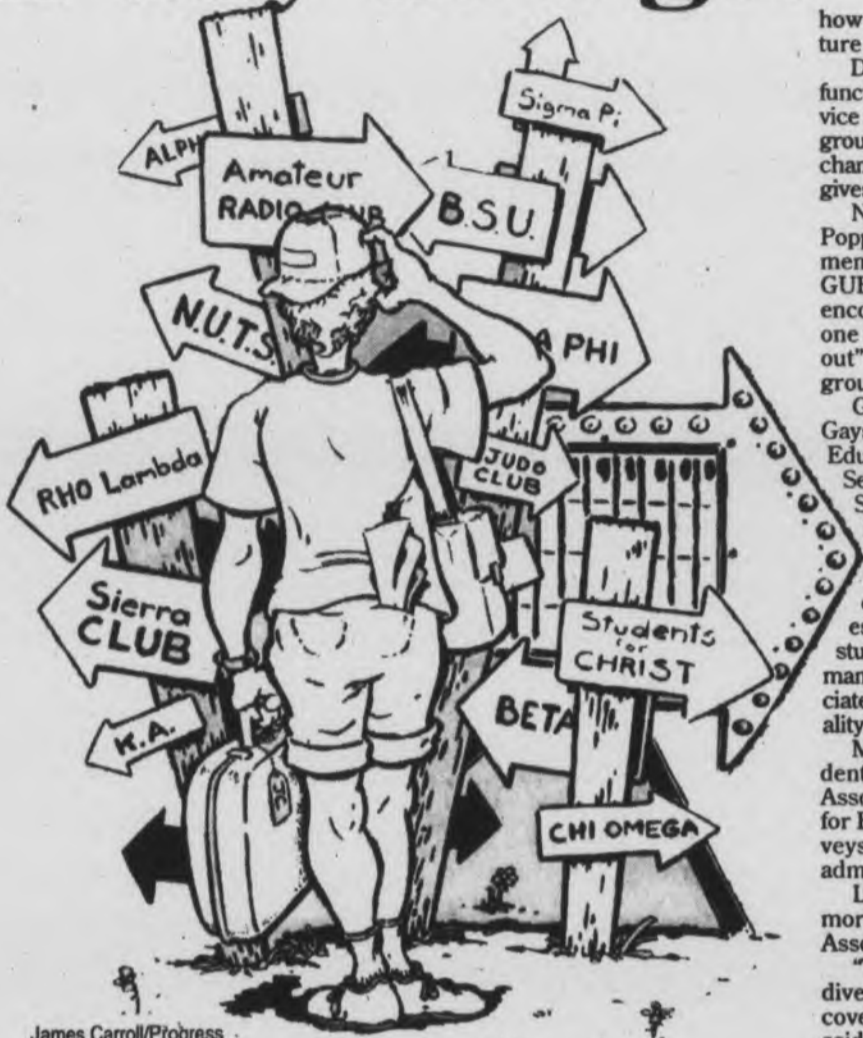
College life is more than selecting courses to fit a major, figuring out which meal plan to choose or worrying about financial aid. Belonging to some type of organization or club can help students develop a social life and interact with many different types of people.

Eastern has 161 clubs and organizations for students to choose from this fall, said Cari Heigle, coordinator of student organizations.

The groups range from departmental to religious to social. There are nine different types of organizations or clubs in all, Heigle said.

Ben Davidson, president of the agricultural club, said his group is like a family.

"People don't realize



James Carroll/Progress

how broad of an area that agriculture really is," Davidson said.

Davidson said his group's biggest function is in spring when they service small engines. He said the group sharpens lawn mower blades, changes oil and spark plugs, and gives tune ups.

Neil Popplewell, a member of the GUESS club, encourages anyone to "come out" and join the group.

GUESS means Gays United in Education, Service and Support. Professors ask group members to come to classes and talk to students about many topics associated with sexuality, Popplewell explained.

Mike Lynch, president of student government, said Student Association tries to act as a voice for Eastern students which conveys thoughts and concerns to the administration.

Lynch said he wants to get more people involved in Student Association.

"The organization plans to start diverse programs later this year to cover a variety of people," Lynch said.

In addition to these groups, there are eight sororities and 11 fraternities.

Sean Jones, Interfraternity Council president, explains that there is a sorority or fraternity for everyone.

"It's a chance for students to come out and join to meet people," Jones said.

Jones said he especially encourages freshmen to come out and rush so they can disregard all the typical stereotypes of Greeks.

Heigle also encourages freshmen to get involved in a club or organization.

"I encourage students to get involved in an organization so they can feel like they are a part of Eastern," Heigle said.

Students can check with the different academic departments or purchase a datebook or planner from the campus bookstore which lists different types of campus activities by date.

"I encourage students to get involved in an organization so they can feel like they are a part of Eastern."

Cari Heigle,
student organizations coordinator

Fun and fellowship with BSU

PROGRESS STAFF REPORT

Come join in the fun by worshipping with members of the BSU at 9 p.m. every Tuesday at the Baptist Student Union.

The program is known as TGIF, ToGether In Fellowship, said Rick Trexler, BSU adviser.

"The theme for the year is WILD," Trexler said. WILD stands for The Way is Love and Devotion.

"The theme comes from the scripture John 13:35," Trexler explained.

Trexler said the group gets together to build relationships with one another. He explained that there is no official membership or monthly dues.

"Everyone is welcome. It's open to all," Trexler encouraged. "It's a creative worship service."

Cara McGohon, president of BSU, said she believes in "taking love out to the campus."

She said she wants everyone to see the love for Christ and said she wants to draw out to them.

McGohon said the group has a speaker each week who addresses various topics.

"This Tuesday we will discuss aspects of love," said Trexler.

McGohon said the group also sings chorus songs and participates in other activities during the Tuesday night meetings.

BSU is also selling T-shirts for \$10 that display WILD on it, McGohon said.

► Intramurals

Eastern trails other schools

By LAETITIA CLAYTON
Activities co-editor

Eastern's intramural program showed some improvement last year with the addition of a student weight room and an aerobics class.

But it still falls short when compared to the intramural and campus recreation programs at four other Ohio Valley Conference universities and Western Kentucky University.

The main difference in Eastern's program is that intramurals and recreation are administered through the athletics department, whereas the programs at the other universities are completely separate from athletics.

Another difference is how the programs are funded. Eastern's program gets a portion of the student fees which go toward athlet-

ics, said Dr. John Jewell, director of intramurals. This is approximately \$20,000 a year, he said.

Middle Tennessee State University's program is administered through student life and is funded by a \$50 student activity fee. Out of this fee, \$35 goes to pay for a 120,000-square-foot recreation building just for students.

At Murray State University, the intra-collegiate sports and recreation program falls under student affairs and is funded through the university. Director Sherri Gallimore said the program gets no student activity fee money.

"The facility we use for our program is the physical education building," Gallimore said. "Our facilities are very limited."

They do, however, offer 20 to 30 activities and a sports club program which offers such things as fenc-

ing, chess, rugby and rodeo.

Eastern Illinois University's program is under campus recreation and funded by student fees of \$60 per student per semester. They have a student recreation center and nine intramural team sports.

Western Kentucky University also has an intramural and campus recreation program funded by student fees of \$60 per student per semester. They have a 112,000-square-foot recreation center, a super gym, six basketball courts, eight racquetball courts and two student weight rooms. This is all completely separate from the athletics facilities.

Margaret LaFontaine, who earned her master's degree in sports administration from Eastern in 1985, is now the director of intramurals and recreation at Morehead State University.

LaFontaine said Morehead's program is a division of health, physical education and recreation. They have a wellness center which is part of the intramural program and separate from athletics.

Jewell said the trend in campus intramural and recreation programs over the past eight to 10 years has been to build large recreational facilities which offer a wide variety of sports, aerobics classes and fitness equipment under one roof — similar to health clubs. LaFontaine agrees with this.

She worked at Georgia Southern for two years prior to taking the job at Morehead and said Georgia Southern just completed an 80,000 square-foot facility complete with a suspended walking-jogging track, an indoor climbing wall and a state-of-the-art sound system for aerobics classes.

"The focus is on shifting toward building multi-purpose facilities," LaFontaine said.

Jewell said last year, which was his first year at Eastern, he was committed to taking Eastern's program and making it more like Western's. This year he said he just wants to take the program he has and increase its quality. He also wants to educate students on what programs are quality programs. He teaches this in his PHE 400 class.

Jewell said he feels like his first year was a good one.

"The student weight room was a great success story last year," Jewell said.

"If you build nice stuff, students will show up."

Next week a look at what Eastern intramurals has to offer and how to get involved.

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Familiar Faces

Roy Kidd and Geri Polvino have been on the sidelines at Eastern for a combined 64 years



Roy Kidd has compiled 272 wins in 33 years at the helm of his alma mater. Only Murray State's men's golf coach Buddy Hewitt has been with an Ohio Valley Conference school longer.

Just about everybody this side of the Appalachian Mountains knows who Roy Kidd is.

They know of his love and passion for his alma mater.

They know of his 272 wins, third among active Division I and I-AA coaches.

They know that he has been a familiar face at Eastern as head football coach for the past 33 years.

But only those on this side of the I-75 headache know of another familiar face in Eastern athletics who has been with the Maroon and White for nearly as long as Kidd.

Pacing around the newly waxed Alumni Coliseum floor, rolled-up papers held firmly in her left hand, Eastern Kentucky volleyball coach Geri Polvino prepared her Colonel squad for the upcoming season.

"Cover! Cover!" the queen of volleyball in the Ohio Valley Conference preached to her squad, in what has become a 31-year sermon to Eastern teams.

Only Murray State men's golf coach Buddy Hewitt has been with an OVC school longer than Kidd or Polvino. Hewitt will begin his 38th year with the Racers this fall.

So why stick around for so long?

"It has never been a routine

and that's what has held my interest for all these years," said Polvino, who has never interviewed with another school during her years in Richmond.

"I've never regretted it," Kidd said. "This is my school. This is my university. I want to keep the tradition going."

Tradition is what Kidd and Polvino have brought to Eastern.

Under Kidd's guidance, the football team has won two national championships and has made it to the playoffs 16 times.

Polvino is the only coach the volleyball program has ever had.

"That's scary, that's really scary," Polvino said.

The only scary thing is the damage she has done in her years with the Colonels.

Polvino has guided teams to nine conference titles and eight tourney championships. She has been named coach of the year eight of the past 15 years. Over the years she has racked up 624 wins.

"I want to finish my coaching career here, but I don't finish my volleyball career here," Polvino said.

Outside coaching, Polvino is involved with the National Invitational Volleyball Championship Board of Directors, the selection committee for men as well as being a voting member of the American Volleyball Coaches Association's weekly Tachikana Top 20 poll.

Kidd also has involvement outside his coaching duties.

If he is the Colonel head man for two more years, he will become the president of the over-8,000 members of the American Football Coaches Association.

"I would like to do that," Kidd said.

The only question that remains for the pair who have laid the foundations for football and volleyball at Eastern is, how much longer can they go?

"When the day comes that I don't want to come to work and I lose my interest, that's the day I quit," Kidd said.

Polvino, though, is waiting for her body to say when.

"It's really hard to have a sense of that, except that you know when it's time," Polvino said.



Geri Polvino has been the only volleyball coach that Eastern has ever had. During the 1995 season she claimed her 600th coaching victory while at Eastern. She said she hopes to finish her career in Richmond.



BRIAN SIMMS From the Upper Deck

► Football

After uncharacteristic '96, Colonels revamp defense

By BRIAN SIMMS Sports editor

Eastern Kentucky football coach Roy Kidd and his squad aren't happy.

They aren't happy about going 6-5 last year.

They aren't happy about missing the Division I-AA playoffs for the first time in the past 10 years.

They aren't happy about finishing second in the Ohio Valley Conference for the second consecutive year.

So they are doing something about it.

The players reported to camp in the best condition that Kidd has seen in a while, he said.

and they were welcomed with a new philosophy on the defensive side of the ball, where the Colonels were a dismal fifth in the conference last season.

"Our basic philosophy defensively has been to bend a little but don't break," Kidd said. "This year we're gonna change a little bit and attack more."

More

Derick Logan's transfer to Eastern couldn't have come at a better time with the recent academic ineligibility of Drew Hall

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Leading the attack on defense will be new coordinator Dean Hood and senior middle linebacker Britt Bowen.

Hood was promoted to coordinator after the release of long-time assistant Jack Ison. Bowen will move back to his natural position in the middle with the

departure of All-OVC Tony McCombs.

"Our defense, overall, I think we're a little quicker than last year," Bowen said. "We're gonna be a little more aggressive than last year."

That aggressiveness will begin with an experienced secondary that will allow the defense to blitz a corner or safety a bit more this season.

"That is one reason we're changing our defensive scheme a little bit," Kidd said. "I think our secondary is solid. We've got to get linebacker coverage and good pressure on the quarterback. We're gonna go after people a little bit more."

Offensively, senior Simon Fuentes will be the starter at quarterback, where he has completed only seven passes in his career, but he has an experienced core of receivers.

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New defensive coordinator Dean Hood (right) talks with team captain Britt Bowen (middle) and Luke Morton during a recent Colonel practice. Eastern will play a more aggressive type of defense this year.

Brian Simms/Progress

► Volleyball

Merron to lead Eastern into Kentucky Invitational tomorrow



Senior Erin Grady (left) watches as freshman Erin Rigsby makes a return during a recent Colonel practice. Eastern will open its season tomorrow.

By LANCE YEAGER Assistant sports editor

Amy Merron will be leading her young volleyball teammates into the "valley" this season. The Ohio Valley Conference that is, where the coaches predict Eastern to finish eighth in the ten-team race for the championship.

"If we're eighth, then this is a very strong conference," coach Geri Polvino said. Polvino is beginning her 31st year at the helm of the Colonels.

Merron, a 6-foot senior middle blocker from Bancroft, Iowa, is returning for her senior season and was selected to the first team All-OVC volleyball team for 1997 in the pre-season coaches' poll. She is a two-time All-OVC first team selection and a member of the 1996 American Volleyball Coaches Association All-District Six team.

Polvino sees Merron and fellow seniors Chelsea Bowers and Erin Grady as the team's leaders.

"I see Amy out there all the time coaching the younger players," Polvino said. "She does it in a way that they build on their confidence."

"I want to take pressure off the younger ones and play my best so they don't have to work so hard," Merron said.

The senior said the low pre-season ranking doesn't bother her.

"For some it was kinda like, why so low? I guess I never gave it much thought, but the only place we have to go is up," she said. "Some teams might overlook us."

Polvino said Bowers leads with competitiveness and effort, while Grady is more of a quiet leader. Bowers is a 5-foot-9-inch outside hitter, and Grady is a 5-foot-9-inch versatile middle blocker.

Now on the brink of the season,

the Colonels are working on improving their transition game and left side.

"The conference is very strong on the left side," Polvino said. "Our new left side is really going to have to work hard."

She said the team's setters must improve in order to run a quick transition game. Both she and Merron think the effort is there.

"Our setters are working hard," Merron said. "We do need to see some improvement. We need a take-charge kind of setter. Since the setter controls the pace of the game, I would like to see some of them step up."

"We need better-quality touches on the ball, and to be reading what's going on a lot better," Polvino said. "I like the team's work ethic," she added.

Polvino is extremely happy with this year's incoming freshmen who

provide size and depth. The class includes two six-footers — 6-foot-2-inch Allison Makow and 6-foot Kristen Campbell. Both are middle blockers.

The other freshmen are outside hitter Jeni Brockman (5'10"), Sarah Stern (5'9"), Teresa Thelen (5'10") and defensive specialist Erin Rigsby (5'5").

Another new face this year will be John Bowman. He joins Polvino on the sideline as assistant coach.

The Colonels begin their season at 5:30 tomorrow night against Western in The Kentucky Invitational in Lexington. They are scheduled to play again at 7:30 on Saturday night.

The home opener will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 1 in McBrayer Arena against Toyobo of Japan.

"I get anxious to play," Merron said. "I like competition and I'm ready for it."

"I want them to look back on the season and be happy with what they've accomplished as individuals and teammates," Polvino said.

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New coach changing look of team

By LANCE YEAGER
Assistant sports editor



Perry has added four new players.

Change is good. This is especially true for a basketball team looking back on four consecutive losing seasons. New men's basketball coach Scott Perry took the job in April, and has brought with him the winds of change. Although Eastern lost only one senior, Carlos Bess, last year, the roster will look very different this season due to several off-season moves Perry made since leaving his assistant post at Michigan for Eastern's top job. Gone from last year are guards Travis Inskeep and Jeremy Hall. Both were to be juniors this year. Inskeep ran the offense at point guard last year, while Hall never even suited up for the Colonels last year. He was forced to sit out after transferring from Wisconsin due to the NCAA Division I transfer rule.

"They were dismissed for team rule violations," Perry said. "I think it was in the best interest of the student athletes and our program."

The Colonels welcome three players back to the hardwood this season. Eric Addie and David Evans are two players back after sitting out the 1996-97 season due to academic ineligibility. Perry said they will both be instrumental elements of the team. Marty Thomas will return this year as well. He was Eastern's leading returning scorer last season, but an early injury knocked him out for the year. He returns this year with junior status after receiving a medical redshirt.

Newcomers include Derrick Wilder, Darius Acuff and Minnesota transfer Charles Thomas. Wilder is a 6-foot-9-inch shot-blocker who transferred to Eastern from Southwest Christian College, a junior college in Texas. Perry said he is a great athlete whose strengths are defense, rebounding and shot-blocking. Acuff played high school ball in Detroit last year, but will be forced to sit out the 1997-98 season after failing to qualify by NCAA standards. Thomas is a former Mr. Basketball in Kentucky from Harlan who wanted to get closer to home after enjoying great success on Clem Haskins' Gophers Final Four team last year. He will be forced to sit out this year due to the NCAA Division I transfer rule. "I talked to Clem Haskins. He called and said Charles was interested in coming back closer to home

and would be interested," Perry said. "I said yes, for sure. Charles contacted us and the rest was history. We're a good fit for one another." Perry will not be the only new face at the end of the Colonels' bench. He brings with him a new coaching staff comprised of assistants Kurtis Townsend and La Juan Lewis. Townsend was an assistant at the University of California, and Lewis served as graduate assistant at Sullivan Business College in Louisville. The latest coup staged by Perry and his new staff is the enrollment of Ronnie Griffin at Eastern this week. Griffin, a 6-foot-9-inch, 235 pound center, is a former first-team all-state player from Louisville's Central High School. Griffin will sit out this season, but will be cleared to play for the 1998-99 season upon completion of the NCAA academic requirements regarding eligibility during the 1997-98 season.

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Baseball, softball ink new recruits

By DANIEL PREKOPA
Contributing writer

After being shut down in tournament competition last spring, the Colonels' baseball and softball teams will try to bounce back this coming season with multiple signings during the summer. Softball coach Jane Worthington signed five new players under her belt. Adrienne Buckmaster is a catcher from Illinois Central Lightning. She received the All-Academic Award along with two Glove Defensive Awards, played in two Coca-Cola All-Star games, and on three All-Conference teams. Jamie and Jodie Beland are twin sisters who transferred from

Seminole Junior College in Florida. Both made All-World, All-Conference, All-County, and All-State. Jamie made All-American and All-Region. Renee LeBlanc is a third baseman from Canada. She is currently playing in Japan. Kristina Mahon from Orangeville, Calif., is a drop-ball pitcher who may play outfield. She was named the best defensive player for her team in the '96 summer season. She had 60 strike-outs in 80 innings. Pitchers Kerri Duncan and Michelle Williams round out a staff that needs to rebuild after having only one player return from last season: Duncan is from Santa Maria, Calif., while Williams is from Louisville.

Coach Worthington said she thinks her players chose Eastern "for a chance to have a good education in addition to playing ball." Baseball coach Jim Ward signed six new players to his roster. Three new pitchers signed to his staff are: Spencer Boley, a right-hander from La Rue High School in Hodgenville. He currently has back problems but hopes to recover. He has 240 strike-outs in 270 innings while posting a 1.38 ERA and a 24-11 career record. Kyle Pfetzer is from Highlands High School. In his best year as a junior, he was 7-2 with a .085 ERA. Jeremy Leiby is from Boyd County High School. He has an 11-1 record

posting 56 strike-outs in 39 innings. Alex Gross is an infielder from the Atlanta, Ga., area. He was All-Area during his four years of high school and was All-Metro. When asked why he picked Eastern, he said, "I like the atmosphere and the attitude." Aaron Crock is a left-handed hitter that plays first base and outfield. He is a lifetime .384 hitter. Sean Murray is a junior college transfer from Sierra College in California. He is an outfielder with a lifetime .362 average. He made the Bay Valley All-Conference team this year. He thinks that, "coming here will be a good learning experience." Just recently added to the lineup is Nathan Haine, a transfer from Charleston, W.Va.

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Bedore finishes strong in tourney
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in Lexington at Kearny Hills Golf Links. Bedore qualified for the tourney by winning a qualifying tournament.
McCombs makes team, Burks, Collins waived
One former Eastern football player carried on his national foot-

ball dreams while two others' were put on hold. Tony McCombs is playing for the Phoenix Cardinals, and is on first team for special teams. The Philadelphia Eagles waived former wide receiver Dialleo Burks, and the Buffalo Bills waived punter Marc Collins.

Colonels to hold baseball tryouts
Baseball coach Jim Ward will hold open tryouts for the baseball team 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 6 at Turkey Hughes Field. Players should bring gloves and spikes. The team will provide other equipment.

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Former Kentucky tailback Derick Logan stiffens a forearm to Cory Crume during a recent Colonel practice. With the loss of Drew Hall due to academic problems, Logan is expected to carry much of the running duties.

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UK back transfers to Eastern

By LANCE YEAGER
Assistant sports editor

With the Eastern football opener on Sept. 6 at Troy State just a little over a week away, the arrival of tailback Derick Logan from the University of Kentucky looms large.

Last week the team announced the academic ineligibility of leading returning rusher Drew Hall due to failure to meet the NCAA grade point average requirement. Last year he rushed for 225 yards while averaging 5.6 yards per carry.

"That hurts. That really hurts us," football coach Roy Kidd

said. "Drew is a fine player and a great kid. That just takes away depth."

Logan, last year's Southeastern Conference Freshman of the Year, was hampered this week by a minor bruise on his back. However, Eastern trainer Bobby Barton expected him to be back to full speed today.

Logan said he decided to transfer from Kentucky shortly after Bill Curry was fired, and offensive coordinator Elliot Uzlac moved on to Minnesota. When new Kentucky coach Hal Mumme came in with his pass-happy scheme, he thought it was time to move on.

He entertained thoughts of

transferring to Syracuse, Miami, Cincinnati, Northern Iowa and Minnesota where Uzlac relocated. However, in the end, he decided it wouldn't be in his best interest to sit out a year. Thus, the move to Division I-AA and Eastern.

"I wanted to come where I knew the coach wasn't going to be leaving," Logan said. "When I came to visit, it was a warm environment and warm atmosphere," he added.

Starting only six games last year for Curry's Wildcats, Logan finished sixth in the SEC in rushing. He averaged 125 yards a game in those six contests.

Football: Troy first test

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"You're gonna see him (Fuentes) make some big plays in a game, and probably make some bad ones like any quarterback," Kidd said.

But as everyone knows, the running game is the backbone of the Colonel offense.

Eastern received a gift with the arrival of tailback Derrick Logan from Kentucky, but got a lump of coal with the academic ineligibility of Drew Hall, who was first on the depth chart at tailback after spring drills.

Logan needs to make an immediate impact and blocking the way for him will be an offensive

line that has lost some experience with the loss of three starters due to graduation. However, Kidd is confident that his offense can move the ball like Eastern teams of the past.

"Our first offensive team, I feel like we can put a letterman at every position," Kidd said.

John Wright returns to handle the kicking duties for the Colonels.

Kidd has eight days to prepare his team for the Sept. 6 opener at Troy State, the No. 2 team in the nation.

Eastern will come in 22nd in the preseason poll.

Last year the Trojans squeaked out a two-point win on a last second field-goal that started the first of three consecutive losses at the open of Eastern's season.

"We can improve a whole bunch," said Bowen, who is the team's top returning tackler.

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