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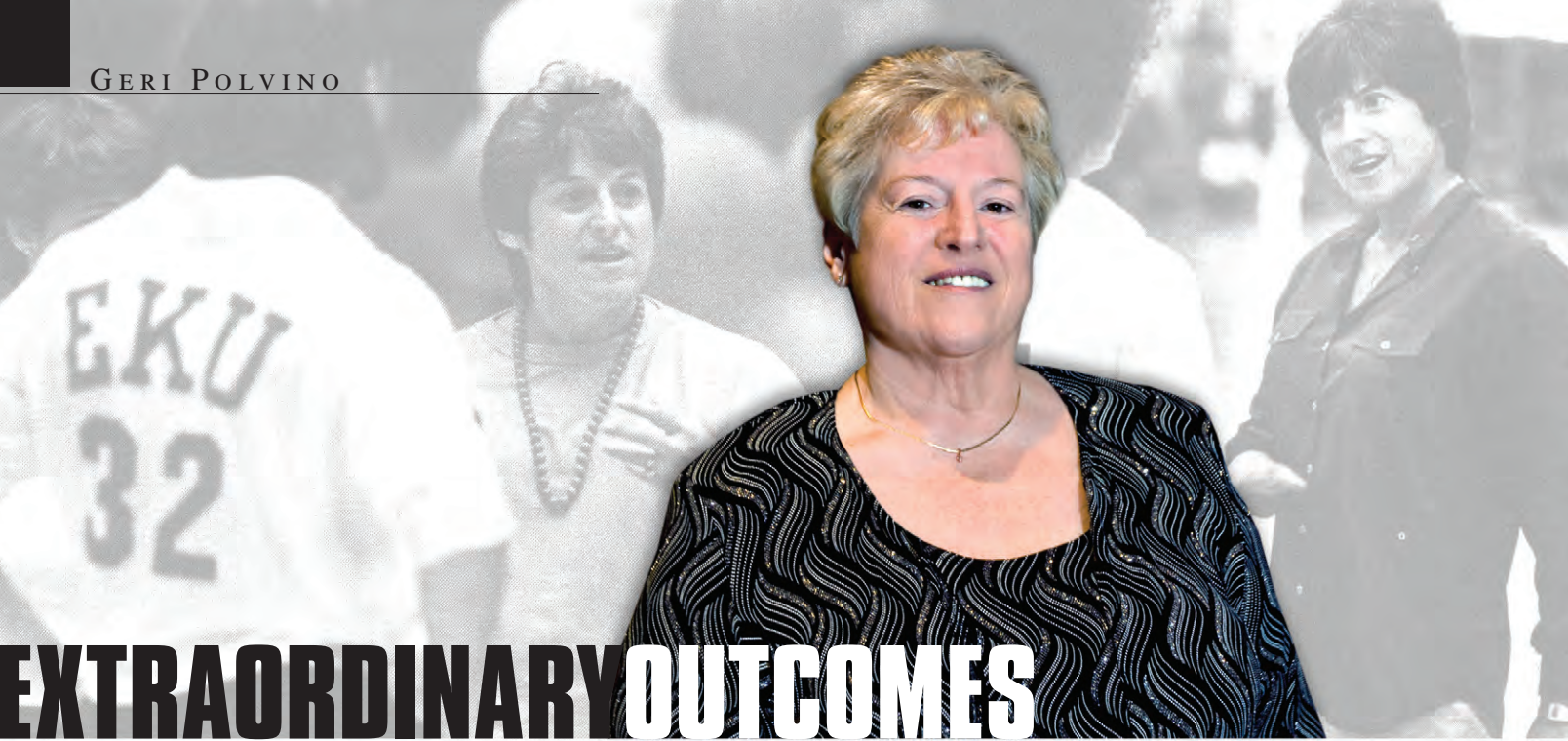
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EXTRAORDINARY OUTCOMES

In 2001, a few weeks after retiring from ECU, Dr. Geri Polvino, former coach of Eastern's powerhouse women's volleyball team, joined the firm of Edward Jones as a financial planner. Surprising career jump? Not really. She had been investing carefully for decades, generating "extraordinary outcomes" with a gift for identifying top performers. As she did for generations of student-athletes, Polvino builds game plans, balances offensive and defensive tactics, helping clients stay focused and engaged—positioned for success. "I'm solution-driven and I was born to teach," she says. In sports, finance, and in nurturing first generation students, Geri Polvino's solutions transform lives.

When she started Eastern's volleyball program in 1966, women's athletics didn't get headlines. That changed. In 32 years Polvino compiled a 627-439 record, leading the Colonels to nine season championships, eight league tournament titles and three straight Kentucky Women's Intercollegiate Conference titles. In 1989, she helped create the prestigious post-season National Invitational Volleyball Championships.

Polvino tirelessly recruited, challenged and inspired student-athletes while building support for volleyball. In recognition of these contributions, Geri Polvino was the first volleyball coach inducted into the Ohio Valley Conference Hall of Fame and was elected president of the National Association for Girls and Women in Sport's Coaches Academy. In 1991, Polvino was inducted into Eastern's Hall of Distinguished Alumni. When she became the first woman instructor certified by the International Volleyball Federation, "Sure I paused, I enjoyed the moment," Polvino reflects. "Then you move on. It's all a journey."

In 1997, after retiring from coaching, Dr. Geri Polvino's journey didn't take her far: she moved over to Eastern's College of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Athletics, helping students link sports and life performance strategies.


Now at Edward Jones, Polvino spearheads an initiative to recruit and train female financial planners. If you want performers, she says, find

student-athletes. When Eastern volleyball star and first generation student Kasha Brozek interviewed at Edward Jones, "she was poised and confident. She knew risk analysis, practice and persistence, getting up after failure and finding solutions. Kasha is a true product of sport."

In her "spare time," Polvino tirelessly promotes Eastern, serving on the Alumni Board, speaking to Rotary and community groups, guiding students to internship and job opportunities, sharing what Eastern is to her: "a sanctuary of ideas, humanity and relevance. I received so much, but to complete the cycle, you give back."

To "give back," Geri Polvino recently helped the University meet its first-ever comprehensive campaign goal with a generous three-part planned gift commitment to ECU. Her estate pledge will first bolster an existing scholarship named for her parents: The Russell T. and Josephine B. Polvino Endowed Women's Volleyball and Softball Fund. Next, The Dr. Geri Polvino Endowed Women and Gender Studies Fund will support Eastern's multidisciplinary program and reflect Polvino's life-long commitment to equity and justice for women. Finally, The Mary Lotta Family Endowed Fund will support Eastern's NOVA program, which helps students complete their degrees by offering a wide range of academic and social services. The named fund will honor Polvino's sister, who worked to bring hope and opportunity to the disadvantaged. Together this legacy supports the values and programs Polvino most cherished at Eastern.

As part of a financial plan, Polvino often asks clients to think about their own legacies. "At first," she laughs, "they look at me as if I have two heads." But she plants a seed, helping people reflect on how estate planning can serve the causes and institutions most important in their own journey to "extraordinary outcomes." So Geri Polvino has never stopped coaching—she just moved to a new court.

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AlumniMatters



The semester is coming to a close and there is no doubt winter is approaching. The campus is always beautiful but as the fall leaves become the swirling snow, I am reminded of the tremendous beauty in the heart of Richmond... EASTERN!

Our Alumni Board had its first meeting of the 2008-09 year in September. An exciting bit of news from the meeting was the decision to change our name from National Alumni Association to International Alumni Association. This decision was made to be inclusive of our alumni living abroad in 49 different countries. At this meeting we welcomed several new board members who began their three-year term on July 1. For a complete listing of board members go to www.eku.edu/alumni.

Mike Conway, '72, is serving as our president this year.

Colonel Country: Welcome to our NeighborHood Homecoming 2008 was celebrated with many different constituencies coming home to gather together. Special reunions included the African-American Alumni Reunion, Alumni Marching Band, Greeks, and others! In addition, Homecoming weekend saw the celebration of the completion of our capital campaign. There is never a dull moment!

This fall we also had an alumni trip to Ireland. As we "kissed the blarney stone" our hope is that we will continue to grow the Alumni Tour program. If you are interested in traveling, please email me at jackie.collier@eku.edu. We will be surveying for input and ideas.

It is hard to believe, but we will soon be selecting our Alumni Award recipients for 2009. Honorees will be celebrated during Alumni Weekend, April 24-26, 2009. To find out more about our awards, go to www.eku.edu/alumni and click on the awards button. You may also contact me for a nomination form to be received in the mail.

With the reminder about our awards, I would also like to remind you to mark your calendars for Alumni Weekend 2009, April 24-26. We will be celebrating the classes of 1939, 1944, 1949, 1954, 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974 and 1979. Of course, we invite all alumni and friends back to campus during the weekend celebration.

As always this brings my best to you!

Jackie Collier

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President's Perspective



My fellow Eastern alumni,

In my last column, I reported to you that Eastern would be focusing on three areas as it moves forward on the path of continued distinction. These points of strategic focus are student success, regional stewardship and our Quality Enhancement Program, centered on the fostering of critical and creative thinking. Here is a brief update on some activities in each:

The leadership and staff in Academic Affairs and Student Affairs are at work to re-engineer our student service and support network from recruitment to graduation

with the dual goal of enrolling more students and helping a higher percentage achieve success. Part of this effort will be the identification of a permanent associate vice president for enrollment management.

Our vision for student success is holistic and includes empowering our graduates to be successful in the modern global environment. Your Alumni Association is part of this effort and in September voted to change its name to the Eastern Kentucky University International Alumni Association.

On Saturday, October 11, my wife, Joanne, and I enjoyed hosting a reception for 30 ECU alumni in Tokyo. It was a great evening and I expect Tokyo will become the home of our first chapter outside of the United States. We are indebted to Professor Emeritus Michiko Kwak for her labor of love in putting this event together. Earlier that week, we visited Rikkyo University, an outstanding institution in Tokyo with which we are seeking to build a relationship.

On Tuesday of the next week we visited the University of Yamanashi in Kofu-shi, the capital of Yamanashi Prefecture. The purpose of this visit was to renew with President Hideaki Nukui the 20-year-old exchange agreement between our two fine universities. During the history of this agreement, many students from both institutions have benefitted from the opportunity to study abroad. Faculty exchanges have also been part of the program. Our exchange with the University of Yamanashi is part of the larger partnership between Madison County and Hokuto City in the Yatsugatake Highlands region of Yamanashi Prefecture. The life's work of the late Dr. Paul Rusch, a Kentuckian, has created a special bond between the Bluegrass State and this region of Japan that benefits Eastern greatly.

I have been invited to speak at Daegu Haany University in Korea next year. We have an exchange agreement with this leading Korean

institution. The same is true for Liaoning Technical University in China. We plan to visit there and to also seek to develop relationships with other Chinese institutions. Eastern has established exchange arrangements with other institutions around the world and we will build on those, as well.

Previously, I had advised you that Dr. Wayne Andrews, president at Morehead State University, and I are committed to finding ways to partner in better serving each institution's 22-county service region—what in our case we have begun calling our 22 County Campus. Our efforts have grown to include the member institutions of the Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities—facilitated by its president, Dr. Gary Cox—and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System campuses in MSU and ECU's combined service regions. The University Center of the Mountains at Hazard, the Center for Rural Development at Somerset, the Kentucky League of Cities, and the Governor's Office for Local Government are also partnering with us.

We have held two very productive meetings—one in Morehead and one in Richmond—to identify areas where the above mentioned institutions and agencies can collaborate in regional stewardship efforts. The commitment shown has been encouraging and we are excited about a level of regional cooperation that we believe will be unique in America.

Our Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) of fostering critical and creative thinking has long been woven into the fabric of the Eastern Experience. Never, though, has this part of our heritage received more focused attention than today. While it has become an across-the-curriculum emphasis, some very special activities are lifting it up. This year's Chautauqua Lecture Series has "Freedom" as its theme, and Dr. Bruce MacLaren and others have lined up a stellar list of thought-provoking speakers, beginning with Chris Hedges and Ron Suskind, two Pulitzer Prize winning authors. While the Chautauqua Series is a year-long program, during the spring the Citizens' Assembly for Critical Thinking About the United States (CACTUS) will focus the campus' attention on the question: "Is it time to change the drinking age?" The Amethyst Initiative, a national movement advocating a lowering of the drinking age to 18, has provided the impetus for this hot-button topic.

The Ron and Sherrie Lou Noel Studio for Academic Creativity continues to head toward fruition with the most recent development being the identification of the project architect. We all look forward to the completion of this project in the John Grant Crabbe Library.

I continue to relish the opportunity to serve our alma mater and look forward to sharing much more good news with you in the future.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Charles D. Whitlock". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Charles D. Whitlock, '65, '66

President

Hearts Across the Highlands

The Kentuckian who served Yatsugatake

President Doug Whitlock's visit to Japan this October highlights the depth, breadth and vigor of Eastern Kentucky University's nearly century-old ties to the spectacularly beautiful rural mountain region of Yatsugatake in the center arc of Honshu, Japan's largest island.

Yatsugatake is not far from Tokyo but a world apart, with volcanic Mount Yatsugatake soaring more than 9,500 feet, lush valleys, clean water, thermal hot springs, and self-reliant villagers who once farmed tiny highland plots following ancient traditions. Wealthy visitors often came, admired the scenery, hiked, fished, took the waters—and left. The villagers stayed poor. But in 1925, a Kentuckian from Louisville, Dr. Paul Rusch, came, stayed—and served. A devastating earthquake had destroyed the Yokohama YMCA. Young Rusch, sent to manage the rebuilding efforts, traveled widely and fell in love with the rural Yatsugatake region that reminded him of his beloved Kentucky. He discovered a cause that would become his life's work.

With the YMCA rebuilt, Rusch became a lay missionary of the Episcopal Church and economics professor at Rikkyo (then St. Paul's) University in Tokyo. Searching for ways to relieve rural poverty and

yet retain the culture and values of the people he so deeply respected, Rusch focused on the young, creating youth groups and retreat programs. "Do your best and it must be first class" became his motto—akin to Eastern's original: "The best is hardly good enough." Between development projects, Dr. Rusch cleared a football field, put on old clothes and introduced his boys to the gritty excitement of the gridiron. In fact, Rusch is often cited as "the father of Japanese football."

A visionary in "eco-tourism," he patched together funds for Seisen Ryo, a permanent retreat lodge in the highland village of Kiyosato. After serving in World War II, he returned with General MacArthur's staff to war-torn Japan and found even more desperate poverty in his beloved highlands. Thus began the second stage of Rusch's work.

For the next thirty years, Rusch developed the Kiyosato Educational Experiment Project (KEEP) to develop educational, agricultural, medical, environmental and religious activities in the highlands, bringing health, faith and jobs to rural youth. In each element of the project, he sought to harmonize economic development with the cultural, spiritual and aesthetic values of ancient Japan. Respected in Japan and generously supported by Rusch's U.S. ties, KEEP grew. By 1963, the project included a church, demonstration highland dairy farm, clinic, nursery school and farm school. Remembering Kentucky county fairs, Rusch introduced crafts fairs, highlighting cottage industries like broom making.

Rusch brought observers and participants from around the world and kept close ties with Kentucky, encouraging a steady flow of students and faculty to visit, work and study at KEEP, offering fellowships to bilingual workers for development and education projects in the rural village of Kiyosato. Dr. Paul Rusch died in 1979, deeply mourned in the highlands but honored through KEEP's flourishing growth.

Today at KEEP, there are Japanese and western sleeping rooms, eco-cabins, conference facilities, traditional crafts classes and shops, hiking and ski trails, dairy demonstrations, concerts, a nature center,





ecological research facilities, and, of course, the one-room Japanese-American Football Association Museum.

Rusch's vision of sustainable, ecologically conscious development of rural regions inspired rural development groups in the Philippines, Tanzania and Romania. However, it is the relationship with EKU's home of Madison County which most closely honors KEEP's founder.

The Madison County Sister Region Agreement began when Eastern's Dr. Martha Conaway was teaching at KEEP and heard that the town of Takane in the Yatsugatake region was searching for a sister city in eastern Kentucky. Japanese and Kentuckian delegations soon decided to create a regional alliance between the Yamanashi Prefecture and Madison County. A pattern of visits was established, with delegations of artists, educators, citizens and middle school students coming from Japan one year and Kentucky delegations going to Japan the next. For twenty years, says Randy Osborne of Berea, this pattern has not been broken.

Visits by middle school youth, says Osborne, plant "seeds of understanding." Crafts and exchanges enrich the partnership. Japanese paper folding, flower arranging and performance artists visit Madison County, which in turn sends over weavers, ceramic and glass artists, potters, dancers, broom makers, blue grass musicians and wood carvers. Local blacksmith Jeff Farmer, veteran of 14 partnership trips, says Japanese highlanders are keen judges of quality: "When they buy something, they buy the best. There's really a lot of interest in American crafts, particularly handmade items."

With trips and student exchanges, language barriers are falling. In the early 1970s, Michiko Kwak, young Japanese wife of faculty member Dr. Tae-Hwan Kwak, began working as a librarian for Eastern. Convinced that enough students were interested in learning Japanese to justify a class, she began teaching part-time in 1990.

Kwak's enthusiasm and energy soon built a loyal following, culminating in a full-time position shared by Eastern and Berea College in 2000. Today, Eastern offers a Certificate of Conversation and Culture in Japanese, a tribute both to Kwak's passionate enthusiasm and to Eastern's ever-strengthening ties with Japan.

Retired to Los Angeles to stay closer to family, Kwak also stays close to Eastern – and the estimated 50 Eastern alumni in Japan. In an effort that Dr. Whitlock calls a "labor of love," Kwak recently assembled a Tokyo reception for Dr. Whitlock and his wife Joanne with 30 of these alumni. In the next section, we'll follow Dr. Whitlock's recent trip to Japan and the exciting inter-university and inter-cultural partnerships being developed for Eastern's faculty and students. Today, as in 1925, international partnerships begin with the individual, as when young Paul Rusch first stood awestruck at the beauty of the Yatsugatake mountains that spoke to him of far away Kentucky and its rugged, resourceful highland people.

Blogging from the Rising Sun: Dr. Whitlock Visits Japan

President Doug Whitlock is opening the next chapter in Eastern's long partnership with Japan, exploring new links with Japanese universities and trying his hand at the blog culture of the global e-world. In a packed two weeks in October, Dr. Whitlock visited Rikkyo University in Tokyo, hosted an alumni reception, renewed an exchange agreement with the University of Yamanashi and visited Hokuto City in his role as chair of the Madison County International Committee. Accompanied by his wife, Joanne, Dr. Whitlock also "did a little sightseeing and had some fun," which is why, he notes, the couple personally bore most of the expense of the trip, including airfare.





Here are some excerpts and photographs from President Whitlock's blog-journal of his trip to Japan.

Welcome to Tokyo

After a “mind and posterior numbing” 12-hour flight to Narita Airport, came a bit of R&R, then an official visit to prestigious Rikkyo University, which is seeking partnership with a comprehensive public university. “I have one in mind,” notes Whitlock dryly. The Whitlocks also visited the Edo-Tokyo Museum for the “always humbling experience” of discovering “just how new we are to this civilization game.”

On October 9, Dr. Whitlock could report exciting progress at Rikkyo University for partnerships with Eastern's College of Business & Technology as well as the Globalization and International Affairs program in the Department of Economics. The fact that Rikkyo's global business programs are taught in English will ease student and faculty exchanges for both universities.

Touring Tokyo, Dr. Whitlock visited Asakusa Kannon, the oldest Buddhist temple in Japan, and a modern office building topped, the guide said in Japanese, “by a statue of a carrot or a parsnip.” Note: Dr. Whitlock knows enough Japanese for traveling, shopping, dining and some conversations. He reads both the Katakana and the Hiragana scripts and knows “a few hundred” Kanji (the Chinese-based characters used in more formal Japanese writing).

The Alumni/Friends Event: October 11, 2008

“What a wonderful evening to be in Tokyo and affiliated with Eastern Kentucky University,” Whitlock blogged. “It was absolutely great.” The 36 alumni and friends gathered at the Tokyo Hilton included educators, a stockbroker, marketing researcher, executives, an occupational therapist, athletic trainer, accountant, artist, owner of a landscaping company and other professionals: “pretty much the spread we find in Florida, Pennsylvania or California.”

Friends included Professor Ueya of the University of Yamanashi, “long-time father figure of ECU students who enroll there.” Michiko Kwak was affectionately honored as “foster mom, aunt, and sister.”



One university president even claimed to be her “grand student.” Throughout the evening, guests testified to the impact that Joanne and I have heard throughout the U.S. Now we have heard it halfway around the world.” The most warmly received news was that the ECU Alumni Association is now the Eastern Kentucky University International Alumni Association. Japan will host the first alumni chapter outside the U.S. Kwak sees this chapter helping alumni newly arriving in Japan find work and social connections and ease acculturation. The network can steer ECU students in Japan to host families and resources. Kwak is also hoping to bring Japanese graduates back to ECU to see how their Kentucky “home” has changed.

Which foreign countries have the most Eastern alumni?

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| Canada – 47 | Japan – 34 | Thailand – 25 |
| Saudi Arabia – 17 | Taiwan – 8 | |

From Tokyo to Kofu

The fast train from Tokyo to Kofu never turns around – the crew simply flips seats so travelers can see the land once prowled by the 16th-century warlord Shingen Takeda. The Whitlocks visited his shrine with Jennifer Corwin, executive director of the American Committee for KEEP, enjoyed a hot spring bath (reputed to cure neuralgia) and found time for kaimono (shopping) in Kofu, where about 80% of the world's fine jewelry is made. The Whitlocks passed on jewelry, but did indulge in soft ice cream.

Near the Zenkoji Temple, Dr. Whitlock had the pleasure of signing a 10-year renewal of Eastern's exchange agreement with the

University of Yamanashi, visiting Eastern students Patrick Shoemaker, E. J. Howson and Steven Shearer and discussing their studies there. Later, the Whitlocks visited Shingen Takeda's tomb, walking down a long hallway constructed so that footsteps create the sound of singing birds. A crystal museum and wine research institute revealed a brandy distilling system made of glass, not the copper "most folks have seen in Kentucky," Whitlock blogged.



Madison County comes to Yatsugatake

When the Madison County delegation stumbled into the beautiful Seisen Ryo lodge at KEEP after 24 hours of travel to Japan and a 4-hour bus ride from Narita, Dr. Whitlock "took mercy" and posted no arrival photos. Fortunately, a good night's sleep in the cool mountain air of Yatsugatake did wonders and the visitors eagerly prepared gift bags "with good ECU flavor" for their Japanese hosts, admired the Paul Rusch Memorial Center and Museum, and saw Fuji-san peeking her nose through the clouds.

The Paul Rusch Festival, Yatsugatake County Fair

Eastern's Dr. Paul Rusch is "a genuine legend in this region," wrote Whitlock as he photographed preparations (junbi) for the Paul Rusch Festival Yatsugatake County Fair that attracted 50,000 visitors. The two most prominent features were the Kentucky flag on the arch and the picture of Dr. Rusch on the stage.

The fair was truly international, with tourism booths from Italy, Tanzania, Ecuador and Brazil. "If Kentucky is going to get serious about adventure tourism, this would not be a bad place to market it," Whitlock wrote. In this global arena with leaders of Japan's private and public sectors attending, Whitlock gave his second address in Japanese—another success. "To a person, everyone said good things about Kentucky." From young Japanese girls trying their hand at blacksmith Jeff Farmer's anvil, to decorated dogs, ubiquitous "Power of Maroon" bracelets, bonfires, delicious food and the Berea Bluegrass Ensemble singing "My Old Kentucky Home" and "Amazing Grace," the fair would have delighted Dr. Rusch.

Before the "county fair," Madison County delegates toured Hokuto City, government offices, nursery schools, a sake brewery, a shrine—everything the hosts could "pack into a day." Looking ahead to research opportunities, Dr. Whitlock received the mayor's enthusiastic support for a visit from ECU faculty working in solar power R&D.

These were long days in Japan, blogged Dr. Whitlock, but deeply satisfying, "a reaffirmation that human beings are more alike than different despite their cultural and geographic distances." In celebrating the beauty, the crafts, the land and the culture of the Yatsugatake highlands, Madison County delegates looked forward to next year, when they will share their own land, food, customs and crafts with visiting Japanese friends. Meanwhile, Eastern faculty, students and alumni in Japan expand partnerships, develop new research, study and cultural exchanges illuminated by Dr. Paul Rusch's near century-old motto: "Do your best and it must be first class." **ECU**

EASTERN *in the Emerald Isle*

Alumni roam Ireland's hills, castles, pubs, shops and ancient monasteries.



Roaming Ireland's green rolling hills, Eastern alumni spent six days this fall exploring the vibrant, romantic and heroic history of this rare land as they shared memories of Kentucky's green hills and their years at Eastern. They were puzzled at first by the accents, but soon were striking up conversations in friendly pubs, delighting in the rich varieties of traditional music that sounded, to Jodi Wells, class of 2005, "a little bluegrass." In a Dublin pub she even heard Kentucky favorite "The Old Rugged Cross" played with an Irish twang.

Tour members ranged from recent graduates like Wells to 1950s graduates Harry and Joy Stigall, but all in the end became "like family," says Wells. Arranged by GoNext Travel, the Emerald Isle Tour mixed free time with organized activities, optional tours and individual

The Stigalls were intrigued by the more recent history of the mid 1800s, the potato famine and its devastating effect on the Irish population. "In fact," they note, "there are fewer people living there now than before the famine." For many of Irish descent on the tour, these stories forged a deep connection to family history and the brave survivors of the famine who poured through Cumberland Gap, Tenn., in the late 1840s to start a new life in the Bluegrass. In the Dingle peninsula—Jackie Collier's favorite spot on the tour—intrepid Eastern travelers wandered among the ancient "clochans" or stone houses built in the shape of beehives, learning, said Harry Stigall, "their sad and interesting history."

There were challenges, like climbing the 122 "very steep steps" up inside Blarney Castle to kiss the famous stone, legendary since its



activities like golfing, horseback riding or a horse-drawn "jaunting cart" in Killarney. There were always stories of the day's adventures to share over pub grub and a pint at night.

Mixed with family and groups from other colleges, Eastern alumni bonded with University of Kentuckians and joked with Texas groups. Eastern's Director of Alumni Relations, Jackie Collier, "a bit of a picture-holic" notes Wells, documented the tour, but with group members already sending digital pictures back and forth, it will be easy to recall the many highlights of these busy days.

The Eastern group traveled deep into history, wandering through the ruins of the monastery of Glendalough set in a glacial valley between sparkling lakes (the Irish, *Gleann Dá Loch*, means Glen of Two Lakes) where the 6th Century priest St. Kevin led a small band of faithful to retreat from the world for prayer, contemplation and work. Wells treasured the peaceful calm and was fascinated to learn about daily life through the quiet centuries of Glendalough.

placement there in 1446. After such hard work, says Wells, "I absolutely kissed it." Did the kiss bestow its promised boon of eloquence? "I'm working on that," she laughs.

After history, music, hiking, climbing, castles, pubs, shops, museums, churches and tours, with the stark contrast of lonely, lovely Glendalough with the bustle of Dublin, the rock-hewn houses of Dingle and the fine crystal of Waterford, the six day tour was full to bursting. But with excellent travel and hotel arrangements by the travel agency, Eastern alumni could relax and enjoy each day. "We had fun!" declare Harry and Joy Stigall. "I'm definitely going back!" adds Jodi Wells.

After the success of the Emerald Isle Tour, the Alumni Association would like to explore other possibilities for travel. If you have destination ideas, please contact Jackie Collier at jackie.collier@eku.edu; or drop her a line c/o Richards Alumni House, 521 Lancaster Ave., Richmond, KY 40475. **EKU**



Chautauqua Lecture Series: BRINGING IN

When Eastern students and community members stream into O'Donnell Hall for the Chautauqua Lecture Series, when they engage with nationally known speakers and hear the ground-breaking work of Eastern faculty, they are heirs to a uniquely American experiment in democratic education that began more than a century ago, says Dr. Bruce MacLaren, professor of history, founder and organizer of the series.

The original Chautauqua Movement was born in 1874 on the banks of New York's Lake Chautauqua as a "vacation school" to edify rural teachers. With a winning three-fold purpose of education, entertainment and spirituality, the movement took fire. Soon wagon-loads of families were coming to hear speakers of national renown. The turn of the century brought 10,000 Chautauqua local reading circles throughout the country as well as "traveling Chautauquas" on 93 national circuits reaching 35 million people a year. President Teddy Roosevelt was so taken by the democratic spirit of the movement and its commitment to lifelong learning that he pronounced it "the most American thing in America." The Chautauqua Institute continues today and while Eastern's lecture series is not formally affiliated with the Institute, they share the same breadth of inquiry, excellence of programming and open forum. In lively Q&A sessions, any Eastern student or community member is free to stand up and engage some of the best minds of our nation on issues as diverse as Constitutional law, the "good war" theory, or the impact of rap music on the cultural landscape.

Eastern's Chautauqua Lecture Series was born in 1999, when MacLaren and a small group of colleagues recalled the profound impact of outside speakers on their own educational experience. "The world must come into the university," MacLaren concluded. Asked to start a speakers' program at Eastern, MacLaren drew on the Chautauqua

model with three modifications: first, he would keep its education and entertainment missions, but replace overt spirituality with humanistic exploration of a variety of faith traditions. Second, each year's series would trace a broad theme through multiple disciplines. Third, Eastern faculty members would join the speaker line-up, bringing wider community awareness of "home talent" while nurturing the lively interdisciplinary exchange so critical to Eastern's academic traditions.

MacLaren's first Chautauqua Lecture Series in the 2000-2001 academic year explored the theme of evolution. The lively debates and interdisciplinary applications spurred by the topic were repeated in successive themes:

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| STANDING ON RIGHTS..... | 2001-2002 |
| LOVE..... | 2002-2003 |
| WAR AND PEACE..... | 2003-2004 |
| DIVERSITY..... | 2004-2005 |
| QUESTING AND QUESTIONING..... | 2005-2006 |
| COMPASSION..... | 2006-2007 |
| SPACE, PLACE AND LIFE..... | 2007-2008 |
| FREEDOM..... | 2008-2009 |

When asked to describe some of the most notable moments of the Chautauqua Series, MacLaren recalls the February, 2006 visit of Angela Davis, political activist noted for her role in the 1960s anti-Vietnam and Black Panther movements. While MacLaren says that "most people who remember Angela Davis have white hair now," a standing-room-only audience packed O'Donnell Hall, giving her three standing ovations. Students were electrified by her commitment and her presence. One stood up and asked: "Professor Davis, what should we do? Tell us how we can change the world." Davis



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threw back a challenge: “I’m old. I made 100,000 mimeographs. Many of you never saw one of those. I attacked injustice in *my* world. What are *your* issues? Go out, find them and figure out what to do about them.” It is moments like this, says MacLaren, that make the Chautauqua Lecture Series a capstone experience for so many students.

Now in its seventh year and focused on the broad theme of “Freedom,” MacLaren has assembled an outstanding panel of speakers, thanks in part to generous funding, speaker suggestions and support from multiple departments. Professors Abraham Velez (Eastern), Ravi Gupta (Centre) and Jeffrey Richey (Berea) address “Spiritual Freedom in Hinduism, Buddhism, and Confucianism.” Rap artist Chuck D will speak to race and rap; Kentucky lawyer and gubernatorial candidate Gatewood Galbraith discusses privacy rights and current challenges to civil liberties. Jianli Yang, Tiananmen Square activist recently released from prison on charges of espionage, addresses human rights in China. Other speakers include Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial cartoonist Joel Pett; Carol Gilligan, feminist and ethicist; Eastern’s noted political scientist Gregg Gunderson and Bernice Johnson Reagon, songwriter and member of the internationally known a cappella ensemble Sweet Honey in the Rock, who explores the powerful contributions of song culture to the Civil Rights Movement.

As each Chautauqua series bombards audiences with new ideas, theories, revelations and enlightenment, challenging, even exploding old visions of broad themes, many students write about their experiences:

Attending the Compassion series, Maggie Longberry heard Dr. David Hilfiker, founder of Joseph’s House in Washington, D.C. which serves homeless men and women with AIDS and other terminal illnesses. “I was incredibly moved. What they do every day makes me want to make a difference in people’s lives and get involved in more compassionate efforts.”

Jeremy Turner, hearing of the cultural tragedies endured by the Jewish people, described how this lecture in the Diversity series unveiled for him “the two-sided life” of the American Jew and connected this to a lecture by Kentucky novelist Silas House and poet Frank X. Walker speaking on “Affrilachian Aesthetics,” the deep, often tragic heritage of African-Americans in this region. “The understanding of what is being lost and pushed down helps me to hold on to my culture and feel proud to portray myself as Appalachian,” concluded Turner.

David Horan had a similar charged moment of connection when Wardell Johnson’s lecture on cultural discrimination and David Simberloff’s discussion of genetic diversity in snail darters at first seemed like “a very small thread of relation” but on reflection “stood like a beacon” in understanding of how biology, genetic diversity and myths of ethnic supremacy interweave.

Whether the content is snail darters or modern economic systems, rap music or education reform, regional heritage, economy, ethics or current events, notes student Autumn Hendrickson: “Not a lecture has gone by that I haven’t called my mother, told my friends or found some way to inform friends about what I have witnessed and the topics that have broadened my mind.”

As Teddy Roosevelt found the original Chautauqua Movement “the most American thing in America,” the Chautauqua Lecture Series is in many ways the most Eastern thing about Eastern, a celebration of interdisciplinary excellence, presenting emerging and enduring issues that must be faced and embraced by a new generation of Eastern students. **EKU**

HOW BEES



Reclaim the Land

In 1607, when the first settlers came to Jamestown, they brought the foods they knew and the pollinator they relied on: the honey bee. That symbiosis continues. Today, says Dr. Tammy Horn of Eastern's Environmental Research Institute (ERI), \$13 billion of our agricultural economy is dependent on the honey bee. Yet, says Horn, for many people the contributions of bees to our economy and environmental health "weren't on the radar screen." This is changing.

Environmental Research Institute

The **Eastern Kentucky University Environmental Research Institute (ERI)** develops interdisciplinary and multi-institutional approaches to understanding Eastern Kentucky's ecosystems, analyzing contextual threats to human and environmental health, building community participation to address environmental problems, providing research opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students, and contributing to math and science education in the region's K-12 schools. ERI's analytic tools include mobile environmental laboratories, two continuous USGS stage and water quality monitoring stations, on-site lab GIS/RS workstations, a DNA sequencer, an Environmental Quant Lab, and an IDEXX Colisure analysis system.

Dr. Horn and Dr. Alice Jones, Director of ERI, are now in the first year of the Lost Mountain Honey Project of Perry County, a pro-active partnership with coal companies to reforest over 33,000 acres of former mine fields with bee-friendly species, jumpstarting commercial honey production and value-added industries on a scale unprecedented in this area. What's happening, says Horn, is a "true paradigm shift," a shared recognition that a diverse, sustainable economy depends on a diverse landscape. Bees are helping to recreate that landscape.

For generations honey bees thrived in Appalachia's richly diverse forests of tulip poplars, black locust, ash, maple, redbud and sourwood.

Tammy Horn's passionate expertise in honey production has deep Kentucky roots. Born in Harlan County, Tammy learned beekeeping from both sets of grandparents while absorbing a love of literature and history from her parents. With a Ph.D. in Modernism from the University of Alabama, Horn came to Eastern in 2000 to teach and help her grandfather with his hives. "The real education began," she says. The fruit of that education was a critically acclaimed social history: *Bees in America: How the Honey Bee Shaped a Nation* (2005). The next year she began a pilot project exploring how honey bees could aid reclamation of coal mine sites.



They feasted on wildflowers. Berry patches and orchards produced delicious honey varieties. Self-sufficient farmers tended their own hives, gleaned extra cash from local sales of honey and beeswax products. A few entrepreneurs ran successful commercial operations. Large and small scale beekeepers often turned to Eastern for help, as evidenced by frequent citations in beekeeping journals as early as the 1920s and in the collection of local beekeepers' archives found in the Special Collections of Crabbe Library.

In recent decades, however, beekeeping declined in eastern Kentucky. Population shifts away from small farms drained the region of experienced beekeepers. Tobacco is not bee-friendly. More significantly, strip mining and mountaintop removal devastated bee habitats. Nationally as well, bee production is threatened since the 1980s, when trachea and varroa mites began causing wide-scale hive collapse. In fact, the U.S. must now import both honey and the beeswax critical to cosmetics and other industries. Even the current recession, notes Horn, feeds demand: "When the economy hits a bump, people light candles."

The pilot project went well, but Horn needed more hives, healthy queens, land—lots of it, and the capacity to quickly plant these acres with bee-friendly species. Partners came forward. Edwin Holcombe, renowned beekeeper and master of the tricky art and science of queen bee production, had met Tammy Horn in "bee circles," admired her work and made a generous offer of thirty hives of trachea-resistant bees and financial support.

Meanwhile, Dr. Alice Jones of ERI was exploring ways that bee yards could serve as an economic stimulus to depressed mining communities. Beekeeping, she noted, has relatively low start-up costs and "connects people to the region," building on local traditions and knowledge of indigenous mountain floral.

Land for the project came, too. Two local coal companies, International Coal Group and James River Coal, agreed to have apiaries set on 33,000 acres of former mine sites in Perry County. The Lost Mountain Honey Project was born. While traditional reforestation projects focus on high value but relatively slow-growing hardwoods,

at ERI's direction, the coal companies introduced bee-friendly trees, shrubs and wildflowers like sourwood, basswood, asters, sunflowers and buckwheat, providing a long nectar-making season. Coal companies, notes Horn, can bankroll and manage planting operations of astonishing speed: 4,000 sourwoods in three days. The bees seem happy: the thirty original hives set in May of this year have already grown to forty, adding another 200,000 bees.

What does the Lost Mountain Honey Project bring to Eastern, to the economy, the ecology and to the people of this region? The Project, says Jones, "is a win-win-win-win" for all partners.



Eastern students will be fundamental to these wins. Geography student Hannah Watts used Geographic Information System technology to pinpoint optimal beekeeping sites near mine fields targeted for reclamation. Ray Eaton, another geography student, is mapping baseline vegetation at three new apiary sites which will be monitored to see how bees modify species mix and health. Future research projects will analyze complex interactions of air and water quality, weather, food supply, predators, disease and pollutants which affect hive health. Since bees are sensitive to environmental change, notes Jones, hive health can be a potent "environmental health marker" for broad-ranging research initiatives.

The goal of Lost Mountain Honey Project is to become self-sustaining, Jones notes, with ERI's bee-related research funded by grants, private donations and business partnerships. The goal is in sight. In its first year, the Project that began with two coal companies now involves four, showing "an amazing momentum," notes Horn. Tennessee, Pennsylvania and Indiana coal companies are anxious to tap into

Eastern's expertise to diversify their own reforestation efforts. What's happening, she insists, is a "paradigm shift," with coal companies investing in a diversified, sustainable ecology with significant economic potential for mining communities.

Bees will soon beget profits from honey, beeswax, value-added products and queen bee production on a scale unprecedented in Appalachia. While high-value timber reforestation projects take thirty to forty years to mature, bee-friendly planting can significantly increase honey production in three to four years. Since Perry County already has rail infrastructure, honey products can be economically transported out despite rising gasoline prices.

Kentucky's hilly terrain, problematic for many agricultural initiatives, actually supports local bee culture, creating "genetic islands" of biodiversity, ecological insurance policies against the epidemics which have weakened honey industries in California, Florida and the Midwest. Further, the presence of highly skilled beekeepers like Ed Holcombe promises yet another spin-off business: production and transport of virus-resistant queen bees.

Tammy Horn enthusiastically cites the "social capital impact" of ERI's outreach projects. Working closely with state agricultural extension offices, she has led two community workshops with another four scheduled. Volunteers helped bottle the first honey harvests. School teachers built hive boxes in a summer service project. Three successful programs for girls' groups are seeding a new generation of beekeepers. Horn lectures regularly for Eastern's geography, business and agriculture departments, encouraging creative thought on ways bee culture could serve the region.

What is exciting—and productive—in these outreaches, notes Horn, is that so many participants are connecting with deep family traditions of beekeeping. They know gardens and understand nature's complex interactions. They appreciate the rich floral perfume of a fine sourwood honey. And as people of this region have done for generations, they look to Eastern researchers like Alice Jones and Tammy Horn to help draw sweet, sustainable wealth from their beloved mountains. **EKU**

Campaign Completion is Cause for Celebration

An October 24 dinner in the Keen Johnson ballroom celebrated the support of thousands of alumni, faculty and friends who helped bring Eastern's first capital campaign to a successful completion. Surpassing its \$25 million goal 13 months ahead of schedule, the *Moving Forward Together* campaign saw:

- Nearly 50 percent of all funds raised provide student scholarships and enrichment funds
- More than 60,000 gifts received
- 10 lead gifts, each of \$500,000 or more

The generous support of so many of you will now have a critical impact on Eastern's second century. The changes already wrought on our campus as a result of this campaign are astounding. The Studio for Academic Creativity is not only physically transforming the Crabbe Library, but is also reshaping conceptions of collaborative learning. Campaign-funded grant awards of \$1 million financed everything from the latest and greatest lab equipment to student participation in national conferences to new band uniforms.

Such changes are invigorating for us all. However, what hasn't changed is Eastern's steadfast commitment to its mission of more than 100 years ago: we offer students the transformational power of a distinctive education. The *Moving Forward Together* campaign allows us to strengthen the assets that already made Eastern exceptional—determined students, inspiring professors, and a commitment to regional stewardship.

Thank you for helping us achieve this historic campaign victory and embolden successive generations through educational opportunity. **EKU**



Foster Appointed Vice President for Advancement

With news of the success of the capital campaign, Eastern President Doug Whitlock announced the appointment of Joseph Foster as vice president for advancement.

"Universities must have strong advancement programs to drive them forward and help them meet the needs of a new generation of students and graduates. Joe has proven ability to navigate the challenges of our times and build on Eastern's position as a centerpiece of higher education in our region," said Whitlock.

Having served for more than three years as the University's chief advancement officer, Foster played a critical leadership role in the \$25 million *Moving Forward Together* campaign, the first capital campaign in the University's history. Not only did he help devise the campaign strategy but he also oversaw its implementation from beginning to its successful end more than a year ahead of schedule.

Foster holds a bachelor's degree from Campbellsville University and a juris doctorate from the University of Kentucky. Prior to entering the higher education field, he was an attorney in private practice. **EKU**

Foundations of Teaching

The night dives are perhaps the most exquisite. That's when the squid come out, and the needlefish. Drawn to the beams of the snorkelers' flashlights, these darting, beaked slivers hover so near the water's surface that they routinely bump the heads of unsuspecting swimmers whose masks are pointed toward the reefs below. Then there are the dinoflagellates, planktonic organisms whose bioluminescence remind the 16 students from Eastern Kentucky University of the spectacular light shows put on by fireflies in the Ravine on early summer evenings.

In May, the reefs off the coast of Belize become the laboratory where students of ECU biology professor Dr. Guenter Schuster apply the knowledge gained in class during the spring semester.

"In the classroom, we learned about the design of a coral reef, certain species and habitat areas. We got lots of information on diseases, coral reef destruction and how we can protect them," explains aquatic biology graduate Jessica Russell ('08), part of the 2007 team. "Out on the reef, I was able to show what I could do and then learn some more."

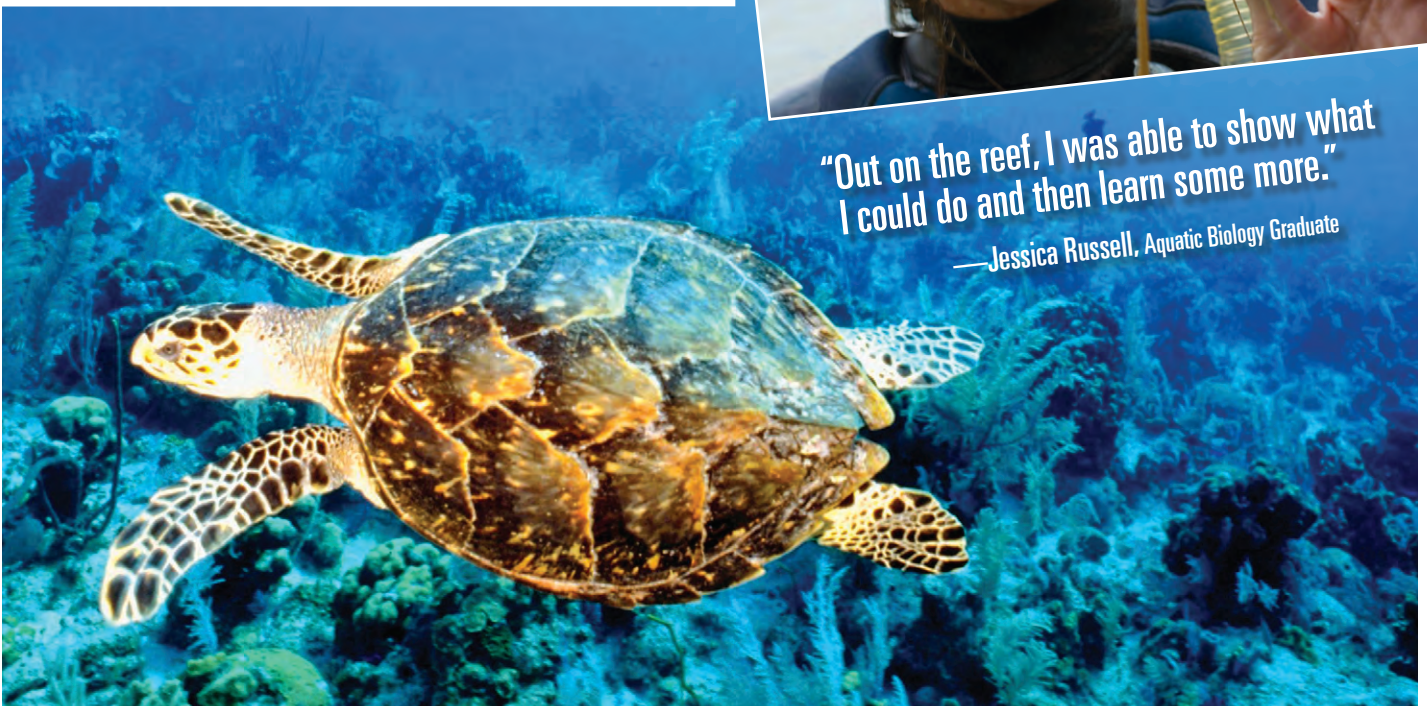
Dr. Schuster makes you want to learn more.

"He's very into whatever he's teaching," agrees Kimberly Little, who completed her master's degree in biology at Eastern last summer. "He's a naturalist at heart, which is sometimes rare, especially at bigger schools, and he's very encouraging of students."

For Eastern's part, encouraging Schuster to get out of the classroom and employ his hands-on teaching methods in places like Belize, the Bahamas and the Florida Keys is part of a plan to keep him *in* the classroom.



"Out on the reef, I was able to show what I could do and then learn some more."
—Jessica Russell, Aquatic Biology Graduate



Dr. Paul Blanchard, 1996-98
Government (retired)

Dr. Hal Blythe, 1990-92
English & Theatre

Dr. Branley Branson, 1988-90
Biological Sciences (retired)

Dr. Michael Bright, 1988-90
English (retired)

Dr. Harry Brown, 1995-97
English

Dr. Robert Brubaker, 2000-02
Psychology

Dr. Doug Burnham, 1992-94
Social Work (retired)

Dr. Jerry Cook, 2003-05
Physics & Astronomy

Dr. Gary W. Cordner, 1994-96
Safety, Security & Emergency
Management

Dr. John Curra, 2005-07
Sociology

Dr. Charles Elliott, 1997-99
Biological Sciences

Dr. William Ellis, 1993-95
History (retired)

Dr. Steven Falkenberg, 1999-2001
Psychology (retired)

Dr. Stephen Fardo, 1989-91
Technology

Dr. William Farrar, 2001-03
Biological Sciences (retired)

Dr. Donald Greenwell, 1999-01
Mathematics & Statistics

Dr. John Gump, 1997-99
Information Systems (retired)

Dr. Elizabeth Hansen, 2008-10
Communication

Dr. John Harley, 1993-95
Biological Sciences

Dr. Andrew Harnack, 1998-2000
English

Dr. Ella Hunter, 2000-02
Nursing

Dr. Ronald Jones, 2006-08
Biological Sciences

Dr. William Jones, 1995-97
Philosophy (retired)

Dr. Jerry Joyner, 1994-96
Technology (retired)

It's the conundrum of the education profession at all levels, from pre-school to university: one of the few ways for good teachers to advance in their careers is to leave the classroom in favor of administrative roles. This is especially troubling to a university like Eastern, which prides itself on the primacy of excellent teaching. EKU faculty have a reputation for taking learning out of the realm of mere books and lectures and getting students right in the thick of it with hands-on, kinesthetic experiences. They earn high marks for the enthusiasm with which they approach each lesson and the extraordinary lengths to which they will go to make classes interesting and subjects approachable. Having the means to recognize professors with passion not only for their field of study but also for the art of teaching itself seems even more important here.

For this reason, the Society of Foundation Professors was formed.

The Society is evolved from the vision of former Eastern president Dr. Hanly Funderburk. Upon arriving on The Campus Beautiful in 1985, he quickly began working with the EKU Foundation to provide a two-year stipend as a reward to those individuals who excel in the classroom and continue in the ranks of the professorate. Recipients are selected by a committee of faculty and administrators in a competitive process that allows for a high degree of peer review. To date, 48 professors have been inducted into the Society's ranks.

The Foundation Professorship has always carried with it no small modicum of prestige. However, in 2007 as the University celebrated the twenty-year anniversary of its program to honor outstanding instruction, a desire to give it a greater presence on campus began to find voice.


"In the past what had happened was individual professors would win the award and would pretty much be relegated to going back to their departments and working as individuals," explains Dr. Hal Blythe, a professor of English who sits on the Society's steering committee. "We figured that this was losing a great deal of power and energy that could come from bringing these people together."

Formally organizing the group into a society under the auspices of EKU's Teaching & Learning Center provides the structure necessary to facilitate campus exchanges, speaker series and forums on creative teaching.

"One of the things we do is mentor faculty. You want to know the single best motivating factor for students? A professor passionate about the material he or she is teaching," smiles steering committee member Dr. Charlie Sweet, also of the EKU English department. "We can help them understand that teaching and making sure we have students learning is a skill. It's just like an athlete. You can have an athlete who's technically perfect, but if he doesn't love what he's doing, you're not going to get stellar performances out of that athlete day in and day out."

Sharing their passion and knowing that their work will continue to inspire students for generations to come is also gratifying to the Foundation Professors themselves. Schuster is one example: “Last year we had a new faculty member who has been doing some behavioral work on coral reef fishes. He went along with me, and he has an interest in continuing this course after I retire.”

From a practical standpoint, it will be several years before Eastern and its Society for Foundation Professors can determine the extent to which students are benefitting from the Society’s efforts. “Some things we won’t know until down the road,” admits Sweet, “but anecdotally we’re seeing a great deal of enthusiasm over the things we’re trying to do.”

Kimberly Little doesn’t need that long to make her determination. “Besides the incredible experience of seeing the coral reef, for me the trip was extra impacting. When I started my master’s program, I was questioning what I was doing and wasn’t very confident. Being in a different country, in an unusual environment, helped me gain confidence, and hearing what Dr. Schuster and the other instructor thought of my abilities got me really motivated.” Little began her Ph.D. program at Lehigh University in August. 



- Dr. Victor Kappeler, 2007-09**
Criminal Justice & Police Studies
- Dr. Amy King, 1993-95**
Mathematics, Statistics &
Computer Science (retired)
- Dr. Paula Kopacz, 1996-98**
English
- Dr. Karl Kuhn, 1991-93**
Physics & Astronomy (retired)
- Dr. Christopher Laird, 1990-92**
Physics & Astronomy (retired)
- Dr. Esther Leung, 1988-90**
Special Education
- Dr. Reid Luhman, 1991-93**
Sociology (retired)
- Dr. James Masterson, 1990-92**
Technology (retired)
- Dr. John Meisenheimer, 1994-96**
Chemistry (retired)
- Dr. Robert Mitchell, 2008-10**
Psychology
- Dr. Pamela Moore, 1996-98**
Nursing
- Dr. Paul Motley, 1992-94**
Sports Science (retired)
- Dr. Gary Ritchison, 1998-2000**
Biological Sciences
- Dr. Don Ryoti, 1998-2000**
Mathematics, Statistics &
Computer Science (retired)
- Dr. Guenter Schuster, 2000-02**
Biological Sciences
- Dr. Robert Sharp, 1988-90**
Economics (retired)
- Dr. Judy Short, 2004-06**
Nursing
- Dr. Dorothy Sutton, 2002-04**
English & Theatre
- Dr. Charles Sweet, 1992-94**
English & Theatre
- Dr. Merita Thompson, 1989-91**
Health Education (retired)
- Dr. Charles Whitaker, 1997-99**
English (retired)
- Dr. Isabelle White, 1995-97**
English
- Dr. Ron Wolfe, 1991-93**
Communication (retired)
- Dr. David Zurick, 2007-09**
Geography

FROM THE CAMPUS BEAUTIFUL



EKU Among America's Best, says Forbes.com

Eastern Kentucky University is among the top 10 percent of undergraduate institutions in the nation, according to Forbes.com. ECU was named to the inaugural America's Best Colleges ranking, which qualifies schools based on the quality of the education they provide and the level of student achievement. Of the more than 4,000 colleges and universities in the United States, only 569 made the list.

U.S. News Taps Eastern for Annual Ranking

ECU is again ranked among the top Southern Master's Universities in the 2009 edition of "America's Best Colleges" by *U.S. News & World Report*. Eleven states constitute the Southern region in the magazine's rankings, which represent the most comprehensive comparison of schools based on 15 indicators of excellence compiled from more than 1,400 accredited four-year institutions.

Global Positioning

The number of ECU alumni living and working beyond America's borders is ever increasing. Currently, Eastern graduates reside in 49 foreign countries with the largest representation in Canada, Japan and Thailand. As services are broadened to better accommodate the needs of these citizens of the world, the board of Eastern's National Alumni Association voted in September to expand its horizons, becoming the International Alumni Association. "The name was changed to be more inclusive of our entire alumni body," explains Jackie Collier, alumni relations director. Watch for alumni events near you—no matter where in the world you are. In October, Eastern alumni living in Japan gathered in Tokyo. Want to host a gathering in your neck of the woods? E-mail jackie.collier@eku.edu.



A World View at ECU

Capitalizing on one of the hottest employment trends and the need for more world-savvy graduates, ECU has launched an undergraduate degree program in Globalization and International Affairs. The interdisciplinary program aims to graduate "culturally aware students who are comfortable in a variety of international public-sector, private-sector and non-profit positions," according to Dr. Fred Ruppel, interim chair of the department of economics, which houses the program. Geography, history, political science, economics, anthropology, foreign languages and humanities courses comprise the curriculum. Some of the program's course work may be completed online or through interactive television.



What a Milestone!

Former editors of Eastern's yearbook gathered on campus with faculty, staff and students in September literally to celebrate a *Milestone*. After an absence of almost a decade, the *Milestone* yearbook was revived in the 2007-08 academic year.

The student-produced publication, which fell by the wayside in 1999, is now overseen by the department of communication. The 2008 *Milestone* theme, "Touched by Tradition," emphasizes the importance of tradition in the college experience and the role of the yearbook in preserving that tradition. The 304-page book includes special sections highlighting the events of the nine years during which the *Milestone* was not published.

Something to Cheer About

The Colonels and Lady Colonels boast one of the most storied sports programs in Ohio Valley Conference history with a combined 21 All-Sports trophies. In September Eastern recognized nine individuals who gave us all something to cheer about. The third induction class of the EKU Athletics Hall of Fame includes: Bobby Washington (men's basketball); Fred Troike (football); Markus Thomas (football); Martha Mullins (administrator); Charles Mrazovich (men's basketball); John Jackson (football); Rose Gilmore-Skepple (track & field); Jonelle Csora-Clark (softball) and Angie Cox Blevins (women's basketball).



Catch a Ride

A new ride-sharing program at EKU is helping combat the skyrocketing costs of gasoline and the environmental impact of vehicle emissions. EKU Rides is an online system that enables members of the University community to tap into an existing Facebook social ride infrastructure to safely and efficiently locate potential carpool partners. It is estimated that for every 1,000 users of the system, the monetary savings exceed \$50,000 and the atmosphere is spared more than 80,000 pounds of carbon dioxide. An initial 15 parking spaces on the Richmond campus have been designated for car-poolers. Other energy-wise, environmentally-sound transportation options at EKU include campus-wide shuttle routes and cross-town transit services.

Healthcare for the Bluegrass

What began in 2001 as a health care provider for migrant farm workers now serves all central Kentuckians. EKU's Bluegrass Community Health Center has expanded its outreach to provide preventive and primary health care to residents of eight central Kentucky counties. Established in 2001, the Center's two Lexington locations are staffed by medical and social services professionals assisted by approximately 70 Eastern students earning valuable practical experience. Last year, Bluegrass Community Health Center treated more than 4,900 patients.

Home Team Advantage

Three former Colonels return to ECU to take over head coaching spots

Dean Hood, former Wake Forest and Eastern defensive coordinator, entered Roy Kidd Stadium as the 13th head coach of the Colonel football program. From 1994-98, Hood spent five seasons as an assistant coach under College Football Hall of Famer Roy Kidd. He served all five years as the secondary coach and the last two seasons as the defensive coordinator. In Hood's first stint at ECU, the Colonels captured two Ohio Valley Conference titles and advanced to the NCAA Division I FCS playoffs three times.

Under Hood's direction for the past seven seasons, the Wake Forest defense was known for creating turnovers and scoring touchdowns. Last fall, Wake Forest led the Atlantic Coast Conference with 35 turnovers forced on its way to going 9-4 and capturing the Meineke Car Care Bowl.

ECU Athletics Hall of Famer Chrissy Roberts, '98, '99, was selected in May as the eighth head coach of the Lady Colonels basketball team. Roberts takes the helm from Larry Joe Inman, who retired after 20 years on the sideline. As a student-athlete, Roberts led Eastern to its first-ever Ohio Valley Conference tournament championship and first-ever NCAA tournament appearance. She later served two stints as an assistant at her alma mater before spending the last six seasons as an assistant at East Carolina University.

Former infielder Jason Stein, '97, '98, returns to the ECU baseball diamond as head coach. A two-time All-OVC honoree playing for Athletics Hall of Fame coach Jim Ward from 1992-95, Stein (pronounced STEEN) later served as an assistant coach to Ward from 1998-2000. Stein comes to Richmond from Belmont University, where he served seven years as an assistant coach, the last two as assistant head coach.

Noted initially for his glove, specifically his ability to turn the double play, Stein proved his worth at the plate as a sophomore when he won the 1993 OVC batting title with a .378 average. The second baseman was named second team All-OVC that year, and was selected to the OVC All-Tournament team after hitting .400 in post-season play.

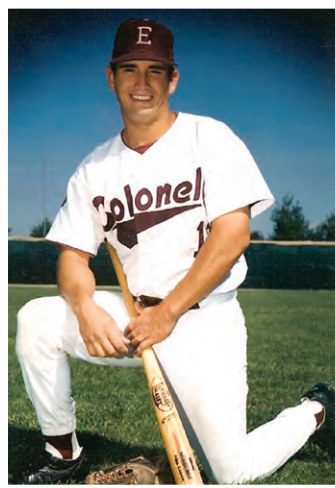
Stein finished his Colonel career with a .334 batting average, and was named OVC Player of the Week three times. **ECU**



Dean Hood



Chrissy Roberts



Jason Stein

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1930s

Mary Mae Brock Mardis, '37, London, Ky., retired from teaching in 1974. She spent the first 4 years of her career in the Laurel County School System. After WWII, she taught first grade at London Elementary for 28 years. **Edwin Barnes**, '39, Ft. Myers, Fla., is proud of his son, Douglas Agna Barnes, for his accomplishments as Chief of Staff at the Shriners Hospital for Children in Houston, Texas.

1940s

Emma Osborne Claxon, '40, Bloomington, Ind., has completed a memoir recounting the years she spent teaching in a one-room schoolhouse near Red River, Ky. during the Great Depression. Teaching half the year and attending EKU the other half, she earned her diploma a decade after entering Eastern. She eventually left teaching to go with her husband to West Africa as missionaries. **Imogene Trent Darling**, '42, New Boston, Ohio, attended her 65th class reunion last April and enjoyed seeing old friends and making new ones! **Deward Eades**, '49, '51, Louisville, Ky., has paintings at Higgins-Maxwell Gallery which cover the last 60 years.

1950s

Marianne Auxier Kirby, '53, Danville, Ky., retired 24 years ago after teaching home economics 31 years at Boyle County High School and Junction City High School. **Joe D. Elam**, '58, Frankfort, Ky., retired from the Commonwealth of Kentucky and City of Louisville as a public administrator. A retired U.S. Army Reserve officer, he is a farm owner and operator. **Ernest L. Holmes**, '58, and his wife **Clara S. Holmes** are proud great grandparents.

1960s

Angus "Tony" Begley, '60, '66, Orlando, Fla., retired in 1995 as a physical education instructor at Seminole Community College. His wife **Lois Thomas Begley**, '58, '66, retired the same year as an elementary school principal with Drake County Public Schools. **Judy Evans Clifford**, '60, Miami, Fla., is the proud mother of a son and grandmother to a granddaughter and grandson, both of whom are in college. Her husband, **Marshall Vernon Clifford**, '61, died in 1974. She would love to hear from her EKU classmates. **Kayce McConnell Crenshaw**, '60, Owenton, Ky., was elected Kentucky Middle School Counselor of the Year in 2004. **Elizabeth Shaw**, '61, Richmond, Ky., is back at EKU for a second time. She is currently an O'Donnell Scholar pursuing an art degree and says that being enrolled in college as a senior citizen has given her life new meaning. **Melanie R. Wood**, '63, is the new vice president of the Kentucky Retired Teachers Association. **Carol Hinkle Becker**, '64, '80, '88, Morehead, Ky., was the recipient of a Commonwealth of Kentucky Senate resolution on the occasion of her retirement as director of financial aid with the office of enrollment services at Morehead State University. She served in the post 19 years.



Deborah Anne Murrell, '64, Louisville, Ky., is president of Bullitt County Retired Teachers

Association, 2007-09, and is membership co-chair of the executive committee of the Kentucky Retired Teachers Association. Last fall she received the Mayor of Louisville's Good Neighbor of the Year award. **Anthony Gish**, '66, Madison, Ind., teaches part-time at IUT College and UCC. He also helps with the math program at Trimble County High School. He is married to **Elizabeth Baglan Gish**, '66, who helps teach first grade. The couple has a grandson, Zachary. **Betty Barger Pace**, '66, '77, '90,

Winchester, Ky., defeated contenders from 17 counties in the 6th congressional district to win a spot to vote for the Democratic presidential candidate at the national convention in Denver. She is a former teacher, guidance counselor and director of federal programs for the Clark Co. School District. She is now author of five children's books, which may be purchased from www.bettypace.com. She is married to **Donald Pace**, '62, '64. **George Fallis, Jr.**, '67, Lawrenceburg, Ky., is retired as head football coach at Ludlow and Anderson Co. high schools. He misses everyone from his college days, especially the physical education majors of the Class of '67! **Daniel Bartley**, '69, Novato, Calif., was named outside general counsel for Sustainable Power Corporation, an international green energy provider, in July. In his 36 years of practice, Bartley has served Fortune 100 companies as well as smaller, start-up companies. He has been characterized by *The Wall Street Journal* as "a leading practitioner for false-claims and whistleblower cases." He is married to **Laurie Bartley**. **Dale Estep**, '69, '75, South Webster, Ohio, retired from teaching after 30 years. He and his wife have three children and five grandchildren. **Max Good**, '69, Los Angeles, Calif., has left the head coaching position at NCAA Division II men's basketball powerhouse Bryant University to join Loyola Marymount University as assistant coach to his protégé Bill Bayno. Good's final season at Bryant in 2008 saw the Bulldogs earn their fifth straight NCAA Division II tournament berth. When Good took over the program in 2001, it had suffered four straight losing seasons. Good spent five seasons as head coach at EKU, leading the Colonels to a 96-129 record and posting an 85% graduation rate of players. Good was named Ohio Valley Conference Coach of the Year in 1987. He was inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame in 2004, was named 2005 Words Unlimited Coach of the Year,

and most recently earned 2008 Rhode Island Media Coach of the Year honors. **Diane Harrod Goode**, '69, '70, Prospect, Ky., recently retired after 10 years of teaching English in Jefferson County Public Schools and nearly 20 years teaching writing at the University of Louisville. **James Gracey**, '69, Fort Thomas, Ky., is owner and operator of Sharonville Optical Service. Ironically, he met his wife, **Linda Lyons Gracey**, '68, '71, on a blind date. **Ken Ledford**, '69, '72, London, Ky., continues to manage car washes and a business consulting practice. He and his wife, Julie Ann, attend EKU basketball games on a regular basis. **William Turpin**, '69, '74, '80, Richmond, Ky., was elected 2008 state president of the Kentucky Cattlemen's Association. With nearly 9,000 members, the Association is the largest commodity group in Kentucky. He is married to **Mildred Cobb Turpin**, '69. **Donna Cailey Upton**, '69, Cincinnati, Ohio, and husband **Mark**, '70, retired from public education. Mark is now attendance officer with Warren Co. Educational Service Center.

1970s



Gary Adams, '70, Ft. Thomas, Ky., retired after 26 years as principal of Memorial High School.

In recognition of his lifetime commitment to lay leadership in Catholic education, Adams was honored by the National Catholic Education Association at its March conference. He is one of only six school leaders in the nation to receive the award. **Ronald J. Brown**, '70, Tequesta, Fla., is vice president of Gulfstream Business Bank, responsible for the bank's north Palm Beach county branch in Jupiter, Fla. **Cebert Gilbert, Jr.**, '70, Stanton, Ky., is president-elect of the Kentucky Retired Teachers Association.



Gerry House, '70, Nashville, Tenn., received a 2008 Academy of Country Music Award for on-air

personality in a major market. His syndicated morning show with his team "The House Foundation" is broadcast live across the nation. House holds the record for the most CMA awards in this category and is among the most awarded radio air personalities in the history of the medium. He has been the #1 radio personality in the Nashville market for 12 years. His wife, **Allyson Faulkner House**, '71, administrates Housenote Music, Gerry's music publishing company. **Sandy Martin**, '70, '73, Richmond, Ky., retired from teaching in 2001. She is now a real estate agent with Coldwell Banker McMahan. **O. Kent Reed**, '70, Palmyra, Pa., has been named professor emeritus by the board of trustees of Lebanon Valley College, where he was associate professor and long-time chairman of the physical education department. Reed's distinguished and successful coaching career in high schools and colleges in Ohio, Ky., and Pa. also resulted in numerous coach honors during his tenure. **Melinda Stepp Sobanski**, '70, Collierville, Tenn., retired from Shelby County schools as a librarian in 2007. Her husband, **Richard Sobanski**, '69, was named 2007 Adjuster of the Year by the Memphis Area Claims Association. **Wendell L. Trapp, Jr.**, '70, Eminence, Ky., is a retired public school teacher. He has five grand-daughters and four great-grandchildren, including twin girls. **Allen Trimble**, '70, Corbin, Ky., was one of only two lawyers honored as 2008 Outstanding Commonwealth Attorneys. During the past five years, Trimble has prosecuted four jury trials for DUI/wanton murder in which the defendants received life sentences. In 2007 he obtained a murder conviction in a 23-year-old homicide case. Not only was he one of the first prosecutors to use an event data recorder on a vehicle homicide case but he also used the first scale model of a crime scene in a death penalty case. He is married to **Sherry Trimble**, '80. **Raymonde Nicely Rougier**, '71,

Dayton, Ohio, has been inducted into the Chester A. Roush Educational Hall of Fame. The award recognizes individuals who exemplify the high ideals and dedication to education of Roush, a long-time member of the Ohio Board of Education. Before her retirement in 2000, Rougier taught music at all Kettering City Schools. She has been an accompanist and conductor for a variety of student choirs and remains active in the district's music department. **Pam Pope Wilson**, '71, '75, Louisville, Ky., retired after 33 years teaching in the Jefferson Co. Public Schools. She is now a teacher educator with the Kentucky Teacher Internship Program, which provides assistance to make sure a teacher's first year in the classroom is successful. **W. Thomas Chaney**, '72, '73, Florence, Ky., retired from Cinergy/Duke Energy and is now assistant vice president and managing officer of a national consulting firm. He oversees two offices and 26 employees. He is married to **Patsy Auxier Chaney**, '73. **Ann Hagan Clark**, '72, '75, Richmond, Ky., retired after 35 years as a teacher at White Hall Elementary School in the Madison County School System. **Mittie Davis Southerland**, '72, '73, Melber, Ky., is executive director of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences and professor emeritus of criminal justice at Murray State University. **Barbara Bracken Brown**, '73, '76, Cincinnati, Ohio, retired after 35 years teaching in the Tecumseh Local Schools of New Carlisle, Ohio. **Ray DeSloover**, '73, Richmond, Ky., has been elected vice-chairman of the Kentucky Lottery Corporation. He was first appointed to the board in 2004 by then-Governor Ernie Fletcher. The board oversees the more than \$750 million in annual sales and has paid nearly \$6.4 billion in prizes to players. Lottery proceeds fund college grant and scholarship programs. In 2007, ECU students received nearly 8,000 scholarships and grants worth \$11.4 million from Lottery proceeds. DeSloover is the owner of Coldwell Banker DeSloover Realty and is co-owner of several Golden Corral restaurants in Kentucky. He is married to **Jan DeSloover. Barbara Stutzke Russell**, '73,

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Rosemary M. Karr, '76, '79, Plano, Texas, was named Outstanding Community

Colleges Professor of the Year by The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. A professor of mathematics at Collin Community College, Karr developed Passport Mathematics, a self-paced program that teaches math with the help of real-world examples from movies, NASA space missions and medicine. Karr is married to **Fred Karr**, '77, '79. **Kevin Sutton**, '76, Lexington, Ky., is an assistant chief with the Lexington Police Department. He is a 30-year veteran of the force and attended the FBI National Academy. He is married to **Robin Sutton. John D. White, III**, '76, Falmouth, Ky., retired as principal of Pendleton Co. High School and is now interim principal at Harrison Co. Area Technology Center. **Mark Ochsenein**, '77, Cookeville, Tenn., was elected president of Phi Delta Theta's General Council and will lead the fraternity during 2008-10. A retired U.S. Army lieutenant colonel, he visited more than 43 countries as a helicopter pilot. Ochsenein is director of student activities at Tennessee Tech University. **Anthony Beatty**, '78, Lexington, Ky., is assistant vice president of public safety at the University of Kentucky. The former Lexington police chief continues work with the International Association of Chiefs of Police and has been involved in preparations for a Black Law Enforcement Executives convention. He and wife Eunice have also

Charlotte, N.C., and husband John are the proud parents of four children adopted from China. Barbara is a part-time copy editor for *The Charlotte Observer*. **Susan Otto Bourke**, '74, Ft. Thomas, Ky., has taught in the University of Cincinnati's Division of Criminal Justice since 1986. She and husband John have a daughter, Rachael. **Nancy Hawkins Cheville**, '74, Solomon, Md., is retired but keeps herself busy by dog walking and pet sitting. She returned to Kentucky this summer for her 55th high school reunion.



Joseph DeWitt, '74, '75, Hackettstown, N.J., is on his second tour of duty in Iraq, where he conversed with Gen. David Petraeus, former commanding general of the multi-national force in Iraq and now head of U.S. Central Command. A Vietnam veteran, DeWitt now serves with the 4th Division of the U.S. Army Reserves. He is married to **Nancy Miller DeWitt**, '73. **Gary Goodwin**, '74, Lexington, Ky., is the owner of a Dollar General store. **Delphina Hopkins-Gillispie**, '75, Valparaiso, Ind., received her Ph.D. in curriculum studies from Purdue University. She is professor of education and biology at Valparaiso University, teaching anatomy and physiology, and education science. Her husband, **Charlie Gillispie**, '74, '75, is vice president for administration and finance at the university.

established a non-profit foundation to help youths overcome obstacles and embrace opportunities.

Terry Carter DeLuca, '78, '80, Lexington, Ky., has been named director of creative giving for the United Way of the Bluegrass. She is married to **Thomas DeLuca**. **David S. Hume**, '78, Lexington, Ky., is a detective with the Lexington Police Background Investigation Unit.



Rex A. Kirkpatrick, '78, Coral Springs, Fla., was recently promoted to sergeant with

the Coral Springs Police Department, where he is currently night shift patrol supervisor. He is a former U.S. Army captain. **Jill LeMaster**, '78, stepped down in May as executive director of the Kentucky Ethics Commission, the first official watchdog of the executive branch of government. She was responsible for holding Kentucky's government officials to laws, regulations and executive orders involving conflicts of interest and financial disclosure. **Robert Riesenbeck**, '78, Germantown, Tenn., is IT director for consumer and industrial packaging for International Paper. He and wife, **Connie Craven Riesenbeck**, '80, have two sons, Evan, 18, and Chad, 12. The family has lived in the Memphis area for 6 years. **Joann Sumner Anderson**, '79, Lumberton, N.C., was keynote speaker at the annual membership banquet of the St. Pauls Chamber of Commerce on April 18. Anderson is CEO of Southeastern Regional Medical Center. **Matthew Durham**, '79, Navarre, Fla., is deputy director of public affairs for Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field. With more than 20 years of professional and Air Force active duty experience, he has twice earned Public Affairs Officer of the Year honors and was Air Force News and Information Officer of the Year in 1985. He is married to **Deborah Kidd Durham**, '78.



Loretta Jones Fugate, '79, '81, Lexington, Ky., retired from Central Office Administration in June 2008 after serving the

Perry Co. School System for 28 years. She is married to **Don Fugate**, '68, '74. **William Henderson**, '79, Lexington, Ky., was promoted to commander with the Lexington Police Department, where he has been on the force since 1977.



Alan Long, '79, Richmond, Ky., was elected president of the Kentucky Society of Certified

Public Accountants (KyCPA) in June. A partner in the firm of Baldwin & Associates, PLLC, he has been a member of KyCPA since 1981 and has held several leadership positions. He received the Outstanding Committee Chair award for his service on the Peer Review Committee. **Geraldine E. Walker**, '79, Berea, Ky., is a member of the First Baptist Church of Berea, where she serves as an usher and Sunday school secretary. She is a member of the Women's Industrial Association. **Tony Wilder**, '79, Danville, Ky., was appointed by Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear as commissioner of the Governor's Office for Local Development (GOLD). Since 1993 Wilder had been judge/executive of Boyle Co.

1980s

T. Shawn Caudill, '80, Lexington, Ky., continues to practice internal medicine at the University of Kentucky. His wife, **Valerie Bowdy Caudill**, '79, '83, volunteers at their son's elementary school. The couple also has two college-aged daughters. **Norma Jean Tyree Bengé**, '81, Lexington, Ky., retired from nursing in 1996 and is a nursing instructor at Central Kentucky State Vocational Technical School. **James Newton**, '81, Lexington, Ky., was named a commander with the Lexington Police Department in February. He joined the force in 1982 and graduated from the FBI National Academy. He is married to **Melody Newton**. **Michael Bosse**, '82, Nicholasville, Ky., was promoted to assistant chief of the Lexington, Ky., Police Department in February. He has 25 years of service on the force and attended the FBI National Academy. He is married to **Holly Bosse**. **Rodney Byrd**, '82,

Brooksville, Fla., completed his first year as head football coach at Hernando High School. Four of his graduating senior players received scholarships to play at Webber International University. **Steven Eversole**, '82, London, Ky., is CEO of Kentucky USA Energy Corp, an independent energy company developing the gas resources of the Illinois Basin's New Albany Shale. He oversees the day to day operations of the company's oil and gas development interests. Under his leadership, the value of company acquisitions has significantly increased. Eversole is an experienced entrepreneur and investor and is currently the managing partner of Tri Global Holdings. **Kent Miller**, '82, '91, Richmond, Ky., joins the Lady Colonels basketball coaching staff for the second time. He spent five seasons (1994-99) as an assistant to former head coach Larry Joe Inman and was part of the staff that led the team to its first Ohio Valley Conference title. He now joins new head coach **Chrissy Roberts'** first staff. He is married to **Dana Miller**. **Steve Phillips**, '82, New Carlisle, Ohio, was promoted to vice president for safety at TriCo Lift. He will oversee the company's risk identification and prevention efforts. Under his direction, TriCo received public recognition for performing more than 12 consecutive months without lost time or recordable incident. **Irving D. Schoenacker**, '82, Nunda, N.Y., retired in August after 26 years with the New York State Department of Correctional Services. His last assignment was as a lieutenant at Groveland Correctional Facility. **Brian Brode**, '83, Plano, Texas, was one of three finalists to be a fully-sponsored member of Team EvoTri, an endurance sport team. Brode, an accomplished triathlete, ran in the Boston Marathon in April, completing the race in 5:12:36. **Peter Helein**, '83, Appleton, Wis., has been promoted from captain to deputy chief of operations with the Appleton Police Department.



Julie Ellen Barnott Moma, '83, Blue Mound, Ill., earned the Doctor of Ministry degree from Lexington Theological Seminary in May. She is senior

pastor of First Christian Church of Blue Mound. **Susan Rebecca Young**, '83, Buford, Ga., was promoted to controller of Micromeritics in Norcross, Ga. **John Mark Toby**, '84, Somerset, Ky., was nominated as Kentucky Baptist Convention president November 11. He was first vice president in 2005-06. A chaplain with the Kentucky Army National Guard for 25 years, since 1999 he has been pastor of Beacon Hill Baptist Church. His wife is **Cathy Burris Toby**, '84. **Mark Barnard**, '86, Lexington, Ky., was named commander with the Lexington Police Department, where he has been on the force for 12 years. He has attended the FBI National Academy. **Todd Berling**, '86, Ft. Wright, Ky., operates 2 offices of his theater design firm, one in Ft. Wright and the other in New York City. He and wife PJ have three children: Taylor, 10, Cameron, 8, and Theresa, 7. **Joseph Blakely**, '86, Lexington, Ky., was promoted to lieutenant with the local police department in February. He has been on the force since 1986 and is a graduate of the Southern Police Institute. His wife is **Mary Blakely**. **Donya Brown Saylor**, '86, Crab Orchard, Ky., has been named assistant vice president/market manager of Farmers National Bank Stanford Center. Saylor has worked in the banking industry more than 20 years, joining the risk management department of Farmers in 2007. **Robert Stack**, '86, '01, Lexington, Ky., was promoted to commander with the Lexington, Ky., Police Department in February. He joined the force in 1986 and attended the FBI National Academy. His wife is **Angela Davis Stack**, '90. **Kathy Stamps**, '86, Lexington, Ky., had the article, "A Fortified Economy: Strong in manufacturing, technology and entrepreneurial support, Lexington benefits from a diverse, balanced business base," published in the June issue of Delta's Sky magazine. **Tommy Vaughn**, '86, Lawrenceburg, Ky., retired two years ago after 20 years with the Lawrenceburg Police Department. During his final five years, he served as supervisor and wrote a successful grant application that provided equipment, overtime funds, child safety seats and other items to the department. Vaughn is a

member of the local Planning and Zoning Commission. **Robert Morrison**, '87, Columbia, Ky., earned his doctoral degree in technology management (manufacturing systems) from Indiana State University in May. His dissertation is titled, "A Determination of the Tasks of Technology Managers in the Central American Maquilas of U.S. Based Multinational Firms Using Structured Observation." **David Robbins**, '87, Wake Forest, N.C., is the new vice president for advertising at *The Macon Telegraph* in Macon, Ga. He was previously advertising director for *The Cary News* in Cary, N.C. **John Kevin Link**, '88, Crestwood, Ky., has been promoted director of contract administration at Humana Veterans Healthcare Services, Inc. in Louisville, Ky. **Brenda Brown**, '89, Ashland, Ky., enjoys her work as a Mary Kay independent beauty consultant. **Susan Dayton**, '89, '90, Maineville, Ohio, is the new head softball coach at Colerain High School, where she also teaches health and physical education. She was previously assistant varsity coach of the Little Miami High School team that won a district championship in 2007. **Charles "Ed" Massey**, '89, Hebron, Ky., was elected central region director of the National School Boards Association. He'll serve a three-year term on the

25-member governing board, representing nine states. Massey, only the third Kentuckian elected to the association, is a 12-year member of the Boone Co. Board of Education and is chairman of the Kentucky School Boards Insurance Trust. **Wayne Osborne**, '89, Virgie, Ky., has created a comic book series, featuring the superhero FX, that is taking its place on comic book shelves across the country. An accountant in the family-run business Midgard Mining, Osborne is a collector of original comic art and had had the idea for a comic book character in his mind for at least 10 years before working with renowned comic artist John Byrne to develop a sample issue. Publisher IDW was immediately interested and has released the comic as a limited series.

1990s

David Boggs, '90, '06, Winchester, Ky., was promoted to assistant chief of the Lexington, Ky., Police Department in February. He joined the force in 1991 and attended the FBI National Academy. He is married to **Rita Roberts Boggs**, '89, '93. **Angie Chandler**, '90, Bardstown, Ky., is in her 18th year as a school psychologist in the Nelson

County Schools System. She attends Parkway Baptist Church in Bardstown, where she is a Sunday school teacher, in the Worship Choir, and on the Praise team. **Teresa Taylor Wallace**, '90, Eubank, Ky., assumed duties as superintendent of Somerset Independent Schools July 1, 2008. She began teaching elementary school math in 1995, became principal of Berea Community Schools, and by 2000 was superintendent of Augusta Independent Schools, where she remained for two years before becoming superintendent of Lincoln Co. schools. In 1996 she earned the prestigious \$25,000 Milken National Educator of the Year Award. She was Berea's Business Woman of the Year in 1998.



Brian Corcoran, '91, '95, New York, N.Y., was recently named to *Sports Business*

Journal's "Forty Under 40." Corcoran was managing director of corporate marketing for NASCAR. He was a member of the team that sold the Cup title rights to Nextel in 2003 and has taken the lead on the search for a title sponsor for NASCAR's truck series. He is now Executive Vice President with Fenway Sports Group, spending time between Roush Fenway

Racing, Red Sox, PGA, Boston College and other properties. **Brian Lambert**, '91, Forest Hills, Ky., is an ophthalmologist and chief of staff at ARH Hospital in South Williamson, Ky. He and wife **Jennifer Witt Lambert**, '90, '92, have three children. **Vivian Santelices Rodes**, '91, Lexington, Ky., is a doctor of podiatric medicine and was board certified in foot surgery in 2003. She serves as secretary of State Board of Podiatry. **Shawn Coleman**, '92, Lexington, Ky., was promoted to commander of the Lexington Police Department in February. He attended the FBI National Academy in March. **Greg Craft**, '92, Sugar Hill, Ga., and wife **Cynthia Eads Craft**, '94, have three children: Harrison, 8, Hudson, 6, and Holland, 3. **Christopher Frazier**, '92, Georgetown, Ky., a 14-year Kentucky State Police veteran, was named Technical Services Division Trooper of the Year in May. He is assigned to the electronic crime section of the state police unit in Frankfort. He is married to **Tawana Chapman Frazier**, '93. **Dan Green**, '92, Sackets Harbor, N.Y., and wife Angela are the parents of two children. **Rebecca Hofmann**, '92, Cincinnati, Ohio, has joined the interior design department of The Office Expert. Hofmann will work with companies to help them design office spaces from furniture

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planning to full-scale design assistance. **John P. Murray**, '92, Carlisle, Pa., was named Hagerstown Fire Department's Career Firefighter of the Year. A member of the department for four years, Murray was recognized in part for his leadership in developing safety initiatives. He continues his mission of "safety first" as he works on his master's in fire service management through online courses offered by EKU. **James "Kirby" Easterling**, '93, '97, '04, Richmond, Ky., is now manager of master planning for Corning, Inc.'s Division Supply Chain. As part of the assignment, Easterling, his wife, **Teresa Adkins Easterling**, '93, '94, and their three daughters have moved to Tokyo, Japan, for three years. Easterling joined Corning, Inc. in 2000 and is credited as a major contributor to the success of Harrodsburg Supply Chain operations. He championed the use of software-enabled processes and people development, leading to \$13 million in cost reductions since 2001. **Teresa Phillips aka Sicily Yoder**, '93, Lawrenceburg, Ky., will use Eastern Kentucky as the setting of a planned five-book series, *Five Sisters of Clay County*, which chronicles the life of an Amish woman struggling with a crisis of faith. *Rebekka's Heart*, the first book in the series, is scheduled for a Dec. 2008 release.

Heath M. Clifford, '94, New River, N.C., received the 2008 Wiley Post Award from the Aerospace Physiology Society in recognition of his exceptional service and achievement in operational physiology, including educational and physiological support of the Department of Defense, Federal Aviation Administration, NASA or civilian aircrew. This was the second professional award for Clifford, a Navy lieutenant, since returning in February from a year-long deployment in Iraq. He also received the 2007 Naval Aerospace Physiologist of the Year award in March. **Jones Hiatt**, '94, Lexington, Ky., joined the Lexington Police Department in 1995 and has recently been promoted to sergeant. **Jamie Middleton**, '94, Somerset, Ky., has been named athletic director of Somerset Christian School. For three years he has taught health and physical education, history and Bible at the school. He has also coached basketball, baseball and soccer. Middleton has participated in mission opportunities around the world through the Christian outreach programs, Sports Reach and Athletes in Action. **Sharla Wright Davidson**, '95, Richmond, Ky., was the 2006 Kentucky Elementary Art Educator of the Year. She retired in June as a teacher at Mayfield Elementary School. **Lynne Breen Harding**, '95, '97, Latham, N.Y., was

promoted to associate staffing services representative with the New York State Department of Civil Service in 2006. She has worked for the state government since 1999. She is married to **Michael Harting**, '98. **Rebecca Combs Carter**, '96, Lancaster, Ky., has been promoted to District 14 supervisor with Kentucky Department of Corrections. The district comprises nine counties. Carter began her career in 1996 as a youth counselor at a group home. In 1999 she became an officer with the Division of Probation and Parole. **Gregory Pond**, '96, Wheeling, W.Va., has received the EPA Regional Science Achievement Award for the second year in a row. Pond, an aquatic biologist, works on EPA's freshwater biology team. He was honored for his part in discovering that an entire order of mayflies have been eliminated from streams located below mountaintop coal mines in Appalachia. **Julie DeJarnette**, '97, '01, Georgetown, Ky., and husband, Todd, are parents to a five-year-old daughter and eight-month-old son. **Jeff Gilkey**, '97, Louisville, Ky., has joined Fastline Publications as training and development manager. He has an extensive media advertising background, with more than a dozen years of experience in sales, management and training for

newspaper, direct mail, online and magazines. Gilkey previously worked with both Gannett and Landmark Communications. He is married to **Crista Gilkey**. **Jason Yeager**, '97, Lexington, Ky., was promoted to sergeant with the Lexington Police Department earlier this year. He has been a member of the force for a decade. **Ronald Spurlock**, '98, Lexington, Ky., was promoted to sergeant in a recent ceremony held by the Lexington Police Department. He has served the force since 2000. **Elizabeth Satterfield Totten**, '98, Lewisburg, W.Va., is an emergency room charge nurse. She and husband Michael have a three-year-old son, Sam. **Michelle Richter**, '99, Austin, Texas, graduated in December 2007 with a master's in forensic science from Sam Houston State University. **Kimberly Baker Saylor**, '99, Lebanon, Ohio, is director of business development for Concept Rehab, Inc. Her husband **Ryan Saylor**, '02, is a deputy sheriff in Warren County.

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2000s

Jey Marks, '00, Richmond, Ky., has been inducted into *Cambridge Who's Who* for showing dedication, leadership, and excellence as a young university administrator. Jey is associate director of alumni relations at EKU, where he advises four student organizations, facilitates alumni events and oversees alumni awareness marketing. He is currently pursuing his master's degree at Eastern. Jey is married to **April League Marks**, '08. **Jennifer Lynn Downard Colwell**, '01, Cold Spring, Ky., received her master's degree in nursing in 2007. She takes the family nurse practitioner exam this year. **Tammy Lewis Jones**, '01, Manchester, Ky., is pursuing her Master of Science in Nursing degree while she teaches at Clay Co. ATC Health Sciences. Her husband **William Jones**, '77, works with Alden Resources of Corbin. William's son, Joshua, is a student at EKU's Manchester campus. **Shannon Loya Long**, '01, Stanford, Ky., assumed the duties of director of obstetrical services at Ephraim McDowell Fort Logan Hospital in May. She joined Fort Logan in 2001. She has worked in obstetrics, surgical services, the emergency department, and as a part-time house supervisor. Most recently, she worked in performance improvement. **Christy Bell Mullins**, '01, '08, Waynesburg, Ky., is the new director of behavioral health services at Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center. She has worked at the medical center since 2001 and has been clinical nurse manager of behavioral health services since 2005. **John Aaron Sanders**, '01, '05, Bardstown, Ky., was named principal of the Nelson Co. Area Technology Center in August 2006. **Nick Bertram**, '02, Shepherdsville, Ky., has been promoted to regional operations support director of Wal-Mart in Ohio. In this role, he is responsible for change management, operations process improvement and merchandising. Bertram was previously the market human resources manager for the Louisville, Ky., metro area. He is married to **Jennifer Polete Bertram**, '04. **Jeff Farmer**, '02, Versailles, Ky., is a K9 officer with the Versailles Police Department. Although he was off duty at the time, he is

credited with finding a missing toddler who'd gone missing on a large local farm in August. **Linda Maxwell**, '02, Richmond, Ky., has been named Lincoln County's Teacher of the Year and received the Big Apple award sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and State Farm Insurance. Maxwell is also an adjunct professor of English at EKU. **Candice Finley**, '03, Richmond, Ky., a former Lady Colonel and a 2001 second team all-conference selection, returns to her alma mater as an assistant basketball coach. Finley was a freshman when new head coach **Chrissy Roberts** was a senior, and the two helped Eastern capture the 1998 Ohio Valley Conference regular season championship. **Kimberly S. Roberts**, '03, Algood, Tenn., is a registered and licensed occupational therapist for National HealthCare, supervising four certified occupational therapy assistants. She was previously a home health worker in Venice, Fla.



Michele Schuler, '04, Richmond, Ky., joined the law firm Graydon Head & Ritchey as associate attorney. Her practice focuses in the area of commercial litigation. Prior to joining the firm, Schuler was a preservation/reunification therapist and advocate for victims of domestic violence. **Stephanie Stockburger**, '04, Lexington, Ky., graduated from medical school at the University of Kentucky in May 2008 and began a pediatric residency. **P. Ryan Lanigan**, '05, Stanford, Ky., is busy running his own design and illustration company, RL Design. He is married to **M. Renee Downey Lanigan**, '04.



Jenny Blandford, '05, Springfield, Ky., joined the editorial department of *The Kentucky Standard* as a reporter and photographer. **Christopher Collins**, '05, Lexington, Ky., is head coach of the Atherton High School Rebels football team. **Raina Looft**, '05, Richmond, Ky., is a polisher and clerical worker at Jared Jewelry and at Events Imaging and Awards as a part-time photographer. **Randy White**, '05, Beehide, Ky., has been promoted to sports editor of the *Pikeville News-Express*.

He has worked at the newspaper since 2005. **Tim Baldwin**, '06, Paintsville, Ky., is the new head coach of the Rowan Co. High School Vikings baseball team. This is his first high school head coaching position. **James Jackson**, '06, Lexington, Ky., is assistant chief with the Lexington Police Department. He is a 30-year veteran of the force and attended the FBI National Academy. **Jason Jackson**, '06, '07, Middletown, Ohio, is working with the Joe Nuxhall Character Education Fund to teach and promote character in various programming venues. A first-year teacher at Fairfield Central Elementary School, Jackson already incorporates character education into his third-grade classroom. He developed his understanding of character through military experience. In 2007 Jackson was named the Kentucky Army National Guard's Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year. **Nels Jorgenson**, '06, Alexandria, Va., has completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill. Following the eight-week training camp, Jorgenson is a Navy Reserve Seaman. **Josh Barr**, '07, Circleville, Ohio, appeared in the summer's Crime Scene University program on the Investigation Discovery television channel. A recent graduate of Eastern's nationally prominent forensic science program, Barr was one of 12 participants in a six-week crime scene investigation course last summer at Penn State University that formed the basis for the six-part series. He now works with the Hamilton County, Ohio, Medical Examiner lab. **Clinton Holbrook**, '07, West Liberty, Ky., received his commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps last spring. He was commissioned after completing a 10-week-long training program in Quantico, Va. **Matthew Cox**, '08, Stanford, Ky., was one of an eight-member team competing in the 48-Hour Film Project, an international competition held in more than 70 cities in which teams of amateur filmmakers complete a short film in two days—from writing the script, filming the scenes, scoring the movie, and editing. Cox was a writer for the project. His team's film, *Assembly Required*, performed well at screenings.



Jennifer Jones Edwards, '08, Marco Island, Fla., is in her third term as supervisor of elections for Collier Co., a district with more than 195,000 registered voters. She is also president of the Florida Association of Supervisors of Elections. **Kimberly Little**, '08, earned her master's degree in biology from Eastern. In August she entered a Ph.D. program at Lehigh University. **Erin Strickland**, '08, Douglasville, Ga., appeared in the summer's Crime Scene University program on the Investigation Discovery television channel. A recent graduate of Eastern's nationally prominent forensic science program, Strickland was one of 12 participants in a six-week crime scene investigation course last summer at Penn State University that formed the basis for the six-part series. She is pursuing graduate studies in chemistry at Duke University. **Andrew Blevins**, current EKU student, Richmond, Ky., caught the attention of Red Bull executives when he established the first fan group for the Red Bull Air Race World Series and its pilots. Red Bull Air Race now supplies Blevins with press releases for his Facebook group site. They also brought Blevins, his father and *Eastern Progress* student newspaper sports editor **Clayton Ward** to Detroit to enjoy race activities, to hob nob with the pilots and examine the planes.

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Jason Clark, Lynnville, Ky., graduated from the Kentucky State Police Academy in Frankfort in March and is now assigned to Fulton and Hickman Counties. He previously served in the U.S. Marine Corps. **Shawn Coleman**, Berea, Ky., was promoted to sergeant by the Lexington police department. **Aaron Coney, III**, Radcliff, Ky., is a volunteer assistant coach for North Hardin High School's cross country team. The former EKU sprinter hopes to return to college to earn a teaching certificate and become a high school track coach. **Meredith Cook** is a new fourth-grade teacher at Eminence, Ky., Elementary School. **Kelly A. Elkins**, Lexington, Ky., was

inducted to the 2008 class of *Cambridge Who's Who for Excellence* in Healthcare Administration. Elkins, who earned her master's of public health from ECU, is regional director for strategy and business development for the Saint Joseph Health System. **Vincent Irvin aka Vinnie Freeze**, Louisville, Ky., operates Ice Age Records, an independent record company with offices in Atlanta and Louisville. Although he says, "I know some of you may be too old to start a music career," his company is currently seeking new talent. Contact Vincent at vincent@iceagemusicgroup.com or through the company web site, www.iceagemusicgroup.com.



Christian Friedrich, Lexington, Ky., was tapped from the Colonels' pitching mound

as a first round draft pick of the Colorado Rockies. Friedrich was the Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Week three times last season, posting a 1.78 ERA for ECU. **Greg Howard**, Frankfort, Ky., recently retired as Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement Commissioner after 30 years in law enforcement. He had headed the agency since 2004. During his tenure, KVE became the first police agency in the country dedicated primarily to enforcement of commercial vehicle laws and regulations to gain accreditation from the national Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies. **Rosemary Karr**, Plano, Texas, currently is a professor at Collin College and recently received Piper Professor Program honors for her superior teaching in the state of Texas. **Alan Martin** was recently named a commander with the Lexington Police Department, where he has been a member of the force for 30 years.



Mark Mechlin, Rockville, Md., a one-year veteran of the Montgomery Co. Fire and Rescue

Service, returned to full duty in June after becoming trapped in a burning apartment building in early May. Despite his near-death experience, he says he loves his job and hopes eventually to become a fire investigator.

Steve Muntz, Cynthiana, Ky., retired as chief of police after 21 years with the Cynthiana Police Department. Joining the force as a patrolman, Muntz worked his way up the ranks. He began his career in the sheriff's department and was the first deputy sheriff from Harrison County to complete training at the ECU police academy. Muntz and his wife, Darla, have two sons. **Tim** is a junior at Eastern. **Franklin Patrick**, Berea, Ky., was promoted to sergeant with the Lexington Police Department in February. He has been a member of the force for nine years. **Karren Pope-Onwukwe** was elected chair of the elder law section of the Maryland State Bar Association during the association's conference in June. Pope-Onwukwe will take an active role in developing legal policy in the elder law area. **Robert E. Rabenecker, Jr.**, Wellington, Fla., is the new owner of the city's Chick-Fil-A franchise. He made the career move from overseeing the Expos minor league baseball club in West Palm Beach and managing the building and, after the hurricanes of 2004, the rebuilding of Roger Dean Stadium in Jupiter. **Shantel Richardson**, Danville, Ky., is in her first year teaching freshman English at Danville High School. **Troy Ridener**, De Mossville, Ky., is the first assistant principal of the new Walton-Verona Middle School. His career background includes work in middle school mathematics, social studies, instructional technology and instructional leadership. **Rick Sang**, Greenwood, Miss., is co-founder with Ray Guy of the national Ray Guy/ProKicker.com kicking, punting, and long snapping camps. Sang was a kicker and punter at ECU in the '70s. Guy is the only punter ever to be officially nominated for the Pro Football Hall of Fame. **Danny L. Walker**, Pine Bluff, Ark., has worked with the U.S. Postal Service for almost five years. A 12-year veteran of the U.S. Army, he previously worked for the Jefferson Co. Sheriff's Department and Pine Bluff Police Department.

Newlyweds

Charlotte Kirkland, '81, to Tony Purdom on June 16, 2007. **Christopher Gorley**, '99, to Virginia Baker on September 15, 2007. The couple lives in Lawrenceburg. Christopher is employed by Farmer's National Bank. **Suzanne Middaugh**, '02, '06, to Gregory Hudgins on May 31, 2008. Suzanne teaches third grade at Burgin Independent School. The couple resides in Harrodsburg, Ky. **Marlana Lawson Smith**, '02, to Terry Smith on November 26, 2005. **Zack Conley**, '03, to Barbara Coates on June 21, 2008. **James A. Oehmke**, '03, to Melody on April 14, 2007. The couple lives in Deland, Fla. **Amanda Lewis**, '05, to Christopher Coffman on May 17, 2008. The couple lives in Perryville, Ky. **Heather Lea Dunn**, '06, to Patrick Douglas Tudor on May 10, 2008. **Jessica Nicole Lawson**, '07, to Loren Michael Arth on Jan. 5, 2008. Jessica is a registered nurse at Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center in Danville, Ky. **Dylana Gregory**, a current student, Stanford, Ky., to Jamison Allen Goatee on May 31, 2008. Dylana is an instructor at KC's Gymnastics in Danville, Ky. **Brandon Renner**, a current ECU student, to Jennifer Ashley Manley on September 22, 2007. Brandon is employed by Mason & Hanger Group, Inc. of Lexington, Ky. **Valerie Lynn Spaulding**, a current graduate student in occupational therapy, to Adam Dewayne Smith on June 7, 2008.

Junior Alumni

Kieran (Yang Jing) was adopted from China by **Barbara Stutzke Russell**, '73, and John Russell. Kieran arrived home in March 2006.

Glenn Austin to **Linda Riedel** and **Glenn Riedel**, '89, on July 16, 2008. Austin joins big sister Madison.



Michael to **Amie Patrice Early Guckian**, '92, and **Patrick Vincent Guckian**, '93, on August 7, 2007. Michael has two older sisters, Josephine, 6, and Mary Katherine, 4.

Madilyn to **Mark Shelby**, '92, and Tracy A. Shelby on December 2, 2007.



Jordan Elizabeth to **Dana Agee Minnick**, '95, and Mark Minnick on March 30, 2007.

Hope Anne to **Ronald Peck, Jr.**, '96, and Adrienne Peck on November 28, 2007. She joins big sister, Micah Vivienne, who was born July 12, 2003.



Ava Rose to **Jason Tester**, '96, and his wife on May 7, 2008.



William Martin to **Christopher Todd Riley**, '98, and Kate Riley on May 15, 2008.



Chase Andrew to **Kelly Wallace Livers**, '99, '06, and **Bruce Livers, Jr.**, '98, on May 15, 2008.

Jackson Ryan to **Kimberly Baker Saylor**, '99, and **Ryan E. Saylor**, '02, on March 13, 2006.

Abby Danelle to **Leslie Deaton Combs**, '00, '02, and John Combs on November 25, 2007. Abby has an older brother, John Alexander.



Everly Marie to **Leah Flake Sanders**, '01, '04 and **John Aaron Sanders**, '01, '05 on May 14, 2006.



Estee Marin to **Marla Willis**, '01, and Chad Willis on November 22, 2007.



Makenna Danielle to **Melisha Lucille Burton Berry**, '02, '04, and Ken Berry on April 14, 2008.



Ryan Jacob to **Melanie Short Dumbris**, '02, and **Chad Dumbris**, '02, on December 3, 2007. Ryan has a big brother, Matthew.



Lincoln to **Amanda McIntyre England**, '02, '05, and Larry England on January 6, 2007.

Jaxon to **Erika Givens McHargue**, '03, and Christopher McHargue on August 2, 2007.



Clay Michael to **Jillian Cobb Fichetola**, '04, '07, and **Joseph Fichetola**, '05.



Jack Allen to **Ashley Martin King**, '04, and Shaun King on December 23, 2007.

Aiden Patrick to **M. Renee Downey Lanigan**, '04, and **P. Ryan Lanigan**, '05, on December 11, 2006.



Caeden Eric to **Crystal Michelle Sparks Brothers**, '05, and Chad Eric Brothers on August 17, 2007.



Judah Carson to **Kaila Baldwin Horn**, '05, '06, and **Matt Horn**, '02, '06, on December 19, 2007. Judah joins big brother, Josia Nicholas.

In Memoriam

William Edwin Pogue, '33, San Jose, Calif., died June 9, 2008. After his EKU graduation, the Millersburg, Ky., native joined the Navy and became a fighter pilot. He served two cruises aboard the *USS Ranger*. He spent 28 years as a pilot for United Airlines and traveled extensively for recreation as well. An avid golfer, Pogue played in tournaments across Africa, Europe and Asia. He was a master cabinet maker, making museum quality furniture. **Iva Perkins Kelsay**, '39, Taylor Mill, Ky., died April 2, 2008. A Kentucky Colonel, Kelsay was once an accountant for the Manhattan Project, where her husband processed uranium. She later spent 23 years teaching in Covington, Ky. When arthritis made it difficult for her to stand all day, she processed books in the school library. Kelsay was a charter member of Taylor Mill United Methodist Church, where she attended for 50 years.



Allen Zaring, '41, Cincinnati, Ohio, died June 20, 2008 of a heart attack. The Kentucky native and Army veteran was a former executive of the White Motor Co. and founding director of homebuilder Zaring National Corp.



Robert James Dils, '43, Ashland, Ky., died July 28, 2008. A decorated World War II veteran, he was a flight engineer and gunner, flying 13 missions before his B-24 bomber was shot down

over Austria. He began his teaching career in the Ashland public schools and then went on to teach 25 years in Marshall University's physical science department. After retirement, he taught 10 additional years at Ohio University. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, **Juanita Graber Dils**, '43. **Ralph K. Steely**, '46, Miramar Beach, Fla., died Feb. 21, 2008. The Kentucky native retired as a U.S. Air Force lieutenant colonel. He is survived by wife **Mary Dee Steely Bradford**, '46. **Edsel Reid Mountz**, '47, Lexington, Ky., passed away on July 25, 2008. Mountz spent many years at EKU as both a student and as a professor in the college of business for 26 years. The WWII and Korean War Veteran was also a Mason, a member of the Eastern Star, and was active in Beta Theta Pi. In addition, he served as a reunion volunteer with the Alumni Association and a past member of the Alumni Board. The longtime Clay City resident spent his later years as Superintendent of the Clay City Methodist Church & Sunday School. **John H. Holbrook**, '53, '56, Lehigh, Fla., died in March 2006. He is survived by his wife, **Etta Holbrook**. **Jennie Chattin Mulcahy**, '54, Henderson, Ky., died August 17, 2008. She was a kind and generous teacher to many students at Eastern High School in Louisville and South Junior High School in Henderson, the Universities of Kansas and South Dakota, and EKU. **Vinson Watts, Sr.**, '59, Morehead, Ky., died March 17, 2008. A veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and the U.S. Army, he was associate dean of labor at Berea College before becoming the first personnel director of Morehead State University in 1968. He retired from MSU in 1985. In 2007 he received the Lifetime Achievement Award in Sustainable Agriculture for developing the Vinson Watts tomato variety. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, **Patricia Ascough Watts**. **Mary Jo Radden Knarr**, '62, Cincinnati, Ohio, died Oct. 19, 2007. She is survived by her husband **Larry Knarr**, '61. **Louis Edward Cosby**, '64, Murphy, N.C., died May 19, 2008. Upon graduation from EKU, he taught history at Beaver Creek High School of Dayton, Ohio. He later served in the Department of the Air Force as a civilian, retiring as Deputy to the Commander of the Wright-Patterson Contracting Center after 29 years.



Sharon Vater Iles, '64, Alexandria, Ky., died May 11, 2008. A retired Campbell Co. High School teacher, Iles loved literature and poetry. In the eighth grade, she participated in the National Spelling Bee. A member of Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority, Iles was a pianist and choir member of Christ Baptist Church in Cold Spring.



J. Wendall Roberts, '64, Venice, Fla., died March 29, 2008. After practicing law for several years, he was appointed to the bench of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Kentucky and served as chief judge before his retirement. **Needham Saylor**, '65, Wallins Creek, Ky., died March 11, 2008, following a short illness. A lifelong resident of Harlan Co., he was a World War II veteran and served as a state representative from 1968-70. During a 44-year career in education, Saylor was a teacher, coach, principal and superintendent. He had a deep love of sports and was a coach at Wallins, Loyall and Cumberland high schools. **Dover Cornett**, '66, '70, Richmond, Ky., passed away on July 20, 2008. Cornett served for 22 years in the United States Army and retired as a Master Sergeant and veteran of World War II. He will also be remembered for his dedication to the field of education having been an Instructor of Industrial Arts at George Rogers Clark High School and later Supervisor of the Madison County Vocational School. Cornett enjoyed his later years being active in the community, fishing, hunting, and enjoying the company of family and friends. **Linda Lee Hodges**, '68, Winchester, Ky., died July 26, 2008. A native of Soddy Daisy, Tenn., she taught both in her home state and in Florida. She was a member of Salem Presbyterian Church. **Patricia M. Beeler**, '70, Talahassee, Fla., died Feb. 17, 2007. She is survived by her husband **Robert Beeler**, '72. **James F. Konzen**, '70, Port Charlotte, Fla., died Aug. 21, 2008. A gifted violin and viola musician, he earned his Master of Music Education degree from EKU. He served two years with the Special Services Orchestra of the U.S. Army and played with several symphony orchestras in

Ohio and Florida. He provided orchestra instruction to students in the Genoa, Sandusky and Worthington City Schools of Ohio, retiring in 1990 after 35 years. Konzen is survived by his wife, **Cynthia Meyer Konzen**. **Carl A. "Tony" Sparks**, '75, Louisville, Ky., died March 27, 2008. He was a police officer with the Louisville Metro Police Department, having joined the force in 1977. He made his way through the ranks to lieutenant and earned several meritorious service awards. **Mark A. Haygood**, '87, '94, died May 1, 2008. Having earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees from EKU, he joined the Virginia State Police in 1989. In 1994, he became supervisor of the State Police Training Academy's Tactical Operations Unit. There, as first sergeant he oversaw the firearms section, officer survival section, canine unit and police safety compliance.

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Evelyn A. Bradley, Louisville, Ky., died Jan. 26, 2008. Bradley was a captain in the Women's Army Corps and a veteran of the Korean War. Upon return to civilian life, she was an American Red Cross worker in Guam before becoming dean of women at Eastern Kentucky University. She later joined Murray State University, retiring as professor of psychology. **Jon T. McKeever**, Kettering, Ohio, died March 14, 2008. He retired from Irwin Auger Bit after 30 years.

Former Faculty and Staff

Virginia Falkenberg of Fort Worth, Texas, died Sept. 1, 2008. She was a member of the psychology department and an administrator at EKU for 34 years. Falkenberg was the first woman to serve as dean of the graduate school and as associate vice president. After 15 years in administration, she returned to the classroom, retiring as professor emeritus in 2007. **William Stoll** of Northern Kentucky died in April 2008. From 1963-68 he was assistant director of men's residence halls at EKU, and two of his three children are Eastern graduates. A U.S. Marine Corps veteran, Stoll was professor emeritus from Northern Kentucky University, from which he retired in 1984.

EASTERN NIGHT

at the Diamondbacks

Eastern alumni enjoyed a room with a view September 18 as Alicia Berginnis Webb ('04) and husband Brandon, starting pitcher for the Arizona Diamondbacks, hosted an alumni gathering in their private box at Chase Field. In addition to choice seats and a good deal of chatter--baseball and otherwise, each Colonel received a ball signed by Brandon Webb, the 2006 Cy Young Award winner and this season's league leader in wins with a 3.30 Earned Run Average. **The Colonels cheered on the Diamondbacks as they edged out the San Francisco Giants 3-2, completing a four-game sweep.**



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BIG BUSINESS in a Small World

The exponential technical advances of the digital revolution have given rise to a global marketplace that has opened a world of opportunity to American businesses large and small. Kentucky's exports alone have increased 133 percent to \$8.51 billion since 1996. In order to thrive in this international environment, companies must develop an understanding of other cultures and how they do business. For twelve students from EKU's College of Business & Technology, a trip half way around the globe to experience the customs of the People's Republic of China has made the world seem a much smaller place.

Although the seminar class and ensuing trip were organized by accounting professor Dr. Ed Fenton, participating students represent several disciplines—from international business to music marketing. In the weeks leading to the October 31 departure from Lexington's Bluegrass Airport, the group discussed such books as *China Road: A Journey into the Future of a Rising Power*, which explores the country's tumultuous cultural change, and *The World is Flat*, a report on the lowering of trade and political barriers. Exchange students from Eastern's sister school Liaoning University of Technology (LUT) in Jinzhou provided basic language instruction.

Class members set their own challenges as well. "When possible I chose China-related topics to fulfill assignments in other courses," explains marketing major Angela Barger. Accounting major Benjamin Fryer cajoled his Chinese co-worker into quizzing him on basic phrases that might prove useful on the trip. Each group member is also completing a research project applying the lessons learned as part of the experience to an issue related to his or her major.

Once in China the lessons only intensified. In Beijing, the president of Ogilvy & Mather China, Scott Kronick, discussed with the class how regional cultural differences impact marketing strategies. From

Pricewaterhouse Coopers tax director Kevin Lee, students learned the ins and outs of starting a business in China. Sean Wall, deputy managing director of DHL Express in mainland China, hosted a formal business dinner for the group, explaining with each successive course the associated customs and practices.

When Dr. Fenton toured Pennsylvania-based Kennametal Hardpoint nine years ago, the company had just started its Shanghai operation. This year's visit to the tooling and engineered components supplier synthesized many of the lessons of the trip as the company's general manager of operations and four of his top staff addressed marketing, management style and human resources concerns.

Of course, it was not all work and no play for the EKU visitors. At LUT they received kung fu lessons and took on their hosts in "a hard-fought game of five-on-five basketball which ended with a three-point range net ripper" by the Colonels team, relates Fenton. At a party held in the group's honor, LUT students provided entertainment and even enticed music marketing major Nichel Eubanks before the crowd to learn to play an ancient Chinese instrument.

"Anything you guys eat, I'll eat also," Fenton had boldly declared to his fellow travelers, and he made good on that promise as he dined on scorpion. He rates the culinary experience as "not that bad" but beams with pride as he relates the negotiating skills employed by the students in bargaining for the best prices at the local market.

Eastern offers international study opportunities in China, Japan, The Netherlands, South Korea, Australia, Mexico and throughout Europe. Some students spend as much as a year abroad, absorbing the language, culture and customs of a foreign land. To make it affordable to as many students as possible, the trip to China was confined to ten days, but the opportunities it afforded were those of a lifetime. **EKU**



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