

Tuition forum reveals potential five- percent increase

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A tuition forum April 16 revealed a potential five-percent tuition increase for the upcoming school year of 2012-2013.

Friday, the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) will meet and decide about the current proposed tuition increases which include a five-percent increase at comprehensive universities like Eastern. For research universities like University of Louisville and University of Kentucky, there is a proposed six-percent increase. After the decision is made by CPE, the Board of Regents will be presented with the official budget document for approval June 11.

President Doug Whitlock led the forum with students from the extended campuses joining in via I-TV classrooms.

There were less than five students at the forum, including two watching from the extended campuses while the room was mainly full of faculty and staff.

Whitlock mentioned within his opening comments that he wished there were more students present at the forum.

"I'm disappointed more students didn't show up. I know how important this is to students," Whitlock said. "It's a five-percent tuition increase and that's not something I would propose lightly. I do feel good about the fact that we done a whole lot of things in generating some economics both in operating expense and in personnel that could have made a much worse scenario from a tuition standpoint."

The current tuition increase proposed is \$3,660 for residents who are taking 12 or more hours, which equals out to \$305 per credit hour with a load of 12 hours. For

non-residents, there is a proposed \$8,232 tuition rate, which is a decrease for non-residential students. This past year tuition was \$9,528 for non-residential students.

One factor, which did not help, was that Eastern fell \$3 million short over the fall. There is also a new financial aid package model being released for which students will be matched up with scholarships available for them. For students taking online courses, the multiplier will be lowered from 1.30 to 1.25 the resident rate.

While there is a possible five-percent tuition increase, there will also be an increase in housing on campus, and the meal plans as well. Barry Poynter, interim vice president for finance, said there has been an increase in voluntary meal plans for the past eight years.

"We have seen a steady trajectory in

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Proposed undergraduate tuition rates for 2012-13

Morehead State	\$3,252
Murray state	\$3,456
Eastern Kentucky	\$3,660
Northern Kentucky	\$3,936
Western Kentucky	\$4,171
University of Kentucky	\$4,838

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President-elect Madelyn Street (at right) and Vice President-elect Nichole Arbino were elected with 625 votes following an appeals trial. Street and Arbino will officially take office April 26.

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Madelyn Street and Nichole Arbino have been officially named the winners of the Student Government Association (SGA) elections.

After being cleared during an appeals trial, Street and Arbino were revealed to have received 625 votes – beating out the previously announced winners, Megan Gosnell and Kenton Murphy.

Street and Arbino were accused of defacing another candidates campaign materials, a breach in the election bylaws, after Street chalked in between someone else's chalk in front of Commonwealth Hall.

After being named the winners of the SGA elections, Street and Arbino have already started discussing people they would like on their cabinet for next semester.

"We're discussing some positions with people we're considering interviewing for

Chief of Staff," Street said.

As part of their cabinet, Street and Arbino are looking into hiring a public relations specialist.

"Right now, we've asked professors in certain departments to get recommendations for a PR director," Arbino said.

Arbino and Street both agreed they would like to improve SGA's relationship with the student body.

"I would like to improve the importance of SGA," Arbino said. "And make what we do more well known and make us more available to the student population."

In regards to the current administration, Rachel Mollozzi and Matthew White, Street said she believes they have created a new milestone for SGA.

"I think that the last administration definitely turned around the importance of SGA," Street said. "We would like to continue that."

Part of the Street/Arbino platform was the continuing development of the syllabus index, which both of them have

worked heavily on for the past year.

Arbino said the next phase of the syllabus index is approval by the Board of Regents later this month.

"From there, we're hoping to have it institutionalized so a staff member of the university, or multiple staff members, would work on it," Street said.

Arbino said she and Street would then have to approve the design from Information and Technology and begin to get the syllabi compiled.

Another topic on their platform was phase two of the Fitness and Wellness Center. But Arbino said their options regarding it might be limited.

"I definitely want to see the Fitness and Wellness Center expand," Street said. "The problem with that is with the higher education budget cuts, there isn't actually enough money for the time being."

Street said she does plan to keep the Fitness and Wellness Center in the Board of Regents minds "so it doesn't fall under the wayside and end up as a fallen issue."

Street and Arbino have also been heavily involved in the development of the quarterly grades policy, which would require professors in zero, 100 and 200 level classes to post grades before and after

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Pikeville denied state-funded college status

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House Bill 260, which was proposed in January to make the University of Pikeville a state-funded college, did not pass. And neither did a compromise of the bill that would have impacted a couple of Eastern's satellite campuses.

The original bill was voted down in March and then drastically revised.

Jim Clark, Eastern director of government relations, said a compromise of the bill was proposed to use coal severance money to create scholarships for students within the 26 coal producing counties which would have impacted Eastern's Corbin and Manchester campuses. It was voted down April 12.

"They did not end up with the creation of the University of Pikeville nor did they end up with the scholarship program," Clark said. "Because the bill did not pass, there will be no scholarships."

Paul Patton, UPike president, said it's too soon for them to decide if there will be future plans for UPike.

"We have proven that the area is seriously under served by the state university system," Patton said in an email. "It is my opinion that the state has a responsibility to address the problem. UPIKE is in a good position to help."

Because the bill did not pass, Eastern's service region will not be affected and the Corbin and Manchester campuses will not be eligible for any kind of coal severance scholarships.

Student Alumni Association raises Autism awareness

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Tonight, the Student Alumni Ambassadors are hosting the second annual Amazing Race for Autism from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Powell.

Since last year, the event has expanded; it now includes events such as a corn hole tournament, a Zumbathon and a cupcake decorating competition, all sponsored by local businesses. Autism awareness shirts will be for sale throughout the week for \$10 at the SAA trailer.

Amazing Race is based off of the popular TV show Minute to Win It, and it will take place in various locations on campus. The race starts at 6 p.m. and costs \$10 per team member to enter. Teams have two to five members and can register by emailing Kelsey_Hawkins19@mymail.eku.edu or signing up and paying on Powell Corner by 5:30 p.m. tonight.

According to chair of the campus and community committee, Kelsey Hawkins, who organized the event, the goal is to raise \$5,000. This will go to the Robert Douglas Whitlock, Jr. Fund for Autism, which was created in memory of presi-

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POLICE BEAT

All information is taken from Eastern police reports.

April 12

Police were dispatched to the Veterans Office in the Student Success Building, where they met with a female student who said her backpack was stolen from the Veterans Lounge while she was at lunch. Her backpack was aqua and white with flowers and had her name written on the handle. Inside of the bag were a calculator, three books, a planner, three spiral notebooks and a folder containing her tax information. Police checked the log in the office lobby, but it did not show anyone signing in during the time when the bag was stolen. The missing items, not including the backpack and the textbooks, were valued at \$250.

Two students reported their belongings had been stolen from their vehicle while it was parked in Kit Carson Lot. One of the students reported missing two bags, a calculator, an Adidas jacket, birth control pills, toiletries, a planner, jeans, a shirt and garments. The other student was missing a backpack, pajama pants, a biology textbook, an atlas, a nylon mesh pouch with three small throwing knives and marshmallow Peeps. All of the items were valued at \$446. The students said their car doors were unlocked at the time of the theft.

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Police made contact with a male student who said his car had been broken into while parked in the Van Hoose Parking Lot. A Dell laptop, a laptop bag, a Viper radar detector and a Samsung car charger were missing from the vehicle. He said he left his window cracked a few inches with the doors locked. His laptop was covered up in the passenger seat, but his radar detector was out in the open. The missing items were valued at \$2,120. The student said his car was parked about five spots away from the front doors of the building.

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area of the county. Students are asked to sign-up ahead of time due to the limited number of seats available. For more information, contact Brian Perry at 622-3855.

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall

"The Wall That Heals," a national exhibition created by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF), will come to the ECU Center for the Arts. The exhibition will feature a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. and a mobile museum showing the history of the Vietnam War. There will be an information center that will allow people to research the approximately 58,000 people named on the memorial. People who are interested in volunteering for the event should visit va.eku.edu/wall-volunteers. The exhibition will be open to the public free of charge 24 hours a day.

Tornado Relief

Community Service and Regional Stewardship will sponsor two tornado relief trips to Morgan County Friday, April 20 and Saturday, April 21. Morgan County, including the towns of West Liberty and Woods Bend, was part of the area most affected by the tornadoes last month. Transportation, food, safety gear and tools will be provided for the clean-up efforts. The trips will take place in the Woods Bend

CLARIFICATION

In the April 12 issue, it was said the majority of equipment in the Noel Studio was on a three-year lease in the article "Noel Studio approved for \$50,000 technology grant." The equipment is actually on a four-year lease.



The Colonel's Calendar

Week of April 19 - April 25

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p>10 a.m. Storm Drain Cleanup, Environmental Sustainability and Stewardship Program, new science lobby</p> <p>8 p.m. Trumpet-Saxophone with Harrod & Booth, Brock Auditorium</p> <p>Draw Your Soul, Telford Hall event, Telford back lobby</p>	<p>3 p.m. Baseball vs. Austin Peay State University, Hughes Field</p> <p>5 p.m. Public Speaking Competition, Noel Studio, Noel Studio Greenhouse</p>	<p>All Day Habitat for Humanity Build in Berea, Student Life, Berea, Ky.</p> <p>8 a.m. Tornado Relief & Recovery Efforts, Community Service & Regional Stewardship, Morgan County, Ky.</p> <p>2 p.m. Softball at Eastern Illinois University</p>	<p>1 p.m. Dance Team Tryouts, ECU Dance Team, Weaver Dance Studio</p> <p>2 p.m. Brass Choir Concert, Peursem Music Pavilion and Ravine</p> <p>4:30 p.m. Piano Recitals, ECU Center for the Arts</p>	<p>8 p.m. Faculty Oboe-Voice Recital, Gifford Theater</p> <p>9 p.m. Pot Making, Case Hall event, Case basement</p>	<p>4 p.m. Baseball vs. Ohio University, Hughes Field</p> <p>6 p.m. Annual AFA Minority Leadership Awards, African-American Studies Club, O'Donnell Hall SSB</p>	<p>3 p.m. Baseball at Marshall University</p> <p>9 p.m. Student Life supports Dance Theatre, Student Life, O'Donnell Hall SSB</p> <p>Cards for Kids with Cancer, Case Hall event, Case basement</p>

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meal plan growth over the years," Poynter said. "We think students perceive it and recognize it as a true value. When you break out the price-per-meal you get with a plan, there is value there."

Whitlock also encouraged students to come out to the next tuition forum April 25 at 5:30 p.m. in Walnut Hall in Keen Johnson.

"I believe operating in a transparent environment," Whitlock said. "I think it is important for students to understand what the institution's financial situation is and their role in helping us deal with it."

Currently, there is a planned link to go up online, so anyone who missed the forum can see it and learn what the proposed budget is for next year.

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midterms. However, Faculty Senate rejected it last month.

"Since I've been on the implementation team this past month, I've heard a lot of faculty's opinions," Arbino said.

Street said she wants to make sure "both sides benefit from the policy change."

"I think that if we take another look at that and look at it from a different angle, we have a better chance of getting it passed," Arbino said.

Street said she hopes to bridge the gap between "what we [SGA] do and what students know about."

"I want to see a much more user-friendly SGA website, use a lot more of Facebook and Twitter for students to see daily what SGA is doing," Street said.

Arbino hopes to make better use of advertising to improve

SGA's relationship with the student body.

"If we extend that [advertising] all around campus, then more students would see it and there would be a better awareness as to what goes on," Arbino said.

The eRanks program has been another development in SGA this past year. It would allow students to be entered to win prizes for attending campus events.

"I think that eRanks is going to be a great program to increase student involvement," Arbino said.

Arbino said she does feel the program needs to be better advertised if it hopes to make an impact on students.

"If they don't know that they can win something from going to games, then it won't do anything," Arbino said.

With the residence halls reconstructing for the upcoming fall semester, it was revealed that Dupree Hall, one of the Greek Towers, had only reconstructed half of its residents.

"We really just need to speak to the Greek fraternities that Greek housing on campus is a privilege and they need to take full advantage of that," Street said.

Street said she plans on stressing to the Greek Towers how important it is to retain their floors for fall recruitment.

Building a better relationship with Aramark, the campus' food provider, is something else Street hopes to work on in the future, especially regarding meal swipes and guest meals.

"I would definitely like to have a close relationship with Aramark and begin looking into things like that," Street said.

Street said she believes the relationship between Aramark and the students is growing closer because we are now allowed guest swipes and being able to use meal swipes in downstairs Powell after 8 p.m.

"We need to figure out how we can come to a compromise between the students and Aramark," Street said.

The SGA constitution was also under revision earlier in the semester and is something Street said she hopes to continue.

"There's always room for improvement, so I think that the constitution and bylaws always need to be up for revisions," Street said.

Arbino and Street are excited to start their administration this fall and feel they are up to the challenge.

"I think that Madelyn and I did a great job of proving ourselves this year," Arbino said. "We really want to make SGA be the organization we know it can be."

(Editor's Note: At press time, Madelyn Street and Nichole Arbino had been officially announced as student body president and vice president. However, an appeal had been filed against the decision for the ballot reinstatement pending advisory board approval.)

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dent Doug Whitlock's grandson who passed away in 2010.

"Robert Douglas Whitlock, Jr. was not only a part of Eastern, but a part of the community," Hawkins said. "Our goal is to get the community and campus involved."

According to Hawkins, preparations have been going on since early February. SAA member India Barger, head of festival games committee for the event, has also been involved in contacting local businesses and has been busy putting together props and buying prizes for booths.

"Everybody's been very involved and it's coming together really nicely," Barger said. "We've raised a lot of funds; everyone's been very generous."

This is SAA member Seth VanZant's second year working with the Amazing Race for Autism. Last year, as part of the campus and community committee, he helped give clues to race participants; this year, he will help with the setting up and tearing down of the event.

"It's a good event and I got to be part of it last year," VanZant said. "This year was a chance to help it expand and grow."

VanZant urges everyone to come out and participate.

"It's a fun and easy way to bring awareness about students affected with autism on campus," VanZant said. "It's a really good way to get involved on campus and be involved with students."

For Barger, the event is also a way to say "thank you" to president Whitlock for his service and show student support.

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**Kelsey Hawkins
Campus and Community
committee chair**

school and it's a good way to show that we appreciate him—not only SAA members, but all the students," Barger said.

Hawkins also has a personal connection to the cause. She has taken care of an autistic man for three years. In high school, she worked in the special education department for three years and has also worked in the Special Olympics.

"It's made me realize how special they really are," Hawkins said. "If people knew more about it, it would be easier for them to accept them."

Hawkins sees the event not only as "a good opportunity for all of campus to come together for one cause," but also to show support for President Whitlock and his family.

"It's really important that we have student support: support for us, support for autism, support for the president," Hawkins said. "It would mean so much to the whole Whitlock family."

Barger said she's hoping for a great turnout of not only Eastern students, but community members and schoolchildren as well.

"We just really want the community to be involved and participate in the Amazing Race event," Barger said. "It'll be fun for everybody."

Kappa Sigma sponsoring charity to raise donation for military hero campaigns

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Kappa Sigma will sponsor philanthropy events starting April 24, raising donations for the military hero campaigns or the fisher house. The fisher house is free to wounded warrior families to live in while their soldier is recovering.

Kappa Sigma has put together a three-day event which will begin with every organization that wishes to participate, collecting donations in money jugs. The organization was required to pay a \$30 fee to participate. The money jug will be sitting in front of the Greek towers between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. and will be out for donations all three days of the event.

The event will kick off with the money jugs, but begin on Tuesday at the intramural fields. From 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. there will be a warrior challenge which will consist of an obstacle course, capture the flag, a tug war tournament, and a tank toss. The event has borrowed ROTC equipment so participants can have some fun while they are waiting in line.

The whole event will work off a point system where teams will get points for participating as well as the amount of money they raise and the events won. The points will all be added up Wednesday, April 25. The events will be held at Keen Johnson from 3 p to 7 p.m. There will be a Call of Duty tournament from 3 to 5 p.m., which will include 100 military trivia questions. Then at 5 p.m. the award ceremony will begin. The teams that gain the most points will receive an award.

Also on Wednesday, teams will donate their foot lockers. Each organization can

complete one for a soldier overseas. Items are put into a box that a soldier could use.

"It's about how much good you give to soldiers overseas," said Steven Hughes, a Kappa Sigma philanthropy chair. "All about supporting the people overseas."

The philanthropy started the Kappa Sigma chapter at the University of Las Vegas. Eastern's chapter found out about their success and got the packet to do their own event here.

"It made the most money in the entire U.S. for a philanthropy event," said Aaron Barkley, a Kappa Sigma philanthropy chair.

All fraternity and sorority members are encouraged to come out and participate. All major Registered Student Organizations, ROTC, Kappa Delta Tau, and EKV VETS have been invited to attend and participate.

The brackets to calculate the points have been set up into a Greek bracket, a RSO bracket, and a KDT is all its own. Awards will be given out to the top of these teams. There will be a top winning pair to win an award. The teams are paired up but rely on each other for an award. For example a fraternity and sorority could be paired, each gathering their own points, but a combined point receives the award.

All the teams will have T-shirts as well. Kappa Sigma picked teams and assigned different names based on the different branches of the military. Kappa Sigma came up with the designs but let the sorority and fraternity members pick the colors.

Concessions as well as other vendors will be at the event, and money made from anything sold will be donated to the cause.

"They risk their lives every day for us the least we could do is provide for them," Hughes said.



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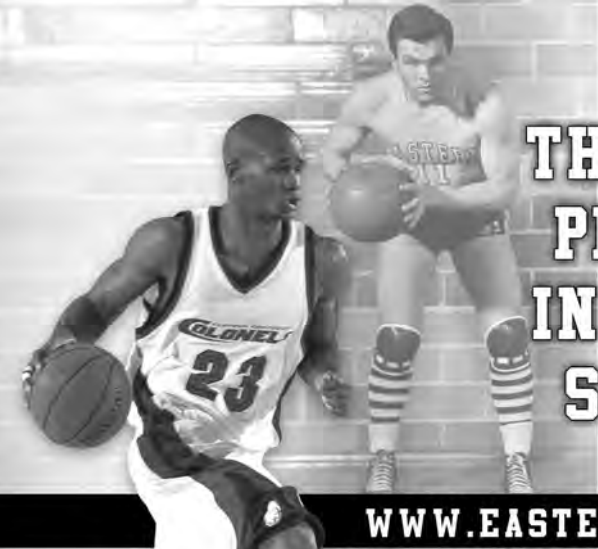


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Cherry Blossom Festival offers opportunity to learn about Japanese culture

By JESSICA SMITH
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The second annual Cherry Blossom Festival featured sushi, Japanese calligraphy, hand-made jewelry, origami and other various activities for participants April 12 at Powell. The department of foreign languages and humanities, the Nihon Club and the Japanese Community of Central Kentucky sponsored the event.

The history of the event is extensive but in 1912, Japan gifted 3,020 cherry blossom trees to Washington, D.C. as a sign of friendship and was enhanced in 1965 with another 3,800 trees. In 1985, the U.S. returned the gift by giving the Japanese horticulturalists cuttings to

replace the trees lost in a flood.

Noriko Okura, visiting assistant professor of Japanese, said she would love to have the same outcome as last year's attendance of around 300 people. She said they enjoyed putting it on last year and hope to continue to do so in the future.

Some people helping out were Elizabeth Austin, 25, from Lincoln County, who is the president of the Cultural Club, and Ashley Fleming who is president of the Nihon Club.

Another worker helping with the calligraphy station said her favorite part was that everyone was enjoying the sushi. They made names and favorite sayings or phrases.

Andrea Bryan, a 20-year-old elementary education major, was there

with second graders from Model. The little girl who was with Bryan said her favorite part was the origami station where she was making a crane.

"It was fun to go to something where they got to learn about a different culture," Bryan said.

Kamyla Andrlik, a 26-year-old Spanish major said she and her classmates came because their professor said they could leave class and do so.

William Stewart, Andrlik's classmate, said his favorite part was the origami station.

They both said they "love to go to the foreign language festivals and experience other cultures that they were never really interested in."



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The second annual Cherry Blossom Festival offered students an opportunity to try sushi, calligraphy and origami.

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International Paint the Night event to shed light on Kony 2012

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Kony 2012 has become a viral phenomenon online with millions of likes and hits on Facebook and YouTube. It is leading up to an international event called Paint the Night in which young people from around the world hang posters depicting Joseph Kony, leader of the Lord's Rebel Army in Uganda, in hopes of making him famous.

More than 30,000 children are said to have been abducted by Joseph Kony and his Lord's Rebel Army (LRA) in Uganda according to Jason Russell's website kony2012.com. Russell is the founder of an organization called Invisible Children, which was inspired by a trip he made to Uganda after graduating college and discovering who Kony was.

In Uganda, the boys are forced to fight in the LRA and girls are placed into sex slave operations, according to the website. Russell was looking for a story to tell and found one that caught the attention of many young people around the world, including a professor and his GSO class here at Eastern.

"My wife first brought Kony to my attention after finding information about him on Facebook," said Nick Palmer, associate professor of military science and leadership with the ROTC. "This project is 98 percent student-led. I gave them the prompt and said, here you go, now you own it and they have done a good job. I'm proud of my students and hope that the campus will rally to support them, and take part in a global effort to address horrible atrocities against humanity."

As of now, the group only consists of

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**Heather Moore
Student**

about 13 students from Palmer's GSO class and due to a limited budget, students are paying for the project out of their own pockets.

Paint the Night is the first step to make Kony known to the public. By making him "famous", the rationality is that others will join the growing movement and ask their local representatives and gov-

ernment officials to take action in bringing him to justice.

"Right now we are going to try and place 100 posters around campus, and everyone is welcome to join us," said Heather Moore, 24, student and specialist of the National Guard.

When asked why she and her class wanted to become a part of this movement Moore answered, "Because we want to show we care about what is happening in other parts of the world by aiding the efforts in bringing this horrible man to justice."

Anyone who is interested in helping Paint the Night is encouraged to show up at the Ravine between Wallace and Powell at 10 p.m. Friday, April 20. For more information on this project contact Heather Moore at (859) 358-6618.

Rising gas prices cause more students to use ECU Rides service

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Since 2008, efforts have been made to make commuting to campus an easy task through ECU Rides, an online service that utilizes the Zimride engine. And with gas prices rising, more students have been using ECU Rides.

"ECU Rides was put in place around when gas was \$4 a gallon," said wellness analyst Leanna Bowles.

She said the number of students using ECU Rides has increased since its first year in 2008.

Bowles said there are incentives to bring students to the program in the form of prizes from the Office of Sustainability. These prizes include gas cards, visa gift cards and sunglasses.

The Zimride Inc. website said Zimride is an online engine that allows people to utilize social networks to organize carpools. Zimride also estimates for every 1,000 users, savings on fuel exceed \$50,000 and the atmosphere is protected from 80,000 pounds of carbon dioxide.

Curtis Rogers, account manager for Zimride, said students can post one-time trips for Spring break and Thanksgiving.

Bowles said that she would like to see an increase in ECU Rides users for these one-time events.

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**Curtis Rogers
Zimride account manager**

ers, 80 percent of which are students," Rogers said.

Mark Cross, director of marketing and public relations of the Department of Public Relations, is among the 20 percent of ECU Rides users who are not students.

"It's a great resource for connecting faculty, staff and students interested in carpooling," Cross said.

Cross estimated he saved around \$2,000 a calendar year because of carpooling.

There are students who do not carpool to Eastern.

Among students who do not carpool is Stephany Hayes, 24, junior public relations major from Lexington. Hayes said she doesn't like operating on someone else's schedule or relying on someone else to get her where she needs to go on time.

"I'd be too afraid that something would prevent my ride from getting to me on time," Hayes said.



WHITNEY LEGGETT/PROGRESS

The Alumni Coliseum lot is one of several lots on campus that provide commuter parking spots. As an incentive to consider carpooling, students are able to park in the front row of the lot as long as they display two commuter parking passes.

Another student who does not carpool is Megan Perrin, 20, senior public relations major from Grant County.

Perrin said she would not mind carpooling, but she doesn't know many people from Grant County who attend Eastern.

Perrin also said carpooling isn't advertised much, so she doesn't think about it.

Rogers said there has been an increase in students looking for rides to the annual Tennessee-based Bonnaroo Music Festival, which is in early June in Manchester.

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Education vital to future of Kentucky

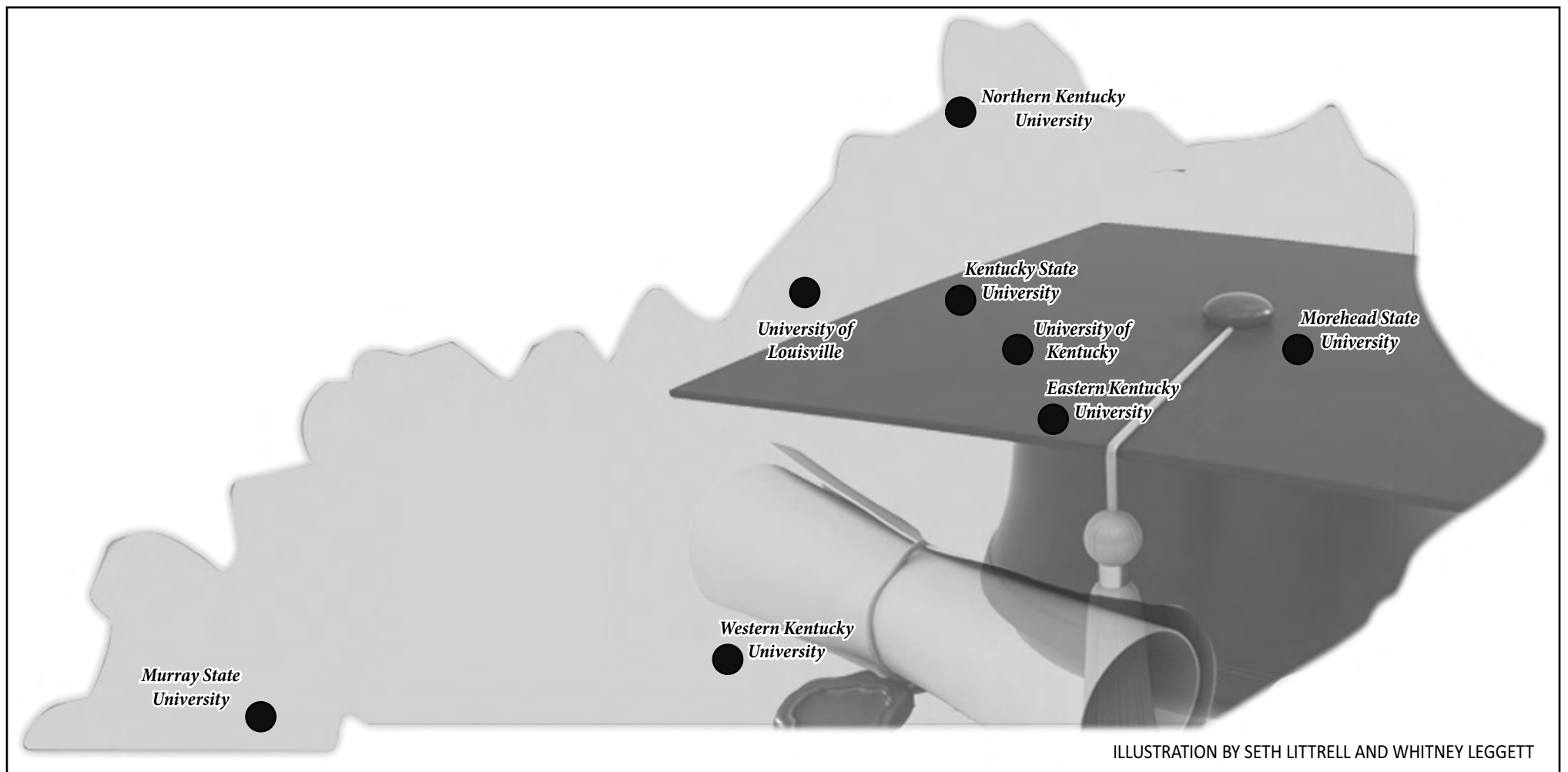


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The schools above are public universities receiving funding from the state. With their funding being cut, the colleges will likely need to raise tuition costs to meet their operating budget.

Last Tuesday President Whitlock hosted a tuition forum where it was announced Eastern could be staring down a five-percent tuition increase starting next year. Undergrad students tuition costs per semester are likely to jump from \$3,480 to \$3,660, adding an additional \$360 to student costs just to attend classes.

But the additional costs won't just be in tuition. Meal plan prices are also going to increase by a small amount, between \$16 and \$62 depending on the type of plan. Housing costs will also rise five percent, leaving students to pay an additional \$85 to \$98 to live on campus.

Being students, we at *The Progress* would rather not have to spend close to another \$500 a year on continuing our educations. However, before criticizing the university for hiking our costs, we believe it is important to look at the big picture.

It is true Eastern has been steadily raising the cost of attendance. But the increases are not the result of greedy administrators sitting in their offices and looking for a way to gouge just a few more dollars from everyone.

The increases are a reaction to something larger, namely a decrease in funding to higher education by the Kentucky state legislature. Like most other states, Kentucky was hit hard by the recent recession. As a result the state legisla-

ture has less money to work with and has to cut spending in an effort to remain within the realism of their operating budget. Unfortunately for us, the students, education does not get spared when the time for these cuts comes around.

But is it really just a problem for those currently going to college?

Obviously we aren't talking about the lack of state funding. Everyone has been affected by the recession and everyone has to do his or her part to assist in Kentucky's recovery.

What we're talking about is the decision to continuously cut funding to higher education for the survival of the state as a whole. While the idea that students do their part as citizens sits fine with us, cutting education seems like a very short-term solution.

If there's one thing Kentucky is not known for, it is a great track record with education. Anyone who leaves the state is likely to run into the stereotypes of Kentuckians being little more than ignorant hill folk still desperately living in a time long since passed.

But we know that's not the truth. Kentucky's college students are proof of this.

As an example, look at Eastern's CRAFT center, where students have developed ways of making new biofuels from

algae. That's right, Kentucky, the coal mining capitol of the world, could be the place where a new environmentally friendly fuel is finally developed.

And that's just one example. Our graduates go on to do remarkable things. Innovators, inventors, philosophers, Kentucky can and has produced all of these. When given a proper chance, the young minds of Kentucky can compete on even footing with students from anywhere else in the world. We have students at Eastern working in tandem with students in Ivy League schools on research projects.

The point of all this Kentucky pride is that, while we know times are tough, the growing rate of education in our state is opening up various new possibilities for what Kentucky can be. The state legislature must take this into account when making the decision to cut funding to higher education.

It is important that the emerging citizens at state universities carry their part of the weight, but our long-term goal as a state should be to make higher education available to as many people possible. The moment we once again make education in Kentucky a privilege only for the wealthy is the moment we begin to slip backward and reinforce the stereotypes that have plagued us for so long.

Bad cell reception hurts journalist's work, opportunities



My Turn:
Kristie
Hamon

I am one of those people you will see constantly checking their phone. I'm not one of those people who talks loudly with my phone on speaker phone while I sit in a restaurant or someone who texts so much I never break eye contact with you while I text a novel under my desk. No, I use my phone a lot for my job at *The Progress*, constantly calling sources and waiting for a return call, listening to voicemail and checking email on my snazzy iPhone to see if a source has replied or if one of my writers is in need of

assistance. My phone has become a vital tool in my life as I am busy most of the day in class and away from a computer and need to know when important things pop up.

Unfortunately, I have encountered many setbacks on campus with crappy cell reception. And the number one place where I need reception is the Combs Building where I have the majority of my classes and of course *The Progress* office, but I have found it to be the worst. The entire building is like a black hole for reception.

I would list the rest of the places that I don't get good reception but the list would be too long. Instead, I have found the best place on campus to get reception is next to the chapel in Powell plaza. The problem with that is it's outside, and with outside comes utility workers mowing, leaf blowing and loud traffic making it impossible to hold a coherent phone conversation there either.

Because of my lack of cell reception in the office, my phone will not send through any calls, and then will not tell me I have missed a call or record a voice message. This has hurt me in a number of ways from my texts not sending, receiving texts out of order or all at once, sources not being

able to get in contact with me and not being able to call out. But the biggest setback my cell reception has caused me is to miss two phone calls from two different newspapers about internships and additionally fail to inform me that I had even missed a call and much less that I had any voicemail when I checked. By the time my phone decided to divulge their messages, one newspaper had already picked an intern, but the other was still interested in some clips of my work. I'm keeping my fingers crossed that my phone hasn't caused me to miss that one too.

And right now, it's just not that feasible to get a different service provider and keep all of the various perks that my phone provides in working conditions. My phone is currently on a family plan with my parents and sister which helps with the cost and from what I've heard, AT&T and pretty much all other cell reception on campus has experienced its own issues. Until things change or I get a different service provider, I will be the girl you see walking around on campus with her phone in the air trying to catch an ounce of service.

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SGA elections system should be changed



My Turn:
Elise Svoboda

Some of my friends think the Student Government Association (SGA) is a joke. For others like me, SGA is an organization for students by students. Students can get involved and see how our government works on a small scale.

I have been involved in two campaign teams while I have been at Eastern. When I was a freshman, I campaigned with Armbrust and Holcomb. Last year, I campaigned for Molozzi and White. I say this not to brag about how I have been involved with SGA elections, but I say this for those who were here to remember some issues of the past with election committees of old.

For starters, the Armbrust/Holcomb campaign had to go to a hearing the eve of elections due to a violation against the Chadwell/Anderson campaign. In the end, the results were that Chadwell and Anderson could not campaign until noon and they had some of their votes docked. Last year is where this piece really starts with the Molozzi/White campaign. The day of elections, not the eve of the day of, there was a serious poster violation turned in against them to the point where things got out of hand in more ways than

one. People were not allowed to hear the joke of a court case due to the size of the room, which could have happened to anyone. No matter what, Molozzi or White said it was a no-win situation. I was there and I felt so outraged by the whole circus because people cannot act as they would in a real courtroom setting. While I was not at the Street/Arbino trial and the trial itself was not as big as last year's, I knew what they were going through without even being there. While I, myself, was just watching it last year, I felt fear, dread and panic due to the fact the case was so big on campus.

The catch is how long a court decision can have a final say in the vote. I think that this year's administration did a wonderful job with student government, but each year the elections committee has caused the election results to change, not by interfering with the vote, but by overturning decisions made by the student body.

I know that SGA has certain bylaws within their constitution they need to follow, but I also know students are wondering who truly won the elections. I know the election process is done by computers, but people are responsible to insure that the elections are done properly.

I have nothing against Street and Arbino winning the elections, and I wish them and their cabinet the best of luck for the 2012-2013 school year. I do, however, have an issue with the way and means the election committee handles situations involving serious election violations. There

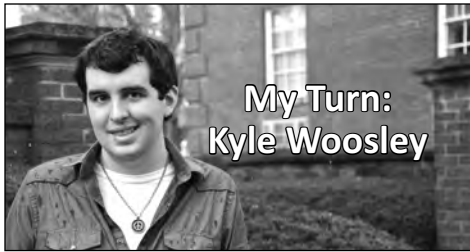
should be a certain window to close serious violations and a true list of what is a serious violation. There should also be a certain way to handle these situations to the point of having an appeal trial once it is turned in and not causing such a commotion within the school and the elections.

The U.S. was founded on the people choosing who comes to power. Whether it is local, state, or national government, people "rock the vote." While there have been times within our history where the courts have had to come to a decision about who won the election, there has not been a time in U.S. history that I have read about how this is a yearly issue and it affecting the outcome of the elections.

There should also be a certain number of candidates allowed on the ballot. This year, the vote was so split that it looked like a miracle for people to have 300 votes to consider them eligible for being the next student body president and executive vice president.

There is a better way to conduct elections, but all I can give is suggestions. I have not seen the SGA constitution, but I heard some things about it. I challenge the new SGA for 2012-2013 school year to attempt to figure out a way to make the system better. I understand it will not happen overnight and there is truly no good way to go about it, but a single sign of change would be a great start to ensure the students' voice is actually heard again; not the voice and decision of a committee.

Student ends first year at new college



My Turn:
Kyle Woosley

The end of this semester will mark the end of my first full year at Eastern. The transition from school-to-school was not an easy one for me.

I am a transfer student. I completed my first two years of college at Morehead State University. During my transition, I was forced to overcome many obstacles and face many fears that nothing could have prepared me for.

Believe it or not, when I was a senior in high school trying to make my college decision I was 100 percent convinced that Eastern was the place for me. I had toured the campus, set up financial aid and registered for classes during orientation. The road to my future was laid out on a Maroon road in front of me.

But then something very unexpected happened. Something so farfetched to change my entire future and swayed me toward a different direction. Something had changed that Maroon road that was laid out so perfectly in front of me to a blue and golden path I would later regret; I fell in love.

It may sound cheesy or lame, but it is what it is. I met a person who changed my life forever and whom I couldn't imagine spending the next four years without. So I decided to change my decision. I made the last-minute switch to Morehead.

Everything started off great. Most of my friends from high school were going to school there, I was with the love of my life, I had an amazing job and life was good.

During my sophomore year, I moved off campus. This is when my relationship

ended. After that moment in my life, everything seemed so difficult. Just going through my day-to-day activities felt like nothing anybody could possibly imagine. I know it sounds stupid to think someone of that age could be in love, but being broken up with after a two-year relationship is definitely something that sticks with you for a while.

I tried everything to get the feeling of hope and meaningfulness in my life. I tried working out, I joined a bunch of on-campus organizations, I even took an art class but nothing seemed to fill the void.

Toward the end of my sophomore year, I started to realize it was more than my ex bringing me down. It was my environment – the dull and never-ending blah that was Morehead State University. I was at a school I didn't ever really want to go to in the first place. It did not even offer a good program for what I was going into. I began to see that the only way I could be happy was to leave.

As I began looking for options, I remembered how I felt when I came to Eastern. The environment, the program curriculum and the general happiness from the people there were all things unknown to me at Morehead.

Once I decided I wanted to move from Morehead to Eastern, there were a lot of decisions I had to make. For starters, I was still under a lease in a place with my ex. When I mentioned what I was going to do, it's needless to say that I was met with hostility. Deciding to pack up my things and find myself, I moved out. The day I moved out would be the last time I ever spoke with my ex.

After this, I was forced to move back home. I hadn't lived at home for two years and coming back for a few months

was awkward. I had to readjust to a lot of things I just wasn't used to anymore. Simple things like going to work, showering and preparing meals just felt strange. Fortunately, my family welcomed me with open arms and helped me get back on my feet.

Then came the big day: Move-in day at Eastern. I hadn't lived in a residence hall for over a year. I was coming to a school where I could count the people I knew on one hand. I strictly remember sitting in my room, trying to clean from the mess left by summer residents. My roommate had gone out to eat with his girlfriend and his dad, so I was alone. I sat in the floor and just started crying. It wasn't necessarily a sad cry or a happy cry. It was like all of the stress and pain of trying to move on with my life had just set in and I wasn't quite sure what to do.

The first few months at Eastern were awkward to say the least. But I eventually found my place. I started writing for *The Eastern Progress* and made some good friends. Now, I'm going into my senior year of college with the future shining brightly in front of me.

Looking back, I do not regret my decision to transfer to Eastern in the slightest. Eastern has provided me with opportunities I couldn't have received anywhere else. I have done things in this past year that I never thought I would be doing. I have some of the greatest friends and co-workers that one year ago, I didn't even know. My life finally seems to be working itself out and, for once, I feel like I've finally found my place.

"Once I decided I wanted to move from Morehead to Eastern, there were a lot of decisions I had to make."

>Letters to the editor

Speaker gave informative lecture regarding culture

Dr. Freda Bush's April 11 lecture, "Frogs, Frags & Friends," was an informative talk regarding the impacts of today's "hook-up" culture and the implications sex has on the brain. One student who attended the lecture and is a nursing student remarked, "Dr. Bush's lecture was very interesting from the medical standpoint

and provided insightful information." The event, which was sponsored by Love and Truth and the Ruth Institute, was well attended, and numerous students stayed after the lecture to talk with Dr. Bush and purchase her book "Hooked." For more information regarding the student organization Love and Truth, please feel

free to contact Joelle Sprague (mary_sprague3@mymail.eku.edu) or Scotty Biggs (scottbiggs1089@yahoo.com).

Joelle Sprague
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CAMPUS COMMENTS

"Study Spaces"

All Campus Comments are anonymous.

- There isn't enough quiet ones.
- Each dorm needs one on each floor.
- I like the library study spaces the best.
- I live in Walters, so I love having so many study spaces.
- We need more quiet study spaces, noise comes from the vents.
- I just study in my room. It doesn't really matter to me.
- I live off campus so I don't really use them.
- I don't use them.
- I love the atmosphere in the library.
- It makes studying easier for me, I have to have silence when I study.
- I like to study in the basement, but I get creeped out sometimes because of the lights.
- I would rather study in my room.
- I don't like them but my friends do.
- I always get distracted somehow when it gets so quiet.
- I'll be living in one next week.
- I do most of my homework there.
- Every time I try and go in the one on our floor someone else is in there doing something other than homework.
- The law library is so quiet.
- I study in my apartment.
- I think we could use a few more. I also feel like there's not enough 24-hour places on campus.
- I feel there's just not enough. They're just not quiet enough.
- I mostly just study in my room.
- I wish libraries were open like full time, like all night.
- I don't really use them so I don't know for sure.
- I have no opinion on them.
- I definitely think they're something our campus needs to expand on.
- We have some, but definitely not enough for all the students who need them.
- I feel like our school does good with that. We have lots of places to study around campus.
- Sometimes I don't get around to doing projects until really late, especially during dead week.
- I think it's cool. I mean, there's less noise and distractions and a better atmosphere where I can work on homework as opposed to sitting somewhere else.

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FEATURES



Best Local Salon: Kolor Kreations

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Looking for a salon in Richmond? Why not go to Richmond's best, Kolor Kreations? This full-service salon offers a plethora of services including waxing, skin care, nail care, makeup services, hair cut and color. It also offer services for men.

"I love it here," said Amy Graham, instructional tech associate in information technology. "[My nails] look good and I'm really hard on them. No one else has been able to do that. I've been coming here for five years."

Kolor Kreations' already affordable prices are even sweeter for Eastern students, faculty and staff. With an Eastern ID card, you can receive a 15 percent discount. Also, add Kolor Kreations on Facebook for the occasional update on special prices.

Kolor Kreations owners and operators, Kara Swartzbaugh and Amanda Pennington, have the salon open six days a week with hours to meet everyone's busy schedule: Monday, Tuesday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Wednesday through Friday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. The salon is located at 202 Wayne Drive off the Eastern Bypass. Call 623-7538 to set you your appointment today!



Best Local Restaurant: Koto Japanese Bistro

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One of the best-tasting and most unique places to have a meal in Richmond is Koto Japanese Bistro.

Koto offers a wide variety of Japanese delights, including various types of sushi and hibachi. Sushi options include Smoked Salmon, Eel Unagi, Wasabi Caviar and Crab Meat Kani. Different kinds of hibachi offered include chicken, calamari, shrimp, vegetable and lobster.

They even offer a wide variety of wine options, including Kendall Jackson Chardonnay, Salmon Creek Brut, Coppola Diamond Merlot and Fat Bastard Cabernet Sauvignon.

They have happy hours from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 3:30 to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Koto is located at 2127 Lantern Ridge Drive #100t in the Richmond Centre. They operate from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday and Noon to 9:30 p.m. Sunday.



Best New Bar or Restaurant: Orange Leaf

By MICHAEL EMERSON
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Students all over campus have been to or at least know about the frozen yogurt restaurant Orange Leaf where numerous students choose to spend their time after a long day of boring lectures and tests.

This haven of dairy lovers features a wide variety of flavors from chocolate to cheese cake as well as various toppings, all while providing a pleasing inside and outside eating area. The pricing of each cup of frozen yogurt depends on how much it would weigh in ounces.

The students who frequent the shop seem enthusiastic about it. Cameron Bishop, 18, nursing major, from Michigan, had a favorable opinion of the franchise.

"I think it's pretty interesting how they do the pricing, plus the flavors are really good," Bishop said. Orange Leaf has over 144 locations open around the country and is planning on opening 80 more and for a good reason.

Orange Leaf proves itself as the winner of the best new bar or restaurant award this year by providing good service, good food and an upbeat setting that keeps people coming back.



Best Hidden Treasure: Acres of Land

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One of Richmond's best hidden treasures nestled about six miles outside of Richmond city limits is a place of tranquility with a great dining atmosphere for all ages to enjoy. Students who are 21 or older can enjoy a glass of Richmond's finest wine at Acres of Land Winery.

The winery offers a lunch and a dinner menu along with desert selections, which everyone is sure to enjoy. The winery also offers a wide array of wines from blushes to red wines. The wine produced at the vineyard has won multiple awards throughout the state and the nation. In 2009, Maggie Adams Blush won a silver medal in Wines of the South. In 2010, the Vignoles won a gold medal at Derby Fest.

The winery also offers tours of the vineyard and tours to see how the wine is made. There is also a tasting room.

Acres of Land Winery is owned by Lowell and Kathy Land and is easy to find with signs leading the way to a relaxing meal. It is located at 2285 Barnes Mill Road. To learn more about the winery and the services it offers call 328-3000.



Best Local Clothing Store: Soft Shoe

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Best Place to Take a Date: Cinemark Richmond Centre

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Best Local Sandwich:
Penn Station

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By ADAM TURNER
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Even with stiff competition, Penn Station has once again proven itself to be Richmond's Best Local Sandwich.

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Best Local Bar/Nightclub AND Best Live Music Venue: Paddy Wagon

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With its Irish theme and laid back ambience, The Paddy Wagon wins awards for both the best local bar or club, and the best live music venue. Winning the awards for the fourth year in a row, part owner Chuck Fields said variety is what keeps people coming back. "We have a variety of food and lots of different beers from around the world," Fields said. "There's such a variety of [musical] talents in the Richmond area, and we're broadening now."

While the pub is distinctly Irish in everything from its name to the historic memorabilia owners Fields and Greg Ferrell have collected during their travels, they are not exclusive in the acts they invite to play. Numerous genres are featured at the pub, from country to rock.

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Best Local Liquor Store: Liquor Mart

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For college students looking to blow off steam, finding a good reliable liquor store is essential for the perfect party or get-together and this year the award for best local liquor store goes to none other than Liquor Mart located at 310 Eastern Bypass.

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Best Late-Night Eatery: Dale's Hot Dog Stand

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It's a late night (or for many, an early morning) out on the town. You're tired and spent after the night's festivities. And you have the serious munchies. Where do you go?

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TENNIS

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doubles point for the Colonels.

Soon after, No. 6 seed senior Emilio Piriz, gave Eastern an early 2-0 advantage after defeating John Storie in straight sets, 6-2, 6-4.

The Governors would seize momentum as they picked up three straight wins against Eastern's top three-seeded competitors.

First to get Austin Peay on the board was Jasmin Ademovic. The No. 2 seed from Bosnia was able to rebound, after dropping the first set to Eastern's Niklas Schroeder. In a back-and-forth third set, Ademovic got the best of Schroeder, 2-6, 6-4, 6-3.

No. 3 seeded Colonel Philip Janz could not hold off his opponent either. Austin Peay's Dimitar Ristovski took the match in a second set tie-breaker, 6-2, 7-6.

And just like that, the score was knotted at two.

The Governors would claim the lead thanks to their No.1 seed Sean Bailey. The junior from Canada would hand Eastern's Hugo Klientovsky his first conference loss of the year.

After taking the first set, Bailey showed no signs of backing down against the Colonels leader. Klientovsky fought to regain the lead for his squad, but it didn't happen. The final score, 6-3, 6-4.

After a tough contest that drained both squads, the final two matches would unfortunately be ended early due to cramps.

In a strange turn of events, both Austin Peay's Michal Hriciste and Eastern's No. 4 seed Parul Verma were forced to retire early.

This would result in Austin Peay picking up the win 4-3.

Head coach Rob Oertel had this to say about the surprise ending to a great day of tennis.

"It was weird," Oertel said. "That's the first time in my history of coaching I've seen that."

A Look Ahead:

The Colonels will travel to Nashville, Tenn. for the OVC tournament this weekend.

The Colonels will come in as the No. 3 seeded squad. And if all goes accordingly, Eastern will have another shot at the only two conference foes to defeat them during the season, Austin Peay and Tennessee Tech.

Coach Oertel spoke about the tournament and the two conference losses during the season:

"They wanna' steal our title and we got to defend it," Oertel said.

Oertel and his team hope to avenge both losses and capture another conference title.

BASEBALL

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was then walked, loading the bases. Garcia was hit with a pitch, scoring Daniel and keeping the bases loaded. Jamison smashed the ball over the fence, clearing the bases and putting Eastern ahead 8-2. Rodriguez wrapped the game up in the eighth inning with a solo homerun.

The last game didn't start or end well for the Colonels, who lost 7-9. Sophomore pitcher Blake Bottoms got the loss, allowing five runs on three hits while striking out two. Junior Anthony Bazzani came on in the fourth inning and allowed three runs on five hits while striking out three and walking six. Solomon led the batting lineup by going 2-for-4 and getting three RBI.

"We got behind early, some walks

that hurt us pretty big," Coach Stein said. "We played good defense, we still hit. We did some things right, we just need to find some consistency on the mound on Sunday."

Eastern Illinois came out swinging in the first three innings, but Eastern managed to reach them in the bottom of the third inning. Still behind 3-6, Eastern tried to rally in the bottom of the fifth, but fell short after Garcia popped out to the catcher.

Eastern Illinois widened the gap in the sixth by scoring two more runs and by hitting a solo home run in the top of the ninth. Eastern tried to rally again in the bottom of the ninth making the score 7-9. But Eastern couldn't finish the rally and the Panthers managed to avoid being swept.

The Colonels return to the diamond 3 p.m. April 20, for a three-game home stand against Austin Peay State University.

TRACK TEAM

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Mason, junior Picoty Leitich, sophomore Hannah Miller and freshman Erica Weststrom. The distance medley relay team finished in second place with a time of 12:05.70. The team was composed of Forbes, Weststrom, freshmen Ann Eason and Erica Reaser.

The men's track and field team also had very strong performances at the Sea Ray Relays. Junior Soufiane Bouchikhi was the top collegiate finisher in the 1500 meters with a time of 3:48.64.

Bouchikhi's time was the fifth fastest time in school history.

Junior Yosi Goasdoue barely edged out teammate senior Alex Dreyer for first place in the 5,000 meters, with a time of 14:39.77. Senior Simon Holzapfel won the 10,000 meters after running a personal and OVC best time 30:31.68.

"Holzapfel ran a personal best of 90 seconds and he was really pleased by it," Head Coach Rick Erdmann said.

The men's relay team also brought back medals after winning two races. Bouchikhi, sophomore Ben Tortoitich, senior Ben Cheruyiot and freshman Thijs Nijhuis won the 4x1500 meter relay with a time of 16:59.59. Cheruyiot, Goasdoue, Tortoitich and senior Gerry

Cooper won the distance medley relay with the time of 10:14.38.

The Colonels won four events while competing at the Cumberlands Invitational. Senior Morgan Thacker won the women's long jump and the triple jump events. Thacker's long jump leap was a distance of 17-8 and her triple jump leap was 36-0.

Freshman Tanner Kendal was the top collegiate finisher in the men's high jump and the men's long jump. Kendal's mark in the high jump was 6-2 and his long jump was a distance of 20-8.

The Colonels track and field team returns to action Friday at Tom Samuels track when they host the EKU Open.

CHAMPS

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Amandine claimed the victory 6-4, 6-2.

Coach Rob Oertel spoke about his team:

"The great thing about the streak we're on right now is they've gotten better each match, especially on the doubles side which has been our Achilles heel all year," Head Coach Rob Oertel said. "We're getting better and better and now we're getting

some doubles points, which take some of the pressure off of our singles."

A Look Ahead: Eastern's women's tennis team will travel to Nashville, Tenn. this weekend for the OVC tournament.

They come in as the No.1 seed and hope to mirror their regular season success.

"Pretty much every girl is peaking, it's pretty hard to get every girl peaking at the same time," Oertel said. "For the most part, they're all playing their best tennis."

SOFTBALL

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first base in the fifth. Shaylon Robb (8-10) recorded the win for the Colonels by pitching the final three innings. She allowed six hits, one run and struck out three.

Tennessee State scored first once again in Sunday's finale. The Tigers got two runs in the fourth inning but then the Colonels scored eight unanswered runs to win the game, 8-2.

Pittsenbarger (9-10) started and won the game, allowing two unearned runs on two hits while walking two and striking out five.

Coach Worthington said the turn-

around between Thursday and Saturday isn't anything new.

"It's been like this all year," Coach Worthington said. "One day we're up and playing with intensity and the next we'll play tentatively."

She said if the team can get it figured out they can win some games.

Individually, Shannon McQueen celebrated a milestone of her own by recording her first home run of the season.

"It felt good to finally get it because I've been close a few times," McQueen said. "It felt good to see one finally clear the fence."

Senior Larkyn Wood said she felt the team played a little flat in Thursday's losses.

Maintaining the energy and intensity is the main thing Wood said she wants to

work on in preparation for the upcoming 10-game road trip.

"I also want to make sure we keep the ball in play when we have people in scoring position," Wood said.

Worthington said the games are all about one thing: mindset.

"It's all about the mindset because the talent is there," she said.

The softball team (20-22 11-9 OVC) started its long road trip on a winning note by beating Miami (OH) 2-1 in 10 innings Tuesday night.

Shaylon Robb (9-10) got the win allowing only three hits in 3.1 innings of work.

The Colonels begin their road trip at 2 p.m. Thursday with a doubleheader against Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio.

SCRIMMAGE

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Hood added the quarterback situation is still unsettled.

"Pryor, De La Cruz and McClain all did well," Hood said. "We will watch tape from tonight's game and then Coach Damron will make a decision."

He added a starting quarterback probably won't be named until the week of Sept. 1 as the Colonels prepare to play the Boilermakers.

Hood said the spring practice session has in no way been boring.

"Both teams have done really well this spring," he said. "I told the team that this spring has been the most fun I've had in all my years as a coach."

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Baseball team wins weekend series

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Senior Richie Rodriguez rounds the bases during a weekend game with Eastern Illinois University. The Colonels won the three game weekend series, 2-1.

The Colonels' baseball team came out positive after winning two games and losing one during last weekend's series at home against Eastern Illinois University. Eastern (16-17, 8-4 OVC) scraped through in 11 innings to defeat the Panthers (14-19, 5-6 OVC) 5-4 in the first game. The second game went without a hitch, with the Colonels coming out ahead 9-2. Eastern finished the series with a 7-9 loss and the Panthers avoided being swept.

"Anytime you win the series, that's positive. That's what we want to do every weekend," Coach Jason Stein said. "Sweeps are great, but they're hard to do."

The game started slowly in the first inning, but the Panthers managed to pick up a run in the top of the second, and they would stay in the lead until the fifth. Senior A.J. Jamison singled and was pushed to second base on a throwing error from the Eastern Illinois shortstop.

A single from sophomore Sean Hagen scored Jamison, bringing the score to an even 1-1. The Panthers responded by scoring a run in the sixth and another in the eighth. With Eastern trailing 1-3, the Panthers went into the bottom of the ninth expecting the win. The Panthers started the inning by walking senior Michael Garcia. A double from junior Alex Hughes pushed Garcia to third base. Freshman Demetrius Moorer pinch ran for Hughes and was pushed to third base after Hagen was walked, which also scored Garcia. The next batter, junior Austin Grisham, hit Moorer in on a field-

er's choice single. This tied the game and pushed it into extra innings.

The 10th inning was uneventful, but the Panthers managed to get one run in the top of the 11th. But with their last breath, the Colonels managed to get in front in the bottom of the eleventh. Junior Justin Trent scored on an error by the second baseman, tying the game. Ferraro finished the game with a solo homerun, ending it 5-4.

The second game started out even but tipped to the Colonels' favor in the last few innings, with Eastern winning 9-2. Junior pitcher Shane Grimm earned the win by pitching seven innings and only allowing two runs on nine hits while striking out one. Sophomore Brent Cobb took over for Grimm in the eighth inning and didn't allow any runs or hits and struck out two. Rodriguez and Jamison highlighted the batting lineup, with Rodriguez going 3-for-4 with two RBI and a homerun and Jamison going 2-for-4 with four RBI and a grand slam.

Eastern Illinois managed to score two runs in the top of the first inning, putting the Panthers in front. Eastern responded in the second, tying the game. Eastern pulled ahead in the bottom of the sixth inning when Garcia smashed his sixth homerun of the season. Eastern put the final nail in the Panthers' coffin in the bottom of the seventh. With two outs, Daniel was walked. Soloman hit a ground ball to the third baseman, who should have thrown him out. But Eastern Illinois' third baseman made a throwing error, allowing Soloman to reach second base, with Daniel reaching third. Senior Dustin Dunlop

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Volleyball hopes to solidify defense with signees

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Volleyball Head Coach Lori Duncan announced the signing of two new players Tuesday.

Julia Mindlina, a transfer student from Syracuse University and Mallori Moffat, a freshman from Stuart, Fla and Rachael Vick, who was signed in November, complete the 2012 recruiting class.

Duncan said the addition of Mindlina and Moffat will help to plug some holes in the defense especially floor defense.

"These girls are going to help us get better at defense and ball control," Coach Duncan said. "We have been talking about getting better in these two areas

since the end of last season."

She also said Mindlina is a defensive specialist and a libero which will help with floor defense and ball defense.

Duncan didn't contain her excitement on the signings, especially about Moffat.

"Her experience is going to be phenomenal for us," Duncan said.

Duncan also said the team may add one or two more players who would be consistent front-row players.

She wasn't afraid to go out on a limb concerning the talent of the two players.

"As long as we stay healthy, these players could be the final two pieces of a championship season," said Duncan.

Mens tennis team earns tournament berth despite loss

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Eastern's men's tennis team would face two more conference tests last weekend before the OVC tournament in Nashville, Tenn.

First, the Colonels welcomed Murray State. After defeating the Racers, Eastern played host to Austin Peay State University. The Governors were able to escape with a win.

Eastern (16-9, 6-2 OVC) took the court April 13 to take on Murray State (5-12, 3-5 OVC).

The Colonels were able to avoid any bad luck on "Friday the 13th," winning 6-1.

The Colonels appear to have come into their own in doubles play. The combination of Hugo Klientovsky and Carles Pons was the driving force against the Racers. The duo defeated their opponents to give Eastern the 1-0 edge.

In singles play, No. 1 seed Hugo Klientovsky would come through for the defending OVC champions. Klientovsky was victorious over his opponent, Arthur Valle,

and he would close out the match in the second set without dropping a single game, 6-1, 6-0.

No. 2 seed Niklas Schroeder would soon follow. Schroeder gave Murray State's Joao Camara no opportunity to pull off the upset, the senior from Germany executed tremendously, picking up the win, 6-2, 6-1.

No. 3 seeded Colonel, Philip Janz, closed out the match for Eastern. Janz had a quick start, taking the first set in no time. His opponent, Jose Berardo, regained his composure in the second set to rally and capture a few games. But Janz would eventually pull away, 6-0, 6-3.

With two more wins from No. 6 seed Carles Pons and No. 4 seed Parul Verma, the Colonels walked away with a 6-1 win.

The Colonels faced rival Austin Peay (11-8, 6-1 OVC) in the last match of the regular season. Austin Peay would pick up the win after a pair of retirements, one from each team.

After splitting a pair of doubles matches, the team of Philip Janz and Niklas Schroeder were able to solidify the

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Freshmen Melissa Gerritsen, Kristin Labeja and Milena Poffo return serves during matches against Murray State last weekend. The Colonels finished the season undefeated in OVC play.

Women's tennis serves up championship win

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Before the women's tennis team attempts to bring home a title this weekend in Nashville, Tenn., they were put to the test two more times last weekend.

First, the Lady Colonels (16-6, 9-0 OVC) welcomed Murray State (11-10, 6-3 OVC).

Although Eastern has had some difficulty in finding its niche in doubles this season, they have steadily improved.

The Lady Colonels were able to capture the doubles point without dropping a match.

In singles play, No. 1 seed Amandine Faouzi got to work early for the Lady Colonels. Faouzi defeated her opponent, Cassidy

Cunitz, on her way to a perfect win, 6-0, 6-0.

Murray State's No. 3 seed Jordana Klein would respond for the Racers. Klein was able to gain the upper hand over Eastern's Saioa Oscoz for a 6-1, 6-0 win.

Eastern's No. 2 seed Kristina Labeja rebounded for the Lady Colonels. She showed skill in her match against Ashley Canty. Canty could find no answer for the play of Labeja as she gave Eastern the 3-0 lead with a 6-2, 6-1 victory.

With only one more win needed to keep their undefeated conference streak alive, No. 6 seeded Lady Colonel Carmen Rodriguez would deliver. She defeated opponent Ashley Pierson 6-2, 6-1, to ensure the win for Eastern.

No. 5 seed, sophomore Milena Poffo would win her match against Carolyn Huerth, 6-1, 6-1.

No. 4 seed Melissa Gerritsen fought back from a set down to extend her match against the Racers Carla Suga. Gerritsen and Suga battled it out in a back-and-forth third set, but Suga, the sophomore from Toronto, would claim the win, 6-4, 2-6, (10-6).

The Lady Colonels would extend their record to 8-0 in the OVC with a 5-2 win.

The only thing standing between the Lady Colonels and a perfect conference record was Austin Peay.

Austin Peay (8-13, 5-3 OVC) put up a fight against the Lady Colonels, but was unable to pull off the upset.

Eastern showed off its improved doubles skills as they won the first two contests to take the all-important doubles point.

In singles play, No. 5 seed Milena Poffo got the Lady Colonels going. Poffo defeated Vanessa Tavares in straight sets, 6-2, 6-0.

Soon after, Eastern would take a 3-0 lead with the play of its No. 6 seed Marcela Jimenez. Jimenez battled Austin Peay's Jovana Karac to pick up the win, 6-1, 6-3.

No. 1 seeded Lady Colonel Amandine Faouzi closed out the match. Her opponent, Vanja Tomic, showed signs of life in the second set, contesting Faouzi, but it would not be enough to extend the match to a third set.

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Eastern track stars set personal bests at invitational

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Eastern's track and field team set multiple personal best records last Saturday when they competed at the University of Tennessee Sea Ray Relays and the University of the Cumberland Invitational.

Junior Jazzmin Jeter had a solid performance in the long jump. Jeter leaped 19-6, which tied a Colonel record that was set in 1980 by Teri Seippel. Jeter also holds the long jump indoor record with a leap of 19-2 1/2. Jeter claimed the record while at the 2011 Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Championships. Despite tying the school record, Jeter finished in fourth place out of a field of 21 jumpers.

Junior Bianca Forbes, also had a strong outing for the Colonels track and field team. Forbes ran a personal and OVC best in the 400 meters with a time of 54.51. Forbes finished in 3rd place out of a field of 48 runners. Forbes' time was the third fastest 400 meters in school history.

In the women's 400-meter hurdles event, sophomore Shiyana Mahendra finished in eighth place out of 21 runners. Mahendra ran a personal-best with a time of 1:03.69 and it was also the third fastest time in the OVC.

The women's relay teams also had very strong performances. The 4x100 meter relay team won the race with a time of 47.46. The team consisted of Jeter, Mahendra, senior Diamond Benjamin and sophomore Rashelle Florence. The 4x1500 meter relay team also won their race with a time of 19:08.92. The team consisted of senior Danielle

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MAROON AND WHITE

Game whets fans' appetite for football season

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Junior running back Xavier Foster scrambles for yards during the spring scrimmage Saturday.

The Colonels' football team showed fans the fruits of its spring workouts Saturday in the annual Maroon and White game.

The game was low-scoring, which is what Head Coach Dean Hood said happens when you split the team, with the white team winning, 7-3.

All-American candidate and senior Matt Denham scored the white team's only touchdown on a third-down and four play in the first quarter. Junior kicker Luke Pray recorded the only points for the maroon team with a 31-yard field goal before halftime.

The game had some solid performers on both sides of the ball. Sophomore linebacker Tyrelle Johnson (Maroon) led all players with 10 tackles. Senior defensive end Nick Vicini (White) and redshirt freshman defensive lineman Drakkar Wilson (White) both had two sacks. Junior Xavier Foster made his transition from defensive back to running back a smooth one, recording 34 yards on seven carries.

The Colonels capped off the night by receiving their 2011 Ohio Valley Conference championship rings. Coach Hood has won two titles (2008, 2011) in four years.

Eastern will begin the regular season Sept. 1 on the road against Purdue.

Hood said he wasn't bothered by the Maroon team's inability to get an offensive rhythm going.

"When you split the team up like that, it causes more intensity on offense than defense," Coach Hood said. "One team is always going to get more reps."

He also said both teams moved the ball well.

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Junior Raquel Howes gets a lift from her teammates following a victory over Tennessee State University Saturday. The Colonels swept the Tigers after losing to Tennessee Tech on the road Thursday.

Softball team rebounds from road loss

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The Colonels softball team (19-22 11-9 OVC) returned home Saturday from a doubleheader road loss against Tennessee Tech (17-22 11-9 OVC) and swept visiting Tennessee State (10-30 3-18 OVC) in a three-game weekend series.

The Golden Eagles won game one Thursday, 3-2 and won the second one 10-2 in five innings.

In game one, Raquel Howes closed the gap to one with a leadoff home run in the fourth inning, but that's as close as the Colonels would come.

Eastern never really got a rhythm going in game two as Tennessee Tech scored in the first five innings to put the game out of reach for the Colonels. Eastern's only score came in the top of the fifth on a single by freshman Carissa Reisinger and a Tennessee Tech error.

Saturday's game was a career day for junior Raquel Howes. She tied school records for season and career home runs as the Colonels swept Tennessee State 8-0 and 10-2.

Howes recorded her 13th home run of the season, which tied her own individual school record and then matched Cheyenne Hussey's career mark by hitting the 28th home run of her young career.

Katie Tackett and Larkyn Wood put Eastern on the board with two runs in the bottom of the first. Howes extended the lead to 5-0 in the third with a three-run home run. Cheyenne Pounds sealed the victory for the Colonels in the sixth with a two-run home run of her own.

Freshman Leanna Pittsenbarger (8-10) got the win, pitching six shutout innings. She only allowed four hits and struck out five.

Although the Tigers got on the board first in game two, Eastern answered with a run-scoring single by Howes. Howes and Shannon McQueen combined their efforts in the third and plated a total of three runs to put the Colonels ahead, 4-2. Howes then drove in Nicole Heitz as part of a three-run inning to extend Eastern's lead to 7-2. A misplaying in right field allowed Heitz to score the game-winning run from

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