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Airplane flown by student makes emergency landing

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A Skyhawk single engine airplane flown by an Eastern aviation student and flight instructor made an emergency landing at 4 p.m. Thursday in a field a half mile short of the Madison County Airport.

While neither student Anthony Flowers nor flight instructor Richard Quant sustained any injuries, the plane, leased to the Eastern

aviation program, suffered damage to the right wing and tail upon the emergency landing. The plane clipped a utility line and hit the only tree on the property.

Marc Whitt, associate vice president for public relations, said the plane landed in a farm that adjoins Madison County Airport.

"No injuries," Whitt said. "In fact, when they came to a stop, both of them were able to get out on their own."

He said the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) started an investigation Friday

morning and released the plane back to the University Friday after completing its initial investigation.

"They reviewed the pre-flight records, and now they are looking into the mechanical aspects of the investigation," Whitt said.

The FAA is still investigating why, at the landing location, the airplane didn't have any fuel but the pre-flight records indicated there was enough fuel for the flight.

Ralph Gibbs, chief flight instructor, said all students in the aviation program receive

emergency landing training and practice.

"We have a very, very good maintenance program so engines quitting on us don't happen very often, but we do practice for them in nearly every flight just in case they do," Gibbs said.

Gibbs said in the case of emergency landing, they set an aircraft at its best flight air speed so that it can travel as far as possible to

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CONNELLY GIVES HIS LAST LECTURE



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James Conneely, Associate Provost and Vice President for Student Affairs, gives an actual last lecture as he will be leaving Eastern this summer to be president of Notre Dame University of Maryland.

By ELISE SVOBODA
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Each year, professors are nominated by students for the chance to speak as part of Housing's series "If This was My Last Lecture," letting the lecturer give a lecture on a topic of their choosing. For James Conneely, this will actually be one of his last lectures ever at Eastern.

Earlier this year, it was announced Conneely accepted the position as Notre Dame Uni-

versity of Maryland President effective in July. Conneely is currently the Associate Provost and Vice President for Student Affairs.

Kenna Middleton, the Director of University Housing, said this series is no stranger to Eastern's campus. Past speakers include Dr. Dave Eakin and Dr. Bob Houston.

"We actually had this many, many years ago, probably 12 to 15 [years] and it fell by the wayside until about

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Grand jury sees murder trial

By KYLE WOOSLEY
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A double-murder case involving Eastern student Daniel Keene, 26, physics major, was referred to the Madison County Grand Jury on March 30.

In March, Keene and Matt Denholm, arrested in association with the case, were charged with two counts of murder, two counts of kidnapping and one county of tampering with physical evidence. Denholm is also being charged with theft of a motor vehicle.

"It has been referred to the grand jury," said David Smith, Commonwealth attorney. "He [Keene] waived a preliminary hearing and was referred to a grand jury on March 30."

Denholm, however, had a preliminary hearing but Smith said it was also referred to the Grand Jury.

Keene and Denholm are being charged with the murders of Madison County residents San-saray Warford and Charles Walker.

After the preliminary hearing, District Judge Oliver Brown ordered the bodies of Warford and Walker be preserved and used as evidence in the case.

"The district judge of the preliminary hearing ordered that the bodies be preserved pending further order of the court," Smith said.

Both Keene and Denholm pleaded not guilty and are being held at the Madison County Detention Center. Smith said the grand jury must make a decision on the case before May 29.

Trial date set for arson suspect

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A trial date has been set for the Eastern student who was suspected of starting fires in Commonwealth Hall.

Samuel MacFarland, 19, criminal justice major from Williamsburg, is expected to stand trial on June 11 after being charged with first-degree arson, a Class A felony with potentially 20 or more years in prison. He is also being charged with first-degree wanton endangerment, first-degree criminal mischief, promoting contraband and possession of a controlled substance.

In October, MacFarland allegedly caught two bulletin boards in Commonwealth Hall on fire, resulting in an evacuation of the building. The building's sprinkler system caused more than \$1,000 in damages. He was arrested the night of the fire for public intoxication. He was then arrested a few days later for the fire.

MacFarland was released in late October from the Madison County Detention Center on a \$20,000 property bond, but he was placed under arrest again in February in his hometown for driving under the influence. He has been jailed at the Madison County Detention Center since Feb. 15.

David Smith, Commonwealth attorney, said MacFarland did not request a preliminary trial.

A \$1,000 reward is still being offered for any further information about the incident.

Claire Good takes position as interim VP of Student Affairs and Dean of Students

By JACQUELINE HINKLE
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President Whitlock announced April 18 that Claire Good, the current associate vice president and dean of students, will be taking the position as interim vice president of student affairs and dean of students. James Conneely, who is the current vice president, has recently accepted a job as president at Notre Dame University of Maryland.

Working for Conneely at Eastern Kentucky University for almost 9 years and also previously working with him at the University of Arkansas, Good has learned a lot from

Conneely over the span of 20 years.

"Hopefully, I will continue to provide leadership to the division of student affairs, in much the same way as Dr. Conneely did," Good said. "My philosophy has always been a lot like Dr. Conneely's since we have worked together so long, so I don't see any major changes in how I would provide leadership to the division."



Claire Good

However, Conneely is not Good's only source of advice and wisdom.

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**Claire Good
Interim VP of Student Affairs**

"I will also tend to rely on Dr. Mike Reagle, who is also the Associate Vice President, and take his input and feedback when I take the new position," Good said.

Good will hold the interim position until sometime during the fall semester of 2012, and then there will be a search for a permanent position by President Whitlock.

Conneely received the job at Notre Dame University of Maryland by being contacted by a search firm, through he submitted his credentials and went through a search process, and successfully, got the job.

"I am very excited about the job, it will put me close to family, and it is a great opportunity," Conneely said.

Before Conneely's departure on July 1, he

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April 19

■ A female student reported someone had loosened the lug nuts from her vehicle. She said her vehicle was parked in Vanhoose Drive while she was attending a game elsewhere. When she returned two days later, she drove to her apartment and then drove back to Vanhoose Lot for a class. When she left her class and turned onto Kit Carson Drive, her driver side tire fell off. She found her lug nuts in the parking lot and believes someone loosened them. She said she has not had any maintenance to her vehicle. She said she did not know of anybody who may have done this to her vehicle. The damages were valued at \$500.

■ Police responded to a call about a fight in the Case Hall smoke shack. When officers reached the smoke shack, the fight was over. During the fight, a male student struck a female student. The female student said she was having dinner in Powell when someone told her a male student was talking negatively about her. She then went to the smoke shack outside of Case and struck him in the face. She said he punched her in the arm, which ended the encounter. Officers were unable to locate the male student. There were no signs of visible injuries.

April 20

■ Police were dispatched to Commonwealth Hall after the front door window was broken following a verbal altercation. Police observed Raymond Day, student, leaning against a car. He was unsteady on his feet, had slurred speech and bloodshot eyes. Police noticed his wrist and left forearm bleeding. Day told officers he argued with other students and followed them to Commonwealth Hall. He became angry with them and broke the window. Madison County Emergency Medical Services responded and treated his wounds. He was then placed under arrest and jailed at the Madison County Detention Center.

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be stationed in the areas overnight to ensure student safety. For more information, contact Krista Rhodus at krista.rhodus@eku.edu.

Zoning changes for student housing project approved

Richmond City Commission approved three rezoning ordinances last Tuesday allowing the construction of a privately-owned housing complex for Eastern students. The complex will be built on 15 acres of land on the opposite side of Lancaster Ave. from Eastern's campus. The zoning change allows for a multi-family housing complex to be built on the land, but is specific to the plans for the student housing project. The two building student housing complex will be built by Grand Campus Properties.

Lab spaces open 24 hours during finals week

During finals week, Crabbe Library will have three 24-hour study spaces available for Eastern students. Java City Library Café, Library Atrium and computer lab spaces will be open Sunday, April 29 to Thursday, May 3. Java City Café itself will be operating its usual hours. Security will

CLARIFICATION

In the April 19 issue of *The Progress* in the article "Cherry Blossom festival offers opportunity to learn about Japanese culture," the age of Kagmla Andriik was reported as being 26. Andriik's age is actually 20.



The Colonel's Calendar

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three or four years ago," Middleton said. "We decided to pick it up again as a link to academics and the Student Affairs side of things."

Nickole Hale, associate director of Academic Initiatives for University Housing, said Conneely was already nominated and it was great timing.

"The nomination was great, which is good for us, so we could choose him," Hale said.

Conneely's lecture is a part of a yearly series entitled "If this were My Last Lecture," which usually takes place in either March or April with nominations happening in February or March.

Conneely talked mainly about the two main traits of a leader: Integrity and compassion.

"I'm a very driven individual," Conneely said. "I've been told by Dr. Good I scare people, but I've come to reflect on compassion: Compassion in my life, but compassion in my work place. I've had the great fortune to work with students, faculty and staff and there are people. We're in the people business, sometimes you get so caught up in day in and day outs of what you do; you get caught up in your studies; you get caught up in your work life; you get caught up in the challenges and the problems, and we forget about compassion we forget about integrity. Not intentionally, but we get so busy with life."

Conneely said he was inspired to talk about leadership because of a personal interest in the topic.

"I'm always interested in leadership but

from a different perspective," Conneely said. "When we talk about leaders, we talk about skill sets and all those types of things. Over the years, I've developed a different brainwork."

Shelby Carter, 19, music and communication disorders double-major from Boston, said she came because of good things she heard about Conneely. She learned about how important compassion is.

"I never really thought about it, but that's just the underlying message of how important compassion really is," Carter said.

Katie Farrow, 20, nursing major from Oldham, said she took away quotes about leadership from Conneely's lecture.

"You have to be a leader yourself before you can lead other people," Farrow said. "You have to be able to follow before you can lead."

Cory Clark, 25, a student personnel services graduate student from Louisville, said

he came out to the event because of Conneely being one of his role model and working with him over the years as an undergraduate and graduate student.

Conneely said he hoped people who attend the lecture will take away the thought of compassion not being a sign of weakness. Conneely also said he will miss "the people, the students, the faculty and staff."

"Eastern has a really good people here," Conneely said. "People truly care about this place and not just the faculty and staff, but the students. I've come to really appreciate the students who have overcome extreme obstacles to get an education. Sometimes, just to even get here, but then they graduate. Even when I had my worst days, the people still made it good."

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hopes to make sure there is stability and there is a smooth transition between Good and he.

"Luckily, most of the things I have been working on are coming to a completion, so it is a good time for me to make the transition," Conneely said. "Before I leave I would want to make sure that Claire knows how to budget any outstanding projects or tasks and to just answer any questions she may have as she is making the new transition."

Conneely said he has full confidence in Good's ability to provide for Eastern and its students.

"I just think that people need to know and understand that Dr. Good is one of the best Student Affairs professionals, and I really think that she will do very very well in the new position, and won't miss a beat" said Conneely.

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reach its destination.

He said it is part of the aviation policy for flight instructors to give various different simulated emergencies to students to help them practice in case of an actual emergency.

"When a real emergency occurs then the instructor takes over the controls and flies the air craft, as was the case in this situation," Gibbs said.

He said the emergency landing was handled the way it should have been.

"The instructor did an excellent job of handling the emergency and thanks to his airmanship both of them are just fine, walked away without a scratch," Gibbs said. "There's a few dents in the airplane, but airplanes can be repaired and people can't."


"When a real emergency occurs then the instructor take over the controls and flies the air craft, as was the case in this situation."

Ralph Gibbs
Chief flight instructor

Gibbs said while actual emergency landings aren't common, he believes Eastern's aviation program has educated students how to properly handle an emergency situation.

"The detailed flight instruction that we provide, I would like to think, would hope to think helped prepare this particular instructor and student to handle a real life emergency as well as they did," Gibbs said.

Flowers and Quant have both requested not to respond to the media at this time.



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Eastern named Tree Campus USA by Arbor Day Foundation

By **CONNIE MORELAND**
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In honor of Arbor Day April 27, a ceremony will be held from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in front of the New Science Building to plant a Kentucky Coffeetree and a Sourwood Tree.

Tammy Horn will speak briefly on the relationship between Sourwood trees and bees. Representatives will also be there from Toyota, which is a national supporter of the Arbor Day Foundation. This event is put on by Eastern's tree committee.

In February, Eastern was designated a Tree Campus USA by the Arbor Day Foundation. This is the first year Eastern has officially held this status.

According to David Gore, campus sustainability coordinator and member of the tree committee, the idea started with student Cailen Scott who came across the Tree Campus USA program online. After looking into becoming part of the program, it turned out that Eastern already met most of the requirements.

"One of our students, Nan Campbell, had done a tree survey of our campus," Gore said. "David Brown has the ECU Taylor Fork Ecological Area as the service learning project and we have the ECU Wildlife Society and Bluegrass PRIDE, as well"

To become a Tree Campus USA, six standards must be met: Have a campus tree advisory committee, a campus tree care plan, a campus tree program with dedicated annual expenditures, an Arbor Day observance and a service-learning project.

The Taylor Fork Ecological Area is a 60-acre site that was started by students for restoration, learning and research. This meets the requirements for the service-learning project.

David Brown is an assistant professor in biological sciences, as well as a member of the tree committee, who oversees Taylor Fork.

Wilson said that Brown was a key factor in becoming a Tree Campus USA.

"He's the catalyst of why we can become a Tree Campus USA," Wilson said. "It [Taylor Fork] was thought up by students, implemented by students, and student driven," said Randy Wilson, program coordinator for facility services, campus and grounds. "It's remarkable."

The area brings in Eastern students and faculty as well people around the community.

"We've had several workdays planting trees, clearing invasive honey-suckle, building a stream crossing, and building a trail with interpretive signs," Brown said. "Several students are conducting independent research projects at Taylor Fork, including monitoring bird and small mammal populations and an inventory of plants. This summer we'll be continuing research and restoration projects including planting running buffalo clover, a federally endangered plant. We're also planning some blackberry picking days."

Eastern is now one of seven colleges in Kentucky recognized as a Tree Campus USA.

"NKU was the first recognized, followed closely by University of Kentucky, and now University of Louisville, Western Kentucky University, Berea college, and Centre College," Wilson said. "So there's plenty of room for other colleges to get on board."

Although there has been a recent 10 percent budget cut, the tree committee will continue to do its part on campus while being fiscally responsible.

"Dedicated tree expenditures are part of our maintenance and operations budget," Wilson said. "We spend more than \$50,000 a year in removing dead limbs, tree removal, pruning and tree plantings."

Wilson explains some of the motivation behind planting and effectively managing campus trees.

"We consider our entire campus an outdoor classroom," Wilson said. "We want to enhance the natural overall beauty of our campus."

Brown puts it simple about the purpose and benefits of trees.

"Trees are beautiful," Brown said. "They also provide food for wildlife, clean the air, and provide shade and wind breaks. They're fun to climb, too."

Meet and Greet allows students to spend time with future SGA leaders

By **STEPHANIE COLLINS**
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Students were given the chance to hear the plans of next year's student government elected officials at Student Government Association's (SGA) Meet and Greet, April 19 in middle Powell.

Hosted by Student Court, the current chief justice, Ally Sipes, said the meet and greet is an opportunity for students to get to know the faces of the next administration before the year starts to "know what to expect."

President-elect Madelyn Street opened the panel of introductions by saying, "Nichole and I are really excited to get the year started."

Nichole Arbino, vice president elect, added she is looking forward to expanding SGA to involve more students.

"It's [SGA] for everyone," Arbino said. "We're all members of student government."

Among things discussed with the audience were eRanks, the syllabus index and installing cameras in all of the campus parking lots, all of which Street and Arbino plan to implement right away.

Street said eRanks has been assigned a director and should be "ready and organized by fall," but the syllabus index is still awaiting approval by the Board of Regents and will hopefully be ready for use by the time students register for Spring 2013.

As for installing cameras, Street said money has already been allocated for Lancaster lot and ECU Police is supportive of the project.

Arbino said she urges new senators to be persistent when trying to get future projects passed by administrators.

"There's no point in working on a project unless you're going to finish it," Arbino said.

Street and Arbino said their ultimate goal for the upcoming year: To fulfill the promises made to students and end the year having finished their projects.

Sarah Larcade, chief justice elect, said Student Court will plan several more events similar to the Meet and Greet throughout the year.

She added the turnout of the event was less than what she anticipated in comparison to last year's controversial election.

"But we had some great questions," Larcade said. "It was obvious people were listening."



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Next semester's Student Government Association administration participated in a Meet and Greet session with students to answer questions and discuss their plans for next year.

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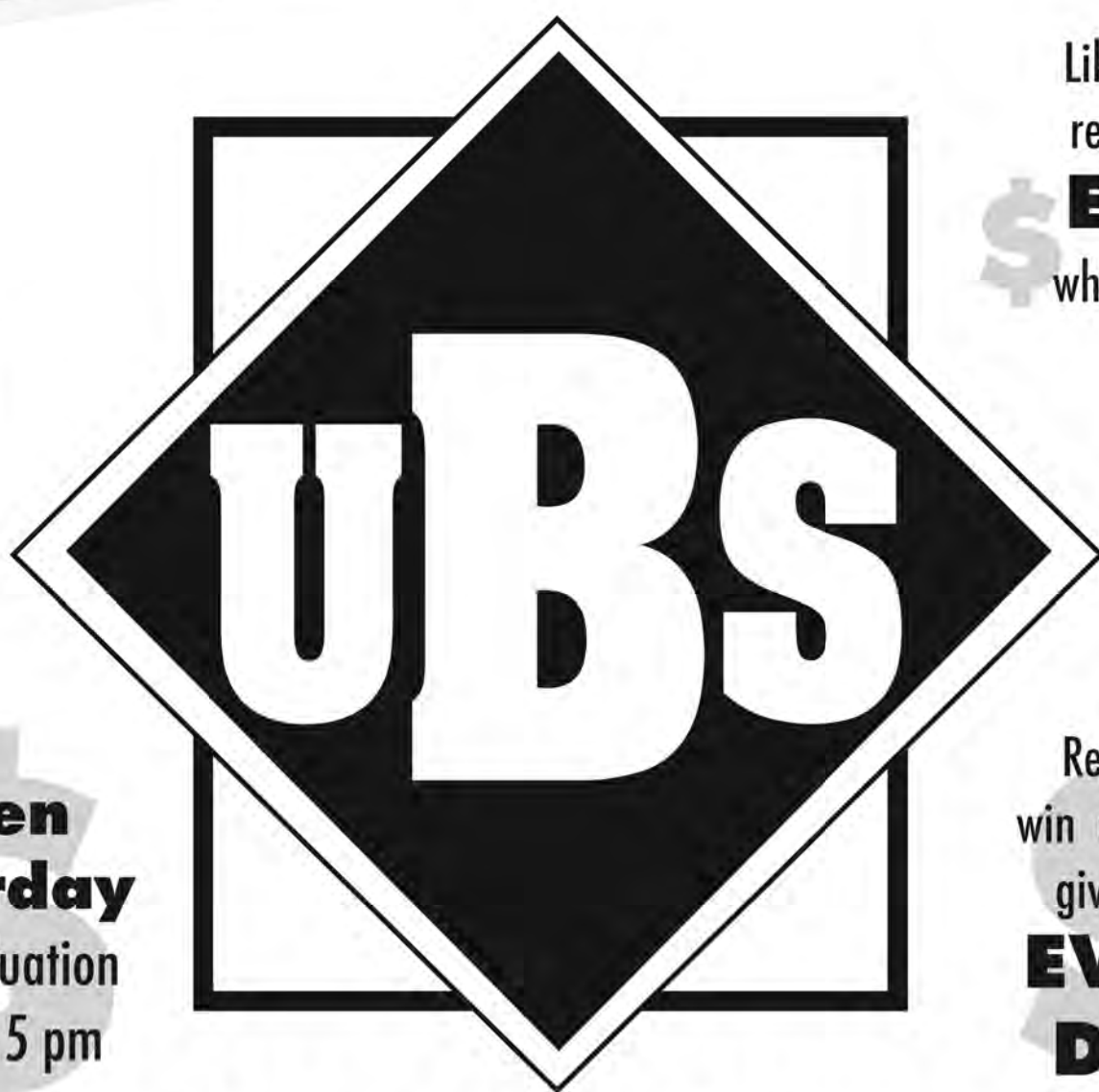
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Geography class looking for ways to improve campus

By KEVIN SMITH
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As part of a geography class, students examined Eastern's grounds, looking to find environmental-friendly ways to improve quality of life, conserve energy and create pedestrian/bicycle safety on campus.

The class, GEO 325: Land use and Environmental Planning, came up with a handful of projects they hope Eastern and even the city of Richmond might consider adopting. Some of these projects include:

- Adding an arboretum with low maintenance native plants, clearly marked paths that provide access to the pond, waste bins and distance markers to encourage physical activity.
- Providing for better safety and traffic calming by repainting all road surfaces and adding plants to the medians on the Eastern Bypass.
- Replacing expired fitness equipment with human-generated energy machines, which funnels the energy from a workout into usable energy for campus.
- Managing storm-water on site by integrating Eastern's storm-water management plan with the city of Richmond plan.
- Protecting and maintaining cultural and historical places by identifying buildings and sites on campus with historical significance.

"Dr. Jennifer Koslow and I decided to teach this class as a team so students could



ROB MCDANIEL/PROGRESS

Alice Jones's and Jennifer Koslow's GEO235: Land use and Environmental Planning class completed a study about how to make environmentally friendly changes to campus.

gain both perspectives in site planning and native ecology," said Alice Jones, professor of geography and director of the Environmental Sustainability & Stewardship.

City and school officials met these students with positive responses, but the over-

all concerns were about costs of the proposed projects. Project documents also indicated that city planning officials do like some of the ideas, but Eastern is its own entity and does not work with the city of Richmond planning's department.

During an open forum on Thursday, students of Eastern expressed positive feedback, especially in regards to the pedestrian and bicycle friendly aspects of the proposal, Jones said.

Students are currently planning a final proposal for the project in which they hope to provide estimates of what the project will cost. It will be submitted to the faculty services and city of Richmond planning department in the future. The exact date is still unknown. If costs permit and the improvement plan is accepted, campus may soon become transformed into a sustainable paradise.

"At the beginning of the semester, students were unsure in their confidence level with taking on a project of this magnitude," Jones said. "However, students worked together great as a team, the final results were very professional, and these students should be extremely proud of their accomplishments."

When asked how he felt upon completion of this project, Toni Wells, 29, geography major of Berea, said he was pleased with the work they had done.

"I felt proud after completing this project," Wells said. "So many times, we, as students, go to class and while we obtain a great deal of information, there is no job skills learned. After this class, students can go into the workforce and have understanding on how to facilitate a planning meeting."

MMIB department undergoing changes including new name

By PHILLIP KYLES
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Eastern's management, marketing and international business department (MMIB) is undergoing some changes to help both business and non-business majors alike. Some of these changes include a new department name for the marketing department, new additions to the study abroad programs and two new minors.

The most visible change to the marketing department is the name change; the new name has replaced "administrative communications" with "international business" in the title. The goal of the change was to symbolize the direction of the department.

"The global market place is profound," said Lana Carnes, Chair of the department. "We needed a more visible global integration into the program, so we changed the name to match this goal."

The new name also goes hand in hand with the development of the MMIB's study abroad program.

Eastern's business study abroad has been a member with Magellan Exchange for seven years and recently partnered with Avans University, located in the Netherlands. The program differs from most with a dual-credit opportunity in that it allows prospective students to acquire a dual major in study abroad and business.

Kathy Barr, the External Affairs coordinator, commented on the need for study abroad.

"The feedback from our advisors made us aware that all business is global and we need to allow opportunities to make our students globally aware," Barr said.

Along with the new study abroad partnership, Eastern's business department is also bulking up its offered minors.

The two new minors are the international studies minor and an entrepreneur minor. The two minors were created to

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MMIB department chair



Lana Carnes

help students from other majors learn basic business skills both locally and internationally.

"We had all these different majors asking advisors about how to get involved with international studies," Carnes said. "Up until now, you couldn't take an international minor."

The international minor requires 18 hours in marketing and communications classes, with six hours of study abroad. The requirement of study abroad lets prospective students gain access to the Avans and Magellan program to learn in several different countries. Financial aid opportunities are available.

If time is a constraint, short-term summer programs located in Western Europe, Central America and South Korea are offered. The chance to study abroad is a goal many Eastern students have and with the creation of this new minor that goal it is attainable and affordable.

Yakov Kandathil, 19, marketing and computer information systems major from Chennai, India, said there is a need for global consideration.

"In today's world, corporations expand to foreign countries... In order for this to happen, strong international relations are a must," Kandathil said through email.

The entrepreneur minor is also a new addition. This minor also allows non-business majors to learn about how to open up a new business. This new minor lets those students understand how to launch their business through accounting, marketing, personal money management, small business management and legal business classes without changing their major to business.

Chautauqua lecturer to conclude series with discussion of empathy

By JESSICA SMITH
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Empathy is defined as the ability to understand and share the abilities of another. Dr. Matthew Winslow, along with his colleagues, has been working on the study of empathy for years.

Winslow will present "Walking a Mile in Your Shoes" on 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 26 in O'Donnell Hall of the Student Success Building, which will conclude the Chautauqua Lecture Series for the 2011-2012 School Year. It will be directly followed by a question and answer session.

"Walking a Mile in Your Shoes" is part of Eastern's year-long lecture series on "Living with Others: Challenges and Promises" and will be focusing on all parts of empathy. This includes the nature of empathy, the barriers to empathy, what empathy can do for us, and how we can increase empathy in all people. The Chautauqua Lecture Series brings in people who have ideas about controversial and non-controversial topics.

"[They] inform us, engage us, challenge us, infuriate us, move us, and entertain us," said Minh Nguyen, Chautauqua Lecture coordinator.

Nguyen was very excited about having the ability to bring in all of the people they have with ties to the Chautauqua Lecture series, and he said is looking forward to having Winslow speak at the last one.

Winslow who is from Appleton, Wisconsin said he did a different Chautauqua 10 years ago, which was about love and sex. He said he was very glad to be

"As many people have pointed out, to discover our own biases and prejudices, we often must entertain views that differ from our own and reason from premises with which we disagree. Living with others presents not only problems but also solutions. It seems that solving such problems requires empathy."

Minh Nguyen
Chautauqua coordinator



Minh Nguyen



Matthew Winslow

doing this Chautauqua about his research studies.

"What I say will challenge people," Winslow said. "If they think about what I am saying it should make sense."

Since Winslow became an assistant psychology professor at Eastern and has done many studies about empathy, he said he knows that not everyone, especially psychologists, agree with him, "but that is part of the job."

"As many people have pointed out, to discover our own biases and prejudices, we often must entertain views that differ from our own and reason from premises with which we disagree," Nguyen said. "Living with others presents not only challenges but also promises, not only problems but also solutions. It seems that solving such problems requires empathy."

Winslow said he wants to save the world.

"I hope to challenge how students think of themselves and the world and give them hope that the world is a better place," Winslow said. "The students can make it a better place."

Parks and Recreation students, professor clean up Red River Gorge for Earth Days

By ABIGAIL WHITEHOUSE
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The rain did not deter Ryan Sharp, assistant professor in Eastern's Parks and Recreation Department and his five Earth Day helpers, from traveling to the Red River Gorge Saturday, April 21, to pick up trash on the Sheltoewe Trace Trail.

The group, prepared for rainy weather with ponchos, departed from Eastern's campus at 9 a.m. ready clean the Daniel Boone National Forest.

Sharp turned the trip into a contest for finding the most unique piece of trash. He took pictures of each student's most interesting find, which he said he will send to a colleague to pick a winner. The award is a \$75 discount to the Karma Music and Arts Festival, May 10-12 in Morehead.

Equipped with trash grabbers and

personal garbage bags, the group took to the Sheltoewe Trace Trail, picking up water bottles, cigarette buds, socks and beer cans.

Anne Dostart, 25, an occupational science major from Lexington, found a pizza box left in the bushes beside the trail. On the back of the pizza box, someone had written, "Need food: STRANDED, Anything Helps, God Bless."

Bryan Klapheke, a senior Parks and Recreation major from Louisville, found one Dora the Explorer flip-flop, and his sister, Laura, 23, found a large milk crate.

"The clean-up went great," Sharp said. "We picked up six garbage bags worth of trash and even cleaned up the Nada Tunnel."

The Nada Tunnel, a 900-foot long logging tunnel, was built between 1910 and 1912. Klapheke told the group the sto-

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Ryan Sharp
Assistant professor

ry of one man who was killed during the tunnel's construction after he left frozen dynamite by a fire to thaw, causing it to explode.

"I learned a lot from Dr. Sharp, Bryan, and the other students about the history of the Red River Gorge and the Nada Tunnel," Dostart said. "I also learned

about the plant and wildlife living within it. I had a lot of fun. It felt good to contribute to keeping such a beautiful place healthy and clean. I had never been to the Red River Gorge before so I was excited. It exceeded all of my expectations."

The group cleared and collected trash in the camping sites.

This was Sharp's first time conducting this Earth Days activity, but because of its success, he hopes to do so again in the future.

"The students were great, and I really appreciate their commitment to keep the Gorge clean," Sharp said.

For those interested in more outdoor learning and trips such as this one, Sharp encourages students to look into the Adventure Programming course held at Eastern in Fall 2012.

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With graduation approaching, many seniors have their minds set on what lies ahead of them after college. Jobs, traveling and just getting through the rest of the semester seem to occupy most of the average graduating senior's thoughts. But what many may fail to think about is how they will be involved in the university after they graduate.

We at *The Progress* feel there are two different types of alumni: The ones who remain invested in the university and those who do not. You can choose to be involved in your school after graduation by donating money, supporting campus organizations or joining Eastern's International Alumni Association. However, some choose to completely remove all ties to the university.

Eastern has a tradition of alumni involvement. Without the support of these Eastern graduates, various aspects of the university would not exist. Among the alumni involved sectors of the university are the homecoming events. These events bring together Eastern and the community for a football game, parade and coronation ceremony for the homecoming king and queen. Homecoming is one of the largest events held at Eastern and hundreds of students, faculty and members of the community come out for this spectacle every year.

This upcoming weekend will be the third annual alumni weekend. The weekend was started to recognize and honor Eastern graduates. Eastern's International Alumni Association will be inducting alumni members into the University's Hall of Distinguished Alumni. The weekend acknowledges the alumni of Eastern for their accomplishments and success they have experienced after college.

An annual spring phone-a-thon takes place each year that allows students to contact alumni for donations. Alumni can choose a specific area or department they would like to donate their money to. But one popular area alumni like to support is scholarships for students.

Imagine how different your college experience would be if you didn't have the support of alumni. They fund various scholarships in different colleges of the university. Alumni-specific scholarships offered through the Alumni Relations Office require you be the child of an Eastern graduate. If these graduates didn't fund scholarships, several students could be struggling to pay for college. They may have to refer to alternate methods of paying for school, such as loans, which could result in an increase in student debt or decreasing enrollment.

Recently, Eastern has also begun offering an alumni men-

tor program, "Connecting the Dots," which pairs first-generation students with an alumni member in their area of study or anticipated career field. The students talk to their alumni mentor to learn about career opportunities and talk about experiences to assist first-generation students in feeling more comfortable at Eastern.

Alumni directly affect the ability for Eastern's students to succeed. We at *The Progress* feel graduating seniors need to understand and appreciate the importance of alumni to the success of the university. The involvement and dedication of alumni have somehow enhanced your educational experience. We encourage those students walking across the stage in the spring to continue the alumni tradition of helping students succeed by staying involved with Eastern after you graduate, whether it's by funding scholarships or participating in the mentoring program.

Any career or opportunities you find because of your educational background is because of your degree from Eastern. Don't turn your back on your school, it's part of who you are. Just because you graduate, doesn't mean you have to lose your Colonel pride.

Graduating senior reflects on time spent at Eastern



**My Turn:
Tristan
Meiman**

Well, it's finally here. After roughly 18 years of school, I'm finally about to be done with it all. I know for a fact I am not the first journalist at *The Eastern Progress* to write a final article in regards to my time here as a student. But there is a reason why we call these articles My Turns, and that's exactly what this is. My Turn to share with you, my reader, on what my experience here at the Campus Beautiful meant to me, and what I have taken from it.

To give you all some basis on where I'm from, I come

from south central Kentucky. Lets just say Mammoth Cave National Park is pretty much my backyard. The closest campus near home was Western Kentucky University, and the thought of going somewhere so close to home was almost maddening. I wanted to get out of Barren County and surround myself with an unfamiliar location. Eastern seemed like the perfect fit for me, and perfect it was.

During my time here, I have gained an education that will take me to the ends of the Earth and further. Even while working on my bachelor's in journalism, I always made time in each semester to learn something different.

Even the most random classes have proved beyond beneficial to not only my knowledge, but my understandings of what I consider the unknown. In my time at Eastern, I have performed with the ECU Steel Band, dwelled in the art of sword fencing, studied two disciplines of martial arts, learned how to properly operate a car as well as a motorcycle, learned how to dance and give shiatsu massages. And before you ask, yes ladies, I am single.

Outside of the scholastic system, I have learned even greater things through self-exploration and through the

many friendships I have acquired over the years. Through my friends, I have experienced moments that will forever be ingrained into my memories for the years to come. From the many all nighters to late night store runs, the list of things that my friends and I have done is truly too long for this column.

In the company of my friends, we laughed until our sides ached, tears have been shed when the time was given and the love between all of us, to this day, is never ending.

My time here has been monumental and unforgettable. But sadly, this chapter must come to a close. While writing this column, I grew depressed on what seemed to be an immediate change in my life and a change in scenery was much desired. As I walked to campus, I realized for the past four years, I have been walking the same route to school.

I also realized for the past 18 years, I have been attending school. When you really put it into perspective, I have been on the same route for 18 years of my life. That route has now come to an end, and a new path is just beginning.

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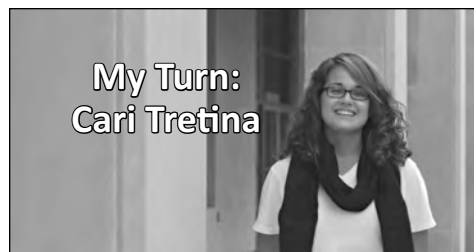
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Social media affects career success



My Turn:
Cari Tretina

Fridays are beautiful days for me. No class and a late work shift allow me to sleep in. As part of my morning ritual, I grab my NookColor while still enjoying the comfort of my bed and catch up on the headlines, and of course, internet gossip via Facebook and Twitter.

Last Friday was a particularly busy day for tweets and status updates. The following are just a few things that graced my newsfeed:

"Time to smoke that ganga!!! #happy420"

"Flyin higher than a plane"

"Rolling another one. I'm about to be meditated!"

"Happy get high and crush a bag of Doritos day to all my Facebook friends!!!"

Then I realized what day it was- April 20th. The one day of the year where only weed smokers think it is socially acceptable to be high. Now, I have nothing against pot or people who utilize the drug.

With that said, I want to provide you with two helpful tips. First, if you didn't

know, marijuana is illegal in this state and in the majority of the country. Secondly, social networking sites are public. Even if your profile is set to private, your posts can be traced.

Tweeting about getting baked is just one of numerous examples people are constantly posting. In addition, they post about how much they drank, their sex life and all of these are filled with profanities.

I would bet every student here at Eastern is enrolled with the hopes of acquiring a stable, well-paid, enjoyable career after graduating. As you go through the application and interview process, employers conduct background checks. These now include a look at your social media sites.

Do you want your future boss to know you smoke yourself stupid every night? How about those drunk posts about how many beers you just ponged? Or how about that subtweet you sent about how smelly your potential boss was during your interview?

I would hope you answered all of those questions with a "no." A boss does not want his or her employees participating in illegal activities, or endorsing alcohol poisoning as a sign of a good night.

Everything you post, upload and create on the Internet is permanent. There are multiple computer and filter programs that can recover deleted information and hack into private settings. Businesses, corporations, organizations and even universities are beginning to regularly check social networking sites for embarrassing

or reputation-damaging actions.

When you are employed or a member in an organization you instantly become a representative of such establishment. People will judge and make assumptions about your business or group based off how you present yourself in public and on the World Wide Web.

Would you like your friends to think your school is full of alcoholics? Do you want your sorority to be stereotyped as sluts?

Once again, I hope the answer is a "no." What you do in your free time or privacy in your home is your own business. We all have dirty little secrets or pleasures. Those are the activities we look forward to all day after a hard exam or long day at work. I fully believe your personal life is separate from your professional one. In most cases, these hobbies and events do not affect a person's work ethic.

However, if made public, those beloved pleasures could end up ruining your dream job and your life. The things you tweet or post on Facebook stay with you forever. Not for a week or a year, but the rest of your life.

Don't let your private and personal behaviors affect the rest of your life. Post things you wouldn't mind an employer or relative finding. Or better yet, maybe just #thinkbeforeyoupost.

CAMPUS COMMENTS

"Summer"

All Campus Comments are anonymous.

- Well I'm gonna work all summer, so it's gonna really suck.
- Hey man, I'm just going to get a job and a car. That's about it.
- I just really want this summer to be some of the most fun I've ever had and also be very productive, I've got a lot of career planning to do.
- I'm gonna enjoy summer a lot. I'm gonna start working.
- I'm going to start taking summer classes, so that's always fun for me, you know. I enjoy the idea of meeting new people before the new school year starts.
- Well I'm graduating, and everyone thinks I'm excited about, but I'm not, everything is over so soon.
- I've seriously worked my butt off all year so I'm definitely going to party hard this summer before coming back in the fall.
- This summer I think I'm going to get more into my art and career. I don't think I'm coming back after summer, and not because I'm a bad student or anything, but because the school atmosphere just isn't for me.
- I'm looking forward to the summer, you know. I just hate all the pressure you get from feeling like you have to choose what you want to do in life so suddenly.
- I've never worked this hard this semester in my whole academic career, and I heard that it just keeps getting worse...I'm taking a break this summer and I'm gonna spend a lot of my moments in the sun.
- I don't really have any big plans this summer, I've been so disconnected with family, and I'm not used to that. Like, if I can, I really want to try to spend time with them and catch up, I miss them so much.
- Well I'm grinding this summer, I don't know about everyone else. I'm gonna be grinding, getting that paper and making as much money as possible.
- I'm going on vacation, I don't know where yet, but I'm going wherever a beach is.
- I'm going to work all summer and move into my new house. Probably go back to Louisville a few times to hang with friends and drive the big body 91 Mercury around banging Curren\$y.
- I'm doing nothing this summer but working, so it's whatever.
- I plan on going to as many amusement parks and concerts as possible, as well as prepare for the LSAT.

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Writer reflects on sports experiences



My Turn:
Stephen Hauser

Since January 2010, I've had the honor and pleasure of being one of the sports reporters for *The Eastern Progress*. The very first week back from winter break, I was already assigned my first story. There was no grace period for me, in other words, I was thrown to the wolves.

I had to write my first article about the men's and women's track and field team. I quickly learned the track and field team would be my beat for the remainder of the semester. I had no problem with this beat, since I was very knowledgeable of the sport. I learned it was actually harder to write a recap article than I previously expected. All but one track meet was away, so it made it very difficult to capture in words some of the most exciting moments of the meet.

When I came back to write for the paper in the fall of 2010, I was extremely excited and motivated. I was assigned to cover the women's soccer team, and I was pumped to do so. During the course of the season, I had the pleasure of recording their many ups and downs.

However, I also began to have some internal discussions with myself. Without even realizing it at the time, I began developing friendships with some of the players. There were a few times when we both happened to show up at the same party.

If I were not assigned to cover the

women's soccer team, then there would not be any problem at all. As the women's soccer team beat writer, it was my duty to write stories that were accurate and objective. I made sure for the rest of the season I was completely accurate and unbiased.

As the soccer team finished up its season, another team's season had just begun. The women's basketball team was a very young and talented team. The team started out very hot in the beginning of the season. However, once they began conference play in January 2011, it went from hot to cold.

The team's inexperience became a factor with each loss. Two losses quickly turned into five in the blink of an eye. As the losses continued to pile up, the post-game interviews became harder. I continued to ask Coach Roberts the difficult questions, and I had a sense the losses were frustrating for her.

Thankfully, after suffering 10 consecutive losses, which tied a school record, the team won a game. The team finally knocked the monkey off that was sitting on its backs. The women's basketball team would finish the season under .500 and miss the OVC tournament. I had a feeling the team would have a much better season the following year.

With only two more months remaining until my senior year, I was very surprised to be assigned two different beats. I had no problem covering the track and field team, once again. I was very much surprised to be given the men's and women's golf team, as well.

Instead of having to write only one article a week, I had to write two different articles. If the results for the track and field team and the golf teams didn't both

come out Sunday evenings, I would have no problem. But they both came out Sunday evenings, which only gave me only two days to conduct my interviews and write my articles.

I had successfully added twice the amount of stress that I put on myself. I was thrilled when the last issue of the semester ran. The additional team beat had made me feel completely burnt out on being a sports writer.

In the fall of 2011, I did not return as a sports writer. With the course load I was taking, I didn't have the time to write for the paper. The extra break did allow me to come back this winter with renewed energy.

With this new spirit, I gladly covered the women's basketball team. As I had speculated, this team was much better than last year. Every single game that I covered was competitive and close. The women's team finished the season two games under .500. Despite its record, the team qualified for the OVC tournament and won the first game. They are a team that will be very dangerous to play next year.

During my last few weeks at the *Progress*, I spent my time as the golf team beat writer. Covering both golf teams had actually been pretty relaxing for me. The stories were fun and easy for me to write.

Last week, I was assigned to cover the track and field team and it felt like a circle of life moment from the lion king. The culmination of my career has caused me to learn many new things and ultimately, inspired me to concentrate on what my job really meant. The ultimate satisfaction of my time at *The Progress*.

Student learns lesson from handicap



My Turn:
Elise Svoboda

Life and accidents happen. A few weeks ago, I broke my left foot and displaced a bone. I was borderline for surgery, and as a result, I am on crutches and in a wheelchair until the start of May. I also have about nine years to make my bones as strong as possible due to bones losing their toughness once you hit 30 years old. My job for the next few weeks was not one I was looking forward to: Taking it "easy." With that came another job of learning how get around campus.

Right now, I am taking 18 hours of classes, writing for *The Progress* and being involved in my theater fraternity. How in the heck am I supposed to take it easy?

How can I back off in my own schedule and make changes, so I won't have to worry about undergoing surgery?

Over the course of my first weekend in a wheelchair and on crutches, I learned how to push myself around. It takes a lot of arm strength to get from point A to point B. I also learned that it's hard to get up and down hills. Eastern is also not very easy to get around because of uneven gravel pavements and the huge hills all over campus.

One of the worst parts of it for me was being dependant on the elevators. The first week I was on crutches, before I discovered that my foot was broke, was learning the elevator in one of the buildings I go to regularly breaks constantly. As a result, I missed one of my classes. Later down the road I learned this was also a problem to other students in the building who, like me, are dependant on the elevator. In my own dorm, the elevator is so tiny; I literally got stuck the first time in it. From then on, I learned how to

back in and out of the elevator, so I could get in and out easier than before.

Another part that was worse than the elevator to me was getting in and out of the shower. If you have ever been in a dorm, go look at the handicap "shower." It is just barely a tub.

I challenge everyone who reads this to help someone out with crutches and in a wheelchair because it sucks, and it's so hard to get around. I know whenever people have offered to help me out; they are able to relate to their own life. One time, I had a girl tell me she was on crutches and she knew how it felt.

Being in a wheelchair has taught me to appreciate the simplest gesture in the world from someone opening the door for me to some helping me get up a ramp. I never thought I would appreciate my friend's love and support through this.

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To Wear Love On Your Arms

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Cancer doesn't discriminate. That's part of what makes it so frightening. It can hit you at any time in virtually any place, and it certainly does not take into account whether or not you're prepared for such a tragedy, emotionally, physically or financially.

And that is exactly what happened to Alex Coughlin. A 28-year-old student headed to law school at UK, Coughlin was diagnosed just two weeks ago with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma out of the blue.

Thankfully, he won't be alone throughout this trying period due in part to the efforts of two determined Eastern students.

Kassie Williams, 20, a film techniques and technologies major, and Breanna Jones, 22, a communication disorders major, are long-time friends with Coughlin. Both from Pikeville, Williams and Jones met at a pre-college Upward Bound program and have remained close ever since.

Recently, they decided to pick back up an old hobby.

"This all came about because I was searching for this particular thread because I had this bit of nostalgia, and I wanted to work

on the stuff that I worked on in high school," Williams said. "I made bracelets a lot during my summer because we had a lot of bus rides for U.B. So I learned how to do this, made them for all my friends, and then of course lost them all, broke them, such is life. But recently, I thought I needed something to destress and these bracelets always help."

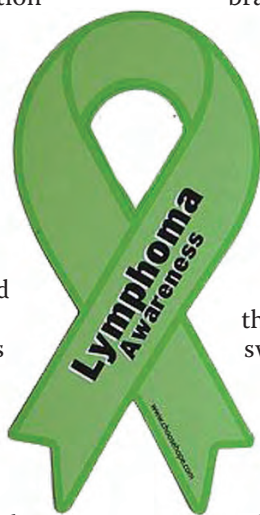
After a three-month search, they had all but given up looking. It was then they received the shocking news from their friend.

"He had actually had a cancerous tumor on his knee back in early March, and he had that removed," Jones said. "They thought they had gotten everything, but he noticed he had a lot of swelling in his neck and he wasn't sure what was going on, so he went to the doctor and they decided to do a biopsy right away. We're both really close to him, so he called us and told us right away when he was diagnosed."

And as reality set in for Williams and Jones, an interesting discovery was finally made.

"We actually found the thread the day after he was diagnosed," Jones said.

Soon after, they decided to take action. "So I was sitting there making a bracelet and



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Jones, left, and Williams, right, started raising money to pay for a friend's cancer treatments.

I had this idea, an epiphany," Williams said. "Why don't we sell these to raise money? Because I know that he's not going to be able to afford all of that on his own."

"We asked him if he would be interested, and he said yes, so we started on that Saturday," Jones said. "By the next day we had over 100 orders submitted."

The response and support they have re-

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Summer 2012 Movie Preview

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Looking back years from now, when somebody mentions the year 2012, its likely only one thing will come to mind: Movies. Lots and lots of great movies.

I've said it before and I'll say it again, this year's summer movie season is poised to be one of the most memorable and jam-packed extravaganzas in recent years. But how do you navigate through such an overstuffed box office? Only with the help of this handy summer movie preview! Here's a look at some of the hottest, and not so hot, films set for release summer 2012, week by week.

Week of May 4

The Avengers: With only a week to go till its release, Marvel fanboys and girls worldwide are nearly exploding with anticipation for the long awaited team up of everybody's favorite superhumans. The movie will make ungodly amounts of money (at least a small fortune of it from me alone) and it looks like for good reason: Early reviews have been overwhelmingly enthusiastic. Assemble!



Week of May 11

Dark Shadows: Tim Burton's latest collaboration, with partner-in-goth Johnny Depp, updates a 60s supernatural soap opera for the big screen. A lot of people were thrown off by the trailer's kitschy, groovadelic, goofy vibes, but what's so wrong with a little early lighthearted summer fun?

The Dictator: Despite his awesome red carpet shenanigans (he spilled the ashes of who he claimed was his "doubles tennis partner Kim Jong-Il"), Sacha Baron Cohen's latest seems like one too many of his characters, partially because this one ditches the controversy-grabbing mockumentary format.

Week of May 18

Battleship: Jeez. Expect to see the following in a theatre near you soon: "From the makers of Battleship and Monopoly comes the exciting new psychological thriller Jenga!" If you're going to make a movie based off a popular board game, do not make that movie simply "Transformers at sea." The effects will surely be great. The movie will surely be not.

What To Expect When You're Expecting: Based off of its trailer, fans of the equally star-studded *Valentine's Day* will line-up in flocks to see this one. So yes, mainly women. And like that film, it seems set to be just as overstuffed and clichéd. Wasn't *Bridesmaids* supposed to prove the term chick flick doesn't have to mean dumb flick?



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THE TILLERS HIT PADDY WAGON THURSDAY MAY 3

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The early 90s saw the birth of a captivating movement in music history: The "No Depression" era, a revival of more traditional country, American, folk and bluegrass stylings oftentimes merged with the attitude and spirit of rock and punk music. Pioneered by bands such as Uncle Tupelo, Whiskeytown and the Drive-By Truckers, alt-country brought a credibility and rawness back to a genre that was quickly becoming a Nashville-dominated, overly polished and commercialized industry.

Though many of these musicians have since ventured down different paths and into different genres, the influence of this movement is still felt today. Folky, lo-fi bands are dominating the indie scene and a rejuvenated interest in bluegrass and roots rock has bled into the mainstream as fans clamor for music that honors the past by blasting it into the future.

One band doing just that is Cincinnati's three-piece Americana/bluegrass unit The Tillers, who will be bringing their talents to downtown Richmond's Paddy Wagon May 3.

Consisting of Mike Oberst (vocal, banjo, fiddle, harmonica, kazoo), Sean Geil (vocal, guitar, resonator guitar, Mandolin) and Aaron Geil (upright bass), the group has released four studio albums, their latest being 2011's *Wild Hog in the Woods*.

Even with four albums to their name, the band is still relatively new, with their debut coming out in 2008.

"We, as individuals have been playing around the Cincinnati music scene in one genre or another for years, first through the punk and hardcore community and then in the traditional music scenes," Oberst said. "I was playing in a bawdy Irish/American beer drinkin' band, The Blue Rock Boys and Sean and Aaron we're playing with the Mt. Pleasant String Band. We met up through shows together and shortly after, decided to start our own thing. Sean and I got together one day to throw around some old songs. When we started singing together, we knew that this was a good fit. So we hit the road and haven't looked back since."

Oberst says much of their inspiration derives from days of old.

"I'd say we're an original string band, writing our own songs and putting our own ideas out there



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through the music, but also drawing from the old time depression era tunes from the bygone days," Oberst said. "You'll hear a little of both sides at a Tillers show."

Fittingly, their biggest influences are similarly old fashioned.

"I don't even know where to start with our influences, there are so many, whew!" Oberst said. "Woody Guthrie would be a huge one. Doc Watson, he's our hero. We love the old string bands and jug bands from The Skillet Lickers to the Memphis Jug Band. The New Lost City Ramblers are a big one for us too. Leadbelly for sure! There are just too many to count."

Those influences live on through The Tiller's music today. For those interested in giving their music a shot, Oberst recommends a few prime tracks:

"Who Broke The Lock' is probably my favorite track on *Wild Hog*. 'I'm Going Across The Sea,' that's another I really like," Oberst said.

Or better yet, check out their show at the Paddy Wagon, a venue the band has frequented in the past.

"[We] have played the Paddy Wagon a handful of times," Oberst said. "One of the best times was a few years ago with our good buddies, The Whiskey Bent Valley Boys. Man that show was rad!"

If you can make the show, you're sure to see a band at the top of its game, constantly looking and moving forward by paying respect to the past that got them there.

"It's our goal to keep the old time music alive and well while also having the freedom to create our own music for these modern times," Oberst said.



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Breaking Bad: TV's best drama returns this July

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As the end of the semester and sure to be glorious summer approaches, one thing is on virtually everyone's mind: the Summer TV season...right?

Ok, so I'll be the first to admit that with endless oceans and a scorching sun waiting for me outdoors, what's playing on my television is the least of my concerns. That being said, as long as I am within a 30-mile radius of a television, there are two shows I will never miss an episode of. One is the best comedy on air today: *Louie*.

The other is the best drama around, one of the greatest to ever grace any screen, big or small. That show is AMC's *Breaking Bad*.

For those unlucky few who don't already know, *Breaking Bad* is a drama series set in Albuquerque, New Mexico, created by Vince Gilligan (*The X-Files*) and starring Bryan Cranston and Aaron Paul. Most will recognize Cranston from his iconic role as Hal, the exasperated, hilarious dad on *Malcolm in the Middle*. But *Malcolm in the Middle* this is not. Here he plays chemistry teacher Walter White whose world comes crashing down when he is diagnosed with advanced lung cancer. With a family in need and without the financial means to leave them secure if he were to die, Walt runs into a former student Jesse Pinkman (Paul), now a small-game, street-level drug dealer. He soon finds himself turning to a life of crime, cooking up methamphetamine in the middle of a desert with his new partner. Making things endlessly more complicated (and gripping) is the fact that his brother-in-law Hank (Dean Norris) is a DEA agent.

And that is basically the first episode. The show is now four seasons in, but it is never too late to catch up.



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And I encourage you to catch up by the season 5 premiere this July as I did before. To not do so is to miss out on something great.

But don't take my word for it. Just look at the Emmy's. Throughout its four seasons, the show has garnered

nine nominations and four wins, three of those wins going consecutively to Cranston for Outstanding Lead Actor. To overstate what he does for the show is impossible. As Walter White, Cranston has created one of the most believable and harrowing character arcs I've ever seen. He has slowly transformed Walt from a vulnerable, scared man over his head to what many will argue is an antihero. Forget Hal; Cranston will long be remembered for *this* performance.

But this isn't to diminish the tremendous talents of the rest of the cast. Aaron Paul also earned an Emmy for his performance as the conflicted and tragic Jesse Pinkman, and all of the supporting cast is on par, from Walter's wife Skyler (Anna Gunn) to local crime lord Gus (Giancarlo Esposito).

One cannot mention *Breaking Bad* without also mentioning the show's writing and directing. Though the other AMC darlings, *Mad Men* and *The Walking Dead*, get more of the attention, *Breaking Bad* is truly the most effective and exciting show on the channel. It combines the subtlety and atmosphere of the best *Mad Men* episodes with the heart-thumping suspense and occasionally even the action of a satisfying *Walking Dead*. Unlike many other modern serialized dramas, it seems clear that Gilligan and company knew exactly where they wanted to take this series from the very start.

For fans, this is truly a blessing, especially considering many a series has been ruined by scrambling to find a purpose in their later seasons. And, of course, the editing and episode direction is some of the most vivid and captivating seen on the small screen.

Simply put, television shouldn't be this good, but thank our lucky stars it is and start enjoying television's best drama while you still have the chance.

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ceived so far has been overwhelming.

"We were not expecting it at all," Jones said.

"It was just like, 'Boom!'" Williams said. "And we're like, 'Ok, maybe it's time to start making these.'"

Their efforts have even brought out kindness from unexpected places.

"One night our phones were both exploding," Jones said. "The guys sitting next to us asked us what was going on because we were talking about it, so we told them, and they actually ordered seven right then and there."

"Complete strangers handed us money," Williams said. "It was awesome."

Throughout all of this, Jones added that Coughlin has remained upbeat and confident.

"He's overwhelmed. He's stayed very positive about it all, which is surprising because I wouldn't be," Jones said. "He's been sick obviously with the chemo, but he's been taking it well. I think his family is taking it harder than he is. He's pretty set that he's

gonna beat this. But he's been very ecstatic about how many people are helping and how many people who don't even know him are willing to help out in any way they can."

Many of these people have contacted Williams and Jones through their recently created Facebook group.

"We invited our friends, we had friends inviting friends, we have bracelets we have to ship to Germany, it's crazy," Jones said. "We have almost 540 now we have to make. I have made at least 70 to 80. Each takes about 15 to 30 minutes depending on the colors."

And despite receiving offers of help, up until now, this project has been solely a two-person endeavor.

"It's been mostly me and her doing this by ourselves," Williams said.

Though you can order virtually any color and combination imaginable, there are a number of pre-designs as well, including a "Spirit of the Colonel" bracelet, various cancer awareness bands, fraternity/sorority colors, and most significantly, the Alex bracelet.

"Our Alex bracelet is lime green, blue and white," Williams said. "The lime green and the white is for lymphoma awareness, and then blue his favorite color."

A basic, three-color bracelet is one dollar, and it is 25 cents more for every additional color or if you want to add beads.

And best of all, pick up is not required.

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Week of May 25

Men in Black III: Ten years later, we are finally getting another *Men in Black* sequel. I'm not convinced this will be a great film, but it will be a trip to see Will Smith put back on that iconic suit (where have you been, Fresh Prince?) and Josh Brolin's impersonation of a young Tommy Lee Jones may be worth the price of admission alone.

Moonrise Kingdom: Too few have been talking about what I think has a shot at being one of the best films of the summer. You need look no further than its impeccable pedigree: Directed by auteur Wes Anderson, written by Anderson and famed director Roman Coppola, and starring some very fantastic actors such as Bill Murray, Edward Norton, Bruce Willis, Frances McDormand, Tilda Swinton and Jason Schwartzman.

Snow White and the Huntsman: I am totally over this trend. I do not want to see updated, "adult" fairy tales, even if Thor himself is there. The casting of Kristen Stewart doesn't help either. Mirror, mirror, on the wall, who's the blandest of them all?

Week of June 1

Piranha 3DD: You know exactly what to expect from this one. It's in the title and in the David Hasselhoff cameo as himself. Needless to say, it looks completely terrible. But somehow, in the best possible ways. So bad it's good? Time and buckets of blood will tell. If nothing else, it'll be worth a quick laugh.



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Week of June 8

Prometheus: Ridley Scott's *Alien* spin-off is one of the most mysterious films of the summer. In an age where spoilers run rampant, I still know very little about this film. Which, in my book, is a very good thing. Charlize Theron, Michael Fassbender and some gorgeous visuals in the trailer are more than enough to keep me intrigued.

Safety Not Guaranteed: A quirky tale about a man who claims to have found the secret to time travel and the reporter who finds herself drawn to him. Check out the trailer and swoon.

Week of June 15

Rock of Ages: From the director of *Hairspray* comes this adaptation of the jukebox Broadway musical featuring 80s hair band standards from the likes of Bon Jovi and Def Leppard. An interesting cast paired with a sure to be catchy soundtrack should be enough to make this one a hit.

That's My Boy: The continued degradation of Adam Sandler. This time he is the foul-mouthed father of Andy Samberg. Sandler fans will come in swarms, everyone will leave mildly pleased, but no one will leave impressed. An R rating hints at a more reckless Sandler, but it's more than likely just an excuse for more poop jokes. Sigh.

Week of June 22

Brave: Much like *Up* went from "That weird new Pixar movie about the balloons" to one of the most beloved films in its repertoire, *Brave* has flown under the radar so far, but is sure to carry that same Pixar magic by the time it hits theatres. Should be the animated movie of the summer.

Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter: Can this movie rise above its admittedly silly premise? Probably not, but I look forward to some cool visuals and fun-loving historical tweaking. Anything to have a few less vampires in Hollywood.

Seeking a Friend for the End of the World: Steve Carell. Two simple words that will get me into almost any movie (*Evan Almighty?* I said almost...). Luckily, this film's trailer completely charmed me. A pre-apocalyptic indie romantic comedy? Sold!

To Rome With Love: 1) I'd watch anything Woody Allen does. 2) If I had only seen his last movie *Midnight in Paris*, I would still watch anything Allen does. 3) With Jesse Eisenberg, Alec Baldwin, Ellen Page, Penélope Cruz and Allen himself starring, I WILL

watch *To Rome With Love*.

Week of June 29

G.I. Joe: Retaliation: Sure to feature tons of derivative action and uninteresting "characters." Does a Bruce Willis cameo make a movie? Bruce, your talents are better served elsewhere.

Magic Mike: Channing Tatum has a busy week, starting in two surefire, very different hits. Here he revisits his former profession as a male stripper in this Steven Soderbergh directed romantic comedy. I know I lost most of you at "stripper." Watch the trailer again once the drool dries, however, and you won't see much that's compelling.

Week of July 6

The Amazing Spider-Man: More so than any other, this film has a lot to prove this summer. The film's very existence has split audiences from the start, and I admit I was skeptical at first. But with a fine young actor donning the tights (*The Social Network's* Andrew Garfield) and an electrifying new trailer, I'll be there opening night.

Savages: Oliver Stone's super stylish and saturated new drug thriller sports a great cast and an intriguing looking story. Whether or not it can compete with Spidey is another question all together, but there's no rule that says you can't watch two movies in one visit.

Week of July 13

Ice Age: Continental Drift 3D: Sometimes a franchise just doesn't know when to end. I'm sure the newest film will look great and even be entertaining enough. But do we really need another adventure through the Ice Age? We all know how it ends after all...Let's hope the series ends before its inevitable morbid conclusion.

Ted: I'm sure Seth MacFarlane fans are beyond excited for this one. I've never been much of a fan, so all I can see is some off-putting CGI and some flat jokes.

Week of July 20

The Dark Knight Rises: Is there a more hotly anticipated film this summer? Has



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there ever been? It's hard to say, but one thing's for certain: It's wise that no other films are scheduled to come out this week. Even if it somehow fails to live up to its hype, this is THE movie event of the year.

Week of July 27

Neighborhood Watch: A Ben Stiller/Vince Vaughn/Jonah Hill match-up about a neighborhood watch group who discover a plan to destroy the world. Interestingly, all the trailers have totally downplayed any sort of sci-fi element, but still holds the promise of being very funny.

Step Up Revolution: No. Just no.

Week of August 3

The Bourne Legacy: Many fans have objected to this film from the start because of the absence of Matt Damon. Me? I have faith in both Jeremy Renner and writer/director Tony Gilroy to deliver. No *Bourne* has ever let me down before.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days: Somehow these movies keep getting made. If you have a younger sibling who enjoys them, as I do, take them. If not, don't. And even if you do, try to take them to *Bourne* instead.

Total Recall: The original *Total Recall* is one of my favorite films ever, so a remake would have a lot to live up to. And despite Bryan Cranston's persuasive presence, I'm not very excited to see how this one turns out. I'll be there, but I'll be nervous.

Week of August 10

The Campaign: Will Ferrell plus Zach Galifianakis plus political comedy equals a sold ticket for this writer.

Week of August 17

The Expendables 2: And finally, what better way to end your summer than with an orgy of guns, blood and brawn? With a different director and a bigger, badder cast, this sequel should be pretty much exactly what is expected. To be honest, is exactly what we want.

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would come down to both of the top players for each squad: The freshman for Eastern, Amandine Faouzi, and the No. 1 seed for Austin Peay, Vanja Tomic.

Much like the entire match, the two competitors engaged in a back-and-forth battle.

Faouzi would claim the first set, while her counterpart Tomic took the second.

In the third set, Faouzi would get the break she needed to defeat Tomic. Faouzi was able to hold serve to take the match, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4. After gutting it out and making it to the fi-

nals, Head Coach Rob Oertel credited much of their confidence and poise to the team cohesion he has built between both his men and women.

"These men and women together are one big team," Coach Oertel said. "The women have been able to lean on the men for support. The girls fed off of the guy's leadership and confidence, I really think it helped a lot that the guys had so much confidence and experience."

With their sights set on a championship, the Colonels would head into the championship match hoping to play with the same poise and confidence.

After dropping the doubles point, they would look to their singles to carry them to a victory.

Starting with No. 2 seed Kristina Labeja, she defeated her opponent Anna Winkelmann on her way to a straight set win, 6-3, 6-2.

No. 4 seed Poffo would follow for the Colonels. Poffo played with experience and confidence against her opponent Ivon Simic and picked up the win, 6-3, 6-3.

No. 3 seed Melissa Gerritsen would avenge her loss the day before by defeating Johanie Van Zyl, 6-4, 6-4, to give Eastern a 3-1 lead.

Just like that, the Colonels were only one win away from their first conference title since 2009.

No. 5 seed Marcela Jimenez would be the hero of the match. Her opponent Anna Marie Herbold managed to extend the match to

a third set. Jimenez, however, would take over in the third. Jimenez claimed the match and the title for the Colonels with a final score of 6-3, 2-6, 6-2.

When asked about the group of exceptionally talented ladies, Coach Rob Oertel said his players were never freshmen, but experienced players.

"Their futures are very bright," Coach Rob Oertel said. "They've had great poise all year long. They haven't played like freshman all year long and they didn't this weekend. These girls are sharp and perceptive."

A look ahead:
The young group will now set their sights on the NCAA tournament.

"It's so exciting to get to go play with the best 64 teams in the country," Oertel said.

MEN'S TENNIS

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match, 7-6, 6-3.

The Governors appeared to have the Colonels outmatched yet again, as they took a 2-1 lead after their No. 3 seed Dimitar Ristovski was able to defeat Eastern's Philip Janz in straight sets, 6-2, 6-4.

Leader and No. 1 seed Klientovsky would get the Colonels back on track. Klientovsky gutted out a challenging three setter against Austin Peay's star, Sean Bailey.

Klientovsky, having lost to Bailey in their last match, refused to let the Canadian powerhouse win again.

After dropping the second set, Hugo won the third set to pick up the victory: 6-4, 3-6, 6-1.

No. 6 seed Emilio Piriz followed by picking up a crucial win for the Colonels. Piriz took down Austin Peay's Iago Seffrin, 7-6, 6-1.

After being forced to retire early last match against the Governors because of cramps, No. 4 seed Verma would stay healthy and clinch the win for Eastern.

After dropping the first set to Aleksas Tverijonas, Verma came back by taking the first set without dropping a game. Then Verma managed to continue his solid play throughout the third set, 1-6, 6-0, 6-2, giving Eastern the win 4-2.

After two days and two wins, the stage was set for the Colonels to capture their third consecutive OVC championship.

Their opponent, Tennessee Tech (11-8), had proven a month ago it would be no easy task to defeat them.

The Colonels would take the doubles

point thanks to the never-say-die attitude of Eastern's Carles Pons and Klientovsky.

Together, the duo fought off seven match points to come back and attain the victory.

Head Coach Rob Oertel spoke on the poise of Pons.

"Hugo and Carles fought off seven match points," Oertel said. "Pons really came up big in those match points for us. He really focused well in crunch time and had great ball placement."

In singles, No. 1 seed Klientovsky would use his experience to come back from a set down and capture the win for the Colonels. He would defeat Tech's Syrym Abdulkhalikov, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Shortly after, No. 4 seed Verma, who had been dependable throughout the whole tournament for the Colonels, claimed a straight set win over Artem Tarasov to give Eastern a 3-0 advantage.

In hopes of swinging momentum in the other direction, Tennessee Tech's Justin Kirstein defeated Eastern's No. 5 seed Joao Maio in straight set, 6-4, 6-2.

It wouldn't be enough, however, as No. 6 seed Piriz would emerge victorious in a three-set thriller against Vasily Eremeev.

Piriz managed to battle back after dropping the first set. The final score, 4-6, 6-2, 6-2, sealed Tech's fate and gave Eastern their third straight conference title.

Afterwards, Coach Oertel credited their win to experience.

"They basically had one last push in them," Oertel said. "They were in a unique situation, in that they had a revenge match in the conference tournament, and their experience made a big difference at the tournament."

A look ahead:
The Colonels will be one of 64 teams competing in the 2012 NCAA tournament.

SOFTBALL

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tina Ciolek scored on an error in the fourth as part of a six-run inning for the Colonels. The Colonels added five more runs and held off a Panther rally for the 13-4 win.

Howes was modest about breaking the records.

"I was really excited and it felt good," Howes said. "But I really wasn't thinking about it. I was more focused on getting a hit and doing what I could for the team."

Coach Jane Worthington had high praise for the team's play.

"We outplayed them in all three games," Coach Worthington said. "It's just that the score didn't reflect that in the first one."

Eastern's freshman pitcher praised the

team's tenacity in Saturday's second game and its play in general for the weekend.

"They got a few runs on us in the second game," Robb said. "But we kept strong and pulled out the win. I think we played really good for the weekend."

Robb also didn't discount the importance of the series win.

"We really needed to win this series to get into the tournament," Robb said.

Worthington is quick to deflect credit for her message of intensity in every game getting through.

"They hear it and know it," Worthington said. "They probably knew it before I said it; it's just a matter taking care of it."

Worthington perhaps fired a salvo to the rest of the conference with her final thought.

"There isn't a team we can't beat," Worthington said.

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running for Hagen, both he and Ball scored on a pitcher's throwing error, which also allowed Rodriguez to reach base. A single from Grisham pushed Rodriguez to third. A single from Jamison scored Rodriguez and ended the game 7-6, with the win going to Eastern.

Despite the previous two games being neck-and-neck, Eastern fell drastically 2-18 in the last game. Of the eight pitchers used, sophomore Brent Cobb got the loss after pitching three innings and giving up six runs on eight hits while striking out two. Dunlop and Rodriguez led the batting lineup by going 1-for-2 with an RBI and 2-for-3, respectively.

"We didn't pitch very well," Stein said. "You get behind like that it makes for a long day for our players. It's hard to recover from that."

Austin Peay dominated the first third of the game. They scored their first six runs in the first three innings. They picked up another five runs in the top of the fourth and Eastern scored their first run in the bottom of the inning. A double from Dunlop scored Jamison, who had reached base because of an error by the shortstop. The Colonels wouldn't score another run until the bottom of the ninth when a walk pushed junior Justin Trent home. Austin Peay had a much more fruitful last half. They scored two more runs in the seventh and five runs in the eighth. The game ended with the Colonels losing 2-18.

The Colonels return to the diamond at 6 p.m. April 27 for a road game against Morehead State.

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Freshman Dominique Norris clears a hurdle during the EKU Open Friday at Tom Samuels track. Norris finished fourth in the 110-meter hurdles and the Colonels won eight events.

Track teams have strong showing at tourney

By CHRIS MCGEE
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The Colonels' track and field teams competed against 13 other schools last weekend and won eight events at the EKU Open. The Open is Eastern's only home meet of the season.

Asbury, Bellarmine, Berea College and Campbellsville are some of the schools who competed in the meet.

Senior Diamond Benjamin was victorious in the women's 100-meter with a season-best time of 11.86. Junior Bianca Forbes continued the winning with a personal-best time of 24.79 in the 200-meter. Sophomore Shiyana Mahendra also contributed with a personal-best time of 1:03.36 in the 400-meter hurdles. Junior and newly selected Ohio Valley Conference athlete of the week, Picoty Leitch, recorded an OVC-best time of 4:28.60 in the 1,500-meter and placed second in the 5,000-meter with a time of 17:33.54.

The men also had a strong day. Senior Gerry Cooper won the 400-meter with a personal-best time of 48.63. Senior Alex Dreyer won the 5,000-meter with a time of 14:54.20.

In the men's 1,500-meter, senior Ben Cheruyiot finished second with a time of 3:52.78 while sophomore Ben Toroitch came in third with a time of 3:53.26.

In the field portion of the meet, junior Jazzmin Jeter won the women's long jump with a leap of 18-5, and Tanner Kendall won for the men with a leap of 21-4.

The Colonels only relay win of the day came when Benjamin, Jeter, Mahendra and sophomore Rashelle Florence, combined, to win the 4x100-meter with a season-best time of 47.26.

Coach Rick Erdmann said he was proud of both teams.

"We did very well in the events we competed in," Coach Erdmann said.

Although Erdmann was proud of both teams, he did have one major concern.

"There were a couple of people, on both teams, who weren't as competitive in the distance events as I thought they should have been," Erdmann said.

The teams return to the track April 26-29 for the Penn Relays in Philadelphia, Pa. and then May 4-5 in the OVC Outdoor Championships in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Baseball team loses weekend series

By MATTHEW CRUMP
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Eastern's baseball team dropped last weekend's home series against Austin Peay State University one game to two. The Colonels (17-19, 9-6 OVC) lost the first game 9-10, won the second game 7-6 and lost the final game 2-18.

"We haven't been playing well on Sundays, and it was the case this past Sunday," said Coach Jason Stein. "We'll try and find solutions for that. We're going to change our pitching around this weekend and see if we can navigate our way through Sunday."

Eastern managed to keep the lead in the first game until the sixth inning. Senior pitcher Matt Harris got the loss after allowing eight earned runs on thirteen hits in 5.2 innings. He managed to get four strikeouts. Senior Matt Fyffe relieved him in the sixth and pitched for 3.1 innings, only allowing one run on four hits while striking out four. Sophomore Bryan Soloman managed to push the Colonels ahead in the third after smashing a three-run home run, but he also ended the rally a run short in the bottom of the ninth after grounding into a double play.

Austin Peay (24-15, 11-3 OVC) drew first blood after hitting a solo home run in the second. Eastern responded with a huge rally in the third. Senior Jacob Daniel scored two runners and advanced senior Richie Rodriguez to third base with a single. Soloman then came and crushed the next pitch over the fence for a three-run home run. The hit put Eastern ahead 5-1. The Governors came back the next inning with two runs, but Eastern pushed even farther in front after senior Michael Garcia was scored on a single from senior Dustin Dunlop.

But even with a 6-3 lead, the Colonels couldn't snag the win. Austin Peay came back in the sixth inning with a six-run rally. Eastern inched toward the lead for the rest of the game. Senior A.J. Jamison was scored in the bottom of the sixth on a double from Garcia. Sophomore Sean Hagen reached third base on a thrower's error in the seventh and was scored on a sacrifice fly from Daniel. The Governors made sure of their win in the eighth with a solo home run.

Eastern tried for one last rally in the bottom of the ninth. Junior Austin Grisham had a base hit that scored freshman Demetrius Mooror, putting Eastern within one run of Austin Peay. But with runners



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Junior Shane Grimm delivers a pitch Saturday against Austin Peay.

on second and third base, Soloman hit a grounder that resulted in a double play and ended Eastern's rally and gave Austin Peay the win.

The second game almost ended in a loss as well, but a three-run rally in the bottom of the ninth secured a win for the Colonels. Jamison hit a single that scored Rodriguez. Junior pitcher Chase Greene earned his first win as a Colonel by pitching three innings and not allowing any runs on one hit while striking out one. Jamison led the batting lineup by going 2-for-5, as well as scoring the winning RBI.

The game started even after both teams scored one run in the first inning. Daniel scored on a throwing error by the Governor's shortstop. Austin Peay surged ahead in the fourth with three runs and another two runs in the top of the sixth. After being walked and hit to second base by Jamison, Soloman scored on a base hit from Garcia. Jamison scored on a passed ball and Dunlop flied out, ending the sixth inning. The Colonels scored again in the bottom of the seventh when junior Shaun Ball advanced to third after two walks and a throwing error and was scored when Grisham grounded out to the shortstop. The beginning of the ninth inning started well for the Colonels, who were behind by 2, with Ball getting walked, and Hagen getting hit by a pitch. With junior Matt Phipps pinch-

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Raechele Gray: A QUIET LEADER

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Peter Drucker once said, "Management is doing things right; leadership is doing the right things"

Junior point guard Raechele Gray must be doing the right things because she was recently awarded the Athletic Director's Leadership Award by Mark Sandy, Eastern's athletic director. The honor is bestowed on a student-athlete who exemplifies achievement in the sport and in the classroom, as well as leadership.

Winning this award was the last thing Gray expected to happen.

"I did not expect that award at all," Gray said. "I didn't think everyone thought of me like that."

Gray said she has been playing basketball since she was six or seven years old.

She also said trust has been the biggest difference between playing for Marshall and Eastern.

"I have more trust from the coaches here," Gray said. "The coaches at Marshall didn't trust my game instincts or thought that I could do what I know I can do."

She also added the Camaraderie with her teammates is another big difference.

Professionally, Gray said Rajon Rondo, Chris Paul and Derrick Rose are some of her idols. On the women's side, Lana Beard and Sue Byrd make the list.

Gray said her definition of a good coach is anyone who can get a lot of talented people to play without being selfish.

"I like coaches like Doc Rivers [Boston Celtics] and Tom Thibadeau [Chicago Bulls]," Gray said.

Gray couldn't name just one specific thing she loves most about playing basketball.

"I just love this game," Gray said. "But if I had to name specific things, I would say the traveling and meeting new people."

Coach Chrissy Roberts has nothing but good to say about Gray.

"Raechele is a class act," Coach Roberts said. "She is very driven on the floor and in the classroom."

She also said Gray is a very valuable asset to the team, on offense and defense.

Roberts doesn't discount what Gray has brought to the team since transferring from Marshall.

"She has brought a lot to the team," Roberts said. "She goes hard at everything she does. She raises this team's level of play, and we are fortunate to have one more year with her."

Chrissy Roberts
Head Coach

Gray said playing basketball is one option after graduation. Another is pursuing a job in public relations, which is her major.

Gray said her family, friends and the positive influences she surrounds herself with motivate her but added there is something bigger that gives her motivation.

"My Christian faith motivates me every day," said Gray. "I rely a lot on my faith."

"She raises this team's level of play, and we are fortunate to have one more year with her."

Eastern's tennis teams both win OVC titles



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Senior Emilio Piriz prepares to return a volley against Austin Peay Saturday during the OVC tournament. The men's team avenged its only two losses to win the title.

MEN'S TEAM AVENGES ONLY TWO REGULAR SEASON LOSSES AND WINS THIRD CONSECUTIVE TITLE

By GREG ADAMS
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Eastern's men's tennis team left Nashville last weekend holding a familiar title -- OVC Champions.

The Colonels captured their third straight conference title after defeating Murray State University, and they avenged their only two conference losses by defeating Austin Peay, and ultimately, Tennessee Tech in the finals.

Eastern (19-9), the No. 3 seed in the tournament, would face Murray State (5-13) in the first round.

The Colonels continued their success in doubles by taking the point from the Racers.

In singles play, senior leader and No. 1 seed Hugo Klientovsky managed to give the Colonels an early 2-0 lead by defeating op-

ponent Arthur Valle in straight sets, 6-1, 6-1.

Soon after, No. 4 seed Parul Verma took down Murray State's Daniel Heibel. Verma did so without dropping a single game in the second set. The score being 6-2, 6-0.

No. 3 seed Philip Janz claimed the deciding win for the Colonels. Janz defeated Jose Berardo, 6-1, 6-2, giving Eastern the dominant 4-0 win and advancing the defending champs to the semi-finals.

In the semifinals, the Colonels would find themselves up against Austin Peay (12-9), which defeated the Colonels just days prior.

Eastern would take revenge. Again, the Colonels started off strong by capturing the doubles point.

Austin Peay, however, would rebound. The Governors struck first in singles play, as No. 2 seed Jasmin Ademovic was able to defeat Eastern's Niklas Schroeder. After edging past Schroeder in a tiebreaker, Ademovic took control in the second set, taking the

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Sophomore Milena Poffo returns a volley against Austin Peay Saturday during the OVC tournament. The Colonels captured their second title in three years.

WOMEN'S TEAM CAPS PERFECT SEASON WITH SECOND OVC CHAMPIONSHIP SINCE 2009

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Three months ago, Eastern's women's tennis team was a group of young freshmen and sophomores with great talent.

Fast forward to the present day, the Colonels end their regular season a perfect 9-0 and land the No.1 seed in the conference tournament.

After receiving a bye, the Colonels would have to go through Austin Peay for a chance to play for a second conference title.

Austin Peay (9-15) would bring the fight, but ultimately Eastern (18-6) would escape to play another day.

The Governors would claim the doubles point by winning two out of the three matches.

In singles play, it was Eastern who struck first.

No. 6 seed Carmen Rodriguez came out strong and never let up against her opponent Jovana Karac. Rodriguez picked up the win, while only dropping a single game, 6-1, 6-0.

Austin Peay's No. 3 seed Alison Carre would respond. She would get the best of the Colonels' Melissa Gerritsen to, once again, claim the lead for the Governors, with a final score of 6-3, 6-1.

The match would continue back and forth as the Colonels would be the next to strike. No. 2 seed Kristina Labeja defeated Ornela Di Salvo in straight sets, 6-3, 6-1, allowing the Colonels to even up the score again.

Sophomore and No. 5 seed Milena Poffo came through big for the Colonels. Poffo took care of her adversary, Vanessa Tavares, 6-3, 6-2.

Eastern's No. 4 seed Saioa Oscoz equaled her opponent Andra Cornea, 6-4, 6-4. It

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Howes breaks home run records as team takes series

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Junior Raquel Howes had a record-breaking weekend to go along with the team's wins.

Howes broke the records for home runs in a season (14) and career home runs (29), which broke Shyenne Hussey's previous record. Howes broke both records during the team's finale victory against Eastern Illinois University Sunday.

The Colonels (21-25 12-10 OVC) began

the three-game series by splitting a double-header Saturday.

In game one, sophomore Nicole Heitz put Eastern on the board first in the top of the fourth with a single. Katie Tackett followed with a lead-off home run in the fifth to extend the lead to 2-0. Eastern Illinois cut the lead to one in the bottom of the fifth and tied the game in the sixth.

In the top of the eighth, the Colonels got one run after Diane Gallagher scored on a throwing error by the Panther pitcher. East-

ern got another run in the top of the 10th on a RBI single by Howes but were unable to hold on to the lead in either inning. Eastern Illinois won the game in the bottom of the 10th on a two-run home run, 5-4.

The Colonels scored all four of the runs in their 4-3 second game victory in the fourth inning. The runs would prove valuable as Eastern Illinois fought to make a comeback in the final inning.

The Panthers' Bailey O'Dell doubled in the seventh with one out and two on to get the

opponents on the board. Melissa Brown then singled to cut the deficit to one. But freshman pitcher Shaylon Robb struck out the last two batters to get the win for the Colonels.

Eastern, once again, got on the board first in Sunday's finale. Gallagher started the game with a lead-off triple. Nicole Heitz then followed with a RBI, her fifth of the year for a 1-0 lead. Larkyn Wood would make it 2-0 in the second with a RBI single of her own. Chris-

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