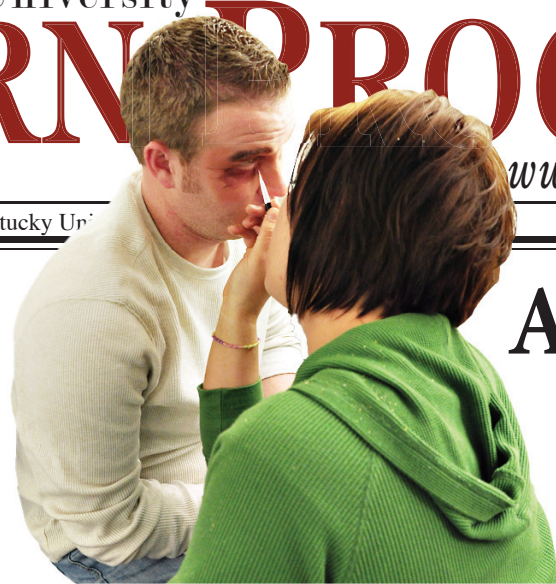




Mardi Gras masquerade

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Texting and driving legislation passes Ky. House

By Lindsay Huffman
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Everyone has done it. A person is driving and then—Bing!—social life sounds with its own messaging tone. That's right—texting while driving. But scenarios such as this may

soon be eliminated from Kentucky roads if a new bill is passed through the state legislature.

House Bill 43 was recently passed by the Kentucky House of Representatives and is now being reviewed by the Senate. The bill will prohibit any person from using a "personal com-

munication device," which includes pagers, cell phones and any other form of audio/text communication, while operating a motor vehicle in motion.

There are some exclusions to the bill, however. Emergency personnel would be able to text while driving

in the course of their duties. Drivers would still be able to make phone calls and use a stand-alone GPS. If a person uses a GPS on a phone or other similar device, though, he/she could be fined.

An individual could text if he/she wants to "report illegal activity,"

"summon medical help," "summon a law enforcement or public safety agent," or "prevent injury to a person or property."


Until Jan. 11, 2011, anyone caught texting while driving for any other purposes would be given a courtesy

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RAY ARNOLD

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Local elections feature two Colonels

Non-traditional student takes time off to run for District House seat

By Stephanie Smith
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For most students, college life is filled with tests, research papers, and those dreaded final exams, but Leo Johnson's life is proving to be a little different. In the middle of his own college career, Johnson is running for Kentucky House seat in Dis-

trict 24, which covers Casey County, Marion County and part of Pulaski County.

Johnson, a non-traditional student, said he started college a little later in life, coming back at around 27. He was a political science major, but is currently taking a break to focus on his campaign.

"We're covering two counties and part of another so it's about 26,000 voters," he said. "We're doing the bulk of it door-to-door, face-to-face."

Johnson said he was only four classes away from graduating and

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Recent graduate hopes to connect city with campus life

By Travis Witt
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Three months ago, Ray Arnold was attending classes at Eastern, taking exams and serving as the academic affairs chair for the Student Senate.

These days, however, his interest in government has taken the 25-year-old political science major

into deeper waters: He's running for a coveted seat on the Richmond City Commission.

Arnold, who graduated last fall, faces some steep odds. So far, 15 other candidates have tossed their hats into the ring leading up to the May 18 primary. Of those, the eight candidates who collect the most votes will then move on to the Nov. 2 general election.

But Arnold isn't discouraged by the odds. A lifelong Richmond resident, Arnold said he hopes to build a grassroots campaign, capitalizing on his ties to the university and

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CAMPUS DELAYS

Eastern battles winter weather

By Laura Butler

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Much of Kentucky has been blanketed in snow this month, causing universities to make difficult decisions about whether or not to cancel classes. How bad do conditions have to be before classes are delayed or canceled?

Eastern's Interim Provost Jana Vice said she and several other parties are involved in making the decision, including ECU Police and President Doug Whitlock, and their primary concern is safety.

The group gathers the most up-to-date weather information from several news and weather stations before making the call. Vice said decisions are made as early as possible to allow students time to adjust travel schedules.

Announcements made the night before are decided by 9 p.m., and morning announcements are generally made around 4 a.m. Vice said the most recent delays have been less timely because of sudden changes in weather patterns.

She also said the group prefers delays whenever possible.

"Delays allow us time to get campus ready, but still allow classes to meet."

With weather tapering off in the next few days, Vice said Eastern is hoping to return to normalcy.

"At some point we have to get back on schedule, but we're going to try to be reasonable."

Land lease proposal on horizon for campus

By Lindsay Huffman

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Despite all the construction that has been going on at Eastern lately, the university may take on yet another building project. But this time, Eastern will not be renovating residence halls or building classrooms—they will be leasing land to build a hotel on campus.

Last week, the Council on Postsecondary Education approved a \$40 million proposal that would allow Eastern to move forward in its plans to lease land adjacent to the performing arts center, which is currently being constructed across the bypass.

James Street, associate vice president of Capital Planning and Facilities Management, said the project is "more of a concept than a concrete plan." The proposal is in the very early, preliminary stages of planning.

"Eastern has long generated overnight stays due to activities," Street said. "In addition to that, the performing

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Summer film project to premiere in Lexington

By Laura Butler

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Students, faculty and staff in Eastern's Communication Department are about to see months of hard work come to fruition in the span of 30 minutes at the Central Library on Main Street in Lexington. On Thursday, Feb. 18 at 7 p.m., audience members will

catch their first glimpse of short film, *Our Secret Season*, the department's 2009 summer project.

Our Secret Season, a drama based on a true story from the screenplay's author and professor at Plymouth State University, Scott Coykendall, tells a tale of a young couple making a cross-country trip and two friends who come along for the ride. Changing relationships and tested loyalties begin to un-

ravel ties between family and friends and before the pairs can resolve their problems, one of the couples fall victim to a boating accident. The survivors then struggle to learn to deal with remorse and regret.

Coykendall's story was known to his lifelong friend, Chad Cogdill, who served as the cinematographer for the film and teaches in the communication department at Eastern.

Cogdill said he had been urging Coykendall to convert the story to screenplay over the course of a couple of years.

"I thought the script was really good," Cogdill said. "The writing is just really solid, touching and powerful."

Coykendall and Cogdill started making plans to produce the film with professor John Fitch, the future pro-

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Police Beat

All information in the Police Beat is taken from Eastern police reports.

Feb. 5

■ A female student reported to police that her purse had been stolen from her room while she went outside to smoke. She said she noticed her purse was gone later in the morning. The stolen items included a tan Coach purse, a Visa check/debit card, her ECU I.D. card, a U.S. Bank credit card and her driver's license. The total stolen value was estimated at \$600.

Feb. 16

■ A male student reported the theft of his iPhone to police after he discovered it was missing during class. The student left to go to the bathroom during class at about 12:30 p.m. and when he returned ten minutes later, the phone was gone. The total stolen value was estimated at \$508.

■ Asia Jewell of Louisville was cited and released for possession of marijuana after a student reported to police the smell of burnt marijuana coming from one of the rooms. Officers questioned Jewell, who admitted she had been smoking marijuana earlier. Officers searched the room and found a marijuana roach under her bed.

■ Steven Vickers was arrested and charged with alcohol intoxication in a public place after a male student reported someone had come into his room and was sleeping in his bed in Telford Hall. Vickers was lodged in the Madison County Detention Center.

■ An officer on patrol observed two vehicles had been broken into in the Lancaster parking lot. The front driver's side windows and dashboards of both vehicles had been broken. Both center consoles and radio faceplates were stolen from the vehicles. A GPS unit was taken from one of the vehicles. The total stolen value was \$760 and the value of the damage was estimated at \$600.

Inspections

All information in Inspections is obtained from the Madison County Health Department.

Week ending Feb. 12

Inspections with no follow-up due:

Koto Japanese Bistro, 2127 Lantern Ridge Drive, 94%
Madison Diner, 711 Big Hill Ave., 92%
Ryan's Grill Buffet, 2019 Colby Taylor Drive, 92%
Taco Bell, 514 Eastern Bypass, 93%

Follow-up inspections with no follow-up due:

Rally's, 509 Eastern Bypass, 99%

News Briefs

Center sponsors open house for faculty, staff

Learn where the Bratzke Center is located, meet the staff, and understand how it supports and encourages academic success with ECU student-athletes. You can also learn what APR and GSR means, and gain an understanding of NCAA eligibility requirements. Light refreshments will be available and free tickets to the Feb. 25 men's and women's basketball game vs. UT-Martin will be given out! The event will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. Feb. 23 in Alumni Coliseum Room 103. The event is free. For more information, contact Randy Kennedy at randy.kennedy@eku.edu or call 622-1628.

Study abroad deadline coming soon

The deadline for any student who wants to study abroad with the Cooperative Center for Study Abroad (CCSA) in summer 2010 is Friday, Feb. 26. Students can earn up to six credits at the location of their choice and the courses will last two to four weeks. Scholarships and financial aid are available. Applications should be turned in to either ECU Study Abroad Coordinator Michele Gore in Case Annex 178 or Anne Gossage, Eastern's CCSA representative. To get an application or learn more, visit www.ccsa.cc.

Spring concert tickets now on sale

Tickets for the spring concert sponsored by the SAC concert committee are now on sale. The featured artists include 3Oh!3, Pitbull with Kid Cudi, Cobra Starship and The Red Jumpsuit Apparatus with Bowling for Soup. The concert will take place at 8 p.m. Monday, March 15 in Alumni Coliseum. Tickets can be purchased either in the SGA office located in Powell 132 or on www.ticketmaster.com. For more information about the concert or tickets, contact Kristen Moser at 859-317-1432.

EKU Theatre presents 'Beauty and the Beast'

EKU Theatre will be presenting "Beauty and the Beast" at 8 p.m. nightly Feb. 24-28 in Gifford Theatre. Tickets are \$6 for students and senior citizens and \$8 for adults and can be purchased between noon and 4 p.m. on weekdays through Feb. 26. Tickets must be picked up by 7:30 p.m. for an evening performance or by 1:30 p.m. for a matinee. To buy tickets, call 622-1323 or reserve them at the box office located in the Campbell Building lobby.

Volunteers to see Augustana in concert

Students who are at least 18 years of age and want to attend The United Way of the Bluegrass 10,000 Hours Show in Lexington featuring Augustana on April 8 must sign up online and volunteer at least 10 hours at local nonprofits. To sign up, visit www.10KHoursShow.com and enter any volunteer hours completed between April 1, 2009 and March 31, 2010. Only 1,000 tickets are available. The United Way is drawing names each week for tickets to an exclusive pre-concert party where guests can meet the band. For more information, visit www.10KHoursShow.com.

Happenings

FRIDAY

1:25 p.m. Music: Student Recital, Foster 100

4 p.m. Men's tennis at Xavier

5 p.m.

Softball vs. Liberty, USC Upstate Campus Suites Spartan Classic, Spartanburg, SC

Midnight

EKU Ice Hockey at Purdue

SATURDAY

9 a.m.

Women's tennis vs. University of the Cumberland

11 a.m.

Softball vs. Maryland-Baltimore County, USC Upstate Campus Suites Spartan Classic, Spartanburg, SC

Men's tennis vs. University of the Cumberland

1 p.m.

Softball vs. USC Upstate, USC Upstate Campus Suites Spartan Classic, Spartanburg, SC

2 p.m.

Women's basketball at Morehead State

7 p.m.

ESPNU BracketBusters at men's basketball, Paul McBrayer Arena

Midnight

EKU Ice Hockey at Purdue

SUNDAY

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Softball vs. TBA, USC Upstate Campus Suites Spartan Classic, Spartanburg, SC

MONDAY

8 p.m.

Music: Joyce Hall Wolfe Faculty Voice Recital, SSB

TUESDAY

8 p.m.

Music: James Meade Senior Guitar Recital, SSB

THURSDAY

5:30 p.m.

Women's basketball vs. Tennessee-Martin

7:30 p.m.

Men's basketball vs. Tennessee-Martin

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THURSDAY

Cloudy
High: 32 Low: 22
Precip: 20%

FRIDAY

Mostly Sunny
High: 38 Low: 23
Precip: 20%

SATURDAY

Snow Showers
High: 32 Low: 29
Precip: 40%

SUNDAY

Cloudy
High: 40 Low: 30
Precip: 20%

MONDAY

Snow Showers
High: 37 Low: 23
Precip: 40%

TUESDAY

Partly Cloudy
High: 32 Low: 24
Precip: 10%

WEDNESDAY

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FILM: Movie 'a sad story, but it's human'

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ducer, and their friend, Andrew Kramp the film's director.

Soon, the project expanded to several different states, including Kentucky, New York and New Hampshire.

The group convened over the summer to shoot the film with the help of several interns from Eastern's communication department and spent 11 days shooting in Richmond, Berea and Irvine.

Several of the scenes were physical, hard work. The group encountered several logistical challenges, including mounting a camera on a moving vehicle, hauling all of the equipment to the top of The Pinnacles and a scene involving balancing thousands of dollars of camera equipment on a small boat in the middle of a lake. The scene also required the help of two of the interns with lifeguard experience to retrieve a typewriter, thrown into the lake in one of the scenes, five or six times for multiple takes.

"Our day at the lake we were shooting in a canoe and fighting the lake current," Cogdill said.

This is the third film the department has done, employing the help of students, who work for nothing but the experience.



PHOTO SUBMITTED
Chad Cogdill balances costly gear in a canoe while shooting.

Cogdill said the cast and crew mesh together over the summer, relying on each other and embracing the process.

"I felt we all got closer in working on this film," he said. "From top to bottom we were all really engaged in this process."

Now that the stress of production and editing is over, the group is excited to unveil the final product and gather feedback from an audience.

Co-producer and Assistant Director Emerson St. John, who also serves as the Communication Department's Media Supervisor, said the message of the film lies in the tone of sadness and remorse. He said he hopes the final product will prompt viewers to seek

forgiveness and evaluate their own personal relationships.

"It's a very emotional story...it's compelling stuff and thought provoking," St. John said. "You get as emotional about these characters as the writer would."

Cogdill and St. John said the group is submitting *Our Secret Season* to film festivals worldwide, hoping to see it succeed.

Cogdill said he hopes the raw emotion in the film will help it stand out at festivals.

"It's a sad story, but it's human. You want to connect to the audience on a very emotional level," he said. "This story has every element of what a great story is. It has the potential to touch a lot of people."

LAND: Hotel project still uncertain

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arts center may be brought to a critical mass such to a point where a hotel or learning center would be sustainable and in the best interest of the university."

If Eastern decides to follow through with the project, Street said the university would have to decide what type of space, architecture and amenities it would want in the hotel, as well as create a lease. Then, a property manager would do a feasibility study to see if a hotel on campus would be practical.

Only after the study is approved can Eastern begin accepting bids from companies who want to build the hotel. After a company is chosen, Eastern would lease a parcel of land with certain conditions designed to benefit both parties.

Some of the stipulations might include a meeting room for athletic functions, an agreement to build a higher-quality type of hotel and an agreement to let work-study students work in the hotel.

Street said the university has thought about adding a hotel and hospitality management major to open more academic opportunities to students.

Marc Whitt, the associate vice president of public relations at Eastern, said in an email interview that the hotel might also be used as a place for conferences.

"Each year Eastern literally hosts hundreds of conferences and workshops, some large—some small," Whitt said. "With added conferencing space, we will be able to ease some of the facility strain we have with our current spaces as well as attract more professional conferences and conventions to the city of Richmond and EKV."

Whitt also said the hotel would benefit anyone coming to see a production at the Center for the Performing Arts.

Whitt and Street said the idea of building a hotel on Eastern's campus came up about ten years ago while the Business and Technology Center project was being discussed. University and government officials began discussing the benefits of a hotel,

and the idea has been floating around ever since.

"It's been an on-again, off-again thing," Street said.

Though the project is not definite and is still in its preliminary stages, Whitt said the university believes an on-campus hotel would be useful.

"[N]early every interest will benefit from the hotel's construction: alumni, area retail and tourism sites, The Center for the Performing Arts, the University's Conferencing & Events operation, academics and athletics, new and existing professional development organizations, campus guests and so on," he said. "As President Whitlock continually seeks opportunities that connect Eastern with our local and regional communities, such a facility will most certainly aid with this objective."

The Center for the Performing Arts is expected to open in 2011, and if the project is authorized, Street said hotel construction might begin by the end of the 2011 fiscal year. Whitt said if everything goes according to plan, the hotel may be open by 2012.

TEXTING: Law may be hard to enforce

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warning. After this date, fines between \$20 and \$100 would be issued for each offense.

In a report from the Kentucky legislature, the bill also prohibits minors from using their cell phones at all while operating a motor vehicle in motion, excluding times of emergency.

If a minor is caught and only has his/her learner's permit or intermediate license, the violator would have to wait an additional six months before applying for a permanent license. Some students at Eastern said they think the bill has good intentions.

Andrew Cecil, a sophomore homeland security major from Louisville, said, "I think it's a good idea for the fear factor, knowing you can get caught."

Matt Stedman, a sophomore math teaching major

from Wheelersburg, Ohio, said he, too, thought texting while driving is dangerous. He compared texting with drinking and driving.

"I believe it's almost as dangerous as any other kind of impairment," he said.

Several students said they think if the bill became a law, it would be hard to enforce unless the phone was visible.

"Most people text with the phone in their lap. I know I do," said Colbert Gautreaux, a freshman technical agriculture major from Fort Rutger, Ala. "I drive with my knee. I know it's not safe."

Others think texting while driving is a very obvious activity.

"I see people text and drive all the time; it's not hard to notice," said Danielle Grzelewski, a freshman occupational therapy major from Monroe, Ohio.

While many said they thought the bill has good intentions, some people expressed different opinions about the provision that emergency personnel would be able to text in the course of their duties.

"If we can wreck while texting, [emergency personnel] can wreck," Gautreaux said.

"I feel it's OK if they really need to get a message across, but I don't think they should if they're trying to enforce it," Stedman said. "If they have an emergency, they can call someone."

Grzelewski said she has texted before while driving, but thinks if the bill passed and became a law it would make her "think twice about it."

As of Feb. 8, the bill was being reviewed by the Senate Judiciary Committee. To view a manuscript of House Bill 43, visit the Kentucky Legislature Web site at www.lrc.ky.gov.

JOHNSON: Student encouraged by professors

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plans on coming back to finish depending upon how his election goes.

"[I'll be back] probably next fall, or if I lose," he said with a laugh.

If elected, Johnson said he would be doing everything from introducing and voting on new bills in Frankfort to helping set the budget for the state.

"The most visible part," he said, "is just being there for the people, listening to their needs and opinions, and discussing that."

Johnson ran for the 24th District House seat during a special election in February but lost to Democrat Terry Mills by less than 500 votes.

He said part of the reason he plans to continue his race in the May primary is because he hopes to be "a voice for the people."

After having worked everything from food service to maintenance in his youth, to

being a self-employed building contractor now, he said he feels as though his experiences make him a good candidate.

"I'm more in tune with the voters of our district and I've got an eagerness to serve instead of just being there to push an agenda," he said. "I'm not there to serve the Republican party, I'm there to serve everyone. I think my diverse background helps me to understand the people better."

Johnson said he also hopes to bring about change, and most importantly, new jobs for the district.

"But statewide, I'd like to see more transparency brought to government. There was a bill introduced in the House this year that would require all state agencies to post their expenses online," he said. "I think that's a very good thing. That's what the people deserve. It's our money. We're the taxpayers."

Johnson said his time at Eastern so far has helped to prepare him for what he's do-

ing now, from time spent in political science classes to the helpful relationships he built with professors.

"[Dr. Tom Martin and Dr. Will Hatcher] were the most instrumental in preparing me and encouraging me to be involved," he said.

Johnson also said meeting people with different views during his time at Eastern has been a good way to push for input from those around him.

"It gave me perspective, listening to others' ideas and not just hanging around with people who all think the same way," he said. "It was a great environment. I enjoyed it, I really did."

Johnson wants to encourage everyone to vote and be more involved in politics.

"Too many people are apathetic," he said. "College is a great place to not just stick with your own ideas but share the ideas of others. You don't have to change your own mind, but at least you can understand others."

ARNOLD: Downtown development is key

expanding those connections into the surrounding area.

"No one cares about the students of Eastern and the people of Richmond more than Ray Arnold," said Zac Caldwell, a senior advocate of Arnold who also serves in the Student Senate.

Arnold, who currently works as a manager at Jimmy John's sub shop, is the youngest candidate in the running this term. But Arnold said he views his youth as a virtue, saying he would like to encourage the university community to take a greater interest in city affairs.

"I want to be the voice of the new generation," Arnold said. "I know there will have to be a transition at some point, and I would like to give our generation more of a voice."

While at Eastern, Arnold served for four years in the Student Senate. He also interned at both the Madison County Extension Office and at Rep. Ben Chandler's office in Washington, D.C. He said this gave him an opportunity to see how government works at several different levels.

He said he's running for a Richmond seat because he wants to see the city become more fiscally responsible in how it spends taxpayer dollars. He said that the city budget has been poorly monitored, resulting in negative financial repercussions for the citizens.

"As we grow, we need to be as far-sighted as possible, thinking two or three generations down the road rather than our immediate interests," he said.

Arnold said he'd prefer to see the city invest in smaller things, such as sidewalks, which have a greater impact for greater numbers. "If you're somewhere in the city, and you want to get somewhere else in the city, walking should always be an option" said Arnold, adding that these low-cost assets can have a positive impact, making the city more inviting and accessible.

In addition, Arnold said he wants to see more development of Richmond's downtown area. He said university students seem to have a one-dimensional relationship with the city's Main Street: They

usually just go to the bars and then return home. Instead, Arnold said he'd like to see more emphasis on variety within the community.

"I would like to work with the university to find ways to get students to come downtown for more than just drinking," he said. "We need a place to hang out, and not just a place to party."

Arnold and his supporters acknowledge that their challenge over the next few months will be getting his name out beyond the university's borders. His campaign is relying heavily on word of mouth, and his links to Eastern.

"If everybody who knows and loves Ray Arnold tells two friends about why he would be good for the city of Richmond that would be an excellent start," Caldwell said.

However the primary goes, Arnold said he's committed to the city he grew up in.

"I think that we have a lot of assets and a lot of good things going for us," he said. "And there's no reason that we shouldn't be one of the best places to live in the state."

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PERSPECTIVES

Texting laws will shift the norm

In the faraway land of Europe, driving is its own activity. It's hard to find a European driver on a phone or eating a cheeseburger, and many cars sold in Europe don't even bother to have radios or cup-holders.

In Europe, it's understood that if you're driving, you're already doing something – something that could potentially kill you if you get careless. You're *driving*.

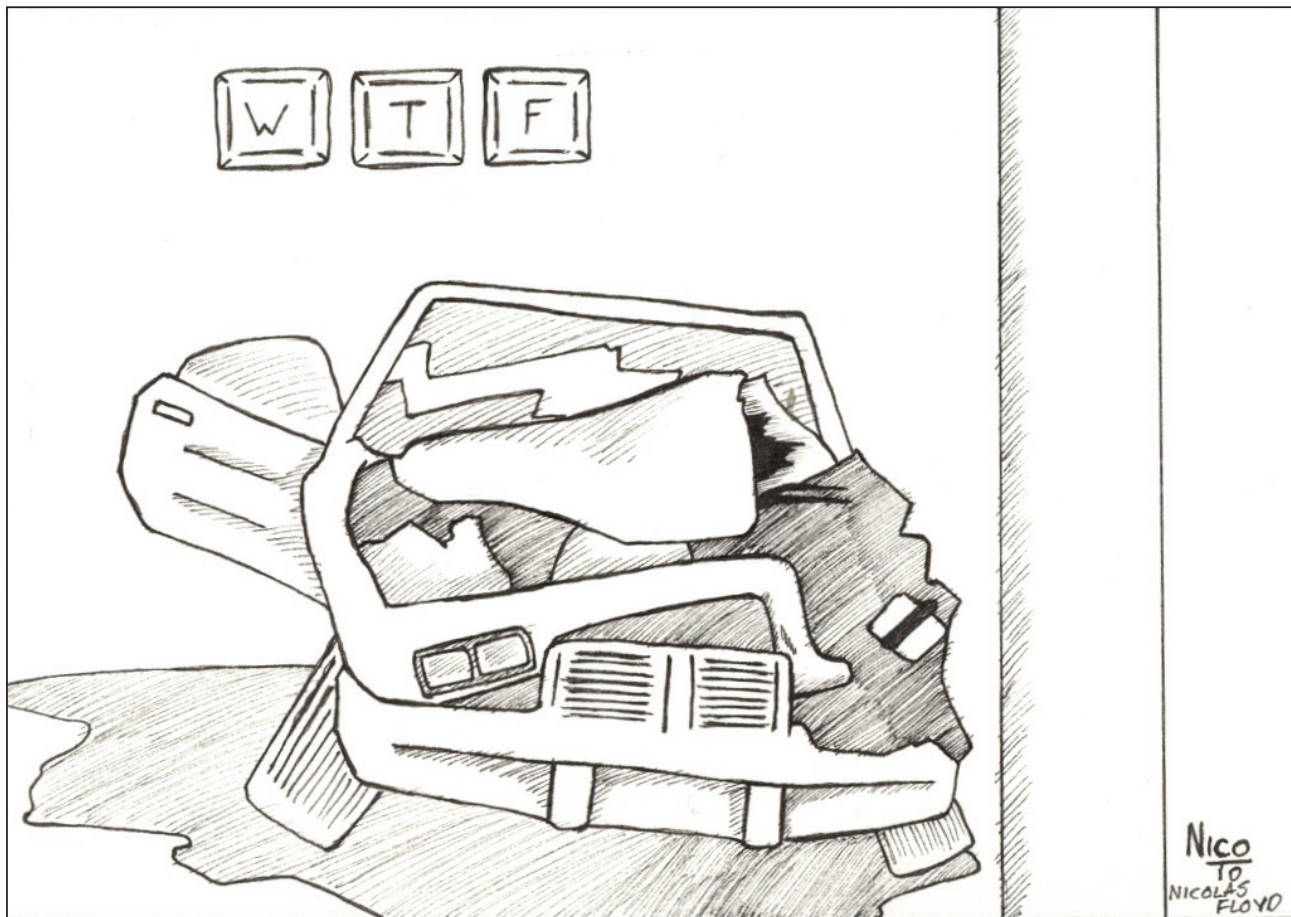
Here in the US, things are just a little different. Remembering when you last saw a driver eating or putting on mascara or reading a magazine behind the wheel (or doing all three at once) probably means remembering the last time you drove for more than 30 minutes.

Most of us like to believe we're better drivers than the crazies out there who sit behind two tons of steel and glass traveling at 70 mph and then don't bother to pay attention to what the hell they're doing.

Unfortunately, the facts tell a different story. The truth is, *we're the crazies*.

Every time we reach to change a CD, hit cruise control and take both feet off the pedals or grab our trusty cell phones to text a friend, we've become the crazies we all claim to hate.

Studies have shown that texting and driving is one of the most dangerous and distracting activities on the road in America. A study published last June in *Car and Driver Magazine* actually shows texting and driving to inhibit reaction times to the road even more than alcohol.



To many, this comes as no surprise. We all know texting and driving is dangerous, yet we continue to do it.

If we can't save ourselves from ourselves, then perhaps it's time for a little intervention.

It may not be the most popular decision among students who drive, but it won't be long before texting and driving is illegal in Kentucky.

A bill to outlaw the practice in the Commonwealth passed (and passed easily) through the House earlier this month, and now moves to a Senate committee. Regardless of what happens there, the law is inevitable: If it doesn't pass now, it will pass in two years or in the two years

that follow that.

Why? Because it's next to impossible to justify glancing downward every few seconds and breaking your concentration on the road to inform your friend that "Hulkmania isn't a person: It's a movement," or something equally irrelevant to the task at hand.

This new bill isn't a government power trip; it's an effort to make our roads a safer place. Nineteen other states have already outlawed texting and driving, and more will follow.

Many critics of the bill claim that legislation won't solve the problem.

And they're right.

Of course legislation won't

solve the problem. In fact, it's likely to be one of the most difficult laws to enforce at all.

But ultimately, that doesn't matter. The legislation isn't supposed to fix the problem—it's meant to be the first step in changing the way we perceive the act of texting and driving.

Consider that most people who wear seatbelts aren't afraid of getting pulled over; they're afraid of going through their windshields in the event of an accident. Our society has learned the importance of seatbelts in part because of a strong push for seatbelt legislation across the US.

Legislation raises awareness and creates change not through

fear of retribution, but through its ability to impact the social norm. Those who wear seatbelts because it's the law are essentially a bonus in the grand scheme of things.

Drinking and driving is another superb example. In our society, we're working hard to establish it's *not* OK to drink and drive. The first step is making it illegal, but the power of the law transcends its ability to be enforced. The law encourages us to be enlightened, to see the danger in the act and to self-enforce the norm rather than the law.

We judge those who drink and drive, and we should. Not only is it illegal, it's dangerous, and it kills thousands of innocent people every year. That makes it way wrong.

The same should be said about texting and driving, and we're well on our way to that conclusion.

Because of the legislation, it won't be long before that impulse to reach for the phone is conquered by the logic of keeping your eyes on the road.

Because of the legislation, it won't be long before we notice when our friends are texting and driving and we tell them to stop—the same way we tell them not to drink and drive or to put their seatbelt on.

Because of the legislation, it won't be long before we begin to attach the proper negative stigma to a currently accepted dangerous practice.

Legislation won't directly fix anything, but it's absolutely the first step to doing the right thing.

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How do you think Eastern officials decide whether or not to delay/cancel classes?

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> Last Week's Poll

How happy are you with SAC's choice for the spring concert?



- I couldn't be happier! They chose great bands: 7%
- I'll probably go - it's sort of up my alley: 5%
- I'm disappointed, but I understand their choice: 1%
- It's terrible. I don't see why they picked them: 87%

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> Campus comments:

What sport do you think should be added to the Winter Olympics?



"Snowshoeing."

Megan McClellan
A freshman accounting major from Frankfort.



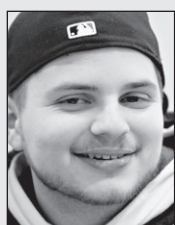
"Snowman building! I built one this weekend back home and was thinking about it"

Jordan Dorsey
A freshman aviation major from Louisville.



"Sledding."

Shawn Glassford
A freshman criminal justice major from Petersburg.



"Icefishing."

Michael Lively
A freshman history major from Dayton, Ohio.



"Beer pong. It's my favorite sport personally, it's very competitive and it's everywhere."

Amanda Moorman
An undeclared freshman from Dayton, Ohio.



"Dogsledding."

Beth Pelgen
A freshman education major from Ft. Thomas.

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> Letter to the editor:

University's refusal to promptly cancel classes puts commuters in danger

On Feb. 15, Eastern Kentucky University closed school sometime between 8:20 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. At first, Eastern was on a two-hour delay, and then changed their mind after I got on campus.

I'm a commuter and I live in Lexington. I checked Eastern's status again before I left (home), and it was still a two-hour delay. When I got on campus an hour later, I checked again—still a two-hour delay. I walked to the B&T Center and checked again: Eastern had closed.

This is the second time this has happened. The first time was during the ice storm in 2009. Eastern is a commuter school, yet they treat it like it is not a commuter school.

There are those of us who treat school like jobs, which means we show up at class

every day regardless of how we feel. To do so, we drive in hazardous conditions with everyone else on the roads. If Eastern had decided to close school earlier, the commuters wouldn't have (had) to drive down to school just to turn around and head back home.

Eastern should institute a policy in which they are required to stick with their decision once it is made, or send out a mass text message or automated phone call to all students informing them of the change. Failure to do so could cause a commuter to be hurt in an accident on the way in to school because of another driver's lack of skill or their own.

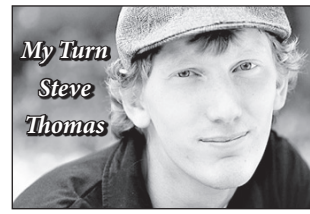
Brian Kenley
Eastern student

> Clarification:

In the News Briefs section of the Feb. 11, 2010 edition of *The Progress*, a brief incorrectly stated the Bratke Student-Athlete Academic Success Center was sponsoring an open house for student-athletes on Feb. 23 in Alumni Coliseum Room 103. The open house is intended for *faculty and staff* interested in learning more about the center, its mission and APR, GSR and NCAA eligibility requirements.

For more information, see the corrected brief in this week's News Brief section of *The Progress*, contact Randy Kennedy at randy.kennedy@eku.edu or call 622-1628.

Searching for sleds in Richmond a lost cause



My thought on winter has always been this: If it's going to be cold, it may as well snow.

Snow offers an opportunity for a few things I hold dear to me. We all grew up with snowball fights, awkward snowmen that never looked as good as the stack of circles we drew in grade school, and, of course, sledding.

Sledding is one of those classic winter activities that only gets better with time.

Why? Well, because you're heavier now. And heavy sleds go faster. It's science.

As a child, you slid down the modest neighborhood slope with a push from a parent, carving a path in the hillside slowly and with some effort. Fifty pounds in a sled on a 150-degree slope isn't exactly the formula for breaking the sound barrier.

As an adult, you tear down the biggest hill you can find in a 20-mile radius the second your butt hits the sled and sometimes sooner. It's not a question of carving a track — it's a question of keeping arms and legs inside the vehicle at all times as you scream down the freakin' mountain you found in Berea. Sure, you have to dive out before you slam into that barbed-wire fence and you end up smacking face-first into a plane of snow, but that quarter-mile trudge back to the top gives the adrenaline (and the cold) time to numb the pain.

And it's totally worth it.

Like most, I know all the legendary spots back home. How could I not? I spent enough Christmas Breaks over the age of 16 and over the weight of 130 pounds not to know the greatest places in my home county to almost get myself killed on a sled.

But Richmond's a different story. Location changes for many of us in college, so finding the best slopes in Madison County should be step one, right? Not exactly.

“ I need to be free to increase my potential for serious bodily harm through perilous recreational activities; I have a right to be exposed to imminent risk of disaster or ruin through sledding! ”

The greatest sled hill on planet Earth is nothing without something to sled on.

Remember that bit about how you weigh more now than you did when you were a kid? That means you can lay there in the snow like an idiot all you like — you're not going anywhere without something smooth to convert that weight to glorious momentum. Try diving and sliding on your chest penguin-style like you did when you were a kid and your sled adventure just ended with cracked ribs and a trip to the emergency room.

If the powder's just right, you might get away with ru-

ining a cookie sheet or the lid to your Rubbermaid storage tub. And I'm not condoning this, but cafeteria-style trays worked for me in high school.

Still, there's no real substitute for a \$15 plastic sled. I know, I know; we're broke college students and \$15 is like a downpayment on a house for us. It's an investment, but three snowfalls in three weeks might just be a sign. Save your money, eat Ramen for two solid weeks and buy yourself a killer sled/a sled that may kill you.

That is, if you can find one.

I finally decided to drop the cash on a sled last week only to have my dreams crushed like bones after a bad wipeout. Wal-Mart doesn't sell sleds. Neither does Hobby Lobby or the Dollar Tree. Hibbett's Sports does, but for \$36.

36 bucks!? I'll starve! And even that didn't matter — they were sold out!

Feeling defeated, I sulked back home and resorted to pouting about it. Where are kids supposed to find sleds these days? Do they not need to make precious (albeit dangerous) memories in the snow while they still can? And I thought Wal-Mart sold everything!?

Not sleds. It's wrong, I tell ya. I need to be free to increase my potential for serious bodily harm through perilous recreational activities; I have a right to be exposed to imminent risk of disaster or ruin through sledding!

I think that's in the Constitution somewhere.

Richmond natives — help a guy find a sled around here?

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Cost of laundry climbs by quarters, frustrates students



A basket full of dirty laundry awaits its trip to the washer and dryer. I have two dollars in quarters that I've managed to find scattered around my shelves, in the pockets of old jeans and from the crumbly recesses of the bottom of my backpack.

Just enough to do one load of laundry.

When I arrive in the laundry room, I find that new washers and dryers have been installed. This is no problem—until I find out that now I have pay an extra quarter to put my clothes in the washer. Now I am short a quarter, and my laundry remains dirty.

Don't get me wrong: I think the new machines are great, but what was wrong with the other ones?

The old washers and dryers had simple settings. You poured in your detergent and then you had your choice of “whites,” “colors,” or “permanent press.” Now there are multiple settings that leave students scratching their heads.

Lots of the same people are angered by the increased price in the washers, including me. I think I'd be better off just having a washboard and soap so I can do my laundry in the sink. At least then it'd be next to free.

Students living in the dorms already pay boarding and tuition. Not to mention we have to live in the dorms. I think we deserve to have a free laundry service, or at least a cheap one. What's next? Are they going to start charging a quarter to let us use the showers and stalls?

I use up tons of “free” water and electricity every day, but I'm being charged to use laundry machines—a combi-

nation of those two things I've already paid for.

Ultimately, though, I don't mind paying for the laundry, but every time the price increases, so does my anger.

What happens when I have to clean a single item and I have to pay a dollar and a quarter to get it washed? That's just a waste. This may come as a surprise, but not all college kids are filthy rich.

I'm certainly not.

I also have to take into consideration that sometimes dryers fail to get the job done on their first cycle. Now I have to put in a whole other dollar just so they can finish the job they didn't do well the first time.

“ I use up tons of “free” water and electricity every day, but I'm being charged to use laundry machines - a combination of those two things I've already paid for. ”

And another thing: I want to know why I can't use pennies, nickels and dimes. I have piles of pocket change lying around and I can't use any of it because the machines only accept quarters. Nickels are legal tender just like quarters. Stores have to take those awful dollar coins you occasionally get stuck with, even if they judge you a little for having them; laundry machines should have to take 'em, too.

For now, it looks like I'll be taking my laundry home on weekends and road trips. At least there I can do it for free. It may be the only way to stop Eastern from nickeling-and-diming me—something even the laundry machines ironically can't do.

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A look back at the 2010 President's Ball



Around 200 people attended the 10th Annual President's Ball this past Thursday in Keen Johnson Ballroom, sponsored by Student Activities Council (SAC). Among the guests were President Whitlock and his wife, Joanne (above).

The masquerade-themed Ball featured an enormous ice sculpture in the shape of a masquerade mask, and many students wore masks to the festivities (above left).

Sarah Carty, VP for SAC, said the event was a huge success. "I think [the evening] was great, and I hope everyone had a good time," Carty said, "I know I did, and if you weren't there, you missed out on a great night."

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Beauty and the Beast: behind the scenes

Eastern's Theater Department will showcase more than just good acting skills

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A magical event is springing to life in Eastern's Gifford Theatre. A set is being built, costumes are being sewn and actors are being transformed into timeless Disney characters.

And, *The Eastern Progress* is doing its part to take you behind the scenes and production lines of the Theatre Department's very own rendition of Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*.

A lot of manpower goes into a theatre production other than just rehearsal time for the actors.

Don't forget about those unsung heroes watching from behind the curtains, like the set designers, makeup artists, costume designers and choreographers. Although they may not be winning your heart onstage, they're the heartbeat of the production.

Natalie Cagle, a senior theatre major from Ross, Ohio, said she was in charge of designing all the makeup for the characters on stage. "I take pictures of each actor, then place tracing paper over the pictures and sketch out what I think the makeup should look like," she said.

Under the instruction of the costume designer and associate professor, Jeffrey Boord-Dill, Cagle said she and the actors work together to come up with the final makeup design, so they will be able to apply their makeup on their own when it's show time.

Cagle said she switched her major to theatre after studying in London this past July, where she discovered that costume design is what she really wants to do.

"I've had my hands on basically every costume we've made so far," she said. "This is my favorite show; I have had the poster hanging on the back of my door since the first grade, so I had it framed and it is now hanging in the costume shop."

Cagle has also been involved in Eastern's productions of *For Better and Candida*.

Homer Tracy, associate professor and director/choreographer of the production, said a lot of the big dance numbers, such as "Be Our Guest," are designed for pure comedy and entertainment.

"['Be Our Guest'] typifies what the musical did with the dancing utensils wanting to be transformed back to humans," he said.

Set builders are under the instruction of set designer, Keith Johnson, an associate professor and the design and technical director of the theater department.

"There are a lot of man hours that go into build-



TOP: cast of *Beauty and the Beast* practicing choreography for the song 'Human Again.'

BOTTOM LEFT: Natalie Cagle applies makeup to Darren Zancan, who will be portraying the Beast.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Set builder, Dave White a senior English/theater major from Mt. Olive, works with a drill.

ing the set," said Johnson. "There are just as many man hours that go into building the set as the rehearsals."

Eastern's theater department allows for all students involved in the production to have their hands in almost every aspect of it. The actors also do their part to help with the costumes, set building and makeup. The cast and crew work side-by-side and blend to make the production as satisfying for everyone as possible.

Beauty and the Beast will be the eleventh production for set builder Ben Jeschke, a senior forensic science major from Amelia, Ohio.



"So far we are on schedule and have had a lot of help from the theater classes and Alpha Psi Omega, Eastern's theater fraternity."

Readers can reserve their tickets by calling 859-622-1323.

The curtain opens Feb. 24 and continues through Feb. 28 in the Gifford Theatre of the Campbell Building.



When the beach is out of reach

Spring Break is the Olympics of partying for college students. Athletes of all kinds, pongers, bongers, flip cuppers and chuggers, head down to Panama or South Padre to show these sandy hot spots what they're made of. For months, these champions train every day to get their bodies, minds and livers in shape for what is inevitably the culmination of their spring semester. All of the hours in the weight room, the countless games of beer pong, weeks of self-starving and sacrifice pay off in a 5-7 day-long binge on southern beaches across the nation.

Maybe last year you bonged a beer in three seconds and had sex with four strangers. Respectable, but you're not a freshman anymore; it's time to step it up. Maybe you won a wet T-shirt contest or two, this year you may go for the gold and try to make an appearance in *Girls Gone Wild*.

As lofty and rewarding as those goals may seem, my spring break plans are taking a different direction. I fear that where I'm going won't require floaties or sun screen, and if I don't figure something out soon my airbrush T-shirt will have a picture of my apartment on it that says "I survived Spring Break 2010 because I didn't friggin' do anything."

I don't know if I just can't budget my money or if it's because I generally don't make enough to save, but it seems like around this time every year I'm too broke to make it to the beach. The last Spring Break I went on was in 2007 and I had the most amazing time. Every year since then I have promised myself to save money and follow my maroon and white-blooded brothers and sisters down to the warm beaches of Panama or Daytona to channel my inner-rock star. Instead, I usually end up stuck in Richmond where I can do a little more than party like a church choir. Instead of white sandy beaches, I'm often stuck with the leftover snirt (snow dirt) that's caked to the median of the interstate or piled eight feet high in Wal-Mart's parking lot.

So what can I do to change my dull, gloomy plans? Have I no other option than to sulk in the empty ghost town that Richmond becomes during the second week of March? Actually, I do. I've realized that just because I don't have enough money to stay at the beach for a week, doesn't mean I can't afford to have fun at home for once. I have decided to check out some of the local attractions that I've never had time (or interest) to see, and maybe I will come out enlightened and entertained. My plan is to go to a different spot each day to maximize my fun level while being stuck at home on spring break, and if

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'Monologues' promotes V-day awareness

Show Conveys a powerful message about violence toward women

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This past weekend, Eastern's Women and Gender Studies Program (WGS) presented "The Vagina Monologues" in the O'Donnell Auditorium. Marta Miranda, director of WGS, said "The Vagina Monologues" are an interactive "V-Day" performance.

V-Day is a global movement to stop violence against women, conveyed through campaigns, volunteers and performances, such as "The Vagina Monologues."

Eve Ensler, author of the "Monologues," originally wrote the screenplay after interviewing 200 women about themselves and their experiences with violence and domestic abuse.

The show, which has been around for 10 years, promotes an anti-violence movement, bringing awareness to domestic and sexual violence toward women.

Miranda said the full title of the monologues is, "The Vagina Monologues 2010: Until the Violence Stops!" meaning they will continue to do the play so long as violence against women continues to be a pervasive trend in

society.

Eastern has performed the "Monologues" for five years now. Miranda said none of the performers are trained actors. Instead, they are all students majoring in women and gender studies or people who are interested in the monologues and the V-Day movement. The auditions for the monologues are held annually at the end of October and the beginning of November.

Miranda said she wants people to walk away from the show with a heightened sense of awareness about the violence that affects women, and she said she wants people to hear about this directly from the female voices, which is how the play engages its viewers.

All of the proceeds from this year's performances and merchandise were to be donated to the Bluegrass Rape and Crisis Center and Hope's Wings Domestic Violence Shelter. Along with merchandise, such as shirts and backpacks, they also sell vagina lollipops.

"People get offended by the vagina lollipops, but I wish that they would get just as offended about the violence," Miranda said. "It's not a play, it's a revolutionary act."

Kayleigh Ruetz, a deaf education major from Lakeville, Minn., and also the performer of the "Vagina Facts," described the monologues as being all about freedom.

"[The Freedom] to not be afraid and to break free of the social, stereotypical image and break the ball and chains of

the sexes and tell what is normally not heard," Ruetz said.

She said she wants people to walk away remembering the show as a good experience; she wants people to understand what feminism really is. Ruetz also said this was the first year she has been in the "Monologues."

She said after seeing last year's show she was moved emotionally and knew she wanted to participate the next time it came to campus.

"I laughed, and I cried and I was just moved," Ruetz said.

She said it didn't bother her talking about the female anatomy in front of so many people because she's really open anyway.

"The Vagina Monologues is a beautiful experience, you meet lots of people and it helps you discover who you are," Ruetz said.

Freshman Lori Fusion from Whitely County watched the monologues



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Ellie Kissel and Kayleigh Ruetz were two of many performers in the show.

and said she loved the show.

"I was surprised," she said. "It wasn't what I was expecting."

Freshman Jordan Ruth from Lexington said her favorite part was the monologue titled, "A six year old girl was asked."

In this monologue, a comical 6-year-old girl with a short attention span was played by Michelle Harris, in which she answered questions about her vagina.

"Snowflakes. It [definitely] smells like snowflakes,"

Harris finally answers about what she thought it smelled like.

Both girls said they were impressed with the performers and how much they got into their roles. And they highly recommended the performance to anyone who hasn't seen it. Students eager to find out more about the V-Day movement should visit www.v-day.org and should consider attending the Vagina Monologues next year, when the show will likely return to Eastern once again.

Strategies to ensure a superb sledding experience

Alternative modes of sledding transportation

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When the snow begins to fall, pizzas and hot cocoa are rushed to the rooms of students avoiding the cold. But there are many students who brave winter and take part in all its wonders. Unfortunately, the popularity of sledding has caused Richmond's stores to run low on sleds. But, those students who don't have sleds, or the money to purchase them, have devised several other solutions to fill the void.

There are many different collegiate methods of sledding. A basic laundry basket, for instance, can operate as a great stand-in for a sled and seems to be one of the more popular modes among students. In order to reach maximum speeds though, it is best to remember to lean back. Otherwise, you'll risk losing steering and may end up wiping out.

"The laundry basket works well, but you have to be on a steep hill," said Megan Steele, a sophomore elementary education major.

If you do decide to sled in a basket, be sure it has a flat surface and no grooves. Otherwise, your makeshift "sled" will not steer properly, which is not good for you.

Another factor to take into consideration is to be sure that you sled down a hill that is fairly steep.

Some top spots for sledding around campus are the Ravine and the hills near Telford Hall. Keene Hall has a fairly long hill for sledding, but it is not that steep. There are other hills throughout Richmond, but the ones that come highly recommended are around Lake Reba.

"I went sledding down Telford Hall's hill in



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Keith Justice, a junior from Newport, shows off his sled.

a laundry basket, but kept wiping out," said sophomore Lori Wilson.

Basically any device with a flat surface can lead to high velocities when paired with a hill's substantial slope. A Rubbermaid lid from a storage container can be turned into a sled. A large

trash bag can be used as well, but probably isn't your best bet when it comes to successful sledding.

On the other hand, you could slip a trash bag over the Rubbermaid lid and see if it helps matters. It all depends on how tough the snow is. If the snow has been packed down, then be ready for some speed. Inner tubes used in pools are also popular and are said to work well. The only problem is that if you hit a sharp object, then you'll have to face the deflation factor.

Some students use the political signs during elections for a sled and believe it or not, they go pretty fast. One student used the lid to a garbage dumpster and it managed to fit three people on for a ride.

All this goes to show that one person's junk can be another person's treasure. Or, in this case, one person's junk can allow another to swiftly scurry about a winter wonderland.

Richmond barely has any sleds left for purchase. Ace Hardware had one sled in stock and odds are that it has been snatched. Initially, the store received a large shipment, but people flocked to the sleds knowing snow was on the way.

Dunham's Sports is also sold out, except for a few snowboards. Boogle boards, which are also sold there, can be used as a good body sled and there were still plenty left to choose from. An employee at Big Lots said the store only got in a few snow shovels and even fewer sleds.

If students wish to purchase an actual sled, their best bet is to brave the weather and drive into the north to Lexington.

Practical advice for impractical feats

Bowl over that bovine

Safe strategies for the serious cow tipper

By Kaylia Cornett
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Jeff Foxworthy helped define "redneck." He said you might be a redneck if directions to your house include "turn off the paved road." If people ask to hunt in your front yard, you just might be a redneck. And, if you've been on television more than five times describing what the tornado sounded like, yep, that might make you a redneck too.

Well, here's another instance Mr. Foxworthy can add to his list: If you've boozed up, ran out into a pasture and tried to plow over a cow, you're definitely a redneck.

According to *The Official Cow Tipper's Handbook: The Original Cow Tipping Guide for Serious Cow Tippers* by Red McCoy and Duke Righteous, the origins of cow tipping go pretty far back, surprisingly.

Supposedly, it began as a way to keep the fire going longer - meaning people kept cows around so that when the fire needed a little

boost, they simply poked the cow's side in an effort to release some methane.

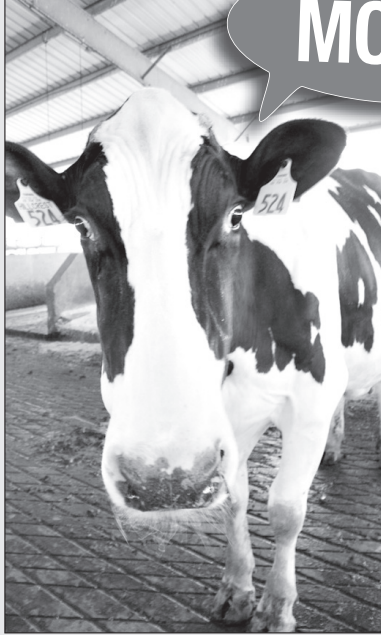
"As time went on, however, it became a sign of virility and male prowess to shove harder to create a bigger fart. Putting a cow on its haunches was supposed to bring forth the largest gaseous emissions," McCoy wrote. What logic.

In a 2005 article by Jack Malvern of *The Times Online*, he said the art of cow tipping was proven to be merely a myth by a team of scientists at the University of British Columbia, who conducted a study on the physics of cow tipping.

Their initial report revealed it would require five people to shove over a cow, but after revising the calculations, it was discovered that two haughty people could knock over a bovine, that is, if the animal didn't react.

Also, another problem is that cows don't sleep standing up: They doze. This means if you're drunk (and there's a good chance you are - after all, you're going to try and tip a cow), they're going to hear you coming. This also means the chances of you tipping a cow are slim to none.

We're not about to advocate cow tipping, as it's not only a danger-



ous way to achieve rugged, country dexterity, but also has the potential to seriously injure the innocent bovine. But with that "Tip-at-your-own-risk," label firmly applied, here's how the wonderful Internet says it's supposed to be done:

It starts with preparation. When tipping, don't forget the following things - you're going to need them:

- A pair of boots you don't mind getting covered in dung
- A pasture with dairy cows (they are nicer than beef cattle)
- Black clothing
- Flashlight
- Getaway car
- 1. Begin by locating a pasture
- 2. During the day, investigate the field's entry and exit points. This will come in handy later, after your covert mission has been accomplished.
- 3. Return to the pasture later and with several muscular friends.
- 4. Pick out the "lucky" cow. Try and spot one that has isolated itself from the rest of the herd. Be very quiet in your pursuit.
- 5. Make sure your intended target is not a bull. Double check that the beast you are about to victimize has a milk sack with teats, and, well, not something else. Also, don't attempt to go after a cow with calves. That's not nice, and she will be cruel to you.
- 6. Push. Quickly and hard.
- 7. Run like hell! And try not to slip on a cow pile.
- 8. Attempt to tip again.

Steps taken from howcast.com.

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you're stuck here too, maybe you can benefit as well.

Mammoth Cave sounds boring because it's A: a cave B: a cave and C: you guessed it, a cave. But, it is the world's longest known cave system and it is close, so I figure I could at least check it out to tell people I've been there, and who knows, maybe it will be fun.

Despite being terrified of aquariums since the age of 7 after watching *Jaws 3*, I think I'll try to shake any residual fears and make my way to the Newport Aquarium. I'm a big fan of underwater creatures and besides, it's as close to ocean life that I'll get during spring break, even if I do have to go sober.

Being a Berea-native, I have been to The Pinnacles a time or two, but I've never really gotten to spend as much time there as I wanted. That's why No. 3 on my spring break-to-go list takes me through the trails of Indian Fort Theater, right up to the east and west pinnacles. Maybe, if I'm lucky, my Indian spirit guide will show up with a beer bong and a six-pack.

Not far from Kentucky is a land to the north filled with over-zealous Bengals fans and terrible drivers—Ohio. Cincinnati is home to one of the top zoos in the nation and it just so happens to be a short distance from Richmond. It may not be filled with the party animals I'm used to seeing on spring break, but they are animals nonetheless, so it seems it could be worth the visit.

Finally, I think I'll end my spring break on a Friday at Keeneland. I have been to Keeneland several times, but I have never experienced the scenery without the distraction of betting and whiskey. Keeneland offers tours and it really is the most beautiful scenery I can imagine, next to drunken college students passed out on the beach. It may not be as nice as the ocean, but after a week of running around, I think it would be very refreshing. And, as for the rest of the week, I think I'll just relax and embrace the fact that I've been out of school for a whole seven days.

If you're one of the many who plan on going away for spring break you're lucky, I'm jealous and please stop rubbing it in my face by posting your spring break count down on Facebook. But, if you're like me and you're bound by financial restraints to stay within a close proximity, try to remember-there's fun to be had, you just need to make plans to find it.

Internet radio strikes a trend, leads to new musical discoveries

Popular sites like Pandora and Jango give listeners a fresh approach to music

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A music technology wave has hit the college world, and Internet radio is taking over. Keeping in mind that some poor college students don't have money for iPods and other high-priced musical machinery, Internet radio gives the student population a chance to listen to music for free, while also discovering other bands similar to their tastes in music. Although most everyone loves the idea of iTunes, not everyone can pay \$.99 or \$1.29 each time they want to rock out to a hip new song. It may not seem like much, but that price can accumulate over time.

Sites such as Pandora Radio allow listeners to type in a particular band or artist they may want to listen to at the moment, and then Pandora will generate a "station" chockfull of various musical

artists whose music has the same lyrical qualities.

So, if you feel like you're always listening to the same ol' songs, Pandora can be your jackpot for discovering new music. Check this Web site out, you'll be introduced to other music in the vault and you're guaranteed to dig it.

Another one the kids are listening to is Jango, which is pretty similar to Pandora, except with a much cooler layout. On Jango, as well as Pandora, listeners can see pictures below the playlist, as well as another list of bands that have a similar sound. Below that list is an inventory of the band's songs that can be either played or added to the Web site. Also when you search other bands while listening to a certain song on Jango, it continues to play, a nifty little feature if I say so myself.

Other resources you may want to try are Last.fm, accuradio.com, as well as the radio tab on your iTunes player.

So, if you're a low budget student, like myself, and can't afford to add songs to your iPod, don't have the patience to type a different song into YouTube every five seconds and don't want to risk going to jail over illegal downloads, Internet radio is for you.

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If you like Death Cab for Cutie, then you'll like The Postal Service.

Rap:

If you like Drake, then you'll like Wiz Khalifa.

Bonnaroo may relieve summer angst

By Tristan Meiman
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Unfortunately for students, it's not yet halfway through the semester and many are already aching for the arrival of summer. What's forgotten is that with summer comes mass amounts of boredom and a summer job.

Those lucky enough to have a few dollars to spare (thanks to that job) might be interested in seeing some big-name artists gather at one of the summer's biggest music festivals to grace the public with awesome music for four days. The infamous festival is, of course, Bonnaroo.

First organized in 2002, Bonnaroo Mu-

sic Festival takes place at Great Stage Park, located on a 700-acre farm in Manchester, Tenn. The farm is nearly 60 miles southeast of Nashville.

The main attractions at Bonnaroo are centered around the festival's multiple stages of live music, which feature a large variety of genres, including indie music, world music, hip hop, jazz, Americana, bluegrass, country, folk, gospel, reggae, electronica and alternative.

The festival is set to start June 10, 2010, and tickets are already on sale for \$23.10 per person per day or \$234.50 for a four-day pass. For more information regarding Bonnaroo and to see a complete and updated list of artists, visit the festival's Web site at www.bonnaroo.com.

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'Wolfman' stunning spin-off of 1941 classic

'The Wolfman' is a must see for classic monster movie fanatics

By Greg Schulte
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The new *Wolfman*, starring Benicio Del Toro and Anthony Hopkins, provides moviegoers with fast-paced action intertwined in a great story line, but fails to compare to its inspiration, the original *Wolf Man*.

The Wolfman, which is now ranked third at the box office, is based off the classic 1941 hit, *The Wolf Man*, starring Lon Chaney Jr. The plots behind each of these films have a twist to them though.

In the 1941 version, Chaney plays Lawrence Talbert who returns to his family home in England. One night, while visiting a gypsy camp, he is bitten by a wild dog. After a struggle, he manages to kill the animal with his silver staff.

Later, Lawrence finds a gypsy who tells him that her husband is the beast that bit him and that he has the curse of the werewolf. On a full moon, Lawrence would morph into a werewolf and the only way to kill him was with silver. In the end, Lawrence's own father kills him with the silver staff, ending the curse.

In the 2010 version, director Joe Johnston took a different approach to the classic tale, managing to add a bit of the original film with a lot more action.

Benicio Del Toro plays Lawrence Talbert, who has returned to England to search for the killer who brutally murdered his brother. His father, Sir John Talbot, played by Anthony Hopkins, tells Lawrence that his brother was dealing with gypsies that had moved into the

country.

After arriving at the camp, Lawrence discovers a massive animal is wiping out the gypsies. He is then bitten by the beast, but manages to escape. This is where the movie takes a turn from the original, as the identity of the beast is revealed and the real story begins. The remainder of the film showcases Lawrence's effort to chase down the man behind the beast and to kill him, all the while continuing to change into a werewolf himself.

In the classic version, only two people were killed during the entire movie and the audience doesn't even see it happen. In the new version there are multiple deaths, each a bit on the horrific side. It's like Saving Private Ryan meets *The Wolfman* with maximum violence.

Computer animation enhanced the movie, but as with many big-production movies, it's a bit over-used and is unnecessary at times, especially when it replaces ordinary animals. A deer and a bear in the film,

for example, were needlessly and obviously animated.

The actual werewolf, on the other hand, was not computer-animated and was simply an actor in a wolf suit. That is until he started running, which added to the movie's thrill factor.

I would definitely recommend this movie for people into classic monster movies. If you enjoy classics like *Frankenstein*, *Dracula*, and the *Invisible Man*, or the lore of the original tale intrigues you, then *The Wolfman* is a must-see.

Four out of Five stars.



Emily Blunt co-starring in *The Wolfman*

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Runners set records at IU Invitational

By Stephen Hauser
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The Colonels track team broke an OVC record and raced to several best times when they competed this weekend at the Indiana University Invitational.

Freshman Bianca Forbes ran an OVC-best time of 55.55 seconds in the 400-meter, which is a new Eastern record, and finished in second place. She finished behind the 2008 4x400 Olympic gold medalist Mary Wineberg.

Forbes said she felt very nervous before the race started and had a different feeling when she was informed about the new record.

"I was speechless, especially since my goal for the season was to break the record," Forbes said.

She did not know that Wineberg was in the 2008 Olympics. "I feel even better knowing that I broke the record against such high competition," she said.

Diamond Benjamin, reigning OVC track athlete of the week, had another strong performance in the 60-meter dash. Benjamin beat out 44 sprinters and finished in second place with the time of 7.63 seconds.

Benjamin said she believes there are a couple of factors that have contributed to her success this season.

Benjamin won the 55-meter dash at the Middle Tennessee State Invitational, placed sixth in the 60-meter dash at the Rod McCravy Invitational and placed 25 in the UK Invitational. Benjamin's time has gone down after each race.

"I have been more focused this season, I have a better attitude for the sport and I've had a better relationship with my coaches and teammates," Benjamin said.

Morgan Thacker, sophomore from Crab Orchard, Ky., finished in third place in the women's long jump. Thacker out jumped 17 jumpers with the distance of 17 feet and eight inches. This is Thacker's best jump of the season. She jumped 16 feet, nine inches at the UK Invitational, and 16 feet, four inches at the Middle Tennessee State Invitational.

Freshman Soufiane Bouchikhi, from Antwerp, Belgium, in his first collegiate race, beat out 63 other runners to win the one-mile run with the time of four minutes and 11 seconds.

Bouchikhi said he had a few things that were going through his mind before the race started.

"I was a little bit afraid that the pace of the race would be too fast, since I really haven't prepared for the mile race before," he said.

Senior distance runner Chris Rengifo ran only 1200 meters and then stopped on coaches' order. Rengifo's job was to set a high pace for Bouchikhi to follow him. After the 1200-meter mark, Rengifo stopped running, which left Bouchikhi to finish the race on his own.

Bouchikhi said he was very grateful of the job that did of setting the pace of the race.

"[Rengifo] did a really (good) job with his pace. Without him I (would have) run much slower," Bouchikhi said. "So I'm really

thankful for what he did."

At the end of the race Bouchikhi said his legs were feeling really good. However, he had some problems breathing during the race because he is used to running races outdoors where the breathing is different from running a race indoors.

Bouchikhi's usual races are the 5k and the 10k, but he said that he believed that his training longer races would still translate to the mile.

"I can keep working really hard, that way I'm able to run really good on the more longer events," he said.

Junior Shannon Davis ran his season best in the 60-meter dash and finished in eighth place, with a time of 6.98 seconds. Davis had to compete against a field of 60 sprinters.

The Colonels were scheduled to also compete in the University of Arkansas Tyson Invitational this weekend, but Coach Rick Erdmann decided not to send any runners to the meet.

Erdmann said he felt that the Indiana meet offered races that were more beneficial to the runners compared to sending them to the Arkansas meet.

"It was more convenient to send the runners to the Indiana meet and it gave them chances to give them more workouts," Erdmann said.

The Colonels track team will compete next in the Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Championships in Nashville, Tenn. on Feb. 26 and 27.

"I feel even better knowing that I broke the record against such high competition."

- Bianca Forbes

Evansville breaks Colonel hearts

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The Colonels celebrated Valentine's Day weekend with a little joy and a little heartbreak.

The women's tennis team crushed Cumberland on Friday, before losing a tough match to Evansville on Saturday.

Eastern (2-6) defeated Cumberland 7-0 behind the effort of the newest Colonels. Cumberland entered the match ranked 22 in the NAIA polls.

The Colonels started the match by winning both of the doubles matches played. The doubles teams were made up of Eastern's three freshmen and sophomore Alyze Pagal.

Pagal and freshman Jessica Albuquerque, Catarina Branco and Esimira Gheisary also picked up singles wins for the Colonels as Coach Rob Oertel rested his veterans.

"Our new, younger players picked up some valuable experience today that should help them in future matches," Oertel told EKUsports.com.

Albuquerque, Gheisary and Pagal won their matches in straight sets.

The team captain and lone senior, Anais Hamel won her match by default.

On Saturday, however the Colonels weren't able to pull off the win against Evansville.

Hamel and Anouk Faure won their doubles match, but Evansville won the other two doubles matches to earn the 1-0 lead for the overall match.

The Colonels and the Purple Aces (4-2) split the remain-

ing singles matches 3-3.

Myriem Mhirit at the 2 position, Hamel at 5 and Gheisary at 6 were Eastern's singles victories.

Albuquerque took her match to the third set before falling 6-3, 1-6, 6-4.

"We need to do a better job of closing out matches after we get the lead," Oertel said.

The Colonels will host a pair of NAIA opponents this weekend as they play the University of the Cumberlands and Georgetown College on Saturday at the Greg Adams Indoor Tennis Center. The match with the Cumberlands begins at 9 a.m.



Catarina Branco returns a ball during her singles victory.



Anouk Faure won her doubles match against Evansville.

Men's tennis fly past Dayton Flyers

Colonels also beat NAIA Cumberland

By Nick Johnson
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Eastern's men's tennis team bounced back from two losses against top-ranked opponents to win two matches this past weekend.

The Colonels (4-3) beat Cumberland and Dayton on Friday after losing last weekend to now sixth-ranked Virginia and tenth-ranked Kentucky.

Against Cumberland (0-1), Eastern won 6-1. The Colonels won every match except for one singles and one doubles match that they lost by default.

After winning the doubles point, the Colonels won all of the singles matches they played in straight sets.

Hours after beating Cumberland, Eastern then faced the Atlantic 10 conference's Dayton Flyers.

The Colonels dropped the doubles point as Niklas Schroeder and Philip Janz earned Eastern's only doubles win.

But the Colonels came right back to take a 3-1 lead in the match with wins in singles by Carles Pons at the three position, Janz at the four and Schroeder at the one. All three won

their match in straight sets.

The Flyers tied the match with wins over Carlos Valdenebro and Parul Verma at the two and six positions. Valdenebro lost 7-6 and 7-5.

The Colonels' Emilio Piriz trailed 5-2 in the first set of the deciding match before winning 11 out of the final 13 games to win the match and give Eastern the overall win. Piriz won his match 7-5, 6-2.

The Colonels wins came without two of their stronger players in the lineup. Junior Alex Das and sophomore Hugo Klientovsky did not play.

Coach Rob Oertel told EKUsports.com, "To win both of these matches without our top two players speaks very highly to our depth this year."

Other than Das, the rest of the Colonels roster are sophomores.

Eastern will now travel to Cincinnati to play the Xavier Musketeers on Friday at 4 p.m. before returning home to play another double-header on Saturday.

Xavier (5-3) was the preseason pick to finish second in the Atlantic 10 conference.

The Colonels will then host the University of the Cumberlands and Georgetown College on Saturday at the Greg Adams Indoor Tennis Center.



Carlos Valdenebro volleys with his opponent during Eastern's 4-3 win over Cumberland.

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as Eastern escaped with the victory.

The Colonels then faced Eastern Illinois who they beat earlier in the season 67-59. It was a different story as the Panthers shot the lights out on their way to a 77-54 win.

Eastern Illinois (14-11, 8-7 OVC) shot 54.7 percent (29-for-53) for the game as Eastern hit only 35 percent (21-of-60) of their shots.

"They came out and played great tonight," Taylor said. "We need to bounce back off this loss to end the season."

The Colonels once again struggled from deep as they shot 29 percent (7-of-24) from three-point range.

Eastern was led by Taylor and Joshua Jones who scored 11 and nine points respectively.

The Panthers out-rebounded the Colonels 40-23. James Hollowell grabbed nine boards to go along with his 16 points. Tyler Laser hit five three-pointers on his way to a game-high 17 points.

"Hollowell has really grown as a player," Head Coach Jeff Neubauer said. "He gives them another element to go along with Laser."

Usually the team that can hold onto the ball will come away with the win. Eastern only had two turnovers in the loss. That stat did not matter with Eastern Illinois' hot shooting.

"They have been playing very well lately," Neubauer said. "It's hard to beat a team that shoots that well all night. They are a very talented team."

The Panthers went up early as Eastern had to play catch up the entire game. The Colonels cut the lead to six, at 21-15. Eastern then went on a shooting drought as they went down double figures 34-21.

"I always thought we were in the game," Taylor said. "They just went on spurts that really hurt us."

The Colonels were never able to come close again as Eastern Illinois held a lead of over 20 points for most of the second half. But, Eastern still has a two game lead over the Panthers in the OVC standings.

The Colonels will travel to Morehead State to try to avenge their loss earlier in the season.

Stay tuned: Baseball and softball preview next week

By Darren Zancan
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Next week we will take an in-depth look at the men's baseball team and the women's softball team.

Head Coach Jane Worthington's Lady Colonels start the season Saturday, Feb. 19 in the Campus Suites Spartan Classic in Spartanburg, S.C.



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Jayson Langfels was picked as preseason Co-Player of the Year for the OVC.

The Colonels potentially play four games in four days and are picked to finish fourth in the OVC.

The men open the season the following week on the road against Western Carolina in a three game series before coming back home to face Ohio University. The men are led by preseason OVC Co-Player of the Year Jayson Langfels.

In next week's issue we will preview both team's schedules, talk with the coaches to find out what they expect from their respective teams, who should have a breakout season and what newcomers will leave their mark.

Jason Langfels' stats from 2009

- ì Named third team All-American by Ping!Baseball.com.
- ì Named second team All-American by CollegeBaseballInsider.com.
- ì Voted first team All-OVC in coaches' poll.
- ì Led team with 12 homeruns, with two walk-off homeruns.
- ì Stole 15 bases and had six triples.

This week in sports

Men's B-ball



Saturday, Feb. 20
At home against Winthrop - 7 p.m.

Women's B-ball



Saturday, Feb. 20
At Morehead State University - 2 p.m.

Men's Tennis



Friday, Feb. 19
At Xavier - 4 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 20
At home against University of the Cumberlands and Georgetown College - 11 a.m.

Women's Tennis



Saturday, Feb. 20
At home against University of the Cumberlands and Georgetown College - 9 a.m.

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when I was a kid.

I watched the Sandlot on Sunday and it brought me back to the days of baseball on the vacant lot, drilling home runs over mercifully terrible wannabe athletes.

It brought me back to the days of four hour games, break for lemonade and then back out to play some more ball.

Spring needs to stay eight months a year, followed by a three month summer and then a few weeks for Halloween, Thanksgiving and then 25 days of Christmas.

Yes, I am dreaming, but spring does that to me. It helps me dream; dream of baseball, the smell of peanuts (which I am deathly allergic to) and the sound of "hey batter, batter, batter."

But when spring does come and I get to feel like a kid without any responsibilities except ordering 162 Cubs games this season, I will get to walk a little taller, just like Michael Squints Palledorous.

Two Minute Warning: Things I thought I was thinking about this week in the sports (and not so sports world.)

-Reds prediction: 70-92. And along with their record I am going to place an over/under bet on how many toothpicks Dusty Baker goes through over the course of the season. I will say over 412.

-There was a Pro Bowl? Oh, I didn't watch it. Why? Who was in it? Last I read, 102 replacements took the spot of actual Pro Bowlers. Pretty soon the NFL will name 12 replacements for each position.

-Go to Youtube and check out Natalie Portman rapping.

-Nate Robinson won the NBA Dunk Contest, for the third time. Unfortunately the New York Knicks guard will never win anything ever again, except 10-15 wins over the next three years with the Knicks.

-An Ohio man broke a record for hugs given on Valentine's Day. Jeff Ondash gave out 7,777 hugs in 24 hours. I needed a hug that day too.

-State troopers in Baton Rouge say a man was arrested after driving drunk to a police station, mistaking it for a hotel. Wow.

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cruised to a 69-41 win over Eastern.

The Colonels never came within 16 points of the Panthers in the second half.

Chrissy Roberts, Eastern's head coach, knows how tough it is to beat Eastern Illinois on the road.

"They protect their home court," Roberts said. "There's a reason why they are number one. They know how to get up, and they know how to finish."

The Panthers also know how to knock down long-range shots. Eastern Illinois shot 75 percent from beyond the arc.

The Colonels shot 26-percent, 13-of-50 from the field.

Roberts said the poor shooting can have a negative effect on confidence.

"When you miss a layup, you can become gun shy," she said.

Jones and Coles led the Colonels with 13 points a piece.

Eastern travels to Morehead on Saturday at 2 p.m. Morehead beat the Colonels earlier in the season, in a 59-58 thriller at Alumni Coliseum.

Roberts said she saw good signs, heading into the rivalry game.

"(Monday's) practice was probably the best all year," Roberts said. "We had a heart-to-heart, and they responded."

Some of that confidence has rubbed off on the young team.

"We're ready," Coles said. "They got us last time, but we're ready."

Quick Hits

-Senior soccer player Jessica Goshert was named to the Scholar All-East Region honorable mention team by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. Goshert, a four-year starter for the Lady Colonels, graduates in May.

-Third baseman Jayson Langfels was named the Ohio Valley Conference Preseason Co-Player of the Year. He shares the honor with Morehead State's Drew Lee. Langfels batted .441 last season.

-Eastern's baseball team held its 10th annual Diamond Legacy Dinner this Saturday in the Perkins Building. Sam Holbrook, former Eastern player and a current umpire for Major League Baseball, was the guest speaker.

-Senior softball player Shyenne Hussey led the Lady Colonels with a .349 batting average last season. She also finished the season with six homeruns and 29 RBIs.

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March Madness?

Men remain five games back in the OVC after weekend split



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Papa Oppong (right) finished with five points in Eastern's 77-54 loss against EIU.

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Eastern was able to extend their winning streak to four, but not to five over the weekend. The Colonels beat Southeast Missouri State 59-56, then traveled to Eastern Illinois and suffered their worst defeat of the season at 77-54.

Eastern (18-9, 10-5 OVC) saw a 19-point lead disappear after a late SEMO (7-19, 3-12 OVC) comeback.

Senior Josh Taylor led the Colonels with 18 points. Taylor was 7-of-12 from the field. Justin Stommes scored 14 points on 6-of-11 shooting for Eastern.

The Colonels started strong early on as four different players scored on their way to an 8-0 lead.

Stommes hit a three-pointer midway through the half to give Eastern a 21-10 lead. The Colonels shot well below their average with only six made three-pointers. They were 6-of-22 (27.3 percent) from behind the arc.

Stommes then converted an old school three-point play to put Eastern up 34-19 late in the first half.

The Colonels lead 36-23 going into halftime after shooting 50 percent (15-of-30) in the first half.

Eastern started the second half with back-to-back threes from junior Josh Daniel and Taylor to take their largest lead at 48-29.

The Colonels then went ice cold and scored just 11 points in the game's final 14 minutes.

The Redhawks were able to go on a 25-8 run to close the gap. SEMO used two late three-pointers from Anthony Allison to cut the lead to 56-49 with less than five minutes left. Allison scored 16 of his game-high 20 points in the second half.

Allison hit two free throws with 1:50 showing on the clock to bring SEMO within two, at 56-54.

Taylor then hit a lay-up with 19 seconds left to put Eastern back up four. The Colonels then missed from the free-throw line but SEMO couldn't hit either one of its two late threes

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Women lose to first place EIU; beat last place SEMO



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The Lady Colonels held on to beat Southeast Missouri 50-45, but lost to Eastern Illinois 69-41.

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Eastern's women's basketball team battled both ends of the OVC spectrum last week. The Colonels (11-14, 7-8 OVC) faced off against last-place Southeast Missouri Thursday in Cape Girardeau, Mo. and then traveled to OVC-leader Eastern Illinois Saturday in Charleston, Ill.

After beginning the game on a 20-3 run, the Colonels squeaked by Southeast Missouri (7-17, 4-10 OVC) 50-45.

Eastern hit five-of-ten three-point attempts and shot 45.8 percent from the field in the first half. The Redhawks shot a dismal 19.2 percent in the first half.

Even with the hot start, the Colonels scored only three points in the last four and a half minutes of the first half. Eastern limped into the locker room with an 11-point lead, 29-18.

The Colonels scored the first four points of the second half, but Southeast Missouri answered with an 8-0 run.

Although the Colonels never lost the lead, it got interesting. Really interesting. Freshman forward Alex Jones hit a shot to push the Colonels lead to seven, 48-1 with 2:35 left in the game. Jones finished with 15 points and six rebounds.

The Redhawks followed with four unanswered points, bringing the score to 48-45 with 43 seconds left.

Things looked concerning until Jones stole an inbound pass with seven seconds to go, securing the victory.

The Colonels poor second-half shooting helped provide the last-minute dramatics. Eastern shot 36.4 percent from the field, and hit 50 percent of its free throws in the second half.

"It's hard, but they're going to fall eventually," freshman guard Brittany Coles said. "They have to."

The shots didn't fall Saturday against Eastern Illinois. The Panthers (18-8, 13-1 OVC)

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Forget winter, bring on spring sports



Darren Zancan

I can feel it right around the corner. Sometimes I close my eyes and sense it there, but when I open my eyes, I am back to reality. I am back to the same old song and dance. When I think about it, I honestly get that sense of being a kid again.

What can it be? Is it the thought of another Ben Affleck movie reference? No. But seriously, one of my sports writers (Nick Johnson) and I

did come up with a fantastic idea for Ben. Ben Affleck, starring in "The Life and Times of Ben Affleck," written by Ben Affleck and produced by Ben Affleck. He could even do his own choreography.

Man, that would sell. I am really speaking of spring and the smell of hot dogs in the air at a ballpark (of your choice.)

Winter sports just don't do much for me, except basketball. I am a basketball fan. But I have really lost my interest in hockey and unfortunately, the Winter Olympics.

When I was a kid I counted down the days until the Olympics were going to be on. My family would make it a family event. I can still remember the day that Nancy Kerrigan got drilled with a pipe by Tonya Harding on the ice during a figure skating competition.

Oh, that's not how that happened? Well ei-

ther way, that was compelling television.

Things change apparently when we become adults. Maybe the lore of competition wears away or maybe noticeable faces aren't so noticeable anymore.

Either way, winter sports just aren't that wintry to me anymore.

Hockey is trying to make a comeback. Young athletes are making their marks. But to me it's just not the same.

Until spring comes.

Spring is like the relationship you always wanted, with the girl who is so beautiful, that when she looks at you, you can't decide whether to run away, pee yourself, or run away and then pee yourself.

Like the scene in Sandlot, when Michael Squints Palledorous, who was just a kid, decided to fake drown so he could kiss a much older Wendy. He walked a little taller that day.

Spring baseball makes me walk a little taller. Well, Wendy does too, but really, spring gives me that extra step.

I am a Cubs fan (insert jokes here.) Hey Reds fans, how's your team doing? (OK I had to do it. If you make Cubs jokes, I can make Reds jokes.)

Baseball can be boring to some, but it's not just about the game itself. It is the atmosphere. Have you gone to a Cubs game at Wrigley Field? If not, do it. Right now. Just go. They could lose 17-1 and what matters is the atmosphere. Hot dogs, pretzels and listening to Ozzy Osbourne stumble through "Take Me Out to the Ball Game."

Whether you are a Dusty Baker, Cincinnati Reds fan or a Boston Red Sox fan or even a Royals fan, baseball still gives me that feeling I had

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Colonel Corner

Q&A with Brittany Coles



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Freshman guard Coles averages 7.1 points per game.

By Keith Ritchie
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Brittany Coles talks about choosing Eastern, hidden talents and Facebook.

Q: First off, why did you choose Eastern?

A: It was a really good fit for me. I had a good connection with the coaches. It was close to home, and it offered the classes I wanted to take.

Q: Who would win in a three-point shooting contest, you or Coach

Chrissy Roberts?

A: Well, I think she probably has me beat this year, but I'm going to keep working. I'll get there.

Q: Other than basketball, what is your favorite sport?

A: Other than basketball, I would have to say football. I've always liked the Colts.

Q: Do you have any hidden talents that not many people know about?

A: I'm good at doing impressions. I'm good at impersonating the coaches.

Q: How many times do you check your Facebook in any given day?

A: I probably check it every five minutes, at least. (Laughs) I try not to, but it is so addicting.

Q: Looking at your first season as a Colonel, where was your favorite venue to play?

A: I really liked playing at Jacksonsville State, because of the band. Their band is awesome. West Virginia was my first really big team to play against.