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## Rally for Higher Education



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Eastern students take part in a chant during the Rally for Higher Education. Students who participated were given free T-shirts by the student government association.

### STUDENTS ATTEND RALLY FOR HIGHER EDUCATION TO PROTEST FUNDING CUTS

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Eastern teamed up with seven other schools across the state for the Rally for Higher Education Tuesday at the Capitol building in Frankfort. Students from University of Kentucky, Northern Kentucky University, Western Kentucky University, Morehead University, Murray College, Kentucky State University and University of Louisville were also present to take a stand against the state cutting funding to higher education.

The rally drew a lot of support from students across the Bluegrass, after the Jan. 17 announcement from Gov. Steve Beshear that higher education in Kentucky would be cut by up to 6.4 percent. In particular, Eastern showed a much larger turnout than usual, according to Megan Gosnell, chief of staff for the Student Government Association (SGA.)

"That's why we're here, is to just tell the representatives that we're students, we're college kids, but we really care about education," Gosnell said. "We care about our tuition and what we have to pay."

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Rachel Mollozzi, student body president, participates in the rally along with the Colonel.



Matt White, student body vice president, talks to Rhett Ramsey, 20, political science major from Monticello, during the rally.

## FAFSA changes expected this summer

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Every year around Jan. 1, students scramble to fill out the FAFSA. With students applying now more than ever, the funding for higher education is being cut – a lot.

Students have to apply earlier to ensure they can receive the most aid for their education. However, financial aid changes are coming this summer that could affect Eastern students, especially non-traditional or returning students.

Beverly Wilks, financial aid administrator, said that the length of time a student can receive a Pell Grant award is being reduced from 18 semesters to 12 semesters. Students will no longer be able to receive the Pell Grant beyond a six-year time frame.

"I think it's unfair for students who don't know what to do when they first go to college, especially those who change majors," said Emily Hensley, junior English teaching major from Ashland.

Wilks said reductions to Pell Grants are necessary because of funding.

"The 2012 Pell Grant reduction was made to recoup the pell program's shortfall of funding," Wilks said. "However, I don't think students can stay in college forever."

If a student has received the Pell Grant for five years, another year will be allowed before they become ineligible.

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## Arlington Club announces official closing of main house, restaurant services

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The Arlington Club is a place for alumni, students and the like to work on their golf stroke or take a swim.

It also once was a place to enjoy a meal in the historic main house. But this will soon be a distant memory.

The last day for food service was announced last weekend at the final Sunday Brunch.

"It is a problem across the country," said Tom Coffey, director of the EKU Foundation Board. "Clubs are dealing with the economic issues. We recurred less [in] our expenses."

The Arlington Club, which was officially turned over to the Eastern Foundation in 2010, will continue with all of its other services such as golf and pool facilities.

"We hope and expect our other services to expand and serve our members," Coffey said.

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The Arlington Club house will no longer serve food in the main house. Other services offered by the club will still continue, including a golf course and pool.



# POLICE BEAT

All information is taken from Eastern police reports.

## Feb. 2

While attending an intramural basketball game at the Fitness and Wellness Center, a female student said she left her textbook unattended on the bleachers for a brief time to watch the game. Once the game ended, she noticed her book was missing. Because of the volume of patrons, facility cameras could not identify any suspects in the area at that time. Police and staff members searched the area and were unable to identify suspects or the book. The missing textbook is valued at \$58.

## Jan. 31

A male employee reported his Dell Notebook computer had been stolen from underneath his desk. He said the last time he remembers seeing his computer was be-

fore Christmas break. The computer was a black Dell Inspiron Duo notebook computer with no personal marks or identification numbers and is valued at \$600.

Two female students reported their locker in the Weaver Building had been damaged, and someone had attempted to steal their textbooks. They claimed their books were not in the locker, and the clasp was broken. While searching the immediate area, one of the students found all of both students' books on a table in the break room of their dorm. Police advised the students to find a more secure way of storing their books and are still searching for a suspect. The broken clasp of the locker is valued at \$20.

A male student reported a theft from his vehicle between 10:40 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. He said when he returned to his vehicle, a pair of black Oakley Half Jacket sunglasses were missing. The contents of his vehicle did not appear to be disturbed. He stated he left his vehicle unlocked and was advised to contact police if any other items were discovered to be missing.

# CAMPUS BRIEFS

## Noel Studio offering student workshops

Noel Studio will be offering workshops to help students better understand and practice their communication skills. The workshops, which started Feb. 7, will be held every Tuesday for the rest of the semester, excluding Spring Break. The workshops will help students improve thesis statements, critical thinking, speech anxiety, resumes, cover letters and more. All workshops are being offered for free from 1 – 2 p.m. in the Noel Studio Greenhouse. For more information, contact Leslie Valley in Noel Studio at 622-7375.

## Newly renovated Justice and Safety Learning Commons open house

The newly renovated Justice and Safety Learning Commons will have an open house on Wednesday, Feb. 15. The open house will include various tours of the new commons. Renovations such as new desktop computers, added electrical outlets and booth-style workspaces have been added to the area. The open house will take place from 1 – 3 p.m. and refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Krista Rhodus at 622-1072.

## Group fitness challenge

Campus Recreation Fitness is sponsoring a group fitness challenge from Jan. 9 to Feb. 24. Students attending any group fitness class during this time can enter to win a weekly prize and a grand prize package. Winners will be decided by a random drawing and students who participate in multiple classes will have more chances to win. Included in the grand prize package is an Apple iPad. Group fitness classes are offered at various times for free at the Fitness and Wellness Center.



# The Colonel's Calendar

Week of Feb. 9 - Feb. 15

| Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday  | Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday  |
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| <p><b>8 a.m.</b><br/>Model Lab Science Fair, Model Lab School, Model Lab Library</p> <p><b>Noon</b><br/>EKU Manchester: Maroon Day, Student Affairs, EKU Manchester Lounge</p> <p><b>5 p.m.</b><br/>From Black to White and Everyone in Between, Student Life, Herndon Lounge</p> | <p><b>All Day</b><br/>Men and women's track and field at University of Washington Husky Classic</p> <p><b>Noon</b><br/>Women's tennis match vs. Winthrop, Greg Adams Tennis Complex</p> | <p><b>2 p.m.</b><br/>Men's tennis match vs. Butler, Greg Adams Tennis Complex</p> <p><b>4 p.m.</b><br/>Women's basketball game vs. Morehead State University, Alumni Coliseum</p> <p><b>7 p.m.</b><br/>Men's basketball game vs. Morehead State University, Alumni Coliseum</p> | <p><b>10 a.m.</b><br/>Valentine O Grams, Todd and Dupree halls event, Greek Towers</p> <p><b>8 p.m.</b><br/>Valentine Exchange, Telford Hall event, 12th floor Telford</p> | <p><b>11:30 a.m.</b><br/>Make a Valentine with Sigma Tau Delta, Noel Studio</p> <p><b>8 p.m.</b><br/>Conor Nelson Flute Recital, Pearl Buchanan Theater</p> | <p><b>9 a.m.</b><br/>St. Valentine's Day Traditions, Multicultural Student Affairs, Powell lobby</p> <p><b>5 p.m.</b><br/>Ingredients of a Healthy Relationship, Counseling Center, Clay Hall lobby</p> <p><b>8:30 p.m.</b><br/>Murder Mystery Dinner, McGregor Hall event, McGregor basement</p> | <p><b>1 p.m.</b><br/>Justice and Safety Learning Commons Open House, College of Justice and Safety, Statton 336</p> <p><b>8 p.m.</b><br/>Men's basketball game at Tennessee Tech</p> |



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# RALLY

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The rally was organized by the Board of Student Body Presidents, made up of the presidents of student government bodies from across the state. The students from different universities wore T-shirts with a similar design for the rally on them, but each school sported their own colors. Micah Fielden, student body president of University of Kentucky and chair of the board, started the rally with a speech.

"I would like to offer my sincerest thanks to all the students from all eight Kentucky public universities who traveled here today to ensure that their voices are heard," Fielden said. "This is the largest rally we've had in modern times."

There were so many students present at the rally that, because of occupancy reasons, many had to move out of the rotunda and observe the speakers from balconies at higher levels. Many students, particularly from NKU, made posters, which they waved from the balconies whenever applause was given. At other times the rotunda was filled with

chanting as the various universities shouted their chants.

The rally featured 10 speakers, including six members of the board and four state representatives: Ryan Quarles from the 62nd district, Richard Hendrickson from the fourth district, Keith Hall from the 93rd district and Kelly Flood from the 75th district.

All of the speakers focused on the impending cut to education funding. Rachel Molozzi, Eastern's student body president, took the podium toward the end of the rally.

"We all realize the tough decisions that you, the legislators, are facing in these times of tightness in the budget," Molozzi said. "However, in my most simplest terms, if we cut higher education, we are cutting the future."

Molozzi said economic status should not be the deciding factor in whether or not someone should be able to go to college.

"College is not just a dream for the rich, college is a dream for everyone," Molozzi said. "In my opinion, nothing defines a state more than its education."

Molozzi pointed out that, while Kentucky was rated 34th in national education rankings, this year the commonwealth has placed

14th, jumping up 20 spots on the list.

"Now is not the time to move backwards, we have to move forwards," Molozzi said.

To conclude the rally, Dustin Robinson, student body president at NKU, gave all those in attendance the number of the Kentucky

legislative hotline, and made a live call to the hotline as an example to students on what to say. He then, along with other students present from NKU, led those in attendance in a chant that all the other schools quickly became involved in.

## SGA phone bank lacks support from students

By **SETH LITRELL**  
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Monday, Feb. 6, the Student Government Association hosted a phone bank as part of the association's efforts to promote the Rally for Higher Education. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. students could come to the SGA office to call their representatives, or sign an online petition against cutting funding to higher education.

No students showed up to the bank in order to call during the time period, and no calls were made from the bank.

"It was a total failure," said Madelyn

Street, SGA academic affairs committee chair, who headed up the event.

Street said she thought the phone bank didn't work because of hasty planning.

"We threw it together really quickly," Street said. "We had about a week's time to advertise because we had to pass legislation. After that we only had a couple of days to put it together."

Street said the phone bank was advertised through Facebook and flyers around campus. Students who participated through a link on SGA's Facebook page signed the online petition, but no one showed up to the office.

# FAFSA

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"The changes to the Pell Grant may have more of an impact on returning students," Wilks said.

Student loans didn't survive the wrath of federal budget changes either. According to Wilks, undergraduate and graduate students will be facing loan changes beginning in the 2012-2013 school year.

The federal government has eliminated the six-month grace period for interest accumulation on the subsidized and unsubsidized loans; students will still have a six-month grace period to begin paying back loans, but interest will begin to accumulate once a student has graduated or is no longer enrolled.

"I don't like the interest grace period go-

ing away, the odds of me getting a job right after graduation are not likely. I'd need a job immediately just to pay off interest," said Kris Hunt, 21, senior music education major from Elizabethtown.

The lack of the grace period means interest rates go into effect, which are expected to go up.

"Undergraduate subsidized loan interest rates will also see a jump from 3.4 percent to 6.8 percent after this summer," Wilks said.

In addition, the federal government eliminated the subsidized loan for graduate students; those who need loans will only receive unsubsidized loans at a 6.8-percent interest rate.

"The disappearance of subsidized loans for graduates is scary," Hensely said. "I'm an education major, so I have to go to graduate school to fulfill my certified teacher obligations. Now I know I'll have more interest to pay back. It isn't fair."

Financial aid grants and loans aren't the only recipients of change. Recently, the financial aid office underwent changes to secure a more comfortable and private atmosphere for students.

"We want students to feel comfortable and to have really open communication with us about their financial aid. If students need financial assistance or information, come see us. We are here to help. But, be proactive about your financial aid," said Wilks.

According to the financial aid office, Eastern's priority deadline for the FAFSA was Feb. 1, but the office is accepting applications all year. Apply now at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). State grants and other funds are in high demand for the 2012-2013 school year; many are on a first-come, first-serve basis.

# ARLINGTON

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Coffey said the decision had a sense of immediacy.

"The decision was made 10 days ago in a board meeting," Coffey said. "We let the staff know as soon as possible."

Approximately 30 staff members were laid off.

"We tried to provide some opportunities for staff to interview with other food service providers," Coffey said.

According to an email sent to Arlington members, The Arlington Board of Directors will dissolve, and full care of the facility will be given to the Foundation.



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# New room opened in Powell for student activities, use

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Eastern has a new room for students to hang out in and hold their organizations' activities, currently being referred to as Powell 11, located in downstairs Powell near Tech Commons.

The grand opening was Feb. 2, which included a ceremony in the afternoon followed by a screening of *Paranormal Activity 3*, with free drinks and popcorn, provided later in the evening.

Chris Willis, 19, finance major from Dayton, Ohio, said he liked the screen and speakers during the *Paranormal Activity 3* showing.

"I think it's really nice," he said. "Good speakers, nice screen, it's a good set up; I like it."

The room features the latest HD technology including speakers and a rear projector that has been engineered to move up and down with a remote. The room also has a disco ball, which is not hooked up yet, and 24 different shows/scenes of lights that can be synced to go along with music, an Xbox Kinect hook up, a Playstation 3 available and with a lap top port in the front of the room and a computer near the 24-channel soundboard.

Ashley Sullivan, 18, wildlife management major from Dayton, Ohio, thought the room would be a good place to hold movies in.

"I think it's really nice and I like the screen," Sullivan said. "I think it's a really good room to have movie nights in."

Sullivan added "it is a good room to have around campus for students."

Logan Bergman, 19, history major from Georgetown and a student technician for Student Life, said he liked learning about the new technology.

"I like learning all about the new stuff, especially learning about the new technology we can use here," Bergman said.

This space, along with some of Tech Commons, was originally a bowling alley and a pool hall when the space first opened in the 1950s and 60s.

Mike Reagle, associate vice president of Student Affairs, said the idea for this space has been a long time in the making.

"This space down here was a pool hall when I first got here back in 2001," Reagle said. "The pool hall was disbanded several years after that. This space has not been utilized other than just for storage since then. We had always had the dream that we would be able to create the space into a student program space."

Zach Scott, facility reservation coordinator, said the room is unlike any other space on campus.

"The possibilities of usage of this room is endless," Scott said. "The amount of stuff down here, the possibilities of what we have, is really exciting."

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**Zach Scott  
Facility reservation coordinator**



SETH LITRELL/PROGRESS

**Powell 11, the new room located near Tech Commons in lower Powell, opened Feb. 2 with a ceremony and a movie screening. Powell 11 features movie screens and gaming systems.**

April Barnes, director of Student Life, said she hopes students will contribute in naming the space.

"We wanted students to really get to know the space," Barnes said. "It's kind of hidden down here, kind of a back room. It's not been here for a long time. There's not been anything in this space. We wanted students to really understand that this was their space. That is one of the main reasons we created this space was that student groups could use this space and that we

could have a place for student activities to [do] programs."

Student Life is opening up the naming of the space to Eastern students.

Students who want to submit their idea can either put it into the box at the information desk in Middle Powell or email it to studentlife@eku.edu. The deadline for submissions is Feb. 15. For more information on upcoming Student Life activities, follow it on Twitter @EKUStudentLife or visit its web site www.studentlife.eku.edu.



ROB MCDANIEL/PROGRESS

**Steam leaks on pipes that are more than 50 years old are being repaired by maintenance. Leaks have been fixed at several locations on campus including areas near Powell and Combs.**

## Aging steam pipes undergoing fix

By MEGAN COLLINS  
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Pipelines that control Eastern's heating and hot water systems are over 50 years old. Maintenance is working to stop steam leaks from these pipes, which have been occurring in various locations on campus.

As the pipes age, they corrode resulting in leaks, said Rich Middleton, director of the division of facilities services. One such example of this occurring was the construction site between the Combs and Keith building last week. Maintenance worked to fix this problem by digging up and isolating the leak.

Other leaks have been located and are currently being repaired near the Powell and Disney buildings, as well.

"There are three serious steam leaks on campus right now," said James Street, associate vice president for capital planning and facilities management.

The steam rising from the ground is a

result of a steam pipe leak. Middleton said maintaining steam leaks are routine, and students shouldn't be concerned. The construction site was part of the day-to-day maintenance that goes on around campus.

"It is not an unusual thing to happen," Middleton said. "Routine maintenance, no one should worry or be overly concerned about. It is something we have to keep maintaining."

Eastern is in the process of designing a contract which will redo the steam distribution system. The system consists of the steam pipes and the condensate pipes. The process will be completed in phases and continue for three to four years, beginning this spring at the Kit Carson lot.

The contract will have maintenance cutting out old sections of pipe and replacing them with new ones. Street said since the lines were constructed over 50 years ago, there is now electrical wiring and other pipes on top of the system, which will make this process complicated.

## Safety pop-up notification program now in use for faculty

By MEGAN COLLINS  
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Being tested for more than a year, the network notification pop-up program can now be seen across campus, on more than 600 staff and faculty computers.

"We are always looking for ways to make campus safer," said Mona Isaacs, associate vice president for information technology. "Our goal is to get the message out as quickly and accurately as possible."

For the notifier to work, the computer has to be on the Eastern network, be on campus and have the application installed.

All new university computers have the application and older computers on campus can have the application installed, Isaacs said.

The police department sends out the notifications through this new pop up program, such as weather alerts. The notification pops up a certain color indicating what type of alert it is; red indicates something extremely important, yellow indicates caution or weather alerts and green indicates testing.

The pop up program gets a user's attention by taking over a computer screen and making a loud noise. The message will not disappear from a computer screen until the user exits the page by clicking on the pop-up program box at the bottom of the screen.

Isaacs called the pop-up program a "network listener," a listening applica-

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**Mona Isaacs  
Associate Vice President for IT**

tion. The application listens for notifications sent out by the police department, and when a message is received, the notifier activates to show the user the message. The application sits in the background and listens for a message to pop up.

The pop-up program is a small part of a bigger system. The CentrAlert notifier is the overall global application on campus. The pop-up program is a part of the CentrAlert notifier. The CentrAlert notifier uses multiple modes of communication to notify individuals.

Email notifications, pop up notifications, twitter feeds, and sirens are various types of modes the CentrAlert notifier uses.

"It is a little piece to communicate with the big system," Isaacs said.

New developments for outside use of this application are in process for the future.

Isaacs added the goal is to use as many different modes as possible to get the message to the largest population possible.

She said she encourages Eastern students to promote public safety tweets on Twitter so those off campus can receive notifications.



Mona Isaacs

## Literary journal released by MFA students

By MEGAN COLLINS  
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Eastern's creative writing program, called the Bluegrass Writers Studio, recently published its annual literary journal, which will be distributed nationwide at bookstores such as Barnes and Noble and Hastings.

The journal, called *The Jelly Bucket*, weighs in at 195 pages and features the works of international writers, including MacArthur Scholarship recipient Stuart Dybek and Irish poet Eileen Casey. In addition, the book features electronically reproduced manuscripts that were all hand-drawn and date back to the 13th Century. Eastern's own Bruce Maclaren, who teaches history in the university's honors program, collected all of these works.

"It leaves an impression when people see it," said Russell Helms, the coordinator of Eastern's writing program who also served as the managing editor for *The Jelly Bucket*.

Helms said the publication, which serves as the official literary journal for Eastern's creative writing program, has both international and national appeal. The journal's title, however, has a more local origin, Helms said. "Jelly Bucket" was a term

coal miners' coined for their lunch pails, which often contained biscuits and jelly.

"So it offers a flavor of the area," Helms said.

The publication, now in its third year, is entirely produced and designed by students in Eastern's MFA program. Helms coordinates and oversees their work, and students can use the publication as a showcase of their efforts.

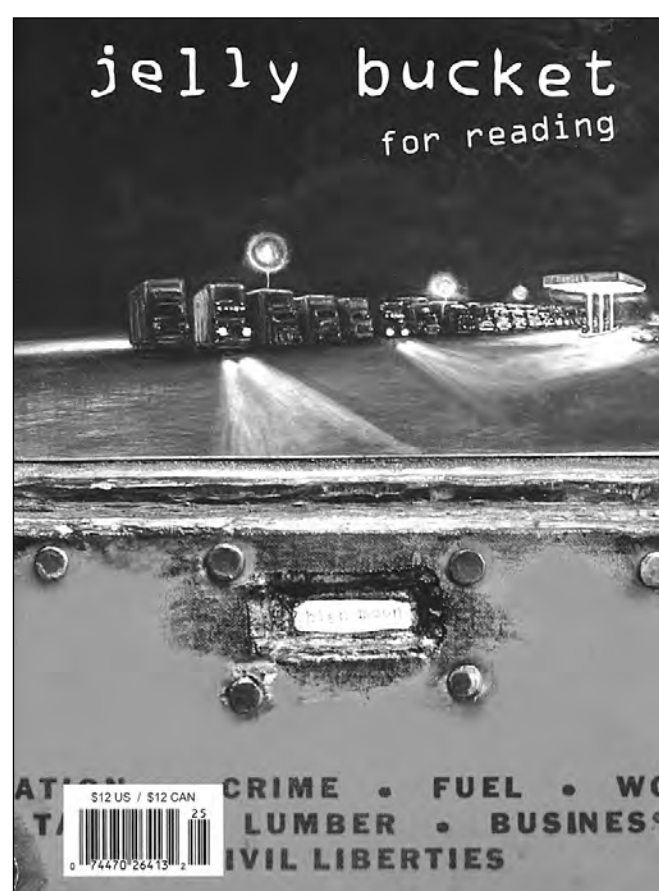
"The Jelly Bucket is the perfect marketing tool to attract new students and to showcase the talents of our students as editors and designers," Helms said.

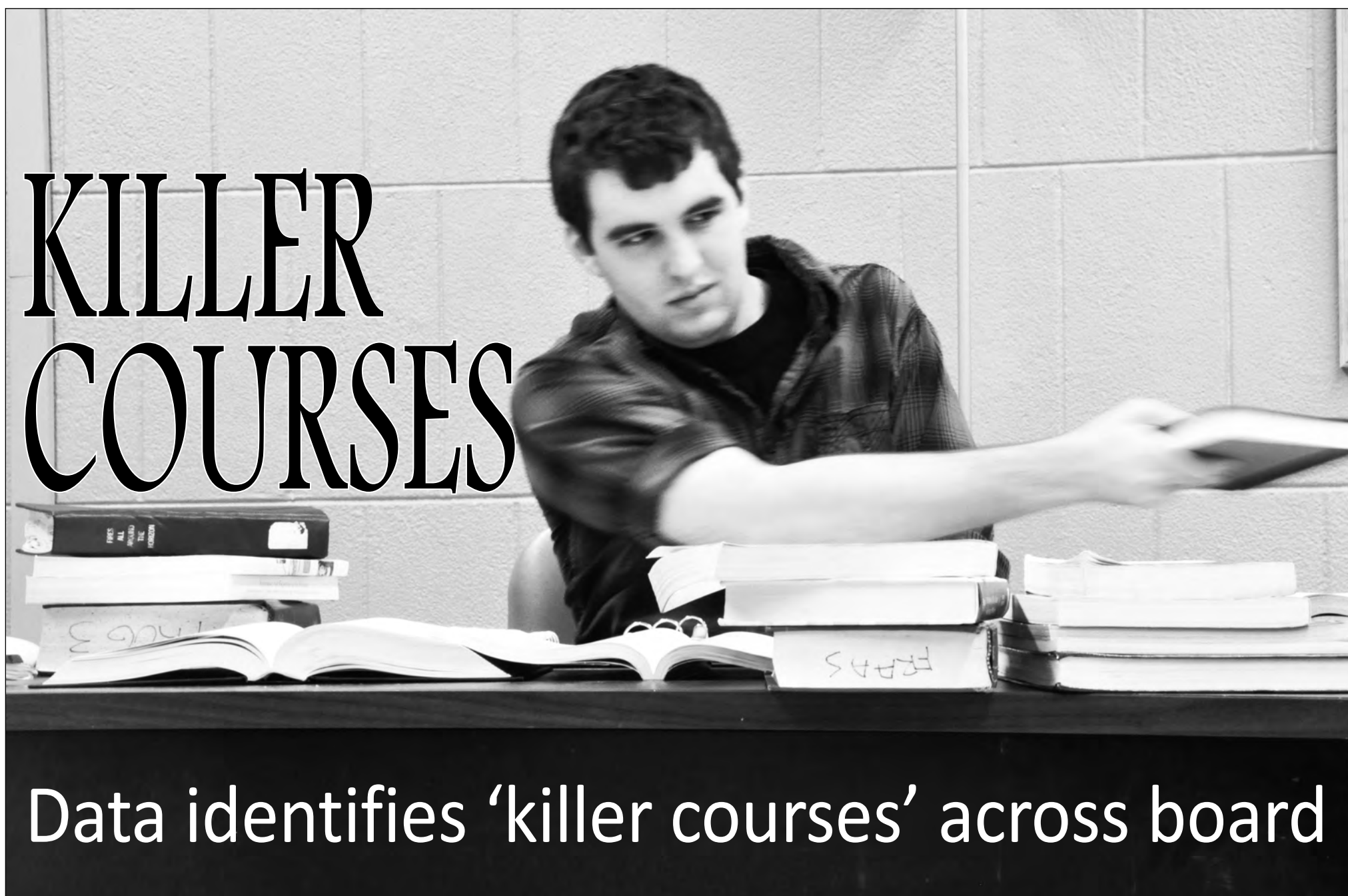
The former director of the writing program, Young Smith, first introduced the publication. Smith wanted to produce a book that would demonstrate what students at the Bluegrass Writing Studio could create, and a literary journal seemed the perfect vehicle, Helms said.

The book has come a long way in a short period. Since its release three years ago, *The Jelly Bucket* has drawn attention and accolades from across the literary landscape. The journal was selected for inclusion in anthologies of the best American notable essays and the best American notable required short stories, Helms said.

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**Russell Helms  
Writing program coordinator**





# KILLER COURSES

## Data identifies 'killer courses' across board

PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY ROB MCDANIEL/PROGRESS

By **KYLE WOOSLEY**  
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A database set up through Eastern's Institutional Research department is being used to monitor student success based on department, major and classification. The database includes a section set to show drop, fail or withdraw (DFW) rates throughout various departments in the university.

Courses showing a DFW rate above the average set by Institutional Research are classified as "killer courses" and are looked into further.

"Certainly the analysis of 'killer courses' particularly the reason for such high DFW rates, is an important process," said Gary Abney, chair of the Board of Regents. "I think I can speak for the board in saying that we are pleased to see this level of analysis being undertaken."

Bethany Miller, director of Institutional Research, said if a department had a class with a DFW rate above 40 percent, the head of that department would look into it to discover where the problem lies.

Several courses ranging from upper-level major requirements to general education electives throughout various departments at Eastern have had courses marked.

A macroeconomics course that is offered every semester for various majors and satisfies one of the general education requirements, reported a GPA of 1.89 and a 48-percent DFW rate in the fall 2010 semester.

Gyan Prodhm, chair of the economics department, said he thinks there may not be one simple explanation to why a course's DFW rate is high, but instead a variety of reasons, including different grading standards, professors and students application in the sections.

"For many years we've had instances where economics had the lowest GPA on campus," Prodhm said. "Maybe that has to do with economics or maybe it has to do with students at EKU not being as prepared as we thought. Just because you've done some stuff in high school, doesn't mean you can use it."

The course is required for majors, such as business, accounting and economics, but Prodhm said it's a general course that should be taken early on in a student's college career.

"These are fairly standard courses you're going to find everywhere in the country," Prodhm said. "I don't think it's really a problem with the course."

Prodhm suggests students focus on the primary principles discussed in the more introductory and mathematics courses before taking upper-division courses. He said he feels courses discuss such broad topics that they cannot be dissected.

"I'm going to have a difficult time making these less difficult for students," Prodhm said. "There has to be a particular standard we have to adhere to with these courses."

A western civilization course taught in the history department showed an overall GPA of 2.15 with a DFW rate

of 52.9 percent.

Chris Taylor, chair of the history department, feels factors such as how often and at what times the class was taught have an influence. She said she monitors rates and grades in those courses very carefully.

"There are a variety of conditions that can cause that [high DFW rates]," Taylor said. "When we see that high of withdraw rates, I meet with the professor."

Since the reported rates, as well as limited faculty and lack of student interest, the course has not been offered recently.

Taylor said she does not know why students have migrated from taking the course but is currently looking into ways to revamp it for the future.

Though some courses try to reinvent the class itself when seeing low DFW rates, other courses have been removed from the curriculum all together.

Kelli Carmean, chair of the anthropology, sociology and social work department, said one course is in the process of being removed from the curricular in part due to the course's 62.5 percent DFW rate.

The First Nations anthropology course, which was taught in the fall, will never be taught again at Eastern, Car-

mean said.

"It [the DFW rate] was one factor of many that went into making the decision," Carmean said. "There's a lot of work and the students had to pay a lot of attention."

With the courses who are showing an overall low grade point average and high DFW rates, there's still one question: What should Eastern do about it?

Prodhm said he has taught the macroeconomics course several times, and has had students who have taken it up to three times. However, he does not believe the course is the problem, but instead feels the responsibility falls on the students.

"We should try to provide tutoring to these students," Prodhm said. "We hired economics students to tutor students but we can no longer do that due to funding."

An English course was being offered for students as an upper-level elective for students in the English or African-American studies program. The African-American literature course reported a 45-percent DFW rate with an overall GPA of 2.11.

English and Theater Department Chair James Keller said he believes the statistics are nothing more than a coincidence.

### EASTERN'S KILLER COURSES

| Course                                   | Avg. GPA | DFW rate     |
|--|----------|--------------|
| ECO 230, Macroeconomics                  | 1.89     | 48 percent   |
| ANT 333, First Nations                   | 1.91     | 62.5 percent |
| POL 370, Intro. to Public Administration | 1.61     | 50 percent   |
| CRJ 355, Rural Crime                     | 1.75     | 40.3 percent |
| ENG 360, African American Literature     | 2.11     | 45 percent   |
| HIS 232, Western Civilization since 1687 | 2.15     | 52.9 percent |

## Senate moving forward with quarterly grades proposal

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The Student Senate passed legislation last semester that would require certain courses to post quarterly grades before and after midterms.

The new legislation would require courses, particular those fulfilling general education requirements on a quarterly schedule. Other courses, such as upper-division major requirements, would only post completed assignments whenever grades became available.

Armanda Pennington, senator on Student Senate who has been working to move forward with this legislation, said, "I'm hoping that it will help because I've heard a lot of upper-level students say the grade they get at midterm is not accurate."

Brandi Harris, 20, clinical lab science major from Dayton, Ohio, agrees with Student Senate. She said sometimes a student's grade may not be where they expect and they de-

serve the time to take care of it early, instead of waiting until midterms.

"I think it [quarterly grades] is a good idea," Harris said. "I know sometimes it's difficult for the student to understand that early on how grading and the class will work."

"I get on to check my grades because I have a scholarship," said Elizabeth Lykins, 18, broadcasting major from Florence. "I think they should post accurate grades."

Lykins said if professors were required to post quarterly grades, students would not be so surprised when final grades come around.

"If it was quarterly, you could try to bump that grade up if you have to," said Sydney Straub, 18, nursing major from Cincinnati, Ohio.

Cheryl Ramey, adjunct faculty member in the psychology department, said she fully supports Student Senate's proposal to post quarterly grades.

"I'm sure people would be aggravated because nobody wants to feel like they're being

**"By getting feedback, students should know where they stand. Students may not feel they have to be as responsible."**

**Paul Foote**  
 Assistant professor of political science

policed," Ramey said. "On the other hand, anything I can do to help students, I'm all for."

Unlike Ramey, Paul Foote, assistant professor of political science, does not agree with the quarterly grades legislation.

"By getting feedback, students should know where they stand," Foote said. "Students may not feel they have to be as responsible."

While Foote sees the legislation as taking away student responsibility, Ramey does not see it that way.

"I don't think that's babysitting; it's more

customer service," Ramey said. "You're paying me to help you."

The legislation should also impact blanket grading, which is when a professor gives everybody in the class the same grade, rather than individual grade based on the student's performance.

Tina Davis, director of University Registrar, said posting blanket grades is inappropriate and each student's midterm grade should be considered a reflection of student progress.

"To me, it seems like the purpose of the midterm grade is to alert students who are struggling or may not be aware they are struggling, to amp it up," Ramey said.

Foote said he thinks the responsibility of students knowing their grades should fall on the professor, as it is their job to make sure students are learning.

The legislation still has to go through six councils before it can be passed and most of these councils only meet once per month.

Pennington said she hopes the quarterly grades will go into effect "no later than next semester."





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## Eastern SGA boosts effectiveness of rally

Each year The Rally for Higher Education attracts students from across the state in support of a variety of issues related to one area of interest – their education.

By many means, this year's rally has had more success than in year's past.

Eastern brought more students than ever before, and altogether everyone and anyone in the capitol building on Feb. 7 felt an undeniably strong presence.

This was because, in no small part, to the efforts of Eastern's Student Government Association [SGA].

This year, SGA made a clear point that students should attend the rally, not just to say they did, but to make a point to the politicians in Frankfort.

Not only were the advertisements informative, SGA went above and beyond to make the trip to Frankfort easy for any students to attend. Buses were provided, lunch was provided, and the SGA office gave university excuses. All so students could petition the government to stop cutting the funding to their education.

But that was just the tip of the iceberg. SGA also worked with other schools across the commonwealth to design shirts specifically for the rally. All the shirts had the same design on them, but each school boasted its own colors. This offered two things to students. First, it gave all the students present a sense of solidarity in what they were standing for. But just as important, the shirts allowed students to show pride in their school. The people there weren't just students against cuts to higher education, they were students from Eastern who were upset because the funds here at Eastern were being affected.

And the best part was they did it all in an



A large group of students from Eastern made an appearance at the Rally for Higher Education Tuesday on buses provided by SGA.

ethical fashion. While on the bus heading to the rally, members of SGA sent a clear message to the students coming with them of the purpose to this event. Eastern was not going to participate in any over-the-top protests, despite what the groups from other schools may be doing. Eastern was going as a collection of adults and students who were concerned about the rising costs of

their schooling and who were going to act as the voice of their peers in trying to halt the cuts.

School spirit was prominent, but immaturity certainly was not. Each student seemed to know that he or she was a representative for hundreds who could not make it on the day, or don't realize the importance of fighting for these issues.

When it came time for students to stand up for their right to an education, SGA did exactly its part as the representatives for the student body. By putting their talents and resources to good use, our student representatives made the idea of a successful rally for higher education a reality. And for that we doff our hats to you and say, well done.

### >Letters to the editor

## Graduate student promotes 'Vagina Monologues' as educational for students

Some 16 years ago, Eve Ensler set out on a mission to educate people about the wonders, challenges, fears and joys associated with womanhood. What were Ensler's "Vagina Interviews" became her "Vagina Monologues." This collection of monologues, each one a tribute to the women they portray, have been performed on university campuses for more

than a decade.

At EKU, there is a long-standing tradition associated with Eve Ensler's work. For years, the Women and Gender Studies Program has worked to bring the "Vagina Monologues" to Eastern's campus in order to educate young women, older women, young men, older men, faculty, students, staff and any other individual interested in

taking on the sometimes uncomfortable task of addressing both positive and negative attitudes toward women. Each year, the program works with students, faculty, and staff to not only support the work of Ensler, but also to raise awareness of sexual violence. In addition to education, the "Vagina Monologues" also serves as a fundraiser for the Bluegrass Rape

Crisis Center (BRCC) and the Hope's Wings Domestic Violence Shelter, both of which have been very hard hit in these tough economic times.

Because of the importance of the work done by BRCC and Hope's Wings, it is of the utmost importance that Eastern's performance of "The Vagina Monologues" be as productive as pos-

sible in raising funds for these organizations. It is my hope that the censorship having taken place on campus regarding Eve Ensler's work will not dampen the spirit and mission of Eastern's commitment to educate and promote critical thinking.

D. Lynn Thompson,  
Graduate student

## Chautauqua lecturer made assumptions about historical German pastor, spy

Recently, prolific author Eric Metaxas spoke about his new book, *Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy*, for EKU's Chautauqua lecture series. The book continues to garner glowing reviews from some quarters and to sell briskly after reaching the top slot on the *New York Times* best-seller list last September. Funny, engaging, and openly evangelical, Metaxas recounted—to the extent possible in a one-hour lecture—the life, theology, courage and final end of the German pastor who openly opposed the Nazi regime, joined a plot to kill Hitler and paid with his life. Many in the audience clearly found the talk inspiring. As a long-time admirer of Bonhoeffer, I find his story compelling. Yet, as a historian who specializes in American religious history, I found Metaxas' presentation troublingly simplistic. Even as he emphasized Bonhoeffer's willing-

ness to engage hard questions, he drew a straight and all-too-facile line between the German pastor's faith and his heroism. Assuming that "real Christians" always know the right thing to do, Metaxas suggested that only counterfeit versions of the faith condone social evils.

Simply put, the facts of history do not confirm this assumption. "Real Christians" have often promoted the world's worst evils, and I mean no disrespect in pointing this out. Have not hundreds of thousands of "real Christians" evoked their faith to defend slavery, segregation, colonialism, any number of rapacious wars, and the subordination of women? Moral clarity, so compelling in hindsight, often eludes the faithful when they need it most. This history should give rise to some probing, Bonhoefferesque questions.

Metaxas explained Bonhoeffer's faith only by describing it as "conservative." Bonhoeffer took the Bible seriously as the Word of God it seems, and Metaxas juxtaposed this kind of Christianity against the "liberal" version that clearly failed to do the trick in opposing Hitler's regime. Yet, in German theological circles between 1920 and 1945, "liberal" and "conservative" certainly did not signify the same things they mean to 21st-century American Christians. For example, the great theologian Karl Barth mentored Bonhoeffer, and Reinhold Niebuhr offered him sanctuary in America. Yet, many conservative American Christians have viewed both these men's theologies as profoundly misguided and dangerously "liberal." Furthermore, when asked about Bonhoeffer's approach to biblical interpretation, Metaxas could say only that the German

pastor had a "very high view of the Bible." Yet, we needed to hear exactly how Bonhoeffer determined that God willed him to help assassinate the Fuhrer, rather than to "be subject unto the higher powers" as admonished in Romans 13:1. Such an explanation could have shed light on the relationship between biblical interpretation and the kind of faith that produces meaningful social action.

My own research on white evangelicals' responses to the civil rights movement suggests a correlation exactly opposite from the one Metaxas implied. In opposing social injustices, those who embraced "liberal" versions of the faith—who espoused the most flexible approaches to biblical interpretation and understood Christianity in the broadest, most expansive, and even humanistic ways—seemed best equipped to identify social evils and to advo-

cate heroically for social change. The Christian defenders of segregation often criticized this faith-based racial activism precisely because of its association with liberal theology. Scholars who study the defense of slavery and the changing status of women discover similar correlations, and these findings undermine Metaxas' basic argument.

I certainly know from my study of the past that faith can inspire heroic acts and lead people to fight against injustices. But we should explore more deeply which interpretations of the faith lead some "real Christians" down that path, yet take others in a different direction. In my view of the man, Bonhoeffer himself would ask this very question.

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## Career services offers on-campus jobs to students



**My Turn:**  
Elise Svoboda

Looking for a job as a college student can be challenging. When you come from out of town it can be difficult figuring out where the best places to work and the stores that most frequently hire college students.

Despite the search, most people need a job to cover day-to-day expenses.

But worrying about money doesn't need to be a stress-inducing trauma because of one simple fact: there are plenty of jobs located right on campus.

I got my first job on campus a few years ago and I am about to start my second job this semester.

I was excited to start looking for a job at first. Not only because spending cash sounded good, but also to gain work experience.

But with the economy, jobs were scarce off campus.

One of my friends told me about how there are jobs available to students on campus and that information shocked me. I was really excited and happy that there was

an opportunity to get what I wanted and needed without slaving away at a drive-thru window.

I had heard of it on other campuses, but did not realize, Eastern had student employment as well. The process was easy, possibly even easier than finding a job off-campus.

All I had to do was go to jobs.eku.edu and fill out an application and create an account. From there, I just started applying for institutional jobs.

One thing you should be aware of is the difference between institutional jobs and federal. But your financial aid can tell you that information.

The hardest part about applying for jobs is the fact you will not always get the job you want.

Just like with any job, it is a competition. Sometimes people are more qualified than you. Occasionally you get lucky and are more qualified than someone else.

For me, being involved in theatre has taught me that rejection is sometimes a part of life, but you will move on and find another opportunity right around the corner. I know this because I received my first on campus job after applying for three months on the Eastern job site.

The employers work with you because they understand you are a student first and an employee second. For example, I was stage-managing a production for a class

and I needed off an afternoon to get some of the work done with the director. My employer understood this commitment and was willing to work with me. Plus, I enjoyed my work and my employers I have worked with on campus have been wonderful to work with.

I think most students do not realize these opportunities are out there because we, as students, do not know where to look for information.

In Student Success Building, student employment is in Room 219 and they can give you advice and answer questions about applying for jobs on campus. They will also give you the paperwork to fill out once you get a job on campus. Career Service in SSB 463 will help you with their services including showing you how to make a resume and cover letter due to some jobs on campus requiring this to apply for the job. Career Services also has mock interview appointments available for students who have never done an interview before or are just a nervous interviewee.

For me, this was a great thing because I finally had some of my own spending money so I could hang out with my friends and I had a great opportunity to get some work experience under my belt. It was also a great way for me to learn how to use time management and get my homework done while balancing work and school in harmony.

## ROTC 'family' teaches columnist about sacrifice



**My Turn:**  
Cari Tretina

Wanting to broaden my horizons this semester, I decided to develop a better understanding of Eastern's ROTC. What better way to do so than to complete a morning physical training (PT) session with its students?

It was 6 a.m. on Friday. I had no classes, and didn't have to be at work until noon. Yet, I was up and ready to go. Nervously anticipating the workout, I woke up before my alarm. My dreams were filled with pushups, incredibly long runs and lots of yelling – being awake was much less stressful.

Walking over to Weaver Gym from Todd Hall seemed like an eternity. What was in store for me? How was I going to survive? Were my non-militant workouts going to be enough to keep up, or was I going to hurl?

As I entered Weaver, my heart started to pound. The gym was filled with black uniforms and perfectly aligned rows of students. I attempted to blend in by wearing all black as well, but my timid and blank expression made me a definite outcast.

I introduced myself to the professors, whom I assumed would be in charge. They immediately directed me to Bill Henderson, BN S-5, Information and Public Relations Officer and a senior criminal justice major. As he was giving me a brief overview, a loud command was shouted by one of the students. Everyone instantly stood straight up and responded with another shout.

"It's all about structure," Henderson said. Yeah, no kidding.

PT had officially begun. Henderson and I "fell in" with the Alpha Company and

were marched to the opposite side of the gym; the other company, Bravo, stayed in place.

Our company, led by students, began with simple stretches while Bravo, also run by students, promptly began with calisthenics, such as sit ups and calf-raises. Perhaps I got lucky.

Numbers, commands and grunts echoed off the walls as we started to warm up. With simple sprints and jumping jacks as part of this portion, I began to think this was going to be easier than I had imagined.

Bravo Company finished its warm-up and left the gym to continue. Our company completed a couple of more drills, and then we were instructed to gather our belongings and head outside. It was about 30 degrees and windy that morning; praise the heavens that I had packed a sweatshirt.

Continuing to follow protocol, we fell back into our ranks, formations, and started to run to the track. As waves of mist passed under the lights, Henderson began to chant. One of the lyrics I could comprehend was, "When will those Commies learn?"

What had I gotten myself into? Once at the track, we ran a half-mile to prepare ourselves for sprints.

When I think of sprints, I imagine the length being no longer than a straight-away. Of course, this assumption was terribly incorrect. We were going to sprint six 300-meters. For those who don't know, that is all but one curve of the track.

To no surprise, we formed into groups of eight and started the drill. The first two were pretty easy, but I felt myself begin to drag on the third. Luckily, we were allowed to take a break. My legs most likely were in pain, but because of the icy wind and rain, I literally could not feel them. By the fifth 300, I was on the verge of collapsing, but with only one more to run, I pushed through.

Just as I crossed over the finish line of what I presumed to be the last sprint, I heard, "We are a team, so we will finish like one." Meaning, we had to run one more

300.

After hurling myself around the track one last time, we ran a cool-down lap and headed back toward Weaver in our ranks in double time, in other words, rather quickly.

Henderson began to chant another tune. This time I picked up one lyric saying "I love the double time."

I, in fact, do not love the double time.

When we were back at Weaver, the company had a short safety chat consisting of cautionary tips for the weekend and then everyone was dismissed.

I had done it; I successfully survived a ROTC workout. I probably built some muscle and definitely increased my stamina.

However, I also gained a much better understanding and appreciation for our ROTC program. I never heard one complaint, gripe or negative comment. Every student followed orders and performed the drills to the best of their ability.

These students sacrifice their time, bodies and even individualism to one day protect us. They are placing our country's freedom and safety before their own.

During our sprints, I noticed guys encouraging one another and pushing each other to sprint harder. One student even stood with his "battle buddy" as he got sick.

This is not a program – it is a family. These men and women are supportive and caring beyond any other organization on campus. Just spending an hour and a half with this family, I could feel the love and bond these selfless Americans have between one another.

My eyes have been opened, and my respect has grown. Eastern is lucky to have such a dedicated program on our campus.

Henderson welcomed me to join them once again on Thursday morning for some on-the-job training including rolling around in the mud and a ropes course. I appreciate the invite, but once I can walk up a flight of stairs I will give you an answer.

## Eastern police should show students more courtesy



**My Turn:**  
Mary Barczak

I've only been at Eastern two semesters, yet I have accumulated more than \$400 in parking tickets and fees.

While yes, I have deserved most for parking in the wrong lots. The others, however, have been completely ridiculous.

The other day I received a ticket for parking in the Disney lot because, apparently, the spot I parked in was not a "spot," according to the transportation department's standards. I had seen other cars parked in the same spots prior in the week with no tickets. Thus, I was left with the conclusion that it was an actual spot. The lines were a bit faded, but I figured Eastern had been too cheap to repaint it. If the police department is going to ticket students for parking in those misleading spots, then at least put some blacktop over the lines that are still there. Surely, for how many tickets are written a day, Eastern could afford to fix the problems.

I have seen similar situations with a large amount of inconsistencies every time I turn around. One time my car was towed. I was forced to find the right building, and once arriving, the woman at the desk belittled me in front of everyone in

the office for not knowing my license plate number. But honestly, how many people actually know that piece of information, especially a new car?

I have also received a ticket for parking in an equipment rental spot, which did not have a time limit stated on it, and for being less than five minutes late back to a metered spot.

Do these people live here? Do they ever go home? I have even seen officers ticket out in the pouring rain.

The worst part of this whole experience for me is the appeals process. You can't even appeal to an actual person about a parking ticket. You have to write out your appeal online, and the people reviewing it don't have to confront you about it. They just click yes or no. If it's going to personally affect our lives and pockets as college students, why shouldn't we be at least given the courtesy of appealing to someone in person?

I've had a handful of friends who have called the office and asked to speak to someone personally about their appeal. Every time, they were directed to the website.

I decided to give it a shot the other day and spent about five minutes on the phone with a woman who I had to badger about the appeals process before she finally gave me some, somewhat, useful information. Apparently, there is such a process of taking your appeal before an appeals board, but this process can only happen after it has been rejected online. It then could be

reviewed and you are given the opportunity to sit face-to-face with someone.

However, she would not tell me who that someone was. If this is true, then are all the other employees holding out on this information to other students? It's not right. All of the discrepancies are confusing, misleading and frustrating. Questioning a little fine should be an easy process for students.

We pay a lot of money to go to school here, and there's no reason we should be continuously tacked everyday with these stupid fines. And I can only guess where the money is going.

I understand the officers are just doing their job, and I should follow the rules. But we are all humans. We run late, forget things or run into other unavoidable situations.

It's one thing to ticket the person who constantly and purposely parks in the employee lot everyday, but it's different to ticket a person who just ran out of time on the meter while it's pouring rain. Students need a break every now and then.

Like I said, I've accumulated a lot of tickets and deserved most of them, but the ones I haven't, exceeded what I paid for this past. It just gets to a point where you have to wonder what is really going on.

Or, at the least, a little consistency and courtesy would be nice.

## CAMPUS COMMENTS

### "Vagina Monologues"

All Campus Comments are anonymous.

- I don't know what that is.
- I went and watched it a couple of years ago and I really enjoyed it.
- I think it's kind of funny. It's freedom of speech I guess. I think it's kind of a funny act.
- I'm pretty neutral. I get the people that say it's obscene, but at the same time they can say whatever they want.
- It seems like a cool idea, I guess.
- I think it's a good idea, but at the same time I feel like they come on a little too strong.
- Hemoglobin
- Some feminist play that I've never seen is what I think.
- I would see it, it's funny.
- It's a good laugh.
- I like creeping on the steps outside the library to see what people say.
- At my age, you have to explain that to me.
- It is different.
- Awkward.
- I went last year, it was pretty cool.
- I kinda get annoyed when they yell things about vaginas at me. It's a little odd.
- I don't know anything about it honestly.
- It sounds interesting.
- It is kind of annoying to see it all over campus.
- It seems interesting, but I don't really know anything about why they do it.
- I think its supposed to be about a book or something.
- I think it's pretty interesting. It shows female empowerment and stuff like that.
- Some people are kinda disrespectful toward it.
- I went two or three years ago and it was a lot of fun. The play itself is fascinating.
- It kinda makes me uncomfortable to see pictures of vaginas everywhere. But I guess it's for a good cause.
- It raises awareness for women every year.
- The other day they were screaming about it in front of Powell. It was a little weird.
- Other than the drawings everywhere, I don't know anything about it.
- I guess it's alright for girls and stuff, but I probably won't go.
- Oh my gosh I'm really excited and I'm going tonight. I think it will help me be comfortable and love my body more.
- They are fun to watch.
- That show I went to last year? It was actually really nice.
- I haven't been. I guess it's something kind of different. I guess if my friends begged me, I'd do it.
- I've just seen it written anywhere around campus and I've been thinking what the heck are they talking about?

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**David**  
Happy Valentine's Day Wonderboy! These past 5 years have been wonderful and even though you cheat at Super Smash Brothers, I still love you. Love, Kitten

**Dear Jason**  
Happy Valentine's Day to the best husband in the world! I'm so lucky to have you. I love you, Erin

**Media Law Class**  
Thanks for making FREE SPEECH ROCK!  
Dr. Whitehouse

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## A LEAN **Cu**ISINE

NEW ON-CAMPUS RESTAURANT IN SCIENCE BUILDING OFFERS HEALTHY, AFFORDABLE FOOD CHOICES AND COMFORTABLE ATMOSPHERE

By **TRISTAN MEIMAN**

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There is nothing wrong with stopping by Powell when a severe case of the munchies strikes. But at times a change in scenery is needed as well as a change in menu.

Of course you can hop on a shuttle and head over to Stratton Café if you're willing to make the trek. But Eastern has a new eatery that offers breakfast and lunch in a close location.

The new Science building has a few tricks up its sleeves ranging from brand spanking new labs to comfortable study rooms for students, and now, a restaurant located on the first floor. Cuisine opened on Jan. 20 and offers students a healthier choice for their daily breakfast and lunch.

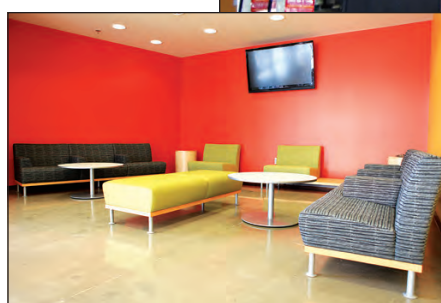
"We have a large assortment of salads, bagels, wraps, sandwiches, pizzas and much more," said Michelle Spradlin, supervisor. "We use organic ingredients for all of our dishes to give students a different healthier choice in food."

Students will recognize the clever use of a science theme in the restaurant from the use of periodic table elements Copper, Iodine, Silicon and Neon to spell out "Cuisine" in a clever manner. Signature sandwiches also play a role in the science theme with names such as: The Chemical, The Fusion, The Organic Compound, The Molecule and many more left to discover yourself.

While the restaurant is fairly new, students have already become acquainted with the delicious food Cuisine has to offer.

"It's good healthy food and a good change from the food served at Powell," said Rob Rowland, a freshman graphic design major. "The whole design of this place seems new and more modern. Overall I just like the feel of this place. I'm definitely going to be coming here more often."

If students are craving some coffee to add to their meal, Cuisine offers Java City coffee



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for a great price. Customers who purchase coffee at Cuisine are given a punch card; after 10 purchases of coffee, espresso or Java-lanche at any Java City located on campus, they receive their 11th cup free. If that wasn't a seller enough, Cuisine's price for one large coffee is only \$2 and will soon offer specials on select food items each week. It doesn't get any better than that.

So if you are looking for some place new, healthy and full of specials, head over to the first floor of the new Science building and get some cuisine in your life. The hours for Cuisine are 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, however these are subject to change in the near future.

## Quick tips for this Valentine's Day

### To My... Self

How to best celebrate singles awareness day

- Have a single's party: Brag about not knowing which cutie you might leave with tonight.
- Bake some heart-shaped cookies and take them to the local nursing home.
- Make or buy valentines for your friends. Yes, you know it's still fun even though you're not in elementary school.
- Go out on the town with your best pals. Who needs a not-so-better half?
- Pull out *The Notebook* and *A Walk to Remember* and just spend time alone reflecting on all the love you are grateful to have in your life, possibly with some ice cream.
- Spend time with your family. Mom and Dad loved you first.
- Adopt a new dog or cat from the shelter. No Valentine will be more loyal.
- Treat yourself to what feels good. Try a spa day or an extreme workout session.
- Or just be a cynic: It's a Hallmark holiday, anyway.



Yes

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or

No



### To My Sweetheart

Cute (and cheap) gift ideas for your loved one

- Piece together a scrapbook about your life together: photos, movie and concert tickets, and those little keepsake notes. Dig for those special items!
- Make dinner together: Plan it together, go to the store together and pick out some music to play during dinner.
- Go on an adventure: Take a trip somewhere no one else is going to be. Take a road trip by just picking a place on the map or go "treasure hunting" for unique Valentine's Day gifts at thrift stores or flea markets.
- Instead of buying her flowers, plant her one as a symbol of your growing love.
- Go old school and make your Valentine's Day cards out of red construction paper. Who doesn't love glitter and macaroni noodles?
- Plan a special dessert such as chocolate fondue or heart shaped brownies. Enjoy them with your sweetie and a sappy movie.
- Go old-fashioned and take a walk in a beautiful park. Your honey looks even better on a beautiful backdrop.



Yes

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or

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## And now for something completely different

MONTY PYTHON'S MUSICAL *SPAMALOT* BROUGHT WITTY LAUGHS, SONGS AND DANCES TO EASTERN'S CENTER FOR THE ARTS FRIDAY, FEB. 3

By **ELISE SVOBODA**  
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COURTESY OF MONTY PYTHON

When it comes to mixing comedy and musicals, one witty British stage show is here to offer "something completely different." Eastern's Center for the Arts gave fans of the well-known and well-loved *Monty Python and the Holy Grail* a chance to relax and "look on the bright side of life."

For any Monty Python fan, they will see the story of *Spamalot* as "lovingly ripped off the motion picture" of *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*, as the posters for the show put it and features references from other Monty Python works such as the Act II starter *Always Look on the Bright Side of Life* from *Monty Python's Life of Brian*.

Debra Hoskins, executive director for Eastern's Center for the Arts, said when the opportunity arose to get *Spamalot*, they took it.

"When we choose Broadway shows, it's pretty much what's available and what's coming our way and *Spamalot* was coming our way and we grabbed it up," Hoskins said.

With some touring Broadway shows, the traveling company of the show is not always able to get all of the scenery onto the stage, but Hoskins said it was not a problem here.

"They got everything out; our stage will hold any performance," Hoskins said. "On other performances, they talked about going to the opera house (in Lexington) last year and they couldn't put everything because of the size. Size does matter when it comes to theater."

Hoskins also said she appreciates all the students attending, and is working on offering discounted tickets.

"We appreciate the students coming over. We look forward to them," Hoskins said. "We try to offer them discount tickets as often as we can. Sometimes, it's

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# CSI still intriguing after a decade

By ELISE SVOBODA  
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Some say certain TV series can strike a cultural nerve and even change society. Many consider such classics as *Cheers* and *The Mary Tyler Moore Show* as having that kind of popularity and power.

And the CBS series *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation* is yet another show that has helped change our society and sparked an interest in forensic sciences.

The show started in 2000 with Bill Peterson (*12 Angry Men*) as the iconic Gil Grissom, the original night shift supervisor and Marg Helgenberger (*Mr. Brooks*) as Catherine Willows. Other supporting cast members include Jorge Fox (*ER*), George Eads (*Evel Knievel*), David Robert Hall (*Starship Troopers*), Eric Szmarda (*100 Girls*) and Paul Guilfoyle (*Air Force One*).

The show is about a graveyard shift team as they solve murders in Las Vegas, while giving viewers a look inside the team members' lives, both personal and professional. Perhaps the most interesting part of the series is watching how the team uses science to solve crimes.

Over the past several years, many notable cast members have left the series including Peterson, who left the series in 2009, and Helgenberger, who recently left the series in January. Other cast members who have left the series include Gary Dourdan (*Perfect Stranger* and *Impostor*) as Warrick Brown, whose character was killed off the series in 2008 and Laurence Fishburne (*The Matrix*) as Dr. Ray Langston, whose character left the lab in 2011.

While there have been some exits in the series over the past few years, there have been some new, big names in the newest season, season 12, which first aired in September. Some of the new stars of season 12 include Ted Danson (*Cheers*) as DB Russell, the new night shift supervisor, and Elizabeth Harnois (*Keith*) as Morgan Brody, a CSI transfer from the L.A. crime lab.

The new CSI team will give long time fans of the series the chance to enjoy the show the way it used to be, but with different characters and a fresh start. Over a decade in, the show still offers quality weekly mysteries and has the power to influence our world. *CSI* airs Wednesdays at 10 p.m on CBS.



COURTESY OF CBS

# Parks and Recreation is an underrated gem

By MICHAEL EMERSON  
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NBC is no stranger to quirky comedies, but a particular show starring Amy Poehler as the flighty Leslie Knope keeps both the high and low brow demographic laughing from scene one to the end in *Parks and Recreation*.

The series starts off at the turn of the Obama presidency and is set in the humble, fictional city of Pawnee, Ind. Leslie Knope, the deputy director for the Parks and Recreation Department, spends her days going above and beyond the normal activity of a local government worker while her boss, the libertarian, no nonsense, big shot Ron Swanson (Nick Offerman) does his best to stay out of her way by doing nothing.

The parks department, being one of the lowest sanctions of government, has led to some unenthusiastic employees, but Leslie always keeps the ship running by bringing a seemingly unending amount of energy to her coworkers. This show's main focus is on

the plight of Leslie Knope as she tries to build a brand new park in order to replace trash filled pit, as well as make the town of Pawnee a better place.

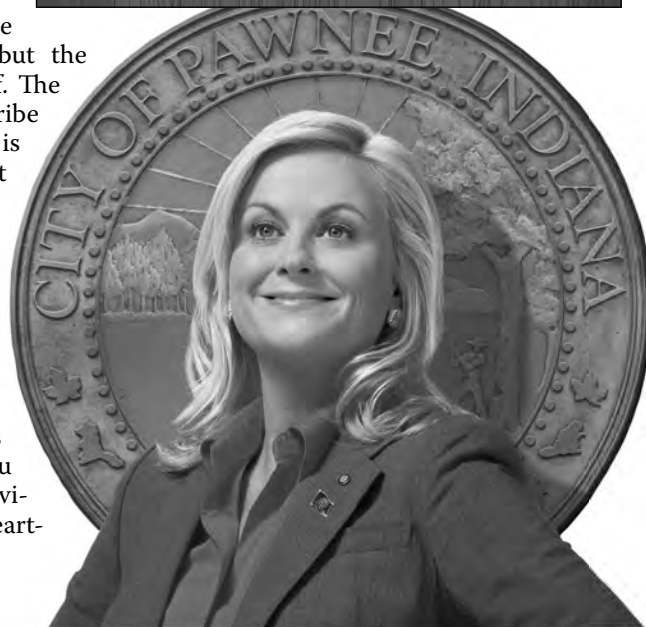
The comedy comes in a mixture of satire and sitcom as real world issues are played off in each of the show's episodes. With three seasons under its belt and currently running a fourth, this show has all but slipped under the radar as most new television series do.

However, this show deserves special mention since it doesn't pander complicated premises like most shows of its kind. This variation added with *The Office* mockumentary-style camera work keeps the pacing up to speed with its audience's attention spans, as well as its creative writing.

The biggest draw of this show has to be its wide range of characters, each with their own varied, complex and often goofy personalities that play off one another. Almost every episode features a new character trait or quirk to the cast, which allows the audience to read into and fall more in love with the characters every time you watch an episode.

I could write a two-page paper on each character, but the show should speak for itself. The most accurate way to describe my feelings for this show is that every episode is its best episode. A paradox, yes, but not any less true.

You can do a lot with your time, but I highly recommend you check this show out as I promise you will not be disappointed. Even if you despise *The Office* and other shows by NBC, I still suggest you watch. I watch a lot of television, and I can say wholeheartedly this is my favorite show.



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# Student starts her own jean personalizing business

By SAMANTHA TOY

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Throwing out an old pair of jeans? Not so fast. Your jeans may still have life.

Carolyn Wurzelbacher thinks so too. Her new company, Jeanitup, will breathe new life into your favorite old pair of jeans.

This young entrepreneur, 21, a marketing major from Cincinnati, is dipping her toes into the business world in a creative way.

"I have always had like 100 ideas going in my brain," Wurzelbacher said. "I wanted to do something in art. I wanted to do something I've been doing for a long time. Painting, drawing, something like that."

But Wurzelbacher not only thought about creating, she acted on it too.

"I was an arts and crafts specialist over the summer," she said. "I got to work with kids with things like tie-dyeing and it kind of morphed into this idea of decorating."

Wurzelbacher just started working with the Small Business Development Center in the Business and Technology Center.

"I'm working with Michael Rodriguez (the director). He is amazing," Wurzelbacher said. "Everything is free. Free seminars, free information. He is really good with connecting students. Any idea, he'll sit down, listen to you, and give you packet on 12 steps to start a business."

Why pay \$50 for painted Ed Hardy pants when Jeanitup can create personalized jeans for a fraction of the cost at \$5 to \$8 per pair?

"If a person has a pair of jeans that they will bring to me, it will be free of charge for the first 20 people," Wurzelbacher said. "I'll put anything they want on it."

Wurzelbacher said overall she hopes to help people's jeans speak a little louder.

"I want to match the jeans with every person's unique personality," Wurzelbacher said. "I'm going to sit down

with each person, talk to them, see what they want. Jeans are important. If you are wearing them all the time, you want them to actually be what you want."

If your jeans need a pick-me-up, email her at Carolyn\_wurzelbac@mymail.eku.edu. The first 20 people to contact her get their jeans customized for free.



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## The Woman in Black a refreshingly 'classic' horror film

By KENNA TRENT

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There is nothing quite like classic horror.

While there is a time and a place for films like *Saw* and *Hostel* and they do their trick particularly well, watching someone being torn apart, limb by limb, isn't the same as the tension you experience from looking too hard at the shadows or wondering what's looking back at you from an empty window. That is what makes *The Woman in Black* so special; it is an old school brand of horror that is hard to find in modern cinema. And it will have both fans and critics for this exact reason.

*The Woman in Black* was originally a novel by Susan Hill published in 1983. The story was quickly picked up for a television movie later in the 80s, before being adapted for the stage where it became one of the longest running shows in the history of London's West End (and understandably so; it is a terrifically frightening stage production).

The film follows lawyer Arthur Kipps (Daniel Radcliffe), who lives with his four-year-old son and his nanny. He is still visibly shaken by the death of his wife, drowning in late notices from the bank and receiving pressure from his boss to close his next job. Unfortunately for Mr. Kipps, his next

job is to settle the estate of a woman surrounded by superstition. Arthur arrives in the remote village of Crythin Gifford to investigate Eel Marsh, an old house separated from land by the eerily named 'nine lives' causeway. While at the house, he begins hearing strange noises coming from a locked room and the face of a female spectre dressed in black. Meanwhile, back in town, young children are dying by their own hand almost daily, driving the parents of the town to lock up their children. The only friendly face Arthur finds in town is Sam Daily (Ciaran Hinds) whose wife informs him of the curse of the woman in black: every time she is seen, a child dies in a terrible fashion. It is, then, up to Arthur to find out why the woman in black is taking children's lives and to put an end to it.

This being Daniel Radcliffe's first outing after years of being Harry Potter, I was naturally a little suspicious that he might not hit the mark exactly right. I was surprised to find he was a perfect fit. His look is totally made for period film and his tragic demeanor was truthful, not a bit put-on.

However, Radcliffe may have been slightly upstaged by the woman in black herself. Her presence is terrifying; as if even though you are just watching something on screen you can almost feel her. The filmmakers weaved her brief appearances beautifully into

the film and trust me, the last look of that gaunt face will stay with you for a while.

While the recent previews have made the film out to be some kind of scare machine, don't go into the theater expecting to see *Paranormal Activity* because that is not what this movie is all about.

This is going to get a little heavy, but *The Woman in Black* is about a certain feeling. It does deliver jumping scares, but that is definitely not a gimmick. The fear comes from the way rain, mud, dark skies, or a remote village makes you feel. The children are not being killed, they are committing suicide. How does that sit on your mind? The story is playing to all of the things that we don't realize frighten us. The things that sit in the back of your mind, the childhood fears of the dark and monsters that live in your closet.

Unfortunately, this is not the outright "horror" of the modern generation. There is little blood, no weaponry, teenagers are not running amuck, and everyone is fully clothed. Many people will find *The Woman in Black* boring or uninteresting. But while there isn't obvious bump-in-the-night terrors to keep your attention, there is a good story.

My plea is that you give yourself a chance to fall prey to this kind of scare. Feel the nervous energy of not knowing what the camera's pan will happen upon or what is lurking just over the main character's shoulder. Even in the age of found footage and the criminally insane, it is okay to be scared by the sight of a ghostly woman.

**Verdict: A**

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last minute and it's not our call to do that; it's the call of the company. We don't get to just say 'next week, we're going to have something we can discount,' we have to wait until they give approval, so it may be last minute, but save your

nickels because we're going to try and do it."

Monty Python fans everywhere are sure to be proud of the humorous show.

Staci Dunais, 21, correction and juvenile justice from Wilmore, said her love of musicals and her boyfriend's love of *Monty Python and the Holy Grail* were the reasons she came out to the show. By the end of Act I, she said she became a Monty Python fan.

"I absolutely love musicals and I'm a big fan of theater.

My boyfriend of five years loves *Monty Python and the Holy Grail* and he really wanted to come, so I'm trying it out," Dunais said.

The use of dry, British humor may be off-putting to a few, but *Spamalot* is a success.

Future programs to look out for at the Center include *Garrison Keillor* on Feb. 14, *Celtic Crossroads* on Feb. 18, and *Wynton Marsalis* on Feb. 25.

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## BASKETBALL

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and then look for kick-outs to open shooters.

The strategy worked, and the Colonels came out on fire to begin the second half. A quick lay-up by Mike DiNunno pushed the Colonels lead to 10, and Mid-Continent would not get any closer. Eastern then went on a 10-0 run to push the lead to 33-15, a run that included a three pointer by Eric Stutz, prompting Cougars coach Winston Bennett to use a timeout with 15:54 left in the game. The Cougars didn't score its first bucket of the half until the 13:39 mark. Senior guard Joshua Jones found his rhythm in the second half, scoring 11 of his game high 15 points, including a free throw with 2:07 left to make him just the 25th player in Eastern's history to amass more than 1,100 points. Jones also extended his streak to four games with at least two three-

pointers made. The Colonels itself shot 52.9 percent (9-17) from behind the three point line for the night. After pushing the lead to 21 points with less than four minutes to go, the game seemed well in-hand for the Colonels.

Eastern got 11 points and seven rebounds from Stutz. Riggs contributed nine points, and Jaron Jones went for eight.

For the game, Eastern shot 35 percent from the field, compared with Mid-Continent's 44 percent. But the Colonels went 14-17 from the free-throw line and shot 53 percent from beyond the arc. In addition, the team's defense flustered Mid-Continent, holding them to just one three-pointer out of 10 attempts.

The next game for the Colonels is at home at 7 p.m., Feb. 11, against Morehead State who narrowly defeated Eastern last month by just three points.

## BASEBALL

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due to transfer, and Shaun Ball, a junior college transfer from Walters State Community College.

"He's [Green] got some electric stuff on the mound," Stein said. "He looks to factor into our pitching staff right away. From a hitter's standpoint, Shaun Ball is going to make an immediate impact in our lineup."

Stein is hopeful Ball will make an impression. Ball had a .358 batting average last year playing for Walters State. The team itself had a winning season of 43-15 and was the 2006 JUCO World Champions.

The team's first game is on the road. Given last year's road woes, it won't be easy.

"It's important to get off to a good start," Stein said. "We're playing good competition every weekend prior to starting conference play. It should prepare us for the Ohio Valley Conference (OVC). There's an old quote: 'You don't win on potential, you win on performance.' We have potential, now we have to go out and perform."

## MEN'S TENNIS

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Phillip Janz would add to Eastern's lead as he too took command of his match and disposed of his foe Guilherme Gesser with relative ease. Playing a solid match through and through, Janz put away Gesser with a score of 6-0, 6-2.

Although Klientovsky and Janz were able to make quick work of their opponents, there was a great amount of close points and matches played Saturday.

No. 4 seed for the Colonels Parul Verma can surely attest to that, as he battled the Wildcats outstanding freshman Borja Cortes.

After two sets, both settled in tiebreakers, the experienced Verma was able to win big points as he narrowly escaped a third set. The final count being 7-6, 7-6.

But the Wildcats refused to go down without a fight.

Abilene Christian's No. 1 seed, sophomore Hans Hach, looked to get the Wildcats on the board. He took on Eastern's No. 1 seed Niklas Schroeder in what would prove to be a three-set epic. After falling short in the first set, Schroeder did all he could to rebound in the second, as he rallied back to win it in convincing fashion. But Hach would prove to be too much for the German native, the final score of 7-5, 2-6, 6-2 Hach.

With one Colonel going down, No. 6 seed Emilio Piriz did all he could to assure he

would not follow. Piriz had no trouble holding off Abilene Christian's Kyle Plum as Piriz secured a victory for the Colonels with a 6-1, 6-2 win.

After his brother fell to Eastern's Piriz in straight sets, No. 5 seed Nick Plum looked to over throw Eastern's Carles Pons. After a hard fought three-set contest, Pons fell short. The final score being 6-4, 4-6, 10-2 Plum.

A Look Ahead:  
The Colonels will look to keep their winning streak going as they welcome in both Campbellsville University and Butler.

When asked about the matchup coach Oertel seemed unsure about the Campbellsville squad, but he is expecting both matches should be good competition.

"We're proceeding this weekend with cau-

tion on both of them," Oertel said. "And expecting them to be very good tennis teams, we will not take them lightly."

Campbellsville will be kicking off its season against the Colonels. Coming off of a solid fall campaign, the Colonels will be looking to upset the reigning OVC champs. And with a mix of both experience and youth, the Tigers will surely pull out all the stops to get a victory.

Butler (0-6) will be rolling in hoping to tack on its first win of the season. With a rough start, the Bulldogs are searching for a boost of momentum to lift their spirits.

Both matches are scheduled for 9:30 a.m., Feb 11.

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Katie Tackett, who also plays first base, from Murietta High School.

Junior Kristin Perry will be the veteran pitcher. She won 10 games and struck out 107 batters last season while combating injuries. She will be joined by sophomore Hannah Driver in the pitchers position. In addition, the pitching staff will have two freshmen, Leanna Pittsenbarger and Shaylon Robb. Both players were two-time all-state selections during their high school career.

Mother Nature has also helped

the softball team during the off-season. Because of the unseasonably warm January, Worthington said the team has been able to get out to the field more often.

"We've been out seven or eight times, which is unheard of in January," Worthington said.

Pitching has been one of the main focal points during the off-season. Worthington said the pitchers have been throwing four times a week. The team has also worked on hitting, strength and conditioning.

Senior Larkyn Wood gives this year's team some high praise.

"This seems to be the best group since I've been here," Wood said.

She also isn't worried about how the team will do after she graduates.

"This is a great group of players; the freshmen are the most active I've seen, and they will only get better," Wood said.

Coach Worthington said the freshmen are pretty far along in their experience so they will be expected to contribute right away.

She also is pleased with the look of this year's team compared to last year's.

"If you take last year's team and add two pitchers, we win quite a few more games," Worthington said.

The team begins the season February 17 at the Quality Inn Classic held at Troy University in Troy, Ala.

"We're proceeding this weekend with cau-

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keep their streak going against the Winthrop (3-6) Eagles. Winthrop has had its ups and downs early on this season; they hope to get back on track against the young and upcoming Colonels.

Coach Oertel is especially impressed with Winthrop's women's program.

"We need a lot of support," Oertel said. "I think Winthrop was 67 in the country a couple of weeks ago. They're a borderline ranked team."

Eastern will also be taking on in-state foe Northern Kentucky.

Northern Kentucky (1-0) comes in with a fairly experienced squad. It will no doubt be looking to steal a victory and be the first to knock off the red hot Lady Colonels.

Both of those matches are scheduled for Feb. 10 with the first match starting at noon.

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# Freshmen set to fill void left by departing slugger

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The softball team lost a record-setting hitter but are seeking to fill the void with a new staff.

Hitter Sheyenne Pounds is no longer part of the team, but two freshmen pitchers who aren't afraid to contribute.

With the loss of Pounds, the team will concentrate more on defense and pitching rather than offense and scoring runs.

Coach Jane Worthington said this year's freshmen are more vocal on the field than those in the past.

The Colonels (24-27 11-18 OVC) have 14 letter winners, six of which are position starters, returning from the 2010 season. In addition, over half of last season's pitching staff will return. The team added six newcomers, which include five freshmen.

Raquel Howes will have the responsibility of solidifying the infield. She hit .308 with 48 RBIs last season. Sophomore Christina Ciolek and freshman Lauren Mitchell will vie for the shortstop position. Sophomore Shannon McQueen will play third base, which was Hussey's position, if she can fully recover from an injury, which sidelined her after seven games last season.

Outfield has only one returning starter, Diane Gallagher. She has twice earned first team All-Ohio Valley Conference. Carissa Reisinger, a junior college transfer, will be the new center fielder. She matches speed with Gallagher.

The catcher's position will be a toss-up as three players, two of which are freshmen, will compete for the job. Junior Cheyanne Pounds, who spent a lot of time behind the plate last season, will have to stave off competition from two California freshmen. Darcy Schueler from Buchanan High School and

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# Young Colonels help fuel tennis route over Butler

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Coming off of an explosive season opener in which they dominated their competition, the Lady Colonels tennis team looked to keep the momentum going as they traveled to Indianapolis to visit Butler University this past Friday.

Eastern's young, yet talented, group faced off against Butler (1-3), a squad made up of seniors and sophomores. But it would be Eastern (3-0, 0-0 OVC) that once again proved to be too much, as it battled its way to another perfect result, 7-0.

Head Coach Rob Oertel seemed pleased with the result of his young squad's first test.

"For us not to lose a match and come out of that game 7-0, I couldn't be happier walking away from that one with the scores the way they came out," Oertel said.

Freshman and No. 6 seed Marcela Jimenez would make the most out of her debut as a Colonel. She faced off against Butler's Kate Panawash, and in very dominate fashion, she would be the first to get the Lady Colonels on the board with a score of 6-0, 6-0.

Soon after, fellow freshman and No. 2 seed Kristina Labeja would add to the Bulldog's woes. After easily handling Stephanie McLoughlin in the first set, she rallied in the second to capture the win. The score being 6-1, 6-3 Labeja.

Coming off of a miraculous debut, No. 1 seeded Lady Colonel Amandine Faouzi looked to pull off another dominant victory. This time her competition was able to keep Faouzi on her toes for a bit, but the freshman star proved to be too much for Butler's young up and comer Caroline Hedrick. Faouzi gave the Colonels a 3-0 advantage with a straight set victory of 6-2, 6-1. As the Lady Colonels appeared to cruise through another match with no bumps in the road, the Bulldogs began to show a little life.

Butler's No. 3 seeded Gabrielle Rubenstein began the test as she pushed Eastern's Melissa Gerritsen in a hard-fought match. Gerritsen capitalized on the key points, taking the first set 6-3, and in the second, narrowly escaped. The final count was 6-3, 6-4.

Few matches test the will, determination and conditioning of an athlete like the one between Eastern's No. 4 seed Carmen Rodriguez and Butler's senior Cam Thomp-



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No. 2 seed Kristina Labeja cruised to a straight-set win, 6-1, 6-3.

son. In a three-set battle, Rodriguez would outlast Thompson and pick up a much-deserved victory. After taking the first set, Rodriguez fell short in the second. And in a memorable tie break, Rodriguez scratched and clawed her way to a win. The final score being 6-4, 5-7, 16-14.

Afterwards, Coach Oertel spoke about Rodriguez and her big win for the Colonels.

"She had a tough task," Oertel said. "Thompson ran down a lot of balls and played good defense. Carmen stood strong. I'm really glad she came out of it with a win. This is a match she can reflect on the next time she's in a tight one."

Sophomore and No. 5 seed Milena Poffo was able to make quick work of her opponent as she put her away with 6-1, 6-1.

**A Look Ahead:**

Eastern returns home to host an exciting doubleheader this Friday.

First, the Lady Colonels will attempt to

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# Warm weather helps keep baseball team on the field

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The 2012 season has watched Eastern's baseball team slide into the new season with a weekend full of games.

They play Eastern Tennessee University in Johnson City, Tennessee on the 17th, the 18th and the 19th. Despite a losing record in the 2011 season, Coach Jason Stein is hopeful for the team's ability to pull through this year.

According to Stein, the team has had good preparation for the upcoming season thanks to Richmond's lack of winter this year.

"Preparation has been good," Stein said. "Mainly because of the weather. We've had very, very good weather days, so we've got a lot of inner-squad work in."

The abundance of inter-squad work has helped the team prepare its pitching staff and set the batting lineup.

"We kinda know what we are going to do with our pitching," Stein said. "Which is important. Because we were outside, all our

pitchers have thrown a significant amount of pitches. And I think we have our lineup set due to all the inner-squad games outside."

Last season, the Colonels ended their season with a record of 21-36. There was a big difference in the home (16-9) and road record (5-23). Stein is hopeful this season will end better.

"You can't simulate playing on the road in practice," he said. "You can't do it. But I think experience will help improve on that, which we've got some more experience, and then just being mentally tough to go into another opponent's house and be able to execute. Mental toughness and experience— those are the steps to winning on the road."

Eastern has a couple of transfer students who Stein hopes will have a large impact on how the team fares this season. Junior Chase Green, a right-handed pitcher from Nicholasville who was ineligible for play last year due to transfer, and Shaun Ball, a junior college transfer from Walters State Community Col-

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Senior guards Joshua Jones and Jaron Jones run for possession of the ball during their home game against Mid-Continent in McBrayer Arena Tuesday.

## Colonels get hot in 2nd half to put away Mid-Continent

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After a slow first half, the Colonels found its shooting stroke in the second half, helping the team put away the Mid-Continent Cougars, 59-41 Tuesday in McBrayer Arena.

Coming into the game, the Colonels (13-12) seemed to hold a big advantage in the height department, with the Cougars (6-17) boasting just a single player over 6-foot-8, compared with Eastern's three players listed above 6-foot-9. But the height disparity never really came in to play, as the Colonels found its stroke from behind the three-point arc, shooting nearly 72 percent from three-point-land in the second half, helping put away its in-state NAIA opponent.

In the game's early moments, however, it looked as though neither team would find its shooting touch: the Colonels shot just 25 percent in the first half, with Mid-Continent was just slightly better at 32 percent.

But things started going the Colonels' way just before the half when guard D'Mitri Riggs knocked down back-to-back three-pointers, fueling an Eastern run that gave the Colonels an eight point lead at the half.

At halftime, Eastern coach Jeff Neubauer made some adjustments, telling his players to drive into the lane more

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Senior guard Jeff Allgood drove between two Mid-Continent defenders en route to the Colonels' 59-41 win at home.

## Hood calls recruiting haul his 'best class'

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Water and recruiting are somewhat similar. Water replaces nutrients lost to perspiration, and recruiting replaces players lost to graduation or transfer.

Last Wednesday was National Signing Day for college football players. Coach Dean Hood and the rest of the football coaching staff saw the culmination of the past year's hard work of visiting players' homes and watching them play, both in person and on film.

The Colonels signed 27 student-athletes. The positions covered by the recruits are as varied as the states they come from. The group includes 10 offensive linemen, four defensive backs, four defensive linemen, three running backs, two quarterbacks, two linebackers, one wide receiver and one tight end.

Coach Dean Hood said the team accomplished one of its main objectives with the mid-year additions, which was to replace players lost to the 2011 senior class.

Nine of the players are mid-year additions, who will begin practice in the spring. Another nine came from Kentucky.

While offensive coordinator Dane Damron is pleased with the signings, his concentration will be building off of the offensive line's accomplishments from last year.

"We have three All-Conference players returning from last year," Damron said.

He also said all the high school students, especially Moe Voegel and Travon Carter, will be expected to compete for starting positions.

"They will have to grow up and play football," Damron said.

Jason Creeden and Trey Shelton are two others who stood out.

Damron said outside of the freshmen competing for starting positions, the objective remains the same for the offensive line.

"We have to pass protect and protect the ball; we need to be nastier," Damron said.

On the other side of the ball, defensive coordinator Tony Hatmaker, said the look of this season's defensive line will depend on the progress made during spring practice.

"We have an infusion of guys competing for starting jobs," Hatmaker said.

Coach Hood had high praise for this recruiting class. "This is the best class we've had since I've been here," Hood said.

The team will begin spring practice March 19. The Colonels will practice Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. All practices except for Saturday will begin at 2:45 p.m. Saturday practices will begin at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday practices will be in full pads.

March 31, the team will travel to Hazard to participate in a spring scrimmage.



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## Lady Colonels rally, but can't close late

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Statistically, the Lady Colonels' game against Ohio Valley Conference leader, Eastern Illinois University wasn't supposed to be tight.

But the Lady Colonels (11-12, 6-6 OVC) dismissed that notion and fought to keep the game close against the Panthers (20-4, 11-0 OVC). The team, however, wasn't able to secure the victory and lost, 64-51.

"We kept up a good fight with them and stayed with them throughout most of the game," junior Raechele Gray said. "Crucial moments and crucial turnovers and possessions killed us toward the end."

The Panthers took command early by scoring the first six points of the game and never looked back. With 6:34 remaining in the first half, the Lady Colonels managed to close the gap to two, 17-15, with a junior Jade Barber lay-up. The Panthers regained composure and went into halftime with a 28-22 lead.

The Lady Colonels scored the opening points of the second half to cut the lead to two. However, it was the closest the Lady Colonels would get in the second half.

With six minutes left to go in the game, the Lady Colonels managed to cut the Panthers 12-point deficit to nine. The

Lady Colonels turned the ball over in their next possession. The Panthers would use the turnover to start a 9-0 run. The run sealed the victory for EIU.

Gray led the Lady Colonels in scoring with 13 points and four steals. The team struggled with shooting. Eastern was 18-57 from the field for a 31.6 shooting percentage. The Lady Colonels had a more difficult time with their long-range shooting. They were 4-19 or 21.1 percent.

"Eastern Illinois is long, they have their hands up and they do a great job of contesting shots," Head Coach Chrissy Roberts said. "We have to get better where we allow our offense to work for easier looks."

The Lady Colonels had a difficult time scoring inside the paint. They were outscored 36-16.

"Eastern Illinois gave us a new defensive look," Gray said. "They packed the paint up so much against us and we haven't seen that a lot. Most of it is about concentrating and putting it down."

The Lady Colonels were reckless with the ball, committing 20 turnovers. The Panthers capitalized by scoring 21 points.

"We have to get where we are keeping it simple and valuing the basketball," Roberts said.

The Lady Colonels are back home for a 4 p.m. tipoff Saturday against in-state rival Morehead State University at McBrayer Arena.

**"Crucial moments and crucial turnovers and possessions killed us toward the end."**

Raechele Gray



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Senior Paul Verma used his experience with the Colonels to narrowly escape a third set and brought a win against Division II Abilene Christian Feb. 4.

## Men's tennis net win against Div. II powerhouse

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Eastern's men's tennis team faced perhaps its toughest home test in years when Division II powerhouse Abilene Christian rolled into town this past Saturday.

Talking to head coach Rob Oertel after the match, he spoke on how prepared they were before the match, and the team's new motto for the season.

"Our theme for the year is no bad wins, no more missed opportunities," Oertel said. "That's our theme after the Tennessee match."

And they would follow theme, as they didn't miss the opportunity to knock off

Abilene Christian with a score of 5-2.

Abilene Christian (3-2) arrived in Richmond boasting a 2-0 start this season, and a No. 6 ranking in Division II men's tennis. The Wildcats looked to steal a victory from Eastern (3-2, 0-0 OVC) and remain unbeaten, but it was not to be so as the Colonels were able to battle their way to a victory.

Senior and standout No. 2 seed for the Colonels, Hugo Klientovsky, was the first to strike, as he was able to come out strong against his opponent, junior Alfredo Desiati. Klientovsky dominated the match, taking it in straight sets of 6-0, 6-1.

Soon after fellow senior and No. 3 seed

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