

SPRING BREAK DESTINATIONS
FEATURES B1

SGA splits \$35,000 among 23 student organizations

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The Student Senate spent five hours and two minutes debating how to divvy up nearly \$35,000 among Eastern's Registered Student Organizations on Tuesday. The money

went to fund everything from music stands, to entertainment for a Haiti fundraiser, to tree saplings to plant on campus, a scale to weigh garbage, and a trip to Cumberland Falls.

Thirty-eight student groups on campus petitioned for the funds from the Student Government Association,

available each semester to organizations whose members submit itemized budgets, letters from their advisers and multiple pages of information about their group. Each RSO also had to obtain a sponsoring senator to petition the group's claims before the senate body. This semester,

23 groups received money, the largest number the Senate has ever been able to fund. This session was also a notable one, as this was the biggest group of organizations requesting funding in one semester.

Only four groups were denied funding last semester, with a total of

21 groups applying for money. Twenty-nine RSOs applied for funds in the spring 2009 semester, with 25 receiving money. In 2007, 35 groups applied for pieces of a smaller, \$25,000 pie, but only 12 organizations received money in that round.

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TUITION COSTS

Pay-per-credit tuition possible

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Many students may not know much about the Council on Postsecondary Education, but all are familiar with the decisions the Council makes—namely those regarding tuition rates. With new tuition rate decisions on the horizon, Eastern is taking a look at its own model and organizing forums to discuss issues concerning the university's tuition.

The first forum took place Wednesday, Feb. 24, and the next forum will take place at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, March 4, in Walnut Hall of the Keen Johnson Building. The forums are open to all students, faculty and staff who are encouraged to talk with the university president, other administrators or members of the Student Government Association about issues concerning tuition.

Some of the principal issues to be discussed are possible increases in tuition and possibly adopting a pay-per-credit-hour model for the university.

Eastern President Doug Whitlock said the final decision to be made about changes in tuition will be affected

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Minority grad rate on the rise

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The graduation rate for minorities at Eastern has tripled since 2002 according to a recent study of colleges nationwide.

According to the report, Eastern has increased its minority graduation rate from 14 percent in 2002 to 39 percent in 2007.

The study, sponsored by The Education Trust, a Washington, D.C., think tank, focused on public universities that witnessed the biggest gains in minority graduation rates. In addition, the study looked at universities that have closed the gap between graduation rates of minority and non-minority students.

The schools evaluated were broken into three categories: large public research institutions such as Ohio State University and the University of Louisville; public master's degree insti-

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Post founder shares secrets of life, love and everything in between

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Right now, most students at Eastern have their sights set on passing midterm exams, getting in shape for Spring Break or securing their summer internships. The last thing on many minds is starting another semester next fall. But it's time to shift gears and start planning living arrangements for next year.

The process of registering to live on campus began this week with seniors, who as of this semester have 90 hours or more, getting first dibs on the rooms of their choice. The rush for the high-demand rooms, such as the newly renovated rooms in Walters Hall

and Clay, the first-floor suites in Burnam and larger rooms in the corners of Sullivan, began at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 22. Juniors with 60 or more hours were sifted into the system on Tuesday, and sophomores with 30 or more hours were introduced on Wednesday and may still be securing their new rooms today. Freshmen students with fewer than 30 hours have to sit patiently until Monday, March 1 and Tuesday, March 2 to sign up for their new room requests.

Last year was the first experiment with online registration and a process structured according to seniority. Previously, students stampeded the University Housing Office with their intended roommates early in the morning, standing in line for hours to secure a room for the upcoming year.

The new system allows students to do the entire contracting process from their computers, much

like the class scheduling process.

While the switch basing the entire system on seniority ruffles some underclassmen feathers, several students said they actually preferred the change.

Keely Frazier, an undeclared freshman from Ashland, said she wasn't too concerned at all about competing for a room in Clay Hall.

"I think it'll all be OK," Frazier said. "I'm not too worried about trying the online process and I don't really mind the ranking. It'll pay off when I'm an upperclassman."

Frazier said she's vying for a spot in Clay because she wants to take advantage of the sinks and increased visitation hours, as well as stick with the friends she's made in Commonwealth, an all-freshmen dorm.

"A lot of my friends are going to

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New machines quell some complaints

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Students living on campus are the recipients of shiny new laundry machines as of two weeks ago. Kenna Middleton, director of University Housing, said that a housing committee made the decision to contract new machines after a nearly three-month decision-making process, and students are taking notice.

Elizabeth Hughes, a freshman biology pre-med major from Floyd County, said she

thinks the new machines are a positive addition.

"I can wash a load and have it dry in just one cycle," she said. "The older machines took two, sometimes three, dry cycles before they were done."

While ASI, the new machine company, offers more efficient equipment, their prices are slightly higher. Students had previously paid \$1 per load for a washer and 75 cents for drying machines. With the machines brought by ASI, students are now paying 25 cents more per wash and 25 cents more per dry.

The new company offers benefits that the housing committee thought would outweigh the extra cost for using the machines. In addition to needing less detergent, students can expect faster drying times and fewer cycles than with the previous machines.

"The front loaders offer a much better wash," said Middleton. "The old machines were a little outdated and we had some complaints that the clothes weren't coming out as clean as possible."

In fact, some students said

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Sophomore Ashton Music switches over her laundry in Burnam Hall.

Eastern still revitalizing landscape after '09 storm

By **Taylor Pettit**

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Earlier this winter, students may have noticed that several shrubs and trees disappeared from Eastern's campus. Their disappearance, however, was a deliberate one—all part of the university's effort to renovate the landscapes around many residence halls and remove plants damaged in

last year's ice storm.

The landscape alterations, which began this past summer, will be done around every residence hall on campus, and are scheduled to be finished later this fall.

"We did Todd and Dupree first, with the patio out front that has become sort of a social center of campus," said Kenna Middleton, director of university housing.

Commonwealth and Palmer's ren-

ovations began last semester and the next halls to be renovated will be Case, Burnam and Sullivan.

"A lot of the project has been done to remove trees and shrubs that have become hazardous," said David Williams, associate director of facilities management for campus grounds. "We were looking to deal with broken branches that could come down in a storm."

Other issues that were consid-

ered dangerous were surfacing roots, overgrown hedges that could not be trimmed due to age, and branches that were obstructing pedestrian traffic.

"It is considered a safety concern," Williams said. "I'm not really sure how rational that worry is, but we are working on it."

Williams said the cost to remove the shrubs amounts to about \$3,000. Tree removal services are under a sep-

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Police Beat

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

Feb. 17

Two female Aramark employees reported items stolen from the women's locker room on the loading dock of the Powell Building. The locks had been forcibly opened with an unknown object. One of the employees reported \$180 in cash, a Vivitar digital camera and a gold wedding ring and band had been stolen. The other employee reported \$2.50 in change had been stolen and her lock had been damaged. The total amount of stolen property was estimated at \$632.50.

Feb. 19

Aron Dakota Cole, of Paris, was arrested and charged with alcohol intoxication in a public place after Martin Hall staff reported he seemed to be concealing bottles under his shirt while entering the building. The staff asked the subject to stop, but he went to his room. While interviewing the staff, police saw Cole and another male walking through the lobby. The officer noticed Cole was unsteady on his feet, had a strong odor of alcohol on his person, slurred speech and blood-shot eyes. Cole was lodged in the Madison County Detention Center.

Feb. 22

Police responded to the Keene Hall parking lot after a female reported someone had damaged her father's car. The left side mirror and its frame was hanging off the body of the car with its wiring still intact. There were several small gouges and scratches in the center of the left rear door. The total value of the damage was estimated at \$100.

Feb. 23

Police responded to the Student Services Building after an employee reported that a maroon rug with the EKU logo had been stolen from the lobby. The employee advised police the rug had been in the lobby when she left work at 11 a.m. Friday, but was missing when she came in to work Monday morning. The total stolen value was estimated at \$140.

News Briefs

EKU Greek Weekend 2010

This upcoming weekend, Eastern's Greek community will be traveling "through the decades" for Greek Weekend 2010. The highlight of the weekend will be at 6 p.m. Friday, February 26 in Brock Auditorium with the annual Greek Sing competition. Chapters will be performing their interpretation of popular movies from past decades. Doors will open at 5 p.m. On Sunday, chapters will be rewarded for their hard work during the past year. The Greek Man and Greek Woman will also be announced. For more information or questions about Greek Weekend, contact hillary_rainey1@eku.edu.

Bike checkouts now free

EKU Campus Recreation's RECycle Program is now offering students the chance to check out a road bike for free throughout the rest of the semester. Bikes can be rented for up to thirty days. Only Eastern students and individuals with current memberships to Campus Recreation are eligible for the offer. For more information, visit www.campusrec.eku.edu. To reserve a bike, contact Betsy Hagan at elizabeth_hagan4@eku.edu.

EKU Theatre presents "Beauty and the Beast"

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

Bookstore organizes T-shirt design contest

The EKU Bookstore will be accepting submissions for a 2010 freshman T-shirt design contest until March 15. The T-shirts will be given to freshmen at orientation. The entry must be either a left chest design or a full front design, and must contain the year 2010. The T-shirt should be black or white on a maroon background. Up to two entries can be submitted. To enter, bring a hard copy of the design to the Office of Student Life located

in Powell 128 and email it to studentlife@eku.edu as either a JPG or PDF document. Visit the University Bookstore for more details.

Spring concert tickets now on sale

Tickets for the spring concert sponsored by the SAC concert committee are now on sale. The featured artists are The Red Jumpsuit Apparatus with Bowling for Soup. The concert will take place at 8 p.m. Monday, March 15 in Alumni Coliseum. Tickets can be purchased either in the SGA office located in Powell 132 or on www.ticketmaster.com. Half of all ticket sales will go to Haiti relief, and students are encouraged to donate two canned goods at the concert. The first 400 students to bring two cans to the concert will receive two free gifts and be able to stand on the basketball court in front of the stage. For more information about the concert or tickets, contact Kristen Moser at 859-317-1432.

Happenings

FRIDAY

All day
Ohio Valley Conference women's and men's track and field indoor championships, Nashville, Tenn.

1:25 p.m.
Music: Army Field Band, Foster 100

4 p.m.
Baseball at Western Carolina, Cullowhee, NC

Women's and men's tennis at Birmingham-Southern, Birmingham, Ala.

Midnight
EKU Ice Hockey vs. Northern Kentucky, Lexington Ice Center

SATURDAY

All day
Ohio Valley Conference women's and men's track and field indoor championships, Nashville, Tenn.

2 p.m.
Baseball at Western Carolina, Cullowhee, NC

4 p.m.
Women's basketball vs. Murray State

7 p.m.
Men's basketball vs. Murray State

Midnight
EKU Ice Hockey vs. Northern Kentucky, Lexington Ice Center

SUNDAY

10 a.m.
Men's tennis at Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

1 p.m.
Women's tennis at Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

2 p.m.
Baseball at Western Carolina, Cullowhee, NC

MONDAY

8 p.m.
Music: EKU Symphony Orchestra Concert, Brock Auditorium

TUESDAY

All day
Ohio Valley Conference men's and women's basketball first round

2 p.m.
Baseball vs. Ohio University

8 p.m.
Music: Brooke Jones Graduate Bassoon Recital, Gifford Theatre

9 p.m.
Student Life presents The Show Off Show, O'Donnell Auditorium, SSB

WEDNESDAY

4 p.m.
Baseball at Tennessee, Knoxville, Tenn.

6 p.m.
Music: Lindsay Foster Senior Oboe Recital, Gifford Theatre

8 p.m.
Delta Omicron Musicale, Gifford Theatre

THURSDAY

8 p.m.
EKU Jazz Ensemble Concert, Gifford Theatre

9 p.m.
Student Life presents Get Leïd Before Spring Break, Powell Lobby

Weather

THURSDAY
Few Snow Showers
High: 33 Low: 20
Precip: 30%

FRIDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 39 Low: 22
Precip: 10%

SATURDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 40 Low: 25
Precip: 0%

SUNDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 41 Low: 26
Precip: 10%

MONDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 40 Low: 29
Precip: 10%

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DEAR JOHN [PG-13] 2:30, 5:00, 7:30	TOOTH FAIRY [PG] 2:25, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40
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LAUNDRY: More efficient

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they were even a little scared to use the older machines. Bobby Wilson, 20, a wildlife management major from Woodford County, said the old machines were "pretty bad."

"The machines were really dirty," he said. "I sometime felt like the clothes were even dirtier after the wash because the machines were so bad."

Jordan Hoskins, 20, a criminal justice major from Owsley County, also does his laundry at home because of bad experiences in the laundry room.

"The last time that I did my laundry on campus, before they got the new machines, I spent almost \$10.00 on my laundry because I had to dry my clothes several times," he said. "I just take all of my laundry home now."

Other students who still do their laundry on campus have had experiences similar to Hoskins'.

Cody Gumm, 20, a mathematics major also from Owsley County, said the new machines were needed. Gumm said the old machines held fewer clothes, took longer to complete a load and didn't wash the clothes as well as he would have liked.

"These new machines hold much more clothes," he said. "You can see the load as it's being washed and you can just tell that the clothes are coming out cleaner."

Hughes said she thinks the new machines will improve laundry services for students in the long run.

"I think, even though the older machines were cheaper, you ended up paying more than you will with the new machines because now you can

get it done right the first time," Hughes said.

When the committee was in the process of choosing a new company, Middleton said they considered how close the company was to Richmond, the amount of time it would take to replace the older machines, what programs and upgrades the company offered and references from other universities.

Middleton and the committee were also excited about an upgrade program that allows students to track the progress of their laundry online rather than making several trips to the laundry room.

"This offers a lot of freedom to the students," Middleton said, "especially those who live on, say, the 15th floor. There would be no more running to check on laundry."

She said it's just a matter of time before the program is up and running.

Middleton said that while the university selects the company to use for services, it is not responsible for setting the rates that students pay for their laundry.

"People put in bids and we decide who we would like to use," she said, "but the university doesn't pay anything to the companies and the companies are responsible for setting the rates."

Middleton hopes that ASI will impress the students as much as the company impressed University Housing.

"We are really happy with our decision," she said. "The machines and the company are different and the prices went up a little, but I know that students will see a better wash and dry and I think that's important."

HOUSING: Walters open

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live there," she said. "It was easy to meet friends in a freshmen dorm. We have the same classes and everyone's new at the same time."

Other students were more hesitant about the re-contracting process.

Kaila Andrlik, a junior Communication Disorders major from Nicholasville, said she was nervous about jumping through extra hoops to retain a private room in Burnam. Andrlik said she trekked to the Student Services Building before 7 a.m. to reserve her spot in line at the Housing Office, where all students seeking a private room had to complete registration.

Andrlik said she's lived on campus both years she's been at Eastern and wouldn't have

it any other way.

"I choose to live here for the convenience mostly," she said. "It's been easier to get involved and it's nice to not have to worry about finding a place to park everyday."

While this year's changes in the residence hall system are minimal, the biggest difference will be the reintroduction of Walters Hall.

The hall is currently undergoing internal renovations, but will be open to residents in the fall. The dorm will now be coed instead of female-only and will include two Living Learning Communities.

For more information about academic and gender restrictions, amenities and Living Learning Communities, visit the University Housing Web site at housing.eku.edu.

Rally in the rotunda



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Eastern SGA member Chelsea Atwater gives a speech during the Rally for Higher Education in Frankfort Tuesday.

LANDSCAPE: Goal to plant two trees for every one lost

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arate contract, and that cost had yet to be fully determined. Still, Williams said the loss of the trees and shrubs will be a temporary one.

"Overall, our goal is to plant two trees for every one we lose," he said. "So we will be bringing back more trees and plants to campus."

This project is part of University Housing's larger five-year comprehensive plan, which includes other renova-

tions such as window replacements and work on the dorms' heating and cooling systems.

"This is really all about pulling out the old because it is not working for its intended use any more," Middleton said.

The comprehensive plan also calls for an expansion of the residence halls' outdoor living areas. This means the university hopes to install additional patios and steps, outdoor community spaces, and complementary landscaping around the residence halls. Of-

ficials said they hope the renovations will help encourage students to spend more time in the open air.

Some of the patios will be placed in areas where the university hasn't had much luck putting in grass. One example that Middleton pointed to was the "muddy area" between Commonwealth and Palmer, which doesn't get enough sunlight to maintain grass.

The total cost of the five-year plan will be between \$250,000 and \$300,000, Mid-

dleton said.

If there's any money left over after the landscaping work has been completed, Williams said the university will use the money to purchase some outdoor furniture to add to the patios and other outdoor spaces.

"This is something we have been discussing for three to four years or more," he said. "The ice storm last year gave us that last push. There was so much damage and it's time to go ahead."

FUNDS: 15 go unfunded

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The increase in this spring's applications could go hand-in-hand with departmental budget cuts and belt-tightening instructions campus-wide. The amounts requested by the groups also increased, as the 38 RSO's asked for a combined total of just under \$183,000, more than five times what SGA had to distribute.

The majority of funding requests were to cover travel expenses to conferences and competitions, and many representatives cited lack of departmental funding as the reason for their request to SGA.

The Criminal Justice Association fraternity, Lambda Alpha Epsilon, and the Association of Fire Science Technicians received the most money from the appropriations session, ringing in at almost \$8,500. Both groups are on the list of Eastern's most recognized programs and both cited issues obtaining money to attend conferences and purchase fire-fighting gear for their organizations.

Some senate members were strongly opposed to funding food, T-shirts and some conference registration fees. But other feelings ran deeper when it came to debating funding for organizations that had been awarded funding in prior semesters.

The Barristers Society, or

Mock Trial team, had received more than three semesters of funding from SGA and its members were denied all of the \$11,600 they requested after much debate. Senator Jason Vaughn shared strong feelings with the other senate members at the meeting about continually funding RSOs that petition for money semester after semester. Vaughn urged senators to focus funding efforts on new student groups, organizations that sponsor events designed to benefit the entire student body, and those that pursued other means of funding to help meet their goals.

"We have to draw the line," he said. "At some point, these RSO's can't just suck on the teat of SGA."

The senate also voted down or drastically decreased funding for several other groups familiar with the appropriations scene. The Music Industry Organization was denied money to put on its annual Jazz Crawl after receiving funding in three previous semesters.

The Pershing Rifles, another group funded in previous semesters, took substantive cuts in their budget request too, ultimately receiving a seventh of the funds they asked for to attend competitions outside Kentucky.

For a complete list of groups funded at the spring 2010 organizational funding meeting, visit easternprogress.com.

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by the opinions and concerns voiced at the forums.

"We don't want to do anything without everybody's full awareness," he said.

DaJuane Harris, the vice president of SGA, said the Council on Postsecondary Education has slated Eastern for a four percent increase in tuition this year. He also said Eastern's Financial Planning Committee recently voted to recommend a per-credit model for the school.

Currently, graduate stu-

dents and part-time students are already paying tuition per credit hour, while full-time students can add or drop courses and only pay one price for tuition. If the proposed per-credit plan is accepted by Eastern, then all students would be paying based on the same model.

"[The per-credit model] would bring complete equity among students," Harris said.

However, he also said several procedures would have to take place before this model could be implemented. First, other councils and boards at Eastern, such as the Strate-

gic Planning Council and the Board of Regents, would have to approve the model. Then, the Council on Postsecondary Education would have to rework its proposed financial plan for Eastern, which may possibly bring less money into the school.

"There are pros and cons to whichever model," Whitlock said. "There are lots of dimensions to this."

Whitlock compared the proposed plan to the tuition model at Morehead State University, which operates per-credit.

"It's very similar," he said. "You pay by the hour from the first hour, and, I think, hours above the first level would be significantly discounted."

Whitlock and Harris both encouraged people to attend at least one of the forums.

"We hope people will come out and voice their opinions and learn something about it," Whitlock said.

"In the past, decisions have been made and people get upset when they had the opportunity to voice their opinions," Harris said. "They can't complain if they didn't show up."

MINORITY: Scholarships thought to be boosting numbers

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tutions such as Eastern and Appalachian State University in North Carolina; and public bachelor's degree institutions such as the University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff and the University of South Carolina-Upstate.

Of the master's institutions, Eastern had the second largest increase in its minority graduation rate, and it closed the gap in graduation rates between minority and non-minority students from 21 percent in 2002 to 0.8 percent in 2007.

Eastern officials credited a variety of different initiatives to the gain. Some of those initiatives include:

- The Students Persisting in College Experience is a program that features one-on-one mentoring for new minority students, helping them foster strong relationships as soon as they get on campus.

- Project: Alert is a program that identifies minority stu-

dents who are struggling with their classes or attendance, helping them change their behaviors.

- Dr. Rodney Gross scholarships are renewable scholarships that are available to black students from Kentucky who maintain a 2.5 GPA and participate in the study enhancement program sponsored by the university's Diversity Office.

Eastern officials said these programs all shared a common theme: They help cultivate personal contact between students and university educators. And officials said that it's these daily interactions that largely account for the rise in graduation numbers.

"We focus on getting one-on-one interaction with the students at every level," said Sandra Moore, special assistant to the Provost for University Diversity. "We identify students who need help and have developed individual programs to address their needs. Students know when you care about them and you

have a personal interest vested in them, and they respond accordingly."

But Moore said, the university can't expect one-size-fits-all programs to be able to fully address students' needs. Instead, Moore said the Diversity Office focuses on creating a relaxed environment, where students can come in to get help or just to drop by and socialize with others.

"Students feel like they have a place to stop in, like a home," Moore said. "It's a casual atmosphere. That allows for students to open up, which allows us to learn what they really need."

Moore, who has been at Eastern for 22 years, said it could prove a challenge to maintain these gains in minority graduation rates, particularly as the university continues to grow and as the Diversity Office evolves, bringing in new people.

"Higher Education is a microcosm of the world we live in," Moore said. "It's not the same for everyone, that's why

on our part it takes training, formal and informal, to be able to provide a place that makes students feel comfortable."

Steven Maina, an MBA student from Mombasa, Kenya, said he has seen firsthand how the Diversity Office tries to help students stay plugged in to their academic pursuits.

"The students I've met want to come here," Maina said. "They know people here care about them and are trying to take care of them."

Maina, a former member of Eastern's track and field team who is now a graduate assistant with the Diversity Office, said that students with athletic or academic scholarships both have access to tutors, which helps them maintain their scholarships.

The difference, however, is that some students just don't know about the help available or where they can go to find out, Maina said.

"Students need help following through most times," he added.

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PERSPECTIVES

Tuition forums worth attending

The old adage goes, "What goes up must come down," but that's not true of university tuition.

Tuition and state funding are the main sources of revenue for public universities like Eastern. The university needs both, and when one is lowered, the other is almost certainly raised.

Unfortunately for students, it's almost time for the state budget to be released, and this time, Beshear isn't making any promises about immunity for higher education.

Make no mistake about it: When the budget is finally released, Eastern (read: students) will feel it.

Tuition will undoubtedly rise, but this is nothing new. What is new is Eastern's proposed plan for raising that tuition. The university is considering a pay-by-credit hour system—one that eliminates the flat fee students currently pay in tuition. Those taking 18 credit hours will pay more in tuition than those taking, say, 12 hours, if the system is implemented.

Soak that in, because there are a lot of implications there.

What does that mean for students trying to graduate in four years who can't handle paying for 18 hours of credit fees each semester?

What does that mean for financial aid? Would aid have to be issued *after* the add/drop period, delaying necessary funds for even longer than they are already?

What does that mean for students who currently have "half-tuition" scholarships? Does that now mean receiving six hours of aid, even if you're taking 18 hours?

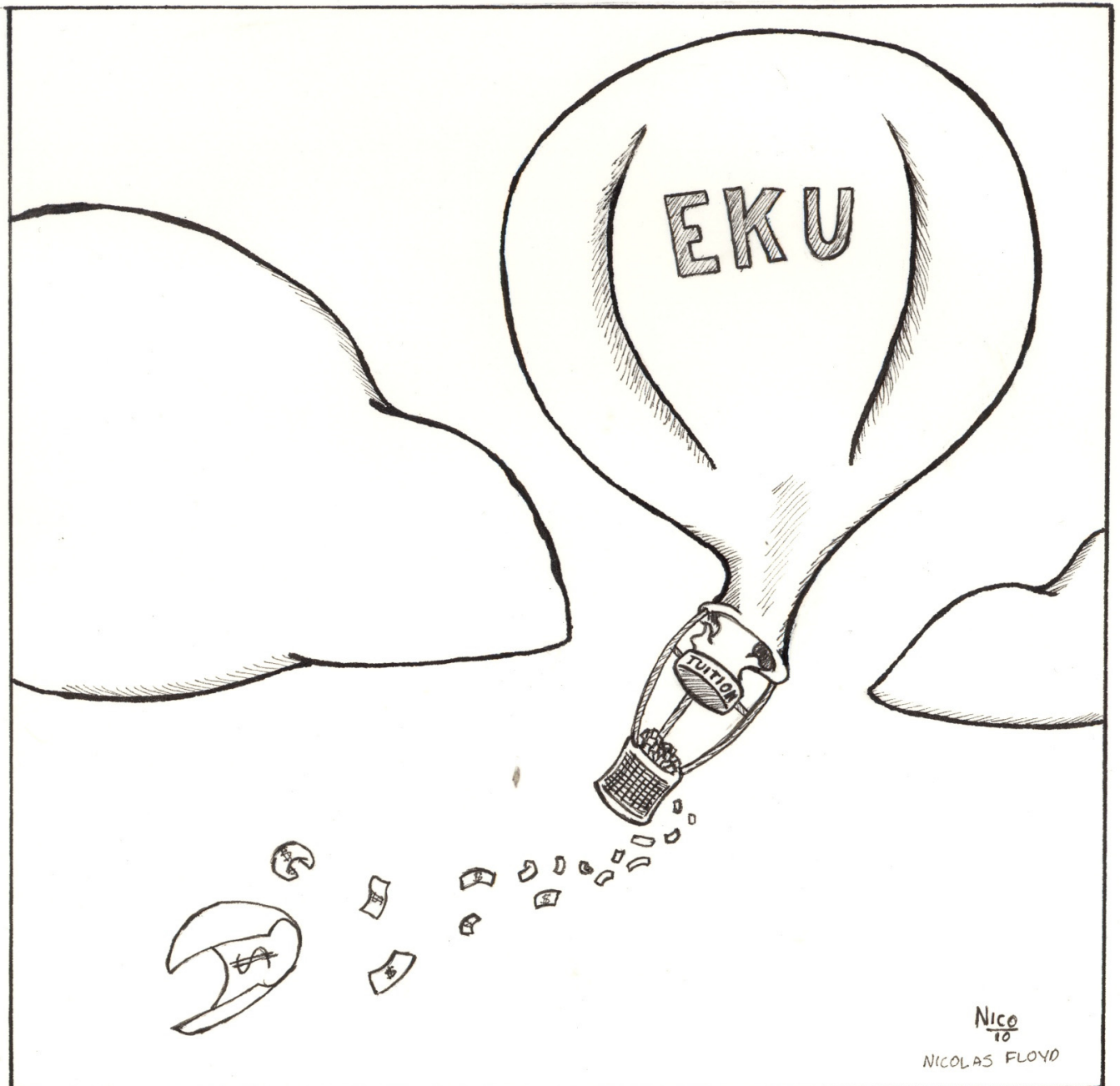
To answer questions like these and offer specifics about changes affecting tuition, Eastern hosts "Tuition Forums" open to all students.

Don't be put off by the official name—the event is a low-key opportunity for students to learn specifics about increased tuition and ask questions of President Whitlock, the most down-to-earth university president they'll ever meet. Come in jeans and a T-shirt, and don't leave until you have answers.

The forums (like so many things at Eastern) have been haunted by student apathy and poor attendance in the past, but that needs to change and it needs to change now. The proposed shift in tuition style isn't just a price hike: It's a radically new system determining how (and how much) you pay for your education.

At the risk of sounding "preachy," don't dismiss this as trivial: *If you're a student, this will affect you.*

The remaining forum of the semester is scheduled to take place at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 4 in Walnut Hall of the Keen Johnson Building. Walnut Hall is on the first floor of the building, just inside the main entrance, so you can't miss it.



Remind yourself to go by any means necessary. Tear out the info here and put it somewhere inescapable until next week if you have to. Few things should be more important to us than the price of college, so let's prove it.

Be sure to look in next week's issue of *The Progress* for details on the proposal and what it means for students, but don't sit on your hands in the meantime, or you might be sorry.

If you do, don't say we didn't warn you.

Tuition Forum Information

Thursday, March 4, 2010

3:30 p.m.

Walnut Hall (Ground Floor)

Keen Johnson Building

> Online Poll

What's the main reason you might prefer to live off-campus?

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> Last Week's Poll

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



- A horse stomps once to delay, twice to cancel: 39%
- Rock, paper, scissors: 35%
- If the groundhog sees its shadow, we see classrooms: 9%
- Evaluate the roads and weather forecast: 17%

The Eastern Progress online poll is not scientific and reflects the opinions of only those online readers who choose to participate.

> Campus comments:

Are you planning on living on campus next semester? Why or why not?



"I am, because I go here and I live farther away. I like it."

Kathryn Byers

A freshman nursing major from Lawrenceburg.



"I'll be living in an apartment. I feel like it's cheaper and I can make my own meals."

Jonathan Livingood

A junior education major from Grant County.



"I am, basically because I'm not old enough to get an apartment."

Andrey Regenauer

A freshman psychology major from Louisville.



"No. Too restricted and too expensive."

Daniel Hicks

A sophomore music education major from Monticello.



"Yes. I have to, and I love Case Hall. It's more the people than the actual building."

Kevin Case

A freshman classical guitar major from Versailles.



"I will not be living on campus. I'm terrified of cockroaches and parking."

Kyle Shaner

A junior industrial safety major from Mason, Ohio.

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Relationship phases are predictable, if repulsive



My Turn
Lindsay
Huffman

My roommate makes me gag.

It's not that she smells bad or leaves trash lying around our room—she's a very clean person and, quite frankly, a bit of a hypochondriac.

No, my roommate makes me gag because she recently entered a new relationship.

I'm not jealous, though. I am actually really happy for her. It only took her and her boyfriend a few years of flirting to finally get up the nerve to go out on a date.

I think I gag because I cringe at romantic relationships. I can more easily analyze relationships than actually

be in one.

So I did. In recent years I have made it my mission to see how people relate to each other. As much as I want to believe in the embrace-your-individuality-because-we're-all-different theory, I don't think that rule applies to relationships.

The way I see it, there are three stages to every relationship: newbies, fighting, comfort. But my theory (for a lack of a better word) isn't just for dating. It's for platonic friendships as well—pretty much any kind of interaction with another human being.

The first stage is the newbie stage. This phase usually lasts about three to four months. My roommate? Full-on newbie. Eagerly checking her phone every five seconds for a message? Check. Girly giggles about something the boy said? Check. Cuddling with the Valentine's Day teddy bear he got her? Check.

Do you see why I can't help but gag?

“As much as I want to believe in the embrace-your-individuality-because-we're-all-different theory, I don't think that rule applies to relationships.”

But I'm not sure which is worse—newbies or the fighting stage, which comes next. This is the period when couples feel more at ease in the relationship—namely, they're not afraid to say something the boyfriend/girlfriend might not like.

“Hey, let's go to such and such.”
“Aww, that sounds...awful. No.”

Then there's arguing, possible tears, and at the very worst, possible break-ups. This stage usually lasts a very *loooong* four to six months. Seriously, if you ever get in a fight with your significant other, at least warn your friends and family not to come within a 50-mile radius. Nobody wants their head bitten off.

And if there's anyone out there who hasn't reached this stage yet—oh yeah, it's coming. If you've passed the allotted time and have never fought with your boyfriend/girlfriend “because you have the best relationship ever,” then you're probably failing to communicate or deluding yourself. But since I'm not Dr. Phil, I'm not going to pretend to be an expert on either topic.

The third stage is so boring

it makes me want to watch Ben Stein or a dripping faucet for entertainment. This is the part of the relationship where couples are so comfortable, women don't mind if they don't have make-up on for a date. Men don't bother to impress their date by opening every door. This is the comfort zone.

And as much as people tell you to get in your comfort zone, don't do it.

This isn't just for my benefit—it's for all the people out there who want to keep that element of excitement in the relationship. Because it's during this time when couples lose focus—why did I start going out with this person? What am I really getting out of this?

It's nice to be able to be yourself, but it takes two to make things work. Do something they enjoy. Try something you haven't done before. It's not about what you're doing, but the fact that you're do-

ing something together.

This comfort/boring stage might last from the sixth month to the first year anniversary. But what happens then?

The cycle starts all over again. And keeps on going until the couple hits some sort of threshold, such as an engagement, total break-up, etc. If the first possibility, another cycle starts. If the second, well, there isn't really a cycle at all.

So am I jealous of my roommate? Not at all. Am I still a bit sickened by the sweetness of the new-car smell in her relationship? Yeah, pretty much. But I am glad she is a full-on newbie right now because I know something worse is probably coming for her.

And what is a good roomie to do in this situation? I guess I'll just have to grin and bear the cutesy-ness, and hope her fighting stage won't start until after finals week.

‘Mystery man’ steals diapers (along with faith in humanity)



My Turn
Heather
Halsey

The starry-eyed child in me who believed mankind was a squeaky clean glass of goodness with the occasional smudgy fingerprint on it was shattered into a pile of dirty sand the day I met Wal-Mart's latest plague: the mystery diaper man.

Last Tuesday night, my mother and I found ourselves hankering for something more than frozen pizza and leftovers. At 3 o'clock in the morning we had no choice but to pile into my trusty truck and head towards Umbrella Corporation's latest and greatest franchise: Wal-Mart.

While cruising around the aisles searching for our next meal, we were approached by a young man, probably in his late twenties, with light red hair and a scruffy, humble appearance. There were traces of tears in his eyes, and he was slightly bent in what I thought was desperation. He pushed a buggy containing a solitary box of Huggies diapers.

“Ladies,” he hesitantly croaked, “I don't mean to bother you, but I'm about five dollars short of being able to buy these diapers for my baby boy. I was just laid off from work, and well, me and my lady of the house are struggling right now.”

“If there's anything...” he began, his voice trailing off.

Being the kind-hearted woman she is, my mother immediately began digging in her purse and cut him off.

“Awww, your baby boy. Of

course. How old is he?” she asked.

The man, caught a little off-guard, had barely stumbled through the words, “15 months” when my mother said, “Y'know what? I don't carry cash, but a baby needs diapers. Let me get them for you.”

And so she grabbed his arm and her purse and headed toward a checkout counter, leaving me to guard our cart and bask in her random act of kindness.

Within 10 minutes, my mother returned with a bit of a bewildered look on her face. She said the man had snatched the receipt for the diapers right out of the machine and took off without even a thank you. Before I could even think to push for details she told me to ditch the cart and follow her. Our thoughts were one just then: “I bet he's at the return counter

cashing in right now.”

I stopped myself and began thinking out loud, “He couldn't have. He didn't look the type, and besides, you can't return diapers, can you?”

“He couldn't have. He didn't look the type, and besides, you can't return diapers, can you? If he's there...I may just lose my faith in humanity.”

“If he's there,” I thought, “I may just lose my faith in humanity.”

But sure enough, as we ducked and dipped between

aisles and behind shelves so as not to be seen by the mystery diaper man, we arrived at the service desk.

That's where the very same diapers sat. Complete with a receipt wadded up on top.

My mother stormed the counter, asking the poor customer service woman if a young man had just tried to return these. The lady replied that he had, but she couldn't give him the money back because it was bought with a credit card. When he was asked to produce the card for reimbursement, the man darted off into the store, leaving the diapers on the counter and the receipt crumpled in anger.

The words that escaped my mother's lips would've made the devil himself want a shower. She then proceeded to call for Wal-Mart security and described what he looked like right down to his shoelaces.

That's when the Wal-Mart secret police informed us that the mystery diaper man had been doing this all over the store, and that her detailed description was all they needed to end his diaper-swiping career.

As we exited the building, we caught a glimpse of the mystery diaper man being ducked into the seat of his very own blue-and-white chariot—one driven by Richmond City Police.

My mother and I learned the hard way that bad guys aren't always as they appear on TV. Contrary to popular belief, they're not all slick-dressed, Tommy-gun-toting, ski-mask-wearing scoundrels. No, bad guys can be anybody dressed any way.

We learned the hard way they show no mercy.

Not even diapers are safe anymore.

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> Correction:

In the News Briefs section of the Feb. 18, 2010 edition of *The Progress*, a brief incorrectly stated that 3OH!3, Pitbull with Kid Cudi and Cobra Starship would be joining The Red Jumpsuit Apparatus and Bowling for Soup at Student Activities Council's 2010 spring concert. The concert will *not* feature 3OH!3, Pitbull with Kid Cudi and Cobra Starship, but will still feature The Red Jumpsuit Apparatus and Bowling for Soup. *The Progress* regrets the error.

For more information, see the corrected brief in this week's News Brief section of *The Progress* or contact Kristen Moser at kristen_moser@eku.edu or call (859) 317-1432.

> Letter to the editor:

Eastern's 'Pikes' take a trip to lend a hand

On February 21, 2010, the brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha Zeta Tau chapter of Eastern traveled to Cincinnati to give back to the community.

With 35 members in attendance, the Pikes helped with the Ronald McDonald House's quarterly Aubrey Rose Foundation dinner. They prepared a dinner for 78 families.

The Ronald McDonald House's Meals and Activities coordinator Lisa Davis said that it was the biggest volunteering (event) by an organization that they had ever experienced.

The Pikes worked 8 hours with 35 members, totaling the service to 280 hours.

Ricky L. Lyons
Pi Kappa Alpha External Vice President

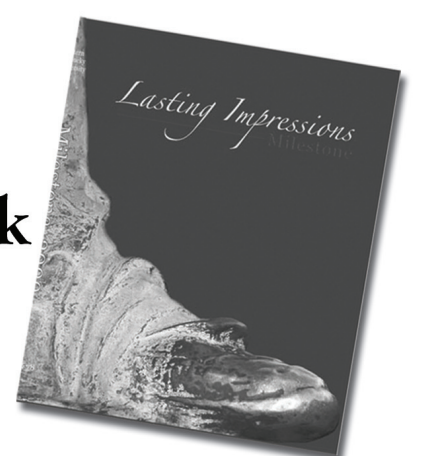
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'Shutter Island' doesn't meet expectations, average

Thriller hauled in \$40 million at weekend box office

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Martin Scorsese's latest psychological thriller, *Shutter Island*, starring Leonardo DiCaprio, raided the weekend box office hauling in over \$40 million. However, the commercial hype surrounding the flick, along with the pairing of such a legendary cinematic duo as Scorsese and DiCaprio, probably influenced the film's high attendance. The movie itself – painfully average.

The R-rated feature, based on Dennis Lehane's bestselling novel, takes place in 1954 near the Boston Harbor Islands.

DiCaprio plays U.S. Federal Marshal Teddy Daniels, who travels to Shutter Island to investigate the disappearance of a female patient named Rachel Solando at the Ashecliffe Hospital for the Criminally Insane. Mark Ruffalo plays alongside DiCaprio as his partner, Chuck Aule, a recently transferred Marshal from Portland.

Teddy asks for the assignment for "personal reasons," but viewers soon realize his own riddled past inflicts severe emotional damage on him. He begins having flashbacks of his service during the war and of his wife Dolores (Michelle Williams), who was tragically killed after their apartment building caught fire.

Progress on the investigation is also made difficult as the hospital's doctors, played by Ben Kingsley and Max von Sydow, appear uncooperative, and in fact, may have a hidden agenda. And, as a result, Teddy spends a good majority of the first two hours gallivanting around the island searching for answers.



Leonardo DiCaprio and Martin Scorsese

Despite the film's brilliant set designs, visual effects and carefully articulated characters, (which all aesthetically reflect the epitome of creepiness), the plot could have used a serious upgrade. Its slow-paced progression left many viewers wondering when something important was going to happen.

All the answers are quickly and sloppily crammed into the last 15 minutes of the film.

In fact, the rate at which the movie drags along may strike a nerve as you begin to feel your butt grow numb. This problem could have easily been solved if Scorsese intertwined the movie's psychological aspects with more action-based drama. After all, the setting does take place in an insane-asylum; let some patients brawl it out.

The closest viewers come to action during the two hour dry-spell is when Teddy is jumped from behind by a bald, elderly patient, who hurls himself from a dark corridor, making some viewers gasp and lurch from their seats for only a split-second.

On a more positive note, the acting was surprisingly good. As always, DiCaprio delivers a stunning performance in portraying a mentally tortured Teddy Daniels, and Michelle Williams' enactment of Dolores at the movie's close could make even the most displeased viewers shudder at her character's sudden twist in mentality.

It would be an assumption to point out that DiCaprio, rather than the movie, was the motivation most female viewers needed to flock to the box office, while Scorsese's legendary reputation reeled in the older crowd.

Nit picking aside, the movie as a whole was a letdown, mainly because expectations were so high. Viewers strutted into theaters with their popcorn and Sour Punch Straws ready to be amazed, only to leave with their popcorn tub tucked beneath their arms, hunched in defeat and uttering a disappointing, "Ehh. It was OK."

Three out of five stars.



Jeremy Reed

Justified road rage scenarios

After glancing down to check the time while driving today, I took my whitening knuckles off the steering wheel and punched the passenger seat repeatedly. "Jesus Christ!" I exclaimed. A slew of cursing and rhetorical questions ensued.

My name is Jeremy Reed, and I have road rage.

I love to drive, but somewhere between the age of 16 and 16-and-a-half, I realized that, in general, people are idiots who can't drive, and it frustrates me.

Sometimes I wish every motorist within a mile radius had a CB in their car so we could communicate and I would be able to tell them to get out of my way, speed up, or just tell them they clearly have the hand-eye-coordination of a blind snake. I've gotten better about it as I've gotten older, but there are still things that infuriate me to no end.

First of all, if you drive on the interstate and you plan on going under 80 mph, stay away from the left lane - don't even look at it. The left lane is for grown-ups. It's the fast lane. Your slow, selfish ass needs to stay away from it or at least have the common courtesy to get over when someone who actually knows how to drive gets behind you.

Earlier this week I was driving to campus from Berea and the middle and right lanes were cluttered with slow-moving semi-trucks and other commercial vehicles. As I'm trying to make it to class on time, I get behind a beat up old Buick just pattering along in the left lane. After furiously watching several cars in the lane to my right drive by him, I tried to do the same. As I changed lanes and inched ahead of him I was coming upon another car and I was hoping he would see that I was trying to pass him and slow down to help me out. Wrong, he sped up. I couldn't believe it; I pulled back into the left lane behind him and beat my steering wheel without mercy as obscenities escaped my mouth that would make Bobby Knight blush. I could have punted a baby a quarter-mile. That's a good indicator of how angry I am: the rough estimate in my head of how far I could punt a baby.

Some people are in denial or are just too stubborn to get over, making everyone suffer. When I see 12 cars going slow in the left lane because the one in front is going 60 mph and won't get over, I like to think

Spring Break HOT SPOTS



AROUND THE WORLD

By Kristie Hamon
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Spring Break is closer than you think, and the thought of a few relaxing days is enough to get any college student daydreaming. Check out some of these hot spots for your potential Spring Break 2010.

Cancun, Mexico has exactly what you want from a vacation, whether that includes an all-day party at the beach or simply relaxing on a peaceful island. The white sand between your toes and the warm blue water will make you want to book an extra day in this paradise. To make the most of your trip, you can go scuba diving, swim with the dolphins or even enjoy deep-sea fishing.

Panama City, Florida is where the party is at this Spring Break. You can enjoy concerts on the beach, go jet skiing or learn to parasail. Panama is also home to the mega-clubs, such as Club La Vela and MTV's Spring Break party. There will be time to do it all at this spring break destination because the party won't stop.

Cruise the Bahamas this year and visit its many islands. Try snorkeling or kayaking or just relaxing on the beach. The quiet islands of the Bahamas are the perfect vacation for anyone wishing to relax in warm crystal-clear waters.

Miami Beach, Florida is where the nightlife is. Dine at sidewalk cafes or walk the strip and shop, picking up some of the hottest trends. Also, Miami is the place to go if your hoping for a celebrity sighting this Spring Break, so grab your camera and prepare for a fun trip. Where are Eastern students going this year? Aviation major Austin Burchett from Hopkinsville is driving to Gatlinburg, Tenn. to meet up with some old friends. One thing he said he needed to pack is underwear.

"I can't forget that," he said. Communications major Katie McFarland is going to stay at a friend's lake house in Atlanta for the break.

"I'm driving down there. I'll probably stay the whole week." She also said she needs to remember to pack a swimsuit.

Christa Olson from Lexington is going to Destin, Florida with Cru. She said they're going to car pool there and meet, but was unsure about the details; she figured they would be doing volunteer work in the community. It's not too late to make your spring break plans, so if you've got the money, grab some friends and book your trip today.

CLOSE TO HOME

By Park Greer
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With Spring Break on the horizon, many students already have plans for beaches, road trips and international travel.

But what about an alternative to the stereotypical trip? Sometimes a peaceful, eye-opening adventure is much more suitable than a wild, crazy party.

With the weather getting warmer and the trees preparing to show their leaves, hiking and camping are great ways to alleviate stress while enjoying some of the best scenery in the east.

For those who wish for a simple and short day hike or an overnight camping trip, the Daniel Boone National Forest is surely a winner.

With hundreds of trails to hike crossing over streams, cliffs and through serene woodlands, hiking becomes a real joy. The camping is not to be done alone - bring friends, make s'mores and just enjoy the wilderness and the lack of urban influence.

Most know about the Daniel Boone forest and the hiking, rock climbing and swimming involved, but there is also a forest about four hours from Richmond that's sure to strike your fancy as well.

For those who enjoy hiking and camping for days on end, the Mt. Rogers recreational area in the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests in Virginia is the place for you.

Mt. Rogers is often categorized as the most beautiful hiking adventure in the east and enjoyed by most everyone who visits.

The landscape is dotted with gigantic boulders left over from the region's ancient volcanic activity, and these stones provide for excellent climbing and views of the surrounding mountains and valleys.

The nights are filled with stars beyond count, just perfect for gazing, and even better if a loved one has tagged along.

Spring break can be enjoyed in many ways, and spending it outside is a sure way to just sit back and relax with little to worry about.

These two examples are just a couple of the many great state parks in the area, and any information about either can be found online with a simple Google search.

So plan for the break to be full of exuberance if you choose, but know that excitement can also come from the beauty of the outdoors.

Students give their words of advice for Break

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Spring Break is just around the corner and some of you lucky students are about to venture off on this adventure for the first time. In case you didn't know, spring break can be extremely wild and crazy; below are some tips from experienced Eastern students that may be of use to you. For these students, spring break 2010 isn't their first rodeo, and they've brought back some good advice for travelers.

What should students keep in mind when they head out for Spring Break?

"You should bring extra money and stay with the friends that you came with at all times. Don't make stupid decisions with strangers and don't cheat if you are in a relationship," Melissa Beard.

"Be safe: You're there to have fun, not go to jail," Sherman Jagers

What should you do on Spring Break to have fun?

"1. Consume mass amounts of alcohol 2. Have a buddy system. 3. Always be in control of the hotel key 4. If you need to puke, don't stop walking 5. If you bring someone back, hide your money," Sherman Jagers.

What shouldn't you do?

Don't start drama with people you came with and don't get alcohol poisoning," Christina Barnett.

Overall, the No. 1 rule is to have a good time! Go out and have fun on your break away from school. Make sure you bring some extra cash in case of emergency and stay out of jail. It isn't hard to go on spring break and have the time of your life, just make sure you stay safe and with a group of friends; ergo, avoid waking up in random places where you know no one. Hopefully these great tips will prepare you for Spring Break 2010. Remember, safety first!

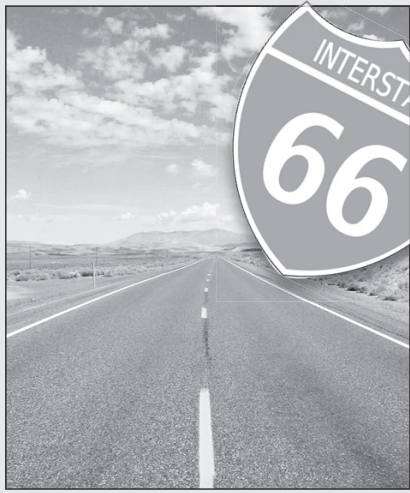
Practical advice for impractical feats

What about a road trip?

Follow these steps to arrive in one piece

By Kaylia Cornett

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ers. They will not like you.
 4. Balance commuting tunes. This tip is very important, and if not followed properly could resort in musical aggression, especially if you and your travel companions don't share the same taste in music. Thus, if you force them to listen to Jesse McCartney for 18 hours, there's a darned good chance they'll leave you to hitchhike home. So, compromise. Who cares if you have a problem with the rest of the passengers' musical likes and dislikes? They will secretly (or sometimes not-so-secretly) despise you if you don't share the radio. It's flat-out unfair. And not nice.

5. Take several breaks. Anytime a road trip spans longer than four hours, breaks are a good idea; your driving experience is probably going to need a re-vamping. If you're driving, remember to switch drivers frequently. Don't overdo it or you could end up like Jim Carrey in Dumb and Dumber, driving clear across the country (hopefully not in a speeding sheepdog) in the wrong direction. Hopefully your vehicle will be graced with a Tom Tom to inform you to "Turn. Around. Whenever. Possible." Translation: "Hey, idiot your driving in the wrong @#&#\$^ direction." Don't be an idiot. Get plenty of rest, follow Tom Tom and pray to the spring break gods for a safe journey.

With spring break inching closer by the minute - its joyous arrival will alight on our hearts in mere days - many people are gearing up for trips they've spent months anticipating and planning.

And, everything will finally pay off: those extra bicep reps that practically destroyed ligaments, the barbaric toll of the full Brazilian bikini wax, the lack of sugary grubbery and the price of that new banana hammock.

But, while you're drowning in angst arranging for your trip, perhaps you should mentally prepare yourself for the process of getting to your destination - yes, the "road trip."

Road trips can make or break the blastoff of your spring break experience. Here's how to keep your party chariot rolling in whoopee.

1. Dress appropriately. More than likely your going to be sitting for, well, a flippin' long time, so don't get all done up in your heels or bathe your studly body in AXE body spray. No one wants to be forced to huff your cologne for the duration of their drive time.

2. Slip into your seatbelt with a duffel chock-full of amenities. Come prepared

to smoothly cruise through your commute with blankets, books, magazines, music, snacks and anything else that will help maintain your sanity. Staring out a window gazing at fields full of weeds or corn probably won't seem too appealing after the first couple hours.

3. Rope off your space. Nothing is worse than sharing the backseat with a greedy companion who sprawls themselves into every crevice of the motor vehicle - their pillow supported by your thigh, their feet reclined on the back of the front seats and their knapsack emptied all over the spanning floorboards. Don't do this, no matter how comfortable you feel around your fellow travel-

Classic games that still rank among the best

By Tristan Meiman

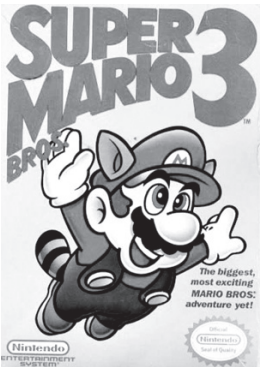
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Most longtime gamers can probably say they've spent plenty of time mashing buttons on a Nintendo Entertainment System (NES), Sega Genesis or the original PlayStation.

And while those older systems certainly had their limitations by today's standards, those consoles still sported games that offer just as much entertainment now as they did then.

Thankfully, many of those old school games are still available to today's gamers—either by downloading the game through your current console or by downloading the game from the Internet.

Here are three great old school titles well worth checking out.



Super Mario Bros. 3 - NES

Of all of the video game icons, Mario is by far the most recognizable. Released in February of 1990, Mario and Luigi returned with another adventure. This time, however, the objective was different than from previous Mario games. There are seven kings that have been transformed by Bowser's Koopa Kids. The game still contains the basis of every Mario game - start from the left and work your way to the right. Mario and Luigi have some classic power-ups that make their debut, such as the power leaf (which gives the Bros. raccoon tails and the ability to fly, apparently) as well as some new suits (like a frog suit) to help them in their adventures. What made this game remarkable were its sales. In 2008, with more than 18 million copies sold, the Guinness World Records listed the game as the best-selling video game to be sold separately from a system. You can download Super Mario Bros. 3 on the Wii virtual console for 500 Wii points (\$5).

Sonic The Hedgehog 2- Sega Genesis

With Mario dominating the video game industry in the early 90s, Sega needed to find a way to even the playing field, so they made a sequel to the original Sonic The Hedgehog. Released in November of 1992, Sonic The Hedgehog 2 brought back the fast-paced playing style of the prequel and introduced a new character. Tails, a multiple-tailed fox with signature red sneakers, became Sonic's sidekick and was an instant success. Like the past Sonic game, the player's goal is to stop Dr. Robotnik from taking over the world. The big difference in this game was the co-op play. Two people could play together, one as Sonic and one as Tails, and then race through levels to see who comes out first. So many students grew up with this classic that co-op play in Sonic 2 is still a perfect pastime. As well as co-op game play, bonus stages are located in each level. If a player completes the bonus stage, they are rewarded one of the seven chaos emeralds. Collect them all, and Sonic becomes Super Sonic. You can download this game via the Wii virtual console for 800 Wii points (\$8), or the Xbox Live Marketplace for 400 Microsoft points (\$5).



Final Fantasy VII - PlayStation

As the seventh installment to the inaptly-named Final Fantasy series, Final Fantasy VII shocked the gaming world in January of 1997. Not only was the game an amazing RPG (Role Playing Game), but also it was the first Final Fantasy game to have 3D graphics. The story is centered on a character named Cloud Strife, who teams with a group of characters to stop the destruction of the world. The game was so massive that it originally came on three separate Playstation discs. It featured a unique battle system and power-up system that is still considered best in the series among many hardcore fans. It is the Final Fantasy game that inspired the most direct sequels (each game in the series typically stands alone, despite the numbering), as well as a prequel. The story is another superb element of the game and part of what cements it in video game history, so it's best not to give anything away here. Final Fantasy VII can be downloaded on the PlayStation 3 if finding the original proves too difficult or too costly. The game has sold nearly 10 million copies worldwide to date, so to find an original is to find a diamond in the rough.



JREED: Baby punting distance: 200 yards

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that he or she is on their way to a time machine with plans on going back to the year of their birth and stopping themselves from being born. That usually helps me cope.

Secondly, I absolutely cannot stand people who don't pay attention to the light when it turns green. The left lane that turns onto Lancaster just before campus is the worst. There should be a sign that reads: "Must be this intelligent to use left lane." And there should be a picture of a brain-dead gorilla on it. Nothing infuriates me more than knowing that because some dumbass wasn't paying attention and didn't go until the light had been green for eight seconds, I have to sit through another cycle of traffic. Baby punting distance: roughly 200 yards.

Next, old people, I'm sorry, I think you're great and I appreciate what your generation has done for us, but stop driving. I know it's cliché that old people are terrible drivers, but it has never been more evident than yesterday when I was on my way to my parents' house to visit them. As I was making my way through town (at a responsible pace), I got behind what appeared to be Cloris Leachman's great-grandmother. This lady was going slower than Christmas on Xanax, and I believe her driving has suffered in her old age. To her credit, the Model-T Ford she probably learned to drive in might not have been the most sleek of vehicles, but her constant braking and swerving made me realize that a good rule of thumb might be: If you've seen Halley's Comet twice, maybe it's time to hang up the keys. You have probably become a danger to yourself and those around you. Baby punting range: Approximately one school bus.

These are a few examples of the driving infractions that cause people like myself to lose our minds. Some honorable mention infractions include: Not waiting your turn at a four-way-stop, not using your turn signal, being from Ohio, cutting people off or having loud pipes on your truck. Of course, I'm not flawless myself. If I happen to glance into my rear-view and see someone honking their horn and flipping me off for not getting over soon enough, I accept responsibility and wish that we had those CBs so I could say, "Sorry brother/sister, I deserve that."

Spring Break Shuffle



Spring Break essentials: your party playlist

By Kaylia Cornett

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1. "Low" (feat. T-Pain) - Flo Rida
2. "Shots" - LMFAO and Lil Jon
3. "Yeah!" - Usher
4. "Blame It" (feat. T-Pain) - Jamie Foxx
5. "Hot in Herre" - Nelly
6. "Shake Ya Tailfeather" - Murphy Lee, Nelly and P.Diddy
7. "Sexy Bitch" (feat. Akon) - David Guetta
8. "Right Round" - Flo Rida
9. "Tipsy" (Radio Mix) - J-Kwon
10. "Hotel Room Service" - Pitbull
11. "Just Dance" (feat. Colby O'Donis) - Lady Gaga
12. "Let's Get It Started" - Black Eyed Peas
13. "Hey Ya!" - OutKast
14. "Clothes Off!" - Gym Class Heroes
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LEFT TOP: Caitlin Ingram, playing Belle, and David Eakin, playing Maurice, discuss plans for Maurice's invention during dress rehearsal for EKU Theatre's presentation of Disney's "Beauty and the Beast".

LEFT BOTTOM: Cast members perform the opening number, "Belle."

RIGHT: Ryan Hornung, playing Gaston, and Brian Wagner, playing Lefou, argue over Gaston's plans to woo Belle.

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H vs. Z's widespread popularity

'Humans vs. Zombies' played on more than 200 college campuses

By **Tristan Meiman**

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You may have noticed some students walking around campus wearing orange bandannas and wielding NERF guns in recent weeks, either chasing or being chased by people with green bandannas. This phenomenon is the ultimate game of tag: This is "Humans Vs. Zombies" (HvZ).

Brad Sappington and Chris Weed, students at Goucher College, invented the game in 2005. It quickly circulated the campus via Internet, on Flickr and Youtube, as well as by word-of-mouth. Study abroad students who were familiar with the game helped it spread to foreign countries as well, including Brazil, Denmark, Australia, Canada and England. Today, HvZ is played at more than 200 colleges and universities, high schools, military bases, summer camps and even public libraries, according to the group's Web site.

HvZ has also been profiled by the Associated Press, the Washington Post, The Boston Globe, ESPN Magazine and a slew of college papers. Steven Colbert mockingly named "Humans vs. Zombies" the No. 1 threat to America during the "Threatdown" segment in one of his shows.

Michael Wells, 24, one of the game's moderators, or referees, at Eastern, said the game's popularity could largely be attributed to the fact that it's a fun stress-reliever that also happens to expand one's circle of friends.

"It's more than just a game," Wells said. "You meet some of the coolest people in HvZ."

For those unfamiliar with Humans vs. Zombies, it's essentially an elaborate game of tag. All

players begin as humans, and one is randomly chosen to be the "original zombie." The original zombie then tags human players, turning them into zombies. The zombies then are obligated to "feed" on humans—meaning they've got to tag a new person every 48 hours or the zombie starves to death and is out of the game.

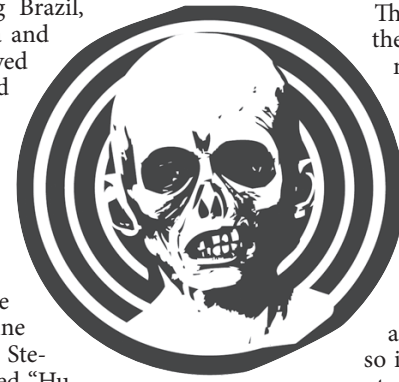
The zombies win when all human players have been tagged and turned into zombies. The humans win, however, if they survive long enough to where all the zombies have starved.

But it is not just a random game of tag. During the course of a game—which generally last a few weeks—players are given specific (and perilous) missions that they must tackle to keep the game moving. For instance, one recent mission charged the humans to infiltrate an Eastern building and to bring back a special item. Of course, there was a catch: the building was packed full of zombies waiting to ambush the humans.

The equipment requirements for the game are pretty simple. Humans don orange bandannas, while zombies are marked with green bandannas. To give humans a chance, they're outfitted with NERF guns or rolled-up socks, which they can use to stun the zombies, impairing their movement for 15 minutes. And players are all identified by a unique code, so if they try to cheat, they'd get reported to moderators, who would kick them out of the game.

HvZ is something many Eastern students say they look forward to. It helps them forget about the stress of tests, or just life itself, students said.

"The coolest thing ever was having a freshman come up to me and tell me how much HvZ helped his college experience," said Glen Smith, a 20-year-old sophomore who has been a player and moderator at Eastern. "To have someone come up to you and tell you that you changed his life, it means a lot."



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Players may not use cars
Darts must not be modified to where they hurt on impact

Safety Zones (where the game is off limits)

1. Dorm Rooms
2. Bathrooms
3. Academic Buildings
4. Library
5. Sports and Rec. centers (Gym)
6. Health Center
8. Dining Halls

Human Rules

Humans must sleep on campus. If you need to leave campus for longer than 24 hours, you are disqualified.

I.D. Number: Humans must keep one index card with their unique identification number on them at all times.

When tagged by a Zombie, a Human is required to turn over his or her I.D. card to the Zombie. One hour after being tagged, a Human becomes a member of the Zombie team.

Humans must wear bandannas at all times, around an arm or a leg

Zombie Rules

Feeding: Zombies must feed every 48 hours. A zombie feeds by reporting their kill on the Web site.

Zombies must wear bandannas around

their heads at all times, but the "Original Zombie" does not need to wear a headband.

Tagging: A tag is a firm touch to any part of a Human. After tagging a Human, the Zombie must collect their I.D. card. Kills must be reported within three hours.

Getting Shot: When shot with a Nerf gun or hit with a sock, a Zombie is stunned for 15 minutes. A stunned zombie may not interact with the game in any way. This includes shielding other zombies from bullets or continuing to run toward a human.

Other Rules

Shooting Non-Players: Shooting non-players with Nerf darts is illegal and will likely result in a banning.

Non-Player Interference: People who are not registered participants may not directly interact with the game. This includes bringing food to humans or spying for either team.

Safe Zones: A zombie must have both feet outside of a safe zone to tag a human. Humans can stun zombies from inside of a safe-zone.

No Shields: Zombies may not use shields to deflect Nerf darts or socks.

Athletes: Athletes are safe during official practices, but not on the way to or from practice.

Required Academic Events: Similarly, students at required academic events are safe for the duration of the event (even if this event is in a free-play zone), but they are not safe on the way to or from the event.

More rules and different versions of HvZ can be found online at www.HumansVsZombies.org. To get involved at Eastern simply ask any you see playing.

Colonels fall to Morehead

By Langdon Barnes
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The Colonels split games over the weekend with a loss at Morehead and a win against Winthrop.

Eastern traveled to Morehead State on Thursday to face the Eagles for the second time this season. Just like the first meeting, the Colonels went down big and could not come back in a 77-64 loss.

Eastern shot just 37 percent (21-of-57) from

the field. They also shot 32 percent (7-of-22) from behind the arc. The Colonels lost the first meeting 69-53 and shot very similar. Eastern shot 32 percent from the field and 27 percent from three in their first meeting.

"We did have some looks that we knew we could convert and need to convert to win a game like this," said Head Coach Jeff Neubauer. "Morehead is a very good defensive team and plays a wide zone that they have developed lately."

Senior Josh Taylor scored a season-high 21 points. Taylor shot 7-of-15 from the field in-

cluding 4-of-7 from three. He also added six rebounds for the Colonels.

Senior Dayvon Ellis scored 13 points on 4-of-7 shooting for Eastern.

Other than Taylor, the Colonel starters struggled in the game.

Junior Justin Stommes, Eastern's leading scorer, scored four points on 1-of-4 shooting. It was Stommes second game in a row in single digit scoring. He has averaged 14.3 points per game on the season. Senior Papa Oppong was held scoreless on a 0-for-5 shooting night. Oppong is averaging 11 points per game and it was his third game in a row in single digit scoring.

Morehead State had four players score at least 11 points. Maze Stallworth lead the Eagles with 20 points including four three-pointers. OVC Preseason Player of the Year Kenneth Faried scored 15 points and grabbed 16 rebounds.

"Faried is able to protect the basket very well," Neubauer said. "That really allows their other four defenders to spread out and guard the three."

The Eagles jumped ahead early after a hot start by Faried. Taylor then threw down a hard dunk to bring the Colonels with three at 11-8. Morehead State then went on a 10-0 run to go up 21-8.

The Eagles hit four three-pointers late in the first half to go up 45-25 at halftime. Eastern was out-rebounded 27-9 in the first half.

The game was not close in the second half as Morehead's largest lead was at 25 points. The Colonels clawed back late to end the game at a more respectable score.

Eastern was able to bounce back at home against Winthrop in a 77-57 win.

The game was brought about by the ESPN BracketBusters series.

Taylor led the Colonels once again with 20 points and became the 29 player in Eastern's history to score 1,000 career points. His three-pointer with 2:11 remaining in the game put him over the milestone. Taylor was 6-of-10 from the field including 5-of-8 from deep.

Stommes and Oppong were able to get out of their slumps to score 15 and 14 points respectively.

The Colonels shot much better by going 28-for-46 (60.9 percent) from the field and 11-for-24 (45.8 percent) from deep.

"We passed the ball very well tonight," Neubauer said. "We do a good job at getting into paint and making people guard us."

Dayvon Ellis once again played well off the bench. In 15 minutes he scored 14 points on 5-of-6 shooting.

"We wanted to try to come back and pull everything together from the Morehead loss," said Ellis. "We were able to regroup and finish off our season."

Eastern never trailed as they took a 21-9 lead after hitting eight of their first nine shots. Winthrop was able to go on a 15-6 run to end the first half to go down 36-30 at intermission.

Winthrop came within four points two times at the beginning of the second half before the Colonels went on a 14-2 run to go up 54-37 midway through the half.

The Eagles never got much closer as Eastern cruised to a comfortable victory.

"The defense was very good throughout," Coach Neubauer. "We also forced them to miss a lot of shots."

The Colonels end their regular season with back-to-back OVC home games. They face UT Martin on Thursday and first-place Murray State on Saturday.



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Colonels bounced back after loss against Morehead going on a 14-2 run in the second half against Winthrop.

Track teams gear up for OVC tournament

By Stephen Hauser
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The Colonels most important meet of the indoor season has arrived: the OVC Indoor Championships.

Coach Rick Erdmann said that he has high hopes for the championship meet.

"I want to finish within the top three places," Erdmann said.

Erdmann is expecting that the men's and women's teams will compete with the other teams there.

Some might think that there would be some nerves going into a big championship race. But for Chris Reingifo, senior distance runner, nerves will not be a factor in his 800 meter and one mile races.

"I view the championships just like every other race," Reingifo said.

Reingifo said that he plans to place as high as possible that way he can also help the team score more points.

Reingifo said that he had two important goals for his

two races.

"I want to win the 800 meters and the one mile race. I also want to perform well so I can see where I'm at going into the outdoor season," Reingifo said.

Reingifo said that he hasn't done anything different to prepare for the championship week.

Reingifo isn't the only runner that has no nerves heading into the championship meet.

Diamond Benjamin, sophomore sprinter, said that she is extremely confident going into the 55 meters dash and the 200 meter dash.

"I plan on winning both of my races and qualify for the NCAA's indoor championship meet," Benjamin said.

Benjamin said that she has two specific goals.

"I want to win the 55 meter dash with a time of 6.8 seconds and I want to win the 200 meter dash with a time of a mid 24 seconds," Benjamin said.

Benjamin has hit the weights even harder this past week in preparation of the championships.

"I want to make sure I can finish stronger," she said.

The Colonels will have to face another obstacle in preparing for the indoor championships. The team will have to overcome the death of former coach Bob Pollock.

Last year Pollock was the sprinters and high jumpers coach and he passed away on Feb 20th. Pollock was diagnosed with lung cancer last August.

Coach Erdmann gives his condolences to the Pollock family.

"We were very appreciated in the work that he did, he was able to help us out in a area that we needed it," Erdmann said.

Reingifo was upset upon hearing the news of Pollock's passing.

"Pollock was a mentor towards me and helped me with everything. I'm going to miss him as a coach and a friend," Reingifo said.

Benjamin was in shock when she found out about the death of her former coach.

"Pollock was always very understanding and I always talked to him before my race. He was very motivational and had such a positive attitude. He was a person that I could always talk to," said Benjamin.

Lady Colonels win in straight sets

By Nick Johnson
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The women's tennis team finished off a nine match home stand in dominating fashion on Saturday.

Eastern (4-6) swept through the University of the Cumberlands and Georgetown College in straight sets. The Colonels beat Cumberlands 6-0 and Georgetown 7-0.

While the Colonels won all 12 singles matches in straight sets, the scores of those matches are more telling to Eastern coach Rob Oertel.

"I expected us to win going in, but I was very pleased with how we won," Oertel said.

"Our players won every match convincingly. The scores showed that our players were in control the entire time. We were supposed to win but for us to win as convincingly as we did, that does a lot for player confidence as we continue to prepare for conference play."

Senior Anais Hamel won both of her matches on Saturday without losing a single game, winning all four sets she played in singles 6-0.

"It's hard to beat someone's grandma double-bagel, let alone beating two college players like that," Oertel said. "That shows a lot of focus and determination during the match. It isn't

easy trying to win 24 straight games. It says a lot about her commitment and focus."

Saturday was also another opportunity for Eastern's freshmen to continue adjusting to college tennis.

Colonel freshmen Jessica Albuquerque, Es-mira Gheisary and Catarina Branco all played singles in both matches as well as doubles against Georgetown

"A big thing for us is how our new freshmen continue getting comfortable on and off the court," Oertel said. "Freshmen year is hard enough, but these girls just got to campus in January so how they continue to adjust and grow is going to be key to how successful we as a team can be."

The Colonels will now spend the next few weeks on the road as Eastern prepares for the beginning of OVC play and as the tennis season transitions from indoor to outdoor play.

Eastern will play at Division III Birmingham-Southern on Friday before traveling to Tuscaloosa, Alabama and playing the 53rd ranked Alabama Crimson Tide on Sunday.

Eastern will return home to open up OVC play with a double-header against Murray State and Tennessee State on March 20.



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Alyze Pagal led the Colonels to wins against University of the Cumberlands and Georgetown.

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Jones leads Colonels past Morehead

By Keith Ritchie
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Revenge is sweet. It's always a little sweeter when it is against Morehead State. The Colonels (12-14, 8-8 OVC) snapped a seven-game-losing streak to Morehead State with a 79-65 win in Morehead on Saturday.

"It's a huge win for us, especially on the road," Head Coach Chrissy Roberts said.

The Colonels' upset in Morehead, added with a Murray State loss to Eastern Illinois means Eastern is alone in fourth place. The top four teams host first-round games in the OVC tournament.

Eastern dominated down low, outscoring Morehead State (19-9, 12-4 OVC) 44-8 in the paint. The Colonels also scored 23 points from offensive rebounds, compared to Morehead's five.

Freshman forward Alex Jones led the Colonels with 34 points and 18 rebounds. She was named OVC Player of the Week for the first

time in her young career.

"I was just focused," Jones said. "I let the game come to me. I'd say the biggest difference was I tried to slow down and read the defense."

Freshman guard Brittany Coles broke her career-best with 18 points and six rebounds.

The pendulum swung back and forth in the first half. There were five ties and nine lead changes.

The Colonels led by one point, 33-32, going into the locker room.

Jones hit a jumper with 13 minutes left in the game to cap an 11-3 run. The jumper brought the Colonels lead to nine points, 49-40.

Eastern pushed the lead to 13 with less than five minutes in the game when Morehead answered with an 11-1 run. Morehead's Chynna Bozeman hit a three pointer at the 1:35 mark to come within three points, 68-65. Bozeman led the Eagles in scoring with 27 points, including seven three-pointers.

The three-point deficit was as close as Morehead would come down the stretch. The Colonels scored the final nine points to win the

game. Jones hit 5-of-6 free throws in the final minute.

"I knew we were capable of beating them," Jones said. "We wanted to make sure not to let what happened the first time happen again."

The Eagles beat the Colonels, 59-58, at Alumni Coliseum on January 23.

Roberts said the team has grown up a lot throughout the season.

"We've come a long way just passing to each other," Roberts said. "These kids have a willingness to learn. They want to make the program better."

The Colonels wrap up the season with two home games this week. Tennessee-Martin comes to Alumni Coliseum tonight. Tip-off is 5:30. Eastern's last season game is Saturday against Murray at 4 p.m.

Roberts said the game plan is to execute a strong half-court game.

"We have to get the ball to who we want to get it to," Roberts said.

Who's that?

"Whoever's open," she said.



Alex Jones was named OVC Player of the Week.

SOFTBALL: 'Suffered third losing conference record'

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"The change in our strength system has helped our team get stronger and mentally tougher," Worthington said.

A key returner for the Colonels is third baseman Shyenne Hussey. Hussey is a three-time All-OVC selection. She led the team with a .349 batting average and had the second highest on-base percentage with a .471 in the OVC. Hussey hit six home runs and drove in 29 runs.

"This off-season I worked out to stay in shape and stay on top of my game," Hussey said. "I just trained as much as I could so I can take it to the next level, we are CrossFit strong."

Another returner is sophomore infielder Larkyn Wood. Wood started 28 games last season for Eastern. She batted .231 and scored 10 runs in her freshman campaign.

Sophomore Diane Gallagher returns to the outfield after earning first team all-conference and All-Newcomer team honors as a freshman. Gallagher stole 24 bases and was not thrown out attempting to steal all season. She was ranked 27th nationally with an average of 0.55 stolen bases per game.

Junior Cassi Gibson and freshman Aimee Soathias will join Gallagher in the outfield. Gibson hit .280 and led the team with 30 runs. She brings back experience by starting all 44 games last season. Spathais batted .351 and scored 24 runs as a high-school senior last season.

Jena Handley is back once again to start at catcher for the Colonels. Handley is a three-year starter that batted .284 with three home runs, 18 RBIs and 17 runs last season.

Junior Stacye Toups and sophomore Brittany Mockbee return as pitchers for Eastern. Toups went 4-10 with a 4.60 ERA last season while Mockabee made 18 appearances and went 1-7 with a 4.27 ERA.

The Colonels added a couple pitchers to the rotation for 2010.

Noelani Esperas earned first team All-America honors and was selected first team All-Arizona Community College Athletic Conference at Eastern Arizona College last season. She went 27-6 with a 1.40 ERA.

Eastern also added freshmen Mea Flores and Kristin Perry. Flores posted a 0.86 ERA and struck out 148 batters in her senior season.

Perry tallied more than 1,200 strikeouts over her high school career.

Men's tennis heats up with weekend sweep

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With spring finally approaching, and the temperature slowly moving above freezing, Eastern's men's tennis team turned the heat up on two opponents this weekend.

The Colonels rebounded from a 6-1 loss to Xavier on Friday to dominate the University of the Cumberlands and Georgetown College on Saturday.

The double-header helped serve as a confidence builder for the Colonels after the loss to Xavier. Sophomore Niklas Schroeder won the only match for Eastern on Friday.

Eastern (6-4) took complete control of the matches on Saturday, beating Cumberlands 6-0 and defeating Georgetown 7-0.

Eastern won every match Saturday in straight sets.

"We went in knowing we should win these matches," Coach Rob Oertel said. "But the scores were great. We won convincingly. We were able to win every set very convincingly. We needed that after the loss to Xavier."

Over the weekend Oertel saw many things that say his

players are headed in the right direction as the season progresses towards the start of conference play. And one of the things he likes is the mentality of Schroeder, who leads the Colonels with a 7-3 record in singles during the spring.

"He has made tremendous strides in his overall court demeanor," Oertel said. "He is very hard on himself and sometimes he won't let things go when something happens on the court, but he has become so much better at blocking those mistakes out and focusing on the next game on the next point. He doesn't dwell on problems on the court now."

Sophomore Hugo Klientovsky also returned to the Colonels lineup after missing time with an ankle injury.

"Having Hugo back from injury is huge for us," Oertel said. "He was able to return so quickly because of how diligent he was in rehabbing the injury."

The return of Klientovsky helps the Colonels as Alex Das is still sidelined for a few more weeks with a strained facture of the femur. Das, who has twice been named to the All-OVC first team, is expected to return around the start of OVC play on March 19.

On Friday against Birmingham-Southern, the Colonels begin a five match road trip that will lead up to the conference opener against Murray State.

Eastern, who has already played high ranking teams like No. 1 ranked Virginia and No. 9 ranked Kentucky, will play at 20th ranked Alabama on Sunday.

"It's an honor to have teams of that level on our schedule," Oertel said. "Playing that level of talent makes our team that much more comfortable when we get to conference play."



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Eastern improved to 6-4 on the season.

Upcoming Home Games

- Mar. 19 **Murray State** 2 p.m.
- Mar. 20 **Tennessee State** TBA
- Mar. 28 **Eastern Illinois** 12 p.m.
- Mar. 30 **Morehead State** TBA

BASEBALL: '2009 squad averaged 9.2 runs per game'

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Rodriguez got as much experience last year as possible, starting in all 51 games.

He wasn't the only freshman last year to make noise in the Eastern lineup. Outfielder Michael Garcia and infielder Jacob Daniel were members of the 2009 OVC All-Freshman team. Both hit well above .300 on the year.

"We expect last year's freshman to be better this year," Stein said. "The experience alone as a freshman, grinding out the season will make you better."

Stein said the offense is not the concern going into the season.

"We have the ability to put up a lot of runs," Stein said. "But it is important to remember that everyone can hit at the Division I level. Pitching and defense will set you apart and take you where you need to go."

The pitching is the Achilles tendon for the Colonels this year. Jim Clancy, Matt Fyffe and Chris Hord—three possible starting pitchers, are already out with season-ending injuries.

"That hurt," Stein said. "The depth is an issue. There is a lot of inexperience on the mound. I've told our pitchers they'll all have to step up."

Stein was able to sure up the closer role for the upcoming season. The Colonels will have newcomer Ryan Purcell, a junior-college transfer, as the staff's closer. Last year, the spot was filled by committee.

"He had a good fall," Stein said. "We'll give him the role."

Purcell has a good fastball, and more importantly, has that bulldog mentality that a closer should have."

Last year, the Colonels finished 27-24 and in seventh place. Jacksonville State went to the OVC tournament over the Colonels, because of a tiebreaker.

"Certainly not playing for the championship was a disappointment," Stein said. "There were a lot of injuries and inexperience."

League coaches picked the Colonels to finish sixth in the league this year, thus barely qualifying for the conference tournament.

"Prognosticators are really meaningless until we get out there," Stein said.

Stein acknowledged the hard work cut out for his team.

"Our league could be the strongest it has ever been," Stein said.

Eastern Illinois is picked as the favorite to win the OVC, but three teams received first-place votes.

Eastern's non-conference opponents include Louisville, West Virginia, Tennessee and Purdue.

The Colonels play at Western Kentucky on April 28.

The season kicks off with a three-game series at Western Carolina February 26-28.

The Colonels' home opener is set for March 2 against Ohio University. First pitch is 2 p.m.

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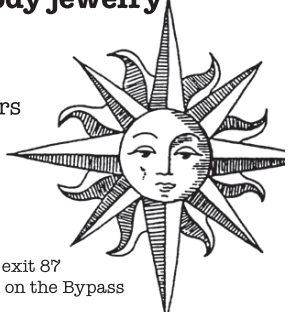
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Quick Hits

-Alex Jones was named OVC Player of the Week for her dominating performance against Morehead State. Jones finished with 34 points and 18 rebounds.

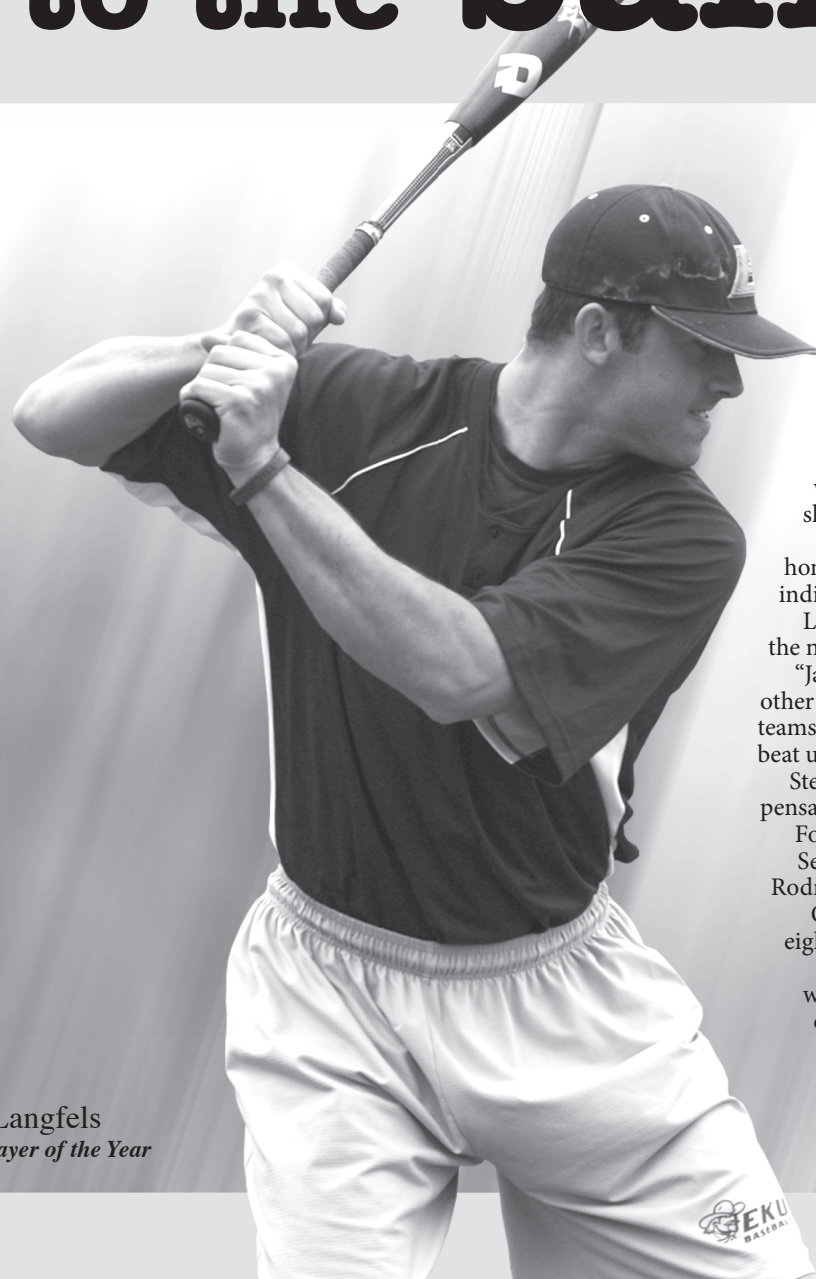
consistently ranked in the top 25.
-Eastern will host the first round of the women's basketball OVC tournament. Games start March 2.

-The women's softball team will play five games in three days this weekend. They face off against the DePaul Blue Demons, who are

-Josh Taylor reached 1,000 points in Eastern's Bracketbuster game against Winthrop. He is the 29 player to reach 1,000 points.



Take me out to the ballgame...



By Keith Ritchie
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It's an exciting time of year for second-year Head Coach Jason Stein. Baseball season is here. Before long, the snow will be melted, the warmth will return and the Colonels will battle on Turkey Hughes Field.

The improving weather is not the only thing Stein has to be excited about. The Colonels have six key returnees from last year's explosive lineup that was ranked tenth in the country in scoring (9.2 runs per game).

Among the returnees is junior third baseman Jayson Langfels, who was named OVC Preseason Co-Player of the Year, along with Morehead's shortstop Drew Lee.

"It's a big honor to be in the group with those guys," Langfels said. "To be honest, though, I would have much rather won a championship than receive individual awards."

Langfels won the OVC batting crown with a .441 batting average and led the nation with 1.67 RBI per game last season.

"Jayson is a five-tool player," Stein said. "He can do it all well. The thing is, other teams also know that. He is much respected throughout the league, and teams pitch around him. I know if I'm the opposing coach, I'm not letting him beat us."

Stein said that is why everyone else in the lineup will have to step up to compensate for that.

Fortunately for the Colonels, there is no lack of firepower in the lineup.

Senior first baseman Anthony Ottrando and sophomore shortstop Richie Rodriguez were named second-team All-OVC last year.

Ottrando smashed the ball, hitting .340 and was second on the team with eight homeruns and 50 RBI.

Rodriguez was the only freshman to be named to the All-OVC team. It would have been hard to keep him off of it after hitting .302 and was second on the team with doubles (15) and runs scored (52).

"I feel like I'm a smarter hitter now," Rodriguez said. "A lot of that comes with experience."

Junior Jayson Langfels
Named OVC Co-Player of the Year

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Star Players



Senior Anthony Ottrando

Stats
.340 batting average
8 home runs
50 RBIs
11 stolen bases

2010 Softball Schedule- Key Games

Mar. 7	Murray State University	@Nashville 11 a.m.
Mar. 17	Western Kentucky University	@HOME 3 p.m.
Mar. 30	Morehead State University	@Morehead 2 p.m.
Apr. 5	Miami University (OH)	@HOME 2 p.m.
Apr. 27	University of Kentucky	@HOME 2 p.m.

2010 Baseball Schedule- Key Games

Mar. 16	Purdue University	@HOME 2 p.m.
Mar. 21	Bowling Green State University	@HOME 1 p.m.
Mar. 24	Miami University (OH)	@Miami 6 p.m.
Apr. 28	Western Kentucky University	@WKU 6 p.m.
May 18	University of Louisville	@UofL 6 p.m.

Star Players

Sophomore Diane Gallagher

Stats:
.301 batting average
1 home runs
11 RBIs
24 stolen bases



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Eastern's women's softball team started the season off slow with four straight losses in the Campus Suites Spartan Classes hosted by the University of South Carolina Upstate.

The Colonels dropped the first game in eight innings to Liberty University. Senior Jena Handley went 3-for-5 with six RBIs in the 12-11 loss.

Eastern then dropped their next three games over the next two days. They fell 5-3 to Maryland-Baltimore County, 9-1 in six innings to South Carolina Upstate, and 3-2 in the consolation game against Liberty.

Handley was named to the all tournament team after batting .333 with seven RBIs.

The Colonels will go back to South Carolina next weekend to play in the Kickin' Chicken Classic hosted by Coastal Carolina. Eastern will play Jacksonville on Friday at 11 a.m., and Canisius at 1:45 p.m.

The 2010 Colonels look to return to the top of the OVC after a disappointing season last year. Eastern went 17-27 overall with an 8-13 record in the OVC under Head Coach Jane Worthington.

Last year marked only the third time in school history that the Colonels suffered a conference losing season. The squad also missed the OVC tournament for the first time ever.

Eastern returns five position players, the starting designated hitter and two pitchers from the 17 win team of last season. Three other players return along with eight newcomers.

The Colonels used a new training regimen this off-season to be better prepared for a long, grueling season. The coaches used a little thing called CrossFit. CrossFit is the principle strength and conditioning program for many police academies and tactical operations team, military special operations units, champion martial artists and hundreds of other elite and professional athlete worldwide.

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Senior Shyenne Hussey
Three time ALL-OVC Selection

