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Pikeville may become public, overlap forseen

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The University of Pikeville has recently proposed KY House Bill 260 in order to become a public institution.

The bill, presented by Speaker of the House Greg Stumbo and former Governor and President of the University of Pikeville Paul Patton, proposes to take over four counties currently within Eastern's service region and to fund the school through the state's coal severance money.

This means potentially Eastern's tuition and student recruits could be affected if the bill passes.

Paul Patton, UPike President, said only a portion of potential students in the Pike County and surrounding areas are actually enrolling in college.

This "portion," is about one third of the number of potential students who enroll in

college in Kentucky overall.

"So the students of this region are not being served by the state university system in the same way that the rest of the state is," Patton said.

UPike has a goal to become a public institution to increase educational attainment in southeastern Kentucky.

The proposed solution states its goal is to "increase the bachelor degree attainment rate of the students who will graduate from high school in 2017 to the state average within six years of graduation which will be 2023."

All public universities in the state have mission areas, which are areas of primary responsibility for universities to recruit.

Currently, Eastern has 22 counties in its mission area, also known as service regions.

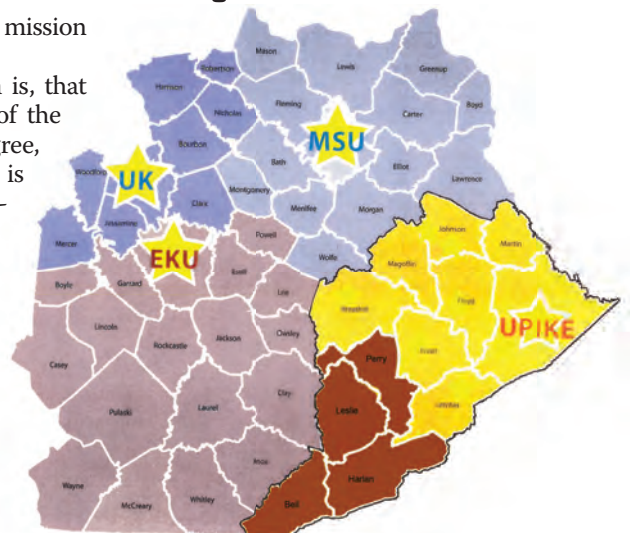
If UPike becomes a public university, four counties from Eastern's mission area including Bell, Harlan, Leslie and Perry and eight counties from Morehead's mission area, will

become a part of UPike's 12 county mission area.

"My basic fundamental problem is, that in these 12 counties 11.7 percent of the students are getting a bachelors degree, in the rest of the state that number is 21.8 percent, so about half of our students are getting a bachelor degree about half the rate of the rest of the state," Patton said.

Right now, a study is being conducted to see what other options may satisfy the goal of UPike by increasing the educational attainment in southeastern Kentucky.

"Governor Beshear has let a contract with a company called NCHEMs [the National Center for Higher Education Management] and NCHEMs has been hired to come in and look at what they per-



Eastern and Morehead currently hold Pikeville's proposed service region. The dark red shows the area that would overlap with Eastern's service region, and the yellow shows Morehead's overlap.

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FOLD or ANTE UP, Kentucky

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ALLOW CASINO-STYLE GAMBLING IN KENTUCKY MAY BENEFIT PUBLIC EDUCATION FUNDING

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A constitutional amendment to allow expanded casino-style gaming in Kentucky was introduced to the Kentucky senate Feb. 14 by Gov. Steve Beshear and Damon Thayer, state senator.

The new amendment would allow up to seven casino-style gaming operations at five licensed horse racing tracks and no more than two in other locations. The other two locations must be located no less than 60 miles from a licensed horse track.

The proposed bill states revenue from these sites would be used to fund areas such as job creation, education, public safety, health care and the horse industry.

With the recent 6.4 percent budget cut to secondary education in Kentucky, allowing expanded gaming would increase state revenue that could potentially lessen said cut, Eastern President Doug Whitlock said.

"Eastern and all of public education would benefit from increased public state revenue," Whitlock said. "When we start school this year, we're going to have \$1,100 less per student than we did in 2007."

Paul Foote, assistant professor of political science, agreed that expanded gaming at racetracks would increase revenue because people there is already gambling but is unsure if it will help as much as projected.

"I think if we add things, like slot machines, to the race tracks, it would

bring in some revenue, but not as much as the governor is tallying," Foote said.

The addition of expanded gaming could improve the economy by creating employment opportunities, even for Eastern students, in Kentucky.

"If it's casinos, it would add jobs," Foote said. "I already have students in classes working in Lexington at Keeneland."

Some states surrounding Kentucky, such as Indiana and Tennessee, already allow casino-style gaming.

"The governor makes a very good point when he says Kentuckians are gambling already," Whitlock said. "That's three to \$400 million a year in lost revenue that Kentuckians are carrying out state."

Kat Pagano, 23, graduate student from Hollice Maine, agrees gambling would bring in more money, but she worries about the more rural areas of the state.

"I do agree that it would probably increase revenue," Pagano said. "I think rural Kentucky has a real charm about it that I really wouldn't want to sacrifice for gambling."

Susan Garrett, 28, graduate student from Memphis, Tenn., said the potential earnings the state could take in were a greater benefit than the possible negative side effects.

"I think whatever revenue would be generated would be outweighed by negative social consequences," Garrett said.

Pagano agreed but also said the state needs to think about negatives associated with gambling, such as prostitution, addiction, drugs and alcohol.

Joe Gershtenson, director of the Kentucky Institute of Public Governance and Civic Engagement, said he sees the dangers gambling could cause, but it is the reality of our situation.

"The reality is we have neighboring states that have gambling and we have Kentuckians going across borders

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More services cut, lacking student interest the cause

By JACQUELINE HINKLE

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Over the last two to three years, Student Health Services stopped providing services to students including the flu and Gardasil vaccines, condoms and Planned Parenthood-administered pelvic exams and pap smears.

According to Pradeep Bose, M.D, director of Student Health Services (SHS), a lack of funding, as well as a decrease in demand, caused the services to cease.

"It seemed that more staff were interested in getting the flu shot than students were," Bose said.

Bose said the Gardasil vaccine was in the same predicament.

He said providing the shot to students alone could cost up to \$120-130 a dose, and a student needs three doses.

As for condoms, Bose said the state provided them and has not sent any boxes in the last couple of years.

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Student Health Services, located on Kit Carson drive, has stopped providing services including flu shots, Gardasil vaccines and free condoms for students in the last several years because of lack of funding.

RLC takes win for program of year

By KRISTIE HAMON

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The Residence Life Council (RLC) branch of Student Government received Program of the Year for a program it hosted called "Shut in for the Shut Out" and beat University of Louisville and Northern Kentucky University.

Additional awards received were President of the Year and most Charitable and Best Banner at the Kentucky Association of Residence Halls conference during the weekend of Feb. 11.

Vice President for Residence Life, Ashley Salyer, said she was alone in the category of President of the Year and they received most

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POLICE BEAT

All information is taken from Eastern police reports.

Feb. 4

Police were dispatched to Kit Carson Lot after a male student reported someone broke out his driver-side rear window. The student said his vehicle had been parked in the spot for two days. Items stolen from the vehicle were a Garmin Nuvi GPS with a charger and dash mount, valued at \$150, and an Apple iPod car charger, valued at \$50. He was advised to contact the ECU Police Department if he discovered other items missing. The total value of the stolen property and damages to the vehicle were \$350.

Feb. 7

Police were dispatched to Clay Hall after two students, Johnathan Ballard and Shelby Cardwell, were reported allegedly selling marijuana on campus. Cardwell

gave police consent to search her room, but nothing was found. When searching Ballard's room, police found Cardwell's purse filled with various prescription medications and an empty pill bottle in Ballard's backpack containing a small amount of marijuana residue. Once police arrived to search Cardwell's car, Ballard said there was a small amount of marijuana in the console and a homemade "water bong" made out of a Pepsi bottle, under the passenger seat. Ballard said both of the items were his and he was cited and released.

Feb. 9

A male student reported a theft from his vehicle, which was parked in Brockton Lot at the time. The front and rear driver-side doors had broken windows. Police suspect an old gas meter found on the passenger side floor was used to break the windows. They believe the piece could have been picked up from around the abandoned Brockton apartments. The items the student reported missing included a TomTom GPS, valued at \$225, and five CDs, valued at \$30. The total value of the stolen property and the damage to the vehicle was \$291.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Washington, D.C. internships available for fall semester

A paid internship is being offered at Rep. Ben Chandler's Washington, D.C. office for the upcoming fall semester. The position will pay a stipend of \$1,000 per month and earn up to 15 academic credits. Students from all majors are encouraged to apply. You must have a minimum of 30 credit hours and a 3.0 cumulative grade point average to apply. Applications are due March 2 to the Kentucky Institute of Public Governance and Civic Engagement. For more information, contact Joe Gershtenson at 622-2606.

Feminists for Change advocates women's health in Appalachia

Feminists for Change will host a discussion with Rep. Rita Smart to discuss women's health in Appalachia. The group will focus on issues concerning cervical cancer screenings and HPV vaccinations, as these diseases cause the death of approximately 15,000 women each year. All students are welcome to attend and free coffee and food will be provided. The event will take place at 10 a.m., Feb. 27, in the Discovery Classroom of Noel Studio.

High School Honors Band honors Eastern alumn

The 23rd Annual High School Honors Band (HSHB) will be honoring Charles "Chuck" Campbell, class of 1962 at 6 p.m., Feb. 25th in Brock Auditorium. The band will feature a series of events dedicated to the memory of Campbell. The cost of attendance is free and the event is open to the public. For more information, contact Joe Allison at 622-3266.



The Colonel's Calendar

Week of Feb. 16 - Feb. 22

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p>10 a.m. Keep It Sexually Safe Every Day, H.E.A.T. event, Powell lobby</p> <p>11 a.m. Photo Heart Bears, Student Life, Powell lobby</p> <p>8 p.m. Sex and Chocolate, H.E.A.T. event, Burnam Hall</p>	<p>1 p.m. Women's tennis vs. Dayton, Greg Adams Tennis Complex</p> <p>3 p.m. Baseball at East Tennessee State University</p> <p>7 p.m. Men's tennis vs. Northern Kentucky, Greg Adams Tennis Complex</p>	<p>7 p.m. Men's basketball game vs. Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne, Alumni Coliseum</p> <p>8 p.m. Women's basketball game at Tennessee Tech University</p> <p>Celtic Crossroads, ECU Center for the Arts</p>	<p>10 a.m. Softball vs. Ball State University, Hood Field</p> <p>1 p.m. Baseball at East Tennessee State University</p>	<p>8 p.m. Bold and Beautiful, Women Can event, Burnam basement</p> <p>9 p.m. Spring Break Safety, Case Hall event, Case basement</p>	<p>5 p.m. Appropriations Meeting, Student Government Association, Kenamer Room</p> <p>8 p.m. 11th Annual President's Ball, Student Activities Council, Keen Johnson Ballroom</p>	<p>3 p.m. Baseball at University of Louisville</p> <p>8 p.m. The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, ECU Theatre, Gifford Theatre</p> <p>8 p.m. Comedian: Mal Hall, Student Life, O'Donnell Hall SSB</p>

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GAMBLING

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to gamble," Gershtenson said.

Many still express some concerns about allowing gambling in the state, including its impact on the community.

"My biggest negative on it is that I don't like to think of people spending their money this way, especially when they can't afford it," Gershtenson said.

Gershtenson said having access to local gaming could negatively impact students because if students decide to gamble and

lose their money, then they will be forced to rely on more things like student loans.

"It would be more likely that students would be gambling because it would be more accessible," Gershtenson said. "It's one thing to go down to Tennessee to gamble, it's another to go up to Lexington."

Though Whitlock recognizes the issues surrounding gambling, he said those issues already exist with Kentucky residents crossing the borders of Tennessee and Indiana, as well as Internet gambling.

"To some folks gambling is entertainment, to others it's an addiction," Whitlock said. "Some do their gaming with purely disposable income. The more accessible

that it is, the more people will do it. Gambling is not a solution without problems."

Alternative actions are being discussed, as well, to help correct the state's financial situation.

Foote believes the government should take a more diverse approach to the issue and recommends charging entrance to Kentucky state parks.

Whitlock said he believes relying on a combination of gambling and the creation of a task force to study Kentucky's current tax system could also be an option.

"So many parts of Kentucky's economy are not taxed because they did not exist," Whitlock said. "Neither one of those will

result from an immediate increase in the state treasury."

Even if the amendment does pass in the state legislature and upcoming election, Whitlock said it could be some time in the 2013 - 2014 fiscal year before money would start accumulating.

"Overall, I'd say I'm more for it than against it because I'm being realistic," Gershtenson said. "If the other states around us didn't have it, that would be a different story. I'm not sure we have a better alternative right now."

If the senate bill is passed, it will be placed on the voting ballot for the November elections later this year.

PIKEVILLE

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ceive the problem to be and to look at the proposed solution that UPike has put forward and to see if there are other solutions as well as this one that might serve that issue," said Jim Clark, executive director of government relations at Eastern.

The report conducted by NCHEM is to be presented to the governor March 15.

The bill also proposes a unique funding source for the university.

"The 12 counties they have identified in their mission area are all coal producing counties, as a result they get coal severance money," Clark said. "The coal severance money is state money, but it's a different type of state money that the other universities are now drawing from."

James Street, the executive vice president

of capital planning and facilities management at Eastern, said he foresees a few potential problems for Eastern if the bill does pass.

"There are several problems that it causes for us, you have the financial, which is the most blatant potential concern that we have but then you start reducing our service region and that reduction means a reduction in the number of students we have, to ultimately faced with registering and so forth," Street said.

He said facing state budget cuts, in addition to "bringing another university on to the system," will cause serious funding issues.

Street said right now, and historically, Eastern gets a substantial number of students from Pike County.

"It's a major source for students now that if we don't get to recruit or put out the university in terms of trying to get people to come here, then that will have some impact on that, which is just horrible," Street said. "The unfortunate reality is everything that the university does costs money."

Eastern President Doug Whitlock said even if Pikeville were to become a public institution, he doesn't think it will affect Eastern's tuition.

"I don't really foresee that that would have any impact on the tuition levels at Eastern Kentucky University," Whitlock said. "An impending state budget cut would have a more of an impact on that than the prospect of that or certainly anything associated with Pikeville University."

Whitlock said UPike just needs to be more effective in its marketing and recruiting techniques.

"We do have a number of students that come to us from those counties, I don't think that we can assume that if Pikeville were a public university that students who otherwise would come to Eastern now suddenly would go somewhere else," Whitlock said.

Patton doesn't think the changes to Eastern's mission area will have a great impact on our recruiting.

"It's not the fault of Eastern, Morehead or

UK, that's where most of these students go when they go to a four-year university, but it's the fact that they are so far away," Patton said. "In 2010, there were about 136 students in these 12 counties enrolled in Eastern, and that's not going to change very much, those students probably will still do that."

He said what they are hoping to accomplish is more students who would normally go to a community college, or not go to college at all, would instead go to a four-year college if it is closer to home.

Clark said there are two main next steps that need to happen before conclusions can be drawn. The House committee will have hearings on the proposal, and the study will need to come out.

"That's where we are today is waiting on those next steps," Clark said. "As we find out more of the details we will all be in a better position to assess opinions anyway."

RLC

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charitable for the donations Eastern has made throughout the semester for "Shut in for the Shut out" from clothes and other items.

Winners were chosen by representatives from each school who voted on presentations at the conference that were pre-submitted through bids for different categories. Salyer said RLC member Lauren Cool presented

"Shut in for the Shut Out" at the state conference.

"I thought it was one of our better events that we've put on for RLC, and we had a ton of donations and a lot of student participation and hopefully it will get better every year," Cool said.

Salyer said RLC received a certificate and will be submitting "Shut in for the Shut Out" for the Program of the Year on the regional level and at a regional business conference.

Salyer said she was really excited about everything RLC won at the conference.

"It just gives us more recognition for programming," Salyer said. "They do this all the time especially for the RAs in the halls, but this put us on the state level, we can use that state experience to make your application for regional even better, so you know we can go up to."

Salyer explained that "Shut in for the Shut Out" was an event RLC hosted this semester in Powell to raise awareness about the homeless. She said it linked up with the Madison County EMS and the Salvation Army to set up cots in Powell, showed *The Help*, accepted

clothing and food donations and coordinated with Student Life for service opportunities as Student Life provided RLC with care packages for participants to make to donate.

Additionally, three RLC members won state titles. Dan Hendrickson won Kentucky Association of Residence Halls State Director, Brandon Mandigo won Kentucky Association of Residence Halls Associate Director for Recognition and Nicole Liford, RHC of Combs, was elected Kentucky Association of Residence Halls State Adviser.

SERVICES

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But Bose said he does not anticipate any further reduction in services provided as a result of the university's recent budget cuts.

"Once the state's financial situation improves, and funding for the free condom program becomes available, I have no doubt that we will make condoms available to students just as we had done in the past."

Bose encourages students to get condoms at the Madison County Health Department, where they are free.

And SHS also refers students to specialized health physicians if it is needed.

SHS provides health educational awareness information as well. Its lobby offers a wide selection of brochures on topics such as, STDs, AIDS, pregnancy and health conditions.

SHS is only available for enrolled students at Eastern. Visits and services are free of charge, unless outside medical services are necessary

"Our staff consists of two physician family practice doctors, two nurse practitioners, two registered nurses, three certified medical assistants, an office manager, and front office staff," Bose said.

Samantha Clark, 20, general arts and science major from Richmond said, "I have only been to health services maybe once or twice, but during the times I went the staff there was always very welcoming and helpful as if I was at a regular doctors office."

SHS provides many different services for students consisting of: Tuberculosis skin testing, immunizations (tetanus, hepatitis B, Meningitis vaccine, MMR (protection against measles, mumps, and rubella), tdap (prevention against pertussis-whooping cough), and varicella (prevention against chicken pox), family planning services, x-rays (and other

imaging studies), and mental health services that take place at the ECU counseling center.

Two services SHS has stopped providing in the past 2-3 years were flu and gardasil (HPV prevention) vaccines, because of funding.

"I have been there before when I was sick, and they provided me a prescription," said Audra Sommer, 20, public relations major from Finneytown. "Having health services on campus is very beneficial, not only because it's free to students but its right on campus, so you don't have to make a trip to the doctor."

Services SHS does not provide include prescribing or dispensing eye glasses, administering pap smears, making house calls, obstetrical care, providing health care to family members of students, dental care, pre-employment physicals and pre-participation physical exams for activities not required by Eastern or any of its programs.

"I knew that they had many services that they offered, but I never knew what the spe-

cific services were that they provided, or what services they do not provide for us [students]," Clark said.


"We can only help students with their acute medical issues, we can't be a student's chronic care doctor, we may not be available to them when they need us in a case of emergency," Bose said.

"We try to advertise by attending new student orientations held in Powell and spotlights that are held in Keen Johnson, which is where parents and new students come to get educated about what's on campus," Bose said. "We (SHS) set up our own booth or table where students and parents can come and know more about our services."


"We are also listed in the Division of Student Affairs Directory, where students can also find out about services there as well," Bose said.

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Year-round Phoneathon turns volunteers into paid staff

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Eastern's Phoneathon has been going on for over 10 years, an event that involves students calling alumni to ask for donations for the university.

Phoneathon coordinator Amanda Schneider said the phone-a-thon builds good relations between Eastern and its alumni.

"This is a way for students to contact alumni," Schneider said. "Doing something like this builds relations with the present and the past, through the students and the alumni. It started out as a volunteered job but then turned into a paying employed job because of all the

success it gained."

Schneider said the Phoneathon is a year-round project.

"So when school starts back for the fall semester we begin calling a week into school until November," Schneider said. "For the spring semester we start calling in February and end in April, and there is only some calling done in the summer time. During those few months we will try to contact as many people as possible to meet our goal."

Schneider said students make the calls themselves, as opposed to automated operators.

"It is a system and the goal is to reach as many people as they can," she said. "It is not

"We start calling in February and end in April, and there is only some calling done in the summer time."

Amanda Schneider
Phone-a-thon coordinator

an automated phone, that way the students can have one on one contact with the alumni and make it more personal. Sometimes we will have students call alumni according to their major so that way they have something in common."

Schneider added that the alumni get to decide where their donations end up.

"Every alumni choose where their donation goes," Schneider said. "There are thousands of places on campus but some of the more popular places that get donations are individual colleges, student athletics, and the many scholarships that are offered."

Those interested in the Phoneathon can contact the office at 622-8312.



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Students in the Spanish 201 class taught by Socorro Zaragoza, attend class in the Incubator Classroom in Lower Powell. Other professors utilize technology like Skype, a video chat program, and Adobeconnect or Wimba Classroom.

Technology major focus in various classrooms for 'multimedia' spaces

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Technology is a large part of our society. Universities, Eastern included, have taken advantage of such advances.

Eastern has jumped on the technology bandwagon by featuring technology-heavy classrooms in various areas of campus such as the Incubator Classroom in Tech Commons and the New Science Building by offering classes via live video.

"Five years ago, a well equipped classroom had a mounted projector and a desktop computer," said Jean Marlow, director instructional technology for IT. "The demand now is for fully equipped multimedia spaces where all devices are connected to a classroom control system."

For example, if a student has a question about a homework assignment or a question about a pronunciation for a language class, the chances are the students can Skype their professor the answer. Skype is a free video calling service where one could video chat with the professor.

Marlow said Skype is used for interviews and within Eastern's Tech Commons' Gurus for tutoring students.

"Faculty laptops have a built in camera and microphone, which along with a Skype account, is all that's needed to talk to people around the world," Marlow said. "Many professors are using it to bring textbook authors and other prominent scholars into the classroom."

Joey Lowry, 29, business major from Hazard, said his professors use the technology in the classrooms through PowerPoints and projectors.

"It is really helpful especially power points on Blackboard, etcetera for reference to tests, quizzes, whatever after class,"

Lowry said.

Stanley Absanon, 18, business and marketing major from Lakeland, Fla., said his professors use the same technology as Lowry's professors.

"They use technology, but its mainly one on one stuff," Absanon said. "They show reports on the overhead. That's the main thing they do, but mainly it's book work, writing and all that stuff."

Hannah Thorton, 22, sports management major with a minor in public relations from Lexington, said she likes the course and would recommend it to others.

"It's different and kinda cool that you can do this through Skype," Thorton said. "It's cool that he's not even here, and we can do this."

Marlow said some of the technology used for online courses, similar to Thorton's, includes Adobeconnect and Wimba Classroom.

"These programs create real-time online classrooms for teacher-student interactions, including PowerPoint lectures and some video conversations," Marlow said. "Such online meetings can be great, but full participation depends on everyone connecting at once over the fastest possible networks, so these tools do not yet make online learning easier for everyone."

Marlow also concluded by saying Eastern is looking for a future with more technology available for students on campus.

"Traditional classrooms are already in the process of being transformed into collaborative and active learning spaces fully equipped with multimedia, lecture capture and live streaming capabilities," Marlow said. "IT labs are becoming tutoring and mentoring centers in support of student needs."

EXTRA! EXTRA!

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CNN visits to interview ASL student on financial woes

By SAMANTHA TOY

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She never thought she would actually get a reply from CNN's Clark Howard show after sending the network an email concerning her financial problems.

But Anna Beard, 19, pre-American sign language interpreter training major from Columbia, did not only receive reply, but CNN camera crew paid her a visit on campus.

She recently went to set up a new cell-phone account for herself and her husband. She was told she would have to pay a deposit of \$500. Instead, she had her husband, who has very little but good credit, go and set up an account at a local cellular provider.

In an email sent a month ago to *The Clark Howard Show*, which features Clark Howard, a "money coach" who answers viewers' emails asking for financial advice, Beard explained her recent dilemma with the phone company, and that companies such as Old Navy and Kohl's had turned her down for credit cards.

"I don't have past credit history and I don't make a lot of money," Beard said. "I only have a part-time job. I work on campus through university development. A lot of students get their credit started with student loans. I don't have any student loans, which is great but I can't get started on my credit."

And a week ago, the show contacted her



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Anna Beard, 19, pre-American Sign Language interpreter training major from Columbia, pictured at right, contacted CNN's Clark Howard Show concerning her financial problems. A camera crew from the show visited campus and Beard's ASL class.

requesting an interview.

"I think I was chosen because I think this is a common problem that a lot of people my age have," Beard said.

Friday, the CNN film crew followed Beard around campus on a short tour and went to her American Sign Language (ASL)

class taught by Karen Millsap. The class continued normally despite the film crew operating in the background.

The shots will be edited into a small segment on the show, featuring Beard, in the near future.

"When they were filming it wasn't real-

ly a big deal," Beard said. "The way they interviewed my husband, Wade, and I it really seemed natural. Just like we were having a conversation. It was so much fun having them in class. Definitely livened things up in the department."

"When I asked if they needed an interpreter to interpret the footage they took," Millsap said, "their response was 'CNN has a team of interpreters representing every language and I feel sure we have an ASL interpreter as well.' I was thrilled that my language was finally getting the recognition of other formal languages amongst spoken languages."

"My students are always nervous standing in front of the class signing for me," Millsap said. "I know they enjoyed seeing the tables turned and watching me sweat it out in front of CNN's camera. We had a good laugh about that afterwards."

Laurence Hayes, chair of the Department of American Sign Language and Interpreter Education, was pleasantly surprised by CNN's visit to Eastern.

"I believe that the publicity brings to light a positive and unique program that ECU offers," Hayes said. "ASL and interpreting classes are popular and offer a wide diversity of career options for those individuals who enjoy language and look for opportunities to work with the deaf community."

Beard will be applying to the ASL interpreter training program this semester.

Students assist low income Richmond community with taxes

By MEGAN COLLINS

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Accounting students are working with other students and people in the low income tax community to electronically configure their taxes, while gaining hands-on experience in the field of study.

VITA, Voluntary Income Tax Assistance, is a 25-year-old program coordinated and sponsored by the internal revenue service (IRS). Students participating in VITA are only qualified to prepare tax returns to taxpayers who make a maximum of \$50,000 a year.

The first VITA session is 1-4 p.m. Feb. 24, in the business and technology library Room 269. Taxpayers who qualify can either make an appointment or walk in.

"The best way to learn is to apply it," said Trish Isaacs, associate professor of accounting 322. "It's learning at its best, it is a win-win, serves the community and students."

VITA provides people with two services. One welcomes taxpayers to bring their information in and let the students enrolled in the class prepare their tax returns electronically. The second service is a new development in the program that will provide computer space for taxpayers to prepare their own tax returns.

Both services are provided without a fee.

The students focus on taxpayer's income credit. After the tax return is submitted online, taxpayers will receive a copy. VITA prepares both federal and Kentucky income tax returns.

VITA is working with United Way of the Bluegrass, and Central Kentucky Bluegrass Economic Empowerment Project (CKEEP) coordinated several VITA sites. CKEEP supports the VITA program by providing the program with materials and advertising.

Students enrolled in accounting 322 are participating in VITA as a service-learning project required for the class.

The students have to pass an IRS-required basic test to be a VITA volunteer and participate in two sessions of the program.

Isaacs said she will be present at every session of VITA and help answer questions when needed.

Erica Cox, 26, accounting major with a concentration in forensic accounting from Dallas said, "I think it is a wonderful program. It is not fair that they only make \$50,000 or \$30,000 a year and H&R Block etcetera ask for three to \$400."

The vita program is free to taxpayers who qualify.

Cox said she is a single mom and has been telling everyone about this opportunity.

"I plan on using VITA," she said.

Janelle Whiteman, 20, accounting and finance major from Lexington, said it is really nice the taxes are done for free.

"It is a really nice program, it is really neat to do it for people and neat for us because we learn," Whiteman said.

Taxpayers are asked to bring certain materials to the session they attend to complete their tax returns. For a list of materials needed visit www.irs.gov.



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Students who take part in the TRiO NOVA program participate in many areas of TriO services such as advising and leadership skills classes. These students in one of the two GSD 101 classes use NOVA as a transition into college.

Program provides leadership skills to first generation college students

By PHIL KYLES

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Eastern has been called a school of opportunity. Eastern's TRiO NOVA program falls under such a category.

Since 1975 the program has worked with first generation college students to ease the transition from home to college, according to its website.

Students within the program do not only receive advising, but reach out into the Richmond community.

"Having a course in which a student learns how to lead, by first learning how to be a good servant, sets a current in motion that brings success to both the student, the university and the community," said Heather Jones, a student peer mentor for the NOVA program has had hands on experience with the curriculum.

The program has affiliates including Berea Head Start, Habitat for Humanity, Liberty Place Recovery Center for Women, Richmond Child Care Center, Youth Services Center for Madison Middle and Madison Central High Schools, Madison County Public Library, McCready Manor, and Mujeres Unidas. The programs Eastern has been working with most consistently are Madison County Public Library and McCready Manor, an assisted living community.

The leadership class portion of the program is taught

through a mandatory course.

Stephen Haggerty, the program's assistant director, teaches the leadership dynamics class and plays a major role within NOVA.

"One of the primary goals of the NOVA program is to show students that education and critical thinking exists beyond the classroom and to create servant-leaders that recognize helping others is mutually beneficial to both themselves and their community and through their service experience at Eastern, become passionate, intelligent, and motivated college graduates," Haggerty said.

Kelly Benton, from Paint Lick Kentucky and graduate of Eastern with a sociology degree, is the activities director at McCready Manor, and provides insight into a student's daily course work.

"The NOVA program students for the past two years have held an ice cream karaoke social with the patients," Benton said. "Also they host a senior prom; they decorate, set up and act as dance partners for some of our senior residents. Our residents really seem to enjoy their time interacting with the students, the NOVA program is much appreciated and we are glad that they continue to choose us."

The student's experiences are culminated in final presentation, currently planned for May 1.

Teaching preview program begins accepting students in March

By PHIL KYLES

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Getting a sneak preview into a future career, isn't always an option for students. Picking a major and taking classes is often a small window into what a future profession can hold.

But a program in its seventh year, "Try Teaching" allows students a test-run of what teaching could be like and will begin accepting applications in March.

"Nationally, traditional undergraduate teacher preparation programs are not producing enough teachers to fill public school classrooms," said Cynthia Resor, coordinator of the master teaching program and overseer of the "Try Teaching" program. "That's why this program is so important."

"Try Teaching" provides opportunities by offering commitment-free experience

for those interested in the teaching profession and encourages students to discover what it is like to become a public school teacher.

With a \$175,000 grant from Ashland Inc., the "Try Teaching" program is financially qualified to match perspective participants with respected teachers within the K-12 educational system.

Also the program pairs the participant with a university-level educator to see their way through the certification process.

The program has had 44 students over the past six years.

"The 'Try Teaching' [program] is a great way to sample teaching before committing a lot of time and money to an entering a career that a person might not like," Scott Griggs, an industrial chemist before pursuing an education degree, said

Students interested in trying the pro-

"This short time in the classroom provides a perspective that allows to decide whether teaching is a good career move, or not."

***Ed Simpson
Participant in "Try Teaching"***

gram must have an undergraduate degree with a 3.0 overall GPA or a 3.0 GPA in the last 60 credit hours. The participants must also meet a state background check, which is required for all teachers in training.

Participants complete tasks such as pre-

paring lesson plans, teaching students and observing working teachers.

"Changing careers and earning a degree in a new field is a time-consuming and expensive venture," Resor said. "'Try Teaching' offers participants the chance to really live the life of a classroom teacher for one or two weeks allowing them to decide to become teachers and others decide that they definitely do not want to become teachers."

"This short time in the classroom provides a perspective that allows one to decide whether teaching is a good career move, or not," another participant, Ed Simpson, a former medical technologist, said,

Applications can be downloaded from www.tryteaching.eku.edu/apply.php or for more information contact Cynthia Resor at eku.edu or 859-622-2165.

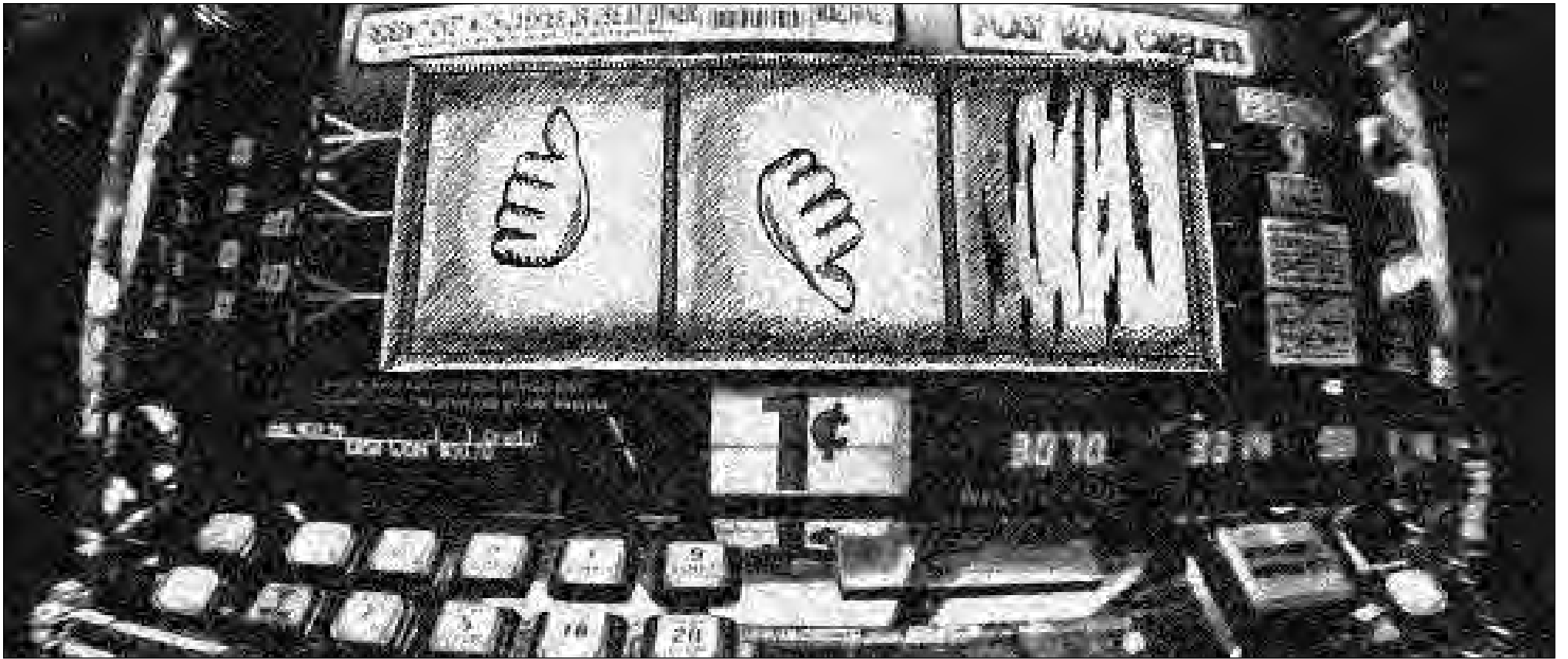
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Gambling is positive reality, adds revenue

The Kentucky legislature has recently proposed a number of bills that would legalize gaming, or gambling, in the Commonwealth. The bills allow for owners of racetracks to place gambling machines on the premises and would allow developers to build casinos, as well.

Under proposed Kentucky House Bill 45, the citizens of each county in the Commonwealth would be able to vote on whether or not they wanted to allow gaming within their county, similar to the current laws in place regarding the sale of alcohol in Kentucky.

The idea has been met with both favor and concern from Kentuckians, and with good reason. Allowing gambling to occur legally would be a huge step that would forever change the face of the commonwealth's population.

Or would it?

The truth is, gambling in Kentucky is as much a reality as coal mining in Kentucky. Some people may not want to talk about it all the time, but it definitely exists. This is true in a number of ways. First of all, while gambling may be illegal here, we do have a state lottery. For those who aren't acquainted with how a lottery works, people pay money into a pot to get numbers. If their numbers match the numbers from the big drawing at the end of the cycle, they win the money in the pot.

Guess what folks, that's gambling, and it's entirely legal.

Kentucky is also proudly home to the Kentucky Derby, appropriately dubbed the most important 30 seconds in sports. Why is it the most important? In the span of those 30 seconds, fortunes are won and lost. People's lives change in the blink of an eye because of the gambling that takes place for that one race. Anybody sitting in a bar or a restaurant with TVs on the day of the derby can tell you stories of the rather dramatic reactions that happen after the race has concluded. And we're the horseracing capital of the world; imagine all the betting that's being done at the smaller races.

Beyond that, small-time gambling dens dot Kentucky's landscape everywhere. Often cleverly tucked away behind an inconspicuous convenience store or gas station, these places conceal a small number of gaming machines. The owners can get away with things like this by being just out of the way enough for the authorities to pay little attention.

Those are just a few examples of gambling that already happens here, and will continue happening here, along with other sorts of gaming. This is because trying to prohibit gambling is like trying to prohibit alcohol. It's not going to work, and it's likely to be taken over by someone with less accountability to

the people than the government.

People may fear the exposure of their families to gambling, but unless those families are kept extraordinarily sheltered, that exposure is going to happen anyway. It's better to teach people responsible, legal gambling than to throw them to the wolves of illegal, and possibly dangerous, underground gaming.

Another point worth considering in the debate is the economic state Kentucky unfortunately is in. We are currently drowning in debt, and legalized gambling offers us a way to climb out of the hole we've found ourselves in. All the gambling that Kentuckians do in other states, such as Indiana, would be done here, and the taxes on gambling Kentuckians usually pay to other states would instead stay here. This is a huge economic benefit to us, because, as we've mentioned before, a lot of Kentuckians like to gamble.

We could put that money to good use improving the lives of Kentucky citizens. For example, the funds could be used to repair roads in desperate need of work in rural areas. Kentucky's poverty could no longer be used as an excuse for poor environmental conditions in the towns surrounding mining areas.

Lifting the ban on gambling is not going to magically fix all of our problems. Every change comes with obstacles to overcome, and this would be no exception. One example

would be by legalizing gambling, Kentucky's tourism would increase. Thus, requiring the citizens to become more welcoming to visitors.

While a tourist economy would rely heavily on visitors, requiring a change to the "get off my lawn" attitude of many Kentuckians, there would be perks, as well. Tennessee, while not allowing gambling in any sense other than the state lottery, has been a tourist state for a long time. The built up economic system has caused a change in the sales tax policy in the state. Now, citizens of Tennessee don't pay sales tax, only tourists do. This would obviously take a while in Kentucky, as more businesses would need to come to attract people, but in the long-term sales tax breaks could become a reality for Kentuckians too. In fact, with legalized gambling Kentucky would stand a good chance of claiming some of Tennessee's tourists for ourselves.

The legalization of gambling in the Commonwealth opens a number of doors that were previously closed to Kentucky citizens. The revenue generated by taxing something Kentuckians already do illegally and in other states will be a huge benefit to our economy, and the funds collected could be used to improve the everyday lives of citizens across Kentucky.

Gambling would increase social problems

Kentucky's current economic status is in need of major assistance.

Gov. Steve Beshear insists amending the constitution to lift the ban on gambling in Kentucky is the best course to bring in more revenue. However, the potential consequences of this decision could outweigh the positives.

Gov. Beshear claims the taxes that could be collected and the increased tourism of gambling venues, would help balance Kentucky's state budget and help alleviate our debt.

However, according to the 2010 U.S. Census, 17.7 percent of Kentucky residents are below the poverty line. The national average is 13.8 percent.

The median household in Kentucky is \$41,576, while the country's average is at \$51,914, according to the same census.

Our residents are already financial-

ly worse off than the majority of the nation. Bringing in an industry in which people risk what little funds they have doesn't seem logical.

Encouraging our citizens to gamble away their money it is the exact opposite message our state government should be sending. Saving and investing funds is much more appropriate during these difficult economic times.

Yes, the taxes and fees the casinos and state would set could help. But what happens when the local economies suffer because the majority of the income that flows in is outsider dollars. Even though industries like casinos do not require nice weather, all tourist industries are seasonal.

Which equals dry spells for small communities. Communities that already suffer from economic troubles.

Additionally, there are other sectors or

areas in our budget in which taxes could be raised. By bringing an entire new industry into the state, new regulations would need to be set and large amounts of loans would be taken out. Essentially, we would be putting ourselves further in debt just to place a new set of taxes. Raising taxes or placing new fees in other areas would be more cost efficient.

In August 2009, Kentucky increased the cigarette tax by 30 cents; people still buy cigarettes and smoke just as much prior to the tax increase. Also, Kentucky is one of the few states that has free admission into its state parks. A \$2 or \$3 fee to this state's numerous parks would help bring in more revenue without increasing the debt.

There are major negative social issues to allowing gambling in this state, as well. Kentucky is state of vices. Citizens here are known for their dependency on unhealthy

choices.

According to a press release by the Kentucky State Police Department, in 2008 meth accounted for six percent of all drug cases, which doubled to 11 percent in 2010. This state is also known for its high level of alcoholism and domestic grown marijuana. Gambling is equally as addictive as any drug. With Kentucky's high amount of addictions, bringing in one more possible bad habit would be detrimental to society.

Casinos are also not a healthy environment. High tensions plus large amounts of alcohol being consumed and thousands of dollars on the line is an equation for a bad situation.

With safer and more cost-effective options, Gov. Beshear and Kentucky should look for other ways to help balance the budget. Making gambling legal might just make a bad situation worse.

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Writer gains new experiences at campus farm



My Turn:
Cari Tretina

Submerged - opposed to experienced - is how I would describe my trip with the reproduction and artificial insemination class to Eastern's Meadowbrook Farm last Wednesday. This was more than an educational trip, as I am not from Kentucky and have little experience with farm life.

Prior to my adventure to the farm with one of the agriculture department's classes, Scott Benjamin, agricultural business major, gave me a few pointers in preparation.

"Bring your shit kickers," Benjamin said.

My lack of such footwear started my worries.

On the road to our destination, we saw acres of grassy fields filled with barns and various animals. Meadowbrook Farm is comprised of swine, sheep, goats and crops. However, our focus was purely on cows that day.

The smell of manure, freshly chopped grass and hay filled the air underneath the open barn. There were dairy cows in separate stalls to one side, and one beef cow on the other side, also in a stall.

Now, the title of the class alone should inform you of what was taking place. Achieving the goal of this class is not an easy process, though.

In layman's terms, you place your hand in the anus of the cow and gently insert a small rod with semen into the animal's vagina.

Even though this sounds horribly graphic and disturbing, the process causes the cow no pain and is a very common practice in the agriculture field. In fact, the students become certified at the end of the course in artificial insemination.

With my very limited experience with

cows, I decided observation was the best path for me at the moment. The students seemed to follow protocol to find the cervix, but sometimes it took more than a hand. At one point, one man's entire arm was inside of the cow.

While Benjamin, his professor, associate professor Laurie Rincker, and director of University Farms Rick Griebenow, prepared me for the actual process, they forgot to mention one side effect it has on the cows-defecation, or poop.

Lots and lots of poop.

Every time a student went to practice the process, poop was involved. Be it a small amount or an entire bowel movement, that glove came out with feces on it. I guess since cows defecate close to 100 pounds in one day it makes sense.

But it is still not normal to a spectator.

Observing a situation can only give a person a limited amount of information; I wanted the full experience.

Rincker started preparing me for insertion. I put on the glove, which reached past my shoulder and rubbed lubricant on it. I was about to put my hand in a cow's rectum.

A glove and some lube was not enough to mentally prepare me.

I approached the cow. For those who don't know me, I am barely taller than a legal midget and have serious germaphobe issues, so with that said, my head was level with the entrance point and all I could think about was poop.

A deep breath and a little help from Rincker and I was in. My hand slid right through into rather warm, somewhat empty cow innards. I moved my hand, feeling the walls of the colon. As I was soaking this all in, my mind began to concentrate on the amount of sheer feces that could end up on my body.

Just as that thought crossed my mind, I felt the muscles dilate. Fearing being coated in cow pies, I immediately looked at the professor and said it was time for my hand to come out. My body may have stayed cleaned, but let's just say that glove wasn't so lucky.

No amount of hand sanitizer would

ever make me feel clean after that experience.

On a more colorful note, during this farm visit I also got to see the milking station. Once again, students and full-time employees alike were in control. About 35 cows get milked twice a day, and these animals produce anywhere from 25 to 45 gallons of milk.

First, the workers guide the cows in front of the milking station.

Unlike in old timey movies, the majority of the milking is done through small, cushioned vacuum tubes. Milking is actually enjoyable to the cows because it releases the pressure from their udders, and most enjoys their yummy products. Meadowbrook Farm supplies some of the milk for Flav-O-Rich, which is served by Aramark.

When milking begins, the milk must be brought down into the teats, before the machine can be hooked to the cow. Think of a tube of toothpaste. Then the machine is removed and you must double-check the process has been finished by checking the teats, manually.

I, of course, jumped on the opportunity to do both. I was somewhat disappointed I wasn't sitting on a wooden stool chewing on a piece of straw, but it was still a memorable moment nonetheless.

Since I had never toured a farm, my only preconceptions of farms and dairy productions were the stories I have heard from PETA. Those couldn't have been farther from the truth. The workers, students and professors look to these creatures not as cash or products but as animals with emotions. Every action a person makes, they also take into consideration the cows' perspective.

On top of that, the agriculture department teaches and constantly evaluates the students on proper protocol and hygienic procedures. Every animal on that farm has probably the best life of any farm animal.

My trip to Eastern's farm has probably been one of the greatest and most exciting experiences I have had here in Kentucky, thus far. As an added bonus, I even got a little "hands-in" training.

CAMPUS COMMENTS

"Meal Plans/Flex"

All Campus Comments are anonymous.

- I think the Flex dollars are pretty good, but the meals aren't great. Meal plans are pretty expensive too.
- I wish there was more options to get more Flex. Cheaper to buy new ones.
- It doesn't go very far, I'm sick of Powell.
- I only get Flex, the meal plans are a waste of money.
- I don't have a meal plan.
- Upstairs food is disgusting.
- I'm happy with it. I've used it for three of the years I've been here. All and all I'm satisfied with it.
- I didn't even get one this year because my parents didn't wanna pay for it.
- Well I have my scholarship for the meal plans, but the meals could be better.
- I eat downstairs more than I eat upstairs.
- I guess it's good it's just really expensive. I think it's good on campus instead of having to go out and buy meals.
- I personally like them. I mean, I'm going to spend money to eat anyway.
- I don't have one. I think they're a waste of money.
- I live off campus, so I don't even have a meal plan or Flex anymore.
- It could be better.
- I have nothing worthy to say.
- I don't have much to say about it.
- Flex dollars are very convenient.
- It is kind of annoying to see it all over campus.
- I like our meal plans.
- I don't have a meal plan.
- I think flex is more useful.
- I'm not on a meal plan or flex.
- What's a flex plan?
- We need more guest meals, five is not enough.
- I think the transfer where you can use your meal plan upstairs down here after eight o'clock, I think that should be all day.
- I don't have either of them.
- I don't use either of those, I'm a person who pays.
- I feel like they should offer more flex at a lower price than we're paying now, cause it seems like people run out of more flex because it's like this is open more often than upstairs.
- A waste of money because you never use all the ones upstairs and since the meals don't carry over; it's quite ridiculous.
- I like it, they are way too expensive but I like it.
- I hate upstairs Powell, it's awful, it's why I go with flex, it's cheaper too.
- I think it's stupid that meal plans don't roll over like flex does, but meal plans don't because I had a bunch left over last time.
- I love them.
- I don't have either meals or flex.

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Take steps for the prevention of dog abuse



My Turn:
Stephanie Collins

Just a few weeks ago, Pit Bull-puppy, Malachi, was rushed into surgery after being chained to a truck and drug for over a mile in Bowling Green - a horrifying act that left Malachi with only 50 percent of his skin remaining.

Malachi's story was brought to my attention when it popped up on my Facebook's newsfeed. Anger and grief instantly struck me, emotions shared by thousands of followers and support groups dedicated to his recovery.

Desperate to learn more on his case, I turned my attention to a Google search where ongoing lists of stories related to the pup were attached with "graphic images" warnings. As I looked at Malachi's photo, a thin, beaten down animal with patches of bloody skin visible throughout his mangled coat crossed my vision. It then dawned on me just how often I read

similar stories about abuse to man's best friend.

Malachi's owner claims it was accident. He said he forgot Malachi was chained to his truck bed and drove away, oblivious to what followed. During the drive, the chain broke loose and Malachi was brought to an animal hospital.

The owner said he thought his friend had put him in the garage, and said he rushed to see him at the hospital. I believe him.

But whether it was an accident or not does not change my opinion on the owner; he was negligent, and the incident could have been prevented.

Though I wish there was something we as a society could do to prevent the endless amount of dog abuse reported, we cannot. We can preach, spread the word, donate money - all of which serve a great purpose - but it will not change the actions sick people choose to make against dogs, especially in a state with animal abuse laws so scarce, abusers are practically ushered in.

We can, however, prevent unnecessary accidental abuse and death cases by being proactive by:

- Being wary of purchasing a dog from a pet store because you may be unknow-

ingly supporting a puppy mill, according to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) International. Its website states the only sure way to avoid supporting a puppy mill is to adopt from an animal shelter or rescue.

- Spaying or neutering your dog. Many neglected and abused dogs are the result of an unwanted litter.

- Doing your research. If you plan to get a dog, be more responsible than to choose the first one that catches your eye. Just like people, dogs come with a variety of traits and personalities. Depending on the breed, a dog may be more laid-back, aggressive, require more activity and so on. By researching, you can better understand your current dog or know what to look for in a future one.

- Do not put your dog in a situation that limits its ability to protect itself. Chains are the main problem for this. Imagine being attacked while chained to a tree; the odds would definitely be against you.

Above all, I urge people to find some common sense. You are not obligated to care about animal rights, but please, don't add to the problem.

or even if anyone will hear them - I still have to tell them. It can keep me up at night, let me work through exhaustion, clear my mind or allow me to relax. On the flipside, it can also mean if I don't get it just right it can drive me crazy trying to perfect it. Story telling drives my every conscious and subconscious move.

In high school, I was into theater, art and loved playing video games. Later, I found a group of friends who were into building and designing haunted houses, and I did this for years. Between high school and college, I took some acting classes and did some community theater. I worked as a DJ at a local radio station in my hometown.

Then, after years of procrastination, I decided it was time for me to go to college. I went to an online digital-art school working on a degree in design layout and video game design.

Later, I went to work as a news reporter for a daily newspaper. I did all of this before I was 30. Then at 30, I received a very special gift that finally opened my ears - allowing me to hear myself for the first time.

The gift was, "Elmore Leonard's 10

Rules of Writing." And yes, the book was directly from the living legend himself. It was like everything I had ever done finally made sense. I would like to point out; it was not a mid-life crisis.

I am old but not that old.

So how does this help you find your voice, you're asking. Well, I want you to stop and think for a moment about what makes you happy. In everything you do,

in education, pleasure and financial gain, there is one underlying common thread. It might not be as simple to see as mine is, but I guarantee you it is there somewhere.

College is a great time and place to find your voice. It is also a great place to learn how your instructors found ways to focus their voice.

For me, it means studying broadcasting while focusing on film techniques.

When I write or talk, I may not use the English language 100 percent accurately, but I write how my voice sounds. Remember it is your voice and only you know how it should sound. The most important rule to remember is, "If it sounds like writing, rewrite it."

Learn your voice through the actions you take



My Turn:
Jason Edwards

In high school, I was the passive quiet guy who didn't really say anything. I did not complain about things, I just went with the flow.

It wasn't until I became older I really found my voice. Amazingly, I was not always the angry guy readers know me as today. College helped me learn to focus my voice. Knowing your voice is something you can't learn in a textbook, it is something that must be discovered through your own actions.

Something just as important as finding your voice is learning how to focus it.

Simply put, your voice is what drives you to be who you are. This might come as a shock to you, but many of you might already know your voice but are having a difficult time hearing it. Looking back, even all the way to junior high school, I can clearly hear my voice.

Perhaps the best example is to explain my voice. I love to tell stories. While that might not sound as fantastic as some of you had imagined, it is my passion.

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CASE FILE: "THE CITIZEN CANINE"

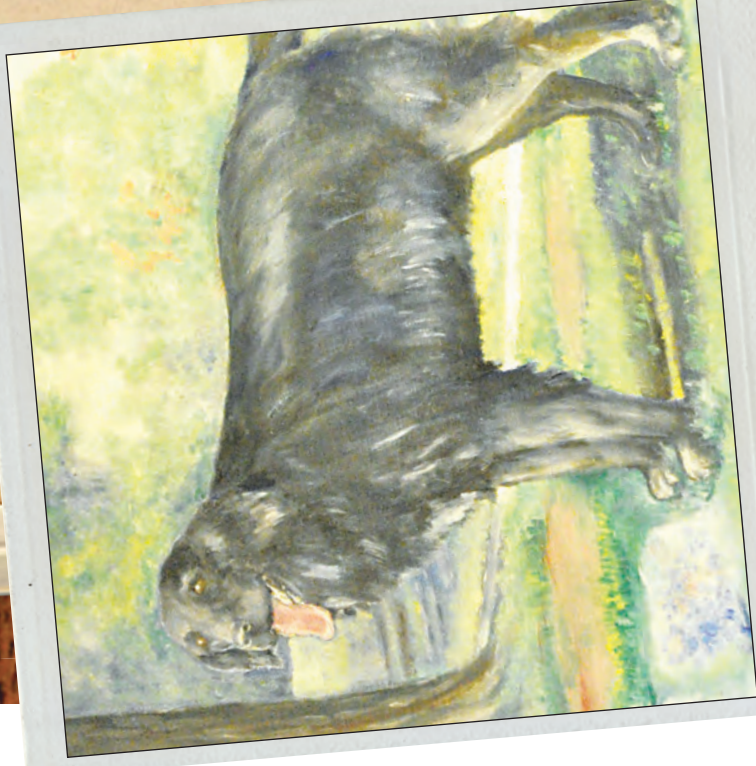
By Adam Turner

The Brief:

"Did Eastern once have a campus dog/mascot?" Given the number of felines currently roaming campus, many have wondered if the university ever had a pooch to call its own.

The Facts:

Back in the 1950s-60s, Eastern did in fact have a campus canine named Mozart, or Mo for short. Born October 15, 1947, Mozart was born by a cocker-spaniel mongrel mother and a black-Irish setter father on the farm of Charles Boyd. He was rumored to have followed a janitor onto campus one fateful day and never looked back. He quickly became a cherished member of Eastern. Mozart had a particular passion for music and spent most of his time around the music department. Former department head James E. Van Peurseem was once quoted as saying, "Get a crowd together and Mozart will be there, especially if there's music." Mozart was known to attend class right alongside the students and would often act as an alarm, standing up and walking out right before the bell would ring each class. He led a long life and died a few months shy of his 17th birthday on August 14, 1964. He is now buried behind the Ravine, where a tombstone marks his grave. It is now rumored that if you plant flowers near his grave on his birthday, you will have good luck for a year.



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CASE FILE: "THE LADY IN BLUE"

By Elise Svoboda

The Brief:

"Is Keen Johnson haunted by the ghost of the Blue Lady?" The legend of the Blue Lady, an alleged former drama student at Eastern who was rehearsing in Keen Johnson when she hung herself, dates back to the 1950s.

Some say she liked to hang out in the bell tower, and others say she was often found rehearsing in Pearl Buchanan Theater adjacent to Keen Johnson. The claims for the Blue Lady include seeing a blue mist and random lights on in the dressing room area of the theater, along with unexplainable noises.

The Facts:

Opinion on the ghostly entity's existence seems to be split. Some argue the Blue Lady is not real because they have not seen her on campus over the past several years.

"I personally have never seen her, so that is my own way of not truly believing in something until I see it," said Eric Thomas, 22, biology major from Berea. "Also, it seems too erratic, too irrational to have a Blue Woman."

The Jackson, 22, psychology major from Hopkinsville and a student technician for Student Life, said there have been recent huntings for the Blue Lady in the past at Keen Johnson with surprising results.

"The Office of Student Life hosted a ghost hunt last year with Chris Moon," Jackson said. "We went in Keen Johnson just ghost hunt-

ing in general. We didn't get to speak to the Blue Lady, but we did get to speak to some of the other paranormal spirits that were present. I think she might live in the bell tower or something. A lot of the time us riding in the elevator we might hear her or hear different sounds. Maybe we should say thank you for riding the elevator."

As with all good ghost stories, this case of the Blue Lady will go unresolved.



CASE FILE: "THE HIDDEN TUNNELS"

By Samantha Toy

The Brief:

"Are there tunnels that run under campus?" Rumor has it there are tunnels that run from the Keen Johnson building to the Powell building and from Sullivan Hall to the cemetery. There may also be a bomb shelter from the Cold War era and a tunnel under Model Laboratory School.

The Facts:

Accompanied by James Dantic, Model Laboratory School principal, this reporter toured the bomb shelter and tunnel of Model. The tunnel entrance resides behind a small locked door in the choir room and runs to the machine room. The bomb shelter contains two rooms. The first room is now used as storage for the drama department. The second room is where survival materials, such as containers labeled "Survival Biscuit" packaged in 1962 and Department of Defense "Sanitation Kits" litter the floor. Beyond that is the tunnel leading from the bomb shelter to machine room.

The tunnel that runs from Keen Johnson to the Powell Building also exists as it is used by food services to transport food between the two buildings.

The tunnel running from Sullivan Hall to the cemetery was undiscovered and rumored to be sealed off, but the search continues.



Samantha Toy/Progress

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Chapel of Meditation = UFO?

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**CASE FILE:
"THE WOODEN CEILING"**

By Adam Turner

The Brief:

"Does Alumni Coliseum have the world's largest wooden ceiling?"

The Facts:

Serving as one of the main buildings on campus, Alumni Coliseum does indeed sport a very big ceiling. The building's construction was a momentous and, at times, catastrophic occasion. The roof collapsed early on in its creation, injuring two employees and setting back progress considerably. When the opening ceremony finally came, however, former President Lyndon B. Johnson broke first ground for the Coliseum. The ceiling utilized 626,276 board feet of lumber, forming the 170 beams and roof decking, stretching over 308 feet. Its southern pine is elevated 81 feet above floor level and, at the time of its construction, was in fact the world's largest roof of its kind. However, according to current building supervisor Dan McBride, Alumni Coliseum no longer holds that title. Still, it remains an impressive feat and a testament to the University.

MYTH



Sonya Johnson/Progress



**CASE FILE:
"THE KILLER A'S"**

By Tristan Meiman

The Brief:

"If your roommate were to commit suicide, would you get all A's for trauma?" For years, even at universities other than our own, students have speculated about this horrific scenario. But is there any truth to it?

The Facts:

Morbid, yes, but the answer is no. Contrary to popular belief, the death of your roommate gets you nothing but a single room. Suicide is a serious issue, however, so if you notice any signs in your roommate, or friend for that matter, lend a hand and talk to them. College can be a very stressful environment. The counseling center here at Eastern is more than happy to help those in need, so do not hesitate to contact them.

So ultimately, if it's finals week and you're failing a couple of classes, don't even think about how your roommate could "accidentally" fall out the window from your doom. It won't get you all A's, but it will get you about 25 years to life.

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CASE FILE:

"THE RICH WALKER"

By Tristan Meiman

The Brief:

"If you are walking on campus and are suddenly struck by a vehicle, will Eastern pay for the rest of your college education?"

The Facts:

Well, I have some good and bad news. The bad news is no, Eastern will not pay for your school. The good news is who's stopping you from suing the actual person that hit you?

Of course, this also depends on the situation. If you personally throw yourself in front of a car so you can sue someone for money, firstly, shame on you. Secondly, you really didn't think this one through, did you? While yes, you are a pedestrian and you do have the right-of-way, someone will obviously notice if you willingly throw yourself in front of traffic. So stick to the crosswalks and hope for the best. Bottom line, just remember what your mother told you: "Look both ways before you cross the street."

CASE FILE:
"THE MAN WITH A GOLDEN TOE"

By Michael Emerson

The Brief:

"Does rubbing the Daniel Boone statue's foot give you good luck?" One particularly beloved urban legend (and pre-test ritual) at Eastern involves rubbing Daniel Boone's golden toes. But can that same shoe give you the extra push needed to secure that A or a date this Friday?

The Facts:

The statue, donated to the university in 1967, is moderately sized, weighing in at over 3,500 pounds and made of simple brass. Years of subtle friction on the statue's left foot has led to its golden gleam, inviting students to touch in the hopes of some good luck. Many have claimed that even though they didn't study, just a rub of that toe helped them ace the exam. Others have said they have put their fate in this toe only to be betrayed by the myth. So what can we infer from these accusations? That the successful students have a photographic memory, or there's a great conspiracy involving spies reporting to all the instructors about who performed the ritual for extra credit? Or, of course, it could just be a huge coincidence aimed toward people who believe in luck. Whatever the case may be, this statue and its famed good fortune still remains a campus mystery.



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MEN'S TENNIS

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ing the Tigers, 7-0.

Senior and veteran leader Niklas Schroeder would be the first to get the Colonels on the board as the No. 2 seed took down Pontus Blom, only dropping one game in the process. The final score was 6-1, 6-0.

The winning continued as No. 1 seeded Hugo Klientovsky defeated his opponent and fellow senior Carlos Anton 6-1, 6-1.

Phillip Janz looked to add to the woes of the Tigers. The No. 3 seed was able to capture the first set, and in a competitive second set, was able to close out the match against Campbellsville freshman Sebastian Marot, 6-1, 6-4.

Emilio Piriz, who played No. 4 seed in the match, took care of his opponent as well, picking up the victory, 6-2, 6-2.

Jan Dombrowski would make the best of his opportunity to take the court at No. 6 seed for the Colonels. Dombrowski played an overall solid match to put away Terry Caven by 6-1, 6-2.

Last but not least, newcomer Craig Campbell would finish the Tigers by defeat-

ing freshman Alberto Diaz in straight sets, 6-2, 6-4.

Coming off of the victory against a worthy National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) opponent, the Colonels looked to take down the Butler Bulldogs.

Butler came into the game tested, having competed in some tough matches such as Ohio State, Wisconsin, and Harvard.

Phillip Janz would prove to be up to the challenge, as he was the first to pick up a win for the Colonels. The No. 3 seed defeated Butler's Zach Ervin in straight sets, 6-2, 6-2.

No. 1 seed Hugo Klientovsky faced a worthy adversary in the Bulldogs freshman Austin Woldmoe. Woldmoe put up a tough fight in the first set, but the senior, Klientovsky, would prove too much in the second, taking the match 7-6, 6-3.

No. 4 seed Parul Verma would follow in a tight match of his own. After capturing the first set, his opponent Pulok Bhattacharya would force the second into a tie-break. Verma would use his veteran instincts to overtake the young Bhattacharya, 6-3, 7-6.

No. 2 seeded Colonel Niklas Schroeder found himself in a three-set battle against Tommy Marx. The freshman stole the second from Eastern's Schroeder after losing

in a tie-break in the first but was unable to fight off the senior in the third set. The final score was 7-6, 3-6, 6-1.

Butler would find itself on the board after both No. 5 and 6 seeds defeated the Colonels' Emilio Piriz and Joao Maio.

After a collection of doubles victories, Eastern came out victorious, 5-2.

After the match, head coach Rob Oertel spoke on the team's performance.

"Butler came in very hungry for a win," Oertel said. "I was really proud of the way the guys competed against them."

The Colonels welcome in another pair of opponents Friday.

First, Eastern will face Lindsey Wilson (1-1). The Raiders are a fairly young team with only one senior and a host of sophomores. Northern Kentucky will also try to take down the Colonels.

Coach Oertel spoke highly of NKU and feels the team will be a real challenge.

"They're a very respectable program," Oertel said. "They have a winning history. They've got a lot of good international players."

Eastern will face Lindsey Wilson at 9:30 a.m. then Northern Kentucky at 6 p.m.

KOSGEI

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als is the ultimate goal.

"If I qualify for nationals, then it will be mission accomplished," Kosgei said.

She said it won't be the end of the world if it doesn't happen, though.

"If I don't make nationals, I will still be happy because I know that I tried my hardest," Kosgei said.

A last thought from Kosgei. "You might not always achieve your goals, because things happen; as long as you put 100 percent behind it, you can still be happy," she said.

Her next chance to qualify for nationals will be at the OVC Indoor Championships in Nashville, Tenn., which will take place Feb. 24-25.

DEFENSE

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After a 5-0 run by the Colonels to cut the Eagles' lead to just ten, Morehead's three point shooting took off.

Morehead's guard Marsell Holden knocked down three threes in a minute and a half including one that drew a foul pushing their lead to 37-19 with 13:19 left in the game. After a monster slam by Morehead's big man, Will Bailey, a timeout was taken to try to kill the Eagles' momentum. Play was slowed way down by Morehead's offensive tempo.

"They slowed play down a lot," said Coach Neubauer. "They have the slowest tempo of any team in the league."

The Eagles went on a

6-0 run near the end of the game to put it out of reach for the Colonels. A last second layup by the Colonels' Jeff Johnson cut the Eagles' lead to 13. As the buzzer sounded, both teams looked as if they had just got out of a battle. One bright spot for the Colonels was the play of senior guard Jaron Jones. Jones, who had been held to single digit scoring the last three games, exploded for 20 points. He scored 17 of his game-high 20 in the second half.

"Coach told me to just be more aggressive," Jones said.

He also led the team in rebounding, pulling down seven boards. For the game, the Colonels shot 30.6 percent (15-49) from the floor including 29.6 percent (8-27) from beyond the arc. This was a season-low for the team. The Eagles shot 41.3

percent (19-46) from the field including 36.8 percent (7-19) from the three. The leading scorer for Morehead was Holden with 12 and the game's leading rebounder was Morehead's forward Drew Kelly, who snatched down eight.

"This wasn't the typical Morehead State, ECU game," Morehead's head coach Donnie Tyndall said after the game. "They typically come down to the last two minutes, they're usually ugly and physical."

But Neubauer had a slightly different view of the game.

"Anytime you struggle it's tough. Morehead State deserves credit but we had a lot of good looks and just missed them," Neubauer said.



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Jaron Jones drives the basket during the Colonels' loss Saturday to Morehead State.

TRACK

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en's 60 meters with a time of 7.86, a season-best time for her. Junior Bianca Forbes placed second in the 400 meters with a time of 56.50. She competed against 35 other runners. Senior Danielle Mason placed fourth in the women's 3,000 meters with a time of 10:23.41, also a season-best time. Junior Jazzmin Jeter finished fourth in the long jump with a distance of 17 feet-6.25 inches.

Eastern's Track and Field team has a weekend off before competing at the Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Championships Feb. 24-25 in Nashville, Tenn.

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COLONEL CORNER

Jade Barber



Class: Junior
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What made you interested in playing basketball?

I was actually forced by my mom. I didn't want to play at all, but I thank her every day for pushing me to do it because I love it.

What is your favorite sport besides basketball?

Football.

What television show are you currently addicted to?

Anything that is on ID Discovery.
If you could have an unlimited amount of Taco Bell or White Castle, which one would you choose?

Taco Bell.

If money wasn't an issue, what would you be doing right now?

I would still be at Eastern Kentucky University.

If you could trade places with a famous person for a week, who would it be and why?

I would trade places with Shaquille O'Neal. I saw his house on MTV Cribs and he has all the toys. Plus he is my basketball player.

Women's tennis suffers first loss, a victim of 'youth and inexperience'

By **GREG ADAMS**
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Eastern's young and talented ladies suffered their first defeat Friday after splitting a pair of matches against Winthrop University (4-7) and Northern Kentucky University (1-1).

Coming into the match a perfect 3-0, the lady Colonels (4-1, 0-0 OVC) were riding a wave of momentum, but were unable to hold off the Winthrop lady Eagles as they fell: 5-2.

Amandine Faouzi, Eastern's no. 1 seed came into the match hoping to continue her trend of dominant performances, as she started off nicely taking a 3-1 lead in the first set, Winthrop's Yasmine Alkema suffered an injury and was unable to continue the match. As a result, Faouzi received the win.

Freshman and no. 3 seed Melissa Gerritsen hoped to pick up yet another victory for Eastern, but was unsuccessful as she faced off against senior Sandra Herrera. Herrera would take the match in straight sets, narrowly capturing the second set in a tie-break. The final score: 6-3, 7-6.

After Gerritsen went down, no. 2 seeded lady colonel Kristina Labeja looked to put Eastern back on top. Her opponent Andressa Garcia would do everything in her power to make sure that didn't happen.

After dropping the first set, Labeja was able to rebound in the second in convincing fashion. But Garcia proved to be too much for the freshman sensation as she orchestrated a brilliant third set to secure the victory. The final count: 6-4, 2-6, 6-1 Garcia.

The Winthrop Lady eagles would continue to outperform the home squad as their no. 4 and 5 seeded girls would win in similar fashion.

Eastern's no. 6 seed Marcela Jimenez was able to pull out a victory for the squad as she grinded her way through a tough three set battle against Winthrop's Monica Aquado. The final score: 6-3, 4-6, 10-7.

Afterward, head coach Rob Oertel credited the loss to the youth of his team.

"Our inexperience really showed," Oertel said. "Looking back at the scores, every match was a battle. I'm disappointed we didn't come out with more wins in the battles. It was a good learning experience for us for sure."

Eastern would take out their frustrations on their next opponent for the evening, Northern Kentucky.

First it was Carmen Rodriguez the no.6 seed who quickly beat NKU's Kristina Abramovich in straight set. The score: 6-1, 6-0.

Soon after no. 1 seed Amandine Faouzi would remain perfect on the year when she breezed past Marta Romeo only dropping two games in the process. The final count was: 6-1, 6-1.

After suffering her first loss no. 3 seed Melissa Gerritsen was determined not to repeat. She easily defeated Clemence Binon, managing to not drop a single game.

Both the no. 2 seed Kristina Labeja and 5 seed Kristina Abramovich for the Lady Colonels would dispose of their opponents with relative ease. Their scores: 6-1, 6-0.

Not to be outdone no. 6 seed Saioa Oscoz put the finishing touches on the match, as she nearly blanked her opponent Holly Robinson. The final score: 6-0, 6-1.

A Look Ahead

Coach Oertel said he will be looking for teamwork out of his team this week.

"The biggest thing I'm looking for this weekend is do we look like a team out there or do we look like a bunch of individuals out there," Oertel said.

Two big tests for the young squad are coming this week. First Dayton (0-5) rolls into to try and knock off the Lady Colonels and gain their first victory of the season.

And on Friday Eastern travels just miles up the road to face off against the University of Kentucky (6-1).

The Dayton match is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 17, at 1 p.m. while the UK match will take place the following morning at 10 a.m.

"Our inexperience really showed... Every match was a battle."

Rob Oertel
Head tennis coach



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Eastern's Melissa Gerritsen returned a service volley during one of her two matches Friday. Eastern's women's team suffered its first loss to Winthrop University.

Bouchikhi and Kosgei shine in Seattle track invitational

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Eastern's Track and Field team performed well at both of their scheduled events last weekend. Senior Lydia Kosgei and junior Soufiane Bouchikhi broke school records in the 5,000 meters event during the Flotrack Husky Classic in Seattle. Senior Peter Sigilai also competed. The rest of the team went to the Indiana Hoosier Hills Open in Bloomington, Ind.

Competing against runners from all over the country in the invitation-only women's 5,000 meters in Seattle, Kosgei placed 11th with a time of 16:03.66. Despite a strong showing, Kosgei still wanted more.

"I was a little disappointed because



Bouchikhi



Kosgei

I didn't break 16 [seconds]," Kosgei said. "What I was looking for was to break 16, or run 15-something."

Even if the run wasn't up to her expectations, she still felt a sense of accomplishment. An honorable mention All-American in the 5,000 meters last year with a time of 16:10.81, Kosgei not only broke her personal record but also Eastern's record for the women's 5,000 meters. Sue Schaefer set the previous record 34 years ago

with a time of 16:05.0.

"Coming to look at it, breaking a school record, a 34-year-old record, and being in the top 20 in the nation, it's exciting," Kosgei said.

Bouchikhi also broke school records with his run in the men's 5,000 meters and in the men's 3,000 meters. He placed ninth in the 5,000 meters with a time of 13:46.06, beating his personal best of 14:01.71. Eastern's previous record was 13:48.13 by Jacob Korir in 2008. His time of 7:53.99 Saturday earned him ninth place again and another school record. The previous record, set again by Korir, was 7:58.25.

Sigilai finished second overall in the men's mile on with a personal best time of 4:03.60. His time was less than a sec-

ond off of Eastern's record of 4:03.37, set by Burkhard Wagner in 1991.

Meanwhile, the rest of the team competed in the Indiana Hoosier Hills Open.

Sophomore Daniel Brown and Shawn Wright both recorded personal-bests in the men's 60 meters with times of 7.15 and 7.16, respectively. Senior Gerry Cooper ran a season-best time of 22.38 in the men's 200 meters. Senior Alex Dreyer placed third in the 3,000 meters with a personal-best time of 8:28.65.

The women's team fared well, with a win and some placements. Junior Picoty Leitch won the women's 800 meters with a time of 2:14.45. Senior Diamond Benjamin qualified for the finals of the wom-

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Forward Alex Jones fights for a bucket in the paint against Morehead.

Lady Colonels snap losing streak against Morehead

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The Lady Colonels basketball team (12-12 7-6 OVC) found their way back to the win column last Saturday afternoon, defeating in-state rival Morehead State (8-16 5-7 OVC), 78-68.

The game was a tale of two halves for Eastern.

In the first half, the team wasn't getting the stops they wanted, and Morehead was getting a lot of uncontested threes. In addition, Morehead went on a 6-0 run toward the end of the first period.

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Coach Chrissy Roberts' message to the team during halftime was two-fold: tenacity and scoring runs.

"They had their run at the end of the first half, now we've got to get back in the game and make a run of our own," Roberts said. "We have to stick together and work as a team."

Guard Raechele Gray said communication was one of the major halftime adjustments the team made.

"We communicated with each other more on the switches with the screens during the second half," Gray said.

The team also slowed down the tempo during the second half.

"Execution is something coach (Roberts) has been talking about all week," Gray said. "Whenever we have dry spells, we just have to slow down, relax and exe-

cute our game plan."

The adjustments definitely paid dividends for the Colonels. Their FG percentage went from 46.7 in the first half to 51.6 in the second. In addition, the team's 3 point percentage also improved from 16.7 to 66.7.

Coach Roberts also said defense was a huge component of the team's second half turnaround.

"We gave up 39 points in the first half and then held them to just 29 in the second; that is huge," Roberts said.

Eastern shot 30-61 or 49 percent from the field and 3-9 or 33 percent from long distance. The Lady Colonels also made nearly all of their free throws, shooting 84 percent. In addition, the Colonels scored 21 points off of 10 Eagle turnovers.

The win snapped a two-game losing streak for the Colonels and gave them a much-needed momentum boost going into the last two weeks of the season.

"We definitely needed this win especially as we prepare for Tennessee Tech next Saturday," guard for the Colonels Brittany Coles said.

Coach Roberts said she was pleased with the team's play.

"We executed well from start to finish," Roberts said.

The team plays its last road game of the season Saturday against Tennessee Tech. Tipoff is scheduled for 8 p.m.

Lydia Kosgei *runs* into the record books

SENIOR TRACK STAR
SETS NEW EASTERN RECORD
FOR WOMEN'S 5,000 METER RACE

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Last week was a memorable one for senior distance runner Lydia Kosgei.

Kosgei was selected on Feb. 10 to the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (UTFCCCA) All-Academic Cross Country Team.

Kosgei, who's from Kenya, was the only athlete, male or female, from the Ohio Valley Conference to earn this honor.

Saturday, she broke Sue Schaffer's 34 year-old record in the 5,000 meters with a time of 16:03.66 at the University of Washington Husky Classic in Seattle. The previous record was 16:05.0.

Kosgei hasn't always competed in track and field on a prominent level. She competed with her classmates in elementary school but nothing major. In high school, she played soccer until

2005.

"I started training in 2005 and in 2007, I came over here on a T.R.U.S.T scholarship," Kosgei said.

Kosgei said her cousin influenced her decision to compete in track and field.

"I had a cousin who was already over here, and I heard she got a scholarship,"

Kosgei said. "She's not as good a runner as I am, so I figured if she could get one, I could, too."

Kosgei, however, wasn't always the top runner she is today.

"When I first came here, I wasn't that good, but I changed my attitude and everything and worked hard," Kosgei said.

Coach Rick Erdmann said motivation is her greatest asset.

"She is a highly-motivated woman," Erdmann said.

He also said being academically inclined and an athletic All-American is a package deal.

"You have to be highly motivated to be an academic and athletic All-American; you can't have one without the other," he said.

Lastly, Erdmann praised her attitude.

"Attitude is key in any endeavor," he said. "It's everything and I think she reflects that."

One of Kosgei's teammates, Natalie Field, also had nothing but good to say about her.

"She's very encouraging and supporting to the rest of the team," Field said. "She sets her goals and goes for them. She wants nothing but the best for her teammates."

Kosgei said she was very happy about breaking Sue Schaffer's record. She emphasized making nation-

"You might not always achieve your goals, because things happen; as long as you put 100 percent behind it, you can still be happy."

Lydia Kosgei

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Senior guard Jaron Jones exploded for 20 points, including 17 in the second half alone, against Morehead State on Saturday.

Defensive first half not enough for Colonels

By TONY SNEAD
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Fresh off a blowout win against Mid-Continent, the Colonels (14-12 6-6 OVC) geared up for an OVC game against rival Morehead State (13-13 6-6 OVC). Last month, the Colonels and the Eagles fought hard in a back and forth game that saw Morehead come out on top 57-54. A slow start in the first half would be the downfall of the Colonels as they lost to Morehead, 58-45 last Saturday at home.

The crowd was amped as the game started, including the student section. The first points came on a Mike DiNunno three pointer, three minutes into the game. After trading buckets, Eastern saw its last lead in the game slip away when Morehead's guard Angelo Warner knocked down an 18-foot jumper with 10:47 left in the first half. The first half featured great defense by both teams.

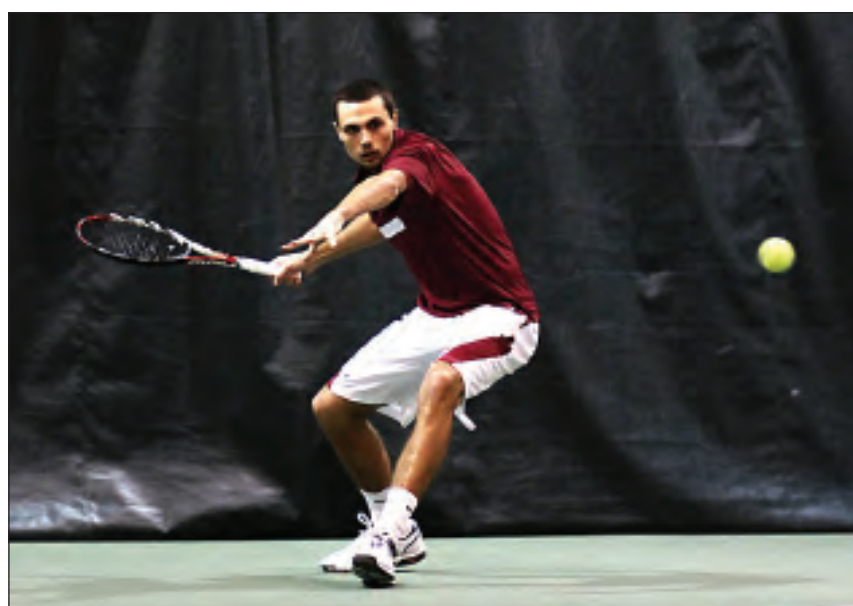
"This may have been the best defensive first half we've played this season," Coach Jeff Neubauer said.

The Colonels held Morehead to 31 percent shooting from the field. However, the Eagles held Eastern to 17 percent from the floor and 13 percent (2-15) three point shooting. The defense employed by Morehead gave the Colonels fits.

"We had a good high post game the first game," Neubauer said. "But this game they did a great job of taking that away from us."

As the second half got underway, the Eagles went on an 8-0 run to push their lead to 27-12.

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Eastern's Hugo Klientovsky returns a serve during his match Saturday, helping the Colonels extend their home winning streak to five matches.

Men's tennis serves up two more wins

By GREG ADAMS
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After winning three straight home matches, the Colonels set out to make it five last Saturday.

Their opponents, Campbellville University (0-1) and Butler University (0-7), came in hoping to put an end to the streak but were unable to as the Colonels fought

their way to victories, improving their home winning streak to five.

The Campbellville Tigers would play their season opener against Eastern, hoping to get their season started by upsetting the defending OVC champs.

Eastern (5-2, 0-0 OVC), led by a group of determined seniors, made sure this was not the case, defeat-

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