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### Student Government Association

## SGA constitution undergoing review process

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The Student Government Association (SGA) is in the process of reviewing its constitution and making revisions.

Hierarchy, GPA requirements and job descriptions are some of the areas the constitution review committee has been looking into. The committee consists of a chair and one representative from each of the SGA branches.

Rachel Molozzi, student body president, said, "Every so often, I think it's [constitutional review] healthy for SGA."

Molozzi said it provides the organization with a "time of evaluation" to analyze what works and what doesn't.

"The reason this is happening and the reason we looked into this was hierarchy issues," said Nicholas Beasley, senate representative on the constitution review committee. "We're trying to make it fair

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## Branches vote to approve changes to election bylaws

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All of the Student Government Association's (SGA) branches voted to approve changes to the election bylaws proposed by the elections committee this week.

The elections committee, which includes a chair appointed by the court justice and a representative from each of SGA's branches, is in charge of reviewing the bylaws and making any revisions they see necessary.

Ally Sipes, Student Court chief justice, said Student Court wrote changes to the

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TAYLOR PETTIT/PROGRESS

**Lindsay Barnes, 22, homeland security major from Brandington, Fla. asks for funding for travel for a competition for ROTC's Ranger Company.**

## RSOs granted funding at appropriations meeting

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The Student Government Association's (SGA) appropriations meeting for funding Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) was held Feb. 21 and granted 16 groups funding.

SGA appropriated \$27,153.48 to give to the 22 RSOs who applied for funding this semester. Of the RSOs, 16 were granted funding, five were unable to request funds before SGA ran out of money, and one was rejected for not having a sponsoring senator and forging a signature.

Each RSO was required to fill out an application packet and find a sponsoring senator before the meeting Tuesday.

Donovan Nolan, appropriations chair for Student Senate, said he hoped to make some changes to the ranking of

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Jack Jackson, center, a family member, at left, and Jonetta Hill, at right, view a display honoring African-American alumni. Jackson was the first African-American president of EKU International Alumni Association. Hill accepted a plaque in honor of Andrew Miller, Eastern's first African-American student. The permanent display is located in front of the Keen Johnson Building.



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**William Way, construction and repair technician, and Sandra Moore, associate provost for diversity planning, presented plaques to those honored.**

## Display honors historic African-American alumni

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A forgotten commemorative plaque was finally presented and recognition was given to certain African-American students, faculty, staff and student-athletes at Eastern's Breaking Down Barriers event Monday.

In 2006, the achievements of Eastern's African-Americans during an oppressive era was supposed to be honored through a plaque. People who played a significant role in developing Eastern's history of diversity

are displayed on it. However, it was never displayed, but instead, put into storage.

William "Billy" Way found the plaque and presented it to Sandra Moore, the associate provost for Diversity Planning.

"I was amazed to see it, this beautiful plaque hiding away with no one to see it," Moore said. "The first thing I did after seeing the plaque was call President Whitlock and ask if we could display it on campus; he told me to first make sure it was authentic."

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## Tests on heating plant cause steam emissions

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Eastern is currently running tests on the central heating plant, causing large steam emissions and a loud noise to escape from the building.

The "stack tests" are mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to ensure the air emissions from the plant are within established regulations.

Rich Middleton, director of facilities services, said the test requires bringing the plant to full load, causing enough steam buildup to generate the maximum amount of heat possible. If the heat generated is not needed, the steam is vented from the side of the building, causing clouds and a loud noise.

"It's basically just another measure to ensure we are in compliance with the air quality emissions," Middleton said.

Middleton said the venting is a result

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Eastern is running Environmental Protection Agency mandated tests on the central heating plant, causing large steam emissions and loud noises to come from the building.

## Vehicle break-ins, thefts reported in campus lots

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A string of vehicle break-ins have hit Eastern's parking lots. Between the dates of Feb. 2 and Feb. 5, three vehicles had back windows broken out and items stolen from them on campus.

The thefts took place in the Lancaster, Kit Carson and Brockton commuter lots. In two of the incidents, GPS units and a charging cord to an iPod were stolen. In the other, approximately \$10 in miscellaneous change was taken from the center console.

Brian Mullins, chief of Eastern's police

department, said these items are usual targets in vehicle break-ins.

"Typically GPS is the first thing, people see them right there on your dash, it's opportunity," Mullins said.

Other items that Mullins said that are typically targeted in vehicle break-ins include textbooks, money, CDs and sunglasses. To avoid becoming a victim, Mullins advises removing any opportunity for a crime.

"Don't leave anything valuable sitting around in your car," Mullins said. "Lock your doors. If you don't have to leave it in there, don't do it. And please, if you see anybody suspicious walking around the cars, call us.

That's what we're here for."

Mullins said, although the incidents happened within days of each other, there was no strong evidence to suggest the same person committed all three crimes.

In two of the cases, the windows to the vehicles were broken with different items. The car in the Brockton lot had its window broken out by what reporting officers described as "part of an old natural gas meter." In comparison, the window in the Kit Carson lot was broken by a rock that was found in the back seat of the car. The vehicle in the

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# POLICE BEAT

All information is taken from Eastern police reports.

## Feb. 16

Police noticed two students, Nicholas Vanover and Dusty Green, sitting in a vehicle in the Kit Carson Lot at 2 a.m. When police approached the vehicle, Green was in the passenger seat with a glass pipe and a red grinder in his possession. Both items contained marijuana residue. When police asked if the students had any other materials in their possession, Vanover handed the officer a blue pipe with marijuana residue in it. Green and Vanover received citations for drug paraphernalia possession.

## Feb. 17

Police found Raeshon Maxell, student, lying down on Park Drive. His legs were in the street, while his torso was on the sidewalk. Police also noticed vomit in the im-

mediate area. Maxwell informed police he was 19 years old and intoxicated. Police could detect the odor of alcohol on or about his person and he was unsteady on his feet, had bloodshot eyes and displayed slurred speech. After Maxwell failed three field sobriety tests and because of his location in the street, police determined he was a danger to himself. He was arrested and jailed at the Madison County Detention Center for his own safety.

Police noticed Matthew Vaught, student, leaning against a brick wall, hunched over. When police came in contact with him, the odor of alcohol was detected on or about his person, and he was unable to respond when questioned. Vaught was deemed too intoxicated to administer field sobriety tests and could not stand. He was taken into custody and transported to the Madison County Detention Center, where he vomited and became unresponsive. The center refused to accept him and called an ambulance. Madison County Emergency Medical Services transported him to Pattie A. Clay Regional Medical Center for his own safety. Vaught was cited for alcohol intoxication and was left in the care of the hospital.

# CAMPUS BRIEFS

professors for excellent teaching abilities and encouragement to students. Students may nominate any professor they think has contributed to their success at this university. One winner from each of the university's five colleges will be chosen. To nominate a professor, visit [housing.eku.edu/goldenapple](http://housing.eku.edu/goldenapple). All nominations are due online by Feb. 24.

## Excellence in Entrepreneurship Collegiate Business Concept Challenge

### Spring Major Expo

Academic Advising and Career Services will sponsor the Spring Major Expo 1-4 p.m. Feb. 28, in the Powell Student Lobby. The event will offer students the chance to talk to faculty about programs available related to careers in their majors. The expo will also provide students with the opportunity explore other areas of study.

### Golden Apple Awards nominations

Nominations for the Golden Apple Awards are now being accepted. The Golden Apple Awards, sponsored by University Housing, is an annual ceremony to recognize Eastern

The 9th annual Excellence in Entrepreneurship Collegiate Business Concept Challenge is inviting Eastern students to offer their business ideas. Students that come up with the best ideas will be awarded a \$1,000 prize, with a \$250 prize awarded to the faculty adviser for the team. All business concepts should be innovative, thoughtful and original. The concept may be a product, service or social venture. All ideas are due by March 16 and must be emailed to [TheBusinessChallenge@eku.edu](mailto:TheBusinessChallenge@eku.edu). The award ceremony will take place at 10:30 a.m., March 29, in the College of Business and Technology.



# The Colonel's Calendar

Week of Feb. 23 - Feb. 29

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p><b>5:30 p.m.</b> Women's basketball vs. Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Alumni Coliseum</p> <p><b>7:30 p.m.</b> Men's basketball vs. Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Alumni Coliseum</p>	<p><b>1 p.m.</b> Income Tax Assistance, Accounting Students, Business &amp; Technology Library</p> <p><b>6:30 p.m.</b> EKU Concert Band and Wind Symphony concert, EKU Center for the Arts</p>	<p><b>1 p.m.</b> Literature Review Workshop, Noel Studio, Noel Studio Discovery Classroom</p> <p><b>4 p.m.</b> Women's basketball vs. Eastern Illinois University, Alumni Coliseum</p> <p><b>7 p.m.</b> Men's basketball vs. Eastern Illinois University, Alumni Coliseum</p>	<p><b>1 p.m.</b> Baseball game at University of South Carolina</p> <p>Softball vs. Alabama State University, Hood Field</p> <p>Sex and Chocolate, H.E.A.T., 2nd floor Keene Hall</p>	<p><b>7 p.m.</b> Hookah Hookah, H.E.A.T., 2nd floor Commonwealth Hall</p> <p><b>8 p.m.</b> Symphony Orchestra concert, EKU Center for the Arts</p> <p><b>9 p.m.</b> Beating the Winter Blues, Sullivan Hall event, Sullivan lobby</p>	<p><b>1 p.m.</b> Spring Major Expo, Academic Advising &amp; Career Services, Powell lobby</p> <p><b>6 p.m.</b> Safety Forum, Student Senate, O'Donnell Auditorium SSB</p>	<p><b>8 p.m.</b> Four Years Party!, Sullivan Hall event, Sullivan Hall kitchen</p> <p><b>9 p.m.</b> Comedian Arvin Mitchell, Student Life, O'Donnell Hall SSB</p> <p>Don't Get High on Anyone's Supply, ConneXtions event, Palmer Hall</p>



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## DISPLAY

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Also during the ceremony, 11 former African-American students and faculty were honored. Those given recognition included Andrew Miller, George Lee, Jack Jackson, Aaron Marsh, John Tazel, Anne Peyton, Robert Warfield, Jim Way, Delma Francis, John Black and Ha-

zel Warford.

Moore said each one of the honorees "paved the way for our diversity initiatives today."

Of those honored, several of the honorees were able to personally accept the awards, one of which was Jack Jackson.

President Doug Whitlock acknowledged Jackson during his welcoming speech. President Whitlock said he attended school with Jackson and befriended him. Jack-

son, who came to Eastern in 1961 on an athletic/work-study grant on Coach Daly's track team, began the integration process of athletics at Eastern. The former Eastern president at the time, Robert Martin, made it clear such integration on the track should also be demonstrated on the football and basketball teams.

"This place [Eastern] was ominous in 1961, I didn't want to come, but ever since my decision to pur-

sue a college career in track, I have been pleased to see how this place has grown," Jackson said in his acceptance speech. "There's something special about this place."

Breaking Down Barriers accomplished its goal by resurrecting a forgotten display and forgotten names to a permanent showcase outside of Keen Johnson and recognizing certain Eastern affiliates.

Matt Raby, a graduate assistant for the diversity provost, said it's

nice to put faces to names.

"At first it was a just a list of names but after researching and meeting these people, a face and family can go with a name," Raby said. "It's been a long time coming and I'm excited about the future of Eastern with regards to diversity."

For more information on the plaque and the diversity program in general, feel free to contact Sandra Moore at 622-6587 or Sandra.moore@eku.edu.

## BYLAWS

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elections bylaws last year after reviewing issues that came up during the elections.

"A lot of us knew the changes that needed to be made because of last year," said Nick Beasley, sponsoring senator on the elections committee.

During last year's SGA elections, Matthew White, executive vice president of Student Senate, and Rachel Molozzi, student body president, were removed from the ballot two hours before elections after a poster was found in an unauthorized area near a computer lab.

"A lot of that [last year] stemmed from the election bylaws being unclear," Molozzi said. "We wanted to take care of these problems before elections this year."

Molozzi said she hopes the revisions make everything "black and white," so everybody can "read the bylaws and have a clear understanding of what they're allowed to do."

"We want to make the whole election process less stressful and more efficient," Molozzi said.

Kristin Royster, elections committee chair, said she believes the elections bylaws are outdated and need more structure.

"Some of the rules that were in there were no longer necessary,"

Royster said. "Before this, there was no list or order things had to be done in. For the past five years, it's just a dread for the committee and everybody involved."

One of the changes made would require the clerk to sit on the elections committee to record the meetings.

"They have no say," Royster said. "They're actually not allowed to speak during the meetings at all."

Royster said this would create an unbiased opinion in the event that someone files a grievance.

"It just allows for a witness to be brought in at some point if a grievance is filed," Royster said. "In the past couple of years, the integrity of the committee has been brought into question."

Beasley said one of the changes he felt was most needed was the revision to add a clerk to the committee.

"We can't be unbiased when it comes to taking minutes, in discussion," Beasley said. "The clerk would now take on that responsibility."

The elections committee proposed that a Code of Conduct has been added to the elections bylaws.

According to the newly added Code of Conduct discussed in the bylaws, "Student Government Association members must demonstrate the highest standards throughout the elections process to inspire confidence and trust within the Student Body"

"It's just really making sure the candidates are acting like good people," Royster said. "It's to make sure you're not using your campaign to belittle anybody else."

Terry Masden, information and technology chair on Student Senate, said he thinks the Code of Conduct is a "brilliant thing."

"I think it's broad enough it covers a lot of things," Masden said. "If you're going to be the leader, why talk bad about [SGA]. It's counter-productive."

Changes were also made to a section of the bylaws discussing breaches and grievances filed during elections.

The changes state, "In the event of a breach of the bylaws, the candidate in question will be removed from the official election ballot."

If a candidate is removed from the ballot because of a breach in bylaws, he or she are also not eligible as a write-in candidate, according to the proposed legislation.

However, if a candidate violates the Code of Conduct, it is considered a grievance. It is left up to the elections committee whether or not someone has violated the code of conduct.

If the elections committee determines that it is a grievance, it may give one of the following sanctions based on the severity of the case:

- A letter of apology should be written by the accused to the victim.

- That letter may be published in an approved Eastern publication no later than one week after the decision is released with consent of the victim.

- Suspension of the candidate's right to communicate with any voters for a period of up to 24 hours, including promoting the campaign, passing out flyers or wearing any type of campaign propaganda. However, if the punishment occurs on the day of elections, the accused can select up to six hours they are to be punished while election polls are open.

- Cap the budget of the accused individual to no more than 20 percent, if the money has not already been spent.

- Dock votes from the candidate in question up to 5 percent, in increments of one percent.

- "My personal feelings is that it is a fair system," Beasley said. "It [the changes] helps us when it comes to grievances. We worked to make sure we've protected ourselves when it comes to complaints."

- Royster said previously the elections committee had the power to "do just about anything" in terms of sanction for violating any area of the elections process. She said this is much more tailored in the revisions.

- "Before this was added, we could come up with any punishment we deemed fit," Royster said. "We're allowed to fit the crime with the pun-

ishment still, but we have it listed what we can do."

- Sipes said she thinks the change will add a sense of accountability for everyone involved in the election.

- Changes have also been made to the elections processes to give "candidates more freedom to campaign," according to Royster.

- "We changed some wording to just make it clearer for some candidates," Royster said. "For example, there will be no active campaigning in computer labs, but passive campaigning is allowed."

- A section has also been added to include social media sites, which Royster said is to help protect candidate's social media sites from being slandered.

- The proposed bylaws also state the Advisory Board, which is made up of the executive vice presidents of all the branches of SGA and the current student body president, cannot campaign for a candidate unless they are running.

- Now that the changes have been approved by all of the branches of SGA, the cabinet and Advisory Board must approve the elections bylaws before going into effect. Once proposed candidates have signed a contract stating that they will be running, the candidates will be held to all changes made to the bylaws.

## NOISE

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of the unseasonably warm temperatures this time of the year. With less heat needed in the buildings across campus, more steam has to be vented when the plant is brought to full load.

Middleton said the tests are set to last through the rest of the week.

"In their entirety they'll go until Friday," Middleton said. "On Thursday, we'll be in the same scenario, depending on the outside temps. We may or may not have to experience some venting of the steam for the test, and we'll probably wrap up the testing on Friday morning."

The tests are being done by contractors from Tetra Tech, an environmental engineer company Eastern partners with for this and similar tests.

## BREAK-INS

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Lancaster Lot had no evidence of what was used to break the window.

Mullins said while car break-ins on campus were not uncommon, breaking windows is out of the ordinary.

"I can think of two times in the last eight years where we've had multiple vehicles broken into in the same way," Mullins said. "There were probably others that I'm not thinking about because I was in parking for a while before I became the chief, so I was a little bit out of it. But it's something that doesn't happen every day, and we take it very seriously."

If students notice any suspicious activity taking place in the parking lots, they are advised to call the campus police at 622-1111.

## EVALUATION

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for everyone."

Part of the proposed changes would create a new executive vice president that would run alongside the study body president and be above the heads of the Residence Life Council, Student Activities Council and Student Senate.

"I don't foresee anything changing drastically that would effect anyone running in April," Beasley said.

Another proposal was to change the GPA requirement for members of SGA from 3.0 to 3.25 overall.

Beasley said he likes the GPA increase because he feels it holds the members of SGA to a higher standard.

"I feel like we're representa-

tives of the student body," Beasley said. "We're not here to just work for SGA. I feel like we should be an example for everybody else."

A Code of Conduct for all students involved in SGA is also being created for the organization.

"The Code of Conduct that will go in the constitution is more general to the entire association," said Ally Sipes, chief justice of Student Court. "It really includes all students on campus because all student are a member of SGA."

Students would be held to a higher that would add accountability to the organization as a whole, Sipes said.

One other proposed change would be to replace the ethics administrator's title to attorney general and be given more responsibilities.

"The Ethics Administrator has power to oversee that everybody follows the Code of Conduct,"

Beasley said.

Sipes said she hopes the change will "solidify his [ethics administrator] power a little more."


"We want the ethics administrator to be more directly involved in the decision process," Sipes said. "We think the position right now is pointless."

The attorney general would be responsible for investigating whether someone has broken the Code of Conduct.

"The attorney general now acts as a prosecutor to present his case to Student Court," Sipes said.

The branches have two weeks to vote on the proposed changes to the SGA constitution. If all of the branches approve the changes, it will go on to the Advisory Board and the Board of Regents before being put into effect.

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During repairs of the new "pay & display" machines in the Crabbe Street parking lot, Eastern employees assisted in helping patrons park their vehicles.

## 'Pay & display' machines experience technical difficulties in Crabbe lot

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Crabbe Street Parking Lot's new machines have recently been experiencing technical difficulties, but the problems have been resolved and Eastern employees assisted the pay and display machines during the repairs.

Jan. 9, Eastern added a change to the Crabbe Street Parking Lot with the addition of pay and display machines, or auto cashiers. These machines were recently added to replace the parking attendant that collected fees for a three-hour, five-hour or all daytime blocks. However, the machines have been facing technical problems for the last six weeks.

The pay and display machines are set up where students wishing to park in the lot would have to choose the block time they wanted and pay for said time block: \$1 for three hours, \$2 for four hours and \$3 for all day parking. Drivers pay cash or credit for their desired time block after parking.

Currently, the pay and display machines have had a positive effect on its

parking residents, but Eastern is still working to make the quality of the machine the best it can be.

Barry Poynter, the Associate Vice President of Financial Affairs and Treasurer, said that they just recently have encountered some technical issues with the pay and display machine.

"We just had a few bugs, one involving the receipt printing, which was one of our biggest problems, because people need their receipts to show the block time they paid for," Poynter said.

Poynter said it took about six weeks for them to fix the problem, but since those initial issues, he hasn't heard of any other negative responses about the pay machines.

Eastern provided an employee who worked the lot to help assist with the pay machines at the time of its installation and during the technical prob-

lems. Poynter said because of low hiring the transportation department used current employees on campus who were available to work the lot at the times needed.

Holly Allgeier, 21, public relations major, said the machines have been a great improvement to the lot despite the technical issues.

"When I parked in the Crabbe lot before the pay machines were added, it was such a big inconvenience for me to pay someone on my way in, but when the machines were added it was a whole

lot easier being able to pay at the machines, get a receipt, and leave," Allgeier said.

For further information on the lots updates and changes, contact Parking and Transportation Services on eku.edu or at 622-1063.

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**Barry Poynter**  
Associate Vice President of  
Financial Affairs

## Future of yearbook and student-run radio complicated by budget cuts

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The Department of Communication has a long history of student-run mediums associated with it. Including the *Milestone* yearbook and the student radio.

The future of both the *Milestone* and the radio are in danger due to budget cuts all over campus. The student radio has been faced with the issue of budget cuts according to Allyson DeVito, part-time faculty and adviser to the student radio.

Elizabeth Hansen, chair of the Department of Communication, said she did not know if there would be one, both or one or the other on campus next year.

Jennifer Thornberry, *Milestone* adviser, said this was probably their last year.

"We kept hearing that we're going to try and get a student fee passed, but we keep hearing from both the Student Senate and from the administration that a fee is highly unlikely," visiting professor and *Milestone* adviser Thornberry said.

Hansen said there was once a student radio station.

"There was one here from at least 1987 until probably six or seven years ago," Hansen said. "I am not exactly sure when they ceased operations."

Hansen said one reason the radio station was stopped might have been because of a lack of interest.

"There was a lack of interest in the sta-

tion and the adviser who had been working with the station chose to do something else," Hansen said. "There was not enough students involved to keep it going."

But Hansen said it was also student interest in a radio station that brought it back.

"We have had a number of students who have come forward and mentioned that they are interested in radio and pursuing it, but maybe because of Internet radio and the ease of starting a radio station," Hansen said. "It may also be because of satellite radio, I don't know the reason, but I do know there is a good bit of interest from students who come into the major."

The *Milestone* started in 1922 and continued until 1999 with a one-year break in 1944 because of World War II. From there, the *Milestone* was not published during 2000-2007 but then restarted publication in 2008 because of an interest coming back and won third in the Best Collegiate Cover Design 2008.

Thornberry said the yearbook was restarted because of people wanting to preserve Eastern history.

"I think a lot of people regretted the fact that it died the first time back in 1999 and wanted to give it a chance again to succeed to give us a few more years to preserve the university history and memories," Thornberry said.

Hansen said the *Milestone* was not originally associated with the Department of

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**Jennifer Thornberry**  
Milestone Adviser



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Dan Henrickson, 21, public relations major from Middlesboro and editor of the *Milestone*, works on the 2012 yearbook in the *Milestone* office located in Keith.

Communication.

"The Department of Communication was not associated with the yearbook right before it stopped publication and it was in the division of public relations," Hansen said.

Hansen also said President Doug Whitlock's interest in the *Milestone* brought it back.

"The *Milestone* was brought back because President Whitlock was interested in having a yearbook again," Hansen said.

Dan Henrickson, 21, public relations

major from Middlesboro and editor to the *Milestone*, considers the yearbook to be a piece of history.

"The yearbook is a piece of history that is tangible and it holds all the events throughout one academic year," Henrickson said.

Hansen said anyone can be involved in the radio station or the *Milestone*.

For more information about the *Milestone*, contact Jennifer Thornberry or if you are interested in the student radio station contact Allyson DeVito.

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# E-ranks program offers incentives for attendance at campus events

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Changes have been made to a campus involvement program that the Student Government Association (SGA) has been working to implement.

E-Ranks, a program designed to offer incentives for student attendance at campus programs, is being changed because of the cost of implementation.

Rachel Mollozzi, student body president, said the idea for E-Ranks is based off a similar program that University of Kentucky has called Tally Cats. But she said the technology that Tally Cats uses is too expensive.

"The whole thing that changed was,

when we looked into pricing for software it was over \$20,000," Mollozzi said.

As an alternative, Mike Regal, associate vice president of student affairs, found a way to use Orgsync for the program at a lower cost.

"Originally we were looking at a pretty high-dollar ticket item that was going to be out of what they could afford, and we've now found one that we can probably bring in for [approximately] three or \$4,000, much less than what we were talking about before," Regal said.

Using the new method, SGA will load campus events onto Orgsync as a department, under the name E-Ranks. The activities uploaded will each be given a point value, so students can see what attendance

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**Rachel Mollozzi**  
Student Body President

is worth. When the event happens, SGA will be there with Netbooks that have card readers attached to them. Students simply swipe their colonel cards to receive the points allotted.

The points collected by students will be monitored by SGA, and after a certain amount of points are collected, students will be eligible to win prizes for the events they attended.

"The good side of it was we already had the Orgsync software package," Regal said. "Because of that the cost was going to be significantly less."

Regal said the plan is to get E-Ranks running during the Spring 2012 semester, so SGA and the Office of Student Life can work out any bugs with the program before the new school year starts to ensure the first events of the fall semester go smoothly.

"We'd really like to hit the ground running in the fall," Regal said.

# Students take part in school supply donation drive for military families

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Eastern students have an opportunity to give back to others this month by participating through an event called Back to School Brigade, which donates certain items to Operation Homefront.

Since 2003, Eastern's orientation leaders and others from all over the country have been taking part in the Southern Regional Orientation Workshop (SROW), which is sponsored by National Orientation Direction Association (NODA). Prior to the conference, students take part in a service project. The university near where the conference, this year being North Carolina Uni-

versity, is held chooses the service project. Thus, Back to School Brigade was created.

The Back to School Brigade collects school supplies to give to Operation Homefront. Homefront provides financial assistance as well as other supplies to military families. Students are asked to donate school supply items such as backpacks, scissors, crayons, colored pencils and markers.

This year, Eastern's orientation leaders are going to attend the regional conference, which will be held in Charlotte, N.C. The conference will be March 9 through March 11.

Last year, over 1,500 plus students attended the conference. At the conference students attend different sessions, each ses-

sion discusses different topics involving skill building and networking. At the end of the conference, there is an award banquet where a representative from Operation Homefront will give a speech and the donations will be received.

"It is a great leadership opportunity and teamwork opportunity as well," said Loni Crowe, a Kentucky State coordinator for NODA and a coordinator of orientation and family programs.

Students make new friends and learn about others. Students also bring back new ideas with them, Crowe said.

Each orientation leader has an individual way of asking for donations. Eastern orientation leaders have created a Facebook

event to inform other students about this giving back opportunity.

"Orientation leaders take the idea and run with it," Crowe said.

Eastern's orientation leaders encourage everyone to donate to this cause. Donations are being taken up at the Greek life office and at the first year program office, Student Services Building 372. Donations can be made through Feb. 29.

In the 2010 conference, Eastern orientation leaders came in second when it came to the largest amount raised for the service project.

"We chose to participate to see how big of a difference we could make," Crowe said.

## APPROPRIATIONS

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the RSOs this year but did not have a large enough time frame to implement them.

The first two RSOs to present their packets were PGA Gold Management and Alpha Phi Omega who received \$2,909.66 and \$1,889.99, respectively.

The RSO to receive the most funding was Eastern's Skeet and Trap team, who presented third, for a national conference. After cuts to hotel rooms and ammunition, the organization was granted \$5,210.39.

The organization to receive the least amount of funding and ranked 17th to present its packet was Sigma Gamma Rho, which is a historically African-American sorority on campus. They were the last organization to speak during the meeting. Originally, they requested \$1,349.40 for a conference but only received \$115 in funding.

A new organization on campus, Meeting Professionals International, was ranked fourth on the list and received \$585 of funding for advertisements and banners.

Kirstie Wilder, who was representing Meeting Professionals International, said she was relieved they got what they asked for.

"We didn't have to change anything we were asking for, and it went fairly quick compared to the ones who were in front," Wilder said.

Phi Upsilon Omicron is another organization that was granted \$990 to send six members to a conference. Kayla Yeager, RSO representative for Phi U, said the group's location on the list is to thank for the funding the group received.

"We had never asked for money before, so I think that helped us increase in the ranking," Yeager said.

Among the five organizations who were unable to present was the Art Education

Student Association (AESA). The organization was requesting \$3,790 for a national conference in New York City.

Amber Raap, who was representing AESA, said she was frustrated because her organization does a lot of fundraising and pays for needs out of pocket.

"I don't know that it's necessarily fair to all of the organizations who go through the processes and attend the meetings," Raap said. "Overall, I'd say I'm pretty frustrated about it, but I'm going to try to get my organization to apply next year."

Other organizations to not receive funding were Phi Sigma Pi, ECU CSI (Epsilon Kappa Upsilon- Chi Sigma Iota), Family and Consumer Science Club, Exercise and Sports Science and the Nursing Student Network.

However, the Nursing Student Network was ranked 13th, but it did not receive funding because of a forged signature on the application.

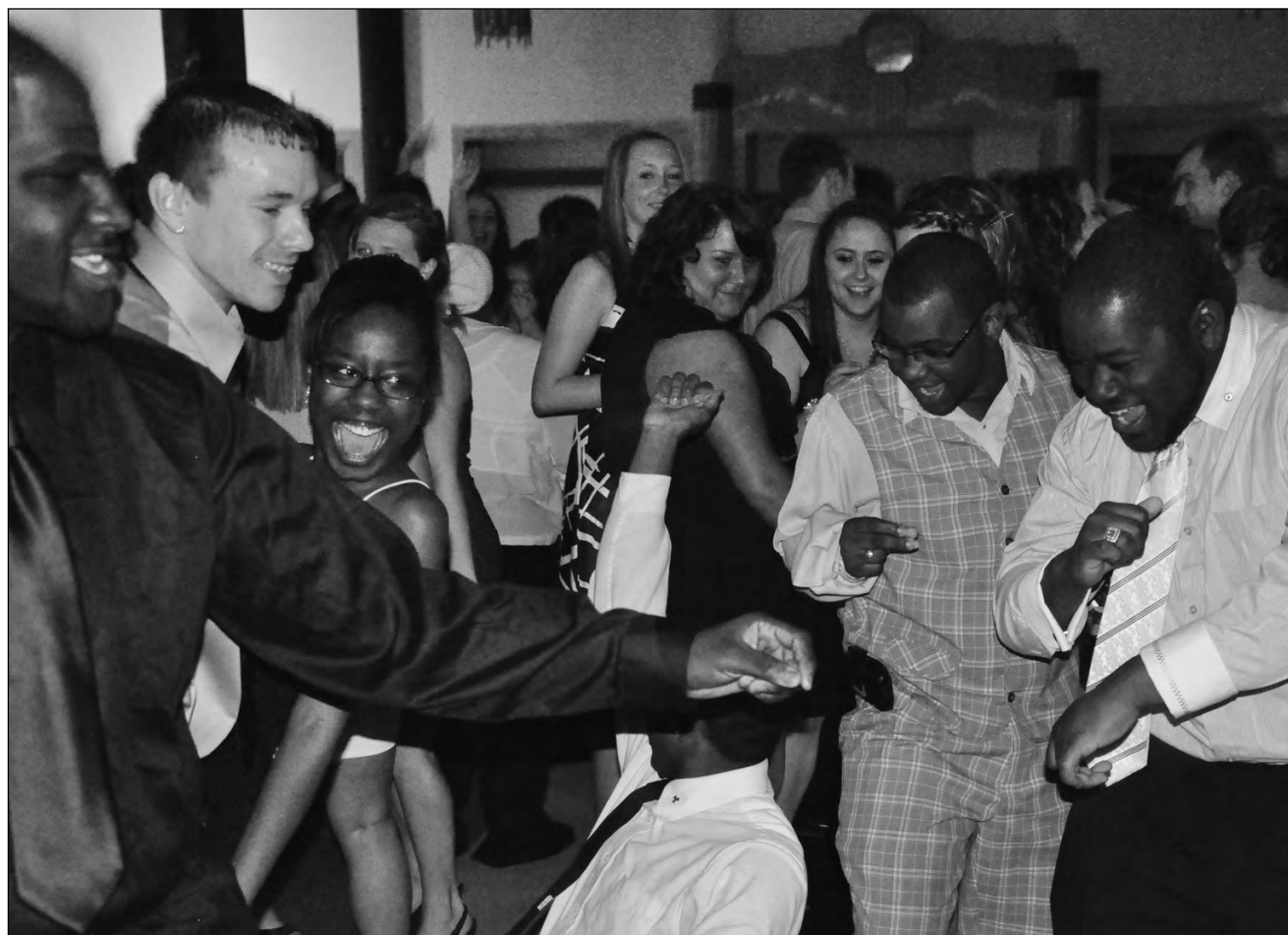
The organization claimed Nick Beasley, senator at large, had signed on as its sponsoring senator, but Beasley said he never signed off to sponsor them. The packet was immediately rejected by Matthew White, executive vice president of Student Senate, and the RSO received no funding.

Each organization's representative was given 30 seconds to speak about its packet. Then, the organization's sponsoring senator would speak about why this particular organization deserves funding. Senators can make amendments to the proposed throughout the process.

The packets are presented in a system based on whether or not the group has previously been funded, if it's something available for all students or if it's helping the campus or community as a whole, Nolan said.

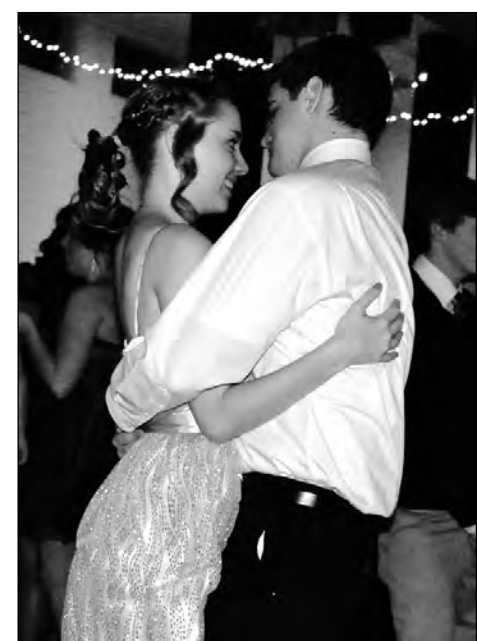
"If I had my way, everybody would get something but that's not the way it's set up," Nolan said. "It was nice to have the support of everybody in senate."

# Annual President's Ball



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The 11th Annual President's Ball, hosted by Student Activities Council, was Tues., Feb. 21, 2012 in the Keen Johnson Ballroom. Those who picked up tickets and attended dressed in formal attire, were served refreshments and spent the night dancing to music provided by a DJ.



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## SGA, may we speak?

ELECTION BYLAWS PLACE  
LIMITS OF FREE SPEECH ON  
CANDIDATES, STUDENTS

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With politics comes “drama,” as some might say, otherwise known as political bickering. The nature of politics in itself can involve some undesirable behavior including, but not limited to, backstabbing, gossip and lying.

Eastern’s political scene is no different. Throughout the years, student politicians within student government have filed complaints against one another, even leading to candidates being removed from ballots hours before polls close and appeal trials occurring well past midnight.

Recently, the Elections Committee has spent time combing through these issues and coming up with solutions to remedy them. Most of these revisions have been toward clarifying and specifying many parts of the elections bylaws.

But one new article, Article III, does the exact opposite of fixing a problem. It is setting up for a whole new host of issues.

The new Code of Conduct lists a code of behavior for candidates. It explains many things one would hope a candidate would already be doing – to be free of bias, to have professional conduct and be responsible for their errors.

But some of these “standards” bring to mind one simple question – when can a candidate truly speak out?

The Code of Conduct states “refrain from bringing the integrity of the Student Government Association as a whole into public disrepute.”

Why?

The answer is simple and cowardly. Be-

cause looking bad is uncomfortable. Because when those who elected you find out about errors, you may not only lose an upcoming election, but you may be impeached.

Because the public can, and will, hold you accountable for your actions.

As journalists, we at *The Progress* do not believe in supporting gossip or backbiting, but we do support holding our elected officials accountable for their actions. This includes the petty and ugly sides of their actions, as well.

What if a candidate truly feels SGA, as a whole, is a weak organization and there are certain individuals to blame? According to this code, they could possibly be removed from the ballot, or at a minimum, punished by the elections committee for trying to voice their opinions to the public.

With these new revisions, the person who sees a need for change could be prevented from ever leading the student body to make that change happen.

This code also states, “refrain from abusive conduct, personal charges or verbal attacks upon the character or motives of other Student Government Association members.”

If you weren’t already aware, every single student attending Eastern is a member of SGA, the same way every citizen of the United States is a member of its government. We have the right to vote, and our representatives are there because we put them there.

This section reads like a warning to fu-

ture candidates to watch their mouths, because one “personal charge” against any fellow student could end up with your removal from the ballot.

Don’t forget another item added in this code of conduct, “expose corruption where discovered.”

When this issue was being reported on, it was clarified that those who find corruption should report it to the elections committee. But this is in no way stated within the bylaws.

So, expose corruption? To who? If it is the public, are you bringing SGA into “public disrepute?” And what if a particular individual is corrupt, and you expose them in public?

Well, then add “personal charges” to the list of violations.

Overall, these changes come from good intentions – the desire to have a clean and fair election.

But the vagueness of the language, the fear of embarrassment so obviously laced throughout and the lack of criticism of this document by the student politicians is disturbing.

This document was passed almost unanimously through Student Senate, Residence Life Council and Student Activities Council.

No one raised issue with the fact that this Code of Conduct holds “all election candidates, their agents, any appointed or elected member of SGA, or any member of the student body” to the same standard.

So, in theory, this document effective-

ly places a gag-order on every single last member of the student body.

We at *The Progress* are not assuming the worst of the current SGA; we are concerned about the opportunities this code of conduct opens for future abuse.

Imagine years from now, all of us have gone on to the “real world” and left this place far behind. One student decides he will run for a position in student government because he feels the current group lacks integrity, lacks professionalism and is guilty of lying and playing the game for personal agendas.

So, he or she says so and takes a stand against the corruption and lies. And that person decides to talk to the newspaper, say in debate or simply stand on Powell Corner and scream it – that they will be the change Eastern of the future needs.

But, someone hears the “personal charges” against the liars. Someone sees them calling SGA’s integrity into question or bringing SGA into “public disrepute.”

Now, with this Code of Conduct, our student representatives have in their hands the power to make them quiet and end all of their power to be the changes the future SGA may need so badly.

Current Student Government, imagine yourself in this position, which we feel may be easy to do for many of you.

As student leaders, you desire to leave Eastern a better place than when you came here. However, limiting the freedom to express ideas, no matter how ugly, is not the answer.

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>Letters to the editor

## Local Ronald McDonald House assists family in need

Jamie Woolery, our student worker at the Health Sciences Learning Resource Center, first learned about the Ronald McDonald House when her niece had a baby born two and a half months premature and only weighed 2 pounds, 8 ounces. Jamie stated, "There was hope for his survival, but none the less scary." Living two and a half hours from Lexington and having to drive to and from Russell Springs to care for her baby at Central Baptist was a daunting task. Central Baptist Hospital told Woolery about the Ronald McDonald House Charity in Lexington, and A'den's mother stayed there while he was in NICU. Her family was able to stay with her for a time, but had to return home to work; however, Jamie was able to stay with her at the Ronald McDonald House several times. She stated the employees are caring, loving, thoughtful, realizing that each person who walked in and out of the doors was facing a life-altering issue with their child.

Jamie discovered that every night on a blackboard there was a list of volunteers who took time out of their busy schedules to help at this wonderful facility. Others offered their services cleaning or shuttling families to and from the hospitals, as well as organizing the Wish List collections to help stock the House.

After 41 long days, Jamie's niece was able to take her healthy and happy A'den home. They spent a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas with their family. What a wonderful Christmas gift!

After the holidays Jamie had a "light bulb moment." Wondering if our office might want to make dinner for the families, she mentioned it to us. We were so excited and wanted to do this as soon as possible. Arrangements were made to prepare dinner on Jan. 21. After preparing a dinner of meatloaf, mash potatoes, green beans and dessert, we spent time talking to some of the families. Todd Johnson, house manager, gave us a tour of

this wonderful facility. He is a very compassionate sensitive individual who's definitely the perfect person for this job.

The residents were extremely grateful. As Beth White, Ronald McDonald's House Volunteer and Guest Services Manager stated in the newsletter, "Serving the families of critically ill children is a rewarding experience and is truly time well spent." We couldn't have said it any better. It's a great feeling to give back. Our office really connected as a group and had a wonderful bonding experience.

For more information about the Ronald McDonald House's history, mission, vision and services, visit its website at [www.rmhclexington.com](http://www.rmhclexington.com). If you have a desire to volunteer at the RMH, call Beth White (859) 268-0757 or email her [bwhite@rmhclexington.com](mailto:bwhite@rmhclexington.com).

Raglena Salmans and Dott Collins  
Student Health Services

## Statues on campus deserve respect from student body

I recently had to do an art project on a sculpture in the city of Richmond. I chose the Centennial statue in front of the Powell Building. Imagine my surprise to discover that this statue and the horse statue in front of Stratton, were both done by the same man who made the Iwo Jima

Memorial in D.C. I have read in previous issues of *The Progress* that both statues have, in recent times, been vandalized by my fellow students. Perhaps if they knew more about the history of the statues they would have more respect for them. The sculptor, Felix de Weldon, was the most

famous sculptor of the 20th century. He created over 1,200 public monuments and the busts of four American presidents. His work deserves respect.

Sheila Oakes  
Student

## Lack of maturity from peers concerns student



My Turn:  
Stephen  
Hauser

Politicians repeat time and time again that our generation is the future of America. If that is the case, I am truly scared for the direction of our country.

People have called our generation many names besides Generation Y. Some of the newer names we have been given are the Facebook generation and the reality-television generation.

Our generation was fortunate enough to have been old enough to experience the creation of Facebook.

I remember back in 2005 when my eldest sister joined Facebook. At the time, you had to have a college email in order to have a Facebook account. In 2006, Facebook first allowed high school students to join the site, which caused uproar from my sister and other college students. As a sophomore in high school during this time, I was one of those students who joined the website. Shortly after signing up for an account, I received many lec-

tures from my older sister, brother and parents about how to use it professionally.

Since our generation was there from the very beginning of Facebook, we don't have to play catch up. Now, for the first time, it is our parents that have to learn to adjust to something new. They are now asking our generation for help on how to effectively use Facebook to promote and help their businesses.

One of the things that my peers hate having to do is clean up their Facebook profile.

There are too many students out there that love posting pictures of their drunken episodes. Despite being told by future employers that they do check out our pages, they keep posting incriminating items. Our generation has once again failed to grow up and look at the big picture. Instead, our generation has continued to be immature and has solely focused on the here and now.

The thing about our generation that truly scares me to death is the way we love our reality television. I am pretty sure there are people on this campus that can't go a week without watching an episode of MTV's *Jersey Shore* or *Teen Mom*. My generation must know which new slut Mike "The Situation" brought back to the house and if somehow Snookie was able

to trick someone into actually hooking up with her.

I guess there can be nothing more entertaining than watching teenage mothers and fathers struggle to get by. I know a lot of people back home who are dealing with the exact same situation, but there are no camera crews following them. Why must our generation watch a show about it when we can just make a call to someone who is going through the exact same situation.

Our generation loves reality television, but the one thing they all hate is politics. How can a generation of future leaders of America hate politics? Learning and understanding the political issues of today is the only way we will be able to solve them when it is our time. If the only response from our generation is the answer we hate politics, then we are doomed.

I am not asking our generation to spend a few hours a day watching CNN, MSNBC or Fox News. What I am asking for our generation to do is at least educate themselves on the issues before casting a vote. If our generation continues to be immature and focus too much on reality television, the future will not be very bright for us.

## Writer shares tips for enjoyable spring break



My Turn:  
Jacqueline  
Hinkle

Spring break is just a short two weeks away, and many students like me are traveling to some of the world's top spring break spots.

And of course, there are some students who are keeping it simple and traveling back home to see family and friends after being stuck in textbooks for a semester. Now that classes are coming to a halt, you can't help but think how great it will be when you are relaxing at home or laying on the beach, rather than sitting in a classroom desk. But while spring break is a time to lay back and be worry free no matter where your destination may be, there are a couple well-known dos and don'ts that can make your spring break that much safer and more fun and memorable.

For those students who are making their way to Cancun, Panama City Beach, Miami or any other well known beaches, here are just a few dos and don'ts to keep

in mind: One, don't get arrested, or try not to. Believe me, I know the main reason to go to any of these locations is to have fun and let loose. However, how much fun will it be making news on campus of your arrest, or spending the night in a jail cell while your friends use their spring break money to bail you out- it's not.

Two, don't end up being the most top viewed video on YouTube. For whatever reason, you may have ended up being the best booty shaker or the fastest beer drinker, but remember people always carry their cell phones and cameras everywhere and are willing to tape anything. And you never know who may come across that video, whether it be family, friends or your future boss.

Third, do have fun, safely. I know that I am very excited to be able to have fun 600 miles away from my parents or school, but I also want to make it back safe. Don't do anything that doesn't feel safe, or you wouldn't do any other place. There have been more than enough stories of students going missing on spring break, and

the last person you want that to happen to is you.

Now, for those students who aren't traveling on a spring break trip and are staying home, the most obvious thing you don't do is stay at home the whole break. Do get out and have fun, even if it's just in your hometown. Hang out with your friends you haven't seen in a while, and of course spend time with your family. You could also try doing something new for a change by maybe taking a weekend road trip or volunteering. Just because you're not on the beach doesn't mean you can't have the same fun.

But overall, any spring break plans or the decisions you make are your own and your view of having fun. Spring break is a time to have no rules or worries, and I hope that every student on campus can have the best time of their life.

**"Now that classes are coming to a halt, you can't help but think how great it will be when you are relaxing at home or laying on the beach, rather than sitting in a classroom desk."**

## CAMPUS COMMENTS

### "Campus Safety"

All Campus Comments are anonymous.

- I think it's pretty safe.
- There are cops around all the time.
- I think the campus is pretty safe. I mean the campus is well lit at night. Nobody has ever come up to me or tried anything.
- I guess I feel safe. I mean there are cops everywhere.
- I feel very safe on campus. It's always been a safe environment, but with police always trolling the area as well as the emergency calls with the lights on it as well as the campus being well lit. However I do not suggest walking by yourself and take extra precautions.
- Yeah, I feel pretty safe on campus. There are plenty of call boxes. Most of the pathways I travel are lit. I feel pretty safe.
- I feel safe on this campus. I have always felt safe since I've been here.
- I think that it's pretty safe because with the Eastern police department, unlike the police, how you can call them at any time. I think it's really safe, especially that.
- I feel pretty safe. I see a lot of cops rooming campus, so I have not had any safety issues. I've heard of safety issues. I've had e-mail, but me personally, I'm safe.
- I really don't feel unsafe, but anything could happen at any time.
- I mean it's safe, but I've heard reporting of things happening. It's never happened to me and I walk all the way from Keene, so it's safe. I never get picked up or nothing.
- I like how the campus police are always making their presence known around the campus by patrolling regularly.
- I feel safe, especially at night with the night shuttle being available throughout the week and on Sunday nights.
- I have been on other college campuses where stuff has happened, but to me, Eastern is one of the safest campuses that I know of or have ever been on.

- I mean, I feel safe, but I realize it's not as safe as it should be.
- The police do a good job.
- I feel safe on campus.
- There's more cops on campus than anyone else I've seen. Even if they're not in uniform.
- It's OK, I guess.
- I feel pretty safe. I know anytime I call they will be there pretty quick, so I'm not worried.
- Yeah, I definitely feel safe on campus.

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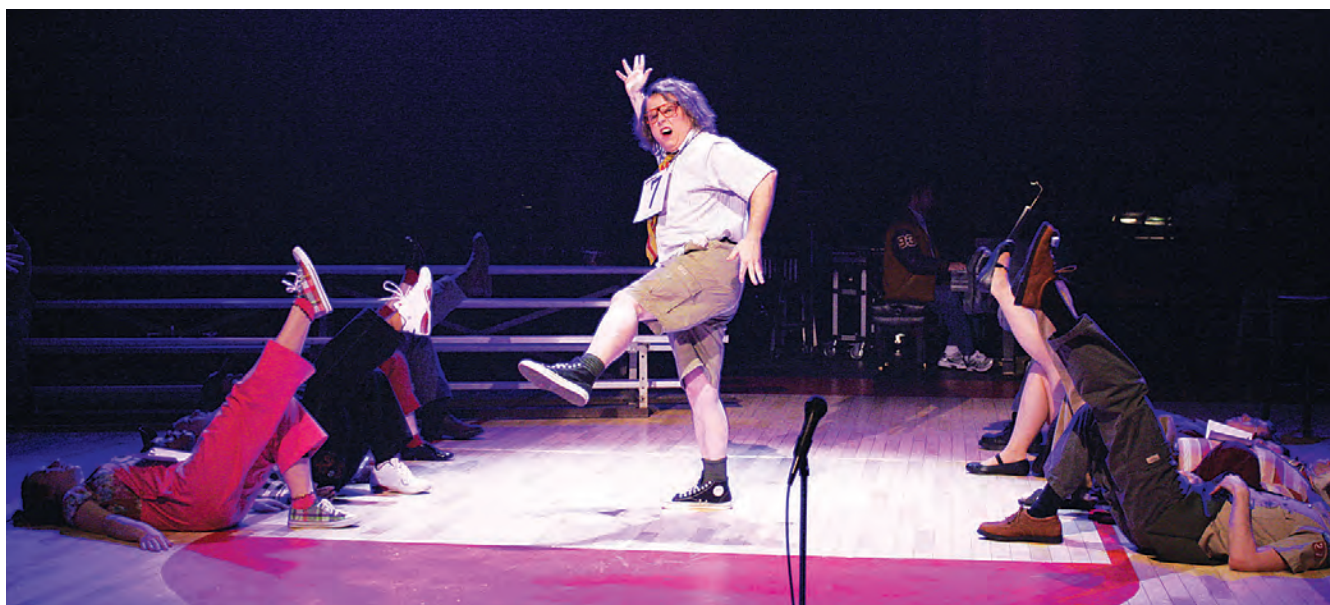


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## Irish band Celtic Crossroads kicks off US tour at Eastern

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Most musicians seek perfection in their craft. For some, this may take a lifetime to accomplish, if ever.

For Celtic Crossroads, perfection is worth this lifetime task.

According to their website, Celtic Crossroads was founded 2005 in Galway, Ireland. The musicians and dancers are from Australia, the U.S. and Ireland. The group has toured throughout Europe, the U.S. and Canada.

To kick off their year, the group performed at ECU Center for the Arts; a night full of traditional and modern Irish music.

One of the highlights of the evening was when the group played "Orange Blossom," a tune that combined both a Civil War melody and the song "Cotton Eyed Joe." After the group finished, they were summoned back onto the stage for an encore by the audience's applause.

Sarah Huffman, 21, biology major from London, said she enjoyed the show, especially the music she heard.

"I was interested in hearing more traditional Irish music and Celtic music, so I find it really interesting the culture back then," Huffman said. "I think the show was great. I really, really enjoyed it. I think it is a great mix of different cultures and Irish cultures."

Johanna Sizemore, a student that recently studied abroad in Ireland, said she enjoyed learning about Irish culture and it was nice to hear its music again.

"I was in Ireland over Christmas break and I really loved the music over there, so I was really happy for another opportunity to see the Irish performers," said Sizemore, 21, pre-med biology major from London.

Huffman also completed a study abroad in Ireland.

"It was great. The people are really friendly in Ireland," Huffman said. "They're really happy and they're just really rambunctious."

Upcoming performances include Wynton Marsalis Feb. 25 and Chris Botti March 1.



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## Spelling Bee language of origin: comedy

EKU THEATRE'S LATEST MUSICAL DRAWS BIG LAUGHS FROM THE AWKWARDNESS OF MIDDLE SCHOOL

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H-I-L-A-R-I-O-U-S. Hilarious.

This being one of the many words to describe ECU Theatre's latest production, *The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*. Also applicable are painfully relatable and wonderfully awkward.

The musical comedy, directed by Homer Tracy, was a Tony-Award winning hit back in 2005. Written by William Finn and Rachel Sheinkin, *Spelling Bee* revolves around a group of eccentric, misfit middle school aged children in a highly competitive local spelling bee. Led by an enthused moderator (Jolene Camillo), the school's vice principal (Micah Daniel Bennett) and a comfort counselor (Brandi Hill), the participants include a boy scout and former champion Chip (Andrew Sowers), a young activist with two gay fathers named Logainne (Melanie Dawn Hall), an easily amused, empty headed hippy child Leaf

(James Arnold), a brilliant but conceited social outcast William (Brain Wagner), a wound-up overachiever Marcy (Caitlin Ingram) and a neglected, sweet youngster with absent parents Olive (Jenna Sehmman).

Stage manager Sarah Evans said she believes the biggest appeal is the play's unique and participatory nature.

"It's a quirky, different type of musical," Evans said. "It's very participative and has a very different feel than your big showy things. It's just a lot of fun. One of the challenges was remembering that awkwardness of middle school. So maybe this show's awkward (laughs). I don't know, if so it's surprisingly, refreshingly awkward."

Evans said it is this very awkwardness that helps the play resonate with its audience.

"Everybody can relate to one of those kids sitting on the bleachers," Evans said. "Through all the craziness and the wildness, there is some depth of character

there and you feel their pain, every single one of them. It's all fun and games, but then you sit back and think, 'Oh, I remember feeling like that in middle school.'"

The production featured a major setback when director Homer Tracy fell ill recently, but Evans stressed that the entire crew has remained focused.

"With everything that's happened, I've never seen a group of people step up like this group," Evans said. "First orchestra rehearsal, straight through perfect. Nine actors, and they didn't even know who I was hardly, and they had to take direction from a total stranger. But they didn't care; they were great. Same thing with the crew. All of it has just been incredible."

The show is set to run 8 p.m., Feb. 22-25, and 2 p.m. Feb. 26, at the Gifford Theatre in the Campbell Building with tickets still available. So stop by for an evening of laughs, awkwardness and f-u-n.



COURTESY OF CELTIC CROSSROADS



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A trip to Bonnaroo cannot be summed up in words, but only expressed in music and tales of the event. The epic three-day festival highlights music across almost every genre while still including the classic festy climate of good vibes and good times. If you are a 'Roo veteran, the 2012 line-up has been bouncing around in your head for almost two weeks now, wondering if your two most climactic bands will overlap when the schedule is finally announced.

If not and a first-time 'Roo experience is in the very near future, keep your mind open and your schedule for the event even more so. Some major names may be missing from this list, but you won't pick to see those guys – the crowd will end up swallowing you in anyway.

Either way, here are some bands to include in your repertoire for the event.

### 10: Phish

Before the visions of acid-fueled hippie hugs invading your

comfort zone make their way into your nightmares tonight, one thing must be realized: This is Bonnaroo. The acid-fueled hippie hugs will already make their way, at some point, into your trip to Manchester. This legendary group is known for melding everything from bluegrass to psychedelic into a single 40-minute jam session and with their recent jump back onto the scene in 2009, people are more than looking forward to seeing them. Phish is one of those bands you have to see just so you can tell the grandkids about them. So push your way up to What stage, mentally prepare yourself for the overbearing scent of patchouli and know you can knock this one off the bucket list.

### 9: Das Racist

This Brooklyn rap group is known for making you laugh and have a major life epiphany in the same verse. They constantly call into question what was expected of them in the first place, so see them with few preconceived assumptions. The group first became known through an Internet hit "Combination Pizza Hut and Taco

Bell," but their rhymes have only become more intellectual (and funnier) since then. Another upside to this act – the crowd is sure to be moving despite the guaranteed 100-degree weather.

### 8. The Shins

If you've seen an indie film in the past 15 years, you've probably heard a Shins song. If not, go find your nearest hipster friend; guarantee they will gush about them for a good half-hour. Despite the pretentious crowd you'll encounter, the music is simply good. James Mercer's voice is just as incredible live as recorded and the poetry of the music is sure to float over the sticky summer crowd like no other. One thing to know is that the band is simply a backing band, so keep an eye out for Modest Mouse's drummer Joe Plummer and Crystal Skull's bass guitarist Yuuki Matthews on stage.

### 7. The Roots

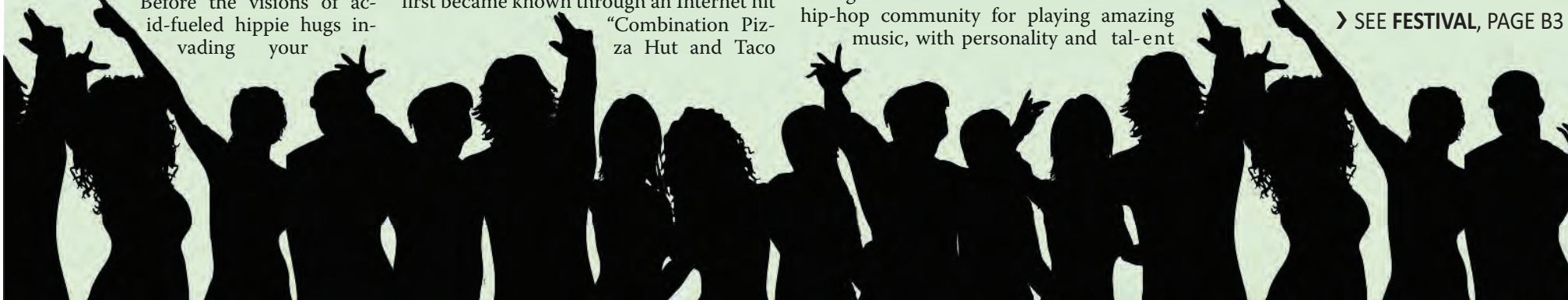
The band on *Late Night with Jimmy Fallon*? Yes, that band. ?uestlove and Black Thought are acclaimed in the alternative hip-hop community for playing amazing music, with personality and talent

to match. Besides music to move to, they are festival veterans. They know it's unbearably hot and they know how to get you excited. Playing Lollapalooza back in 1995 and continually touring since that summer, they know the scene. If nothing else, come to watch the crowd show their appreciation for when they played "Lying Ass Bitch" to welcome Michelle Bachmann to Fallon's set.

### 6. GROUPOVE

A young band brought together in 2009, GROUPOVE has slammed onto the talk show circuit looking like some strange 90s music video. Because of their youth, they are likely to be placed on a smaller stage, guaranteeing you some time up front and center, if you desire. Which you should. Thanks to their harmonies and summertime lyrics, you will be smiling and frolicking like a fool. This will severely limit your ability to meld in with the stand-in-the-back crowd anyway. Listen up for "Naked Kids" and "Itchin on a Photograph."

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# This Means War battles comedic mediocrity and loses

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If you've seen one romantic comedy, you've basically seen them all.

Every once in a great while, one will rise above the rest and really show up to the party with something to prove.

I sincerely wish *This Means War* could be one of those movies, but it's not.

*This Means War* is a comedy/romance/action film starring Chris Pine as FDR and Tom Hardy as Tuck. FDR and Tuck are CIA agents and the best of friends. They do everything together: secret missions, family functions, and their desks even face each other in the high-tech CIA headquarters. While it seems like they have it all, a slightly more emotional Tuck wants something more.

Enter Lauren (Reese Witherspoon), whose run-ins with her successful ex leave her in want of a relationship. Tuck and Lauren meet on a dating website and instantly make a connection, but Lauren and FDR make that same connection at a video rental store. Lauren, empowered by her BFF Trish (Chelsea Handler) decides to date both men to see who she likes more while FDR and Tuck also decide to date Lauren without getting in each other's way. And let the hysterical antics ensue.

The casting here is a little off. While Reese Witherspoon is radiant and looks great throughout the entire film, she, as well as Chris Pine and Tom Hardy are all a little too old to be looking at these kinds of scripts. I had a hard time believing that a group this age would be in this conundrum, let alone act so childishly. A younger person doesn't know any better, and that can be allowed. It's just sad to watch three 30-somethings pretend to be teenagers.

It isn't just the casting, though. There is something wrong with the entire movie. While the two spies are dating the same woman, there is an angry German man seeking revenge for the death of his brother. So naturally, Tuck and FDR decide to spend hours of labor and millions of dollars in technology to track Lauren's every move.

What? That premise is too hard for me to buy in to.

Fortunately, Chelsea Handler is hilarious as the forced comic relief. She redeems the other actors' lackluster comedy by interjecting some of the best and well-timed jokes of the movie. Handler is the most real and redeeming part of the whole story.

Otherwise, *This Means War* is the most mediocre film I have seen this year (and it's only February). That's the best compliment I can muster for this disappointing outing.

**Verdict: C-**



COURTESY OF IMP AWARDS

## Jax and Daxter: A classic PS2 series rereleased in HD

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I had never played the *Jak and Daxter* series until this month. In my defense, I didn't own a PlayStation growing up; I was a loyal Nintendo fan. Regardless, I never played the iconic series before and therefore have no built-in emotional or nostalgic affection. But man, am I glad I picked up this game.

Recently, game developer Naughty Dog (makers of *Crash Bandicoot* and more recently *Uncharted*) released a HD remake of their PS2-spanning trilogy: *Jak and Daxter: The Precursor Legacy*, *Jak 2* and *Jak 3*. No beating around the bush: These games are flat-out amazing and are more than worth the \$40 they cost. I have played my share of adventure platformers, but these classics offer to many, nostalgia, and to a newbie such as myself, an eccentric story with a decent challenge.

### Jak and Daxter: The Precursor Legacy

Our story begins with a young Jak and a young, human Daxter. I single out the human aspect, as it is about to change. They defy their mentor Samos' instructions and go to a spooky, misty island to meddle around like all good kids would.

After a short fight with an evil race known as the Lurkers, Daxter is accidentally shoved into a pool full of dark eco, a type of energy that is found in Jak's world. There are many different types of eco and each has different qualities. For all intents and purposes, however, dark eco is evil stuff.

Daxter is shot out of the pool, but is now the orange, rat-like creature that is always seen riding on Jak's shoulder. Therefore the rest of the game is revolved around exploring Jak's world and trying to find a way to turn Daxter back to normal.

I'll stop with the story to avoid giving away any spoilers. On to game play. The mechanics of this game are similar to that of most adventure platformers. You have your basic attack buttons, your jumps, double jumps, and so on. To advance further in the game, you are required to collect a set number of power cells and sadly this is where the game gets a tad redundant.

I knew what was to be expected in each new area, the only difference being the next world would have a different element: a

winter world, volcano world, water world, etc. Other than that, the game is fun and short. If you devote enough time to it you can beat it in an afternoon.

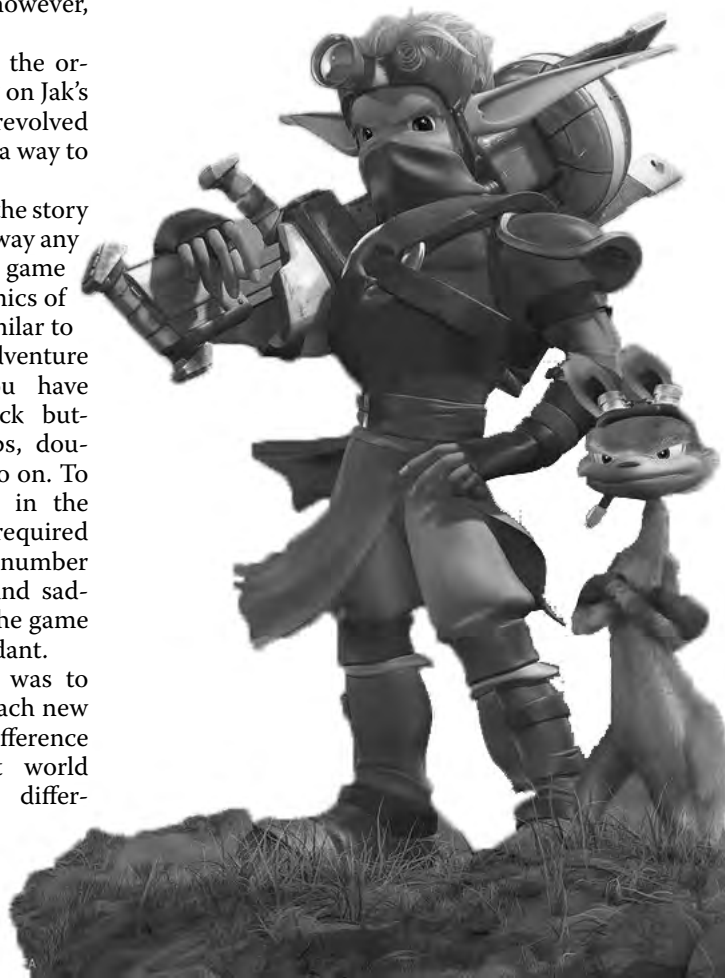
### Jak 2

Here the series' tone changes...drastically. And likewise, the quality takes a huge leap from an already solid first game. The once happy, cartoony world from *Jak and Daxter* is gone in favor of a more mature, darker tone. Jak finds himself in a desolate city ruled by an oppressive force, and it's up to you to take it down. The game adopts a more expansive, open world map similar to *Grand Theft Auto*, and Jak begins using a variety of creative guns. There is much more, but a lot of the fun is discovering the ins and outs of the world yourself.

### Jak 3

And finally, the end of the trilogy. Very similar to the previous installment, with the biggest difference being you are now in the desert. You have a wider selection of vehicles, harder bosses, greater enemy variety and you finally get to discover the answers to all of the series' biggest mysteries. Exciting, yes?

HD collections have been all the rage lately, and for good reason. They allow a new console generation to experience the greatest games of yesteryear while sporting improved graphics. So do yourself a favor and buy this game. Honestly, these games are nothing short of brilliant. They have been praised throughout the gaming industry and are a great addition to anyone's PS3 collection. Did I also mention that its three games in one disc for only \$40?



COURTESY OF NAUGHTY DOG

## New NBC musical series a Smashing success

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*Glee* won the nation's heart in 2009 when it premiered on Fox. And since, musical theater has taken America by storm, on and off the TV screen.

This season, NBC put together a behind-the-scenes Broadway take on the genre with *Smash*.

*Smash* has featured music from popular artists like Adele and Carrie Underwood. Each week there are also original songs written by the Tony Award winning *Hairspray* songwriters Marc Shaiman and Scott Wittman. The show also features a world audiences rarely see: the backstage of a Broadway show, from casting all the way to opening night.

The show is about Karen Cartwright (Katherine McPhee, *American Idol* Season Five runner-up), a small-town girl from Iowa who moves to New York to pursue her dream of acting, with the disapproval of her parents, but the love and support of her boyfriend, Dev Sundaram (Raza Jaffrey, *Sex and the City 2*). Ivy Lynn (Megan Hilty), a long-time chorus girl, is ready to shine and receive her first role as a leading lady on Broadway.

The show's songwriting duo, Julie Houston (Debra Messing, *Will and Grace*) and Ton Levitt (Christian Borle, *Legally Blonde: The Musical*) with assistance from Levitt's assistant Ellis Tancheroen (newcomer Jaime Cepero), come up with an idea and some songs for a musical about Marilyn Monroe. While Houston is trying to help write songs for the musical, she and her husband Frank (Brian D'Arcy James, *Shrek: The Musical*) are trying to adopt a baby.

They enlist the help of director/playboy Derek Wills (Jack Davenport, *Pirates of the Caribbean* series) and producer Eileen Rand (Academy Award winner Anjelica Huston), who is currently going through a divorce.

According to Chicago Tribune, *Smash* premiered Feb. 6 to an audience of 11 million viewers. According to TV Guide, some other stars guest starring on the freshman season of the show include Nick Jonas of the Jonas Brothers and Uma Thurman.

The show is a more grow up, adult musical drama than *Glee* and will show you some of the drama of getting a show to its Broadway opening night. With Steven Spielberg serving as one of the executive producers, and an award-winning cast and crew, NBC's *Smash* is sure to hit all the right notes for your Monday nights at 10.



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# 2012 Oscar Predictions include *The Artist* for Best Picture

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The Super Bowl has sprinted back off the gridiron and the Grammys have long left the stage. For film buffs, however, the true competition has yet to come. And after months of waiting, it is finally your weekend, cinephiles.

Sunday, Feb. 26, is the movie industry's biggest, most prestigious night: The 84th Annual Academy Awards. It is a night to celebrate the past year in cinema as well as honor those films that stood out above the rest.

Each year's nominations always include a number of surprises (hello, *Bridesmaids!*) and a myriad of soul-shattering snubs (O Ryan Gosling, where art thou?). But the time for mourning those forgotten has passed. The nominees have been chosen and all that is left is to see who goes home with the gold Sunday night. Regardless of the outcome, it has undoubtedly been a great year for cinema. Here are some of my predictions for this year's Oscars.

## Best Picture

*Hugo*  
*The Descendants*  
*The Help*  
*Midnight in Paris*  
*War Horse*  
*The Tree of Life*  
*Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close*

*The Artist* - **WILL WIN** This silent ode to films of yesteryear easily has the most momentum this awards season and, barring an upset by *The Descendants*, should take home the night's most coveted prize.

*Moneyball* - **SHOULD WIN** I seem to be the only writer so enthusiastic about this film, last year's best in my opinion and easily one of the best sports films of our generation. It fired on all cylinders: great performances, a razor sharp script, and engaging direction. Grand slam.

## Best Director

Michel Hazanavicius, *The Artist*  
Terrence Malick, *The Tree of Life*  
Alexander Payne, *The Descendants*

Martin Scorsese, *Hugo* - **WILL WIN** No one would expect a 3-D movie to garner much critical adoration. Unless, of course, that film was directed by Scorsese. This is a close one between Hazanavicius and Scorsese (both nominated for, appropriately enough, movies about movies), but I'm giving the famed unibrow the edge on this one.

Woody Allen, *Midnight in Paris* - **SHOULD WIN** The dark horse of the night. Allen added another notch to his already incredibly crowded belt of classic films with this romantic, time-traveling ode to Paris and nostalgia.

## Best Actor

Jean Dujardin, *The Artist*  
Demián Bichir, *A Better Life*

Gary Oldman, *Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy*  
George Clooney, *The Descendants* - **WILL WIN** Clooney gave the only kind of performance he knows how: A career-defining spectacular one. Very funny, very subtle, and by the end, very moving.

Brad Pitt, *Moneyball* - **SHOULD WIN** Pitt's best performance in, arguably, the year's best movie. He played the charismatic general manager Billy Beane to a tee. What's not to love?

## Best Actress

Michelle Williams, *My Week With Marilyn*  
Glenn Close, *Albert Nobbs*  
Viola Davis, *The Help*  
Meryl Streep, *The Iron Lady* - **WILL WIN** This one looks like it's a race between Davis and Streep. And since I haven't yet seen any of these nominees, I say you can't go wrong with Streep. The Academy loves her.

Rooney Mara, *The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo* - **SHOULD WIN** Mara's crazy dedication to the role of the troubled Lisbeth Salander is award-worthy in itself. Plus, the Academy needs to recognize Fincher's film somehow.

## Best Supporting Actor

Max von Sydow, *Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close*  
Kenneth Branagh, *My Week With Marilyn*  
Nick Nolte, *Warrior*  
Christopher Plummer, *Beginners* - **WILL WIN** Plummer surprised everyone with this late in life gem. He shines as a father who comes out as a gay man right before he is diagnosed with terminal cancer, living his life to the fullest

in the face of death. Unless von Sydow steals it, the Oscar is his to lose.

Jonah Hill, *Moneyball* - **SHOULD WIN** Perhaps even more surprising, however, was Jonah Hill's turn as a brilliant economics student whose ideas are considered sacrilege to baseball traditionalists. Proving he can hold his own against heavyweight actors was one thing. That he proved it outside of his comedy comfort zone is another all together. An early career highlight for the still-blossoming young actor.

## Best Supporting Actress

Bérénice Bejo, *The Artist*  
Janet McTeer, *Albert Nobbs*  
Jessica Chastain, *The Help*  
Octavia Spencer, *The Help* - **WILL WIN** The Help was one of the year's biggest crowd pleasers, so it's no surprise to see it popping up category after category. Spencer will likely and deservedly nab this one.

Melissa McCarthy, *Bridesmaids* - **SHOULD WIN** McCarthy's performance was hilarious, fearless, layered, and immediately legendary. She deserves a golden statue to go along with her breakout year.

## Best Original Screenplay

Asghar Farhadi, *A Separation*  
Michel Hazanavicius, *The Artist*  
J.C. Chandor, *Margin Call*  
Woody Allen, *Midnight in Paris* - **WILL WIN** Allen's whimsical and very clever script was easily one of the year's best and a career highlight for the veteran filmmaker...

Annie Mumolo and Kristen Wiig, *Bridesmaids* - **SHOULD WIN** ...but everyone knows this was the year for Apatow's very funny ladies. Wiig (who really deserved a Best Actress nod herself) and Mumolo proved to the world something that should already be obvious: Women can be just as raunchy and just as gut-bustingly hilarious as men. If anything, with *Bridesmaids* they proved they are even funnier. Comedy of the year, hands down. Hopefully the Academy can lighten up and realize that.

## Best Adapted Screenplay

Alexander Payne, Jim Rash, and Nat Faxon, *The Descendants*

John Logan, *Hugo*  
Peter Straughan and Bridget O'Connor, *Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy*  
George Clooney, Grant Heslov, and Beau Willimon, *The Ides of March*

Aaron Sorkin, Steven Zaillian, and Stan Chervin, *Moneyball* - **WILL AND SHOULD WIN** Though *The Descendants* once again has a fighting chance, I think the Academy will want to recognize this film in some way. Its witty, energetic script seems like the best chance to do so. Plus, it's Aaron Sorkin. Come on.



## FESTIVAL

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### 5. Mariachi El Bronx

Mariachi El Bronx is a strange thing to decide to seek out because they truly and honestly are a mariachi band. But this band used to be known as simply The Bronx – and they played hardcore punk. Conceived out of refusing to do the typical punk goes acoustic, they have become a successful stepchild of the scene. Warning: they have been known to play in a “variety” of ways, sometimes including more punk than mariachi and vice versa. Either way, they are impressive musicians worth taking the time to enjoy.

### 4. The Avett Brothers

Nothing is more impressive than seeing Scott Avett break a banjo string halfway through a song and simply sing louder. Billed as alt-country, the brothers found their way onto the radio for a while and grabbed some rabid fans along the way. But one of the greatest things about a per-

formance from the brothers (and Joe and Bob) is the fans, whose emotions radiate through every song. The only downside is some long time fans may be disappointed by the lack of tracks appearing from both of The Gleams during their sets.

### 3. Alice Cooper

Something needs to be said for a man his age still rocking eyeliner and fake blood. The remarkable career of Alice Cooper is something to be heralded all on its lonesome. But a Cooper set at Bonnaroo must be pretty close to perfection. He is known for an extreme diversity in his appreciation for music, which can only lead to an incredibly diverse crowd to match. In addition, his live shows have a reputation living up to the showmanship of Cooper himself.

### 2. Devil Makes Three

Devil Makes Three is a combination of a few bad old biker boys, a banjo tune from up in the hills and a night of chasing beer with whiskey – or so it seems. Originally from Santa Cruz, Calif., they somehow manage to use a guy named Cooper McBean on banjo to capture a sim-

ply homegrown tune. Follow this up with the one-of-a-kind voice and lyrics by Pete Bernhard and you have an amazing, underrated band. Billed at the bottom of the line-up, a smaller tent show can be expected, which only equals good things for the fans. Keep an ear open for “Old Number 7,” “Gracefully Facedown” and “All Hail.”

### 1. Bad Brains

“Punk is dead” might ring true for some, but not when Bad Brains takes the stage. Known as barrier-breaking pioneers from their start in the D.C. punk scene, they have managed to last over a 40-year career with mostly original members. As one of the only all black bands to come out of the 70s punk scene, they fought extreme prejudice from their peers. Bad Brains flows effortlessly through hardcore punk, to jazz to reggae making the listener somehow forget they've managed to find themselves in the middle of an excellent mosh pit. Even though they may not jump directly into the crowd anymore, they still go harder than most. If you're still trying to figure what they are about look for the contrast between their classic “Attitude” and “I luv I Jah.”

## SOFTBALL

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Eastern struck first in this game, as well. McQueen got things going for the Colonels with an RBI single in the bottom of the first. East Tennessee State University scored two runs in the bottom of the third, but Eastern kept its opponent at arm's length and scored two more runs of its own. The game stayed gridlocked until the eighth inning when junior Cheyanne Pounds scored what would prove to be the winning run, giving the Colonels consecutive overtime wins.

Robb started this game and pitched six innings. She had two runs on six hits, four strikeouts and no walks.

Saturday, the team served the Missouri Tigers upset for lunch, defeating them 6-5 in 10 innings. Missouri came into the game ranked fifth in the ESPN/USA Softball Collegiate Top 25 and No. 6 in the USA Today/NFCA Division I Top 25. The Tigers are the highest ranking team Eastern has ever beaten. The Colonels 3-0 start after this game is second only to the 5-0 start the 2003 team had.

Shaylon Robb pitched the final eight innings after coming on in relief in the third. She allowed four runs on eight hits and struck out seven.

Eastern finished the tournament Sunday with a loss against host Troy, 5-4. Raquel Howes and Shannon McQueen scored the first two runs for the Colonels in the first inning. However,

Troy answered with two runs of its own in the second half of the inning and never looked back.

Colonels' Diane Gallagher finished 3-4 with a run. Pittsenbarger started the game and allowed three runs on six hits in two innings. Robb relieved her and allowed two runs on four hits.

Coach Jane Worthington said she was pleased with the team's play over the weekend.

"We didn't play over our heads, we played enthusiastically and were fun to watch," Worthington said.

The early production of freshmen Tackett and pitcher Robb also drew praise from the coach.

The players said they were both happy about getting their first collegiate hit and first win, respectively.

"Of course you want to win," Robb said. "But it feels different in college because it's more of a team effort."

Robb also said the focus on team rather than the individual was the biggest difference between high school and college.

"In college, it feels more like a family or team because we are together everyday," she said.

Worthington said the concerns she had weren't anything earth-shattering.

"It's not anything we can't get out on the field and practice and fix," Worthington said.

The Colonels return to action Friday in the Phyllis Rafter Memorial Classic hosted by Kennesaw State University. They face Indiana at 10:30 a.m. and Georgia State at 3:30 p.m.

## MEN'S TENNIS

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While the first four matches had large margins of victories, for the most part, the No. 5 and 6 seed contests were closer.

Carles Pons, Eastern's No. 5 seed, faced the Blue Raiders Gilles Cornelis. Pons took the first set but was taken down in the second and after the third set was forced into a tie-breaker. Pons was forced to dig deep and captured the victory in a highly intense and competitive contest. The final score, 6-1, 6-7, (10-4).

No. 6 seed Joao Maio was faced with adversity early on, but he was able to rebound and capture the win for Eastern as he escaped the third set against the lone senior for Lindsay Wilson, Marlon Dal Pont. The final count being 4-6, 6-2, (15-13).

After defeating Lindsey Wilson, the Colonels took on NKU (3-2), a well-experienced group.

Hugo Klientovsky wasted no time getting the Colonels on the board first as he defeated his competitor Guillaume Berman in straight sets, 6-2, 6-2.

Soon after Parul Verma, who would play No. 3 seed in the match, followed with a victory of his own.

His opponent, junior Andre Correa, put up a good fight but was not able to overthrow Verma. The final score was 6-1, 6-3.

No. 2 seed Niklas Schroeder was forced to fight his way back to victory as he found himself down a set in the match. After losing the first, Schroeder took the second and closed it out in the third, winning 4-6, 6-0, 7-6.

Jan Dombrowski, junior from Germany, saw action this past Friday playing the No. 6 seed. He would be victorious in his first match by defeating Northern Kentucky's Jimmy Caccamo 6-3, 6-2.

But NKU went down swinging as the team captured two matches before admitting defeat.

First it was Emilio Piriz, who played No. 4 seed for the Colonels. Piriz put up a fight as he rebounded in the second set but was unable to close the match out in the third as he fell to Northern's Chris Angulo, 6-2, 0-6, 7-5.

Finally getting on the board, NKU looked to steal another. The team was able to do so as freshman newcomer Craig Campbell, playing the No.5 seed for Eastern, could not pull out the victory against Ohio native Tyler Fraser. Fraser would take the match in straight sets, 6-4, 7-6.

Afterwards, head coach Rob

Oertel said he was pleased with the play of his team, especially the seniors.

"I believe in the guys," Oertel said. "They've been practicing hard."

He also said time will tell who the No. 5 and No. 6 seeds will be.

"It's up for grabs," Oertel said. "The best two guys will earn their spots by conference weekend, it's gonna' be totally based on their results. I go by match results."

### A LOOK AHEAD

The Colonels get a week of rest before welcoming Samford.

Samford is coached by a former graduate assistant of Oertel's. He spoke very highly of him and the Samford Bulldog program.

"Samford would be in the top three in our conference," Oertel said. "And they're coached by a former graduate assistant of mine. He's an excellent coach, it should be a good match."

Samford (4-2) will be coming off of a win against rival Jacksonville State. Hoping to keep up their winning ways, the Bulldogs will have to dethrone the Colonels at home, something that no other teams has been successful at so far this year.

The match is set for 11 a.m. Saturday, February 25.

## LADY TENNIS

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Kentucky University's program." **A LOOK AHEAD**

The Lady Colonels will have a busy weekend traveling to meet Xavier on Friday, and then returning Saturday to host Abilene Christian.

Xavier (6-3) has a winning his-

tory. The team has a winning record and is led by a group of juniors and a one senior.

Abilene Christian (5-1) also possesses a strong group of players. With both experience and youth, its team hopes to continue its winning ways.

The Xavier match is scheduled for 4 p.m. Friday, February 24 and the Colonels will play Abilene Christian at 5 p.m. Saturday, February 25.

## BASEBALL

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base hit and was replaced by freshman pinch-hitter Demetrius Moorer. Junior Austin Grisham singled, allowing Moorer time to reach third base. Senior Richie Rodriguez scored Moorer two batters later on an RBI groundout to tie the game 6-6. The score stayed tied until the eleventh when Dunlop won the game.

Senior pitcher Matt Harris started and allowed five runs on eight hits and struck out four. He was replaced by senior Matt Fyffe (1-0) in the fifth, who earned the win by pitching the next six innings. He allowed only one run on three hits and struck out five. Junior Anthony Bazzani closed the game in the bottom of the eleventh, earning his second career save.

"We were down for a little bit, but we got the lead back," Fyffe said. "We kept battling and I think it showed something about our team. We're not going to give in, we're gonna keep trying to get back into the game if we're down and we're not going to let up on a team. We'll put pressure on them."

The second game went better for the Colonels, de-

spite being shortened due to darkness. Senior Greg Terry earned the complete game by pitching all seven innings and allowing two runs on seven hits and striking out three.

Rodriguez put the team on the board early with a home run to center field. Ball then hit a single and scored on a Dunlop sacrifice fly. The Buccaneers responded with a two-run home run in the bottom of the first.

But that's as close as the Buccaneers would get. Eastern regained the lead in the fourth with singles by Garcia and sophomore Sean Hagen which allowed Dunlop and junior Justin Trent to score. The Colonels widened the gap in the fifth when Dunlop hit a double that allowed Trent to score again, making the score 5-2. The Colonels pulled away in the sixth with a single by Hagen that put him in scoring position. Rodriguez hit a single, allowing Hagen to score. A single by Daniel and a stolen base by Rodriguez put the two runners in scoring position. The two runners then scored on a Matt Phipps single to left field. Now 8-2, the Colonels managed to hold off the Buccaneers for the rest of the game.

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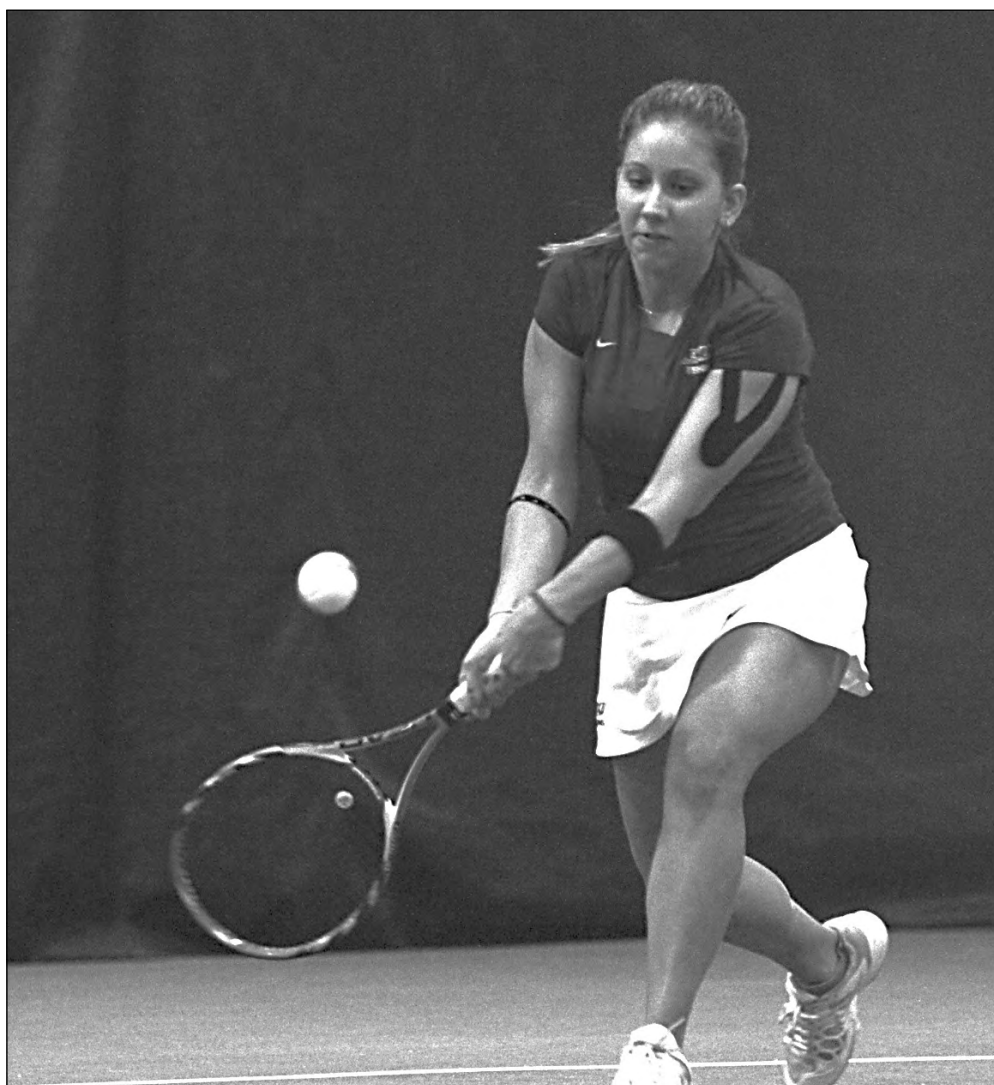
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Sophomore Milena Poffo returns a volley against Dayton on Friday. The Colonels shutout the Flyers, 7-0, before losing to the University of Kentucky on Saturday.

## Women's tennis defeats Dayton, loses to UK

By GREG ADAMS  
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Coming off of their first loss of the season, Eastern's women's tennis team looked to rebound as they faced Dayton and the University of Kentucky last weekend.

Although the team defeated the Flyers, the Lady Colonels couldn't secure the win against the University of Kentucky in Lexington.

Friday, the Lady Colonels (5-2, 0-0 OVC) hosted Dayton University (1-7), a young team in their own right. The Flyers were hoping to leave Richmond with their first win of the season. The Lady Colonels' young and talented squad proved to be too much for the Flyers, as Eastern won, 7-0.

No. 1 seeded Lady Colonel Amandine Faouzi would get things started for Eastern. Faouzi's opponent, Claire McNulty, had no answers as Faouzi won without dropping a single game, 6-0, 6-0.



Marcela Jimenez, the No. 3 seed for Eastern, would have a good game of her own defeating the Flyers' Sammi Hornbarger in straight sets, 6-1, 6-1.

Eastern's No. 4 seed Saioa Osoz beat Dayton's Erin Filbrandt, 6-0, 6-2.

The most suspenseful contest may have been No. 2 seeded Lady Colonel Melissa Gerritsen's match. Her opponent Maureen Stevens would put up a fight. Stevens did all she could to hold off the freshman until Gerritsen closed out the second set. The final count, 6-0, 7-5.

The last two Lady Colonels, No. 5 seed Carmen Rodriguez and No. 6 seed Milena Poffo, were victorious in their matches.

Rodriguez hustled her way to a 6-1, 6-1 win, while Poffo, the most experienced Lady Colonel, won 6-1, 6-0.

On the heels of a strong performance, the Lady Colonels had an opportunity to take down the University of Kentucky (8-1) Saturday. While they came close, Eastern was unable to pull off the win, losing 5-2.

Afterwards head coach Rob Oertel said although this loss is a hard one to swallow, it will only benefit the Lady Colonels.

"I had mixed emotions," Oertel said. "It would have been the biggest regular season accomplishment we've had. Looking back at it, I'm happy we did well and we can feed off of it."

The first match ended abruptly as No. 3 seed Melissa Gerritsen was unable to defeat Wildcat Edmee Morin-Kougoucheff. The freshman took the match without dropping a game, 6-0, 6-0.

University of Kentucky's No.4 seed Stephanie Fox would follow in similar fashion as she took down Eastern's Marcela Jimenez in straight sets.

But as the Wildcats went up 2-0, Eastern began to fight back.

First was No. 2 seed and freshman Kristina Labeja. Labeja captured the first set against opponent Khristina Blajkevitch. After dropping the second, Labeja would rally in the third for Eastern's first win of the day. The final score being 6-1, 2-6, 6-2.

With chances to close out the match in the second, Eastern's No. 1 seeded Amandine Faouzi fell in a three-setter.

Faouzi captured the first set from University of Kentucky's veteran leader Jessica Stiles, but she was unable to close it out in the second and let the third set get by her, losing 4-6, 7-5, 6-1.

No. 6 seed Carmen Rodriguez won her match with the Wildcat's Misha Testerman in straight sets, 6-2, 6-4.

Sophomore and No. 5 seeded Lady Colonel Milena Poffo went all out in her match. Her efforts, however, would not be enough to take down University of Kentucky's CeCe Witten. Witten would win the match, 7-6, 7-5.

Afterwards, Oertel said this match was a close one.

"It was painful, it was closer than you can imagine," Oertel said. "I'm tellin' you in my heart we were two points away from beating UK, which would have been huge for Eastern

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## Missed shots foil Colonels against Tennessee Tech

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The Lady Colonels inability to capitalize and finish shots spelled defeat Saturday against Tennessee Tech. The Lady Colonels (12-13, 7-7 OVC) offense could not overcome the Golden Eagles (14-15, 10-5 OVC) physical defense in a 66-51 loss.

With the victory, the Golden Eagles clinched the No. 3 seed in the Ohio Valley Conference tournament.

"We held them to 66 points, you need to make baskets to win and we didn't finish," said head coach Chrissy Roberts. "I thought we missed a lot of easy buckets that we are capable of finishing."

The Colonels were not expecting the Golden Eagles defense to play so physically. "The Golden Eagles physical defense caused us to be rattled," said Junior Colonel LaRa'e Allen. "Some teams don't play us as physical as they did."

With 8:51 left in the first half, Allen's basket put the Lady Colonels ahead, 19-18. Eastern, however, would not make another basket from the floor in the half. During that time, the Golden Eagles went on a 17-4 run. The Golden Eagles headed into halftime with a 12-point lead, 35-23.

In the first half, the Lady Colonels

shot 23 percent (6-29) from the floor and 25 percent (2-8) from three-point range.

"I feel like we missed a lot of shots that we should've made," said Junior Colonel Alex Jones. "If we made some of our easy shots, it probably would've been a different outcome than how the game ended."

The Lady Colonels were able to shrink Tennessee Tech's lead to seven. Freshmen Carla Booth made the only 3-pointer in the second half, with 12:49 remaining. The seven-point difference would be the closest the Lady Colonels would come.

With 11:48 remaining in the second half, the Lady Colonels made it an eight-point game, 43-35. However, the Golden Eagles responded by scoring eight unanswered points. Those eight points would secure the victory for Tennessee Tech.

The Lady Colonels return to action Thursday evening when they host Southern Illinois Edwardsville. Tipoff is scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

In addition to playing for the No.4 seed in the Ohio Valley Conference tournament in Thursday's game, the Colonels will also try to raise awareness for breast cancer. They will wear pink shooting shirts throughout the day around campus and during warm-ups in addition to pink shoelaces for "Pattie A. Clay Regional Medical Center" night.



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Infielder Dustin Dunlop gets a well-deserved reception after scoring the game-winning home run in extra innings against East Tennessee State on Friday.

## Baseball team starts season with a dramatic finish

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Eastern's baseball team returned from Johnson City, Tenn. last weekend after a rough start against East Tennessee State. The Colonels (2-1) lost their opening game but defeated the Buccaneers (1-2) the next day in a doubleheader, 7-6 and 8-2.

The Colonels didn't play well during their opening game, suffering an 8-3 loss. Junior pitcher Chase Greene opened the game, but was quickly taken out in the second inning after allowing three runs in three hits and walking five batters. Senior Lincoln Wagner didn't do well, either. He allowed two runs in the fourth inning and three more in the sixth. Sophomore Brent Cobb replaced him in the sixth and junior Austin Rexroat took over in the eighth. Neither allowed any runs.

On the batting side, senior Michael Garcia and junior Shaun Ball hit solo home runs in the ninth and sixth innings, respec-

tively. Sophomore Bryan Soloman hit two doubles in the fourth that put him in scoring position. Junior Justin Trent then hit a single allowing him to score.

Although this game was the Colonel's fourth consecutive season-opening loss, the team made up for it by winning the doubleheader Saturday.

The Colonel's pulled through the first game with a home run from senior Dustin Dunlop in the eleventh, winning 7-6. The game started with a double from senior Jacob Daniel, who scored on a two-run home run by Soloman. The Buccaneers tied the game after two home runs in the first and second innings. Ball hit a three-run home run in the fifth to leave the Colonels trailing, 5-6 until the ninth inning. Garcia started the inning with a

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Lydia Kosgei and her Colonel teammates were all selected as academic All-Americans, with a cumulative 3.3 GPA for the team. Kosgei, the team's senior leader, is the first academic All-American since Jacob Korir.

## Kosgei, teammates chosen as academic All-Americans

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Lydia Kosgei may have unknowingly caused a chain reaction. Five days after she was individually selected as an academic All-American by the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (UTFCCA) Feb. 10, the whole team joined her.

In order to qualify, a team must have a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.0 and started at least five runners in their respective events.

Eastern's team average was 3.3.

This is an area in which men are trailing women. 205 women's Division I teams were selected as opposed to only 147 for the men.

But then again, Eastern's cross country teams, both men and women, are no strangers to being selected as All-Americans.

*"It really shows we're a team that works hard on and off the track"*

**Natalie Field**  
Sophomore

"We've had quite a few teams selected over the years," Coach Rick Erdmann said. "The last women's team selected was a couple of years ago."

Erdmann added that Kosgei is the first academic All-American since Jacob Korir was selected in 2008.

He also said he was very pleased the whole team was chosen.

"It's an achievement and shows a lot of positive attitude and high work ethic from the young ladies," Erdmann said.

Sophomore Natalie Field said the selection shows one important thing.

"It shows we're a team that works hard on and off the track," Field said.

Field and senior Danielle Mason at-

tribute their ability to juggle classes and running to one thing: time management.

"You have to set priorities and decide what's most important," Field said.

Both said time management is also the hardest part.

"I have to write stuff down; I tend to lose track of things," Mason said.

Erdmann is quick to deflect credit for the team's selection.

"It takes motivation on their part; I'm not sure I have a whole lot to do with it," he said.

"Being selected shows a certain amount of motivation and positive attitude; give the credit to them."

## Colonels pour it on in second half to put away Indiana-Purdue FW

By TONY SNEAD  
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After two consecutive Ohio Valley Conference losses, the Colonels (15-14 6-8 OVC) stepped out of conference to host Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne (10-17 4-12 Summit) Saturday. The Colonels snapped their losing streak and won, 78-69.

The game got off to a slow start, but it picked up momentum after two quick layups by Eastern forward Eric Stutz, who had nine points including a jam on a bounce pass from guard Jaron Jones. Jones led the team in scoring with 22 points and had a game-high nine rebounds. This is the third game in a row that Jones has reached the 20-point plateau and the 12th time this season.

"I've just been more patient," Jones said. "I've been getting the team more involved which has helped me."

Guard Joshua Jones chipped in with 17 points, including matching a personal-best with five 3-pointers.

"I got some decent looks early but just missed them," Joshua Jones said. "I started knocking them down after the first one went in."

Guard D'Mitri Riggs had a solid game with 12 points, a game-high six assists and two blocks, including one that was nearly swatted into the stands in the second half. Riggs' 12 points all came in the second half. Late in the first half, the Colonels found themselves behind IPFW 30-25, but then they went on an 11-3 run to close out the half with a lead of 36-33.

"We wanted a lead at halftime," said head coach Jeff Neubauer. "Our main goal for the first half was to go into halftime with the lead."

The lone bright spot for the Mastodons was guard Frank Gaines, who was the only IPFW player to score in double figures. Gaines, who is the 14th leading scorer in the NCAA, matched a career high with 30 points and led Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne with five rebounds. Eastern then switched defenses at different times during the game going from zone to man-to-man.

"We had the lead and wanted to keep the lead," Neubauer said. "Our 1-3-1 zone can, at times, give up points."

After Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne pulled back within five with 17:34 left in the game, the Colonels went on a 9-0 run to push the score to 53-39. The Colonels shot well for the game, shooting an impressive 49 percent (28-57) from the floor, including 42 percent (10-24) from the three. The Colonels also shot well from the free throw line, shooting 92 percent (12-13). The Mastodons shot 50 per-



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Jaron Jones, 15, scores two of his 22 points with a reverse layup in Saturday's game against Indiana-Purdue FW.

cent (28-56) from the court and 37 percent (6-16) from behind the arc. Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne also missed key free throws that could have made the game closer shooting only 54 percent (7-13) from the line.

The Colonels shot 63 percent from the three-point line and 54 percent overall and only committed two turnovers in the second half.

"I loved the way we played the second half," Neubauer said.

The next two games are crucial if the team wants to have any chance of making the postseason. They will play host to SIUE on Thursday, which is set for a 7:30 p.m. tip. The final game of the regular season is Saturday against Eastern Illinois which is scheduled for 7 p.m.

## Softball team wins tournament in Alabama

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Veteran leadership and freshman production helped to make softball's opening weekend a winning one for the Colonels (3-1), as they won the Quality Inn Classic held in Troy, Ala. Even with one loss, Eastern claimed the team championship.

The Colonels' opened the tournament with an overtime win against Nichols State (1-5) on Friday, 7-4.

Junior Raquel Howes, who set a school record with 13 home runs last season, belted one in the first, giving Eastern an early lead. Freshman Katie Tackett hit her first collegiate home run in the third to extend the Colonels' lead to 3-0.

Freshman pitcher Leanna Pittsenbarger held Nichols State scoreless until the last half of the seventh. She allowed a lead-off walk and then sat down the next two batters.

Nichols State tied the game and forced extra innings with an RBI. Both teams scored a run in the eighth, but Eastern put the game away in the top of the tenth thanks to a single from Tackett and a double from Shannon McQueen, which brought Howes home and gave the Colonels a one-run lead. Eastern would score two more runs as a result of a Nichols State fielding error.

Freshman pitcher Leanna Pittsenbarger allowed two runs over seven innings. She also walked three and struck out seven.

Freshman pitcher Shaylon Robb, who came on in relief in the eighth, allowed only one run in three innings, walked one and struck out two en route to her first collegiate victory.

Another freshman, Katie Tackett, went 2-4 with two runs and two RBIs. Junior college transfer Carissa Reisinger also made her presence known, scoring twice in her first game.

In the second game of a double header Friday, the Colonels defeated East Tennessee State (0-6), 3-2.

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Colonel Hugo Klientovsky returns a volley Saturday, helping the Colonels stay undefeated at home this year.

## Tennis' win keeps home streak alive

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After starting the season with two losses to SEC opponents, Eastern's men's tennis squad has found its winning steps.

Proving they are nearly unstoppable at home, the Colonels welcomed both Lindsey Wilson and in-state rival Northern Kentucky University.

With a strong showing against Lindsey Wilson and a good performance against Northern Kentucky, Eastern was able to add two more victories to its record, improving to (7-2, 0-0 OVC) and adding to their five-game winning streak.

Lindsey Wilson (2-3) faced the Colonels Friday at the Greg Adams Tennis Complex. Coming off of a loss at the hands of Morehead State, the Blue Raiders hoped to bounce back but were unable to as Eastern proved to be too much, taking the match 6-1 with the lone loss coming in doubles.

Paul Verma, the No. 4 seed who has been a reliable competitor for Eastern so far, would be the first to get on the board. His opponent, Victor Saez, was unable to hold on, losing the match, 6-0, 6-1.

Soon after, the No. 3 seed Phillip Janz would follow with a strong performance of his own. He defeated freshman Pablo Vilches with a straight set victory, 6-1, 6-2.

Senior Niklas Schroeder would continue winning for the Colonels as he was victorious over his opponent, Fabricio Morales. Schroeder struck early and was able to capture the first set. After a competitive and lengthier second set, Schroeder claimed the victory over Morales, 6-1, 6-4.

With all of the momentum on its side, Eastern would cap off the singles victory with a good showing from No. 1 seed Hugo Klientovsky. Klientovsky faced an up and coming talent in young Fernando Bogajo. Klientovsky was able to claim the win, 6-2, 6-1.

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