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House proposes 1.5 percent cut to higher ed.

By Nick Johnson

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The Kentucky House of Representatives passed a \$17.5 billion 2-year budget plan for the state last week and it's now in discussion in the Senate.

Included in the budget plan was a 1.5 percent cut in funding for higher education in the first year of the budget. The House recommended a 1 percent cut in funding for the second year of the budget.



Bob Leeper

The budget plan passed the house by a vote of 65-33. The votes in the Democrat-controlled House were largely along party lines. One Democrat voted against the bill, and one Republican voted for it. An earlier proposed budget plan in the House called for a 2 percent cut to higher education.

The house budget plan arose after both chambers of the legislature abandoned Governor Steve Beshear's budget proposal in January. Beshear's proposal relied on \$780 million in revenue by allowing video slots at Kentucky's racetracks.

Beshear's budget plan originally called for no increase in funding for universities and the KCTCS in the first

year of the budget, and a 2 percent cut for the second.

This past Tuesday, the Kentucky Senate took their first glance at the proposed spending plan and leaders signal that the senate budget plan could cut overall spending even more.

Senator Bob Leeper, the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Appropriations and Revenue, indicated as his committee first reviewed the House budget plan, that the Senate's version would likely include deeper

cuts across the board in spending.

After the initial committee meeting, Leeper said that he expects the committee to approve a two-year budget plan and send it to the full Senate for approval early next week.

After the Senate approves their budget plan, the next step in the budgetary process will be a conference committee made up of House and Senate representatives appointed to iron out the differences between the two budget plans.

EKU Mock Trial team goes to nationals

By Jenny Johnson

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Imagine lawyers in a courtroom, vying for their respective sides and setting up their arguments for a judge. Now think about witnesses adding their facts and opinions to the case. While this may seem like a *Law and Order* episode, when you replace the lawyers and witnesses with students, it is actually like an ordinary day for Eastern's Mock Trial team.

As Zachary Caldwell, a political science major from Elizabethtown, said, "Mock Trial is like a play that is half improv and that is set in a courtroom."

Eastern's version of this "play" will allow the Mock Trial team to compete in a national tournament this weekend.

Eastern's Mock Trial team placed third in a regional tournament Feb. 21 in Louisville, earning the team a bid to compete in a national tournament called ORCS (Opening Round Champion Series). ORCS will take place this weekend in St. Paul, Minn.

After ORCS, the top teams go on to Gold Nationals where the top 64 teams in the country compete.

For the last four years Eastern's team has made it as far as Gold Nationals. Eastern is currently ranked fifth nationwide.

Each team is scored based on the students' performance as witnesses and attorneys on a scale of 1-10. The team with the best score after four rounds wins the competition.

Alexandra Sipes, a political science major from Mt. Sterling, said the team has been practicing all year for these tournaments.

"This far into the year we all know the case backwards and forwards. But, so does every other team in the nation," Sipes said.

She said the team has been focusing on themes and theories to help connect their case more efficiently as well as dealing with the recent changes that have been made in the case they will present.

Sipes said during Spring Break the team scrimmaged

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Spring concert heats up A.C.

Pop-punk bands performed for more than 1,500 students in McBrayer

By Stephanie Smith

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Last Monday, as a large crowd gathered before the opening of the Student Activities Council's spring concert production in Alumni Coliseum, a DJ blared hits while several concertgoers took the occasion to break out into impromptu dances.

The students were there to take in the double-concert, which featured The Red Jumpsuit Apparatus and Bowling for Soup, two bands with completely different styles, yet have built a loyal following—at least, if the long lines were any indication.

"I'm here for Bowling for Soup," said Phil Fox, a

freshman math education major from Louisville. "I love them. I especially love the fat guy."

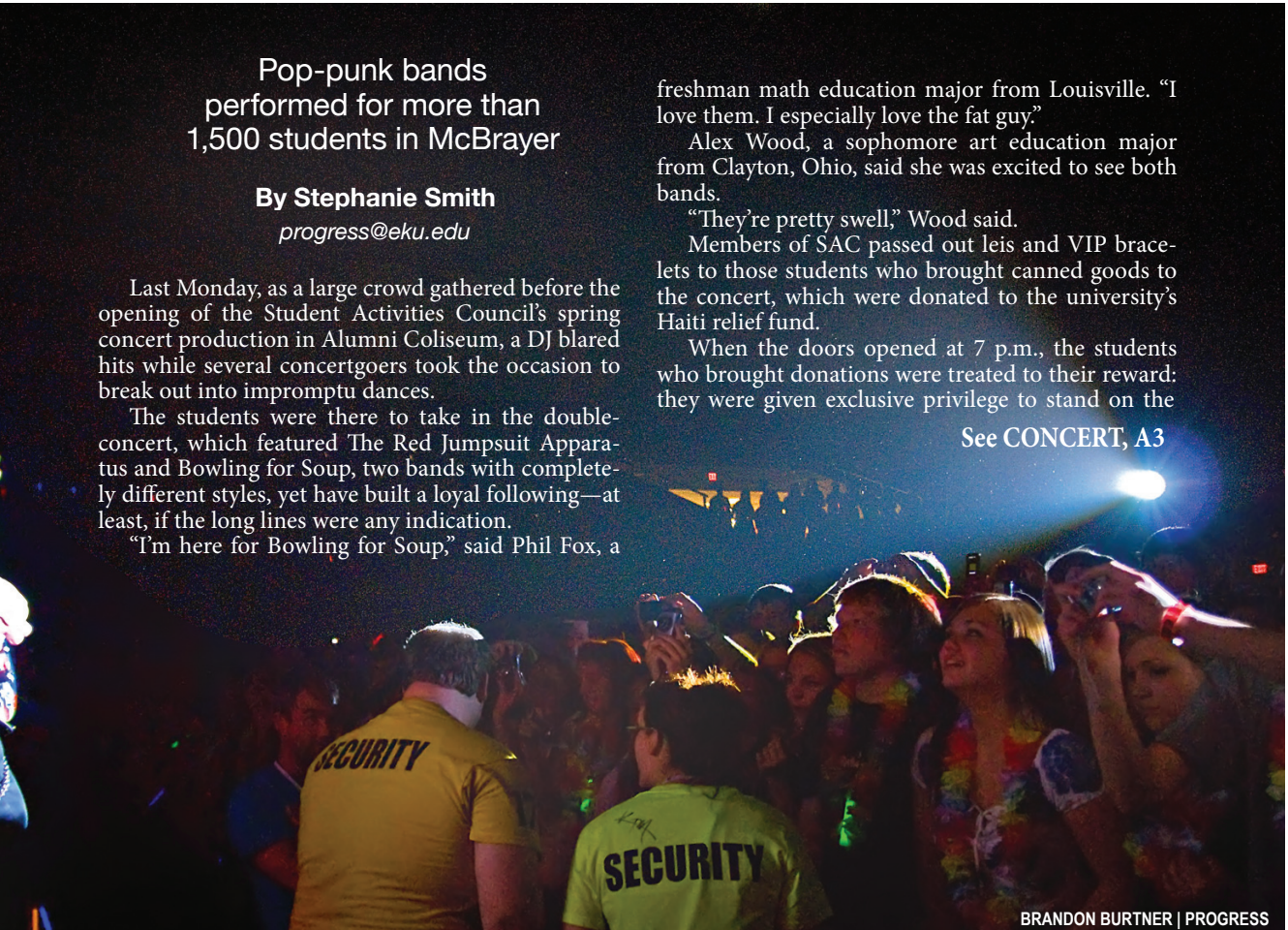
Alex Wood, a sophomore art education major from Clayton, Ohio, said she was excited to see both bands.

"They're pretty swell," Wood said.

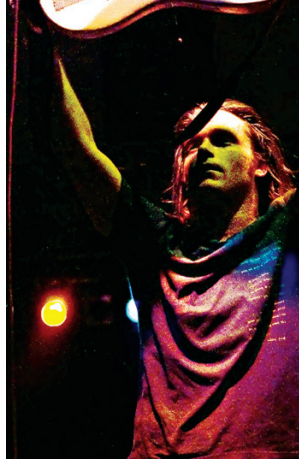
Members of SAC passed out leis and VIP bracelets to those students who brought canned goods to the concert, which were donated to the university's Haiti relief fund.

When the doors opened at 7 p.m., the students who brought donations were treated to their reward: they were given exclusive privilege to stand on the

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More than \$4,000 and 800 cans of food were donated to the American Red Cross Haiti Relief Fund through the Grace Now Food Pantry. Students who brought canned foods to the concert were given leis and VIP wristbands, which allowed access to stand on the floor in front of the bands. Two bands opened the concert, Much Is Given from Lexington and Fit For Rivals from Jacksonville, Fla.



New degree-planning program launched on campus

By Laura Butler

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Academic advising is just around the corner and this semester will bring changes for students and advisers alike. Eastern has done away with CARES reports and rolled in a new system: DegreeWorks.

The new program offers more interactive planning students can do at their leisure by dragging and dropping courses students need into schedule worksheets. Students were being introduced to the new program the week before Spring Break and Academic Advising has hosted several tutorial workshops, the last one



For problems with the switch from CARES to DegreeWorks, students can download a form available at <http://www.registrar.eku.edu/degreeworks/issues/>.

schedule for today, Thursday March 18.

A main goal with DegreeWorks is getting students to plan ahead.

"We're trying to get away from students just sitting down with an adviser and planning for just the fall semester," said Matt Schumacher, a

retention analyst in Academic Advising. "We're pushing everyone to create at least two terms. Ideally you'll create a plan until you graduate."

Schumacher said setting long-term plans from the beginning would help the Registrar's Office "mine" the data from students' long-term plans. This would allow the university to plan more accordingly for class sizes, indicating how many sections of each class should be offered each year and how many professors a department might need to meet the student demand for a course offering.

But just because a student makes a plan for each semester of his or her entire college career doesn't mean they're locked into that plan

for the remainder of their time at college. Schumacher said students can still use the "What if" option in DegreeWorks to see how their progress toward graduation would be altered if they change majors or minors.

Seeing the possibilities with a minor or concentration change is a new feature for DegreeWorks. The CARES report included a "What if" planning tool, but only for changes in a student's major. Students can create as many plans as he or she likes and store them in their account.

Schumacher said he recommends students go ahead and create a plan before meeting with their advisers in the upcoming advising week.

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Police Beat

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

March 3

■ A male student reported to police that his cell phone and wallet had been stolen from a bench outside Weaver Pool between 3:50 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. He said the items were taken while he was swimming. The stolen wallet contained an ECU ID, a US Bank card for a closed account, a Kenyan ID card, a Kenyan voter registration card, a Kenyan university ID and some Kenyan currency. The total stolen value was estimated at \$120.

March 4

■ A male reported that his computer had been stolen. He left his computer bag and a duffel bag on the sidewalk in front of Alumni Coliseum from approximately 5:30 a.m. to 6 a.m. A police officer picked up the duffel bag during this time, but when the male asked about the laptop bag, the officer said he had not seen it. The items in the bag included a Dell Inspiron laptop in a black nylon case, a silver 8 GB iPod Touch and a wallet containing various identification, a Visa card and \$6 in cash. The total stolen value was \$1,156.

March 9

■ Police responded to the Lancaster parking lot after a male student reported damage to his vehicle and the theft of some items. The male said he left his vehicle unattended and possibly unsecured at 4 a.m. He returned the next day at 4:30 p.m. and noticed his GPS unit and Air Soft AK-47 semi-automatic gun were missing. A police officer observed the driver side window had been tampered with and the weather seal around the bottom of the window was lifted up. The total value of damage was \$30 and the value of the stolen items was \$290.

March 15

■ Robert J. Parks and Jessica S. James were arrested and charged with alcohol intoxication in a public place after an officer was dispatched to the Keene Hall parking lot about a possible fight. The officer detected the odor of alcohol on their persons, and Parks and James said they were having a verbal argument and had been drinking. Both were lodged in the Madison County Detention Center.

■ An employee reported that someone had broken into her home and stolen an ECU laptop computer. Upon further investigation, police observed from work boot prints that someone tried to kick in her front door unsuccessfully, then broke in through the back door by removing a plastic glass pane and peeling back two screen layers. The total stolen value was \$500.

Inspections

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

Week of March 12

Inspections with no follow-up due:

McDonald's, 485 Eastern Bypass, 93%

Redi Mart #6, 2200 Lexington Rd., 95%

Redi Mart #17, 920 Red House Rd., 98%

Inspections with follow-up due:

Pattie A. Clay Hospital, 1600 Eastern Bypass, 93%

*Automatic dishwasher not reaching effective heat sanitization temperature

Follow-up inspections with no follow-up due:

Madison Garden, 152 N. Madison Ave., 100%

Rhonda's Place, 349 K St., 99%

News Briefs

Annual triathlon to take place in April

The third annual ECU Triathlon will take place at 8 a.m. Saturday, April 17 on Eastern's Richmond campus. All students, faculty, staff and members from the surrounding community who are at least 16 years old are eligible to participate. The triathlon will consist of a 300-yard swim, a 10K bike race and a 5K run. The cost to participate is \$15 for students, \$25 for faculty and staff members of the Fitness and Wellness Center and \$35 for non-members. Participants will receive a wicking T-shirt and a gift bag at registration. To register, visit the front desk of the Fitness and Wellness Center or call 622-6751.



Registration for intramural volleyball now open

ECU Campus Recreation has opened spring registration for anyone who wants to participate in intramural volleyball. Anyone interested in participating can register March 15-24 online at <http://eku.imtrackonline.com>. Teams will play three regular season games followed by a two-week playoff. Games will begin March 29 at the Fitness and Wellness Center. For more information, contact the Intramural Office at 622-6752.

Memorial run to take place next week

The Betsy Cochran Memorial Run will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 27 at Irvine McDowell City Park located on Lancaster Avenue. It is a 5K run. The cost is \$15 and registration will begin at 9 a.m. the morning of the run. The grand prize will be a flat screen TV. For questions about the run, contact Laura Morgan at 248-0855.

Dance will aid Haiti relief

The Chi Alpha Campus Ministry will host a Spring Fling Benefit Dance for Haiti from 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Friday, March 26 in the Weaver Gymnasium. The cost for the dance is \$3, and all proceeds will go toward Haiti earthquake relief. Free refreshments will be available, and the Music on the Move DJ will be featured.

Happenings

FRIDAY

Last day to withdraw with a "W" from a full-semester class

2 p.m. Baseball vs. Bowling Green State
Men's tennis vs. Murray State

SATURDAY

Women's golf at First Market Bank Collegiate, Williamsburg, Va.
Men's and women's tennis vs. Tennessee State

10:30 a.m. Women's tennis vs. Murray State

2 p.m. Softball at Tennessee-Martin
Baseball vs. Bowling Green State

SUNDAY

Women's golf at First Market Bank Collegiate, Williamsburg, Va.

1 p.m. Baseball vs. Bowling Green State

2 p.m. Softball at Tennessee-Martin

3 p.m. Music: Hardwick/Mitchell Recital, Gifford Theatre

MONDAY

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

6 p.m. The Office of Student Life presents "Erin Brockovich" movie

TUESDAY

11 a.m. Women's tennis at University of Kentucky

3 p.m. Baseball vs. Miami University (Ohio)

4 p.m. Student Events: Making Friends with Math, SSB 460

8 p.m. Music: ECU Choral Concert, O'Donnell Auditorium

9 p.m. The Office of Student Life presents Andrew Belle, Powell Corner

WEDNESDAY

6 p.m. Baseball at Miami University (Ohio)

9 p.m. The Office of Student Life presents Adam Ace, O'Donnell Auditorium

THURSDAY

7 p.m. Student Activities Council presents Casino Night, Keen Johnson

7:30 p.m. Chautauqua Lecture Series presents Rushda Majeed, "Change from Within: Highlighting Young Muslim Leaders," O'Donnell Auditorium

9 p.m. The Office of Student Life presents Who Wants to be a Millionaire (for Women's History Month), Herndon Lounge

Weather

THURSDAY
Sunny
High: 63 Low: 39
Precip: 0%

FRIDAY
Mostly Sunny
High: 63 Low: 43
Precip: 10%

SATURDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 62 Low: 49
Precip: 10%

SUNDAY
Showers
High: 50 Low: 34
Precip: 40%

MONDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 42 Low: 29
Precip: 10%

TUESDAY
Mostly Sunny
High: 50 Low: 42
Precip: 10%

WEDNESDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 59 Low: 43
Precip: 20%

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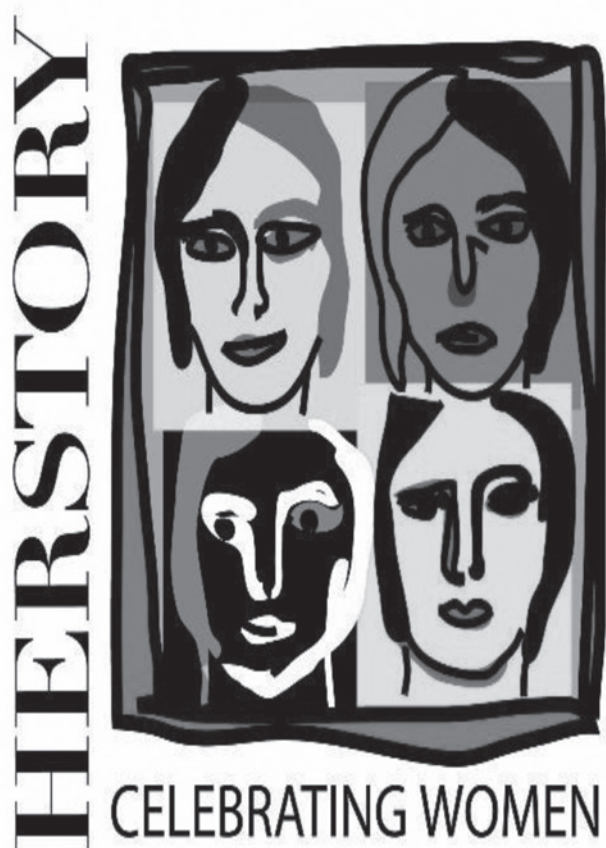
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REMEMBER ME [PG-13] 2:15 4:55 7:35 10:15	COP OUT [R] 2:25 5:05 7:40 10:10
SHE'S OUT OF MY LEAGUE [R] 2:30 5:05 7:40 10:05	CRAZY HEART [R] 4:15 7:05 9:45
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CONCERT: Most tickets sold at the door

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floor before the stage.

The surrounding seats in the coliseum began filling up, with fans hitting concession stands to buy T-shirts, signed posters and other concert memorabilia.

At one point, members of The Red Jumpsuit Apparatus visited the concession booths where they rubbed elbows and took photos with fans.

Jaden Kilman, a freshman photography major from Monroe County, was one of those who got to meet with the band.

"They were really nice and friendly," she said. "This is my first concert. I am so excited."

The concert began with two opening bands - Much Is Given from Lexington and Fit For Rivals from Jacksonville, Fla.

Suddenly, a song that might be familiar to Bowling for Soup fans began playing and a disembodied voice boomed through the sound system: "Bowling for Soup! Hey! Bowling for Soup! Get ready, everyone, for some crazy fun! The greatest show on Earth is here for you!"

And with that, Bowling for Soup took the stage and the crowd ignited in a roar.

The band's lead vocalist, Jaret Reddick, took notice of those in the gymnasium who weren't donning leis.

"Did you guys get hungry in line outside?" he said, poking fun at those who didn't bring food for the relief fund. Then the band jumped right in to the first song of the night, "Punk Rock 101," a song about the stereotypes that come along with playing punk rock music, which they dedicated to The Red Jumpsuit Apparatus.

Reddick then commented on the band's impromptu dressing room for the night, which happened to be the women's volleyball locker room.

"We tried on their outfits," he said. "And we looked good."

The rest of the band's set was filled with comical moments. In the middle of their



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A large number of volunteers were needed to run the concert.

song "Almost," they stopped for what Reddick called a "musically enhanced photo op" and the band posed for pictures while Kool and the Gang's "Celebration" played through the stadium's sound system.

The band played a variety of favorites, from "Girl All The Bad Guys Want" to "High School Never Ends." They also covered Katy Perry's "Hot and Cold" and the infamous Journey song, "Don't Stop Believin'."

They finished out their portion of the show with their biggest hit, "1985," and a song off their latest album.

"We've been doing this a really, really long time," Reddick said as he ran out into the crowd for high-fives. "This is definitely the best college show we've ever played."

For many of the fans, the feeling was mutual.

"I liked them a lot," said Tiffany Lemaster, a sophomore forensic biology major from Salyersville. "They put on a really good show."

"They were crowd pleasers," said Nicolle Johnson, an athletic training major from Oldham County.

The lights dimmed once again, this time for The Red Jumpsuit Apparatus. Ronnie White, the band's lead singer, came out alone with an acoustic guitar to play "Your Guardian Angel," a song he dedicat-

ed "to the ladies."

White shared something that he said not a lot of people knew - he attended college once and failed out after the first semester.

"I decided to join this band called The Red Jumpsuit Apparatus," he said. "It kiinda worked out for me, but kudos to you guys for fighting the good fight."

The band played an assortment of songs throughout the night, such as "In Fate's Hands," "Justified," "You Better Pray," and "False Pretense," which was featured in the movie "Never Back Down."

The show ended with a fan favorite, "Face Down," and a song that White said was the first the band wrote together.

After the show closed, and fans streamed for the exits, many said the show was just what they'd hoped.

"It was amazing. This has made my life," said Judy Wallace, a freshman sociology major from Texas. "I'm probably going to tell the whole world how amazing this was."

In all, some 1,581 people attended the show, said Kristen Moser, the SAC concert chair.

The university took in more than \$4,000 and 800 cans of food, which will be donated to the American Red Cross Haiti Relief Fund through the Grace Now Food Pantry.

TRIAL: Eastern ranks fifth in nation

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Bellarmine University, one of the other powerhouse teams in the state. When the team arrives in Minnesota, they will scrimmage the University of Virginia. Both of these scrimmages are to help the students become more confident in presenting the case and to prepare for the competition.

"We always have different challenges to overcome," said Dr. Sara Zeigler, a professor of political science and chair of the department of government.

Zeigler said there were about four students who were strong competitors for four years who just graduated.

She said there are more students this year who are new to Mock Trial than in previous years. The students have had to learn quickly, and without many seniors lead-

ing, they are having to learn leadership skills along the way.

Kentucky accents and bias are always a challenge for the judges to overcome, Zeigler said.

Also, this year Mock Trial wasn't able to get funding from the Student Government Association (SGA) like they have in previous years. Zeigler said this hasn't been as much of a challenge as she expected, but it does cause setbacks when competing at the higher level, as Eastern's team is.

Caldwell said better funding would provide more opportunities for the team to travel and compete against better teams in order to prepare for regionals and nationals.

Mock Trial is currently funded by Eastern's Department of Government, the College of Arts and Sci-

ences, the College of Justice and Safety, SGA and alumnus Robert Sanders.

Caldwell said one of the team's strengths this year is that they enjoy each other.

"We play better as a team this year than previous year's because we're all pretty good friends and we can have fun together," he said.

Caldwell also said this year's team is good under pressure.

"The better the competition, the better we play," he said.

Zeigler said the students on the team are smart and dedicated to the class. She said it makes a difference in competition when the students are practicing on their own and working as a team. This year the students show signs of both, so she said she has positive expectations for the competition this weekend.

DEGREE: Report problems with form

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He said he hopes students will jump on board, making their plans ahead of time, and come in with a solid idea of what courses they want to take so advisers can get back to "true advising."

Benton Shirey, director of Academic Advising said he thinks the new program will encourage students to take more ownership of their plans.

"It's the students responsibility to create those plans - the advisers will not be doing plans for you," he said. "This will allow for more of a mentoring-type experience and leave the advising time to talk about plans for things like internships and co-ops."

With DegreeWorks' new bells and whistles come new technology hurdles for faculty advisers and students. The Registrar's Office and Academic Advising staff have hosted introductory sessions.

"It's pretty intuitive and we think everyone will find it easy to work with once they get used to it," Shirey said. "Many of the faculty have been supportive. We've appreciated many haven't judged it yet."

Registrar Tina Davis said she's been surprised to hear many students still don't know what DegreeWorks is or haven't attempted to access it yet. She said student reactions are what she was expecting.

"Any time you have a significant change, like we had from CARES to DegreeWorks, there's always an adjustment period," Davis said. "Some find it stressful and others are more mellow about it and go with the flow."

Schumacher said the toughest times of adjustment will be this semester, but advisers and students can take baby steps with the system until they're comfortable with the new components.

"As time goes by everyone will get more comfortable with it," Shirey said. "It's front-loaded - more work in the beginning. Once a plan is charted it should go easier."

Students with discrepancies from their CARES reports to the DegreeWorks reports are being encouraged to report the problems to the Registrar's Office as soon as possible.

"Let us know about problems with hours and transcripts and we'll do whatever we need to do to fix them - we're honoring all data in CARES," Davis said. "The switch over involved moving millions of bits of students' data that, and that will always involve a cleanup."

Davis said the turn-around time for solving discrepancies in students' reports has been close to 24 hours or so, but as more students begin filing reports that time could increase. The form states the process could take as long as 10 days, but Davis said she doesn't foresee the process taking that long.

Some reports are simple, but some require coding changes in the program, but this is all part of the process. Once the problem has been solved, Davis said students would receive an e-mail informing them the issue was taken care of.

To view your DegreeWorks package, login to EKU Direct and choose the Student Services tab, then the Student Records tab. For further instruction on how to utilize the tools in the system, watch the two to three minute tutorial videos or visit the FAQ page for help with common misunderstandings.

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A guide to living in Richmond

Helpful hints to make more informed leasing decisions

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For Eastern students, a college career can be made up of many milestones. Whether it's the first taste of freedom away from mom and dad, the first 4 a.m. run to Taco Bell or the first of many changes of one's major.

Another milestone that many college students have the misfortune of experiencing: moving to an off-campus apartment only to later forfeit their entire security deposit because they didn't take the proper precautions.

Outside of not treating their apartment like a rock star's tour bus, college students can help ensure they'll get their security deposit back by taking the time to learn their rights and responsibilities as tenants before they sign their first lease.

Kentucky state law has multiple provisions that spell out how prospective tenants and landlords can and should enter into a lease agreement where both parties know what's to be expected.

The Kentucky Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act, originally passed in 1974, says that most lease agreements should include basic information such as

the cost of renting, the date payment is due, the date the tenant may move in and out, and the conditions under which the tenant may expect a return of his or her security deposit.

State law, however, forbids some practices. For instance, no lease may contain language that would force the tenant to give up their rights or be required to pay the landlord's attorneys' fees, despite the dispute's outcome.

Under Kentucky law, landlords may require a security deposit, which is essentially a down payment that protects landlords against damages that tenants might inflict onto the property.

In theory, should a tenant keep the property in its same condition, the tenant is supposed to get the security back at the end of the lease period.

But this is where many property lawyers advise students to stay vigilant. Students, the attorneys said, should make sure they take advantage of state laws that were put in place for their protection.

For instance, a complete list of any existing damage on the property should be made available to the tenant from the landlord before the security deposit is agreed upon and the tenant moves in. A cost estimate for the expense of the repairs should also be made available to the tenant, according to state law.

In addition, new tenants have the right to inspect for themselves the existing dam-

age—usually in a walk-through with the landlord—before they sign off on the list.

Landlords also have responsibilities in dealing with security deposits. For example, they must make sure they keep tenants' security deposits in a separate bank account, one that's used only for that purpose, state law says. And if a landlord fails to furnish the tenant with a walk through list or place the security deposit in a separate account, the landlord forfeits any chance to claim a part of the security deposit, state law says.

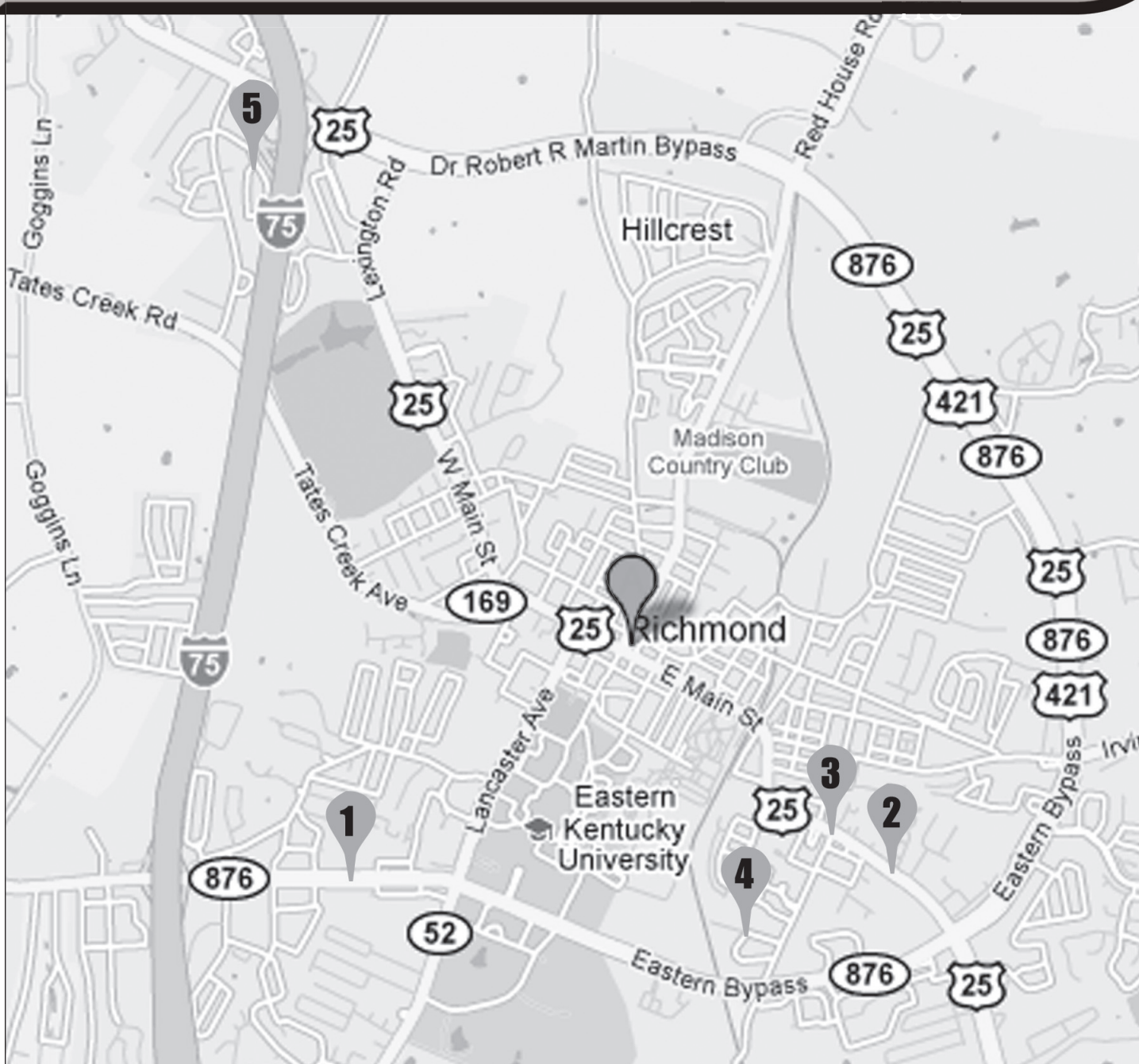
However, the landlord may still pursue legal action to recover for damages to the property.

Kentucky law also describes the necessary duties of a tenant and landlord. The landlord is responsible for making and maintaining any necessary repairs and general upkeep of the property to maintain a "fit and habitable condition." If both parties specifically agree in writing, the tenant can be responsible for certain upkeep, and the landlord is responsible for reimbursing the cost.

Students should also be aware that lease requirements and terms or security deposits might differ between landlords.

If a conflict arises between a student and their landlord, the student should begin by making a formal written complaint to their landlord. This will be helpful if the dispute is not resolved, and the matter ends up in court.

RICHMOND APARTMENT LOCATOR



*Office locations indicated on map are approximate.

1 HAGER RENTAL

- Rooms available: 2 bedroom townhouses with one and a half baths; 3 bedroom with one and a half baths; 2 bedroom, 1-level apartments with one bath
- Rent: 2 bedroom townhouses-\$445, 3 bedroom-\$600, 2 bedroom (one level)-\$430
- Included utilities: Depends on location; rent is higher with utilities included
- Security deposit: 2 bedroom townhouses-\$300, 3 bedroom-one month's rent, 2 bedroom (one level)-\$300
- Amenities included: Washer/dryer, refrigerator, range, dishwasher
- Parking for residents: 2 bedroom-2 spaces, 3 bedroom- 3-4 spaces
- Pets: Must be under 20 pounds and pay additional \$500 security deposit and additional \$15 to rent
- Laundry facilities: Washer/dryer in apartment
- How long is the contract: 6 months or 12 months; 6 month rentals cost additional \$25/month
- Best feature: Location

2 SADDLEBROOK APARTMENTS

- Types of rooms available (occupancy): 1 bedroom, 2 bedroom, 3 bedroom
- Rent: 1 bedroom—\$395-425, 2 bedroom—\$445-485, 3 bedroom—\$525-565 (depends on the upgrades done to each apartment; move-in specials are sometimes offered)
- Included utilities: Resident pays electric and gas; wireless internet included in rent
- Security deposit: 1 bedroom - \$150, 2 bedroom-\$250, 3 bedroom-\$350
- Amenities included: Carpet, wood-vinyl flooring, new sinks, new light fixtures, new doors, gas stove, refrigerator
- Parking for residents: Many spots available for residents; spots are not assigned
- Pets: Yes, including big dogs (except restricted breeds)
- Laundry facilities: 24-hour facility available to residents on site
- How long is the contract: 6-month and 12-month contracts available
- Best feature: The staff, the maintenance crew

3 SHADE TREE APARTMENTS

- Types of rooms available (occupancy): 1 bedroom, 2 bedroom townhouses, some houses available
- Rent: 1 bedroom-\$290, 2 bedroom-\$300, Houses-\$485
- Included utilities: 1 bedroom-Resident pays electric only; 2 bedroom-Resident pays water and electric;
- Houses-Resident pays electric and water
- Security deposit: \$290 for apartments, \$300 for houses
- Amenities included: Stove, refrigerator; some townhouses have washer/dryer hook-ups
- Parking for residents: One spot/apartment; overflow parking available
- Pets: No
- Laundry facilities: 2 private facilities available to residents
- How long is the contract: 1 year
- Best feature: Security of the place; family-owned

4 KATELYN COURT APARTMENTS

- Types of rooms available (occupancy): 1 bedroom, 2 bedroom
- Rent: \$365 for 1 bedroom; \$420 for 2 bedroom
- Included utilities: Garbage service and water for 1 bedroom; garbage service for 2 bedroom
- Security deposit: \$200 for 1 bedroom, \$300 for 2 bedroom
- Amenities included: Pavilion with grills, volleyball court
- Parking for residents: Yes, plenty
- Pets: Cats only with a fee of \$100 plus \$10 added to each month's rent; must be declawed, spayed or neutered
- Laundry facilities: Laundromat on-site
- How long is the contract: Standard lease is 12 months; will work with students one-on-one
- Best feature: Conveniently located to campus, a quiet area, well-kept

5 TAYLOR RENTAL

- Types of rooms available (occupancy): Majority are 2 bedroom, 1 and a half bedroom
- Rent: Between \$495 (no utilities) and \$595 (utilities included)
- Included utilities: See above
- Security deposit: \$500
- Amenities included: Refrigerator, stove, dishwasher, central heat and air
- Parking for residents: Two spots for every two bedroom apartment
- Pets: Some facilities allow pets
- Laundry facilities: None; each apartment has washer and dryer hook-ups
- How long is the contract: 1 year
- Best feature: Well-kept; "We try to keep our properties nice and clean."

PERSPECTIVES

Monday-Morning Quarterbacking

For all the tuition forums, career-boosting seminars, job fairs, adventure programs and sporting events (that are free to students, by the way), few events at Eastern even come close to warranting as much student attention as each semester's music concert.

For better or worse, this is the way of things, and it's not likely to change anytime soon.

Unfortunately for SAC, attention is a double-edged sword: It draws both crowds and criticism. It draws the former because college students seem to know more about music than most of their classes, and draws the latter because we all want to have things our way (quite unreasonably, actually).

The concert drew crowds Monday night, as The Red Jumpsuit Apparatus joined Bowling for Soup in McBrayer Arena for this spring's concert. A crowd of 1,581 people bought tickets to the show, which raised \$4,262 for the American Red Cross Haiti Relief Fund and 800 cans for the Grace Now food pantry in Madison County when the dust settled and the night came to a close. This is a commendable feat, and SAC should get a healthy pat on the back for donating proceeds from the concert to worthy causes.

With that duly noted, however—and at the risk of sounding like a “Monday morning quarterback”—it's time to issue to the concert the appropriate amount of its due criticism.

While 1,581 people is a respectable number of tickets sold, it's not exactly a full house in Alumni Coliseum (capacity 6500 plus the concert floor), and it can't be the number SAC was hoping for when they booked the venue and bands for \$58,500. The temptation is to look for a singular reason for drawing just under a tenth of the student population (many of whom were from the community and many who interacted with *Progress* reporters were high school students), but it's likely a combination of factors.

Some of those potential factors are explained here.

Timing is Everything

Unlike semesters past (when concerts have been mostly on Thursdays), this semester's concert took place on a Monday evening. Not just any Monday evening – the Monday evening after Spring Break. This is problematic for a number of reasons.

First and foremost, night classes don't cease so students can attend the campus concert.

Secondly, most students returning to campus after full weeks in paradise have exhausted themselves and neglected most (if not all) of the work assigned before the break. Classes and responsibilities resume immediately, and most are already behind the curve for taking the break they feel they earned. Scrambling to catch up and returning life to order began on Monday; unfortunately, that's when concert was too.

Venue is Everything

Just announced this week is a show featuring The Red Jumpsuit Apparatus on April 19, 2010 at The Mad Hatter, a rock venue in Covington, Kentucky. The Mad Hatter is a small bar, primarily, featuring an approximately 100-square-foot stage in one corner and uncomfortable standing room for maybe 750 people before it maxes out the fire code.

If that. The venue down the street, “The Madison Theater” is larger (maybe 1,200 people), and both Bogarts and the 20th Century Theater across the river in Cincinnati are comparable. The Red Jumpsuit Apparatus knows that (they've played the 20th Century Theater), but they're playing The Mad Hatter.

It's true, other universities have booked them at arenas as well, but that doesn't mean we should have. The concert would have been much more appropriately placed in Brock Auditorium, just as Hinder was.

Timing is Everything II

In the Feb. 11 issue of *The Progress*, we commended SAC for selecting bands in a genre that has been underrepresented in the student population. The praise for the choice of genre remains, but the specific bands are up for question.

Following the Red Jumpsuit show at The Mad Hatter is one at “Reggie's Rock Club” in Chicago, then “The Blue Note” in Columbia, Montana and “Showdown” in Omaha, Nebraska.

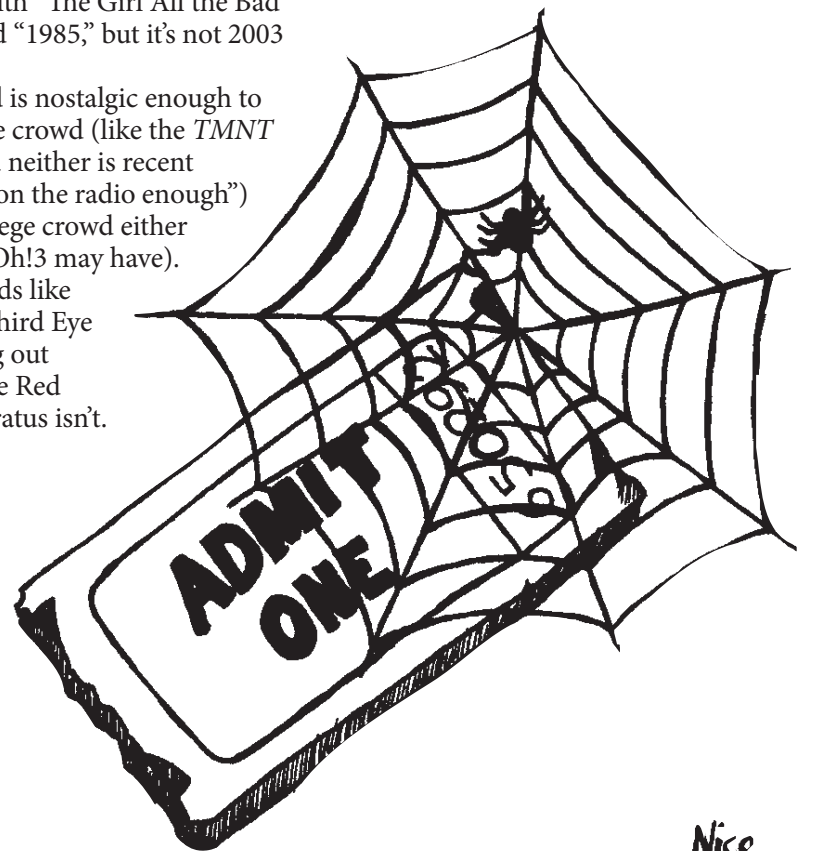
The band is playing those venues because those are the crowds they're drawing at this point in time – that's the level of demand for The Red Jumpsuit Apparatus. In 2006, with the release of their radio hit “Face Down,” they may have drawn 3,000 people or more, but that was almost four years ago now. Bowling for Soup may have done the same in 2003 with “The Girl All the Bad Guys Want” and “1985,” but it's not 2003 anymore.

Neither band is nostalgic enough to draw the college crowd (like the *TMNT* movie did), and neither is recent enough (read: “on the radio enough”) to draw the college crowd either (like perhaps 3Oh!3 may have). This is why bands like Owl City and Third Eye Blind are selling out shows while The Red Jumpsuit Apparatus isn't.

Cost is Everything

This spring's concert cost \$58,500 to put on – \$13,500 more than Hinder last spring. Hinder brought 1640 people, a sellout in Brock Auditorium. With a higher price tag, we should expect a larger audience and therefore a larger return on our investment.

Unfortunately, we didn't get one. With that \$58,500 placed next to the \$4,262 raised for Haitian relief efforts, one wonders if we might have secured a less expensive band and made a more significant donation with remaining funds, in addition to donating proceeds from the show.



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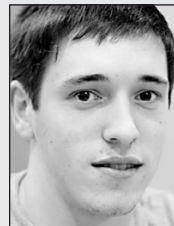
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Which team do you think will win the NCAA Tournament and why?



"Kentucky. John Wall is a beast."

Tyler Coffee
A freshman criminal justice major from Flatwoods.



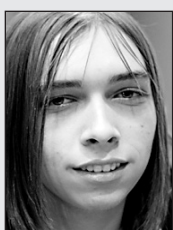
"Kansas. I think they're the best team."

Scott Dunn
A freshman communications studies major from northern Kentucky.



"West Virginia 'cause Bob Huggins is their coach. UK is overrated."

Andrew Reilly
An undeclared sophomore from Villa Hills.



"Kansas. They have tournament experience, and they have Sherron Collins."

Matthew Robertson
A freshman computer information systems major from Irvine.



"UK. Wall, Cousins and Patterson are unstoppable."

Derek Fosson
A freshman criminal justice major from Flatwoods.



"Murray State 'cause they're from (the) OVC and that's where it's at. They're my upset team over Vanderbilt."

Andrew Grider
A freshman sports management major from Frankfort.

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Alternative break gives perspective on 'world of Nerf'



My Turn
Steve Thomas

Fear is a funny thing. Sometimes we all do something a little crazy because we're afraid—like when we run up the stairs at night because we feel like something's chasing us.

And sometimes we all do something a little crazy because we want to be afraid—like when we strap ourselves into steel boxes that clank up 400 feet of track before plummeting back to the earth.

Or, in my case, spending my Spring Break volunteering in a developing nation.

Sunday night I returned from Costa Rica with 10 other students, professors and staff members from Eastern. We returned after having spent eight days in a foreign country where the English language was sidelined and drinking the water was definitely not recommended.

Six of those days were spent in a remote region on the Caribbean coast called Gandoca.

To get there, we drove for hours (and hours and hours) through banana groves and dense jungle on roads most of us might compare to backwater driveways. Or worse.

Once there we stayed in structures the locals called "cabanas"—my room was more accurately described as a 20' by 12' wooden cell. And I shared it with another student on the trip.

We slept under mosquito netting in hopes of avoiding Yellow Fever and Malaria. Few (if any) of the locals spoke English, and working on the black sand beaches in the blistering, 100-degree heat of the day as well as the blinding, empty darkness of night was one of the most draining experiences of my life.

It was also one of the most rewarding.

People say that which doesn't kill us only makes us stronger, and leaving the shelter and confines of home, while scary, is one of those things—particularly so when it's in exchange for something so inexplicably unfamiliar.

For me (and likely for some of you), the concept of waking up without running water or without a true meal is some-

thing I attribute to a 3-day camping trip with friends or family.

And therein lies the problem: Most people in the world aren't so lucky. Our idea of "roughing it" is the way a majority of individuals in the world live every single day. And that's if they're lucky.

Costa Rica is only the beginning. With semi-developed infrastructure, electricity and running (albeit not safe to drink) water, it remains a promised land of luxury for a majority of the world.

Like many, many people my age in the United States, I have lived much more cozily than that every day of my life.

I wake up each morning in the comfort of a cushy bed in either heating or air conditioning and to more food than I could possibly eat in a week.

The biggest risks when I walk outside are stumbling on the sidewalk or not looking both ways before I cross the street.

“ When you get to see firsthand what everyday life is for others, you no longer dare to complain about your life in bubble wrap. ”

And knowing this, I somehow find the unbelievable audacity to complain about the “stress” of my classes, the “tiny” size of my dorm room or the fact that the shower wasn't piping hot today.

When you get to see firsthand what everyday life is for others, you no longer dare to complain about your life in bubble wrap.

Make no mistake: Mile after mile of mall after mall is not reality, and it's not what we're somehow entitled to.

It's one thing to live in a world made of Nerf; it's quite another not to appreciate it.

And I believe we can't appreciate it. Not until we surrender our comforts, face our fears and begin to experience what reality is for four billion of the six billion people on this planet.

I spent my Spring Break doing it, and I'm so grateful for the dash of perspective.

20-year-olds often left on the outside looking in—literally



My Turn
Greg Schulte

Every now and then, on those boring nights when there's no work to be done, I'll do what most college kids enjoy most: go down to the local bar and enjoy a drink with my friends.

We go down not to get trashed or make terrible life decisions—just to relax and escape the stress of school for a couple of hours.

But, there is a problem with this: Not all of my friends can join us in relaxation because they are not quite old enough yet. With my friends (and likely with yours), there always seems to be that one person who's left behind.

I think that it's time America looked at its youth and realized that it'd be safe to at least let 20 be the new drinking age limit.

What's the big difference between the ages of 20 and 21? They say there's a responsibility difference between 20 and 21, but I just don't see it.

Let's face it, if you're im-

mature at 20, you'll probably be immature at 21, too. It's not a switch that just flips, and I know plenty of 20-year-olds who are more mature than the 21-year-olds I see at every bar I've ever been in.

In other countries, it's not uncommon to find parents who encourage their kids to drink every once and a while. I could just see my mom putting Bailey's in my coffee when I was younger just like most parents in Ireland do with their children, and I don't see the big deal.

The more we villainize alcohol, the more we tempt kids to see it as rebellious, untouchable and “cool.” That's the reason high school kids smoke in bathrooms, and it's just the way things are.

One major problem is that by the time most students turn 21, they're already more than halfway finished with their college careers. If the age limit were dropped to 20, there would be pretty much two years of college life where the student could enjoy the good things in life if they wanted to.

More importantly, they'd be accustomed to the presence of alcohol in society and in their own lives. Alcohol is a fact of life, so we may as well get used to it sooner rather

than later and adjust to it being around, even if we choose not to drink it.

I won't go so far as to say that the age should be dropped to 18 because that's pushing it. When someone is entering their 20s though, they should have all the freedoms of adulthood and not have to wait an extra year before they get full benefits. I just don't see how it makes sense.

“ What's the big difference between the ages of 20 and 21? They say there's a responsibility difference, but I just don't see it. ”

There are some bars that will welcome under-age students as long as they don't order any alcohol. When it gets closer to late-night hours though, the under-age students are asked to leave. I don't

think this is fair to the students who are so close to turning 21, but because of their current age are asked to leave.

Maybe we could implement a system of limitations for alcohol consumption for these “transition” adults. If anything, we could put a special limitation to how much they can drink, but don't smash a 20-year-old's dream of getting to sit on that bar stool and order a cold brew. Most of my friends want nothing more than the opportunity to hang out and relax in a cool atmosphere, possibly with a beer.

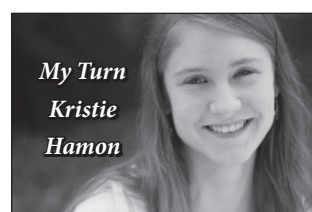
It's not like we have a lot of other options for hangouts in Richmond anyway.

If kids in other countries can do it as early as age 16, then why can't we at least entertain the idea of budging from 21?

I believe that every 20-year-old should have the right to sit down with his or her friends at the bar and enjoy a brew to get away from the stress of the world outside the bar. By the age of 20 you should already be mature enough to handle alcohol.

One day I hope that all 20-year-olds will be able to drink in peace and enjoy the sweet taste of freedom they call alcohol.

Crosswalk methodology and strategies for life-sized Frogger



My Turn
Kristie Hamon

Look both ways: The coast is clear. Take a hop forward: A log truck darts your way. Take another hop forward: Here comes a speedy sports car. Take a hop back: Almost get hit by a truck. Hop forward twice quickly, and make it to the other side.

What does this sound like to you? If you said the crosswalks around campus, you would be correct.

Walking to class every day really doesn't bother me. I actually like to stroll along on nice days and take in our “campus beautiful,” but that all changes when I reach the first crosswalk.

I approach it slowly, trying to let a few more cars by before I reach the walk causing the awkward “who goes first” moment. But inevitably my trek across the street will turn into a life-sized game of Frogger.

I have learned this year that there are a couple of different ways to go about crossing the streets on campus. First there's

my way: The cautious “let-every-car-pass-so-I-can-walk-in-peace” method.

Then there's the “jump-in-a-random-group-of-people-so-they'll-be-hit-before-you.” And then there's the bold way: the “I-heard-a-rumor-I-can-get-free-tuition-if-I-get-hit-by-a-car-in-a-crosswalk-on-campus-so-I'm-gonna-walk-as-slowly-and-carelessly-across-the-street-as-I-can.”

My way usually works – except for the inevitable awkward pause to see if they're really going to let you pass.

“ As far as I'm concerned, the 'free tuition' thing is a myth; even if I might be wrong, I'm not exactly eager to hop on out there in order to find out. ”

The jump-in-a-group technique usually does pretty well, too. The main thing to watch for with the group technique

is the common occurrence of frightening the driver of the oncoming car into racing through the crosswalk, nearly missing the outer boundaries of the group. Wouldn't want to have to stop and wait for the herd of college students, now would we?

And as far as I'm concerned, the “free tuition” thing is a myth; even if I might be wrong, I'm not exactly eager to hop on out there in order to find out.

The choice of method is yours, but when I approach a crosswalk only to see that the “Stop For Pedestrians” sign in the middle of the walk has been run over, I'm thinking twice before I try the “free tuition” walk. Unless I'm completely content spending the rest of the semester in a body cast, of course.

It seems like the only time I can cross a campus street without a standoff, there's not a car on the road. It's the only way I can happily cross in peace, successfully advancing to the next level.

Every crosswalk is different and requires yet another skill to pass. The most difficult of these crosswalks is the one at the traffic light on Park Drive beside the Fitness Center and the extension of the Brockton Apartments.

To cross from the sidewalk by the track to the sidewalk at the corner of the parking lot, you must first possess x-ray vision. Direct your line of sight to your left (where the road begins to curve) and look through the retaining wall that blocks a regular person from seeing any oncoming traffic – as well as blocking any oncoming car's vision of you.

If you are like most college students and don't possess x-ray vision, the gamble is your own.

Even if you wait for the crosswalk light to change to go, you must be wary of the cars turning out of the road to the apartments who will zip around the corner trying to catch the light before it changes. If you make it past them, you still have to watch for the cars turning right who'll try to race you and turn the corner before you get right in front of them.

These are the tales of the on-campus pedestrian. No matter you choose to cross campus streets, it must be done. And don't worry – odds are you won't be killed if you are hit by a car in the crosswalk.

All of the people I've seen who were hit lived.

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Peer pressure fuels beard-off

I've done some pretty bold things in my life because of pride. More specifically, peer pressure. Peer pressure has been the driving force behind most of the stupid decisions I've made during my short time on this planet.

Peer pressure was with me in third grade when Josh Davis dared me to eat a glue stick and again in high school when I took a bite out of a stick of deodorant for \$5. Along with making me sick, earning me poor attendance in class and even getting me in trouble with the law a time or two, peer pressure has put me in some interesting situations.

My newest peer pressure-fueled undertaking (just like the rest) has my face a little red and my reputation a little at stake.

I'm in a beard-off. To quote Voltaire, "Ideas are like beards; men do not have them until they grow up." I'm not sure if I'm grown up by Voltaire's standards, but I did have an idea to grow a beard so that has to count for something.

It all started the week before Spring Break when I was feeling a little lazier than usual and just didn't shave for five days. A few days later at work I joked with one of my co-workers that everyone at work should have a competition to see who can grow the thickest beard. After a little peer pressure and name-calling everyone decided to join in, and seeing that everyone at my place of employment has exactly one X and one Y chromosome, it didn't seem like too bad of an idea.

The rules are simple, grooming is acceptable on the neck region, but clippers aren't aloud. The thickest and best looking beards will win. The prize? One sweet-ass face sweater and more man points than one could possibly ask for.

Since accepting this mission of lumberjack proportions, I have come to realize several things. A: Growing a beard presents challenges. B: There are different types of beards. C: Some people (possibly including myself) should never venture outside the realm of beardlessness.

The early stages of beard-growing, like any other beginning process, isn't pretty.

After the five-o'clock shadow stage, the grower's face will begin to look ragged and unkempt, much like that of a homeless person. This process will last for about a week and then the real cultivation can begin.

It's important to know that not all men can grow beards, but after two weeks or so without shaving, any man will have at the very least what I refer to as a "neard" or a near-beard. The neard is like a beard, but thinner and scruffier.

If this is you, it's OK. It doesn't mean you're a bad person; it just means your face isn't awesome enough to have a beard yet. Maybe you could try watching re-runs of Walker Texas Ranger and let your face get acclimated to the look you're going for.

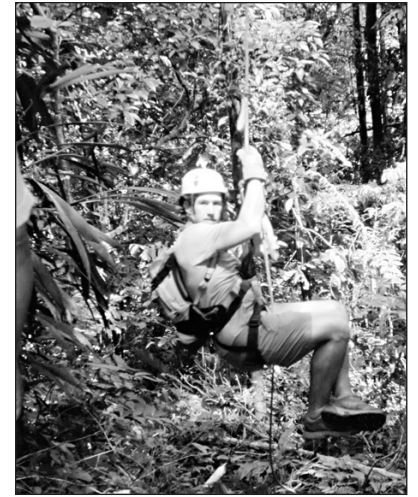
Remember, Grizzly Adams was once just a cub himself. The next stage of beard-growing can be painful, embarrassing and uncomfortable. It's like having puberty happen on your face. In this stage the beard becomes thicker, and the hairs become stronger.

You may encounter some painful setbacks as you may be tempted to shave when you touch the stiff hair above your lip and feel a little discomfort and itching all around.

You may even experience some in-grown facial hair. This period is equivalent in discomfort to the female period, so I have deemed it the "beariod." After you make it past the beariod stage, the hairs become longer and more relaxed and therefore more comfortable.

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ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK



Student Life and ECU's Adventure Program offered students multicultural opportunities

By Kaylia Cornett, Maggie LaFleur, Sara Byers and Stephanie Smith
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While some students spent their Spring Break sunbathing on beaches or simply relaxing at home, others devoted their spare time to volunteer efforts and exploration.

Eastern's Office of Student Life offered students several volunteer options with their alternative spring break trips this year, sending roughly 40 students to New York, Charleston, Miami or Costa Rica.

In New York students worked with HIV and AIDS prevention and awareness, while students in Charleston offered a hand to Habitat for Humanity. In Miami students helped with the Haitian American Organization for Women, and in Costa Rica students helped in sea turtle preservation. Brian Perry, assistant director for community service and student engagement, said he hopes that students can immerse themselves in the culture of the places they visit, while still having fun and getting involved in charity.

"This is an amazing way to visit places - participants learn things about the area through interacting with their community partner that most tourists simply don't get to," Perry said. "[Trips] can also be life-changing experiences, so I would encourage all students to consider going on an Alternative Break sometime during their time at ECU."

Eastern students traveled to Costa Rica through Student Life's Alternative Spring Break program to help in sea turtle preservation



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If any RSOs or students want to get involved with any of the alternative trips they can contact Perry at brian.perry@eku.edu or the Office of Student Life for more information. Students who are interested can sign-up for trips during the fall semester.

Costa Rica

Mike Mazzotta, a chemistry major, traveled to Gandoca, Costa Rica, where he resided in the jungle for nearly a week helping with leatherback sea turtle preservation, or more specifically helping them to nest.

Mazzotta said most of the days were spent building hatcheries, or digging holes, while also spending time cleaning up the beach.

He said at night participants were divided into groups to patrol the beach, watching for any turtles coming ashore to nest. If so, measurements and data were taken from the turtle, and they were also tagged if they had not been at a previous time.

Mazzotta said if turtles didn't nest in a good location, then their eggs were collected by a team of researchers and biologists who helped move the eggs to a more ideal spot for hatching.

In one instance, a turtle nested too close to the salt water, which would have negative effects on the egg, Mazzotta said. He said the eggs of tur-

tles are much different than most, that they have a semi-permeable membrane, which means that it doesn't have a hard outer shell. If the eggs get near salt water, then the water could enter the egg, along with the possibility of impurities, increasing the risk of birth defects.

He said other things participants watched for was ensuring the nests were built correctly and making sure the eggs weren't positioned in a way where they would be vulnerable to dehydration, which would instantly cause death. This wasn't the first alternative break trip for Mazzotta, who has attended trips to Charleston and Honduras, both times working with Habitat for Humanity.

"I really love to travel and just to give back to the community," Mazzotta said. "I'm not just part of the community of Kentucky, but also the global community."

Mazzotta said the best part of the experience in Costa Rica was being able to help the sea turtles at night, relocating the eggs to make sure they would hatch. However, the worst part was staying in such a remote area.

Essentially, Mazzotta said they stayed in the Costa Rican jungle living in cabins, which are wooden huts covered with a tin roof. He said the only resources they had were electricity and cold

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Ballroom Dance Club shakes it up with new members

Students can take lessons for free

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For students looking to spice up the monotony of their everyday routine, maintain their spring break beach body or just meet new people, Eastern's Ballroom Dance Club has something for everyone. Founded in the fall of 2008 by Ayla Eichenhofer, a senior public relations major from Flat Rock, Michigan, the Ballroom Dance Club has generated a steady following of students eager to learn dances like the Quickstep, Samba, International Rumba and Jive.

"I had never had so much fun in my life..."

Ayla Eichenhofer, public relations

"Ballroom dancing, also known as social dancing, offers students a combination of the fun and exercise of dancing with the entertainment of socializing," Eichenhofer said.

After dancing one summer break with the University of Michigan's Ballroom Dance Club, which boasts more than 150 dancers a week, Eichenhofer said she was inspired to start a club here at Eastern.

"I had never had so much fun in my life, and since there was nothing like it on or near campus, I just decided to start one," she said. "I enjoy organizing events, and plan to do it as a career someday, so it was not too hard to get the club off the ground."

The club recently received funding from SGA, so they are able to offer free beginner and intermediate dance lessons. Beginner lessons are generally taught by club member volunteers, while the intermediate lessons are taught by Renee Brice, a ballroom dance champion and owner of the Bluegrass Dance Center in Richmond. "Normally a ballroom dance lesson can cost anywhere from \$5-\$12 dollars per

group lesson, but because my amazing teachers volunteer their time, I am able to offer this free to students," Eichenhofer said. For students who may have taken dance lessons before, or even those who aren't too eager to bust a move out of fear of embarrassment, there's no need to fear, Ballroom Dance Club welcomes everyone. "Unlike taking a dance class, they can pick up a new dance really quick or take their time learning and not feel pressured to make a good grade," Eichenhofer said.

The Ballroom Dance Club takes membership once a semester, but generally has an "open door" policy. They average from 15-25 dancers a week, and generally have an equal guy-to-girl ratio. For any single ladies interested in



Club members sway at a dance.

taking lessons, Eichenhofer said that lately they have had a few more guys than girls, and the guys have had to sit dances out since there aren't enough partners to go around. "We have a set of 12-15 'regulars' who attend every week, but we also get newcomers. Some are just attending to get credit for their dance class, but other newcomers tend to get hooked on dancing and keep coming back," she said. The Eastern Ballroom Dance Club meets every Monday night in the Moberly Gymnasium from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for intermediate lessons and 8 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for beginner's lessons. For more information you can contact Ayla Eichenhofer at ayla_eichenhofer@eku.edu.

Professor pens novel, captivated by archaeology

Kelli Carmean: a recent recipient of the Roark Lecture for her work and teachings

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She considers it the "most fascinating thing in the world."

So much so that she recently penned a novel about the subject, projected to be released this fall. For Kelli Carmean, chair of the Anthropology, Sociology and Social Work Department, the subject of archaeology has captivated her since she was a young girl and her family regularly made camping trips to visit various National Parks.

Since then, it's become her career, teaching classes at Eastern, while also running a field school every other summer in Madison County.

Carmean's inspiration came from her father, who she said taught her to "pursue whatever she wanted with everything she's got." The family's camping trips to National Parks introduced her to working with her hands in the outdoors. That set her on her career path, ultimately taking her to Peru, Israel and Mexico, where she participated in digs at a variety of sites.

This September, Carmean is scheduled to see the release of her novel, *Creekside: An Archaeological Novel*.

She said archaeology served as a great subject to frame her story, given its vast scope.

"The depth of the pre-history of our globe and the



Eastern professor, Kelli Carmean is the author of *Creekside: An Archaeological Novel*

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diversity of ancient cultures out there is just incredible," Carmean said. "It's fascinating to learn about and there's a lot of interest in the general public."

Creekside is based on historical fiction, alternating between two time periods. In the present, an archaeologist named Meg is running a field school that is excavating beside a creek, near a pasture soon to become a new housing subdivision named Creekside.

As they excavate, Meg and her student crew uncover the remains of an old log cabin built by a hum-

ble settler family who crossed into the early Kentucky frontier via the Cumberland Gap.

Through the artifacts, the settler's story of love, loss and tragedy is told. Partially intertwined storylines link the present and the past, revealing how important family traditions are today, even in the face of immense social change.

When she's not writing, Carmean devotes her time to chairing the department, as well as teaching archaeology classes, encouraging students to get out

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Practical advice for impractical feats

Protect from the bathroom nasties

Follow these simple steps to fend off unwanted germs and icky amoebas

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If you're like most people, the thought of public restrooms has the ability to send a tingling chill up your spine. Just imagining the thousands of fecal amoebas scurrying across the toilet seat, floors and knobs is enough to make some people immerse themselves in a pool of Germ-X.

If you're an amoeba-phobe, follow these simple steps to protect yourself from the bathroom nasties.

1. Analyze the prospective toilet. How does it rank on your nasty scale? If you need rubber gloves, it may be in your best interest to high-tail it out of there. You've entered a danger zone. According to howcast.com, the most commonly used stalls are the middle ones, so do yourself a favor and choose the first or last stall.

2. Hang up your bag. If poo doesn't make you shudder, feel free to brave fecal emissions and sit your luggage on the bathroom floor. Research has shown that one-third of women's purses have fecal bacteria on them. Uh, gross.

3. Sit or stand. While studies show that you can't catch anything from sitting on a toilet seat, the idea of squatting where other people have plopped their bare bottoms isn't exactly an ideal choice for some people. Therefore, line the seat with toilet paper or hover to ensure a more germ-free peace of mind.

4. Flush strategically. This is important. Touching the flusher is definitely nasty, mainly because people have just wiped their ya-hoos. Therefore, if it's possible, hike up your leg and flush with your foot. If you can't balance on one foot securely, it may be in your best interest to construct a toilet paper glove.

5. Wash your hands. Always make sure to wash your hands, opening any doors with paper towels. Turn the faucet off with paper towels as well, as it's the third dirtiest place in the bathroom aside from the floor and the sanitary napkin disposal, according to howcast.com.

6. Skip away with a smile and an empty bladder. Quick facts: You're more likely to pick up germs with your hands than with your rump. And, men use the bathroom an average of six times a day, while women scurry off to the potty nearly 10 times a day.



Classic video games still worth playing

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For all of those gamers who prefer to play with friends, there are some great classic games offered on the newer platforms. Despite what recent gamers believe, multi-player gaming did not begin with Halo. Here are some great classic multi-player games.



Armageddon: This game was released in 1997 on the PC and was such a blast that it was ported to the PlayStation and eventually Xbox Live Arcade.

Worms 2 is a turn-based strategy game where players control worms who are at war. The worms use an arsenal of insane weapons like exploding sheep, grandmas strapped with dynamite and the greatest weapon of all time - the Holy Hand Grenade. The game can be played solo, but it's so much more fun playing it with friends, taking turns blasting each other into oblivion. Anyone who wants a good laugh should give this classic a try. It costs 800 Microsoft Points (\$8 or so), but it's definitely money well spent.



Gauntlet: Originally released in the arcade in 1985, it wasn't long before Gauntlet was brought to the original NES. Gamers could buy a special accessory that allowed four people to play at the same time. For many old school gamers this was their introduction to co-op play. Though most games devolved quickly into a free for all, which was part of the fun.

By today's standards the game play is simplistic. You pick one of four characters: elf, warrior, wizard and valkyrie. Then you and friends can wander through countless dungeons killing bad guys, collecting keys to open chests and doors and finding exits to new levels. There's no story, cut scenes, or voice acting, but a lot of death and chaos. Perhaps that's why it's still so much fun to play.

Gauntlet can be found on Xbox Live Arcade for 400 points (\$5 or so). The PlayStation network has Gauntlet 2 for \$4.99. Worms 2:



ToeJam and Earl: Released on the Sega Genesis in 1992, this game is a riot. Its humor is probably a little dated for present day audiences though. It's an adventure game for one to two players where the gamers play two homeboy aliens trying to find the missing pieces of their ship. Enemies include jetpack santas, boogiemens and a wide assortment of other crazy pop culture nods. The power ups that can be found in the game include spring shoes, rocket high tops and decoys. Despite being 18 years old, it's still worth a look and at the low price of 800 Wii Points (\$8).

Burton's Alice stunningly mediocre



Film's opening weekend raked in \$116 million

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It's no surprise that Tim Burton's latest adaptation, Alice in Wonderland, was a home run at the box office in its opening weekend, bringing in over \$116 million.

What is surprising, however, is how generic this film feels by the time you've reached its climax. Though aesthetically beautiful, Alice suffers dearly from a mediocre, unfocused narrative and inconsistent acting performances.

Burton's film acts as a sequel of sorts to Lewis Carroll's world-famous 19th century novel, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. The film picks up 12 years after the original story ended, with Alice, now 19 years old, attending a party with friends and family.

After some time, Alice learns the party is to celebrate her impending engagement, when a man suddenly asks for her hand. Instead of answering, she chases after the White Rabbit, falls down the rabbit hole, and the familiar adventure begins.

The rest of the story should be familiar to you if you've ever seen an Alice in Wonderland adaptation before.

Alice meets the familiar characters, gets into familiar circumstances, and sees familiar things. One major piece of the plot is different: the grown-up Alice has decided her last trip to Wonderland was a dream, so the entire movie is spent convincing her that she's not dreaming.

This familiarity is a serious problem with Alice's narrative. Many of the main portions of the narrative are implied or not even truly established, relying instead on the assumption that the viewer has seen or read the source material before. The Red

Queen is never really even established as the antagonist until the movie is nearly over.

The biggest problem with the film, however, is the third act. The movie devolves into a terribly overused action sequence straight out of the Chronicles of Narnia films.

There's also this dance scene which shouldn't be included in any movie. Ever.

Alice, played by Mia Wasikowska, is played with a sweet and charming tone, but the rest of the cast is erratic. Helena Bonham Carter, who plays the Red Queen, brings an arrogance and comedy to her character that makes her entertaining. Johnny Depp, who plays the Mad Hatter, seems to be pulling his performance from an array of past roles (Jack Sparrow, Willy Wonka, even Raoul Duke from Fear and Loathing), resulting in an uncharacteristically mediocre performance.

It must be mentioned that Burton's Wonderland is beautiful.

From the Mad Hatter's colorful, tattered costuming, to the Bandersnatch's detailed pelt, to the folds of the Caterpillar's skin, this movie is a sight to see from beginning to end.

The highlight of the movie for me was the Cheshire Cat. Cheshire brings a mischievous and hilarious presence to the film and steals every scene he's in.

His detailed eyes and smile, and the 3D smoke used when he disappears, are also some of the best visuals in the film.

It's hard to recommend spending your money on this film. If you want to see how cool Tim Burton made Wonderland look, I'd recommend this movie to you.

If you are looking for a well-written story with good acting, however, I would recommend you pass this one up.



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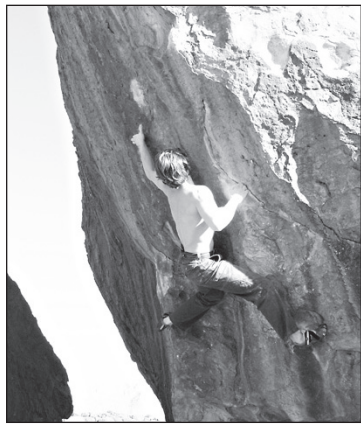
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Eastern students involved with Student Life's Alternative Spring Break trips spent time in Charleston helping with Habitat for Humanity, while others traveled to New York to help with AIDS awareness. Students involved with EKU's Adventure Program spent the week in Texas on a bouldering expedition.

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able. This is a critical stage that will test the boundaries of your will. For some time, two-to-three days minimum, you're going to look terrible.

You're going to look more like Joaquin Phoenix circa 2009 than, say, Sean Connery.

But with a little patience you can style your beard into whatever style you desire. Some beard types to steer clear of: The Pedaphacial: Anything that makes you look like you could be on "To Catch a Predator."

When you look in the mirror you may want to ask yourself, "Would a child be frightened by me?" And if you answer yes, go for a different look. The Crustache: The crustache is basically just a crusty, mangy looking patch of hair above your lip with no hair bridging your mustache to your goatee. If you have one of these, I'm sorry. The D-beard: The D-beard is a beard typically worn by D-bags. It is characterized by pencil thin hair leading to the chin. The D-beard is often accompanied by a sideways-cocked hat, Chinese character tattoos and a false sense of achievement. The Shakesbeard: The Shakesbeard is a rendition of what you would see in a sketch of William Shakespeare. If you can grow one of these, then you sir, are a badass.

Unfortunately you will look like a tool, so it's best not to wear it in public.

These are only a few examples. Acceptable forms of facial hair include chops, sideburns, soul patches and basically most beards that doesn't look too over-the-top or out of place. As of now I've been going two-and-a-half weeks without shaving my face and I have the rest of the semester to go.

It can be difficult, but I feel like quitting or giving up would be very un-beard-like, so I think I'll stick it out.

I've realized that not everyone should have a beard, and had it not been for a stubborn refusal to back down from peer pressure I wouldn't have one now. Some people just pull it off, but right now I feel like I have the sex appeal of a nursing home flood.

Despite looking like the bastard love child of Billy Mays and Hell Boy, I haven't found myself gridlocked in any inner conflict to wear flannel, become wise beyond my years or rev up a chainsaw so that's good.

For now, I think I'll just try to win the beard-off and keep in mind that at the end of the day, you have to wear the beard; you can't let the beard wear you.

BREAK: 'I think these trips change you...it changed me'

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running water. Living without Internet access, hot water and flushable toilets for the week added a whole new perspective, Mazzotta said.

"I was in the middle of the jungle; it took about two days to adjust," Mazzotta said. "[I stopped and realized] 'My god, [I'm] in the jungle.' The little stupid things that we take for granted just become so beautiful when you come back to the United States."

Mazzotta said his next goal is to find a trip where he is essentially stripped of all resources, including running water and electricity, just to see how he would handle it.

New York

Bertha Newton, a non-traditional student, attended the alternative spring break trip to New York where participants helped in Aids Awareness.

"It was an absolute awesome experience," Newton said. "It was very successful. I think these trips, they change you...it was so worthwhile. I know it changed me."

Newton said despite working from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, the experience was unbelievable and highly educational. She said they also attended the Broadway play Wicked, while also spending plenty of time exploring the city itself. She said Chinatown was particularly interesting.

Charleston

Jo Yery, a senior, dual elementary and special education major from Cincinnati, was part of the group lending helpful hands to Habitat for

Humanity in Charleston. Four out of the seven days in Charleston were spent working for Habitat for Humanity while the other three days were spent getting to know the city of Charleston.

"My favorite part was hanging out as a group because all of us really clicked," Yery said. "There were nine of us that went, who didn't know each other at first, but by the end of the trip we felt like family."

Yery said her least favorite part about the trip was that it wasn't long enough. They spent their days shopping in downtown Charleston or eating lunch on Folly Beach and playing frisbee and soccer.

This year was Yery's second year in Charleston for Alternative Spring Break.

"I had a good time last year," she said. "I wanted to make the most of my spring break instead of doing nothing. After college who knows when I'll be able to take a trip like that again."

Adventure Programs

Eastern's Adventure Program spent Spring Break climbing and bouldering the rocks of Hueco Tanks State Park and Historic Site in El Paso, Texas. The group of six hopped in the car on March 5th and set out for Hueco Tanks, and although many reported the ride was long and boring the group anxiously awaited the adventure.

The park only allows 70 people in per day; EKU's Adventure Program was very fortunate to reserve their stay and climb every day. Mike Conley, a graduate assistant for campus recreation-adventure programs, was one of the lead-

ers on the trip and thought it was a great success.

"Most of the places you could go were led by a guide, but my favorite part of the trip was when we were by ourselves, we were our own guide. I loved being in the park itself, being free," Conley said.

This location is said to be one of the best in the world for bouldering and has a lot of beautiful sites such as the desert, mountains and also Indian pictographs that were left behind on the walls of caves. Blake Leathers, a junior criminal justice/homeland security major, said the group got to climb every day and hiked the Franklin Mountains on their day off. In the mountains they got to explore where Indians had left behind pictures of their adventures.

"The trips are really fun and although they seem expensive, EKU takes a cut out of what you would be paying if you were to go there outside of the adventure program, so it really is a good deal and a great way to meet new people," Leathers said.

If this sounds like something you would be interested in doing, do not worry as they have many more adventures to come with mountain biking, horse riding...you name it. If you want to saddle up, you can go to the Fitness and Wellness Center and view a list of all the programs coming up with brochures as well or simply visit the campus recreation Web site.

"I think more people should get involved, not many people know about it," Conley said. "It's a very wonderful program that many people would enjoy."

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into the field, learning about the history of the land and the culture surrounding them. Carmean has conducted the archaeological field school for many years, "which is where I got all my stories of field school students for my novel," she said jokingly.

While recently ended, Carmean's field school excavated at the Broadus site, a Native American farming village that was once home to about 150 people.

The field school discovered many interesting artifacts, including an ocean shell bead brought all the way to Madison County through long distance trade.

Although the field school is physically demanding, putting students up against the elements, bugs, dirt and general fatigue, Carmean said it's a great introduction to the "real world" of archaeology.

This year, many anthropology majors will spend three weeks excavating an historic house site in Madison County, under the direction of Will Updike.

Now owned by the Battle of Richmond Association, the Parks House was once a two-story, Civil War-era mansion that has since burned completely down.

"But, as always in archaeology, even with very little visible on the surface, there could be all kinds of important remains below," Carmean said. "Until the sod is removed, you just never know."

Some students will choose to continue gaining archaeological experience by interning for academic credit with regional contract companies, offering them yet another chance to get out and apply their classroom skills.

Like the story in Creekside, much of the work in archaeology these days is cultural resource management Carmean said, where roads and highways and subdivisions destroy so much of the past, and archaeologists step in to salvage what they can.

"I don't have to create drama in archaeology - it's already there," she said.

Carmean's work and teaching have not gone unnoticed in Richmond.

She recently was selected as the recipient of the Roark Lecture, an annual recognition and public presentation that showcases excellence in scholarship by a faculty member in the College of Arts & Sciences.

She is scheduled to present the lecture on April 5.

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Softball finishes .500 at Lipscomb Tournament

By Langdon Barnes
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Before hitting the meat of their schedule, the softball team gained some experience by participating in several invitationals.

The Colonels faced North Carolina A&T and Elon before playing in four games at the Winthrop/Adidas Invitational in South Carolina.

Eastern was led by Freshman pitcher Kristin Perry against NCAT. Perry pitched a complete game and struck out 13 batters in a 2-1 win in the first game.

The Colonels fell behind 1-0 before Jena Handley tied the score on an Aggie error.

Eastern then scored during the top of the seventh as Perry struck out the final two batters to win the game.

The second game was tied 3-3 after two NCAT runs in the sixth. In the top of the eighth, Handley drove in the leading run that was followed by a sacrifice fly by Larkyn Wood to give the Colonels a two-run lead.

Perry took over in the bottom of the inning by striking out three of the Aggies four batters.

Eastern traveled to Elon and split games with them in a double header.

The Colonels fell 7-1 in the first game as the Phoenix scored all of their runs in the first two innings. Diane Gallagher gave Eastern their only run on a sacrifice fly in the top of the second. Christina Datko went 2-for-3 for the Colonels.

Eastern won the second game 3-2.

The Colonels led 3-1 going into the bottom of the second inning.

The Phoenix scored another run after back-to-back singles. Elon had two outs at the time.

The tying run was at third and the winning at first when Junior Stayce Toups got a ground ball to hold off the rally.

Perry started the game and picked up her third win of the season. She allowed one run on three hits while striking out six batters. Howes went 3-for-4 to lead Eastern.

The Colonels then traveled to play in the Winthrop/Adidas Invitational. Eastern fell to Hartford 5-2 in the first game. Their second game against North Carolina State was canceled due to the weather.

The Colonels went ahead 2-0 on Hartford after the second inning. The Hawks were able to tie the score after a two-run homer by Nicole Springer in the bottom of the third.

Hartford hit another home run in the fourth and added two more runs in the fifth to take the game.

Gallagher went 2-for-4 with a run while Jena Handley finished 3-of-4.

Eastern then split two more game during the next day of the Invitational.

The Colonels fell 9-2 to Towson before they took down Winston-Salem State 8-0.

Eastern went ahead 1-0 in the first game before the Tigers of Towson scored the next seven runs heading into the sixth inning. The Colonels were able to get another run but they wouldn't get any closer.

Ashley Dollins went 4-for-4 in the loss.

Eastern went ahead of Winston-Salem 2-0 after the first inning. They then scored five more runs in the fifth and sixth innings to extend their lead to 7-0. DeAnn Horswill then hit her second homer of the season during the seventh inning.

Perry threw a complete game shutout in the win. She allowed only two hits while striking out 10 batters.

"We are really much deeper at pitcher this season," said Head Coach Jane Worthington. "We will be getting much stronger as the season goes on."

Perry was named as the Ohio Valley Conference Pitcher of the week. She had a 4-1 record with a 1.54 ERA and 43 strikeouts in 27.1 innings.

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After upsetting Tennessee in Knoxville on March 3, the Colonels hit the road for an eight game stretch. So much for a spring break.

The Colonels began the stretch by winning two out of the three-game series at Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC.

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The Colonels out hit Presbyterian 15-12, but committed three errors in the loss.

Eastern won the next two games by scores of 10-8 and 9-4.

Freshman right-hander Anthony Bazzani (1-1) recorded his first career win in the rubber match, pitching 7 innings and allowing two runs on three hits.

The Colonels stretched the winning streak to four games with wins against North Carolina Greensboro and North Carolina A & T State in Greensboro, NC on March 9 and 10.

The Colonels rallied from behind to defeat Greensboro 9-6. Greensboro was up 5-4 in the sixth inning when the Colonels charged ahead, scoring four runs on two hits and three errors.

The Eastern bullpen held Greensboro to two runs in more than six innings of work.

"The winning streak had a lot to do with our bullpen," Head Coach Jason Stein said. "The pitchers are keeping us in our games, and they have exceeded expectations so far."

Junior outfielder Ryan Faidley led the Colonel offense, going 3-for-4 and scoring three runs.

The next day, the Colonels never trailed North Carolina A & T and beat the Aggies 4-1.

Junior left-hander Paul Duncan picked up the win in his starting debut. Duncan tossed 2.1 innings, with no runs on two hits.

The bullpen once again did not disappoint. Three Eastern pitchers held the Aggies to three hits over the final 6.2 innings

of relief. Junior Ryne Purcell picked up his fourth save of the season.

Faidley supplied much of the Eastern offense, going 2-for-3, with two runs scored and an RBI.

The winning streak came to an abrupt end when High Point swept the Colonels in a three-game series in High Point, NC last week.

In the first game of the series, High Point outslugged the Colonels, 25-16.

High Point scored eight runs on eight hits in the first inning alone.

The two teams combined for 41 runs on 51 hits.

High Point's Murray White led the offensive attack, going 5-for-5 with four runs scored and three RBIs.

Five Eastern players contributed multi-hit performances in the losing effort.

The next day was a little more tranquil, in terms of hitting. High Point defeated the Colonels 6-4.

Junior right-hander Stephen Hefler went 6.1 innings, giving up two runs on seven hits.

Stein said he was pleased with Hefler's performance.

"I was just trying to limit the big hits," Hefler said. "For the most part, I kept the ball down and got a few ground balls."

Eastern was up 4-3 in the eighth inning when High Point's Max Fulginiti hit a two-run triple off Paul Duncan. Duncan received his first loss on the year.

High Point blew out Eastern 15-6 in the final game of the road trip.

"I'm not pleased with our offense right now," Stein said. "Our one through four hitters are doing a good job, but five through nine are not producing."

Faidley's continued good hitting was one of the only bright spots on Sunday. He went 4-for-5 with four RBI in the loss.

"The coaches have helped me make some adjustments on my swing," Faidley said. "I feel like I am staying back on the ball."

The Colonels played their first home series of the year against Purdue this week. More on the series will be available in next week's issue.

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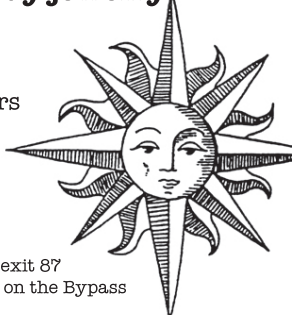
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ZANGAN: 'Hoosier hysteria starts and ends with Tom Crean'

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around for a miracle.

It's hard to imagine such spiraling, so quickly for a university known for basketball.

If there is someone that can do the job, I believe it is Tom Crean. Why? Heck, I don't know, I was just hoping to fill some more column space. All kidding aside, he has improved already by three games over last year and is pulling a program from meteor wreckage.

A nuke might as well destroy everything with Tom Crean standing on the rubble asking himself "Is this even possible?"

It is possible. Will Hoosier faithful be willing to stand next to him with faith? That's a tough question. Hoosier fans are pretty tough fans. Look at Kentucky fans, they eat and breathe anything basketball.

Billy Gillispie tore the town, and the team, up in a few short years. One season later, John Calipari has a national title contending team.

Hoosiers take notice. Pull out your notepads and take notes. Just don't make illegal phone calls. Maybe bring in Angelo Pizzo to write for you (wrote the movie Hoosiers and co-produced Rudy.)

"Relevancy" needs to be in your vocabulary, along with the words, win, win now and stop losing.

Yes Bob Knight started the ship that was sinking and then Kelvin Sampson straight up Titanic'd that program.

Work your magic Tom Crean. Hoosier hysteria needs to come back, and it starts with you.

Two minute warning: Things I think I thought about in the sports world (and not-so sports world.)

NBA trade deadline came and went with Tracy McGrady moving to the Knicks. I guess he likes losing. How's Eddy Curry playing? He's not.

Ronald McDonald was arrested for possession of marijuana on Feb. 15. True story. Except for the fact that it was not the clown, just a guy named Ronald McDonald. What's worse, having the name and knowing he always is part of a joke, or being busted and only having your story published because of your name?

An Ohio man lost his job, so he decided to build an igloo. His four room igloo even has an entertainment room. At least he doesn't need a refrigerator for his beer.

Police arrested two women after a former lover burst into a Waffle House on Valentine's Day and beat a man with her high-heel. That's where I spend my Valentine's Day.

I stopped at Thorton's Gas Station in Louisville before the John Mayer concert and I must say the bathrooms are the best bathrooms I have ever been in. Even in front of the stall it says "Our bathrooms are so nice, our competition 'goes' here." I might just drive there anytime I need to use the bathroom.

Lastly, Tiger Woods held a press conference a few weeks ago. He hand selected those who would be in attendance and wouldn't allow questions. How's your golf swing? Oh wait, I can't ask questions.

Quick Hits

-Josh Taylor and Justin Stommes were named to the 2010 National Association of Basketball Coaches Division I all-district team.

Jay Bilas picked OVC conference champion Murray State to upset Vanderbilt in the men's NCAA tournament.

-The EKU El Diablo Intercollegiate hosted by the women's golf team was cancelled due to bad weather. It was to be held in Citrus Springs, Fla.

-The men's golf team tied with Northern Illinois for eighth at the Pinehurst Intercollegiate held on March 13. Zack Butler was the top finisher for Eastern with a one-under par, 71.

-ESPN college basketball analyst

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Colonels send Volunteers to dog house

Eastern beats SEC opponent for first time in 11 years

By Keith Ritchie
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With one swing of the bat, the Colonels knocked off SEC-juggernaut Tennessee 8-7 in Knoxville on March 3.

Sophomore outfielder Michael Garcia blasted a two-out grand slam over the left field fence in the tenth inning.

The Volunteers made things quite interesting in the bottom half of the inning, however.

Eastern junior closer Ryne Purcell got two quick outs and gave up one run off a solo shot to left field.

But then the Volunteers answered with three consecutive singles and a walk, scoring another run.

Sophomore Matt Harris came in relief for Purcell with the bases loaded. Harris walked the first batter, bringing the Tennessee deficit to one run.

Harris got Tennessee's Matt Duffy to ground out, ending the game.

Purcell recorded his first win of the

season and Duffy picked up his first career save.

Tennessee's Matt Ramsey got the loss.

"It was a great win for our program," Head Coach Jason Stein said. "It was not just a road game. It was a road game against an SEC team."

The win was Eastern's first against an SEC opponent since outslugging Kentucky, 9-8, 11 years ago.

Sophomore left-hander Greg Terry got the start for the Colonels, working three innings, giving up one run on three hits.

Eastern scored first in the second inning, when sophomore infielder Richie Rodriguez drove in two runs off a two-out double to center field.

The Colonels were up 2-1 when junior infielder Jayson Langfels led off the top of the third inning with a solo home run to right-center field.

Langfels went 3-for-5 with two doubles and the home run.

In the same inning, junior outfield-

er Richie Allen drove in senior Anthony Ottrando with a sacrifice fly to center field.

Eastern was up 4-2 going into the bottom of the sixth inning when Tennessee's Matt Hamaker tied the game with his first of two home runs in the ten-inning battle.

Hamaker finished 3-for-5 for the day.

Tennessee threatened in the seventh inning with the bases loaded and only one out, but Eastern pitching held the Volunteers at bay.

Sophomore right-hander Eric Sanders came on in relief and struck out Duffy. Purcell then entered the game and forced Charley Thurber to fly out to center field, ending the threat of a monster inning for the Vol's.

Neither team scored again until the eventful tenth inning.

"I was impressed with the fashion in which we did it," Stein said. "It was a gritty, tough game, and the team refused to lose."

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Darren Zancan

Once upon a Hoosier

This is when college basketball gets exciting. Just a few days removed from selection Sunday when teams hope for a spot in the field of 64 (65 if you count the play in game between South Harmon Institute of Technology East Campus off Idaho Blvd. and Northwestern State-Calumet Campus on the east side.)

University of Kentucky earned a number one seed.

Eastern Kentucky needed to win the OVC tournament to get the automatic seed, which went to Murray State.

U of L needed to say 25 rosaries and pray Rick Pitino wasn't at another restaurant ordering...oh wait.

And Indiana University just needs a prayer, a roster, some talent and maybe someone to step in and write Hoosiers: The College Years, starring Mark Paul Gosselaar and Screech Powers.

Remember when Indiana University was relevant?

In the 2001 NCAA Tournament, the Hoosiers beat Duke (ranked one), Oklahoma (ranked three) and then lost to Maryland in the championship (ranked four in the tournament seeding.) They also finished 5-2 against top 25 ranked teams in the regular season.

In '03 they had an ever better record, then stumbled a bit in '04, then in '05 and '06 came back with 20 win seasons. In '07 the Hoosiers finished 25-8.

Just a season later, they clawed their way to six wins. That is a 19 game turnaround.

In a short amount of time the Hoosiers were coached by Bob Knight, Mike Davis, Kelvin Sampson and now Tom Crean.

What happened Hoosiers? This year you were lucky enough to win ten games (10-21.) Kelvin Sampson, you punched Hoosiers in the face and now look at them. (I am from Indiana, so I am a Hoosier, so I guess he punched me in the face too.)

Sampson racked up recruiting violations faster than you can say "Ben Affleck died in Smokin Aces."

After 550 illegal calls (dating back to his time at Oklahoma) and five rule violations at IU, Sampson was fired. There was even speculation that in December of '09, Eric Gordon raised issues of drug use stating that some players were abusing drugs and that this led to the disintegration of the team, and that Sampson tried to stop it, but did not as he was focused on winning.

I heard AT&T came up with an unlimited minutes plan just for Sampson.

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"Yeah that new Sampson plan," Mr. Knight said. "I heard I can call any recruit, at anytime, anywhere in the country all for one low rate."

Since then, the Hoosiers have fallen on hard times. Once a tough opponent, now they are the doormats that other teams wipe their shoes on after a stepping in a puddle.

After starting 7-6 this season, they suffered from an 11-game losing streak and have relative unknowns on the roster. Their last eight losses were by 10 or more points. Leading scorer Maurice Creeks (16.4) is out for the season on an injury. That leaves two players in double figures and the rest of the team looking

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Flores pitches Eastern to first win



Senior Jena Handley helped the Colonels pick up their first win of the season, going 1-for-4 with an RBI against Evansville.

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Howes' first career home run halts losing streak

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The softball team went into Spring Break winless with a 0-10 record.

The Colonels won their first game of the 2010 season with a 6-4 victory over Evansville in the first game of the Lady Bisons Classic hosted by Lipscomb University.

Eastern took an early 2-0 lead against Evansville in the top of the first inning. Raquel Howes and Jena Handley drove in the runs to take the lead.

Evansville tied the game with two runs in the bottom half of the inning.

The Colonels regained the lead on a two-run home run by Larkyn Wood in the fourth inning. It was the first of her career. Howes drove in another run in the fifth to add to their lead.

Evansville scored two runs in the bottom of the sixth to cut the lead to 5-4.

Howes hit her first career homer in the top of the seventh as Eastern came away with their first victory.

"We are starting to use what we learned in the off season on the field," Diane Gallagher said. "We need everyone to keep stepping up."

Howes finished 3-of-4 with two runs and three RBIs in the win. Gallagher had two hits, two runs and two stolen bases for the Colonels.

Mea Flores (1-2) picked up her first win allowing two runs on seven hits in four innings of work. Stacy Toups did not give up a hit in an inning and two-thirds to pick up the save.

Eastern faced Lipscomb in the second game of the day. The Colonels went down as Lipscomb scored the first five runs of the game.

Ashley Dollins hit her second home run of the season on a two run shot in the seventh.

Softball 2010 Stats

- Four losses have been by one run
- Kristin Perry leads the team with four wins
- Have played in three extra-inning games (1-2)
- Since their 0-10 start, they have gone 5-5

The comeback fell short as Eastern lost 5-2 to a Lipscomb team that has only lost once coming into the game.

Dollins and Howes got the only two hits of the game for the Colonels.

Eastern played two more games on the next day of the tournament.

The Colonels lost to Murray State 5-4 in extra innings then fell to Evansville 6-1.

Against Murray, the game was tied after four innings. Eastern then scored in the fifth to take the lead and went into the final inning with a one run lead.

The Racers were able to take the lead with a two-run homer heading into the bottom of the seventh.

The Colonels were able to force extra innings after a Cassi Gibson single to drive in Gallagher.

The Racers were able to score the winning run on an Eastern error in the eighth.

The Colonels were never really able to contest Evansville in their second meeting.

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The Colonels out hit Presbyterian 15-12, but committed three errors in the loss.

Eastern won the next two games by scores of 10-8 and 9-4.

Freshman right-hander Anthony Bazzani (1-1) recorded his first career win in the rubber match, pitching 7 innings and allowing two runs on three hits.

The Colonels stretched the winning streak to four games with wins against North Carolina Greensboro and North Carolina A & T State in Greensboro, NC on March 9 and 10.

The Colonels rallied from behind to defeat Greensboro 9-6.

Greensboro was up 5-4 in the sixth inning when the Colonels charged ahead, scoring four runs on two hits and three errors.

The Eastern bullpen held Greensboro to two runs in more than six innings of work.

"The winning streak had a lot to do with our bullpen," Head Coach Jason Stein said. "The pitchers are keeping us in our games, and they have exceeded expectations so far."

Junior outfielder Ryan Faidley led the Colonel offense, going 3-for-4 and scoring three runs.

The next day, the Colonels never trailed North Carolina A & T and beat the Aggies 4-1.

Junior left-hander Paul Duncan picked up the win in his starting debut. Duncan tossed 2.1 innings, with no runs on two hits.

The bullpen once again did not disappoint. Three Eastern pitchers held the Aggies to three hits over the final 6.2 innings

of relief. Junior Ryne Purcell picked up his fourth save of the season.

Faidley supplied much of the Eastern offense, going 2-for-3, with two runs scored and an RBI.

The winning streak came to an abrupt end when High Point swept the Colonels in a three-game series in High Point, NC last week.

In the first game of the series, High Point outslugged the Colonels, 25-16.

High Point scored eight runs on eight hits in the first inning alone.

The two teams combined for 41 runs on 51 hits.

High Point's Murray White led the offensive attack, going 5-for-5 with four runs scored and three RBIs.

Five Eastern players contributed multi-hit performances in the losing effort.

The next day was a little more tranquil, in terms of hitting. High Point defeated the Colonels 6-4.

Junior right-hander Stephen Hefler went 6.1 innings, giving up two runs on seven hits.

Stein said he was pleased with Hefler's performance.

"I was just trying to limit the big hits," Hefler said. "For the most part, I kept the ball down and got a few ground balls."

Eastern was up 4-3 in the eighth inning when High Point's Max Fulginiti hit a two-run triple off Paul Duncan. Duncan received his first loss on the year.

High Point blew out Eastern 15-6 in the final game of the road trip.

"I'm not pleased with our offense right now," Stein said. "Our one through four hitters are doing a good job, but five through nine are not producing."

Faidley's continued good hitting was one of the only bright spots on Sunday. He went 4-for-5 with four RBI in the loss.

"The coaches have helped me make some adjustments on my swing," Faidley said. "I feel like I am staying back on the ball."

The Colonels played their first home series of the year against Purdue this week. More on the series will be available in next week's issue.

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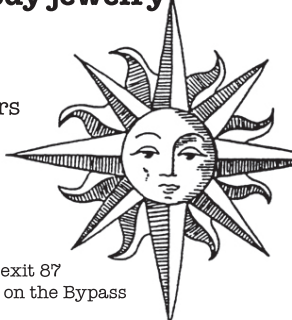
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ZANGAN: 'Hoosier hysteria starts and ends with Tom Crean'

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around for a miracle.

It's hard to imagine such spiraling, so quickly for a university known for basketball.

If there is someone that can do the job, I believe it is Tom Crean. Why? Heck, I don't know, I was just hoping to fill some more column space. All kidding aside, he has improved already by three games over last year and is pulling a program from meteor wreckage.

A nuke might as well destroy everything with Tom Crean standing on the rubble asking himself "Is this even possible?"

It is possible. Will Hoosier faithful be willing to stand next to him with faith? That's a tough question. Hoosier fans are pretty tough fans. Look at Kentucky fans, they eat and breathe anything basketball.

Billy Gillispie tore the town, and the team, up in a few short years. One season later, John Calipari has a national title contending team.

Hoosiers take notice. Pull out your notepads and take notes. Just don't make illegal phone calls. Maybe bring in Angelo Pizzo to write for you (wrote the movie Hoosiers and co-produced Rudy.)

"Relevancy" needs to be in your vocabulary, along with the words, win, win now and stop losing.

Yes Bob Knight started the ship that was sinking and then Kelvin Sampson straight up Titanic'd that program.

Work your magic Tom Crean. Hoosier hysteria needs to come back, and it starts with you.

Two minute warning: Things I think I thought about in the sports world (and not-so sports world.)

NBA trade deadline came and went with Tracy McGrady moving to the Knicks. I guess he likes losing. How's Eddy Curry playing? He's not.

Ronald McDonald was arrested for possession of marijuana on Feb. 15. True story. Except for the fact that it was not the clown, just a guy named Ronald McDonald. What's worse, having the name and knowing he always is part of a joke, or being busted and only having your story published because of your name?

An Ohio man lost his job, so he decided to build an igloo. His four room igloo even has an entertainment room. At least he doesn't need a refrigerator for his beer.

Police arrested two women after a former lover burst into a Waffle House on Valentine's Day and beat a man with her high-heel. That's where I spend my Valentine's Day.

I stopped at Thorton's Gas Station in Louisville before the John Mayer concert and I must say the bathrooms are the best bathrooms I have ever been in. Even in front of the stall it says "Our bathrooms are so nice, our competition 'goes' here." I might just drive there anytime I need to use the bathroom.

Lastly, Tiger Woods held a press conference a few weeks ago. He hand selected those who would be in attendance and wouldn't allow questions. How's your golf swing? Oh wait, I can't ask questions.

Quick Hits

-Josh Taylor and Justin Stommes were named to the 2010 National Association of Basketball Coaches Division I all-district team.

Jay Bilas picked OVC conference champion Murray State to upset Vanderbilt in the men's NCAA tournament.

-The EKU El Diablo Intercollegiate hosted by the women's golf team was cancelled due to bad weather. It was to be held in Citrus Springs, Fla.

-The men's golf team tied with Northern Illinois for eighth at the Pinehurst Intercollegiate held on March 13. Zack Butler was the top finisher for Eastern with a one-under par, 71.

-ESPN college basketball analyst

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Colonels send Volunteers to dog house

Eastern beats SEC opponent for first time in 11 years

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With one swing of the bat, the Colonels knocked off SEC-juggernaut Tennessee 8-7 in Knoxville on March 3.

Sophomore outfielder Michael Garcia blasted a two-out grand slam over the left field fence in the tenth inning.

The Volunteers made things quite interesting in the bottom half of the inning, however.

Eastern junior closer Ryne Purcell got two quick outs and gave up one run off a solo shot to left field.

But then the Volunteers answered with three consecutive singles and a walk, scoring another run.

Sophomore Matt Harris came in relief for Purcell with the bases loaded. Harris walked the first batter, bringing the Tennessee deficit to one run.

Harris got Tennessee's Matt Duffy to ground out, ending the game.

Purcell recorded his first win of the

season and Duffy picked up his first career save.

Tennessee's Matt Ramsey got the loss.

"It was a great win for our program," Head Coach Jason Stein said. "It was not just a road game. It was a road game against an SEC team."

The win was Eastern's first against an SEC opponent since outslugging Kentucky, 9-8, 11 years ago.

Sophomore left-hander Greg Terry got the start for the Colonels, working three innings, giving up one run on three hits.

Eastern scored first in the second inning, when sophomore infielder Richie Rodriguez drove in two runs off a two-out double to center field.

The Colonels were up 2-1 when junior infielder Jayson Langfels led off the top of the third inning with a solo home run to right-center field.

Langfels went 3-for-5 with two doubles and the home run.

In the same inning, junior outfield-

er Richie Allen drove in senior Anthony Ottrando with a sacrifice fly to center field.

Eastern was up 4-2 going into the bottom of the sixth inning when Tennessee's Matt Hamaker tied the game with his first of two home runs in the ten-inning battle.

Hamaker finished 3-for-5 for the day.

Tennessee threatened in the seventh inning with the bases loaded and only one out, but Eastern pitching held the Volunteers at bay.

Sophomore right-hander Eric Sanders came on in relief and struck out Duffy. Purcell then entered the game and forced Charley Thurber to fly out to center field, ending the threat of a monster inning for the Vol's.

Neither team scored again until the eventful tenth inning.

"I was impressed with the fashion in which we did it," Stein said. "It was a gritty, tough game, and the team refused to lose."



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Darren Zancan

Once upon a Hoosier

This is when college basketball gets exciting. Just a few days removed from selection Sunday when teams hope for a spot in the field of 64 (65 if you count the play in game between South Harmon Institute of Technology East Campus off Idaho Blvd. and Northwestern State-Calumet Campus on the east side.)

University of Kentucky earned a number one seed.

Eastern Kentucky needed to win the OVC tourney to get the automatic seed, which went to Murray State.

U of L needed to say 25 rosaries and pray Rick Pitino wasn't at another restaurant ordering...oh wait.

And Indiana University just needs a prayer, a roster, some talent and maybe someone to step in and write Hoosiers: The College Years, starring Mark Paul Gosselaar and Screech Powers.

Remember when Indiana University was relevant?

In the 2001 NCAA Tournament, the Hoosiers beat Duke (ranked one), Oklahoma (ranked three) and then lost to Maryland in the championship (ranked four in the tournament seeding.) They also finished 5-2 against top 25 ranked teams in the regular season.

In '03 they had an ever better record, then stumbled a bit in '04, then in '05 and '06 came back with 20 win seasons. In '07 the Hoosiers finished 25-8.

Just a season later, they clawed their way to six wins. That is a 19 game turnaround.

In a short amount of time the Hoosiers were coached by Bob Knight, Mike Davis, Kelvin Sampson and now Tom Crean.

What happened Hoosiers? This year you were lucky enough to win ten games (10-21.) Kelvin Sampson, you punched Hoosiers in the face and now look at them. (I am from Indiana, so I am a Hoosier, so I guess he punched me in the face too.)

Sampson racked up recruiting violations faster than you can say "Ben Affleck died in Smokin Aces."

After 550 illegal calls (dating back to his time at Oklahoma) and five rule violations at IU, Sampson was fired. There was even speculation that in December of '09, Eric Gordon raised issues of drug use stating that some players were abusing drugs and that this led to the disintegration of the team, and that Sampson tried to stop it, but did not as he was focused on winning.

I heard AT&T came up with an unlimited minutes plan just for Sampson.

"Hi welcome to AT&T, how can I help you?" AT&T representative asks.

"Yeah that new Sampson plan," Mr. Knight said. "I heard I can call any recruit, at anytime, anywhere in the country all for one low rate."

Since then, the Hoosiers have fallen on hard times. Once a tough opponent, now they are the doormats that other teams wipe their shoes on after a stepping in a puddle.

After starting 7-6 this season, they suffered from an 11-game losing streak and have relative unknowns on the roster. Their last eight losses were by 10 or more points. Leading scorer Maurice Creeks (16.4) is out for the season on an injury. That leaves two players in double figures and the rest of the team looking

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Flores pitches Eastern to first win



Senior Jena Handley helped the Colonels pick up their first win of the season, going 1-for-4 with an RBI against Evansville.

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Howes' first career home run halts losing streak

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The softball team went into Spring Break winless with a 0-10 record.

The Colonels won their first game of the 2010 season with a 6-4 victory over Evansville in the first game of the Lady Bisons Classic hosted by Lipscomb University.

Eastern took an early 2-0 lead against Evansville in the top of the first inning. Raquel Howes and Jena Handley drove in the runs to take the lead.

Evansville tied the game with two runs in the bottom half of the inning.

The Colonels regained the lead on a two-run home run by Larkyn Wood in the fourth inning. It was the first of her career. Howes drove in another run in the fifth to add to their lead.

Evansville scored two runs in the bottom of the sixth to cut the lead to 5-4.

Howes hit her first career homer in the top of the seventh as Eastern came away with their first victory.

"We are starting to use what we learned in the off season on the field," Diane Gallagher said. "We need everyone to keep stepping up."

Howes finished 3-of-4 with two runs and three RBIs in the win. Gallagher had two hits, two runs and two stolen bases for the Colonels.

Mea Flores (1-2) picked up her first win allowing two runs on seven hits in four innings of work. Stacy Toups did not give up a hit in an inning and two-thirds to pick up the save.

Eastern faced Lipscomb in the second game of the day. The Colonels went down as Lipscomb scored the first five runs of the game.

Ashley Dollins hit her second home run of the season on a two run shot in the seventh.

Softball 2010 Stats

- Four losses have been by one run
- Kristin Perry leads the team with four wins
- Have played in three extra-inning games (1-2)
- Since their 0-10 start, they have gone 5-5

The comeback fell short as Eastern lost 5-2 to a Lipscomb team that has only lost once coming into the game.

Dollins and Howes got the only two hits of the game for the Colonels.

Eastern played two more games on the next day of the tournament.

The Colonels lost to Murray State 5-4 in extra innings then fell to Evansville 6-1.

Against Murray, the game was tied after four innings. Eastern then scored in the fifth to take the lead and went into the final inning with a one run lead.

The Racers were able to take the lead with a two-run homer heading into the bottom of the seventh.

The Colonels were able to force extra innings after a Cassi Gibson single to drive in Gallagher.

The Racers were able to score the winning run on an Eastern error in the eight.

The Colonels were never really able to contest Evansville in their second meeting.

Eastern went down 4-0 after two innings and were unable to get any closer. The Colonels only run was a sacrifice by Noelani Esperas.



Raquel Howes