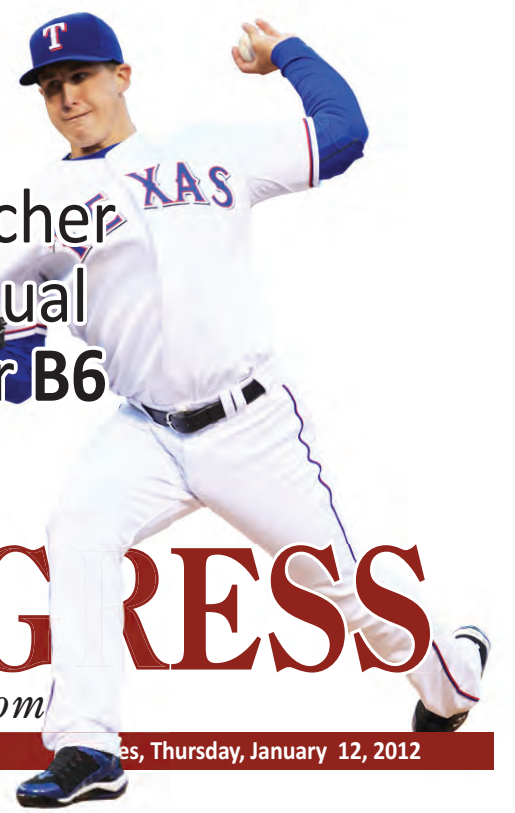




Eastern celebrates 150th anniversary of Civil War B1

World Series pitcher to speak at annual Diamond Dinner B6



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Eastern celebrates iconic birthday of MLK

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For some people, their sacrifice goes unnoticed by many. For others, their sacrifice is celebrated throughout the entire world. For Americans, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is the man many Americans are about to celebrate.

This year the main campus in Richmond and the extended campuses of Manchester and Corbin are participating in activities on and around Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Students all across Eastern's campuses understand the significance and importance of honoring him.

"He [Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.] was the biggest influential speaker of the time and he changed the future for all Americans because of his speeches and the march," said Cody Vogelwohl, 19, fire science and investigation major from Florence.

On Jan. 16, the Office of Student Affairs is sponsoring the regional Manchester and Corbin campuses to ride to Lexington to first march in Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Freedom March followed by a celebration, commemorative program and then service with the God's Food Pantry with lunch being provided for.

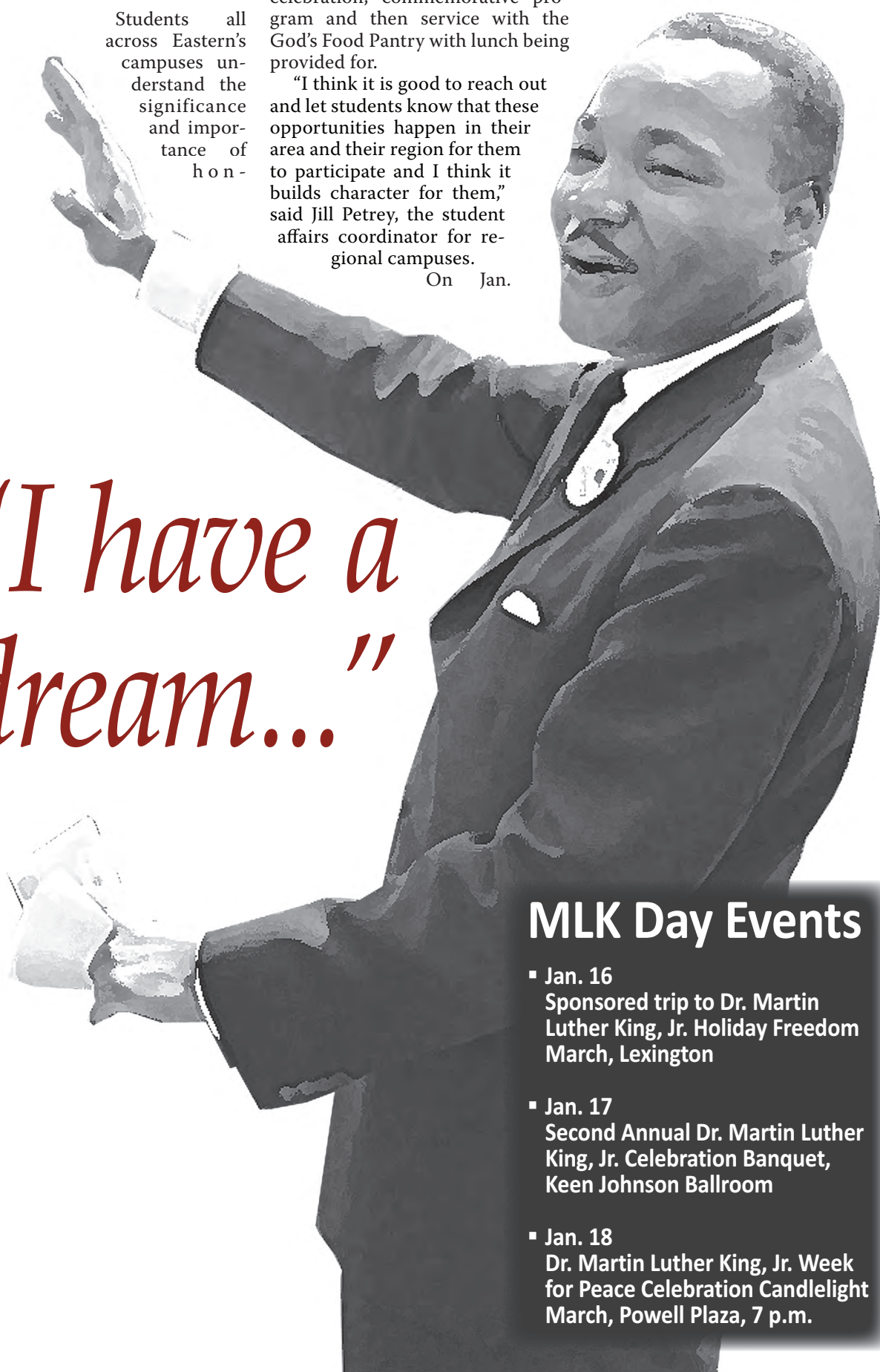
"I think it is good to reach out and let students know that these opportunities happen in their area and their region for them to participate and I think it builds character for them," said Jill Petrey, the student affairs coordinator for regional campuses.

On Jan.

17 the main campus' Student Government Association, University Diversity Office, Multicultural Student Affairs and ECU Division of Student Affairs will all be sponsoring the second annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Banquet in the Keen Johnson Ballroom. Highlights for the evening include music from the ECU Jazz Ensemble, ECU Gospel Ensemble and the

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"I have a dream..."



MLK Day Events

- Jan. 16
Sponsored trip to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Freedom March, Lexington
- Jan. 17
Second Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Banquet, Keen Johnson Ballroom
- Jan. 18
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Week for Peace Celebration Candlelight March, Powell Plaza, 7 p.m.

Tenured professor resigns after marijuana arrest

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A tenured Eastern professor in the Department of Recreation and Park Administration resigned Jan. 6 after being arrested on Jan. 5.

Larry Belnap was arrested after state police entered his home on Phelps Road in Richmond and found over eight and a half pounds of marijuana.

The rural, winding Phelps Road keeps distance between the neighbors, so much so, one neighbor had no idea an arrest was made.

"I wouldn't even know him if I saw him, maybe talked to him but once, but I had no idea," said neighbor Earl Creech. "But,

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Larry Belnap

Three fraternities suspended for hazing

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At the end of last semester, three fraternities were given suspensions by the investigation hazing committee.

Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Delta Theta and Pi Kappa Alpha were all found to be in violation of Eastern's hazing policy.

The hazing committee consists of a staff member, a faculty member and a student.

Lindsay Greenwell, associate director of Student Life, serves as exofficio, a non-voting member, on the committee.

"I serve to organize who they [the committee] would like to speak to and find the best times," Greenwell said. "I am completely objective."

Greenwell and Mike Reagle, associate vice president of Student Affairs, both confirmed all three fraternities were suspended but were unable to discuss the length or the terms of the suspensions.

But, Reagle said that any group who is found violating Eastern's hazing policy can appeal.

According to the hazing policy, a group may appeal if

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The mercury spill originated in storage room 108 in the Moore science building. While moving into the new science building, mercury was transferred.

Science buildings cleared post mercury spill

By KRISTIE HAMON
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A mercury spill was discovered in the Moore science building and new science building during the week of finals resulting in the closure of the buildings and relocation of final exams.

The spill was discovered the afternoon of Wednesday Dec. 14 in Room 108. It was later confirmed that the mercury was released from a barometer that was broken during the transfer of materials from the Moore building to the new science building.

"When they were moving the equipment from Moore to the new science building the traces of mercury went down the hallway into the elevator then to the loading dock then to the truck that they were hauling," said Asso-

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Arson suspect awaiting trial date

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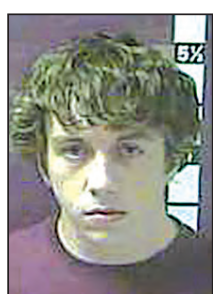
Samuel MacFarland, 19, criminal justice major from Williamsburg, has been indicted on charges brought on from a fire at Commonwealth Hall in October.

In October, MacFarland allegedly caused two bulletin boards on the 8th and 9th floors of Commonwealth Hall to catch fire, causing the building to be evacuated. The fire triggered the building's sprinkler system causing more than \$1,000 in damages. MacFarland was also arrested the

night of the fire for public intoxication.

MacFarland was released from Madison County Detention Center on a property bond in October and is scheduled to be arraigned on Jan. 12.

In December, Detective Mark McKinney with ECU Police presented the case to the



Samuel MacFarland

Madison County Grand Jury. The jury then chose to indict MacFarland with first-degree arson, first-degree wanton endangerment, first-degree criminal mischief, promoting contraband and possession of a controlled substance.

In Kentucky, arson is a Class A felony and punishable by 20 years or more in prison. Wanton endangerment and criminal mischief are Class D felonies and punishable by up to five years in prison. Promoting contraband and possession of a controlled substance are misdemeanors.

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POLICE BEAT

All information is taken from Eastern police reports.

Jan. 3

Police were dispatched to Summit Street on a report of criminal mischief to a vehicle. A female employee showed the officer where someone broke out the center of the inverted gas cap on her vehicle. She said this was the latest in a series of pranks involving her vehicle. The vehicle is a 2000 Suzuki, four-door and maroon-colored with a Kentucky license plate. The damage was estimated at \$15.

Jan. 6

Police arrested non-student Paul Thompson after a complaint had been made that a male was asking people if they "smoke marijuana." Thompson gave verbal consent to search his person and police located 7.7 grams of marijuana in Thompson's pocket. When asked if he had more

marijuana, Thompson said it was in his backpack. While searching the backpack, police located 37.1 grams of marijuana, "blade" digital scales in a plastic case and a box of sandwich bags. Police also located \$100 cash in Thompson's wallet. Thompson admitted to selling marijuana and said he was unemployed and he "needed the money." Thompson was cited for trafficking marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and was given trespass warnings to stay off campus.

Jan. 8

Police were dispatched to Combs Hall to a report of a burglary. Upon arrival, a male student reported several items were taken from his room while away on winter break. He and his residence adviser on his floor said they checked and locked all doors on Dec. 17 before leaving for break. The door did not appear to be tampered with or damaged. Stolen items include a white Macbook Pro laptop charger valued at \$75, a black iHome clock radio valued at \$100 and an estimated 200 comic books in a white cardboard box valued at \$300. None of the items have been recovered.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

'Who's Who Among American College Students' accepting applicants

Students who are graduating in spring 2012 or summer 2012 and have above a 3.0 cumulative grade point average are eligible to apply for Who's Who Among American College Students. To apply you must

submit a nomination form online by Jan. 31. For more information regarding the program or how to pick up your application, contact the Office of Student Life at 622-3855. An online account is not required to apply.

Newly renovated justice and safety library opens

On Jan. 9, the renovated Justice and Safety Library opens on the third floor of the Stratton Building. Additions to the space include 18 new desktop computers, additional electrical outlets and group stations containing multiple laptop connections. The library operates Monday – Thursday from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Library assistants and IT representatives will be available at the front desk during operating hours.

CLARIFICATION

In the Dec. 8, 2011 issue, the names of two people in article *BFA seniors showcase work in Giles Gallery* were misspelled. The correct spelling for the names is Alicia Calton instead of Alicia Carlton and Mary Tortorici instead of Mary Tortorili.

In the Dec. 1, 2011 issue, the final report of President Whitlock's evaluation in article *President evaluation survey results expected Dec. 16* was said to have been compiled on Dec. 16. This was the preliminary report. The final report has not yet been compiled.



The Colonel's Calendar

Week of Jan. 12 - Jan. 18

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p>7:30 p.m. The Wizard of Oz, EKU Center for the Arts</p> <p>8 p.m. Men's basketball game at Austin Peay</p> <p>9:30 p.m. Evacuate The Dance Floor, Palmer Hall ConneXtions event, Commonwealth 2nd floor</p>	<p>All Day Men & Women's Track & Field Invitational at University of Kentucky</p> <p>4 p.m. Getting' Back in the Groove!, Telford Hall event, Telford lobby</p>	<p>All Day Men & Women's Track & Field Invitational at University of Kentucky</p> <p>5:15 p.m. Women's basketball game at Morehead State University</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Men's basketball game at Morehead State University</p>	<p>3:30 p.m. Basketball Tournament, Keene Hall event, Weaver Gym</p> <p>6 p.m. MLK Sunday Supper, Walters Hall event, Herndon Lounge</p>	<p>8 a.m. EKU Corbin & Manchester celebrate MLK Day, Student Affairs, Lexington</p> <p>6:15 p.m. Women's basketball game at Austin Peay</p> <p>9:30 p.m. Which Celebrity Are You?, Case Hall event, Case basement</p>	<p>7 p.m. MLK Second Annual Celebration Banquet, Keen Johnson Ballroom</p> <p>8 p.m. Shopping on a College Budget, Walters Hall event, Walters Loft</p>	<p>5 p.m. Jere Sullivan's 150th Birthday Celebration, Sullivan Hall event, Sullivan Hall</p> <p>6 p.m. IFC spring recruitment kick-off event, Powell Student Center</p> <p>7 p.m. MLK Candlelight March, Powell Plaza</p>

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*Offer expires Friday, Feb 3, 2012. Drawing for prizes will take place if at least 100 people participate.

Non-trad conference to provide skills for adult students

By MEGAN COLLINS
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Eastern will host the 15th Annual National Association of Non-Traditional Students in Higher Education (ANTSHE) conference March 23 through March 25.

ANTSHE is made of international organizations of students and academic professionals who encourage and support education of adult learners.

The conference is organized for non-traditional students such as mothers, fathers or older adults wanting to go back to school after a prolonged absence. Although all members of the public are invited.

"Basically developing leadership skills and support sessions that would help non-

traditional students," said communications coordinator Debbie Vesco.

The sessions are based around the same concept of the conference such as balancing home, work, college and will discuss the best practices for serving adult learners. Networking sessions will also be held with other students and colleges.

She said the theme of the conference this year is "Refreshing your past and down-loading your future."

Vesco added about 90 percent of the attendees last year were students and about 125 people turned out.

In the EKU Outreach and Transition office, a hosting/planning committee has been put together to handle all the plans for the conference.



The conference will have two keynote speakers, Aaron Thompson, the senior vice president for Academic Affairs at the Kentucky Counsel on Postsecondary Education, and Debra Hoskins, the executive director of the EKU Center for the Arts.

On March 23 attendees can register between 1-5 p.m. and at 5:30 p.m. there will be a keynote speaker welcoming everyone

to the conference. On March 24 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. attendees will be able to choose sessions they would like to attend. Later that evening there will be a murder mystery dinner. On the last day of the conference, March 25 from 9 a.m.-12:00 a.m., the ANTSHE will award certain people with scholarships and another keynote speaker will close the conference.

The ANTSHE awards scholarships to certain members who promote leadership, campus involvement and have shown academic and personal success.

"We are very excited we were chosen to host the conference," Vesco said.

For more information about the conference go to soto.eku.edu/antshe or call Debbie Vesco at 622-7686.

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First Baptist Church of Richmond choir.

The keynote speaker for the event is Antoine Moss, author of *Learn to Intern CEO Style*, entitled *Servant Leadership: Roles and Responsibilities of Today's Youth*. Dr. Moss was recognized by AT&T as one of 28 "National Movers and Shakers" for its 28 Days of Inspiration Campaign during Black History Month.

Also at the banquet one student will be awarded the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Service Award for outstanding work and dedication in community service at Eastern. Another award, The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award, goes to one person in the community for their lifetime work and dedication to human and civil rights as well as public community service.

"To serve doesn't mean you have to have something scheduled or connect with organizations," said George Gallien, the director of the Multicultural Student Affairs. "It could be just people that you meet on an everyday basis that come and need help or to be served in some way."

Breanna Turner, 19, statics major from Heron, thinks it is important to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

"He [Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.] has had a major impact on us, so we would not be where we are today without his actions and his views on everything," Turner said.

Both of these events are free but require a RSVP. For more information on the extended campuses event, contact Jill Petrey at 859-622-2052. For more information about the Second Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Banquet, call or stop by the Multicultural Student Affairs 859-622-4373.

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"These are very serious charges," Lt. Brandon Collins said. "If he is found guilty, then the sentencing would be affixed by a recommendation by a jury and a judge to implement his final sentencing."

McFarland's indictment came as no surprise to Sarina Zimmerman, 19, an elementary education major from Lancaster, who said she expected it.

"I had seen him earlier that day and he was pretty messed up," Zimmerman said. "I knew after talking to him."

The indictment also came as no shock to Rachel Haag, 19, a psy-

chology major from Cleveland, who claims to have ran into McFarland in Commonwealth periodically.

"I was afraid if they let him come back, there would be more incidents," Haag said.

Because of McFarland's ban from campus and indictment, Haag said she feels much safer in Commonwealth this semester.

McFarland is being represented by Smith and Smith located in Corbin, who are detesting the charges.

"We just maintain that Samuel is innocent," said Brandon West, McFarland's attorney. "We don't feel enough evidence has been produced."

A trial date has not yet been set. Officials are still offering a \$1,000 reward for any information regarding the incident.

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about two months ago I was wondering about the helicopter that was circling the property, that was probably it."

Despite the arrest, Grace and Earl said they aren't too worried about the incident.

"I've got a .38 right here [on the coffee table]," said Grace. "You can't trust anybody anymore."

A tip was provided to the state police said Lt. David Jude, commander of public relations for the state police.

Before Belknap resigned, Marc Whitt, director of Public Relations, said the university had relieved him of responsibilities pending the resolution of the case.

At time of press, Belknap is due in court Jan. 11 for a trafficking charge.

"I was straight up shocked," said Erik Arnold, 24, tourism recreation major from Grant County. "He was such a professional, no idea he was into that kind of thing."

Arnold said he had several classes with Belknap.

"He taught more classes than anybody else in the department," Arnold said.

But despite his surprise at the arrest, he said he thinks Belknap's students should support the professor.

Arnold is currently asking students through Facebook to write letters explaining Belknap's character, which he hopes to give to the attorney representing him in court.

"I hope they can be presented to the judge," Arnold said. "Anything I can do to help him, I want to. Because he was always there for me."



TAYLOR PETTIT/PROGRESS

The property, located on Phelps Road in Richmond, is where state police confiscated more than eight pounds of marijuana from professor Larry Belknap. The home sits more than nine miles off state route 388 and is at the end of this driveway.

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ciate Vice President Marc Whitt.

Whitt said in a press release that it was estimated that about 10 to 12 tablespoons of mercury were spilled. Traces of mercury were found on the first floor of Moore, the northeast elevator of Moore, the loading dock of Moore, two of the moving contractors' trucks, the loading dock of the new science building and the third floor of the new science building.

Students were redirected to the library and alternate locations to complete final exams.

Whitt said people who came into contact with the mercury had to submit their shoes and clothes to be tested for contamination.

"I think we had about 40 to 50 students who came by to have their shoes and clothes tested and there was just about a handful who actually had to have their shoes disposed of," Whitt said.

Malcolm Frisbie, a professor in the Department of Biological Sciences was serv-

ing as a faculty shepherd for the new science building project.

"I was involved in terms of just kind of keeping track of what was going on and trying to communicate with people that were involved in the move, but I didn't actually have to do any of the clean up or anything like that," Frisbie said.

He said the mercury spill occurred during the mistaken transfer of barometers.

"There were four barometers that were old barometers that were not scheduled to be moved to the new building and they inadvertently got packed and into it that one of them leaked mercury out and that's what got the whole thing started," Frisbie said.

He said the buildings were closed for a week, but fortunately, his office is in the Memorial science building and he was able to access all of his belongings.

"It didn't affect me, but it did affect anybody who had an office in the Moore building and it did stop the move for a week," Frisbie said.

The new science building was deemed suitable for occupy and reopened the morning of Dec. 22 and the Moore science building was opened the evening of Dec. 22.

This week in photos

Christine Grubb, 19, nursing major from Richmond, waits to pay for her communication textbook at the Barnes and Noble Bookstore on campus. Long bookstore lines are typical for students returning to class for the spring semester.



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it feels there was an "irregularity in the proceedings, punishment inconsistent with the nature of the event, ...or information not previously available to the investigation committee."

An answer to an appeal must be decided within five school days, said Reagle. The appeals are decided by Claire Good, associate vice president and dean of students.

Lambda Chi Alpha and Phi Delta Theta members both confirmed they have filed an appeal and are waiting to hear the results.

"It's an ongoing process and we are currently appealing to an administrator," said Scott Jackson, adviser to Lambda Chi Alpha. "Not that we weren't happy with the

findings of the investigation committee, we are just looking to provide an opportunity for the undergraduates [to participate]."

Jackson said they would not be appealing the length of the suspension, but the terms and he hopes to hear a decision by the end of the week.

Phi Delta Theta President Jordan Price

confirmed they have appealed the suspension as well.

"We appealed it," Price said. "Our nationals sent a letter the Friday of finals week."

Jackson said the group was appealing the 18-month suspension and the two year probation.

Pi Kappa Alpha president Wayne Tackett

declined comment.

If the appeals are not passed, the groups can return to campus after the suspensions.

"We hope when those groups do come back we can help them," Reagle said. "We would like to say 'Hey, you maybe made a mistake the first time, what can we do to help you this time?'"

What students should know about hazing

- Hazing is defined as any action taken or situation created that intentionally causes embarrassment, harassment or ridicule; has the potential to cause harm either physically or mentally to members of an organization or team, whether new or not.

- Hazing can be difficult to put a label on. If something makes you uncomfortable, it is best to listen to that feeling and seek help. If you are being hazed, or suspect someone else is, report it.

- Students die every year from dangerous hazing practices, and many others are psychologically scarred from their experiences. To find out more about hazing, visit HazingPrevention.org, StopHazing.org and TheGordieFoundation.org.

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EKU VETS wins SVA award for military journal

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The Student Veterans of America (SVA) recently recognized EKU VETS as "Program of the Year" for *The Journal of Military Experience* produced last year.

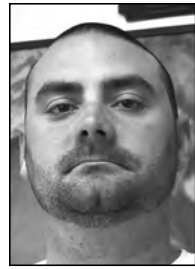
Matthew Rawlings, 29, assets protection and security major from Frankfort and vice president of EKU VETS, said SVA acts as the overarching chapter for campus veterans' chapters across the country.

"They represent us to Washington and the V.A.," Rawlings said.

Eastern's chapter was competing for the award against more than 500 other chapters nationally. They won one of three awards

the SVA gives out each year.

"I think this shows how this program [EKU VETS] has progressed since it started, and now we've won a national award," said Jared Smith, 30, police studies major from Somerset and president of the new fraternity for veterans on campus. "It's phenomenal."



Jared Smith

The Journal of Military Experience is a collection of firsthand accounts, art and poetry from both active and non-active student veterans from Eastern.

The project was started by Travis Martin, a recent Eastern alum and member of EKU VETS.

"The goal for Travis was to make a history," Rawlings said. "This is coming straight from the veterans themselves, coming straight from the military."

Rawlings said what made the journal unique was it was an account coming entirely from veterans, as opposed to coming from journalists or other observers. It also doesn't focus on any one aspect of military life, focusing on active and

non-active members alike. "You don't have to have seen combat to be a veteran," Smith said.

Martin said in an email he was ecstatic to hear the news about the award. He is also planning a summer outreach program for other veterans to share their experiences in the military.

For anyone who would like to purchase a copy of *The Journal of Military Experience*, it is currently for sale at amazon.com, Hastings in the Richmond Centre and in the Student Outreach and Transition Office, room 442 in the Student Success Building.



Machines replace pay lot attendants

By **KRISTIE HAMON**
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The Crabbe Street pay parking lot, what used to be known as the dollar lot, is now being operated by two "Pay & Display" machines instead of an attendant and will collect different fees for parking time blocks.

The lot is leased to Eastern by the city of Richmond and switched to the new pay system on Jan. 9. It now assesses drivers \$1 to park for a three hour block, \$2 for a five hour block and \$3 to park there all day.

Karen Neubauer, the executive director of budgeting financial planning and efficiency, said there are two "Pay & Display" machines: one is located near the old gate house, and one is located near a shed by the softball field at the back of the lot.

"The machines are actually more cost efficient than actually having someone at the gate taking the money," Neubauer said.

Neubauer said the "Pay & Display" machines are simple to use.

"What happens is that a vehicle will drive into the lot and find a parking space, they will then go to one of the two machines and tell the machine whether they want to do a one hour block a three hour block or an all day block," Neubauer said.

She said drivers can pay the ma-

chines with cash or a credit card and will receive a receipt with a time stamp on it for them to place on their dashboard for parking and transportation police to check.

"If you don't have a ticket displayed or your ticket is expired then you are subject to receiving a citation," said associate director of public safety Mark Jozefowicz.

Jozefowicz said the new system will eliminate a lot of congestion that used to backup onto Crabbe Street as drivers paid the attendant. Now, he said, drivers can drive into the lot and park before going to pay one of the machines.

"The biggest benefit is I think it will definitely help with the traffic flow to the lot," Jozefowicz said. "The other thing is the fact that it does give you a printed receipt that shows you exactly what time your parking expires so you know what time to check and be back at your car to avoid getting a citation."

Jozefowicz said the person who worked the lot before was a city employee, not one from Eastern.

Parking and transportation officers will patrol and enforce parking in the lot Mondays through Fridays between 7:30 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. The machines are available for use 24 hours a day for people who park there prior to 7:30 a.m.



MARLA MARRS/PROGRESS

The pay lot has had machines installed that allow customers to purchase time in 3 hours, 5 hour or all day blocks. If a time block is not purchased, tickets by parking and transportation police can be expected.

SGA looking for students who 'speak their opinions'

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The Student Government Association is currently looking to fill positions in all of its branches.

Student Senate, Student Court, Residence Life Council and Student Activities Council have open positions available and are looking for eligible student applicants.



Matt White

Matthew White, executive vice president of SGA, said the student senate branch is looking to fill 10 senator spots and two spots specifically for those in the College of Education.

"We've had a couple of senators leave for personal reasons," White said. "A couple others have been removed for attendance and some are completing internships."

White said student senate is also looking for someone who is able to understand the SGA policies quickly.



Nick Brock

"We're looking for someone willing and not afraid to voice the opinion of the student body," White said.

Those looking to apply for Student Senate are expected to attend committee meetings along with the branch's regular Tuesday meetings. They would also be provided the opportunity to work on projects, policy issues and funding issues.

"It's a great way to get involved with the university," White said. "It's an outstanding

networking opportunity. And it's a good resume builder."

Alexandra Sipes, SGA Student Court chief justice, said four justice positions have recently opened up because two have graduated and two have resigned.

"We're looking for people who speak their opinions and want to know more about law and ethics," Sipes said. "We like people who disagree."

Once Student Court selects a student applicant, they must meet with student body President Rachel Molozzi and Student Senate. Once both approve, the student can choose to stay until they graduate or resign.

Sipes said Student Court provides the opportunity to work your way up in student government.

Student Court is looking to fill all of their positions by this Friday, but will still continue to accept applications.

Nicholas Brock, vice president of the Student Activities Council, said they are looking to fill approximately 10 positions.

As voting members on SAC, students are required to vote on certain pieces of legislation, attend weekly SAC meetings, weekly committee meetings and work events.

Brock said applicants should also "represent who students want to bring to campus for entertainment."

"We're looking for people with diverse opinions, people who are hard working with leadership potential and people who want to have fun," Brock said.

A few positions remain open in Residence Life Council, as well. Interested applicants should pick up applications in the SGA office.

Part 14 in a series on campus life

Justice and Safety thrives despite 'wild' environment

By **STEPHANIE COLLINS**
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On the 10th, 11th and 13th floors of Keene Hall resides the Justice and Safety Living and Learning Community [LLC], one of 15 communities on campus designed to house students with similar majors and interests together.

With nearly 35 females on the 10th floor and 73 males among the 11th and 13th floors, it is one of the largest LLC's on Eastern's campus.

"We need three floors for this living and learning community," said Nickole Hale, associate director of academic initiatives. "It stays full because EKU is one of the premier justice and safety schools in the country."

The majority of the students living in the community are studying in the College of Justice and Safety, but Hale said it is also open to undeclared students interested in the field, and like all LLC's, is focused on improving the quality of education for like-minded students.

"Every LLC is different, but students who have a common goal can create a bond that helps them feel connected to their floor and the university," Hale said. "Students that feel connected are more likely to continue on to graduation."

Hale added that students in LLC's tend to have higher GPA's than other students, which is likely a result of studying with peers.

For instance, when fire and safety stu-

dents are preparing for a strenuous upcoming exam, they sometimes do drills in uniform; a fun and beneficial way for them to remember material, Hale said.

Casey Stults agreed studying with his peers is one of the greatest perks to living in a LLC. As a senior, Stults, 22, general studies major in justice and safety from New Castle, Ind., is often called upon for help by younger students in his hall.

"Teaching other people helps you re-learn," he said. "I feel I am able to refresh on earlier material by going over it with younger students."

Keene Hall has a long established reputation of being noisy and wild, and because of that, Stults said he has heard from friends in his major that they would never live there.

But Stults said Keene has been one of his favorite dorms to live in and he loves living with people who share his major.

"We've seen the same things," he said. "I've lost a little sleep, but it was worth it."



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Seth Littrell, editor

CAMPUS COMMENTS

"Textbooks"

All Campus Comments are anonymous.

- I think that they are too expensive and the ones that we do buy, we don't use.
- I think they are overpriced, and the school doesn't give you enough money back for them.
- A little overpriced. I mean you could get them at Amazon like for half of the price.
- Overpriced.
- They are too expensive.
- They are too heavy, we don't learn anything from them, and they are too expensive.
- Go buy them online, they are much cheaper.
- I feel like most places don't use them that much.
- I think that textbook prices are ridiculous, and I think we shouldn't have to pay that much.
- Textbooks are extremely expensive, and they are a hassle to get because of the long line and the service.
- They are expensive.
- I buy them from anywhere other than the bookstore.
- I am really fed up with all of these new editions making the books more and more expensive.
- I think the textbooks are ridiculously expensive, and when you sell them back, you really don't get much of a value from it.
- They cost way too much on campus.
- They cost way too much on campus and get them off campus.
- I'm on a book scholarship, so it's not really a big deal for me.
- Just that I think they are priced a little high.
- I think they charge us too much for them at the beginning of the semester and when it is time to turn them in, we don't get what amount of money that we paid for them at the beginning, so I think it is a rip off.

Compiled by Elise Svoboda

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Speak out proud

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Recently the results of President Whitlock's evaluation were released. He was rated an "effective leader," and for the most part he received very positive reviews.

And we at *The Progress* think that is great, but we noticed something that we found a little troubling when the number of people who took the survey was announced.

Less than 500 people participated in the survey giving a positive or negative review of the school's president. Only 211 of those were students, the rest were faculty and staff. So out of the students at this school, only a few more than 200 thought it was worth the effort to rate the head of the university.

Recently SGA offered a survey for students to gauge what they like and dislike about campus life and what they would

like to see happen in the future. Only 641 students participated in the survey.

Eastern students, like anyone else, complain about the problems they are faced with in their environment. But there is a difference between complaining and trying to make your voice heard. Important surveys such as these are a great and easy way for students to actively work to make their school a better place. But with all the problems students like to bring up, why do so few try to speak up when they can make a difference?

It's very easy to complain about problems when there doesn't seem to be anything you can do about them, and it seems some people have become so used to this that they slip into a state of blissful ignorance when the time comes to take action.

The surveys are just examples of easy

ways to make your voice heard that aren't properly taken advantage of. If students believe something on campus needs to change, they should take action to make those changes happen. Form activist groups with like-minded people, spread the word about what needs to change. But please, don't complain if you aren't going to follow it up with action.

Complaining without taking action will never change anything. Eastern students have great ideas. College students are the future of creative thinking and the way they perceive and deal with problems will have an affect on society in the future, but the work for the future needs to start in the present. Don't put off working to change the way things are simply because you haven't graduated yet. Take the initiative and make your voice heard.

Spring semester brings new features to readers



My Turn:
Taylor Pettit

Dear readers,
Welcome back and welcome to a new year.

Let us hope 2012 is a year full of success and celebration. And as we do every year, let us all hope for one thing – growth.

Grow into the person you imagine yourself to be. Grow with your education as a better student and your relationships as a better friend. Grow with your goals

and with your future.

The Eastern Progress is also taking this fresh start of 2012 to grow a little.

It is almost common place to assume that newspapers are dead and with it comes the death of journalism.

But that is not the case. Newspapers and the reporting process are changing and going through an evolution.

As future journalists, we at *The Progress* would be sadly neglecting this fact if we did not push ourselves in the same direction.

This semester we are hoping to provide you with frequent and relevant updates on Twitter (@easternprogress) and Facebook (friend or like us – Eastern Progress). We also hope you will check out a new series of blogs in the coming weeks, available at

www.easternprogress.com, that will cover an array of topics. Also, please continue to join the conversation on the website.

But, most importantly, in our new digital age it is not only reporters who report the news – it is you.

We hope to embrace this. Get in touch with us by Twitter, Facebook, email or stop by our office on the third floor of Combs Building. Stop by a staff meeting 9 p.m. Wednesdays in the office to join *The Progress* staff.

So, we ask you, what's the news in your life?

Cheers,
Taylor Pettit
Editor-in-Chief

>Letters to the editor

Student petitions for return of sudoku in *The Progress*

Dear Editor,

I am writing to request the return of Sudoku puzzles to the pages of *The Progress*. Having enjoyed and despised several puzzles last spring, I have since felt a hole in my study times at the library without Sudoku to give a much-needed break from studying. Although challenging at times, I find myself able to think more clearly after this sabbatical and focusing on the task at hand is much easier.

Brain Age has posted several results of several studies and each shows the importance of frontal lobe stimulation and "mental workouts," and increased frontal lobe stimulation improves our overall brain and mental health. People who choose to participate in regular problem solving exercises, memory challenges and

simple remedial math (of course this is outside of the classroom and what is expected of us students) have been shown to have better mental fitness than those who do not partake in any frontal lobe stimulating activities. Our brains, even though they are organs and not muscles, need to be conditioned.

Like physical exercise, "trained" brains can become stronger and faster just like muscles. So what? We should all take personal responsibility for our fitness both physical and mental, why should the Progress include Sudoku puzzles? As students, and most definitely as faculty, we have all been exposed to the concept of critical thinking.

In the *Miniature Guide to Critical Thinking Concepts and Tools*, the authors Dr. Paul and Dr. Elder define critical thinking as, "the art of analyzing and evaluating

thinking with a view to improving it," how can one think critically without thinking? Sudoku and other problem solving puzzles increase our capacity to think and therefore our ability to think critically.

Eastern is dedicated to helping and encouraging students to think critically, then the school paper should give some tools to do so, not that the Progress is doing anything wrong. I encourage all to read the Progress whenever it comes out.

As with our classes and professors, we as students acquire tools and are equipped for what is next in life. What we do with those tools is our choice. For more information check out brainage.com.

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Local activist fights against homelessness stigma

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Every student has a story that explains how they ended up here at Eastern. Some are short, some are long, some are interesting and some are more or less average.

The story of Caroline Curry is an outlier. From a short conversation with her you would never expect she was physically and sexually abused as a child or that she spent a large portion of her life homeless. And you would never guess how she spends her time outside of the classroom.

Curry, 43, sociology major from Madison, Ind. has dedicated her life to raising awareness of the homeless population. After taking her first sociology course, she said things just "made sense." Homeless people often get marginalized and cast

on the shadows of society, said Curry.

In an effort to shed some light on the real causes of homelessness, Curry has published a book, *Snow White/Token Black: Volume One: Recollections*, which highlights her time on the streets and the events that led to these trials. The purpose of the publication is to comfort other victims and families through the power of unity. This mentality is present in her personal mission statement, which is to "make a difference one life at a time in order to promote a positive social change."

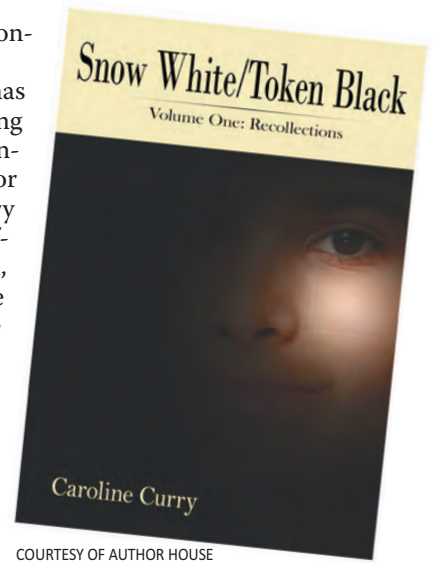
"Each one of these individuals have a personal story that made them what they are today," Curry said.

Understanding these stories is an integral part of her work. In order to undo the negative stigma, she believes "we have to change our way of thinking in order to change the way that we serve those

on the streets," and she definitely contributes her fair share of service.

For the last seven years, Curry has practiced direct activism to serving the group she feels so intimately connected with. Instead of working for a shelter or donating money, Curry takes a less conventional route. After doing extensive field research, she has identified key areas where large amounts of homeless people tend to congregate. On weekends she delivers boxes, donated by anonymous sources, filled to the brim with sandwiches, cookies, bottled water, clothes and various

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COURTESY OF AUTHOR HOUSE

Writer looks ahead to new year



Over winter break, I heard a line from a movie that I thought was pretty perceptive.

"The world is made for people who aren't cursed with self-awareness."

It's a great quote and absolutely true, but unfortunately for me, I am definitely not one of those people.

In fact, I believe I was born with a hyperactive sense of self. I am cripplingly conscious of everything I say and do, and both are subjected to immediate evaluation from my harshest critic: my mind. I know my strengths and my flaws, but I'm mentally incapable of properly crediting the positives as I harp on negatives.

Simply put, I'm the bully I never had growing up.

So every time Jan. 1 rolls around, while others are deciding on areas in need of improvement and setting a few New Years resolutions, I am subjecting myself to another beat down. For me, it is never just self-assessment; it is self-crucifixion. And the worse the previous year was, the thicker the nails.

And sadly, last year was one of those bottoming-out years for this writer. I saw broken hearts, broken dreams, loss of friends and family and stress like I had never seen before. I end-

ed the year dejected and rejected, feeling as if a giant eraser had been swiped back and forth across any future I had foreseen.

Yeah, yeah, woe is me, right? Don't worry; I soon felt the same way.

I eventually ended my song on the world's smallest violin and canceled my pity party by the time January came around. With a sense of rejuvenation only a new year can provide, I set out to rebound from the depths of the sad-sackery I had fallen with the help of some resolutions.

As usual for me, the list was a mile long, with both changes big and small, meaningful and trite. I think by the time the pen left the paper, I had written down thirty-some resolutions. And yes, friends laugh and mock it, but I honestly believe in my ability to follow through and change. I guess I have to believe it. After all, isn't hope and faith what each new year is all about?

So, in addition to the typical specific fitness and financial ones, I also decided on a few broader life-philosophy resolutions I plan on fulfilling this year. In an effort to force myself to follow through- print makes it more binding-I'll list a couple below. And if you notice me breaking any of them around campus, keep me honest and smack me with this newspaper.

This year, I will let go of my need to control things that I can't.

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Eastern celebrates 150 anniversary of Civil War

By ADAM TURNER
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There are few events in American history that can compare with the magnitude and power of the Civil War. It was undeniably a horrific, bloody war, the deadliest in the history of the U.S., but it was also a momentous and important experience that forever changed our nation.

Last year marked the beginning of a nationwide observance of the sesquicentennial, or the 150th anniversary, of the war. And this year, ECU will join in the commemoration with "Shadows of Blue and Gray: The Civil War in Kentucky," the upcoming yearlong remembrance of this significant period of U.S. history.

Headed by professor Tom Appleton, "Shadows of Blue and Gray" will offer students, faculty, and the local community the chance to take part in a number of events and courses tailored specifically toward the Civil War.

"I've worked with departments all across campus in putting together programs, events, and special courses that'll be offered next year," Appleton said.

Appleton, a history professor with a special interest in Kentucky and 20th century American history, explained the reason this program is just now starting for our school.

"We picked this year because the pivotal year for Kentucky was the year 1862, and so 150 years from



"Shadows of Blue and Gray: The Civil War in Kentucky" will involve several events including reenactments such as this one from August 2011 at the Battle of Richmond.

1862 will be 2012," Appleton said. "1862 was not only the Battle of Richmond, it was also the Battle of Perryville in Kentucky in October of 1862, and that battle really was decisive. It settled the question of is Kentucky going to remain in the Union or is there a possibility it will secede and join the Confederacy?"

Many believed Kentucky, one of the border states, to be a crucial asset in ultimately winning the war. In fact, President Lincoln himself was once quoted as saying "I hope to have God on my side, but I must have Kentucky."

"It's interesting because Lincoln and Jefferson Davis, the two leaders, were both native born Kentuckians, and at the time of our nation's greatest crisis, their respective countries turned to a native Kentuckian for leadership," Appleton said. "Much has been made of the fact that Lincoln and Davis were born within a hundred miles of each other, just a year apart."

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Spring Shows Preview

January

- Thu. 12 **Wizard of Oz**
Richmond
EKU Center for the Arts
- Fri. 13 **The Civil Wars**
Louisville
The Kentucky CPA
- Thu. 19 **Corey Smith**
Cincinnati
Bogart's
- Thu. 19 **Cirque D'or**
Richmond
EKU Center for the Arts
- Fri. 20 **Miranda Lambert w/ Chris Young**
Lexington
Rupp Arena
- Sat. 21 **Dayglo**
Louisville
Broadbent Arena
- Thu. 26 **Railroad Earth**
Lexington
Buster's
- Sat. 28 **Jane Monheit**
Richmond
EKU Center for the Arts
- Mon. 30 **Ryan Adams w/ Jason Isbell**
Louisville
Louisville Palace
- Mon. 30 **Old 97's**
Cincinnati
20th Century Theatre

February

- Fri. 3 **Monty Python's Spamalot**
Richmond
EKU Center for the Arts
- Thu. 9 **Drive-By Truckers**
Louisville
Headliners Music Hall
- Thu. 9 **Trey Songz w/ Big Sean**
Louisville
Louisville Palace
- Tues. 14 **Garrison Keillor**
Richmond
EKU Center for the Arts
- Wed. 15 **Umpfrey's McGee**
Lexington
Buster's
- Sat. 18 **Celtic Crossroads**
Richmond
EKU Center for the Arts
- Sat. 18 **Van Halen**
Louisville
KFC Yum! Center
- Wed. 22 **Drake**
Lexington
Rupp Arena
- Sat. 25 **Foreigner**
Cincinnati
Taft Theatre
- Sat. 25 **Wynton Marsalis and the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra**
Richmond
EKU Center for the Arts

March

- Thu. 1 **Chris Botti**
Richmond
EKU Center for the Arts
- Fri. 2 **The Black Keys w/ Arctic Monkeys**
Cincinnati
US Bank Arena
- Sat. 3 **Brad Paisley w/ The Band Perry**
Lexington
Rupp Arena
- Sat. 3 **Jimmy Buffett**
Louisville
KFC Yum! Center
- Fri. 9 **Lucero**
Louisville
Headliners Music Hall
- Sat. 10 **Winter Jam 2012 feat. Skillet**
Lexington
Rupp Arena
- Sun. 18 **Mythbusters**
Louisville
Louisville Palace
- Tues. 20 **Trans-Siberian Orchestra - Beethoven's Last Night**
Lexington
Rupp Arena
- Fri. 30 **UK Symphony Orchestra and the Lexington Singers**
Richmond
EKU Center for the Arts

Writer names top 15 upcoming albums

By JABRIL POWER
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2012 is set to be a pretty exciting year for music, especially rap. Here are my top 15 picks for albums to look out for in the upcoming year.

15. Dr. Dre – *Detox*

Something tells me that this 12-year-old incomplete project still won't be released this year by legendary hip hop producer Dr. Dre, though me and other hip hop fans are going to pray it will. But Dre has been teasing us with bits and pieces of this album for years.

14. Asher Roth – *Is This Too Orange?*

This white rapper with his original swagger, sometimes influenced by *The Big Lebowski* and an interesting word-play that is fun and exciting should be releasing his sophomore album this year. This is definitely something to look forward to. Asher Roth is certainly not a guy to let go under your radar.

13. Busta Rhymes – *ELE 2: The End of the World*

The first ELE by Busta Rhymes came out in 1998 with every album before that counting down to the end of the world (the year 2000). ELE is a Busta Rhymes classic and with its shocking apocalyptic themes and influential rhyme scheme, the next album in the series has big shoes to fill.

12. MF DOOM/Ghostface Killah – *Swift and Changeable*

We don't have much information about this one but apparently MF DOOM tweeted about it...hip hop fans should surely keep their eyes and ears open for possibly one of the best albums of this year.

11. Nas/Common – *Nas. Com*

Common put out an amazing album last year and got into some beef with platinum rapper Drake. While hip hop legend NAS was crowned "Greatest Rapper/Emcee of all time" by *According 2 HipHop* and put out the video for the song "Nasty" which Rap Genius named Song of the Year. Let's just say that 2012 is a great year for these two guys to put out a *Watch The Throne* of their own.

10. Black Star – *Untitled*

Rapper Yasiin Bey (aka Mos Def) and Talib Kweli are more than overdue for their sophomore collaboration. Their first album came out in 1998 and personally: it changed my life. This will be quite a treat for 2012.

9. Nas – *Life is good*

Nas has really been making some moves over the year 2011. His last album, *Untitled*, was a great piece of work that battled corruption and racism in America and was his most controversial album to date. If Nas puts out his solo album and his collaboration album with Common in the same year, it might just be Christmas all year for hip hop fans.

8. Jay-Z – *Untitled*

With a new baby, Blue Ivy Carter, and enormous attention from *Watch The Throne*, all eyes are on Jay-Z right now. He has already put out a song featuring the baby Blue on a song entitled "Glory." Could this be on the upcoming Jay-Z album? Guess we'll wait and see.

7. Jay-Z/Kanye West – *Watch The Throne 2*

Boasting their way to number seven, Jay-Z and Kanye

have hinted at a second album possibly coming out this year from the two megastars. A sequel so soon will be quite a sight. Will this one be hyped even more than the last?

6. Tyler The Creator – *Wolf*

Tyler says he has new things and a new sound in store for fans this year. He says he's growing as an artist and has different things to talk about now. He leads us to believe that his next project, *Wolf*, will have more jazz influences like BADBADNOTGOOD and will be a completely different work from his debut, *Goblin*. To see this young artist at work, develop and grow is going to be something to remember this 2012.

5. Earl Sweatshirt (OFWGKTA) – *Untitled*

With Tyler, Syd the Kid, Hodgy Beats and Left Brain all with studio releases this might be the time for Earl to come out of hiding. People have been chanting "FREE EARL" long enough and because of it, Earl might just be on the 2012 freshman class presented by XXL magazine. The fans can smell another OFWGKTA victory on the rise.

4. OutKast – *Untitled*

It's been a long time since we've heard Big Boi and artist Andre 3000 on a song together, though Big Boi already put out a successful solo album in 2010 and Andre 3000 was featured on some of the biggest hip hop albums of 2011. (*Take Care*, *The Carter IV*, *TM103: Hustlerz Ambition*) They've hinted for years that after some solo albums were released they would reunite. So maybe we'll get an Andre 3000 album and an Outkast album this year. One can only hope.

3. Andre 3000 – *Untitled*

With all the features lately, it's appropriate to assume

Andre is trying to build even more hype for his solo debut. He is now more active than ever and fans could never be hungrier for a *Love Below part 2*.

2. Jay Electronica – *Patents of Nobility Part 2*

As Rap Genius said, "if this isn't great, we're all Screwed." The mysterious Jay Electronica, like Andre 3000, over the years will drop a track here and there, teasing at a new album without actually delivering one. Well now Jay Electronica is signed to RocNation and while J.Cole already put out his debut, Jay Electronica is getting even more buzz with his 2011 single "Call of Duty." Now that the release date of 2012 is here, let's hope Jay Electronica, the rap enigma, delivers the hip-hop album of the year.

1. D'angelo – *James Rivers*

This man, with only 2 albums under his belt is widely regarded as one of the most influential men in neo soul and has been dubbed the "R&B Jesus." The third album has been in production almost as long as *The Detox*, with songs inspired from personal drug and alcohol problems along with tours and albums just not being materialized. Though this year, what seems to be an incomplete song cover by the D'angelo himself has leaked onto the web. Fans question if it is really him or not. I personally believe it is and I hope this album comes into existence before everyone loses interest. It would completely change expectations for other R&B and soul artists if delivered as expected, raising the bar to tremendous heights. Please come back D'angelo.



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Top Games of 2012

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After such an impressive year for gaming last year, it's to be expected that 2012 may lack some in comparison. Based off early speculation and rumors, 2012 will be dominated by newer consoles from Nintendo, Sony and Microsoft rather than any particular game. However, there is still a good amount of exciting games across all consoles that any avid gamer should know about. And if none of them happen to tickle your fancy, then take solace in the fact that you have *Skyrim*. You know you're still playing it.

Bioshock: Infinite: This follow-up to 2010's *Bioshock 2* isn't a direct sequel or prequel, but instead involves a brand new story in a different setting: a city in the clouds called Columbia. Expect more thrills and plenty of critical acclaim when it's released sometime this year.

GTA V: Thanks to its much-discussed new trailer, the *Grand Theft Auto* series is back on the gaming world's radar. Though an official release date has yet to be announced, *GTA V* should once again shake up the industry with innovative open world gameplay (this time back in San Andreas) and complex, compelling storytelling.



COURTESY OF ROCKSTAR

Halo 4: Master Chief is back! After a two game hiatus (*Halo: ODST* and *Halo Reach* featured different characters and settings), Chief is making his return to the 360. This is the first in the series to be made without Bungie and is planned as the start of a new trilogy. Fans will be eagerly waiting to see if 343 Industries can develop a game that lives up to its predecessors' legacy this holiday season.

Mass Effect 3: Set to wrap up the epic, award-winning sci-fi series is *Mass Effect 3*. Developer BioWare has announced four player co-op and Kinect support in addition to its already near flawless open world exploration and action RPG elements. Prepare to board the Normandy one last time this March.

Twisted Metal: The classic, old-school car combat series returns to the PS3 this February with *Twisted Metal*. Old favorites such as Sweet Tooth and The Preacher are set to appear in the infamous Twisted Metal Tournament. Multiplayer enthusiasts rejoice.

South Park: The Game: The controversial cartoon is making its way to gaming consoles in 2012. This is the first game based off the popular series to have direct creative input from creators Matt Stone and Trey Parker, so you can look forward to some big laughs worthy of the show in this turn-based, fantasy RPG.

Metal Gear Rising: Revengeance: This title has been stuck in development hell for years now, which is normally a death sentence to any title. It should be interesting to see if new developer Platinum Games can handle the swordfighting, slice-and-dice gameplay. However, it is now considered by Konami as a "spin-off" title; Not exactly a vote of confidence.

Borderlands 2: The sequel to the unexpectedly popular cel-shaded, RPG/first-person shooter *Borderlands* is set to come out this summer. It'll feature new characters and more multiplayer fun.

Street Fighter X Tekken: When worlds collide, great things can happen. Expect the best from this upcoming crossover fighter featuring characters from the world of Tekken invading the Street Fighter universe.

The Last of Us: Little is known about Naughty Dogs' latest creation, except that it is a third person survival horror game and it is being made by Naughty Dog. The latter should be enough reason to get you excited.



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The Most Anticipated Films of 2012

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2011 was no slouch when it came to noteworthy movies.

But any cinephile worth his bucket of popcorn has long known and patiently awaited the true greatness lying in the year ahead. The sheer number of buzz-worthy films scheduled to be released in 2012 is astonishing. In fact, if it doesn't get overshadowed by a certain fiery apocalypse come late December 2012 may honestly be remembered as one of those classic years in movie history, ranking next to 1939 (with *The Wizard of Oz*, *Gone With the Wind*, and so on) and 1994 (with *Shawshank Redemption*, *Pulp Fiction*, etc.).

Like any year of film, certain trends will likely dominate the industry. Here are a few of those trends to help sort through the vast amount of movies, some promising, some puzzling, coming out in 2012.

Reimagined Fairy Tales

Hits like ABC's *Once Upon a Time* and other contemporary "adult" twists on classic stories have become all the rage it seems. Expect several films to follow suit in 2012, including *Jack the Giant Killer*, *Hansel and Gretel: Witch Hunters*, and not one, but two Snow White films, *Mirror Mirror* and *Snow White and the Huntsman*. Perhaps most intriguing is the film adaptation of the popular novel *Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter* due in late June.

3D Conversions

Like it or not, Hollywood and the rest of the entertainment world has fully embraced the third dimension. And after seeing the crazy success of last year's rerelease experiment, *The Lion King 3D*, expect more older films to be finding their way back to theaters packaged with those goofy black glasses. Though more are certain to be announced, four high profile films are already set for this conversion next year: *Titanic*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Finding Nemo*, and *Star Wars Episode I: The Phantom Menace*.

Sequels, Prequels, Remakes, and Re-dos

Here is one trend that has been around for years and is going nowhere soon. It is not that there are no more original ideas in Hollywood; it is simply that companies are less willing to risk money on a new concept when they can bank on an established brand much more confidently. This is not always a bad thing. For many, including myself, the success of the year hinges largely on the quality of two insanely hyped sequels: *The Dark Knight Rises* and *The Avengers*. For better or worse, however, 2012 will be overrun by a heap of these follow-ups. Ready? Deep breath...and go: *The Bourne Leg-*



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acy, *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey*, *Men in Black III*, *Breaking Dawn - Part II*, *Total Recall*, *The Amazing Spider-Man*, *Red Dawn*, *Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance*, *007 Skyfall*, *The Expendables 2*, *G.I. Joe: Retaliation*, *Taken 2*, *Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted*, *Dark Shadows* and *Ice Age: Continental Drift*. Phew.

Raunchy Comedies

As always, you can count on the usual lot of R-rated knee-slappers to come to a theater near you this year. Some, like mentioned above, are part of established franchises: *American Reunion*, *Tim and Eric's Billion Dollar Movie*, *21 Jump Street* and *The Three Stooges*. Some are spearheaded by a big name, such as Seth MacFarlane's debut *Ted*, Will

Ferrell's *Dog Fight* and *Casa de Mi Padre* and Sacha Baron Cohen's *The Dictator*. The three to look out for, however, are from the current king of comedy, Judd Apatow: *This is Forty*, a spin-off of *Knocked Up* starring Paul Rudd and Leslie Mann; *The 5-Year Engagement*, starring co-writer Jason Segel and Emily Blunt; and *Wanderlust*, starring Paul Rudd and Jennifer Aniston. Or for a different brand of (unintentional) comedy, the upcoming big screen adaptation of the popular board game *Battleship* may do the trick.

The Buzz Worthy

In addition to the previously mentioned titles, these final movies don't necessarily fit neatly into any of the above categories, but nonetheless deserve mention. Some should make for great summer fun, and many will likely be seen come Oscar season in 2013:

The Great Gatsby, an adaptation of the classic F. Scott Fitzgerald novel, starring Leonardo DiCaprio, Tobey Maguire, and Carey Mulligan.

World War Z, an adaptation of the post-apocalyptic zombie novel, starring Brad Pitt and Bryan Cranston.

Lincoln, Spielberg's take on the weeks preceding the president's death, starring Daniel Day-Lewis, Sally Fields and virtually every prestigious character actor of the last decade.

Django Unchained, Tarantino's American South/slavery revenge tale, starring Jamie Foxx, Leonardo DiCaprio and, of course, Samuel L. Jackson.

Gangster Squad, a crime drama set in the 40s/50s from *Zombieland* director Ruben Fleischer, starring Ryan Gosling, Emma Stone and Sean Penn.

Hyde Park on Hudson, a story of the love affair between President FDR and his distant cousin, starring Bill Murray and Laura Linney.

Nero Fiddled, Woody Allen's Rome-centered romantic comedy, starring himself and Jesse Eisenberg.

Les Misérables, the adaptation of the popular musical, starring Hugh Jackman, Russell Crowe and Anne Hathaway.

Moonrise Kingdom, Wes Anderson's quirky period piece, starring Bruce Willis, Bill Murray and Edward Norton.

Argo, Ben Affleck's drama about the 1979 Iran hostage crisis, starring himself and Bryan Cranston.

Rock of Ages, an adaptation of the rock 'n' roll musical, starring Tom Cruise and Alec Baldwin.

Gravity, a science fiction thriller about stranded astronauts, starring George Clooney and Sandra Bullock.

Prometheus, Ridley Scott's mysterious "prequel" to *Alien*, starring Michael Fassbender and Guy Pearce

The Hunger Games, the adaptation of the popular science fiction novel, starring Jennifer Lawrence and Woody Harrelson.

CIVIL WAR

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Historians have often taken this strange coincidence and turned it into an intriguing question, Appleton said.

"It's where these what-if questions historians like to speculate [arise]," Appleton said. "Of course Lincoln and his family moved north. Davis and his family moved south. What if it had been the reverse? What would have happened if Davis had moved north and Lincoln had moved south? Had a Civil War come, and had the Union been deprived of the leadership of Abraham Lincoln, might the outcome have been different?"

The Civil War, particularly in the border states, is often noted for the way it divided not only the country, but even individual families in two.

"There was the politician John J. Crittenden who was a long time Senator from Kentucky. He had one son who went and became a major general in the Union army, the other son went and became a major general in the Confederate army," Appleton said. "There literally within the same family that happened. In fact, that was one title we considered for this, 'The Brothers War,' because literally in Kentucky it was a brothers war."

Though more will be announced as the year goes on, starting next semester, a number of events will take place to honor the war. According to Appleton, these will include two Chautauqua lectures, a special course in the history department, statewide reenactments and an exhibit in the Giles Gallery titled "Reverberations of the Civil War."

"We really want to get the community involved in it, so of course the community will be able to attend all of our public events free of charge," Appleton said.

In addition, the philosophy department plans to offer an Oxford style debate regarding some controversial issue pertaining to the war.

"They're considering such possible topics for the debate as 'Should the Confederate flag be displayed?' 'Should we have slave reparations?' That sort of thing."

Ultimately, Appleton said he believes this war still holds a very important place in our world and has a lot to teach us.

"The Civil War is considered to be the defining event in American history," Appleton said. "You often hear that war doesn't settle anything. Well, in the case of the Civil War, it did settle the question of slavery in the United States. But little was done to help the freed people make that transition from slavery into freedom, and we're still living with the consequences of that today."

HOMELESS

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other necessities directly to the populations that need it the most.

After handing out food and water, Curry spends the majority of her time trading stories with the often completely ignored individuals. She does more than just voice her stories, though. Curry wants to break the silence and negative perception that has been placed upon the homeless.

"I have decided to become the voice of many," Curry said. "They're automatically doing something against the law, even if they're doing nothing at all."

The most common stereotype seems to be that these are "lazy drunks," said Curry,

unwilling to help themselves and abusing the system. From her experience, however, most of the issues stem from domestic abuse issues.

"I have not once heard that they wanted a handout," Curry said. "Most of the time they don't get a handout."

Planning to release nine more volumes of her book, Curry intends to continue the fight against hunger and homelessness. The first volume is currently available for purchase through Curry herself, who spends a large chunk of her time studying diligently in the Student Sociology Lab. Two more volumes of the book are expected to release in March. Until then she will continue her unique form of activism.

"As long as I can keep the donations going, I'll be right here," Curry said.

NEW YEAR

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This year, I will be a "yes man" and embrace new opportunities.

And finally, this year I will go a bit easi-

er on myself and stay positive. Because even though I'm hard on myself, I know I'm not such a bad guy. Maybe I'll even ease up and grow comfortable in my own skin.

Who knows? It is a new year, after all. Time for a fresh start. Make it a great one, friends.

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World Series star pitcher to speak at Eastern's 11th annual Diamond Dinner

By STAFF REPORTS
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It's a rarity to see Albert Pujols not get a hit. Baseball's megastar, Pujols, was voted by ESPN.com as the greatest baseball player in the last decade and just recently signed a \$254 million contract.

But on Oct. 23, in game four of the 2011 World Series between the St. Louis Cardinals and Texas Rangers, The Machine was simply broke, going 0-4 at the plate.

All thanks to Rangers' pitcher, Dereck Holland, who struck out seven and only allowed two hits in eight and one third innings, his team tied the series 2-2 with the Cardinals.

"I just wanted to show him my 'A' game," Holland told ESPN.com after the game.

And now, Eastern's fourth year head baseball coach Jason Stein, is hoping his team can learn from the World Series star, as Holland will speak at the Colonel's 11th annual Diamond Dinner on Jan. 29, just a week before the team opens up its 2012 campaign.

"Although he was just on the biggest stage in the baseball world, we are excited to welcome Derek to

our humble stage, and we look forward to having a World Series star speak to our players at our season-opening event," Stein said in a press release.

For the last 10 years, the Eastern Baseball Diamond Dinner has kicked off the Colonels' season.

Last year, the program's All-Century Team was unveiled and former Colonel All-American Josh Anderson was the guest speaker. In 2009, it was former Colonel and veteran Major League Baseball umpire Sam Holbrook.

This year, Stein hopes Holland's message will resonate with his team.

"The Diamond Dinner is an annual tradition that recognizes our team, it recognizes the start of the baseball season and, this year, it will recognize Derek Holland," Stein said. "Not only is Derek currently playing at the highest level of baseball, he is performing at a high level there. I look forward to having Derek speak, and I think it will be a great experience for our current players and our guests."

The Diamond Dinner will begin at 5 p.m., and is open to the public. It will be held in the Keen Johnson building.

Individual dinner tickets are \$40 each, while a full table of eight is \$320.

Please contact head coach Jason Stein at (859) 622-2128 or jason.stein@eku.edu for more information.



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Texas Rangers' star pitcher Dereck Holland, who made a name for himself in the 2011 World Series will help kick-off Eastern's 2012 baseball season at the 11th annual Diamond Dinner.



Jason Stein

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COLONEL CORNER *Jacob Daniel*



Major: Undeclared
Class: Senior
Hometown: Russellville, Alabama

Q: What got you interested in playing baseball?
A: My dad got me interested. My dad was playing at Tennessee when I was born. He coached a semi-pro team, so I was always on the road with them. I started playing when I was five years old.

Q: You're from Alabama. What made you decide to come to Kentucky, more specifically Eastern?
A: I always wanted to go division one and play. I was out one night with my buddies, and I got a call from coach asking me if I wanted to come play at Eastern.

Q: If you could trade places with one person for a day who would it be and why?
A: Matthew McConaughey hands down, that's my secret "man crush."

Q: Favorite Christmas movie?
A: The Grinch. The Jim Carey one not the cartoon.

Q: Biggest celebrity you've met and want to meet?
A: Biggest celebrity I've met is probably Morgan Freeman; my uncle was a chef at Morgan Freeman's restaurant in Mississippi. Biggest celebrity I want to meet, Matthew McConaughey.

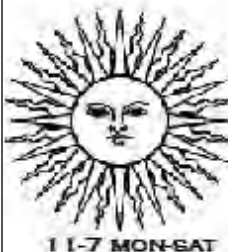
Q: A food you wouldn't eat for anything?
A: Cauliflower

Q: Besides baseball, biggest hobby of yours?
A: Girls or hunting.

Q: Last movie that made you cry?
A: Friday Night Lights or Hardball.

Q: Pre-game meal? Song? Rituals?
A: Always got to have my cross necklace on. Before each at bat I always put on ChapStick. Besides that, just wipe your cleats off and go play.

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Senior guard Jaron Jones (No. 15) is averaging 20.4 points per game against conference competition, while shooting 62 percent (31-of-50) from the floor. Jones has led the Colonels in scoring in seven of their last eight games.

Stopping SEMO in its tracks

EASTERN GIVES SEMO FIRST CONFERENCE LOSS BEHIND SENIORS BIG NIGHTS AND STRONG SECOND-HALF DEFENSE

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The saying used to go "Keeping up with the Joneses." After Eastern basketball's 63-59 win over Southeast Missouri last Saturday, the Colonels may want to propose a change to "Keeping up, thanks to the Joneses."

The duo of seniors, Jaron and Josh, both led the Colonels past the Redhawks, which knocked SEMO from the unbeaten ranks in the Ohio Valley Conference. Only No. 15 Murray State has remained perfect in conference play. The win also moved Eastern (10-7, 4-1 OVC) to 6-0 at home this year.

Joshua Jones, starting in his 100th game in an Eastern uniform, scored a season-high 20 points and also became the 31st Colonel in program history to score 1,000 career points.

"It felt good to get some shots made early, some easy ones," Joshua Jones said in a post-game radio interview. "That kind of got me going."

His counterpart Jaron Jones, added 20 points of his

own, six of which came from the free throw line in the last minute of the game and came up with the game-saving steal, allowing Eastern to sew up the win.

"Joshua Jones scoring our 1,000th point, our guys were real proud of him," Neubauer said. "And Jaron Jones came up big as well. He was very confident going to the freethrow line."

The win didn't come easy, though.

In the first half, SEMO dominated the Colonels in the paint, scoring 28 points around the rim to Eastern's eight. Inside, the Colonels didn't have an answer for forwards Tyler Stone and Marcus Brister, who had 17 points and 12 points at the half, respectively.

"In the first half we gave up a lot of points in the paint and in transition, which you can't do, against a good team like SEMO," Neubauer said in a post-game radio conference. "They were undefeated in our conference for a reason."

Behind 17-25 shooting, SEMO took a first half lead at 36-30. Eastern shot a dismal 37 percent from the field before intermission, but with the help of five 3-pointers could stay in the game.

"The first thing I talked about was that it was the worst defensive half we've had this year," Neubauer said.

"We made the point that we couldn't give up those easy baskets."

Eastern must have listened.

"We went in the locker room and coach pointed out some pretty interesting things about them getting everything at the rim and we came out and just executed."

The Colonels scored the first seven points of the second half to take their first lead since early in the first half, 37-36. The first bucket after intermission was Joshua Jones' 1,000th point.

"In the second half coach told us to be more physical and front them, and that's what they did," Jaron Jones said.

The Redhawks rallied off seven straight points of their own to extend the lead, but Eastern fought back on an 8-1 run to take a 49-47 lead with 11:55 left in the game.

Eastern's lead grew to five, 53-48, but SEMO's Nick Niemczyk's 3-pointer got them back within one. After two free throws by Jaron Jones, Niemczyk hit another three to tie it at 55-all. Then SEMO took the lead, 59-57, on a layup by Leon Powell with just over two minutes on the clock.

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"We had guys in the second half that could guard the ball consistently."

Jeff Neubauer
Head Coach



Joshua Jones

Women's hoops topples Racers



SONYA JOHNSON/PROGRESS

Senior guard Jasmine Stovall looks to pass in the Lady Colonels win over SEMO. Stovall scored a career high 14 points in the win.

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Clinging to a one-point lead, with 15 seconds left on the clock, the Lady Colonels needed a defensive stop to secure the win over Murray State last Monday night.

The Racers were able to get a shot off, but it clanged off the rim at the buzzer, giving the Lady Colonels (8-7, 4-1 OVC) the 62-61 win, their second conference victory in a row.

Eastern led 62-59 with just under a minute to go, but Kyra Watson got Murray State (4-11, 1-3 OVC) to within one. Hoping to extend their lead, the Lady Colonels missed a layup with 15 seconds to go, leaving the door open for the Racers.

But, it didn't matter in the end.

Eastern went on a tear to start the half, going on a 16-3 run and kept Murray State scoreless for almost five minutes. The 54-43 with 8:12 was the largest lead of the game.

Then, Murray State went on an 11-0 run to tie the game, at 54-54. The game was tied again at 56 a piece until Eastern took its final lead at 58-56 on a jump shot by Jade Barber.

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New Year, new sports writer



Ryan Alves

Since it's the new years, I might as well join the bandwagon, and set some New Years resolutions.

But unlike most people, I honestly hope to keep these this year. Of course, being a sports writer I'm going to put an athletics spin on it.

And since it's supposed to be the end of the world come December, I better makes these count.

So, for 2012, here are my sports New Years resolutions:

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