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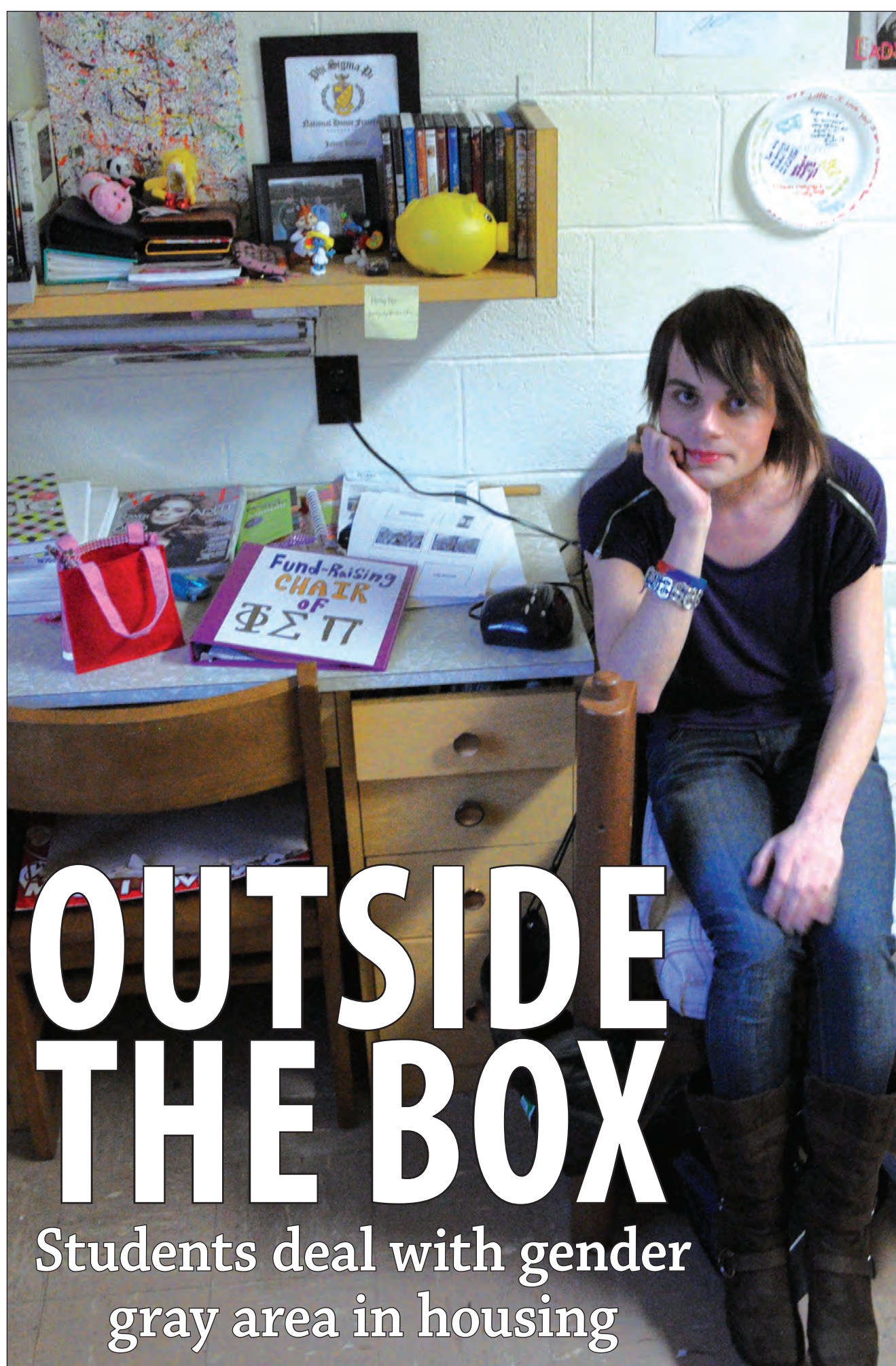
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## OUTSIDE THE BOX

Students deal with gender gray area in housing

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Jadyn Kilmon, a transgendered female, lives in Case Hall on an all male floor. Kilmon, who currently does not have a roommate, said issues come up frequently with things such as clothes-changing and bathrooms.

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Jadyn Kilmon, 21, comparative humanities major from Hestand, is a junior at Eastern. She enjoys photography, arts, theater and writing. She is also a transgendered female, or someone born a male who is in the process of living everyday life as a woman.

As a transgendered student, there is a variety of issues Kilmon has faced,

particularly involving on-campus housing. In dealing with housing, she has had to deal with bathroom issues, moving from room to room and harassment.

But the main issue has been, during room assignments, where do you place someone whose appeared gender conflicts with the person's identified gender?

Kilmon said she was told by University Housing there was a document

stating your birth certificate must say you are female in order to live on a girls floor, despite the gender the person currently identifies as.

Kenna Middleton, director of University Housing, said she believes the Admissions Office is responsible for evaluating a student's gender, possibly through your birth certificate or social security. Admissions could not confirm

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## Former associate admissions director arrested

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A former Eastern employee has recently been charged with sending unlawful text messages to a minor.

Keith Grob, former associate director of admissions at Eastern from Cynthiana, was arrested Feb. 7 for sending text messages to an unnamed juvenile, trying to engage the minor in illegal sexual activity. The crime allegedly took place between April and August 2011, when Grob was still acting as an Eastern employee. However, according to police documents, the crime took place in Harrison County rather than Madison.

Grob was terminated from his position on Oct. 25, during the fall 2011 semester and has since left the university. Marc Whitt, associate vice president for public relations at Eastern, denied comment on the reasons Grob resigned.

"This was an event not related to the university, so we are not going to comment," Whitt said.

Grob's trial was originally set for Feb. 20, but the investigation into the alleged crime has been extended. Currently, he is out of jail on a \$1,500 bond under the condition that he makes no contact with the victim.

## Associate provost accepts Notre Dame presidency

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James Conneely, Ph.D., associate provost and vice president for student affairs at Eastern, will be leaving the university after this semester to become the first male president at Notre Dame of Maryland University, a historical women's college, in July.

Conneely has been associate provost and vice president for student affairs since 2003.

Conneely said he was nominated for the position, contacted by a search firm, and submitted his credentials, references and cover letter in October. After making it through the paper cut, he was invited to an off-site interview with about nine other people.

After that, he was invited as one of three finalists to the campus, where he spent two and a half days on campus meeting people. Conneely said he was then interviewed, the Board of Regents met and he was selected unanimously as the next president of the university.

Conneely said he is originally from New York and has family in Maryland and around the area, but he chose to work at Notre Dame of Maryland University because it was just the right fit for him.

"But it's also, honestly, it's the type of institution I've dreamed of going to," Conneely said.

He said he started to dream of becoming president of a college when he became vice president for Student Affairs at Eastern, about five years ago.

"I started thinking about opportunities and I was encouraged by my mentors and other people that

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James Conneely

## SGA grading policies up for approval from faculty, president

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The Student Government Association (SGA) approved revisions to Eastern's grading policy Tuesday night.

The resolution, sponsored by Senator Armanda Pennington, would require faculty teaching zero, 100 and 200 level courses to post grades at four weeks and midterm periods each semester.

"Basically what this says is that they have to take into account every grade you've been given," said Madelyn Street, academic affairs chair on Student Senate. "It allows students to be more informed of their progress in class and not be shocked by their

grade."

Megan Webb, senator at large, believes the policy will be beneficial to the campus, particularly for freshmen.

"I think it will help, especially freshmen in lower level classes, know what's going on," Webb said.

Matthew White, executive vice president of Student Senate, said, "Ultimately, the goal behind this is to help transition students when they're coming from high school to college."

Street agreed and said high school students become adjusted to getting to see their grade whenever they wanted and the change will make the transition easier.

White said the change would help

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## Campus forum addresses safety concerns

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Student Government Association's forum invited students to bring questions about safety to university administrators.

Student Government Association held a safety forum for students and local citizens on Tuesday Feb. 28.

Sarah Carpenter, who is a freshman senator on Student Senate, decided to take on her first project through Student Government Association with the safety forum.

"This has been a lengthy process since November, and I know we have had the Safety Walks in the past, but this way we can ask questions one on one with the people in charge," Carpenter said. "This way we can voice our opinions and concerns about the campus."

Administrators who had contributed to the safety forum in the past

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# POLICE BEAT

All information is taken from Eastern police reports.

## Feb. 23

■ An Aramark employee advised police that an unknown, heavy-set, black female had threatened her. While working the register at the Powell food court, the suspect came through her line and began harassing her. She said the suspect threatened to beat her up and "get her" if she walked outside. Though she did not know the suspect's name, she said the suspect usually comes in with a group of females who are disruptive. She was advised to contact ECU Police if she needed an escort.

■ Police observed Ashley Overbeck, student, swerving in her vehicle on Kit Carson Drive. She crossed into the bike lane and had to swerve to miss the crosswalk sign. Police could detect the odor of alcohol on her. She failed three field sobriety tests, and the Breathalyzer showed the presence of

alcohol. She was arrested and sent to the Madison County Detention Center. Her blood alcohol level was .145.

## Feb. 24

Police were dispatched to Martin Hall on the report that an intoxicated male had assaulted a female. Once they arrived, police observed Jeremy Carnes, student, swaying on his feet and could detect the odor of alcohol on or about his person. He refused to answer any questions and failed a field sobriety test. He was arrested for alcohol intoxication and transported to the Madison County Detention Center for his own safety. Three students, one female and two male, claimed Carnes assaulted them. The female student said Carnes was grabbing her inappropriately. When she told him to stop, he slapped her across the face. When a male student exited the room, Carnes punched him in the mouth causing him to chip one of his front teeth. The other male student was assaulted when he intervened to stop the altercation between Carnes and the female student. The three students are unsure if they want to file criminal charges at this time.

# CAMPUS BRIEFS

## Chautauqua discusses African musical connection to Appalachia

Kathy Bullock, professor and chair of the music department at Berea College, will be presenting "African and African-American Musical Connections in Appalachia" as part of the Chautauqua Lecture Series. The presentation will discuss the influence of African and African-American music on Appalachian culture. The presentation is being co-sponsored by the Kentucky Humanities Council, ECU Libraries and the Center for Appalachian Studies. The presentation will take place at 7:30 p.m. March 1 at Student Success Building's O'Donnell Hall.

## Relay for Life searching for cancer survivors

EKU Relay for Life is searching for cancer survivors to participate in its all-night walk-a-thon. All earnings from the walk will go to the American Cancer Society to raise money for cancer research. Relay for Life is an annual event to celebrate survivors of cancer and remember those who were lost. To register as a cancer survivor, go to [www.relayforlife.org/eku](http://www.relayforlife.org/eku). Relay for Life will take place from 6 p.m. – 6 a.m. on April 14 at the Intramural Fields, and the cost of attendance is free. For more information, contact Jennifer Voit at [Jennifer\\_voit@eku.edu](mailto:Jennifer_voit@eku.edu).



## Literary arts journal calls for submissions

Eastern's undergraduate literary arts journal, *Aurora*, is now accepting submissions. Fiction, poetry, nonfiction and visual arts pieces can be sent in for review. The number of submissions per student varies based on genre. Students must submit their work at [aurora-eku.org](http://aurora-eku.org) before March 20.



# The Colonel's Calendar

Week of March 1 - March 7

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p><b>11 a.m.</b> Creativity Summit II, Noel Studio, Discovery Classroom</p> <p><b>3 p.m.</b> Women's basketball game vs. Tennessee Tech, Alumni Coliseum</p> <p><b>7 p.m.</b> Get Lei'd Before Spring Break, Student Life, Powell lobby</p>	<p><b>2 p.m.</b> Why Cognitive Enhancement is in Your Future (and Your Past), ECU Libraries, Crabbe Library</p> <p><b>3 p.m.</b> Women's basketball game vs. Eastern Illinois University, Alumni Coliseum</p>	<p><b>10 a.m.</b> Men's tennis at Indiana State University</p> <p><b>1 p.m.</b> Baseball game vs. Indiana State University, Hughes Field</p> <p><b>5:30 p.m.</b> Women's basketball game vs. Finals, Alumni Coliseum</p>	<p><b>All Day</b> Women's golf at Murray State University</p> <p><b>1 p.m.</b> Baseball game vs. Indiana State University, Hughes Field</p>		<p><b>SPRING BREAK!</b></p>	



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## GRAY AREA

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that any such process occurs.

The housing department assigns rooms based on a person's "anatomical gender" but works with students when they ask for it, Middleton said. For situations such as Kilmon's, they offer the chance to live in Brockton Apartments.

During her freshman year, Kilmon lived in Case Hall and worked for University Housing as a Connections Success Leader (CSL). This is when she said her problems first began.

She was asked to try, but later when I met with them they said it was my work ethic," Kilmon said. "Obviously my work ethic isn't horrible if I still have a job."

After the situation regarding her job occurred, something more serious happened.

"I had an incident happen in the dorm," Kilmon said. "I didn't have my door locked. I heard a person come in and they said 'You fucking faggot.'"

After this, she was moved to Brockton

Apartments where she said she became a victim what she describes as an alarming and disturbing situation that she said forced her to call her safety into question in January 2011.

In April 2011, she said she filed a police report and soon after she no longer felt comfortable living in the Brockton Apartments.

When Kilmon went to University Housing and asked to transfer dorms, she was met with a series of questions she described as "almost demanding."

"They were like 'we thought that was safe for you,' Kilmon said. "They were basically like 'why, we don't understand why.' But I did disclose some of the information because I felt like I had to."

When she told Housing about the incident, she filed a police report and moved back to Case Hall but was still forced to live on a male floor.

"Because of my assault, can you imagine how traumatic that is showering on a guy's floor?" Kilmon said. "In most places on campus, I'm afraid to use the bathroom."

Bryce Klang, 21, psychology major from Jackson County, is a transgender male, he was born a female who is living as a male, and lives on a female floor. He said he would rather live on a male floor because of issues that arise with restrooms and showering.

"We're forced to use the females restrooms," Klang said. "You can push for all of these pronouns and stuff but at the same time you're still going to the female's restroom. It's awkward."

Klang said he finds it awkward to change clothes in the same room with a girl because "you have to do it pretty much in the closet... literally."

"If you can imagine being a woman and living on a male floor...it's gross," Kilmon said.

Middleton said Housing tries to keep issues, such as these involving restrooms, in the forefront of her mind.

"You'll find some campuses that are extremely progressive and others that make us look extremely progressive," Middleton said. "We don't have a plethora of bathrooms that we can modify."

Middleton said Housing tries its best to meet the needs of all students, including transgender students, but has to keep in mind the needs of those around them.

"There's not a magic fix to this," Middleton said. "There's no way to make this a win-win for you and a win-win for students around you. I think you have to look at what the need is."

Unlike Kilmon, Klang said he has never been to the housing office regarding issues in his residence hall.

"I know better than to bring it up because they're so strict on separate sexes," Klang said. "They could care less really. I've had other experiences in other dorms just by visiting to know better."

The idea of gender-neutral housing has been an idea thrown around by students and Housing, but Middleton said the university does not have the means.

"I'm all for gender-neutral housing," Kilmon said. "I've had a lot of personal anguish and personal issues happen due to the lack of having a safe living environment."

Kilmon said she only knows of 10 other transgender students at Eastern, but most of them live off campus. She said she was told by Housing "there's not enough of us to make a difference."

Klang said he does not know if gender-neutral housing is the solution to the problem but does think changes could be made to better accommodate the transgender community.

"I think they could customize to make it an option to live with someone who's open to the idea," Klang said. "I think Housing should better equip all of the dorms to fit the queer community. To put them all in one place is putting a target on them."

Kilmon said she feels Eastern should make more strides to "make equal opportunities for every student" and feels she's being discriminated against by being forced to live on a male floor.

Kilmon said she enjoys the residence hall life and feels like the current system "cheats" transgender students out it.

"A lot of my trans friends who go here have left because they didn't feel safe," Kilmon said. "Honestly, if I had the means, I probably wouldn't stay here."

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students making this transition more responsible for themselves.

"It gives an idea of how they're doing in their classes in those times and lack dependency on those professors," White said. "In the end, hopefully they won't need that dependency. They'll understand what they need to do to get good grades."

White said a student's first year in college is a major deciding factor of whether or not they will be successful throughout their educational career.

"If they come to college and get feedback on whether or not they're doing very well, they can correct themselves if they're doing poorly," White said.

The updated grading policy would require professors to post grades that are accurate and include all assignments graded up to midterm.

"I think it puts faculty more in check," Street said. "They're responsible for keeping grades up to date. They can't procrastinate."

The original policy change would have made the reporting of midterm grades for 300, 400 and 500 level courses optional, but was not approved by the committee reviewing the policy changes. However, these upper-level courses are still required to post an accurate midterm grade for students.

White said the updated policy would also help prevent professors from handing out blanket grades, or one set grade for the entire class.

"I think it's good that professors are required to post accurate grades," White said. "For example, if you give a C to a student who's actually failing, you're giving that student false hope or terrifying the students who are doing well."

Street said the accuracy of students' grades would occur in a hierarchy. The head of each department would be required to check grades from professors and the Registrar's Office would check in with the department head.

Currently there is no punishment or process for professors who break the policy, but Street said she is unsure whether or not one will be put into effect.

Now that Student Senate has approved the proposed revisions, the policy must be approved by Faculty Senate, the Provost Council, the Board of Regents and Eastern President Doug Whitlock.

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thought I would be a good president," Conneely said.

Eastern President Doug Whitlock, said, in an email, he sends his congratulations to Notre Dame of Maryland University for choosing Conneely.

"I congratulate Dr. Conneely on this career milestone, but an even bigger congratulations goes to the search committee and Board of Trustees who identified and hired him," Whitlock

said. "They have hired an outstanding higher education administrator who has contributed much to our university and to the central Kentucky area."

Nancy Carr, public relations for Notre Dame of Maryland University, said Conneely was a perfect fit for the school.

"We're a women's college, we're catholic, we're a small catholic school, you know, compared to Eastern Kentucky, but it's like as soon as he came he just stuck with us, it almost seemed inevitable once we met him, it was really something, something different," Carr said.

In a press release on Notre Dame of Maryland University's website, Patricia J. Mitchell, the chair of the board of trustees at Notre Dame of Maryland University said Conneely was the best person for the position.

"We found many extraordinary female candidates in our national search," Mitchell said. "But the very best candidate, the individual who represents the right fit for Notre Dame at this time in our history, is Dr. Jim Conneely."

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spoke during the question and answer process and outlined what their separate departments do to keep this campus safe.

One of them being Kenna Middleton, the director of University Housing.

"A lot more goes into our jobs than people realize, I do take care of Housing, but I also find ways to make sure there is involvement and keeping students safe in the dorms," Middleton said.

Speakers cleared up some myths that had been floating around campus and explained some everyday challenges they see.

"The cross walk does not have the right-a-way, you have the right-a-way when you are on the crosswalk," said Mark Welker, the executive director of

public safety. "Also if you do get hit by a car while crossing the street, you do not get free tuition and do not get all A's for the semester."

Welker continued talking about the relevance of safety to the average college student.

"I used to think that apathy was the problem with the young adults on campus years ago but, now I believe that there is too much trust," Welker said. "You cannot trust everyone you meet, so you cannot get angry when all we can do is follow up if something of yours is stolen."

Middleton followed up talking about safety in the residence halls on campus.

"Housing's biggest challenge is sometimes it seems as if students do not want to exactly be safe," Middleton said. "Not saying that you guys do not care if you get hurt but, it seems as if safety causes an inconvenience to many. When there is a fire drill you do not hang out in your room until

it is finished, you need to leave your room immediately because sometimes it may not be a drill."

There were some people who came who were highly upset with the ratio of students to police officers. Questions were raised about the amount of rapes, assaults and break-ins the occurred last semester and how this needs to be solved because people are scared to walk around campus at night. Suggestions were given that there need to be more lights in dark areas and possibly more police officers.

Other issues brought into the discussion were a new cross walk connecting the Lancaster lot to campus, the email notification system and the length of stoplights on campus.

Carpenter closed the forum with acknowledging all of the concerns and questions brought up and said plans and initiatives will be created accordingly.

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# Eastern ranked 'red' by individual rights foundation

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The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE)'s website ranks all colleges and universities across the nation and scores them with either a red, yellow or green light for how it views that university restricts student freedoms. Right now, Eastern has a red light classification for statements made in the Information Technology Services Code of Ethics for Computing and Communications.

The section that FIRE cites, says "The use of computers and their associated communication equipment to abuse, harass or offend others is forbidden." And it also cites improper use of university computer resources as publishing obscene material, displaying or storing obscene or abusive messages, making obscene abusive or harassing remarks and starting or extending email chain letters.

FIRE, whose mission is to "defend and sustain individual rights at America's colleges and universities" including freedom of speech, legal equality, due process, religious liberty and sanctity of conscience, states Eastern is prohibiting expression that would be constitutionally protected in society at large. These are considered speech codes.

James Conneely, associate provost and vice president of student affairs, said FIRE should be regarded lightly.

"You got to take that with a grain of salt, they look at it from a lot of different perspectives, they're obviously on one side of the issue," Conneely said. "I don't think we're different than many institutions."

Mona Isaacs, associate vice president of ITDS, said while there are these regulations for student internet usage, the intent is that students will act with integrity, and students aren't actively being monitored.

"In general, email should not be considered confidential communication, it is interceptable if it comes from our email system to another email system, there's always the chance of interception," Isaacs said. "That being said, we don't monitor email, we don't look to see if they're sending what, however, if there is a complaint, we may investigate."

Isaacs said they want everyone to be good electronic citizens.

"I think that our electronic communication shouldn't be under any different scrutiny than our communication in any other form," Isaacs said. "I don't think anyone disagrees with being a good citizen and trying to prevent somebody from slandering and using educational resources for non-education purposes."

Along with internet freedoms is the right to petition, and



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**Eastern currently has two free speech zones on campus. These zones, located in designated areas of Powell Plaza, pictured above, and the ravine, are designated for student speech activities.**

currently, there are two freedom of speech zones on campus that are designated for student speech activities. These are located in designated areas of Powell Plaza and the ravine.

Conneely said a committee was put together eight years ago by the former president called the facilities use committee.

"So right now our current policy, is the one that's been in place for a long time," Conneely said.

Conneely said free speech on campus is dictated by time, place and manner.

"The biggest thing with free speech is you want to look at time, place and manner, is that it doesn't interrupt the business of educating our students," Conneely said. "We're trying to put it in place where we try to be sure that students in classes and all that aren't being disrupted at all, that's what time place and manner stands for."

Judy Spain, university counsel, said the university has displayed its loyalty to free speech and that examples of that can be seen in the campus newspaper and recent abortion displays on Powell Corner.

"If you look at our policies and our procedures, our student handbook, we really truly reaffirm consistently students right to free speech," Spain said. "FIRE has a very specific standard of things they are looking for, and based upon that belief, they believe that we are in the red zone."

## FIRE ratings for Kentucky universities

### Eastern Kentucky University

Overall rating: Red

Individual ratings: sexual harassment policies (green); internet usage policy (red); policies on tolerance, respect and civility (yellow)

### University of Kentucky

Overall rating: Yellow

Individual ratings: sexual harassment policies (yellow); tolerance, respect and civility policies (yellow); free speech zones (yellow)

### Morehead State University

Overall rating: Red

Individual ratings: general harassment (yellow); sexual harassment policies (green); internet usage policies (red); free speech zones (yellow)

### Western Kentucky University

Overall rating: Red

Individual ratings: sexual harassment policies (green); internet usage policy (red); policies on tolerance, respect and civility (yellow)

## Student Government Association election bylaws to undergo further changes

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Proposed changes to the election bylaws are now being looked at for more revisions before the changes make it to the Advisory Board, said Student Body President Rachel Molozzi.

In addition, constitutional changes are

also being revisited but there is "no rush on that," Molozzi said because of the hope to pass the revised election bylaws before Student Government Association (SGA) elections began in a few weeks.

"These are things that the students have to come to us with," Molozzi said. "We are going to ask the [Advisory] Board for advice and see what changes we can make."

The Advisory Board, who is set to meet March 14, includes advisers of each SGA branch and the general adviser, the dean of students and the vice president of each branch of SGA.

The Advisory Board must approve the bylaws if the changes are to be used in the upcoming election.

"The main things were concerning the

election bylaws, there has been a lot of discussion," Molozzi said.

The main issues brought up was the wording of the Code of Conduct, which listed a series of responsibilities and guidelines for candidates involved in any SGA election.

"We want to make sure everything is just as it should be," Molozzi said.

## Eating disorder awareness week raises awareness for healthy body sizes, diet



ROB MCDANIEL/PROGRESS

Brian Clark, assistant director of Adventure Programs, stopped to talk with trainers in the Fitness and Wellness Center Tuesday. Trainers were available to speak with students and faculty as part of Eating Disorder Awareness Week.

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For the past two years, creating awareness about eating disorders on campus has been a priority for Campus Recreation.

This year, some events have already made an appearance on campus with new events occurring the rest of the week.

"We are using these programs to address [sic] concerns," said Meghan Scott, health educator. "There are lots of negative images in the media. This week presents the real picture of what it's like to love your body."

One main program, "Do you really want to be a Barbie Girl?" will showcase the real-life issues that go along with Barbie's iconic figure at 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday in Middle Powell.

"I'm really excited to see how Barbie Girl goes," said Mandi Williams, senior nursing major from Salt Lake City, Utah. "We grew up with Barbie, so it puts things in perspective."

Williams, who is also one of the senior peer educators working on the week, said the most important reason to attend these events is to become aware for not only yourself but loved ones, as well.

The theme of this week's event is "Everybody knows Somebody," which places the focus on awareness for everyone.

"Most people don't know about these issues," Williams said. "Men are actually on the rise. If you think there may be an issue the first thing to do is let someone know."

The "Barbie Girl" will also include information about the correct and healthy sizes for the average male and female.

Other events this week include "Freedom Friday"

Friday's event is focused on healthy eating and a day of no dieting.

A clothing drive for the Hope Center will also be occurring throughout the week. Drop off stations for unwanted clothes are located in the Student Services Building, the Fitness and Wellness Center and Middle Powell.

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# Chautauqua lecturer addresses issues with education in Kentucky

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At the latest Chautauqua lecture, the issues of education and history of education in Kentucky were addressed by a man who has literally, as the saying goes, written a book about it.

Bill Ellis is a retired member of the Eastern History Department faculty. Ellis has written six books with his latest one entitled *A History of Education in Kentucky*. He is also a columnist for *Kentucky Monthly* magazine. His next major project is a history of humor with an emphasis on Kentucky as a crossroads of archetypal American humor.

Minh Nguyen, chautauqua lecture coordinator, associate professor of philosophy and member of the Honors Program faculty, said education is a pressing issue facing the Commonwealth.

"As a number of experts including Dr. Ellis have pointed out, Kentucky is hindered by a deficient educational system," Nguyen said. "In national rankings for grades K-12 and higher education, it consistently ranks among the lowest states in education funding, literacy, and student achievement."

Ellis also mentioned how the main dropout age for students in Kentucky and the nation is between grades 10-14 (grades 13 and 14 are considered the freshman and sophomore year of college) along with poverty being an issue within the education system.

Another issue in Kentucky right now is the 6.4-percent budget cut and the Pikeville College situation, which was brought up in the lecture by Ellis and a member of the crowd.

Nguyen agreed dropouts are a major



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Bill Ellis, a retired member of the Eastern History Department faculty, has written six books including *A History of Education in Kentucky* and is a columnist for *Kentucky Monthly*. Ellis addressed education issues and the history of education in his Chautauqua lecture.

problem for the state and the nation.

"The major problem we share with the nation concerns the dropout rate of high school and college students," Nguyen said. "Dr. Ellis argues that it is time to change approaches to how we educate children, young people and adults in the 21st century."

Ellis said lack of money and teachers not being "good" at teaching are a problem in Kentucky's education system today.

"There is never enough money," Ellis said. "We need to be better stewards of

the money that we have. We have to award good teaching, we need to get teachers who are not doing a good job and give something else to do."

Ellis also mentioned throughout his entire lecture the importance of a college education.

"We need to encourage as many young people as possible to get a college education because all the statistics point to the fact that you'll make more money in your lifetime and the better education you have, the more you're insulated against economic

downturn," he said.

Edward Carroll Hale, a professor of art and design with an emphasis in sculpting, agreed with Ellis.

"He [Ellis] hit all the major themes I could think of at the moment," Hale said. "There may be others, but he certainly explained the problem with poverty and low expectations, the fact that Kentucky is basically anti-intellectual and these are all reasons we have great difficulty."

Hale also mentioned lack of money and more budget cuts besides the current one of 6.4 percent will be a problem in the future.

"Money. Sum it up in one word," Hale said. "We've taken a huge hit recently and we've been told to be prepared for another. We are told in the future there are going to be more. We are faced with the idea of taking on additional burdens of perhaps of the University of Pikeville."

Nakeisha Wilson, 22, psychology major from Ferguson, said she is working on her honors thesis about charter schools and agreed with some of what Ellis said.

"A lot of the research I have been going through, information about testing and teacher quality, definitely have an impact in Kentucky, but nationwide," Wilson said.

Danielle Stidham, 21, middle school education major from Danville, said she was drawn out to the lecture because it relates to her field of study.

"I'm always interested in learning more about my field particularly the problems in my field, so I can try to take steps to eradicate those issues," Stidham said.

For more information on the EKU Chautauqua Lecture Series, e-mail minh.nguyen@eku.edu or visit www.chautauqua.eku.edu.

# Brockton amenities bid on ebay before demolition of apartments

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Purchases and Stores is auctioning off amenities from the recently closed Brockton Apartment units on ebay.

Desks, cabinets, water heaters, chairs and a recliner are among some of the items being auctioned off online. Some items are being sold in bulk per apartment unit.

"They were scheduled for demolition, but we thought we would generate a little money," said James Zabawa, assistant director of Purchases and Stores.

With the decision to demolish a portion of Brockton Apartments, Zabawa said there was a two-fold plan behind choosing to sell items from the apartments: to generate money for housing and to keep the materials out of the landfill.

"We decided to try to sell the stuff out of Brockton because if we demolish the buildings, that stuff would have ended up in a landfill somewhere," Zabawa said.

The time at which the auctioned items are

being kept on the website vary, but demolition is having an impact.

"We keep stuff up longer if we think we can generate more money and shorter if we need to get rid of it," Zabawa said. "In this case, I think we kept the items on seven business days because we know they're eager to get started on demolition."

This process is also cheaper and requires less labor for the university than the previous method, which was to having a parking lot auction.

"It really saves you from having to get personnel to get it, pack it up and ship it off," said Kenna Middleton, director of University Housing. "It's not costing anything really."

Housing is considered an auxiliary department, which means it is financially independent from the university. The funds brought in from the ebay auctions would go back into Eastern Housing.

"We exist on student rentals and revenue we can bring in," Middleton said. "You don't know if you're going to get \$50 at the end of the day or \$5,000."

**"We decided to try to sell the stuff out of Brockton because if we demolish the building, that stuff would have ended up in a landfill somewhere."**

**James Zabawa**  
Assistant director,  
Purchases and Stores

Item	Image	Highest Bid
Brown cloth recliner		\$15.77
Seven drawer steelcase desk		\$5
Five office chairs on rollers with arms		\$7

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Eastern has been using ebay to auction off surplus items for six years. Some of the items sold are old vehicles and agriculture equipment from the farm.

"Anything declared surplus has to be sold in an auction process," Zabawa said. "The state of Kentucky even uses Ebay to auction some of their surplus."

Once the items have been purchased, the bidder would be responsible for collecting the items from the apartment.

"Everything has been disconnected as far as water and power, so they [bidders] can take it out of there," Zabawa said. "It's our junk, but I guess it's another man's treasure."

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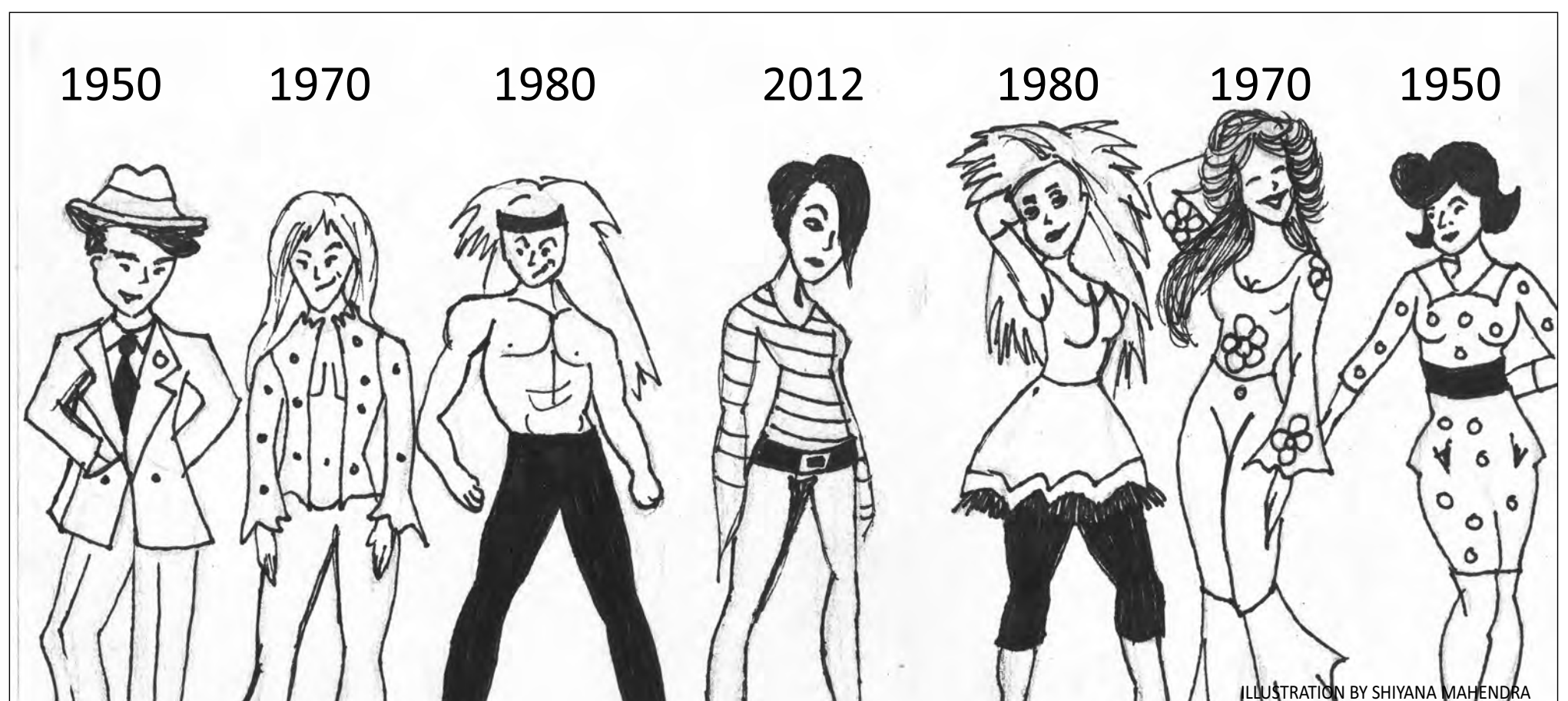
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# PERSPECTIVES

## Neutral housing may fix intolerance



As society progresses, the way people identify themselves changes as well. One such change is the way people identify themselves sexually. The fact of the matter is people in America are no longer thinking simply along the lines of straight men and women.

While most people are able to accept these changes, some do not, and these people can pose a danger to those who choose to lead a different lifestyle. Harassment and bigotry are an unfortunate reality in some places, including Eastern. A remedy to this intolerance that has been proposed is gender-neutral housing.

Gender-neutral housing would basically allow some floors in the dorms to have both men and women living next door to one another. The idea is that individuals would have the freedom to choose what gender they live with in an individual room, regardless of their personal gender identity.

This obviously raises some questions that need to be addressed before the policy can be implemented. The greatest concern with gender-neutral housing is that heterosexual couples could take advantage of the neutral floors to live together, defeating

the original purpose of providing a safe environment to someone with an alternative sexual identity.

While misusing the neutral floors is certainly a possibility, it is not something housing should necessarily worry about.

Couples already take advantage of housing policies to live together. All they need to do is contract to live in the same building. They get access to the dorm and can just stay in one room or the other together. The fact that housing uses this as an excuse means they are either turning a blind eye to reality or completely ignorant. For the most part, the hall staff turns a blind eye to this.

Another reason heterosexuals wouldn't want to live on a gender-neutral floor is because they would become a minority, compromising their comfort just like the comfort of homosexual students is being compromised. So why would heterosexuals make the effort to use gender-neutral dorm rooms?

The answer is that they wouldn't. Straight couples wouldn't be any type of threat to neutral floors, and their purpose would remain intact.

On the other side of the coin, gender-

neutral housing poses another problem. It's good that the neutral floors would become a haven for members of the LGBTQ community that feel discriminated against, but could the floors be used to segregate rather than incorporate?

The point of gender-neutral housing is making the entire campus a safer place for everyone, but gender-neutral floors could potentially become the only places people feel safe. Plus, the floors could come with a stigma, which would effectively act against the idea of acceptance we're trying to promote.

Gender-neutral housing should be remembered as just one proposed method of solving a very real problem on campus. People really are being discriminated against because of their sexual identities. The university has a responsibility to look after all of the students here, but in order to do so, they need to understand the needs of every student.

Every generation finds new ways to define themselves, and as society evolves, we should learn to accept those who are different from us. However, there are many members of our society, even among those

on this campus, who refuse to accept some of these new ideas and react irrationally to the problems they see. All this does is enforce the stereotypes attached to Kentucky as ignorant hill people who are unwilling to accept new things. And, like most other stereotypes about Kentucky, this couldn't be further from the truth. Most Kentuckians are just as tolerant as anyone else in the U.S.

Still, gay, lesbian and transgender students are being threatened, and in some cases, assaulted by other students who are nothing short of intolerant of their peers. This discrimination needs to be addressed and dealt with if we are going to continue to grow as a society.

The only way to end this form of ignorance indefinitely is a determined effort on the part of everyone at Eastern and other places of higher education across the state. This is a place people come to in order to broaden their horizons and learn more about the world. Let's make it a place where everyone can feel comfortable in their own skin and in the place they call home.

### >Letters to the editor

## Student court chief justice corrects inconsistencies found in parking column

My name is Alexandra Sipes. I am a senior here at Eastern, and for the past two years I have held the position of SGA Student Court Chief Justice. One of my duties as Chief Justice is to serve as Chair of the University Parking Appeals Committee. In addition, I am also a student representative on the University Parking Committee, which works diligently throughout the year to improve parking on this campus.

I noticed a few inconsistencies in the article printed a few weeks ago and felt it would be beneficial to explain exactly how the ticketing and appeal processes work on campus. The Parking and Transportation Office has two full-time employees whose sole purpose is to maintain the parking lots on campus. Part of their responsibility is to ticket any individual (student, faculty or visitor) that is improperly parked. In addition, the Parking and Transportation Office employs four or five students that also as-

sist in maintaining the parking on campus.

I understand how upsetting it can be to receive a parking ticket, but it is important to remember that there are thousands of people on campus every day. Our parking system is arranged in a manner that can benefit every group (employees, residents, commuters and visitors) equally. Parking officers cannot determine who consistently violates the parking regulations and who does not. As a result, every individual is ticketed consistently if an officer witnesses the violation.

We should all also be grateful that our parking passes only cost \$30 a year and are in close proximity to all of our buildings on campus. Most universities across the nation charge substantially more and some do not even allow freshmen to bring cars on campus at all.

As for the appeal process, it is a very simple one. Any individual that receives a

parking ticket can easily appeal that ticket online or at the Parking and Transportation Office. However, the Parking and Transportation Office has no control over the outcome of the ticket appeal.

Once the ticket has been appealed, it is delivered from the Parking office to my desk. Every week, I read approximately two hundred parking tickets, if not more. From those tickets, I pull between 50 and 100 for the Parking Appeals Committee to read and potentially approve. The committee consists of two Student Court Justices and two faculty members: the director Parking and Transportation, an addition transportation employee, and the Student Court Associate Chief Justice serve as ex officio members.

The Parking Appeals Committee considers each appeal based on the individual circumstances, as well as the precedent set by other appeals. If an appeal is denied, any person is allowed to come before the com-

mittee to re-appeal the ticket and explain the circumstances surrounding the ticket.

In the end, members of the Parking Appeals Committee as well as the Parking and Transportation Office work to maintain peace on campus. None of us, students and faculty alike, ever attempt to make someone's life harder. I would encourage every individual on campus to take extra time to look over the parking map on campus, in order to avoid any potential tickets.

If at any time there is an emergency, or you need to park on a yellow curb to unload into a dorm, anyone can call the parking office (622-1063), and they will be willing to allow you a grace period or help you acquire a temporary parking pass. These offices are here to help every person on campus, as long as it is utilized correctly.

Alexandra Sipes  
Student Court Chief Justice

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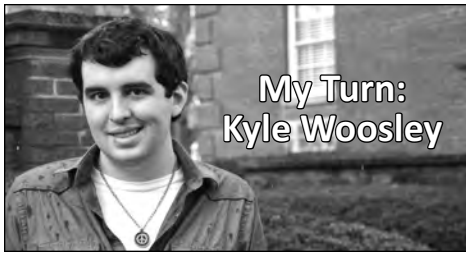
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## Human wastefulness damages environment



My Turn:  
Kyle Woosley

As I walked out of my dorm room last Thursday, I was met with warm temperatures and a cool breeze against my face. It was the first time in months I had been able to go on a long walk without a heavy jacket. It was one of the nicest days I've seen in this state for a long time.

Before I was able to enjoy the rest of this beautiful day, I was struck with the harsh reality of this weather and what it means, the death of our environment.

After this point, I couldn't think about anything else. I suddenly began to notice the abundance of cars driving by, and the smoke stacks spewing smoke into the air. True, this day was one of the most beautiful I've ever seen. And some people may not look further than that. But the cause of this day was something of true horror.

I know what most of you are thinking. And before you tell yourself that I'm some hemp-wearing hippie who would chain himself to a tree, think twice. I'm just as wasteful and environmentally un-

conscious as the next person. But I noticed something on that day I don't feel like many others did. And it was the dangers we cause to our environment on a daily basis.

The bottom line is humans are wasteful beings. When you really start to think about the rate at which we consume our planet's resources, it is concerning. Water, food, land, buildings and vehicles are all things that cause significant harm to the environment. And at the rate population is increasing, it's no wonder things are going downhill.

Once these thoughts started racing through my mind, I did a little research and found an article that had been published in *The Guardian* regarding the subject of population growth and rates of human consumption across the globe. The article brought up an interesting point about human consumption. It stated the average human being consumes about five acres of land and water.

With the population being at nearly seven billion people, this statistic was shocking. But not nearly as shocking as what I discovered next.

The average American consumes about 24 acres of land and water. That's nearly five times the average rate of the entire planet. Further reading led me to discover that if the rest of the planet consumes as

much resources as Americans, we would need another four Earths to sustain life.

Most scientists estimate the planet only has enough resources to provide for 10 billion people. At the rate population has been increasing, it's looking as though Earth's time is slowly dwindling.

These shocking statistics are exactly why the environment is in its current condition. We have consumed our planet's resources for far too long. And I think it's time our political leaders took action. Something has to be done to control population growth. And coming from a town where my high school reunion will look more like a daycare, I think it's obvious where the problem lies.

When population became out of control in China, they implemented a one-child policy. I'm not saying something so drastic should be implemented in America, but if we keep going the way we are, I'm not going to act surprised if or when it does.

I know a 70-degree day in February sounds nice, but its evidence of the death of our planet. This why people, particularly us in the United States, need to make a stand. Stop having babies and start taking action. Otherwise, your children won't have much of a planet left.

## Bingo brings student enjoyable change of pace



My Turn:  
Cari Tretina

When I think of bingo, I picture numerous, barely awake senior citizens gathered within a nursing home lobby. Oxygen tanks, the echo of slowly repeated letter/number combinations and the smell of rubbing alcohol also come into mind.

Oddly enough, the only similarity between my bingo experience last weekend and my imagination was the oxygen tanks.

A few of my good friends discovered the Waco bingo hall from a co-worker. After one time, they were hooked. For the next six weeks, my friends continuously begged and pleaded me to come with them.

I was hesitant for a few reasons. I am not a very lucky person. The only times I have ever won games dealing with luck is if someone rigged the system in my favor. Additionally, the entire bingo event would last four hours. Very few things are fun for that amount of time. Finally, I'm not 60 years old. My Saturday nights can consist of much more age-appropriate activities than being surrounded by grandmothers and grandfathers.

Between the constant nagging and promise of free food, I gave into peer pressure. During the 20-minute drive to the Waco bingo hall, my friends reminisced of past experiences. One of my friends spoke of the time power failed. People began screaming at the caller to finish the game, in the dark.

"It's a whole different world out there," said my friend, Amanda Nostrant.

When I asked her to describe what she meant, there was a long pause.

"You will just have to see," Nostrant said.

The bingo hall looked like an enlarged Waffle House building, with an awning in the front and on the right side, solely to accommodate the smokers. Rows and rows of long tables consume the majority of the floor space, with a very disproportional, tiny space in front of a concession stand.

As I stated earlier, my mental picture was correct about the oxygen tanks. However, elderly people weren't the ones with the easy-breathing, and dare I say, were the minority. Since bingo is considered gambling because you can win cash prizes, only people ages 18 and up are allowed in the building. But my generation was not in short supply.

Now, I'm not from Kentucky, but after attending Eastern for three years, I am pretty used to hearing thick country accents. I am not exaggerating when I say I literally could not understand the majority of people in that bingo hall. Even subtitles couldn't help.

No Kentucky event, I have come to find out, is missing some form of Wildcat pride. A big UK basketball game was occurring the same night, and of course, blue was the color of choice.

My friends advised me to get the "\$15 deal." I went up to the counter, paid my money and was handed one large and one small package, each with more than eight pages. On the small pages, there are four bingo boards per page. At least eight separate boards are on the large pages.

I wasn't concerned about being bored anymore. Now, I was worried I was going to look like a fool trying to manage all of

these boards. I also assumed this would be a normal game of bingo, where you just have to form a line. I was wrong. There are all different versions of the game. One game you have to cover the four corners, another you attempt to form a small box around the "free" space. The harder the formation, though, the larger the winnings are.

The box TVs, which covered every wall and hung as a chandelier from the ceiling to give a visual aid of the ball, turned on. It was game time.

"B6, B-6," the caller said. Complete silence and pure concentration overcame the hall. My heart was pounding as I scanned my numerous boards. I daubed three spots- for those unfamiliar with bingo terminology, I used my paint "dauber" to mark letter/number combinations called.

The more we played, the more fun I began to have. Every time I got to cover a spot, an adrenaline rush surged through my body.

During one of the types of bingos played, the letters B and O are not used. The caller accidentally called out a B ball. Without hesitation, four or five of the players immediately began ridiculing him. It took him maybe less than 2 minutes to readjust, and during that short time period, people were yelling, cursing and threatening this volunteer firefighter.

I even heard someone call him "dumb-er than a pile of dog shit on fire."

I finally understood what Nostrant meant.

To my surprise, the night ended much too soon. The sound of ripping pages, the smell of smoke, the sight of bottles full of dip spit and the anticipation of the next ball all combined to make an incredibly entertaining night.

## 'Indoor voice' lost to louder, modern times



My Turn:  
Jason Edwards

When most people think of the library, visions of encyclopedia, the blasted Dewey Decimal System and crude slide shows pop into their mind. With the creation of Google, most of the newer generation never really spent time in the library setting and missed a valuable life lesson seldom taught anywhere else - the difference between your indoor and outdoor voice and when to use them. Instead of using the appropriate choice, most people use the only one they know, the obnoxiously loud one.

The librarian taught us valuable lessons beyond just how to look up whom the eighth President of the United States was, Martin Van Buren, without using Google. As scary as this might sound, I predate Google and had to learn to use these things known as encyclopedias. The guardians of silence, or the librarians, also passed down other useful bits of knowledge. One of the most important was what setting required the correct voice volume level.

Ironically, many students only know what an encyclopedia is now by using Google, and they do not know a loud boisterous voice is only appropriate outside, and not indoors. I have noticed in many places around campus and off, conversations happen one way, by trying to speak

louder than the other loud group. Let's look at this problem: If Group A is talking loud, then Group B increases the volume of its conversation to overpower Group A. Now Group A must also increase the volume of its conversation to overpower Group B. This whole process continues until finally my head explodes from the unbearable stupidity I'm subjected to through their loud conversations.

I would also like to clarify, the only time the dueling conversations is allowed is when the content of the conversation has immediate life-altering impact on those in the vicinity. An example of allowable use might be if the immediate area is in danger of being overrun with killer bees, and then the second group announces it isn't killer bees but killer flying sharks. Then the first group announces the killer flying sharks are in London, and then the second group announces London, England. Inappropriate use of the dueling volume would be a group talking about how everyone on *Jersey Shore* is a perfect role model for today's youth, then the second group jumps in talking about which *Pokemon* cards they need to complete their fifth set. Now, the first group increases volume and begins discussing the techniques of proper turkey deep-frying, and the second group thus has to increase their volume to be able to discuss how Jar Jar Binks is an infinitely deep archetype of the world's civilizations.

As shocking as this might be, not everyone sitting, walking, standing, sleeping, leaning, dancing, scuba diving or doing anything else around you wants to listen to your conversation, simply because you feel like you and the rest of

your group needs to speak over Group B. The voice box allows us to increase, lower and maintain different volumes of sound. Your brain must attempt to decide which volume is appropriate for the situation. Realizing the setting you are in can help decide what volume level is required.

To make this process even simpler for you, I will offer a handy quick reference guide: Library - indoor. Dining Hall - indoor. Park bench - outdoor. Football game - outdoor. Movie theater - no voice. I threw a curveball in there with that last one. When I worked as a theater usher, some 16 years ago, the issue of people talking during a movie only popped up occasionally when high school kids got a little too rambunctious. Now, most people think nothing of answering their cell phone during a movie and starting a conversation. The younger generation is not the only one guilty of doing this, I'm talking to the over 30 crowd. You might believe you have paid your money and can talk if you want, but I'm here to inform you that you are sadly mistaken. When you bought your ticket, you entered in a non-verbal agreement with the rest of the normal world to sit in silence and watch whatever fancy moving images project onto the screen.

I'm not asking everyone to be silent, what I am asking on behalf of the world is before you start yelling your conversation across the room, think about those around you and how you would feel if the situation was reversed. Perhaps instead of increasing your volume, you should ask the group being too loud if they would mind being a little quieter.

## CAMPUS COMMENTS

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- It doesn't bother me.
- At a place of higher education, we shouldn't be stupid enough to smoke.
- People should be allowed to smoke as long as they follow the rules.
- I like it.
- It's amazing smoking on campus.
- It's fine, it doesn't bother me.
- We need to get rid of the 25-foot rule.
- Not fair to people with asthma.
- We need more smoke boxes.
- How can you enforce a smoke ban on campus?
- Be courteous to others around you.
- It's a free country.
- If we stop smoking, should we stop dip?
- I enjoy the freedoms we have on campus.
- It's my body, and I'll do what I please.
- What I do with my body is my own business.
- It's a nasty, disgusting habit.
- It should be regulated in a proper fashion.
- It's a broad topic to discuss on.
- It's considered the classy suicide.
- I don't see how people can afford cigarettes.
- It means a lot more when you lose someone that died of lung cancer.
- It doesn't really bother me. They have to be so far away from the buildings and I think that's fine.
- The only time that is bothers me is when I'm walking to class.
- I think it's gross. I don't like my health being in danger because of someone else.
- I don't mind it, but then again I really hate it.
- I don't mind people smoking as long as they're walking to class, but where they stand around and do it bothers me.
- It doesn't make it very campus beautiful.
- I don't feel like it's a problem as long as it's away from the population, I guess.
- It's disgusting.
- I really don't like it, honestly.
- It really doesn't bother me.
- I just don't think it's good. You might as well sip on some rat poison.
- It's a tough habit to break.

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Officers work with ingredients discovered in a Richmond meth lab two years ago. Richmond Police report that approximately 15-20 labs are discovered in Madison County each year.

## Use of methamphetamine a rising trend in Kentucky

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On a frigid night almost two years ago, Richmond Police Sgt. Rodney Tudor and Major Robert Mott gingerly walked through a trailer looking for signs of meth. The suspect had left a fan blowing fumes toward an open door, even though the outside thermometer read eight degrees. Mott found a huge pickle jar filled with stripped lithium batteries soaking in Coleman fuel.

The officers knew lithium reacts with moisture, so officers carefully soaked the batteries in an oil base solution, so they would not ignite when exposed to the air. Mott tried to dip out the lithium strips with a spoon. He set the spoon in the snow for just a second then stuck it back in the jar. The moisture reacted and a 12-foot fireball shot up into the sky. Mott said he was just glad he didn't have his head over the jar.

The fastest growing drug in Kentucky is methamphetamine. Nearly 13 percent of Kentuckians currently use meth compared to the nine-percent national average, according to the Office of Drug Control Policy of Kentucky.

"Kentucky is ranked fourth in the nation for meth labs," said Tudor, who specializes in meth lab investigations for the Richmond Police Narcotics Enforcement Unit. "When you look at other states and compare size and population, this is ridiculous. Madison County is averaging about 15 to 20 a year; this is increasing, but when compared to counties surrounding us we are not as bad."

Jackson and Garrard Counties bordering Madison have even more arrests per year. Tudor explained that Jackson County had 50 labs last year, and Garrard County had 55.

Meth producers steal ingredients from different stores to manufacture their drug of choice. Then they trade or sell the ingredients to someone who knows how to produce meth. In return for stealing, manufacturer gives the thief the needed fix, said Tudor.

"You have people that do nothing but go from drug store to drug store to obtain their legal amount of pseudoephedrine and the 'cooks' pay them cash for it," Tudor said. "This is called 'smurfing' and they recruit multiple people to do this for them."

Meth has traditionally been more wide spread in central and western Kentucky but has now become popular among the small towns in eastern Kentucky, according to the state Office of Drug Control Policy. Kentucky's overall meth production has risen significantly. Labs rose 138 percent from 2007-2009. Cocaine used to be the leading drug problem in the state, but cocaine is falling fast thanks to meth. Last year over 1,400 meth labs were identified in the state, according to the Richmond Police Department.

Meth abusers use the drug because they get a better high than cocaine for a cheaper price, according to a state police report. Meth has numerous effects on secondary victims near a lab. With labs rapidly growing throughout the state, the drug is affecting the lives of other besides the abusers. Most victims are under four-years-old.

"I would say about half the time kids are involved in a meth lab bust," Tudor said. "Sometimes more than we know or can prove. I always try to look for anything associated with children, even if as child is not present. We always interview and try to ascertain if there

are any children, if so we do a form and submit it to Social Services."

The victims suffer from breathing in toxic gases and are exposed to acids and waste products. Meth is made from a mix of very hazardous chemicals that poison the air. Fires may explode during the "cooking" process, putting anyone inside a home lab at risk.

Propane tanks, lots of Coleman Fuel, plastic 20 ounce bottles with tape around them, large amounts of rock salt, household Lye, Lithium batteries, boxes and boxes of matchbooks, iodine, liquid fire drain cleaner, funnels, coffee filters, starting fluid and ammonium nitrate are all warning signs a meth lab is near you. The biggest warning sign is going to be the smell of ammonia or Ether.

The ingredients of meth cause the drug to be very addictive. The high someone will get from the first use is probably the greatest high of any other drugs, Tudor said. The rest of your time doing meth will be taking larger doses to reach that first high, which is impossible.

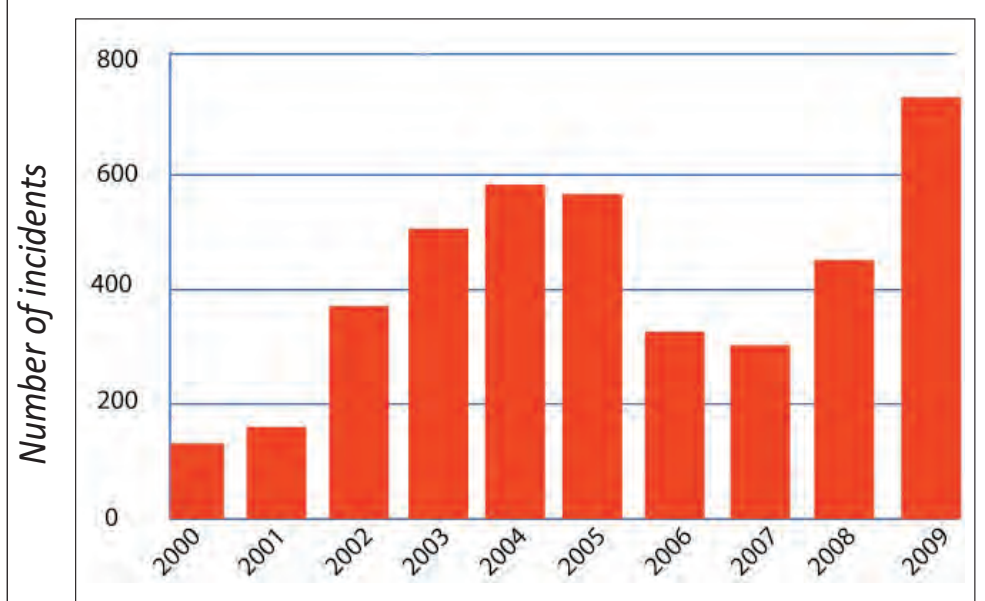
Long-term meth abuse has many damaging effects, including the possibility of 50 percent of the cells in the brain being damaged after prolonged use. Chronic abusers have symptoms that include violent behavior, anxiety, confusion and insomnia. They

also display a number of psychotic features, including paranoia, hallucinations, mood disturbances and delusions, according to the national Institute of Intergovernmental Research.

"People who are addicted to meth are very paranoid, they have often thought the police were in the bushes behind their house and stepped outside and shot into the bush-

### Meth Lab Incidents in Kentucky

From Kentucky State Police



es," Tudor said. "They have hurt other people thinking they are the police, they will usually fight, very aggressive and can't stay focused."

The paranoia can result in murderous as well as suicidal thoughts. In some cases, abusers forego food and sleep while indulging in a form of bingeing known as a "run." This means injecting as much as a gram of the drug every two to three hours over several days.

"When we find a meth lab, they are almost always very nasty," Tudor said. "You've got to think they are usually up for two to three nights at a time. They have all kinds of chemicals they are mixing and spilling. They don't eat much. Usually, we find other drugs."

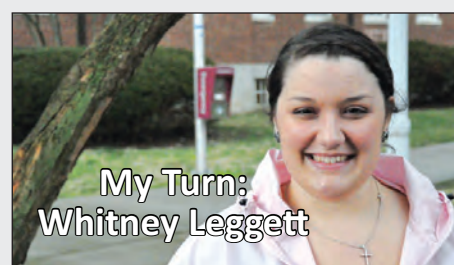
Pseudoephedrine, PSE, is one of the main ingredients used to make meth; Kentucky

currently is looking at a prescription law for PSE. It is sold over the counter with a picture identification and a person is only allowed nine grams a month.

Tudor explains that Kentucky does have a monitoring system called Meth Check, which keeps track of people buying PSE and how much they receive. All law enforcement has access to this system and uses it all the time.

"Kentucky really needs the PSE prescription only law, that's the only help we are going to get," Tudor said. "When lawmakers are more worried about protecting billion dollar companies than the children of the Commonwealth of Kentucky then we have a problem."

## New laws would create more obstacles for consumers



My Turn:  
Whitney Leggett

There are no doubt serious consequences associated with methamphetamine and the growing use of the drug. This is why Kentucky lawmakers are pushing to pass a Senate bill that would drastically limit the sale of pseudoephedrine, a key ingredient in meth. If this bill passes, those purchasing over-the-counter cold medicines that contain pseudoephedrine would be limited to approximately one box per month before being required to get a prescription.

As a pharmacy technician, I can easily see the positive and negative aspects of the proposed bill.

Meth is clearly a growing problem in Kentucky, and this bill has the potential to reduce the number of meth labs dramatically. Law enforcement agencies in the state reported more than 1,000 meth labs being discovered in 2010.

However, there is a reason the bill is facing resistance in the General Assembly: it places unnecessary obstacles in the way of responsible consumers seeking relief for cold symptoms.

On a daily basis, I run into shoppers buying these pseudoephedrine products for their intended use who are burdened by needing to show an ID, signing for the product and often being turned away because of regulations.

Currently, those purchasing pseudoephedrine products are limited to 3.6 grams in one day and nine grams in a month and must have their personal information logged into a computerized database.

To put the whole issue into perspective, think in terms of a family of four. Imagine this family consists of a mother, father and two teenage children. If all four members of the family need pseudoephedrine products to treat their symptoms, the current laws would make it difficult for this family from obtaining enough medication to treat all of them. The teenage children are old enough to take the medication but not to purchase it for themselves.

Some would argue this family should simply go to a doctor and get prescrip-

tions. But doctor's appointments cost money or require health insurance, which also cost money. Over-the-counter cold medications with pseudoephedrine in them are much less expensive than a doctor's visit and can be purchased as soon as symptoms appear. If a prescription were required, people would often need to wait several days in order to get a doctor's appointment and then have the prescription filled.

It's easy to begin to see the number of obstacles consumers have to overcome in order to do something that should be simple: feel better.

Yes, meth labs are a growing problem. But so is prescription drug abuse. Requiring a prescription for pain medications has not prevented "pill mills," trips to other states for easier access to the medication or devastating effects on the people in our state. This is why the current limitations are more than enough. The law restrict the quantity of pseudoephedrine products sold to the individual, but make it relatively easy for those seeking relief to get it.

Any further regulations would simply be another punishment on the everyday person based on the irresponsible nature of the few.



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## From Sweden with Love

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FACEBOOK APP BRINGS COUPLE SEPARATED BY 4,340 MILES, ONE FROM SWEDEN, ONE FROM AMERICA, TOGETHER TO EASTERN

Status Photo Place

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Patrik Sjöberg's journey to Eastern started with a mouse click. Specifically, his journey to America started with a Facebook app. Sjöberg's life was forever altered in August 2008, when he tagged a picture of a blonde haired and green-eyed girl, on the Facebook application Social Me.

Sjöberg, a 24-year-old freshman spent the first 22 years of his life growing up in Gavle, Sweden, in the suburb town of Valbo. The Internet was his only connection to America.

"A picture of a random person on Facebook would show up, and you could make up your own tag for them," Sjöberg said embarrassedly. "She then sent me a tag saying she was interested as well."

Ashley Marie Davis, 20, junior, from Fairfield, Ohio, was the girl behind the picture that caught Sjöberg's eye.

"He commented on my picture and for some reason I sent him a message; it was the first and only time I ever sent a strange dude a message over the Internet," Davis said.

One initial message spawned another message, and a couple months later, it progressed even further.

"We started talking on AOL instant messenger and then progressed to having video chats using Skype for a long time," Sjöberg said.

Once they seriously began talking, their number one objective was to find a way for Sjöberg to fly over to America.

"I never actually managed to find a job that would pay me well enough to buy a plane ticket," Sjöberg said.

After seeing how desperately their son wanted to fly over to America, his parents did something that blew his mind.

"I knew how badly my son wanted to see Ashley, so I did the thing he least suspected," said stepfather Anders Sjöberg. "We gave Patrik \$2,000 to buy an plane ticket to fly to America."

Sjöberg was speechless by his parent's gift.

"Oh, I was more then surprised to be honest, I can't even begin to explain," Sjöberg said.

Sjöberg finally landed in Davis' arms in the middle of February 2010,

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## Richmond Bar Hopping



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### Whiskey Barrel Bar and Dance

Every night is ladies' night at Richmond's newest bar located on East Main Street across from Saratoga Bar and Grill. Although it is distanced from downtown's main strip of bars, it has a large parking lot and unique atmosphere. From mason jars to the "mean" mechanical bull, owner J.D. Bowling promises the spacious bar has something to interest every guest.

"We're doing real well, weekends are bringing in about 400 people," Bowling said. "We have a little bit for everyone."

Taylor Pennie, 20, occupational therapy major from Versailles and server at Hanger's Restaurant, said she is a shot girl at Whiskey Barrel to generate extra income.

"The weekends are more busy, we're hoping our whiskey Wednesday nights will take off," Pennie said.

She added the bar is looking for local bands to play.

Whiskey Barrel has several TVs, pool tables and a dance floor you can actually move on. And let's not forget the bull, which is \$3 to ride but free to ladies on Thursday.

"Anyone that hasn't been here should definitely come ride that bull, it's a hell of a time," Pennie said.

The bar is open 4 p.m. to 1 a.m. Monday through Saturday and currently permits indoor smoking.



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### The Copper Still

Once known as "Players," The Copper Still continues to offer great services and great deals for the college wallet. While still owned by the previous owner, The Copper Still has had some big improvements over the course of its change.

With a new bar top, hardwood floors and bourbon bar, this place has really come around to fit everyone's taste in liquor.

"We have over 60 bourbons and 12 beers on tap," said Casey Cooper, bartender at The Copper Still. "We have everything from drink specials, live music and for ladies that have been to Players before, actual stalls in the ladies room."

The Copper Still have specials such as Tuesday \$1 drafts, 50-cent Whiskey Wednesdays, Thursday two for one well drinks and Friday and Saturday fish-bowl Bacardi drinks.

Overall, this place has changed a lot since the days of Players. Even those who have had an emotional attachment to Players should rejoice in the improvements. From the extended liquor list to overall improvement of the atmosphere, this is the place to stop by and have a drink. Cheers.



# Best Picture winner *The Artist* refreshingly old-fashioned

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As I sit in the movie theater waiting to watch the most talked about film of the year, *The Artist*, I was trying to decipher what language the two women behind me were speaking. It definitely wasn't English, but I couldn't figure out where they were from. Then, it hit me: for once in a very long time, it doesn't really matter that they do not speak English because the movie we were about to watch is silent. The idea of how many different people could come together over something so simple absolutely blew me away. And there you have it: this year's Academy Award winner for Best Picture, *The Artist*.

*The Artist* tells the story of silent film star George Valentin (Jean Dujardin) and aspiring actress Peppy Miller (Berenice Bejo). After they bump into each other at a film premiere, George becomes the catalyst to Peppy's career. However, when talking pictures come into play, Peppy's popularity grows just as quickly as George's demise. After being kicked out of his house by his wife and the stock market crash taking all of his fortune, George goes into a deep depression with only his faithful valet Clifton (James Cromwell) by his side. Luckily, Peppy is still on George's side, attempting to bring him back into the limelight.

The film introduces us to French actors Jean Dujardin and Berenice Bejo, who were sought after for *The Artist* after working together on a French takeoff of James Bond films. Though virtually unknown in the U.S., one could say that Dujardin and Bejo are the literal George and Peppy of France, thus, making them the absolute best choices for their roles.

Dujardin and Bejo both have faces made for silent film. That is to say, every movement they make is beautifully exaggerated. The story is told to simple perfection through the way they look, not necessarily by the amount of lip reading.

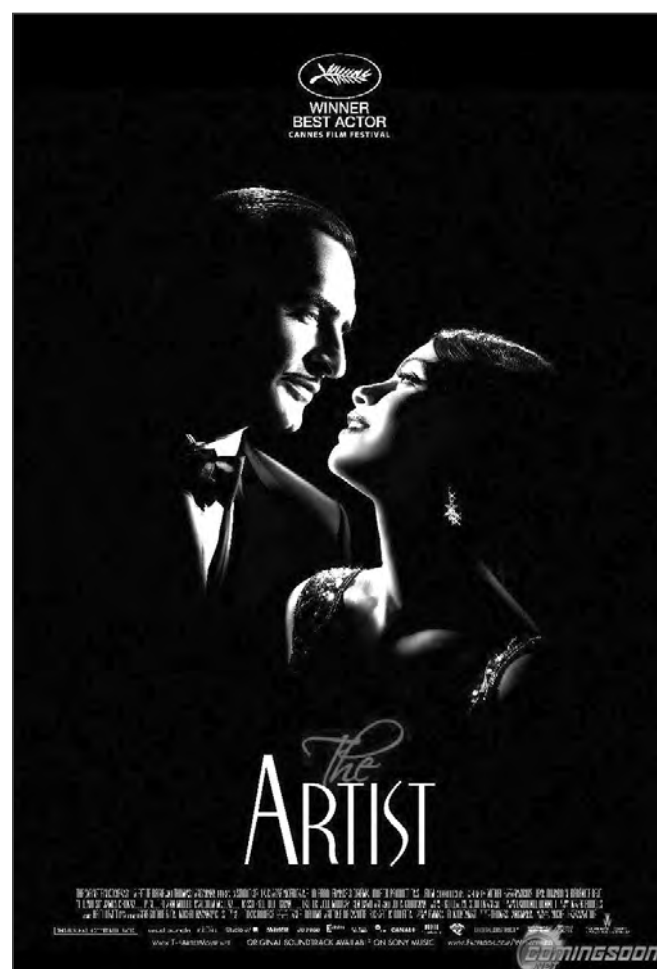
But, I mean, that is the point of silent film, right? Basically, Dujardin was the best actor this year without question, and Bejo deserved her nod for supporting actress.

On top of that, the story is everything that you want to see in a movie. You will laugh, cry, be scared only momentarily and feel the drama exactly as it is meant to be felt. It is traditional and classic both in style and in screenplay.

And in case you were hoping that this is all a joke and somewhere in this film there is actually someone talking; you are in luck. Sound is used twice in the entirety of the film for the dramatic effect of the situation, not for the benefit of the audience. Don't worry; the rest of the film is thoroughly silent with intertitles for the somewhat complicated portions of dialogue.

Now, I know what you're thinking: People get bored watching a movie in black and white. Why would you want to watch a silent film, as well? Possibly because the movie is set in the 1920s, it wasn't made in the 1920s. If you are concerned about the films "watchability," it is not terribly boring because of how it's filmed. In fact, it is even more interesting because it is a modern film made in an old-fashioned way. Don't get it twisted—this is not your great-great grandmother's film.

Instead, I would suggest going to see *The Artist* with an open mind. It doesn't have CGI or animation, and it certainly wasn't shot in 3D. However, when was the last time you saw something this simple? *The Artist* is an absolute treat in a style we may not see again for a long time. Take this opportunity to watch actors do more than dialogue, and filmmakers step away from computer generated characters and green screens to produce something beautiful. This is the movie of the year.



COURTESY OF IMP AWARDS

**Verdict: A**

## Kingdoms of Amalur: Reckoning takes innovative risks that pay off in gameplay

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In this day and age, it's quite rare to find an original idea. Video games are well into their fifth, sixth or even thirteenth installments when people should be starving for something fresh and new.

That's where the new game, *Kingdoms of Amalur: Reckoning*, comes in and decides to break the post-holiday lull with major innovation. You play a character that you create and choose between four different races, which are just different forms of humans and elves. Your character has been resurrected by a dwarven invention called the "Well of Souls," and while everyone else in the world must live to know their destiny, you have no destiny and have the ability to change the fate of others around you.

The first thing you notice when you boot this game up is its beautiful and colorful art direction coupled with the *World of Warcraft*/*Fable*-style character design. While the musical score is lackluster, the subtle bird chirps and wind howls will immerse you as you play through each newly discovered area. You start the game as clueless and lost as your character, but soon pick up on the situation and begin to hold your own against the main enemy known as the Tuatha.

The negatives in this game are obvious, but do not hinder you from enjoying the game itself. The voice acting is decent and the characters themselves are expressive, but that doesn't keep you from thanking the developers for giving players the option to skip some of the dialogue.

Written by R.A. Salvatore, the lore and universe seem refreshing from other fantasy stories enough to warrant a listen, but the lack of engaging characters makes for a pretty basic plot nonetheless.

Although the story and presentation needs more work, the real highlight of the game is its deep and extremely satisfying gameplay. Never has any other game blended third person action with staple role-playing elements in such a creative, deep, yet simplified way. There are three skill trees you can level up: Might - Physical, sword and shield, Finesse - Stealth and long range; and Magic - Spells and staves. Of course, you can level up in various trees and become a mixture of different skills in order to collect different fate cards that are determined by your preferred skill enhancements. This is only improved by the immense variety in weapons and armor sets that range from steel swords and knight armor, to flaming chakrams and wizard robes. The customization factor is increased after you choose and name the weapons and armor you create, which adds a ton of chances for your imagination to go wild.

To say this game has replay value would be an understatement, between the differing classes, weapons and different factions to pledge your loyalty to. If you were to play this game and do every side quest and faction arc, you would experience more than two hundred plus hours of content worth every penny you might spend. Don't let this game pass you by, and even if you don't like the role-playing genre I would whole-heartedly recommend this title just to see how games can be made with a risk and still succeed.

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**Verdict: B+**



COURTESY OF EA

## Gotham City Impostors a delightfully wacky multiplayer shooter experience

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*Gotham City Impostors* is the game Batman fans have been waiting for. Not only does this revolve around the Batman world, but it is the first to throw in a first-person-shooter perspective as well. Music to my ears.

I know what some of you Batman fan boys and girls are thinking. "Holy Lee Harvey Oswald Batman! You never use guns!" And you know what? You'd be right. Which is why you do not play as the caped crusader, but rather a group of devoted Batman followers like those seen in *The Dark Knight*.

The plot of this game is non-existent at best. The only sure-fire plot point is that Batman has left Gotham city to take care of an unknown situation. So with Batman gone, a bunch of regular Joes with firearms and homemade gadgets have taken it upon themselves to fight crime, while a group of devoted Joker followers have decided to wreak havoc in the Bats absence.

But there is more to this game than just its basic simple plot. Each character has different, class-based features, mainly in relation to their size. For example, characters with a larger build are slower, but have more health. Lighter characters are faster, making them harder targets, but they suffer in health, and carrying heavier weapons will significantly slow them down. Everyone is special in his or her own way.

Just like Batman or the Joker, the gadgets help make the hero...or villain. Your gadgets include the following:

- Glider Rig: Allows you to fly around map and attack from above.
- Grapple Gun: Lets you fire a zip line that gets you from point A to point B in style. Also makes a handy weapon.
- Rollerskates: Helps you move around with speed. Warning: rough terrain will slow you down.
- Spring Boots: Charge your boots and leap great distances in a single bound.
- Inflatable Insoles: Lets you double-jump. Enough said.
- Targeting Goggles: Spots out enemies for your team to seek and destroy.
- Ninja Smoke Bomb: Get out of tricky situations and become nearly invisible to the enemy. Remember you are just *nearly* invisible.

And those are just your gadgets. You still have the vast selection of support items that give you grenades, boomerangs and so on. Fun Facts give your character certain perks and abilities, and this description is still scratching the surface. There are so many varieties of guns you can use, costumes for your characters and game variants it is almost overwhelming. But with all of this customization at your fingertips, the possibilities are endless.

It's simple and easy to pick up. I have played my share of FPS's, but never in my life have I played a FPS that was so easy to learn and so much fun. Sure, when I play *Call of Duty* or *Battlefield* I will generally throw out a few curse words and pray to some random deity to rain down some form of bad luck on my enemy; however, that was never the case when I played *Gotham City Impostors*.

I never worry about my Kill Death Ratio when I play. When I die, I usually respond with a chuckle by the smart-ass comment given by the in-game character. Humor is perhaps the game's strongest selling point. With this game being vast in customization, high in replayability, and just overall a good time, I cannot recommend this game highly enough. You can pick this up on the PC or PS3 for \$15 U.S. or 1200 Microsoft points for the Xbox 360.



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**Verdict: A-**

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# Rapper/rocker Kid Cudi releases new experimental album *WZRD*

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The Man on the Moon, The Wizard, Scott Mescudi; this man goes by many names, but most just know him as Kid Cudi. He's been described as a singer or even a rapper, but he's expressed that he doesn't really obtain any fulfillment from "rapping" anymore and now enjoys singing and learning the guitar.

With two "hip-hop" albums out and a rock album with Dot Da Genius titled *WZRD*, he seems to have garnered some of the most loyal fans in the music community. No matter what Cudi does, no matter how strange or how abstract, his fans are willing to support him throughout it all. It seems as though Kid Cudi has personally touched youth with his music about depression, night terrors, drug problems and, most importantly, just being himself.

Ben Breedlove, a teenager who suffered from heart complications last year, died on Christmas day leaving behind two videos quietly telling how Kid Cudi gave him complete inner peace. Kid Cudi responded to the videos after the teen's passing, saying that he "broke down" and was touched by the videos.

He truly influences and inspires fans with his music. Kid Cudi has provided some of the most enjoyable experimental sounds I've heard in years. It is similar to An-

dre 3000 in the sense that he'll sing his ass off in the booth, maybe even off-key, has no boundaries and just puts every piece of himself into the music. He's one of the few artists that seems like he does his music on his own time, how he wants it. And because of that, he's generated so many fans all over the world that will buy his music, no matter if he makes a rock album, a hip-hop album or whatever. I've bought his first two albums, and I'm looking forward to purchasing *WZRD*. The psychedelic sound is nothing to sleep on.

The first album, *The Man on the Moon Part I*, is more on the pop side, in my opinion. And while it has a very upbeat sound, the lyrics are dark at times and show a struggling artist just trying to make music; it's a great album.

The second album, *Part II*, however, is even darker and shows the most depressing moments of being a stoner and just being alone. Cudi on the second installment allows people to hear the voice from someone who was so often used to being "alone" and being "trapped" in his own mind. I find the second album to be the far more mature installment of the series.

The most recent album is by the band he formed titled *WZRD*. This album may be defined as a "rock" album. But, truth be told, Cudi is so off in his own world that he's already had this sound in his previous works before, so to me, this is just another Cudi album, which is not a bad thing. He provides amazing production, memorable melodies and a fantastic composition overall. It's definitely something I'm adding to the CD collection.

Forget your thoughts on Cudi if all you've heard is "Day

N Nite" and pick up *WZRD*; it's just good music. If you liked Andre 3000's "The Love Below," or even Frank Ocean's "Nostalgia," you'll love Kid Cudi and *WZRD*.



COURTESY OF GOOD MUSIC

## SWEDISH LOVE

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when he stayed with her for two weeks. Despite being in America for only fourteen days, Sjoberg was surprised by the little things Americans were doing for him.

"People over here are so friendly towards foreigners, and the simple things like people holding the door for you and saying thank you," Sjoberg said.

Sjoberg said his second visit to America, three months later, would be for a much longer stay.

He spent the next seven months living with the Davis family. While living in the Davis household, Sjoberg would experience a lot of things for the first time in his life.

One of the newest things that Sjoberg would experience would be going to church with the Davis family.

"It was a pretty cool experience to see what a real religious Christian family lived like," Sjoberg said. "A lot of people call themselves Christians, but I don't think they go to church in Sweden."

## The Proposal and Engagement Life

On the afternoon of June 11, 2010, Sjoberg brought Davis to her favorite park in Fairfield, Ohio.

"The park is my favorite place to go and relax, and to just get away from it all," Davis said.

While at the park, they decided to play a game that they used to play when they were first trying to get to know each other. The game involved taking turns asking each other random questions for the other person to answer.

"His last question that day was will you marry me," Davis said. "He pulled out the ring, and I about heeled over."

Since they have been engaged, the two of them have had to work on one main issue: Sjoberg's lack of emotional expression because of his childhood upbringing.

In June 2011, Davis and Sjoberg made the 4,340-mile journey back to his homeland of Sweden. Davis did not have any expectations for the trip. However, she desperately wanted to make a good impression in front of his friends and family.

Davis said she was intimidated about meeting Sjoberg's family.

"They were there when we got off the plane, and I gave them a hug right away," Davis said. "I was so afraid I would talk too fast, or say something they wouldn't understand, or just say something downright stupid. I'm pretty sure I looked like an idiot because I hadn't slept for like 24 hours, but somehow they ended up loving me anyway."

The most intense experience that Davis encountered throughout the trip was when she met Sjoberg's biological father.

"He was a man of few words and rarely spoke to me or in English," Davis said. "I thought he hated me, but apparently that was just how he was. He ended up inviting Patrik and I over for dinner one night and it was very nice."

Despite for being engaged over a year, they have not yet started making wedding plans.

"We won't be getting married until after both of us have graduated from school, that way we can afford the wedding," Sjoberg said.

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## SOFTBALL

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outs. Senior outfielder Diane Gallagher finished 2-for-5 with three runs and a stolen base.

During the Southeastern Louisiana game, the Colonels were behind until the third inning. In the bottom of the third, Tackett got the team on board with a two-run single up the middle. Lauren Mitchell then drew a walk with the bases loaded, and Shannon McQueen came home on a wild pitch to put the finishing touches on a four-run inning for Eastern. Wood then put the Colonels ahead for good with an RBI single in the fifth.

Pitsenbarger pitched a complete game, allowing one run, walking two and striking out six.

Eastern had a split personality Friday, losing to Indiana, 6-0, in the first game and then defeating Georgia

State in the second, 5-2.

In the Indiana game, the Hoosiers scored early and never looked back. They scored three runs off of two hits as a result of groundouts and a wild pitch. Eastern did not have a hit until the fourth inning and only had two for the whole game. Indiana added three more runs in the third for the victory.

Diane Gallagher got things going for the Colonels during the Georgia game with a single and a stolen base in the bottom of the first. Junior Carissa Reisinger followed with a run-scoring single to put the team on top, 1-0. Freshman Lauren Mitchell extended Eastern's lead to 3-0 with her first collegiate home run in the fourth.

The Panthers scored in the fifth on an Eastern throwing error to cut the lead to two, but the Colonels answered in the sixth with a two-run home run by Wood for the eventual margin of victory, 5-2.

Teamwork was one of the positives Robb took away from the weekend.

"Overall, we worked well together as a team," Robb

said. "Leanna [Pitsenbarger] came on in relief Sunday, even though she was still sore from the day before and did a good job."

Coach Jane Worthington said the team had some positives and negatives to mull over.

She also said a few fundamentals would need work in practice to prepare for the next tournament.

"We are going to work on hitting our spots more, keeping the ball low and getting more first-pitch strikeouts," Worthington said.

She also said it's not good to get behind in the count when you're facing good hitters like some of the ones the team just faced.

Worthington was not at all concerned about Robb's poor fourth inning in Sunday's game.

"She knows what she did wrong and what she has to work on; she'll work through it," Worthington said.

The Colonels begin a west coast trip March 7 with a doubleheader against the University of California Riverside at 3 p.m.

## MEN'S TENNIS

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Rob Oertel spoke about the loss.

"No one was happy about losing that match," Oertel said. "We didn't want to see the streak end like that. I've got to tip my hat to a very well-coached Samford program."

Eastern (7-3) took the court Saturday on a seven-game winning streak and appeared on top of their game.

The Colonels would start the evening strong by taking the always-important doubles point as the team of Phillip Janz and Niklas Shroeder were able to claim the win, 8-6.

Also, the duo of Hugo Klientovsky and Carles Pons would mirror their score, defeating their opponents 8-6.

With the doubles point belonging to the Colonels, the momentum was on their side and all things appeared to be going Eastern's way, Oertel said.

Senior and No. 1 seed Klientovsky showed little signs of weakness as he executed solidly against his opponent Zac Dunkle. Klientovsky would take the match, 6-3, 6-2, making Klientovsky 7-2 on the season in singles play. His only two losses coming from UK and Tennessee.

But Klientovsky would be the only Colonel to tack on a singles victory for Eastern as momentum suddenly shifted in the direction of the Bulldogs.

It started with good play from Samford's Carson Kadi. Kadi found himself down after Eastern's No. 2 seed Niklas Schroeder claimed the first set. But after taking the second in a tie-break and blanking Schroeder in the third, Samford's senior leader was able to take the match, 0-6, 7-6, 6-0.

No. 4 seed Parul Verma, who entered the match with only two blemishes on his singles record, would be the next Colonel to suffer defeat. This time it would be the Bulldogs' sophomore Fernan-

do Costa who would pick up the win for Samford. After a back-and-forth first set, Costa was able to claim the win by defeating Verma in the second. The final count, 7-6, 6-1.

The tough veteran and No. 3 seed Phillip Janz would do everything in his power to get the Colonels back on the board. However, his adversary, Elliot Barnwell, had other plans. Barnwell outlasted Janz in a first set tie-break, but Janz was able to capture the second. But after a dead-even third set, Barnwell was able to escape with the victory, 7-6, 4-6, 7-6.

No. 5 seed Pons, who has been able to step in this year and do well for the Colonels, started the match by claiming the first set from Samford's Alexander Sajonz. However, Sajonz would battle his way to a third-set win, 1-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Bulldogs senior Ryan Shidler would be the last to claim a singles victory for Samford, as he took the first and third set from Eastern's Emilio Piriz in a hard fought contest. The final count, 7-6, 4-6, (10-6).

Afterwards, Oertel spoke on the defeat.

"We had momentum; we didn't have an answer for their momentum swing is what it came down to," Oertel said. "They took it up a level, got back in the matches, and we didn't answer back."

### A Look Ahead:

Coming off of a tough loss, the Colonels will have a week to rebound before they travel to Bloomington to face the No. 26 Hoosiers.

Indiana (6-3) is led by a trio of seniors who look to continue a legacy of excellence against Eastern.

Coach Oertel said confidence and tenacity would be the keys to victory.

"First of all believing in ourselves, and just keeping on, no matter where your match is, that's so important for anybody to pull out a match like that," Oertel said. "Because there's gonna be some good moments and bad. We'll have to play our best match of the year to beat them."

The match is set for 10 a. m. Saturday.

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points we were giving up, was a very good performance," Erdmann said.

Eastern Illinois recorded its third straight victory over Eastern with this win.

Erdmann had one simple explanation for what makes them so tough to beat- numbers.

"They have six different coaches," Erdmann said. "They have one for high jump, one for pole vault, and so on. They have a coach for the different events in a combined program."

He also said Eastern Illinois has an indoor track facility to practice on during inclement weather.

Erdmann said Eastern's teams will concentrate on recording faster times in the events they do compete in to get ready for the next competition.

The next event for the Colonels will be the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships March 9-10 in Nampa, Idaho.

In addition, Lydia Kosgei will have her next chance to make nationals in the 3,000 meters Saturday at Notre Dame.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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ennessee State University on Wednesday.

This will be the third time this year Eastern will face the Lady Tigers. In both regular season meetings, the Lady Colonels came out victorious. On December 31st, Eastern hosted the Tigers and came out with a 79-59 win. On February 2, the Lady Colonels went on the road and pulled out a 73-66 win against the Lady Tigers.

"It's very hard to beat a team three times in a row," Carpenter said. "We know they are going to be coming in ready to us."

The Lady Colonels are confident heading into their matchup against the Tigers and other potential opponents.

"If we carry that momentum, that energy, the intensity and effort to Nashville, we will be able to make a good run at it," Roberts said.

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# COLONEL CORNER

## Shaylon Robb



**Class:** Freshman  
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**What would be your choice of sport if you weren't playing softball?**  
Soccer.  
**Who is your sports idol?**  
Cat Osterman, the pitcher from the Olympic softball team.  
**What's the last good movie you've seen?**  
*The Vow*  
**Who is your favorite actor or actress?**

Jennifer Aniston.  
**What country would you most like to visit?**  
Italy. Definitely, Italy.  
**What is your favorite food?**  
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**What's on your iPod right now?**  
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**What's the last good book you've read?**  
Right now, I'm reading the "House of Night" series by P.C. Cast and her daughter Kristin.  
**What do you see yourself doing in five years?**  
I hope to work as a registered nurse in a hospital somewhere.

## WOMEN'S TENNIS

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short in the second, losing, 6-4, 6-2.  
But the Lady Colonels would bounce back to even the score.  
No. 5 seed Saioa Oscoz would grind it out with Xavier's Lizzie Oosterbaan to claim a three-set victory for Eastern. Oscoz took the first set, and after coming up short in the second, left nothing to chance in the third as she claimed it without dropping a game. The final count, 6-1, 4-6, 6-0.  
Freshman No. 1 seed Lady Colonel Amandine Faouzi battled junior Katie Pleiman to try and regain the lead for Eastern. Faouzi, who entered the match with only one loss on the season, came up short in a first set tie-breaker. With a competitive showing in the second, she was unable to extend the match to a third. The final count, 7-6, 6-4.  
With a 3-2 edge, Xavier needed one more victory. It would get it thanks to the play of No. 3 seed Andrea Wolf. Wolf was able to outlast Eastern's Milena Poffo in a close three-set match.  
After claiming the first set tie-break, Poffo fell in the second, and in a third set tiebreaker, she was all but able to capture the win. After a huge effort, the final score would be 6-7, 6-4, (10-8)  
Afterward, head coach Rob Oertel spoke about the match.  
"A very painful loss to Xavier," Oertel said. "You always have some matches on the road that you're never totally comfortable with. It was one of those road matches that we didn't play our best."  
The Lady Colonels would take the court

the next day and prove that they could put the past behind them; using the Xavier loss as motivation, they were able to defeat Abilene Christian.  
Abilene Christian (4-2) came into town Saturday on a high, after taking down pre-season OVC favorite UT Martin. They looked to continue their winning ways against Eastern.  
Eastern's women would capture the win and end their two-game losing streak.  
Fresh off of a solid performance against Xavier, Colonel No. 2 seed Kristina Labeja would pick up right where she left off. Labeja would again take her match in straight sets against her opponent Brittney Reed. The final count, 6-4, 6-3.  
Coach Oertel had high remarks concerning the play of Labeja and some of the attributes that have contributed to her early success.  
"Up to this point, she's exceeded expectations," Oertel said. "She's clearly held her own. She has a unique style of play that's a little bit different than other players. Opponents have a little trouble adjusting to her style of play. Also, she has a unique ability to anticipate, her anticipation is A-plus, and it allows her to get to a lot of balls and frustrate her opponents."  
No. 1 seed Amandine Faouzi would follow up, as she sought to get back to her winning ways. Faouzi capitalized on the first set and won the second over sophomore Micah Hermsdorf, 7-5, 6-2.  
With Eastern taking a 2-0 lead early in singles play, Abilene Christian's No. 4 seed, Emily Conrad stepped up to get the Wildcats on the board.  
Conrad battled Eastern's Milena Poffo in a competitive two-set contest in which she was able to come out on top over the more



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**Amandine Faouzi returns a volley against Abilene Christian on Saturday.**

experienced Lady Colonel. The final score, 6-4, 6-4.  
Soon after, Abilene Christian's No. 3 seed Laura Mongin would follow with a win of her own against Eastern's Melissa Gerritsen. Gerritsen came out firing, taking the first set away from Mongin. But, the junior from France would not back down as she would take the following two sets, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2  
The play of No. 5 seed Saioa Oscoz would prove to be the deciding factor. Oscoz was able to put on a strong performance for the

Lady Colonels. She took down Hannah Kelley in straight sets, 6-2, 6-2.  
The final singles contest featured Eastern's No. 6 seed Carmen Rodriguez and Abilene Christian's Felicity Delgado. Although Rodriguez was able to claim the first set, Delgado battled to win the second and outlasted the freshman from Spain to take the match, 2-6, 7-5, (10-8)  
In doubles, the team of Faouzi and Oscoz were able to get a win for the Colonels, 8-6.  
Also, the team of Gerritsen and Rodriguez won, 8-4, to give the Lady Colonels a final overall match score of, 4-3.  
Afterwards, coach Oertel commented on the match.  
"I'm very happy how [sic] they bounced back against Abilene Christian, who was as good a team as Xavier or better," Oertel said.

**A Look Ahead:**  
The Lady Colonels will get some time to rest and prepare for a busy week of matches, which starts on March 6th.  
They will make their way to Florida to kick off outdoor court play.  
First, they will meet Embry-Riddle in Daytona.  
Embry-Riddle (5-1) is a respectable squad with a host of women ranging from seniors to freshman.  
Eastern will then make its way to Jacksonville to take on the Dolphins.  
Jacksonville (3-3) has had an up-and-down season. A win over Eastern would help boost its momentum.  
The following day, the Lady Colonels will take on North Florida University.  
University of North Florida (1-2) is a team of experienced players who may give Eastern all the team can handle.

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## Track teams finish in top five at OVC tournament

By CHRIS MCGEE

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The indoor track and field teams took a shortage of athletes and spun it into a positive last weekend.

Eastern teams ignored the fact they didn't have enough athletes to compete in some of the events such as the high jump, pole vault and throwing, which put them in a 180-point hole. Instead, the Colonels forged on and finished second and third, respectively, in the Ohio Valley Conference Track and Field Indoor Championships held in Nashville, Tenn.

In the women's division, Eastern Illinois won with 149.5 points, and Eastern came in second with 101. In addition, the Lady Colonels won nine individual gold medals.

Kosgei led the medal count for the women with three. She won the women's 800 meters with a time of 2:09.95, which is the second fastest in school history. She also recorded an OVC Championships-record time of 4:51.08 on her way to winning the women's mile. Kosgei also won the 3,000 meters with a time of 10:09.46.



Lydia Kosgei

But Kosgei also reiterated her team-first attitude by teaming with fellow senior Jackline Barkechir, juniors Bianca Forbes and Pi-

coty Leitch to win the distance medley relay in 11:53.87.

Freshman Ann Eason made her formal introduction by winning her first confer-

**"For the women to finish second, with the points we were giving up, was a very good performance."**

**Rick Erdmann**  
Track Head Coach

ence title in the 5,000 meters with a time of 17:35.22.

Eastern Illinois University also won the men's division, scoring 196 points. Southeast Missouri came in second with 112 and Eastern finished third with 96.

Colonel junior Soufiane Bouchikhi won his third straight men's 3,000 meters in 8:35.73. He also showed his loyalty to team by pairing with seniors Ben Cheruiyot, Peter Sigilai and Gerry Cooper to win the men's

distance medley relay with a time of 9:54.42.

Senior David Mutuse successfully defended his indoor 5,000-meter title recording a time of 14:45.71. Fellow senior Ben Cheruiyot won his first career OVC title in the men's mile with a time of 4:14.44.

Coach Rick Erdmann said both teams did well.

"For the women to finish second, with the

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## Softball team has winning weekend

By CHRIS MCGEE

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Freshman pitcher Shaylon Robb (2-2) has learned early in her softball career that one bad inning can affect the outcome of an entire game.

The Colonels (6-3) were facing Alabama State Sunday in the last game of the Phyllis Rafter Memorial Classic, hosted by Kennesaw State in Woodstock, Ga.

Eastern had jumped to a 4-0 lead behind Robb's solid pitching; she sat the first nine batters put in front of her. However, in the fourth inning she allowed five earned runs, including a grand slam, to give the Hornets a 5-4 win.



Larkyn Wood

Robb finished the game with five earned runs, no walks and six strikeouts. She also didn't shy away from her culpability in the loss.

"I take full responsibility for the loss," said Robb. "I left some pitches too high in the [strike] zone and there were some small hits that weren't fielded."

The team had a better day Saturday, picking up victories over Campbell, 9-7 and Southeastern Louisiana, 5-1.

In the Campbell game, Eastern scored early in the first with three runs, including an RBI double from freshman Katie Tackett. But the Camels had an answer, scoring one in their half of the inning and then six more in the second making it 7-3.

The Colonels, however, were not finished. They scored a total of six runs: two in the fourth, six and seventh innings. Senior Larkyn Wood provided the game-winner with a two-run shot in the top of the seventh.

Freshman pitcher Leanna Pittsenbarger came on in relief in the fourth and held Campbell at bay over the last four innings, allowing four hits, one walk and three strike-

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## Women's basketball earns sixth seed

LADY COLONELS WILL FACE TENNESSEE STATE FOR THIRD TIME THIS SEASON

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The Lady Colonels fought hard but came up short on "Senior Day" Saturday when they faced Eastern Illinois University. The Lady Colonels (12-15, 7-9 OVC) were clinging to a three-point lead with 2:22 minutes to go in the second half. However, they couldn't keep the Panthers (22-7, 14-3 OVC) from scoring and getting the 79-76 victory.

Junior Ta'Kenya Nixon gave the Panthers a four-point lead, 69-65, with 4:46 left in the game after sinking two free throws. The Lady Colonels responded by scoring seven straight points to take the lead, 70-69, with 2:22 remaining.

Over the next two minutes, the lead would change five times. With 47 seconds remaining, Sophomore Marie Carpenter would connect on a jumper. Carpenter's basket would give the Lady Colonels their final lead, 76-75.

With 38 seconds remaining, Nixon would answer Carpenter's jumper with one of her own. Carpenter put up two three-point shots with less than 10 seconds remaining with only one falling.

Nixon led the Panthers in scoring with 30 points, five assists and three steals.

"Ta'Kenya Nixon is tough, down the stretch when the ball is in her hands she is going to knock down shots," said head coach Chrissy Roberts.

The Lady Colonels had five players who scored in double digits. Carpenter led the team

with 15 points. Carpenter's time on the court was limited to 18 minutes because of early foul trouble.

"I got in foul trouble early, but the good thing is, it didn't effect my team," Carpenter said.



"They kept playing and we stayed close the entire game. We kept playing and no one ever gave up."

Junior Alex Jones scored 13 points and brought in nine rebounds. Jones is only 13 points away from

becoming the member of Eastern's 1,000-point club. Jones is also one rebound away from tying the sixth spot for Eastern's career rebounding list.

Despite the loss to the Panthers, the Lady Colonels were able to find a silver lining.

"I think if we go out and play hard like we did in that game, because I felt we played a pretty solid game until the end," Jones said. "If we play like that we should be ready for the tournament."

With the loss to Eastern Illinois University, the Lady Colonels will be the No. 6 seed in the OVC tournament. They will face No. 7 Ten-

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## Womens tennis split a pair of weekend games

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Last weekend was bittersweet for Eastern's women's tennis squad.

Bitter, as they dropped their second straight match against a high-powered Xavier team. But the sweet came as the Lady Colonels were able to rebound the next day at home against a young Abilene Christian team.

Friday, the Lady Colonels traveled to Cincinnati to take on Xavier University (8-3).

Eastern (6-3, 0-0 OVC) came in looking to put an end to a four-game winning streak for the Musketeers. But it was not meant to be, as Xavier was able to defend their home court and get the victory, 5-2.

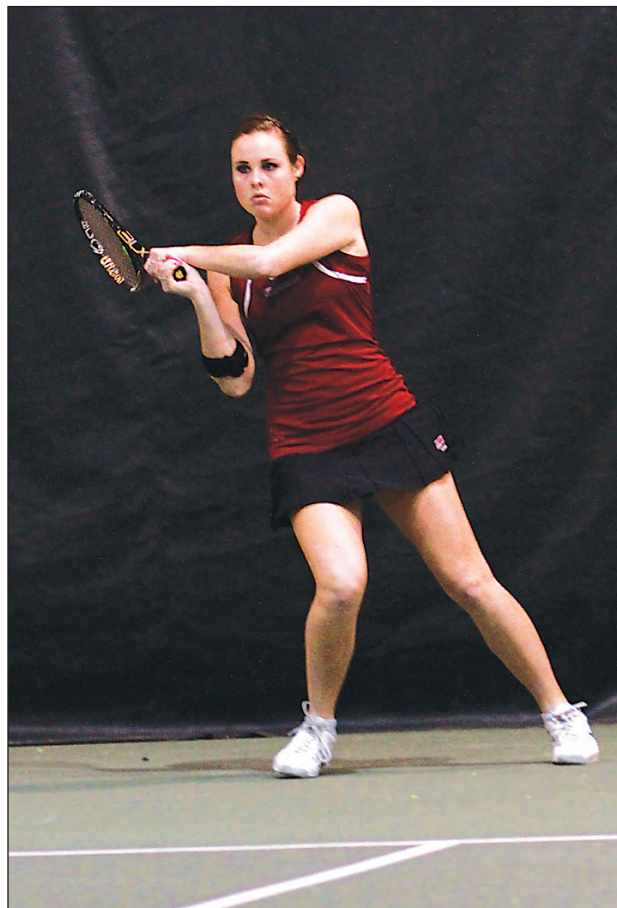
Xavier's No. 6 seed Allyson Westling, a Kentucky native, would be the first to claim a victory for her squad. She was able to defeat Eastern's Marcela Jimenez, taking the match in straight sets, 6-2, 6-0.

Eastern's No. 2 seed, freshman Kristina Labeja, would rebound for the Colonels. Labeja was able to defeat fellow freshman Daniella Patton, 6-3, 6-1.

With the score tied at one, Xavier's No. 4 seed Kally Alkire would give the Musketeers the advantage.

Alkire stole the first set from Eastern's Carmen Rodriguez. Rodriguez would do all she could but came up

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Freshman Kristin Labeja returns a volley during one of her weekend matches. The women's tennis team lost Friday against Xavier University, but won Saturday against Abilene Christian University.



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Senior Niklas Schroeder races to return a serve during his match against an opponent from Samford University. The Bulldogs snapped the Colonels tennis team's 38-match home winning streak.

## Tennis team loses at home for first time since February 2009

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Saturday, for the first time since February 7, 2009, Eastern's men's tennis team found themselves on the losing end of a match at home.

Samford University would be responsible for ending the 38 match home-winning streak.

Samford (5-2) rolled into Rich-

mond looking for a win over the experienced Colonels. That goal was met thanks to their ability to capitalize on key points and execute in tiebreakers. With only one singles victory and a pair of doubles wins for Eastern, the final score would be 5-2.

After the match, head coach

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