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Syllabus index awaiting action

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The syllabus index is waiting for approval from the Board of Regents after being approved by Faculty Senate last month. Faculty Senate met Feb. 6 to approve the revisions made to the proposal for a syllabus index. Among the revisions was a disclaimer for students using the index.



Madelyn Street

"We put a disclaimer on there basically stating that students realize that the syllabi on the syllabus index may be a semester or two behind and may be subject to change," said Madelyn Street, academic affairs chair.

The Board of Regents will meet to review the updated proposal for the index in April.

"I think it should be very easy to convince them [Board of Regents] to pass it," Street said.

The website's design and location on Eastern's website remains undecided.

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CACTUS weigh in on pot laws

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The varied issues of politics may sometimes fall on deaf ears in a college community, but for the students and leaders of the Citizens Assembly for Critical Thinking about the United States (CACTUS), political conversations are the main event.

This year the conversation has been focused on should law regarding marijuana be changed.

CACTUS was started in 2008 and modeled after the Canadian Citizen Assemblies where ordinary citizens gather together to discuss and decide about an issue.

Jane Rainey, professor of political science and a co-director of CACTUS, said the course started when she and her husband's interest in the Canadian Citizen Assemblies. The course receiving a grant from the Quality Enhancement Program (QEP), and it fits into the program.

"I teach Canadian politics and my husband, Glen Rainey, who is also co-director of CACTUS, did some research on the Assembly including watching all of the video tapes and attending a session, the second one in Toronto," Rainey said. "About that time, Eastern's Quality Enhancement Plan developed and faculty were invited to submit pro-

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Zoning Commission approves housing project

By SETH LITRELL
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Richmond's Planning and Zoning commission voted Thursday to send a recommendation for a zoning change for land across Lancaster in order to build a privately owned housing project for Eastern students.

"The zoning is for single-family right now," said Jason Hart, planning and zoning director for the Richmond planning and zoning department. "We're wanting to change to R3, which is multi-family zoning."

The maximum occupancy building allowed on single-family zones is a duplex, so the zoning would need to be changed before any housing project could take place.

After the minutes for last week's planning and zoning meeting are approved at the next meeting, the recommendation will be brought to Richmond city council.

Lisa Cassity, Richmond city clerk, said city council won't be able to address the recommendation for another week, and any final plans will not be voted on until at least April.

"An ordinance requires two readings, and it usually takes a month," Cassity said.

James Street, vice president of administration at Eastern, said the project is completely separate from the uni-

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PHOTO SUBMITTED

An artist's rendering shows part of the units in the plan for a privately owned housing project to be built across from Eastern on Lancaster.

GETTING IN OVER YOUR HEAD

EASTERN GRADUATES ACCUMULATE AN AVERAGE OF \$24,400 IN DEBT

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College seniors about to graduate have a lot on their minds with job hunting, graduation and facing big financial decisions like buying a house. On top of all this, some graduates will begin chipping away at all the student loans they have accumulated over the last few years. However, statistics show a

good chunk of graduates will not start combating the debt immediately.

Shelley Park, director of Student Financial Assistance and Scholarship, said the average debt in 2010 of Eastern graduates, who started and ended at Eastern, receiving a bachelor's degree was \$24,400.

She said Morehead and Murray's average debt is similar at about \$25,000-\$26,000.

This debt crisis isn't only a local problem, though. Park said student loan debt is growing across the United States hitting \$867 billion at

the end of 2011, totaling more than credit card debt or car loans.

Park said student loans are automatically set up on a 10-year payment plan. Unfortunately, students often have to extend their loans using income based repayment, which is a payment plan for federal student loans that caps monthly payments at an affordable rate based on income and family size.

"It extends the payment period but also makes it fall within what they can pay within their own budget," Park said.

She said students can only get a maximum of \$57,000 in student loans, \$23,000 for dependent students.

"Students are having to borrow more money," Park said. "There's not enough institu-

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Maroon Day declared by Mayor

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The Power of Maroon, a simple phrase used to sum up Eastern pride, has become more than a string of words – on March 13, Mayor Jim Barnes declared March 21 the official Power of Maroon Day.

All because a few Eastern students, calling themselves the Maroon Ladies, decided to take on a project to celebrate Eastern pride.

"We saw how Eastern needed more school spirit," said Megan Malear, 22, communication studies major from Winchester. "We're all passionate about ECU and that's why we should celebrate it."

The project was part of a communications class taught by John Strada. As part of the class students are asked to create an event proposal.

The celebration will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., March 21, at Powell Corner.

The event will offer refreshments, music and various speakers including President Doug Whitlock and Student Body President Rachel Mollozzi.

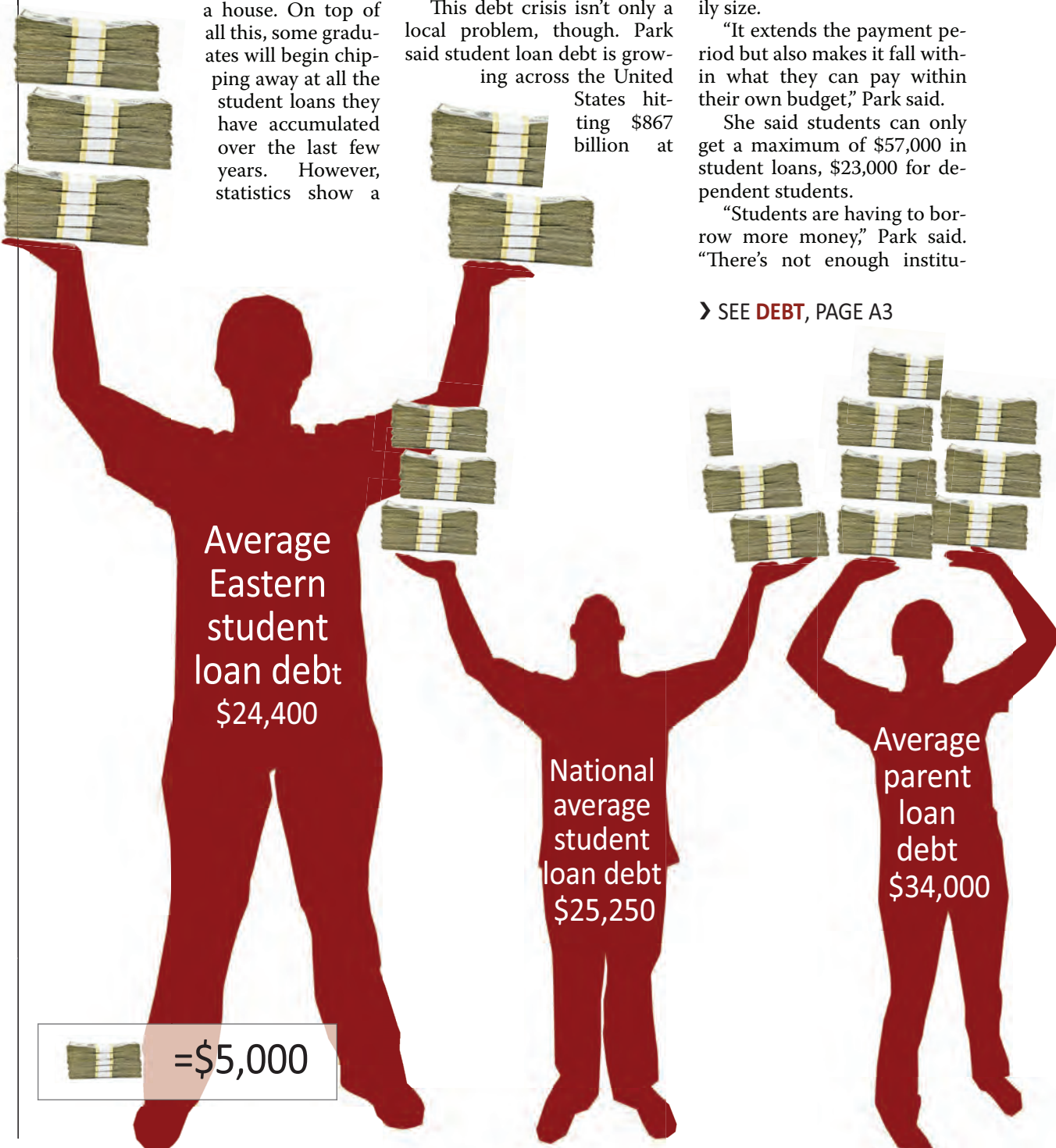
The campus Barnes and Noble will also join the students in the celebration by putting on a fashion show showcasing their Eastern themed clothing.

"I think one thing that will also be happening is a balloon release," said Maler. "It will represent 1906, the year Eastern was founded."

Malear also said various types of games would be available for students to participate in.

But the main way the Maroon Ladies hope to inspire school pride has been asking for the involvement of the students and faculty to wear maroon colored clothing on the day.

The event will include a raffle, with many items donated by local businesses.



POLICE BEAT

All information is taken from Eastern police reports.

Feb. 25

Police observed Craig Corcoran, student, cross into the bike lane and almost strike the sidewalk in his vehicle on Kit Carson Drive. As Corcoran turned onto Madison Drive, he straddled the line between the two turning lanes. Police could detect the odor of alcohol on or about his person. After he failed four field sobriety tests, he was arrested and taken to the Madison County Detention Center where he was submitted to a breath test. The test showed his alcohol level was .154.

Feb. 27

A male student reported a window had been damaged in McGregor Hall. A residence adviser received a call there was blood on the fifth floor of the building. When he arrived, he noticed a window

on the floor had been broken. Police followed the trail of blood from the broken window to a room on the floor. After no one in the room answered the door, police had an RA let them into the room to make sure nobody was injured. Facilities Services was on the scene to clean up the blood on the floor. The damage to the window was valued at \$200.

March 2

A female student reported an Olympus E-520 Digital Camera and a Scosche Digital FM transmitter was missing from her room in Telford Hall where she last saw it. She said her transmitter was stored on her desk, and her camera was stored on the floor next to her desk. She said she did not know anyone who would have stolen or had access to these items. Her roommate claimed to have not seen the items. Her door showed no signs of forced entry. She could not provide serial numbers for the camera or transmitter but said she would contact ECU Police once the numbers were located. The missing items are valued at \$940.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Career Choice class

The counseling center is offering a career-counseling seminar, GCS 199, to help students select a major or a career path. The eight-week course meets two times per week and has no finals. The class is designed to help students select a major, learn more about careers within the major and learn career decision making skills. The class meets in the Student Success Building Room 568.

Hunger Games: Sullivan Hall Survival

EKU Energy Club is sponsoring "Hunger Games: Sullivan Hall Survival," an event based on the book series, *The Hunger Games*. Residents of Sullivan Hall will participate in an obstacle course, trivia challenges, an archery contest and a scavenger hunt. Each participant is required to bring one canned good to assist with ECU Recyclemania. All students must register by March 18. The event will take place at 5 p.m., March 20 and 22 in Sullivan Hall. For more information, contact Brad Barnett at 622-7392.

Songs and Chants: A Window into the Middle Ages

Hunter Hensley, a professor of voice at Eastern, will perform melodies from the Middle Ages March 21, 22 and 27. He will sing melodies, dance and play the harp during these performances. Some of his performances will include Gregorian chant and Kinnor lyre. Hensley recently completed recording projects at the University of California-Berkeley and Cornell University, and performed at three national conferences in the last year. He will perform at 7:30 p.m., March 21 at Eastern's Meditation Chapel and the cost of attendance is free.



The Colonel's Calendar

Week of March 15 - March 21

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p>10 a.m. Justice and Safety Fair, College of Justice and Safety and Career Services, Perkins Building</p> <p>7 p.m. St. Patrick's Day Celebration, Student Life, Downstairs Powell Room 11</p> <p>The Ethics of Facebook, Telford Hall event, O'Donnell Hall</p>	<p>2 p.m. Silent Conditions: Agnostic Questions for Theists and Atheists, ECU Libraries & Student Government Association, Crabbe Library Room 204G</p> <p>Baseball vs. Bowling Green State University, Hughes Field</p>	<p>1 p.m. Softball vs. Southeast Missouri State University, Hughes Field</p> <p>6 p.m. Men's tennis at Virginia</p> <p>7 p.m. March Madness, Telford Hall event, Telford lobby</p>	<p>All Day Horseback Riding, ECU Campus Recreation, Whispering Woods, Ky.</p> <p>Pop Tab War, Walters Hall event, Walters lobby</p>	<p>8 p.m. Decorating Bobby Pins, Sullivan Hall event, Sullivan lobby</p> <p>9 p.m. Cross the Line, Sullivan Hall event, Sullivan Hall study room</p>	<p>3 p.m. Baseball vs. Indiana State University, Hughes Field</p> <p>4 p.m. Smoothie Happy Hour, ECU Campus Recreation, Fitness and Wellness Center</p>	<p>1 p.m. Softball at Morehead State University</p> <p>3 p.m. Baseball at Indiana State University</p> <p>7:30 p.m. <i>Songs and Chants: A Window into the Middle Ages</i> concert, Meditation Chapel</p>

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versity, with the exception of one part, a bridge project the university has wanted to implement for a long time.

"They (the planners) came up with a plan for a bridge crossing Lancaster to the University side, so we're working with them on that," Street said.

A concept drawing of the plan by Vision Engineering LLC shows two four story apartment-style buildings. The buildings and parking for them will be in a fenced off area with a gate that residents will be able to access.

The concept art also shows a five-acre area sectioned off as green space, featuring a large water basin and a pedestrian walking trail. In the plan, green space is open to the public.

"We believe such a project would be a benefit to the university, but we are not endorsing it in any way," Street said.



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ed. "IT [Information Technology] was designing it," Street said. "I'm not sure where that is. They said it would take a couple of weeks so that

DEBT

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tional aid to go around." Park said as of Monday, March 12, Eastern's financial aid office has disbursed \$82 million in loans.

Park said the problem is that most borrowers are not paying down their debt. She said 39 percent of student loan borrowers were paying down their balances in the third quarter of 2011.

Park said the worst thing students can do is not start paying on debts as soon as they get out of school. She said if students don't start combating the debt soon, it could hurt their credit.

She said things are only getting worse for graduates in the near future too.

"Beginning July 1, grad students cannot get a subsidized student loan," Park said. "It's all going to be unsubsidized."

Along with this, in July the interest

should be done shortly." If the syllabus index is approved by the Board of Regents, it will then be sent to Eastern President Doug Whitlock for approval.

Street said if Whitlock approves the index, it should be up and running by next semester.

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Madelyn Street
 Academic Affairs Chair

rate on federally subsidized student loans will increase from 3.4 to 6.8 percent.

Park said it's getting harder and harder for student's to get out of school without any debt.

"That's a goal that's sometimes hard to achieve when tuition is going up and funding is going down," Park said.

Some recommendations Park had for students wishing to avoid massive debt is to be informed about their money.

"What I've always warned students is not to borrow any more than you need," Park said. "Make informed decisions when it comes to your money."

Senior animal studies major and psychology major Sara Worley, 23, of Canada, Ky. and Jennifer Shields, 24, of Lexington said they both have student loan debt accumulated. Shields estimated she has about \$15,000 worth, and Worley estimated hers at \$25,000. Both said they have multiple loans and believed that the amount owed is about average. Both plan on putting off payments as long as they can after graduation in order to better

afford it. "I'll probably have to defer for the first six months given the job market," Shields said.

Park said it is important that students know how much they owe and should keep track of it.

Senior apparel design and merchandising major Lee Espinoza, 21, of Liberty Township, Ohio had to pull out his calculator to estimate how much he owes in student loans and concluded his total around \$112,000.

Espinoza said he has at least already paid off his unsubsidized loans but has no idea how long it will take him to get it all paid off.

"That depends on how lucky I get," Espinoza said. "I have grace periods [before payments] I believe."

Mary Robinson, 19, art major from Irvine said she already knows she is headed for student loan debt.

"I'm taking out \$6,000 in student loans right now, and I'll probably take out \$35 [thousand] in the future," Robinson said. "Ever heard of a starving artist, that's going to be me."

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CACTUS

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posals. Just looking at that, it fit perfectly into the consent."

Past topics discussed by CACTUS include presidential election procedures, the death penalty, the drinking age, and war powers. The official topic for this session of CACTUS is "Should we change the marijuana laws?"

Rainey said the campus community was invited to submit politically relevant ideas to CACTUS.

"We ask students what they would like and we looked at what was timely," Rainey said. "We try to do things that are hot topics, but we also try to do things that won't be decided. Every year we have asked students, marijuana has been one of the top issues."

Cody Buell, 25, receiving a master's degree in public administration and public health and graduate assistant for CACTUS from Paint Lick, said the course is unlike any

course he has ever heard about. "CACTUS is such a unique class that anybody can get involved with," Buell said. "There is so much you can learn about every topic if you really dive into depth about it."

Sarah Short, 21, elementary education major from Berea, said her reason for taking the course changed within the first hour of attending it.

"It fit into my schedule is the main reason," Short said. "The topic had nothing to do with it. I think politics has a lot to do with education and I think I'm going to benefit from it."

Rainey said there is a public hearing during First Amendment Week and a public forum is now open to submit any comments on the topic the campus community has. At the end of the semester, the campus community is encouraged to go online and vote on the referendum question.

For more information about CACTUS or to comment about it on the public forum, go to www.cactus.eku.edu, e-mail gov.cactus@eku.edu, or contact Jan Rainey, Glenn Rainey, or Cody Buell at 859-622-6498.

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Housing makes LLC changes for upcoming semester

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While news of the new dormitory has hit campus and become a popular topic, questions have surfaced about what changes should be expected. A few changes that are certain to occur in Housing involve the Living Learning Communities (LLC).

The LLC's on campus are various areas of interests that are located on different floors and sections of Eastern's residence halls. LLC's intend to help students meet peers with similar interests while also allowing students to be involved on campus.

One change that will come to the LLC's this fall is a new community called Colonel First.

"Colonel First is for first generation college students; it will focus on the needs of a first year college student," said Nickole Hale, associate director of Academic Initiatives.

Hale added that the LLC would consist of a male and female floor, and Colonel First would also be a part of the current community ConneXtions, located in Commonwealth hall.

"We want to do some special activities with the students, something like a snack and chat where students can come together and ask questions that they have about what's going on, that they might not be aware of," Hale said.

Additionally, a minor change is to happen in the fall in Keene Hall; the professional golf management, or PGM LLC will move from the fourth floor to the third floor, Hale added.

For more information on any further or current Living Learning Community changes please contact Nickole Hale at nickole.hale@eku.edu or for any residence hall concerns or changes contact Kenna Middleton at kenna.middleton@eku.edu.



FILE PHOTO

The ConneXtions Living Learning Community is currently housed in Commonwealth Hall. The Colonel First LLC is planned to be in conjunction with the ConneXtions program.

ECAR IT survey measures university technology usage

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Eastern will be participating in a national survey to test undergraduate students' use of information technology on campus.

ECAR, EDUCAUSE Center for Applied Research, is putting on the survey for more than 100 four-year and two-year institutions nationwide.

Though this is the first year Eastern has participated in the survey, it is the 8th time it has been distributed.

"The goal has been to shed light about how information technology effects the college experience," said Tammy Cornett, coordinator of Information Technology Communications.

The first part of the questionnaire asks students whether or not they use certain technologies, such as smartphones, tablets and laptops. It then asks whether you use these devices for personal use or academic use.

The second part focuses more on Eastern and how well instructors and classrooms on campus utilize technology to enhance student success. It also asks questions about how well instructors use social

media to communicate with students.

"It's totally geared toward undergraduate students, and their experiences with information technology on campus," Cornett said.

In 2010, approximately 36,950 freshman and seniors at 100 four-year and 27 two-year institutions completed the survey.

This is also the first year the survey has been offered to all undergraduate students. In past years, it has only been offered to freshmen and seniors.

"They were looking at freshman coming in and seniors leaving, and they broadened it out to get everyone's experiences," Cornett said.

Cornett said students should take the survey because the ultimate goal is to "improve student education" and will allow IT to "see how our students compare with students nationwide."

Cornett said the survey should take no more than 15 minutes to complete. Students who participate in the survey are registered to win a \$50 or \$100 Amazon gift card.

The survey was made available March 12 and will remain open until April 10 and can be completed by visiting www.it.eku.edu.

Take Back the Night event sheds light on women's abuse

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Take Back the Night, for over 30 years, has helped support women who have been sexually, emotionally, and/or physically abused.

The event, sponsored by ECU SAFE and the Women and Gender studies program, aims to raise awareness for issues related to women's abuse.

Lisa Day-Lindsey, director of the women and gender studies program, said the program advocates rallies, marches and candlelight ceremonies to support the survivors, raise awareness, help those in pain and find help for those in need.

"There are several parts of Take Back the Night," Day said. "All month long we will be participating with ECU SAFE and focus on stalking, it will be called 'Silence Broken' and it will talk about people's experiences with stalking."

"The next thing that we will do is put boxes around campus for people to put in the personal experiences, feelings regarding abuse," Day added. "It will be anonymous and we will share all of the stories

that we get."

Day said a speaker will be present to share her personal story.

The speaker, Jane Webster Leech, will present a presentation titled "Taking Back Life; A mother's flight to protect her daughter."

The program provides education about what is right and wrong, counseling and support.

The event will also include slam poets and other speakers. The night will end with a candlelight vigil.

After first taking place in Philadelphia October 1975, Take Back the Night is now a global charity from Rome to London to Australia.

Day said everyone, abused or not, is welcome to come out and support the women who have been.

Men who feel strongly about this subject are also encouraged to attend.

If you would like to donate to the cause, log on to www.takebackthenight.org. Take Back the Night is at 6:30 p.m., March 22, at 6:30 in Wallace Room 149.

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Kelly is graduating from ECU in May 2012 with a degree in Child and Family Studies. "I love cupcakes, laughing, and walking in the rain. In my free time I play intramural dodgeball and flag football. I hate velvet, peas, and anything "diet." I'm always honest and willing to help, so ask me anything!"

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Uncommon Connections.

Mock trial team qualifies for national debate competition

By PJIL KYLES
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Eastern's Mock Trial team was ranked 25 nationally based on their performance at a regional competition last month and because of this ranking will take part in the Carol N. Ney National Mock Trial Tournament March 23 through March 25 in Greenville, S.C.

Mock trial mainly consists of students participating in proctored court cases, acting as witnesses and attorneys.

One of Eastern's mock trial coaches,

Sara Zeigler, political science professor and interim dean of University Programs, said she is excited about the team's placement in the national tournament.

"It demonstrates to a larger community that EKU can compete in academics at the national level," Zeigler said. "We are up against students from some of the most elite colleges in the country. They learn what EKU is about and our students learn that they can hold their own against anyone in the country; this is a valuable lesson."

During the Kennesaw State region-

al tournament, Zac Caldwell earned 20 ranks helping Eastern along in their bid-earning finish. Zac Caldwell, five-year veteran of mock trial and political science major from Elizabethtown, said the skills his Mock Trial team has given him will benefit him after graduation.

"I don't plan on going to law school for a while, but my ability to present ideas, to speak in public and to teach concepts to laypeople, is the entire basis of my job hunt right now," Caldwell said. "The skills I learned in mock are the ones I depend on most right now to develop a career

around."

"I always tell people we compete at the level in our sport that UK does in basketball," he added.

The Mock Trial team is looking for new members and open auditions for slots are held at the beginning of the fall semester. For more information on Eastern's Mock Trial team and its success at the national tournament, visit its website at mocktrial.eku.edu or call Sara Zeigler at 622-2222.

Corbin campus environmental club boosts community recycling efforts

By STEPHANIE COLLINS
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Over the last year, EKU Corbin Environmental PRIDE Club, a spinoff of Eastern Kentucky PRIDE, has helped increase recycling in Corbin by 75 percent.

Randal Napier, 34, business major from Corbin and president of the club, said he attributes that success to a great working effort from the students and community alike.

"We don't just do it ourselves," Napier said. "From the students to the advisers to the community, we all try to work together. It's not just our organization."

Through funding and grants, Corbin's PRIDE club began placing recycling bins

around the community.

Stephan Broussard, 21, social work major from Fargo, N.D., said the bins are the cause for the major increase in recycling.

"Recycling centers used to have only one (bin)," Broussard said. "Now they have two overflowing. There's a lot more people recycling."

Broussard said the club is currently focused on moving a step further in their development of recycling.

"Right now we're working on having it to where recyclables could be picked up along with the garbage pick up," Broussard said.

Broussard added he wasn't sure whether the garbage pickup would collect the recyclables or if a separate truck would collect them,

but said the main idea was to make it possible to set out garbage and recyclables together for pickup.

"We have seriously worked with our community, we've really built a relationship with them," Napier said.

He added the club keeps seeing a growth in that relationship.

"It just keeps on growing," Napier said. "We've really just begun. We're moving on to the next step of working with children."

The club has several future events that will focus on teaching children about environmental health. One of those events will focus on the reading of a book, "All the Way to the Ocean," by Joel Harper.

Napier said it is a children's book that

demonstrates the dangers of polluting storm drains and how the trash will eventually make it "all the way to the ocean."

Dustin Ames, 21, history major from Williamsburg and treasurer of the club, said he just recently joined and is already impressed with the success he's seen.

"It's vague, but it's just bettering yourself and your environment and your community," Ames said. "We're making a big impact on our community."

The club's next major event is the 5th Annual PRIDE Spring Cleanup Kick-Off Celebration from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., March 24, at Cumberland Falls State Resort Park.

New applied creative thinking minor to be offered through Noel Studio

By MEGAN COLLINS
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Creative thinking will become a new minor in the fall.

Russell Carpenter, the director in the Noel Studio for Academic Creativity, has started an applied creative thinking minor with Noel Studio.

Carpenter said Eastern, in general, develops creative thinking.

A 2010 survey by IBM of more than 3,000 CEO's found the majority of CEO's are looking for employees with creative thinking skills.

Carpenter said creative thinkers have a more competitive advantage in the job market.

The poll researched to see what employers were looking for when it came to hiring and

creative thinking was the main topic looked at.

Noel Studio saw the need and developed the applied creative thinking minor to benefit students. Creative thinkers look at things from a different perspective and become creative leaders.

Noel Studio has researched the minor, looking at leadership, communication design, and different traits to make students more defined. The studio also looked into different programs at different locations. The main focus is on creative problem solving.

The ideal home for the minor is Noel Studio.

There are two developed classes for the minor so far, CRE 101 and CRE 400. CRE 101 is the intro class while CRE 400 is the creativity capstone.

Carpenter will be teaching the first cre-

ative thinking class, CRE 101, in fall 2012.

The CRE 101 course is being offered as a pilot for the creative thinking minor.

"It is a need on campus," Carpenter said. "We have been looking at the advantages of the minor."

Carpenter said minors are usually an afterthought to students, but creative thinking will compliment majors.

Courses with faculty that want to teach creative thinking classes will use their syllabus and integrate the focus more on creative thinking.

Carpenter said he wants to work with the students when it comes to the minor and wants students to do it and use it to their benefit.

The studio has been hosting summits in preparation for the minor. Faculty and staff have been meeting and April 16 will meet

again for the third summit. They will discuss the teaching and learning aspects of creative thinking.

All the creative thinking classes will be held in Noel Studio and meet in the discovery classroom.

The minor will work with advisers and faculty who want to participate and teach classes.

Carpenter said he would love to see the CRE course become a general education class in the future and he hopes the minor will make a difference with a passionate group of students.



For more information on the creative thinking minor contact Carpenter at russell.carpenter@eku.edu or 859-622-7403.

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Dealing with student debt is crucial



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College introduces students to many new things they will have to learn how to deal with when they graduate. It is where most people first learn to budget their money, pay rent, and of course, deal with student debt.

Debt affects just about everyone, and it can be difficult to deal with. It's intimidating, especially for people who have lived relatively debt-free under their parents roof. But learning to approach the inevitably high costs of college responsibly can save you a lot of time and stress.

Most students run into trouble long before they realize it, in their earlier years as a student. The problem comes from students borrowing more money than they need to cover the cost of their expenses. College students are generally poor by nature, and when offered extra money seemingly for free, they're going to jump on the opportunity. After all, why waste time with a job when you can just borrow extra money instead?

This is a bad idea, though. All that "free money" you take out now is going to need to be repaid later, so the night of drunken fun and all those impulse buys you charged to your Colonel1 card is going to come back to haunt you later when the bills start to roll in.

A smarter alternative is to pay strict attention to how much money you will need each semester and plan out how much money you borrow accordingly. Working while you are in college sucks, but in the long run it's better than getting to graduation day and staring at a mountain of debt made from more than tuition and textbooks.

Once students do graduate, they make another common mistake. They defer their payments, trying to hold off until they reach a more financially stable environment to start paying down their debt. It seems like a smart idea. After all, if you're paying off student loans but working some dead-end job to do so, college really wasn't that worth it.

The problem with this is that as life goes on one's definition of financial stability is bound to change. Even when they have the stability to begin paying off their debt, many people will defer in an attempt to get a little bit ahead. People often put off their payments as long as possible, and it takes a long time for them to ever get out from under their debt.

Paying off student loans should be one of the top priorities of every college grad, just after finding a job and a place to live. It's a daunting task, but it will help you save money the faster you pay it off. Remember that loans come with interest, and the longer you take to pay them off the more interest you are going to have to pay.

But even beyond interest payments, not paying off loans as soon as possible can have dangerous repercussions. Letting that debt weigh you down is going to damage your credit score greatly, hurting you when the time comes to purchase a new house or other large investments. Don't let procrastination hurt you later in your life.

We at *The Progress* are all college students just like you. We know how frightening it is to think about the debt we're collecting by furthering our education, and we know how intimidating the final number will look when it comes time to pay. But by taking the necessary precautions today while you're still a student can help manage that number, so it isn't so scary.

College students are having to borrow more money now than ever, and with cuts in education coming our way, it doesn't look like that is about to change. We can fight education cuts and petition for more awareness from our representatives, but in the end, no matter what happens, we're going to have to deal with the hand we've been dealt. Take on the responsibility of managing our finances in a way that keeps debt to a minimum.

Childhood treat reminds writer of bad relationship



My Turn:
Tristan Meiman

"We need to talk."

Four mighty words that have the capability to end any significant relationship. Four simple small words that can strike fear into the heart of most. Many can tell devastating stories that started with that simple phrase.

Well, this is what I had to tell Fruit Striped Gum.

For nostalgic purposes, I decided over spring break to pick up a pack of what was once a favored childhood treat. Costing me only a buck, I gladly complied with the shop

clerk. I ripped opened the pack and before I could even reach for one piece, my nostrils were stimulated by the sweet scent of artificial fruit flavors.

After my short intermission of aromatic ecstasy, I began chewing on the delicious piece of gum. I could go into a much deeper description of the orgasmic odyssey that my taste buds went on, but I will spare you the details.

While the taste was delicious, the time felt short; I felt as if I was robbed of something. The flavor had all but vanished within two minutes, and there I was alone, with nothing but a tasteless candy.

A defeating moment for me, yes, but I had a sudden realization from this. An epiphany, if you will, with the promise of something worthwhile. The money and time I have devoted to this once mouth-watering gum is no more different than that of a bad, if not terrible, relationship.

I won't say that all people have experienced a bad relationship. There are plenty of individuals out there who are lucky enough to have found their significant other on the first try. For that, I wish you all the happiness in the world, and I salute you.

But for those who have experienced a terrible relation-

ship can relate.

You devote your time and money in the hopes that this time with Fruit Striped Gum could mean something. But unless you keep chewing the gum for its convenience, you're wasting nothing but time.

But perhaps you wanted to hold on to that flavor, to that memory just a little longer. Even if you were to remain in that delusional tasteless world, you didn't want to leave what once was. The time that you may have experienced was terrible, but you recall in the beginning how truly sweet it was.

And while you may move on with your life, you're always reminded of the experience, and if you have the least bit of common sense, you will learn from this and realize that is not something you want in your life.

So what's left after you have experienced this tasteful yet overall disappointing experience? Nothing, nothing at all except those tattoos on the gum wrapper. And lets face it, those are just about as good as the gum itself.

But remember, Fruit Striped Gum is a lie. Love is forever.

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Despite challenges, determination is key



My Turn:
Cari Tretina

Wiping the sweat off my forehead, I pull myself back on my feet to seek revenge. The game had been brutal since the start. With a tied score of nil and a state soccer championship title on the line, both teams were out for blood. The scorching sun, intense aggression, and constant quick dashes were already wearing me down in the first half.

In one of those sprints, the enemy defender and I were both running straight into the ball, and into each other. My right leg reached the ball a split second before hers. She slides into me, wrapping her legs around my right ankle. When she begins to stand, my left shoulder slams into the ground from a ninety-degree fall.

Before I even crash into the ground, I begin to scream. I felt my ankle crack, snap like a twig. Extreme pain caused my yells for help to be incomprehensible. After what felt like an eternity, my coach discovered what I was screaming about. My ankle was bent far to the right. Immediately upon arrival, the emergency medi-

cal technicians took to my care. The scale of agony ranging from one to ten was not large enough for my amount of pain.

An eight doctor wait, filled with tears, depressing children movies, and pain, finally ended when he ordered an updated x-ray and examination. I awoke from my medicated nap to the doctor and my parents discussing the damage.

The two main bones, my tibia and fibula, had been completely snapped, and my growth plate was cracked. Intensive reconstructive surgery was needed; I received eight screws and one titanium plate in my right leg. I was wheel-chair bound for three months, crutches for three more, a final three months in a walking boot, and physical therapy throughout the nine months to learn how to move and use my ankle again.

Every day I wished for a miracle. The pain never seemed to lessen, and I couldn't even sleep in my own room because of the height of my bed. My entire life being affected made me develop a very pessimistic attitude.

Soccer was the only cure to my sadness. I was made an honorary captain of my middle school's team and came to most practices and games. Adrenaline

rushes and anxious emotions would occur just being a spectator, but I wanted more than the emotions. Right then, I vowed to come back better than before.

I pushed harder and harder every therapy session and even completed at home muscle-training drills. Once my strength and independence was restored, I practiced and ran every single day. As a result of my persistence, I was a starter for my high school's varsity soccer team my freshman year and made Virginia's Olympic Development Program's state team.

Not a day passes where that fateful moment doesn't cross my mind. Walking up a flight of stairs, nonetheless taking a step, still makes me thankful that I can accomplish such simple tasks. That one second was completely life-changing. Every move and action a person makes can be taken away in an instant. I will never take for granted the little things life offers but take advantage of such opportunities.

The next time you have to park in the very back of Alumni or have to take the stairs, appreciate those moments. You never know when you might not be able to take those few extra steps.

“Before I even crash into the ground, I begin to scream. I felt my ankle crack, snap like a twig.”

Writer learns to ‘let go of the reigns’ of plan



My Turn:
Taylor Pettit

I have always considered myself to be on the right path. Even when the path veered wildly and the pavement turned to dirt I stayed on the path, the plan.

This path was what I used to guide me through life. I knew I wanted to move away from my hometown. I knew I wanted to go to college. I knew I wanted to be a journalist.

Many smaller steps found their way into the grand plan. For example, buy my own car, work at my school paper, etc.

Even though I may have taken a few steps away from the trail along the way, I always found my way back and kept on trekking.

But over the last few months I can see the end of this path quickly approaching. And it's frightening.

The reality of being a “grown-up” is

around the corner. The mountain of graduation is only a year away, and I can't seem to see where the path leads around that mountain.

The main point that makes me fear is not the unforeseen future, it's the fact I never realized I relied on my little five-year plan this heavily.

I always pictured myself as someone who walked with life, not someone who trampled over it.

The balance of grabbing what you want versus being guided into some corner of the world feels overwhelming.

Along with most other students, internship applications have been my main concern. I applied and I applied and then I applied some more. Honestly, I'm still applying.

But, I did set my heart on one. It was someplace warm. It would allow me to work with top professionals in my field. And, for good God, it was paid.

So I put it in the plan. Very preemptive, but I wanted it so bad I could imagine my warm summer work wardrobe and what my little loft apartment would look like.

Of course, as is the lesson of life, I didn't get it.

Oh woe is me isn't my issue. Some-

times, most of the time, you don't get what you want. But what is freaking me out is the big, gaping empty cavern currently in the way.

However cliché it sounds, sometimes things are meant to happen for a reason. Sometimes better things come along. Sometimes you need to not just loosen your reigns on the plan, but let it go.

I'm not about to say forget it all and join the circus or go live in a van down by the river living on a supply of government cheese. But I am looking for all the things I might have missed when I was wearing blinders.

I pushed lots of options aside under the guise of my certainty that I would get that one particular job.

We live in a competitive world where most of us understand we will be lucky to find a job. We fight tooth and nail for what we feel we deserve and have earned.

But success is not always simply sweat and a well-formed plan. It is luck. It is sometimes random.

I can't control the future, but I can control the steps I take tomorrow and making sure I don't let the holes in the path ruin my way around the mountain.

Treasure the past but look to the future



My Turn:
Seth Littrell

Over the break I was dealt some bad news, the sort that just makes you angry and defensive when you hear it.

When I was in high school, a paintball field opened up not too far away from where I live. As a die-hard paintball player, I was one of the first people to get a job there as a referee, and it was nothing short of my dream job. I got to spend entire weekends working outside organizing games, teaching new players about the game, and jumping in to play once in a while of course. I made some of the best friends I have there in an environment where people came to forget about the problems they were facing and just have fun.

I've never been able to fully let it go, traveling home on occasion just to spend time at the field I dedicated so much of my life to.

Well, over spring break I learned that my field is taking its final breaths. My boss told me the company that owns it is

selling the building we work out of and planning on advertising for us only until the end of the summer.

Part of me knew it was coming and accepted it. After all, paintball is an expensive hobby, and with the economy in the condition it is, a lot of people don't have the time or money for it anymore.

The other part of me was crushed. This field had become more than a job for me, it was a part of my life. I devoted serious time to this place, and not just as a referee.

When something on the field broke, I fixed it. When the boss went on business trips or was sick, I managed the place and booked parties. I hired people. I told my boss when a bad employee needed to be fired, and he trusted me. I learned the signs of overheating and heat stroke and how to treat them accordingly. Hell, I even worked for free sometimes when I had nothing else to do.

And now the upper management of this company has decided that all the work my friends and I put into this place wasn't worth anything? They were essentially shutting down one of the most important parts of my teenage years.

I spent a week grumbling to myself about how wrong they were to do something like this. But last Saturday I went back to my field, and while I was there I came to a realization.

I looked out onto the field to see bunkers that had fallen down, holes in the netting and guns that didn't work right. Those things would have never gone unfixed when I was there, but I wasn't there anymore. Since 2012 began, I've been there two times. It will probably be another month before I see it again.

I've already moved on from my awesome high school job. I passed the torch to others who are still there, and now I'm on my way to the grown-up world, doing other things that I love and meeting new best friends. The field itself doesn't really mean anything to me, it's just a muddy clearing on the edge of some woods that has physically hurt me far more times than it has shown me any kindness. It was the memories of things learned and fun times had that I was afraid of losing, but now I know that nobody can ever take those from me.

I think sometimes we humans get so wrapped up in chapters from our past that we lose sight of what made them special to us in the first place, most notably that they were new and exciting adventures. But it's a part of life to open up new chapters and take new adventures when the time comes. Make sure you don't get too caught up in the past to take notice of it.

CAMPUS COMMENTS

“Spring Break”

All Campus Comments are anonymous.

- Went back home.
- Layed in bed and caught up on sleep.
- Got drunk with some friends in a boathouse in Tennessee.
- Went to Lake Cumberland with some friends.
- Went on a cruise to the Bahamas.
- Played Mass Effect 3 all week.
- Nothing but homework.
- Stayed in Richmond.
- Was sick all break.
- Went to visit family.
- Had to work during break.
- I drank. What else is there to do?
- Slept. Slept. Then I slept some more.
- Went and played pool at a tavern with some old friends back home.
- Did absolutely nothing and loved every moment of it.
- Worked at Disney World.
- Went to Myrtle Beach.
- I'm poor. I can't afford to go anywhere.
- My break consisted of me, bed, beer and Netflix.
- Caught up on missed homework.
- Sat at home bored with nothing to do.
- Video games helped keep the break alive.
- The bars in Richmond were still open. That's always a good thing.
- Worked on booking a summer tour for the band I'm managing
- Thank god there were people still in Richmond.
- The biggest highlight is when people came back to campus.
- Caught up on the book I'm reading.
- Tried to enjoy what decent weather we had.
- Helped friends clean up from storm damage.
- I went home. I didn't do anything fun.
- I worked. I stayed here in Richmond.
- I visited my friends at U of L and I did some stuff for some classes. That's about it.
- I got sick over break, so I didn't get to do a lot. Mostly stay inside and work.
- Job-hunted!

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A vengers

The second most highly anticipated film of the year (sorry Marvel fans, The Dark Knight's return to the big screen still has more buzz) comes out May 4. Audiences have little to worry about with geek-messiah Joss Whedon and an all-star cast backing this one.

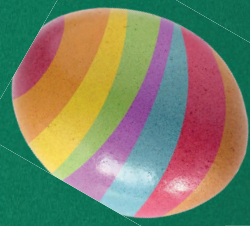
C omic-Con

Lexington is hosting its very own Comic and Toy Convention on March 24. Expect to see many big names from the industry, and even the Power Rangers, as well as more comics than you could ever hope to afford. But by all means, try.



E aster

Easter Sunday is a favorite holiday for Christians and chocoholics worldwide. Enjoy a day of religious renewal and good food, or for the non-religious, take part in a local Easter egg hunt or take a younger family member to visit the Eastern bunny. After all the attention Santa gets, he needs the love.



B aseball Season

April brings more than just showers. For baseball fanatics nationwide, April 4 brings a very special day indeed: Opening Day. Head up to Cincinnati to cheer on the ol' Redlegs or check out Eastern's very own ballplayers at Turkey Hughes Stadium.



D ales Hot Dog Stand

Located on North Second street in downtown Richmond and always open late, Dale's Hot Dog Stand offers "Richmond's Best Dog" to anyone craving the American classic at an affordable price.



THE ABC'S OF SPRING 2012

G ame of Thrones

One of 2011's hottest new series returns with a second season April 1 on HBO. Any fans of medieval or fantasy series should tune in to catch what was once referred to as "The Sopranos in Middle-earth." High praise without a doubt.



I ce cream

What's more refreshing than a cold, delicious ice cream cone on a warm spring day? Luckily, there are plenty of local places to help satisfy your sweet tooth: Orange Leaf, Dairy Queen, Culver's, Steak 'N Shake and even upstairs Powell.



F inals Week

The most wonderful time of the year? Not quite. But as you do some last minute cramming and sweat it out over your borderline grades, keep in mind that sweet solace in the form of summer vacation is only days away. Now, STUDY!



H unger Games

Harry Potter is long gone. Twilight has disappeared into day. Now, make way for *The Hunger Games*, the latest film adaptation of a popular book series. Forget Team Jacob. It's now Team Katniss. Look for it March 23.



J ack White

Everyone's favorite indie wonder kid Jack White is finally releasing a solo album after his break from the White Stripes over a year ago. The album is titled *Blunderbuss* and is set to be released April 23.



Kings Island

It's not truly springtime until you've hit up a nearby amusement park, and no local park does the job better than Kings Island. New this year is an expanded and improved water park called Soak City.



NCAA Basketball

March Madness is back! Painstakingly fill out your brackets, support your favorite teams (which, let's be honest, more than likely includes UK) and expect emotions to run high over the next few weeks.

Quack

Fresh from their winter vacations, ducks can be found floating along many of the local ponds. Check out Lake Reba and the pond behind Stratton.

Bring along a loaf of bread to feed the ducks.



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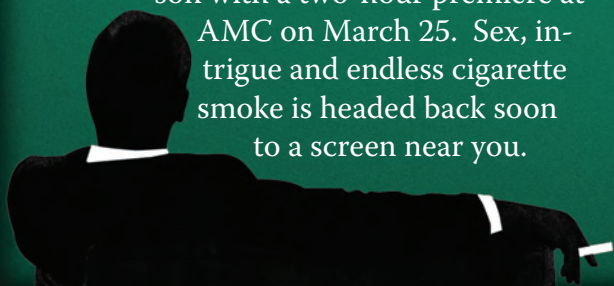
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BASEBALL

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run home run, but nothing was made from it and the team lost, 5-7.

Eastern's second game against the Spartans was tight, with the Colonels coming out ahead 6-5 in the 10th. Fyffe earned the win with no runs allowed on one hit and two strike-outs. Eastern scored a run in the third when junior Justin Trent doubled and was batted in on a sacrifice fly by Jamison. The Spartans responded with a run in the bottom of the third.

The Spartans managed to tie the game 5-5 during the next few innings, taking the game into extra innings. Eastern managed to win in the 10th when Daniel hit a single to bring in Jamison.

The Colonels traveled to Spartanburg, S.C. March 9 to play three games against Wofford College (8-8). Eastern won the first game 8-3, lost the second game 5-6 and won the last game 10-2.

Harris recorded the win for the first game with three runs allowed on nine hits and seven strike-outs. Dunlop had the best record offensively going 4-for-6 and with three runs. He scored the first run of the game for the Colonels on an RBI by from Daniel, which put Eastern in front, until the fourth inning when the Terriers scored a run to tie the game. Jamison and Dunlop scored in the fifth inning, but Wofford stuck with them and scored two more. No runs were scored in the sixth inning, but the last third of the game belonged to the Colonels. Soloman hit a two-run homerun in the seventh. Dunlop scored on an error in the eighth inning, and Soloman and junior Matt Phipps both scored in the ninth, securing Eastern's 8-3 win.

The second game didn't go as well, with Eastern losing 5-6 despite a last inning rally. Senior pitcher Greg Terry recorded the loss. The game started off well for the Colonels with Dunlop hitting a solo home run in the first inning. Eastern tried to rally in the ninth inning when Daniel, Grisham, freshman Demetrius Moorner and Trent all managed to score, but the Colonels were still one run shy of going to extra innings.

The Colonels responded in the last game by overwhelming the Terriers 10-2. Junior pitcher Shan Grimm earned the win. Rodriguez finished the game 3-for-3. Eastern was a step ahead during the game and during the ninth when they mirrored their previous game to score four runs and end the break with a win.

The Colonels return to the diamond this weekend to play Bowling Green State University.

MEN'S TENNIS

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No. 1 seed Hugo Klientovsky defeated his opponent Alex Sundberg, 6-2, 6-1.

No. 4 seed Parul Verma kept the momentum going for the Colonels. Verma played a solid match, winning, 6-3, 6-1.

It would be the No. 5 seed, Joao Maio, who would ensure the victory for Eastern. Maio held out long enough to prevent a third set, taking down fellow sophomore Joshua Bourke, 6-4, 7-5.

Afterwards, Oertel spoke on the play of Maio, and how proud he is with his play of late.

"There's nothing that makes a coach happier than seeing a player that works hard get rewarded by getting wins," Oertel said. "He's really on a roll right now, playing versatile tennis and doing what he needs to do to execute a game plan and to beat guys. That's good because no. 5 was a big hole in our lineup, I hope he can con-

tinue to solidify that spot for us."

A Look Ahead:

The Colonels will travel to Virginia for two matches. First, they will meet James Madison and then the University of Virginia.

James Madison University (4-4) will welcome the Colonels with hopes of defeating the defending OVC champions. With a group full of juniors and seniors, the Dukes have experience.

That match is scheduled for 11 a.m. Friday.

The next day the Colonels will face perhaps their toughest opponent.

The University of Virginia is ranked No. 3. Their only loss comes from Ohio State. Coach Oertel said he is excited about this opportunity to face Virginia.

"It's a great honor to have such a highly-ranked, quality program on the schedule," Oertel said. "It's great for the guys to get a chance to play that level."

The match is scheduled for 6 p.m. Saturday.

WOMEN

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nal count 6-4, 3-6, 6-2.

The No. 2 seeds for each team would be the deciding factor. Eastern's freshman Kristina Labeja would get the best of sophomore Natalia Melibeu. Labeja took a first set tie-breaker and then closed out the second set to claim the win for Eastern, 7-6, 6-4.

The next day, Eastern faced North Florida University (4-4).

The Ospreys were victorious over the Colonels, 6-1.

The only win of the day came from No. 3 seed Saioa Oscoz. After dropping the first set, Oscoz picked up the win over Rebeca Pereira, 1-6, 7-5, (12-10).

The Lady Colonels then began conference play against last year's OVC champion Jacksonville State University.

Jacksonville State (3-9, 0-2 OVC) had a majority of its team back from last year, so Eastern had its hands full. But the team would prove up to the challenge as they defeated the Jaguars without dropping a single match.

"I'm really happy with their

start, to win like that against the defending conference champs," Oertel said. "To win 7-0 I hope that's a sign of things to come."

Eastern played a solid game against its first OVC opponent.

No. 6 seed Carmen Rodriguez was able to blank Kelly Tomlin to give Eastern its first singles point of the evening.

Soon after, No. 5 seed Melissa Gerritsen would defeat her opponent leaving No. 4 seed Milena Poffo to close out the match for Eastern.

The last Lady Colonel to pick up a win was Oscoz.

Coach Oertel had high praise for his sophomore No. 3 seed.

"Saioa Oscoz has really just skyrocketed up our lineup," Oertel said. "She's won 8 in a row."

Coach Oertel also had high regards for the team in general, and how they handled their first conference test.

"The biggest thing winning against Jacksonville State, we're learning how to play together as a team and pulling together as a team going into conference matches," Oertel said.

A LOOK AHEAD

The Colonels will travel to Nashville to play Tennessee State University on Wednesday.

GOLF

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The Colonels return to the links March 25-27 at C&F Bank Intercollegiate hosted by William & Mary in Williamsburg, Va.

Women's Golf

The women's golf team competed in the New Wave Communication classic during the break.

Linda Hogberg led Eastern and tied for 6th overall with a two round total of 160. The Colonels shot a 334 Sunday during the opening round, but they took 17 shots off and improved to 317 on Monday.

April Emerson improved her individual score by five strokes on Monday. After firing an 84 on Sunday, she shot a 79 on Monday to tie for 15th. Kate Wiedmer (165) and Nicki Henry (166) finished 19th and 20th respectively.

The women's golf team will be back in action March 16-17 to compete in the Bison Challenge hosted by Bucknell University at Paiute Golf Resort in Las Vegas.

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until the bottom of the fourth. The Rebels then scored four runs on three RBI singles and a RBI double. Melissa Costa scored on a dropped ball in the top of the fifth to get the Colonels on the board, but then the Rebels added one more run for the 6-1 victory.

Freshman Carissa Reisinger scored on a throwing error to get Eastern on the board first against the University of California Los Angeles, who came into the game ranked No. 17. The Bruins tied the score in the bottom of the second, and then they took the lead in the top of the third on a three-run home run by B.B. Bates. The Bruins took the 5-1 lead into the bottom of the sixth and then tacked on four more in the top of the seventh for the eventual winning score of 9-1.

The Colonels finished the tournament Saturday against the University of Pittsburgh (10-5). The Panthers took a 2-0 lead into the final two innings of this game. However, senior Diane Gallagher scored on a throwing error to cut the lead to 1. Pittsburgh added a run in the top of the seventh for the final 3-1 score.

Eastern's (6-12) homecoming Tuesday was not a happy one as the Colonels lost a doubleheader to Dayton in the first of a five-game home stretch, 5-3 and 2-1.

Freshman pitcher Shaylon Robb (2-5) tried to help earn a victory only giving up one run over seven innings, walking three and striking out six.

Shannon McQueen and freshman Lauren Mitchell each went 2-for-3. Mitchell attributed the road woes to bad innings in each game.

"We faced good competition," Mitchell said. "We just had one bad inning in each game where we didn't put everything together."

She also said the team needs to work on getting hits and backing up the team's strong offense with a good defense.

Senior Larkyn Wood said the problems of the recent road trip were not cause for concern, in her view.

"Every game will have an off inning; it's an easy fix," Wood said. She said the team needs to work on putting the ball in play more.

The team returns to the diamond at 1 p.m. Saturday to face Southeast Missouri.

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Men's tennis takes three out of four in Florida

By GREG ADAMS
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It was a busy week for Eastern's Men's tennis team as they competed in four matches to start the outdoor season.

The Colonels (10-5, 1-0 OVC) began their hectic week by traveling to Daytona Beach, Fla. to meet Embry Riddle University (8-1).

After losing to their first opponent, Embry Riddle, the Colonels were able to rebound and win three straight matches against Jacksonville State.

Head coach Rob Oertel said he was pleased with his squad's performance through the week.

"To win three of the last four, you can't ask for much more to start the outdoor season," Oertel said. "I couldn't be happier."

Embry Riddle came in ranked no. 2 in NAIA.

With more recent outdoor experience, Embry Riddle was able to get the best of the Colonels and capture the win, 7-0.

The lone win for Eastern would come in doubles, as the duo of Phillip Janz and Niklas Schroeder were able to overthrow Embry-Riddle's Adrian Bayh and Patrick Besch, 8-6.

The rest of the day would belong to the Eagles.

With another loss on their record, the Colonels would prove that they could bounce back the next day against Jacksonville University.

Jacksonville (2-6) welcomed Eastern with hopes of improving on what has been a disappointing season thus far for the Dolphins. But the Colonels would prove to be too much, as they picked up their first win in the month of March, 4-3.

Although Eastern was unable to capture the doubles point, the men made up for it in singles play.

Senior and No.4 seed Parul Verma would be the first to get Eastern on the board, defeating Jacksonville's Eduardo Martinez. Verma picked up the win in straight sets, 6-2, 6-3.

With Schroeder winning the first set, Casagrande would turn it around in the second set, blanking Schroeder and forcing the match into a third set. In the third, the senior would use his experience to finally secure the win. The final count being 6-3, 0-6, 6-3.

No.1 seed Hugo Klientovsky found himself in a battle against the Dolphins' Jose Fantova. After dropping the first set, Klientovsky would not be denied in the second as he captured the set. He would use his momentum going into the third and was able to take it.

The final score, 5-7, 7-5, 6-1.

The contest would go down to the wire, with the victor being determined by the fifth-seeded players for each team.

Eastern's sophomore Joao Maio was able to rally back after dropping the first set to Jacksonville's lone senior Matt Hansen. Maio showed great maturity as he took the second and third sets, 6-4.

With another win under their belts, the Colonels would take the court the next day to face a young Troy team.

Troy University (3-9) came in off of a win against Austin Peay. With hopes of taking down yet another OVC opponent, the Trojans put up a tough fight, but they fell short in the end as the Colonels would continue their winning ways with a 4-2 victory.

No. 2 seed Niklas Schroeder got the Colonels started, defeating Sami Ghorbel in straight sets. After taking the first set in a nail biter, Schroeder closed out the match in the second, 6-4, 6-2.

Soon after, senior leader and top seeded Colonel Hugo Klientovsky, put on a good performance of his own against opponent Anas Rouchdi, 6-2, 6-3.

Afterward, Oertel had high praise for his veteran.

"Hugo has really kicked it into gear," Oertel said. "He's won 10 of his last 11 matches; he's really kicked his game up a level."

After dropping a pair of matches to the Trojans, the score was knotted.

No. 6 seed Carles Pons would rally back in his match to regain the edge for Eastern. After coming up short in the first set, Pons captured the second set in a tie-breaker and won the third. The final count, 3-6, 7-6, 6-1.

No. 5 seed Maio would again play closer, as he was able to seal the victory for the Colonels by beating Joshua Bourke in straight sets, 6-4, 7-5.

After competing three straight days, the Colonels were able to rest up before beginning OVC play on Sunday against Jacksonville State.

Eastern looked to start conference play the right way by a win over Jacksonville State (3-9, 0-1 OVC). The Colonels were able to win with a 5-2 victory.

The winning would start with doubles. The Colonels picked up all three doubles matches, giving them the all-important point.

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Hugo Klientovsky

Women's tennis split series

By GREG ADAMS
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Eastern women's tennis team began their spring season with a series of outdoor contests against solid competition.

While they were unable to hold off No. 3 NAIA powerhouse Embry-Riddle and North Florida University, the Colonels did find refuge by defeating Jacksonville University and OVC opponent Jacksonville State University.

Afterwards, head coach Rob Oertel said he was pleased with the team's performance.

"To go down to Florida and get some wins starting the outdoor season, I'm happy to win two out of four," Oertel said. "They played good teams. We didn't have any puppy matches so it was good for us."

The tough road test started on Tuesday, March 6 as the Lady Colonels battled a veteran squad in Embry Riddle (9-1).

After losing the doubles point, Eastern needed to orchestrate good play from its singles game for a victory. In a hard-fought contest, Embry Riddle would escape with the win.

Eastern (8-5,1-0 OVC) would pick up its first point from Marcela Jimenez, playing the No. 6 seed. Jimenez defeated Giovanna Tomiotto, 6-1, 6-0.

Sophomore and No. 5 seed Milena Poffo would follow with a win over opponent Josefine Strom in straight sets, 6-0, 6-3.

With the score tied at two, Embry Riddle would strike first, but Eastern would counter as Embry Riddle's No. 2 seed Rocio Frej Vitalle defeated freshman Kristina Labeja.

The Colonels had an answer. Oscoz

would take a three-set contest to tie the match. Oscoz split a pair of tie-breakers to bring the match to a third set. In the third, the sophomore from Spain went to work, determined not to let the third go to a tie-breaker. She won, 7-6, 6-7, 6-4.

The match would be decided by the top two women for each squad. In a highly contested match, it would be Embry Riddle's senior leader Yi Ching Chen who would come out on top, as she out-lasted freshman Amantine Faouzi, 6-4, 6-7, 7-5.

After dropping their first match in a tight one, the Colonels would take the court the next day looking for a win.

This time it would be Eastern who took the big points. They defeated Jacksonville 4-3.

Jacksonville University (3-6) would jump out to an early 3-0 lead. But the battle-tested girls won four straight singles matches and got the victory.

First No. 5 seed Marcela Jimenez beat the Dolphins' Virginia Iwinski in straight sets, 7-5, 6-2.

The two sophomores for Eastern, Poffo and Oscoz would even the score.

First No. 4 seed Poffo defeated Djessika Bezerra. After the first set was decided in a tie-breaker, Poffo executed in the second to take the match, 7-6, 6-2.

No. 3 seed Saioa Oscoz, who has been dependable for the Colonels, would grind it out with fellow sophomore Gabriela Bartos. Bartos would rally back in the second set to extend it to three, but in the third Oscoz proved again she wouldn't be denied. The fi-

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Runners shine once again

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Junior Soufiane Bouchikhi and senior Lydia Kosgei just keep accumulating accolades.

Both received All-America honors at the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships, which were held Friday night at Jackson's Indoor Track in Nampa, Idaho.

The pair was the first to compete at the championships since Jacob Corir in 2008.

Bouchikhi finished 11th in the 5,000 meters with a time of 13:57.74. Arizona's Lawi Lalang won the event with a time of 13:25.11 Bouchikhi's time was good enough to beat

runners from Stanford, Indiana and Oregon. In addition, this was Bouchikhi's first career All-America honor.

Iowa State's Betsy Saina won the women's 5,000 meters with a recorded time of 15:38.83. Kosgei finished 11th with a time of 16:17.49. She defeated runners from Ohio, Rice and Oregon.

Coach Erdmann said times were the only concerns he had from the championships.

"We could've had some better times in some of the events," Erdmann said. "But I was glad to see Bouchikhi and Kosgei get All-America."

The track and field team will open the outdoor portion of the season March 30-31 at the North Carolina State Raleigh Relays.

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Pitcher Matt Harris throws some heat in during one of the Colonels' spring break games. Eastern went 4-4 during the eight-game stretch, with three different pitchers earning wins.

Colonels' pitching pivotal in its wins

By **MATTHEW CRUMP**
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Baseball managed to break even over spring break, going 4-4 over an eight-game stretch. The team played a doubleheader against Indiana State Saturday, March 3 and Sunday, March 4. The Colonels (6-9) lost 6-13 their first game, won 11-10 the second and losing 10-11 in the third game.

The Colonels traveled to Greensboro, N.C. to play the University of North Carolina Greensboro March 6-7. Eastern lost the first game 5-7 and won the second, 6-5, in extra innings. The Colonels ended their break by playing three games against Wofford College, winning the first game 8-3, losing the second 5-6 and winning the last game 10-2.

"We did okay," said coach Jason Stein. "We played teams with winning records. I'm pleased with it on the road. We typically play well, it just depends on our pitching. We've had better pitching over the last five games."

Eastern's home opener against Indiana State (11-4) ended with a 6-13 loss. Senior pitcher Matt Harris recorded the loss with nine runs allowed on eight hits with two strikeouts. Eastern had seven errors, which put players from Indiana in scoring positions.

Indiana was a step ahead of the Colonels. The game started with Indiana scoring two runs on a home run and an

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RBI. Eastern responded with a home run from senior A.J. Jamison. Indiana gained two more runs in the second inning and another in the fourth. Indiana scored three runs in the fifth inning, with senior Dustin Dunlop being hit in after a triple. Both teams scored three runs in the eighth, with Jamison hitting another home run and senior Jacob Daniel batting in senior Richie Rodriguez with a triple. But Indiana's two additional runs in the top of the ninth sealed the deal for Indiana.

The second game was a close one for the Colonels with a walk-off home run by senior Michael Garcia in the bottom of the tenth inning to get the 11-10 win thanks to senior Matt Fyffe. The game picked up in the third inning when Indiana scored four runs.

Eastern managed to score three runs in the bottom of the fourth. Grisham got things started with a double. Two home runs in the fifth by Rodriguez and Daniel put the Colonels within two runs of the Hoosiers. Indiana tried to widen the gap

with a home run in the sixth and another run in the seventh, but another home run by Daniel and a three-run home run from Dunlop would tie the game. Garcia's homerun in the bottom of the tenth gave the Colonels the win.

The next game for the Colonels was March 7 against the University of North Carolina Greensboro (10-5) in Greensboro, N.C. Despite the performance of Garcia, who went 4-for-4 including a two-run homerun, Eastern fell 5-7. Sophomore pitcher Blake Bottoms contributed to the loss pitching four innings allowing five earned runs on eight hits while striking out two.

The Spartans started the game swinging, with four runs in the first two innings. The Colonels responded with a two-run home run from Jamison and an unearned run from Grisham. The Spartans pulled farther ahead in the fifth and eighth innings, scoring three more to put them in front 3-7. Garcia tried to rally the team in the top of the ninth with a two-

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SONYA JOHNSON/PROGRESS

A Colonels' player rounds the bases against the University of North Carolina Greensboro. The Colonels split the doubleheader, winning the second game.

Softball team runs into bumps on road trip

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"California Love" turned to hate for the Colonels' softball team on its recent spring break trip to compete in the Long Beach State Invitational held in Long Beach, Ca. The team finished 0-7 for the road swing.

The Colonels began the trip Wednesday with a doubleheader against the University of California Riverside. They lost the first game, 7-6, and the second by 16-8 in six innings.

Eastern attempted a comeback in the sixth after Riverside had jumped out to a 7-2 lead. Raquel Howes got things going with a one-out RBI double to center field. Katie Tackett backed the RBI with a two-run home run of her own. Larkyn Wood then singled to center, which drove one more run in to cut the lead to one, 7-6, but that's as close as the Colonels would come.

Howes finished 2-for-4 with two runs, two RBIs and a home run.

Game two was a tug-of-war for five innings. Eastern opened up a 2-1 lead, but Riverside took the lead back, 3-2. Eastern reciprocated and scored two to tie the game, but then the opponents scored four in the bottom of the third to take back the lead, 7-3.

Eastern answered right back scoring five over the next two innings to

once again regain the lead, 8-7. Riverside then scored one in their half of the fifth to knot it up, 8-8. But the sixth inning proved the most disastrous for the Colonels. The team allowed Riverside to score eight runs to make the final score, 16-8.

Howes went 5-for-8, scoring three runs and driving in six.

Thursday the Colonels began tournament play with a doubleheader against No. 23 North Carolina (15-5) and host Long Beach State.

In the first game, Eastern built a 3-1 lead before the Tar Heels rallied and scored seven runs in the sixth for the 8-3 victory.

Wood was 0-1 at the plate, but drove in the team's three runs. Diane Gallagher and Katie Tackett both had two hits.

Eastern ended the day against Long Beach State. The Colonels had the game tied until the fifth inning. In the bottom of the fifth, the hosts scored five runs for the 10-5 victory.

Friday was another doubleheader day for the Colonels.

University of Nevada Las Vegas (10-11) was first on the list for the team. Eastern only trailed by one

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Larkyn Wood



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In the final round at the Pinehurst Intercollegiate, the Colonels stormed back from sixth place to second.

Golfers finish strong in tourney

By **STEPHEN HAUSER**
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Starting in sixth place in the final round of the Pinehurst Intercollegiate, in Pinehurst, N.C., did not phase the men's golf team last Sunday. The Colonels were eight shots behind leader Old Dominion University.

Old Dominion University won the Pinehurst Intercollegiate by shooting a three round total score of 871. The Colonels shot a third round score of 287.

The performance by the Colonels propelled them to a second place finish. The Colonels finished four shots behind Old Dominion University shooting a score of 875.

The Colonels nudged out Big Ten school Penn State University, who finished in third place with a total score of 876. Virginia Tech University, from the

Atlantic Coast Conference, finished in fourth place with a total score of 880.

"To beat Virginia Tech and Penn State on quality golf course is a feather in our cap," said men's golf head coach Pat Stephens. "Virginia Tech is typically a top 50 or top 100 team in country. To beat a Big Ten school who has a good tradition of collegiate golf and beating them down there, is a real confidence booster for them."

The Colonels had three players who finished in the top 10 individually. Senior Brian Fister tied for fourth, shooting a score of 217 (+3). Sophomore Stuart Witt finished seventh with a score of 218 (+5). Senior Billy Peel Jr. finished tied for eighth, shooting a score of 219(+6).

"They played well all three days, and I am very proud of them," Stephens said.

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