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Nora Helmer, played by Rose Coleman, looks to gain her independence in Eastern's theatre department's presentation of "A Doll's House" /B3



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Warren Stukes and the Colonel basketball team lost to UK in their season opener/B6



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Living by Blind Faith



(Top right) Travis Gibb, right, gets help from Shawn Coffey as Gibb makes a circuit during digital electronics lab. Coffey aides Gibb,

Eastern's only blind student, by reading whatever needs to be read to him. "I'd rather be his friend than get paid to help him," Coffey said.

Student seeks degree despite loss of sight



Travis Gibb uses a Braille watch to tell time. He flips up the glass and feels the hands on the watch face. Gibb got the watch from the Department of the Blind.

By DENA TACKETT
Assistant news editor

More than 22 years ago, Travis Gibb and his brother were playing in an old storage shed when they stumbled upon some blasting caps and nitroglycerin. Only 10 years old, Gibb decided to shoot a BB gun into a hole in one of the caps. "It was literally like a bomb," he said. Gibb was left blind from the explosion. He was down, but certainly not out. At 32 years old, Gibb walks "The Campus Beautiful" led by a walking stick and the desire to lead a productive life. "I wanted to get some skills," he said. "For somebody with a disability — I guess you would call it — you need to make up for it." Gibb, who came to Eastern last semester, said his decision was influenced a lot by his father and friends. He is taking four classes this semester, and came to Eastern from Solano Community College in California. Gibb, a computer science major, doesn't know exactly what he wants to do upon graduating, but said he wants to do something in programming.

"I always liked science," Gibb said. "I like things that are scientific, and there are a lot of things that I don't know about." When Gibb came to Eastern, it didn't take him long to learn his way around, he said. "I just do it by memorization," Gibb said. "It's pretty easy. I just look for landmarks just like sighted people do. "That's how a seeing-eye dog does it, and I just thought that if I can't do that, then I am dumber than a dog," he said. One thing Gibb sees as a problem on campus are the signs located in the middle of the sidewalk. "This is not just me, but sighted people, too," Gibb said. "It's ridiculous, and I'm as solid on my feet as anyone." Gibb would like to see the signs be removed from the sidewalks, but doesn't feel they should be just because of him. "If they have to use the leverage of a blind person saying it needs to be done, then so be it," he said. Gibb said he believes the university has done a good job accommodating him, though.

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AD search ends after 'Long' delay

Virginia Tech associate director takes job during second visit

By BRIAN SIMMS
Editor

Jeff Long believes that collegiate athletics is a people business.

And to prove that, after he received a phone call Nov. 18 from President Robert Kustra with an offer to run Eastern's athletics department, Long and his wife drove from Blacksburg, Va., to Richmond.

"I wanted to come over and discuss it with him in person," Long said.

And after that discussion, Long became Eastern's first full-time athletics director since 1990.

"He is exactly the kind of person I had in mind when I decided that ECU's athletics program deserved a full-time athletics director," Kustra said in a statement.

Kustra has been out of town and could not be reached for comment.

Eastern public relations director Ron Harrell said Nov. 18 that



Jeff Long will be Eastern's first full-time athletics director since 1990.

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Informing the media about the AD decision before the other candidates was wrong. Editorial, Page A2

Kustra would make his announcement at football coach Roy Kidd's luncheon.

But then, the next day Harrell said the announcement was delayed because "the president just needed more time."

According to Long, that was because he wanted to come and talk about it with Kustra face to face.

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Alcohol involved in fatal wreck

By ALYSSA BRAMLAGE
News editor

A criminal summons has been issued for the University of Kentucky football player who was driving when an Eastern student and a UK football player were killed.

Pulaski County Judge Walter McGuire issued a summons for Jason E. Watts for two counts of manslaughter in the 2nd degree and driving under the influence, first offense, said Sam Catron, Pulaski County sheriff.

Christopher Scott Brock, the Eastern student, and Arthur "Artie" Steinmetz, the other UK football player, were killed around 7 a.m. Sunday when the truck driven by Watts flipped in Pulaski County.

"We received the blood alcohol report from the state police today (Tuesday), and it was .15," Catron said.

A press release from the sheriff's office said Watts "dropped off the west shoulder of the road, losing control of his vehicle, coming back across both lanes, leaving the roadway on the east side, flipping and coming to rest on its top."

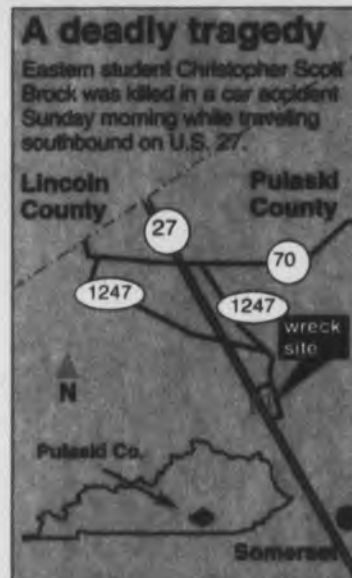
"The driver and both passengers were ejected from the vehicle."

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Christopher Scott Brock, an Eastern student, died.

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After one year, the death of another Eastern student is still under investigation. Story, Page A4



Jenny Bunch/Progress

Sparse crowd shows up for regent forum

By ALYSSA BRAMLAGE
News editor

What was intended to be a forum to meet candidates vying for the faculty regent position turned into an intimate discussion.

The three candidates, Merita Thompson, Allen Engle and Wayne Jennings, were joined by five faculty members who were eager to discuss numerous topics Tuesday.

Faculty Regent Mary Fleming is leaving the university and her position to pursue a job as program director of services for the American Statistical Association in Alexandria, Va.

The main topic of the candidates' discussion was promoting a sense of community among the

faculty. Most questions asked by the attendees were answered with some variation of that theme.

When asked about the university's relationship with the community of Richmond, what the role of the faculty regent was or how more faculty members could be persuaded to attend faculty functions, the answer usually related to community.

Thompson sees the role of faculty regent as promoting a sense of community, she said.

"Faculty should feel comfortable and encouraged to cross the lines of departments," Thompson said. "They need to feel safe and comfortable to voice opinions."

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Allen Engle, left, makes a point at the faculty regent forum Tuesday as fellow candidates Merita Thompson and Wayne Jennings listen. The three are vying for the faculty seat on the Board of Regents vacated by Mary Fleming, who is taking a position with American Statistical Association.

Don Knight/Progress

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► Weather

TODAY
Hi: 60 Low: 45
Conditions: Chance of showers
FRI: 50, Partly cloudy
SAT: 46, Sunny
SUN: 54, sunny



► Reminder

Thanksgiving break begins 6 p.m. Tuesday. Classes resume Nov. 30.

► TRF week

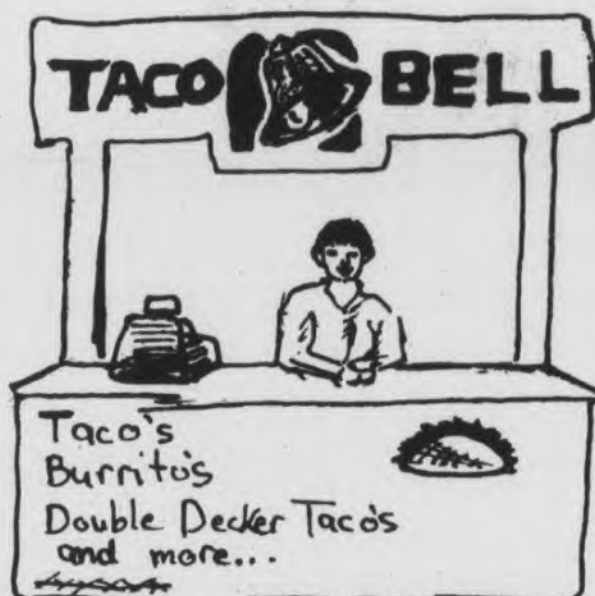
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Brian Simms, editor

Fountain Food Court



LET'S END THE FOOD FIGHT

Franchising would keep the students in the court

Eastern's Council on Student Affairs should consider a key phrase when discussing Student Association's franchising act — "Your way, right away."

The university should serve its students' needs and, when feasible, their wants.

And with food services losing money over the last few years, apparently those needs and wants aren't being fulfilled on campus.

To get what they want, students are driving off campus and handing over their dollars to McDonald's, Taco Bell, Fazoli's and the other assorted fast-food chains represented in Richmond. That's money Eastern could be making if a franchise were brought in. The franchise would pay the university for the space it would occupy.

That money would potentially make the university a profit, whereas, in the current situation the university loses money every year and compensates the loss by using money from the general fund.

And if the food court started to get more traffic because of the franchise, students might start eating more at the other offerings in the court also. They also might begin to use the food court as a place to socialize. These possibilities would bring in more money for the university and would be a plus for students.

For years, there have been calls by individuals, student groups and this newspaper to bring franchising to Eastern.

Last year, SA hired a consulting group, The Compass Group, to study food services at Eastern. The group has said it would be



in the university's best interest to open Eastern to franchises.

According to studies from the consulting group and SA, bringing franchises to the university would turn food services' situation around, and increase the dining options at Eastern.

The council, which meets Dec. 4, needs to consider SA's franchising act and its benefits for the university and its students.

SO, WHAT DO YOU THINK?

SHOULD EASTERN ALLOW FRANCHISING IN THE FOOD COURT?

TO VOICE YOUR OPINIONS

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Eastern fumbled after AD selection

The university did a rude thing in not notifying the other candidates that an announcement was coming.

Eastern scored with the selection of Jeff Long as its new athletics director.

However, the university blew it with how it handled the process leading to Long's selection.

President Robert Kustra selected Long out of the four candidates the committee to find a replacement for Robert Baugh recommended.

Kustra made a good decision in selecting Long.

However, with a Colonel victory in clear sight, Eastern fumbled.

On Nov. 18, Eastern public relations director Ron Harrell informed The Eastern Progress that Kustra had made his selection.

Harrell said the announcement would come at football coach Roy Kidd's weekly luncheon at Madison Garden Bar and Grill.

This was a good plan for the Eastern community to be introduced to their new athletic leader.

But the Colonels committed a disastrous turnover — they had not informed the candidates that a decision had been made.

The university had informed the media that an announcement was coming, yet the candidates involved had no idea of what was going on.

After the Progress learned a decision had been made, it tried to contact the candidates.

Two of them were contacted, Ken Brown of Ball State University and Gilbert Zimmermann of Southern Methodist University.

Both of them had no idea an announcement was coming the next day, so they both took it as they didn't get the job.

This made Eastern look bad.

It is not the job of the media to inform any candidate that they weren't selected for a job.

What Eastern did was flat-out rude to the candidates and there is no excuse for it.

Professionally, Eastern committed a major foul.

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ANDREA DeCAMP
my turn

DeCamp is a junior public relations major from Richmond and news writer for the Progress.

Visit to grandmothers provides 'choking' experience

This weekend I was able to spend some time with my grandmother. She is 78 years old and lives at the Berea Health Care facility. She moved there this summer from my aunt's house in St. Louis.

I really enjoy having her closer so I can see her more often, but I am the first to admit I don't get to visit her as much as I would like.

She is my dad's mom and one of the last living older family members on his side of the family. Unlike my mom's side of the family, his side does not keep in close contact.

Because of a school break this weekend though, my aunt and uncle were able to visit from St. Louis. They, in turn, invited people I am sure are

related, I just have not figured out how yet — we had never met before.

These people picked my grandmother up from the home and brought her to our house on Saturday for lunch. Well, you know how it is when family gets together and starts reminiscing. I was mid-bite into a deviled egg, when my mom said, "Grandma, tell Andrea about the time you got shot."

I nearly choked on my food, and stared across the table at my mom who was sitting with a matter-of-fact look on her face.

Now I was intrigued. Suddenly, the food did not seem quite as interesting. Grandma got a far-off look in her eyes and was transferred to a place I will never know and can barely understand.

"Well, I was little, eight or so, and I was sweeping the floor," Grandmother started.

"We had one of those open grate fires and I would sweep everything into the fire from the floor."

"I swept the dirt into the fire and there must have been a bullet in there," Grandma said.

(A big clue that it was a different time — bullets were on the floor.)

"Well, it exploded and of course shot out of the fire. Since there wasn't any powder or anything, it wasn't like coming out of a gun, but it still sounded terrible."

"The casing shot out of the grates and hit me on my forehead, right above my eye," she said, pointing to the area.

"Blood was pouring from my head,

you know how bad your head bleeds, and my grandpa rushed over and picked me up."

"He was running around with me screaming, 'Ma, get in here, Neva's been shot! Neva's been shot!'"

At this point in her story, my grandmother turned to me and said, "Of course, I was loving this."

"I had always wondered if my parents would care much if I got shot," she said, laughing.

"My mom came in and got a cold rag to put on my forehead. When she moved the rag, the only thing there was a cut about three inches long and not very deep. It stopped bleeding from the cold," she said.

My grandma sighed and looked

sad. I thought the lack of blood and injury was a good thing, but she looked at me and said, "My moment of glory was short-lived."

Then she picked up her ham sandwich and took another bite.

The moral to my story is, spend more time with your family.

We are all busy and rushed, but there is always a little extra time to squeeze in somewhere.

Both of my grandfathers have died, and I wish I had more time with them to talk about when they were my age.

So, next time you're sitting in your room in a trance-like state in front of the television, call up your grandma and ask her if she's ever been shot.

Who knows what the answer will be?



Student overcomes math with kinder, gentler approach

I don't know exactly when I realized I was "mathphobic." My first clear memory of math difficulty was in fifth grade. "Thought problems" absolutely terrified me.

I never understood how to determine where two trains would meet if one left Chicago at 8 a.m. traveling 95 mph and another left Philadelphia at 10 a.m. doing 80 mph. For all I cared, they could meet and collide for having put me through such anxiety in the first place.

Then, in sixth grade, I spent the summer in a boot camp for those needing a little help in math. Oddly enough, I enjoyed that, probably because I was the smartest one in the class for a change.

That elation wasn't to last. By high school, I was placed in Sister Rosalia's freshman algebra class. The woman lived, breathed and ate algebra — and expected the girls in her classroom to do the same. I didn't. I had scored 57 out of 100 in math on the

entrance exam. I should have been in remedial math or something.

But, no, I was thrust into Sister Rosalia's class instead. (I think it was because my older sister had done so well the year before. Sister Rosalia and I would both come to regret that faulty logic.)

By the end of the year, with the class trip looming, I was told there was no way I could go. I don't even remember where we were going now, but it was of the utmost importance that I not be left behind for something as useless as math. Several other freshmen girls and I decided Sister Rosalia was the one with the problem and took our grievances to the principal.

Four or five of us lined up outside the principal's office. She'd been told why we were there. She came out, flashed her saccharine smile, excused herself and went out the back door — the one across from the algebra demon's classroom. Moments later,



RITA MACKIN FOX
my turn

Fox is a sophomore journalism major from Paint Lick.

she returned with Sister Rosalia in tow. Just the sight of her made my heart pound. That must be how I missed hearing any discussion of who would go in first. Somehow I was elected.

The three of us sat down in the principal's office, and I began by explaining why I didn't think it was fair that I had to miss the trip. Sister Rosalia was too hard. No one understood algebra. It wasn't just me.

Then I cried.

I'm not sure which tack worked, or if it was something another student in the line after me said, but something worked. Sister Rosalia kept us after school for several hours that day to catch us up. She just had us show we knew how to do one computation in each chapter correctly, rather than all of them. I went on the class trip. I think I even got a 'B' or 'C' in the class, to boot.

In sophomore year, I was placed in geometry, thus ending my formal mathematical education.

Until this semester.

I went back to college in fall 1996 to pursue a journalism degree. Imagine my joy, (I write, tongue in

cheek) when I learned that Eastern had realized it was derelict in letting students graduate without a single mandatory math requirement and now had one.

I would have to take math. Ugh. I managed to put it off two years. Everyone knows journalists and math are not spoken in the same sentence, except as a joke. But with only five semesters left before I graduate, I decided to bite the bullet this semester, and "get it out of the way." After all, I might need to retake it if I failed.

I never thought I'd be saying this, but here I am nearing the end of the semester, and I'm making an 'A' in MAT 105. My professor's kinder, gentler approach has even shown me the relevance of math in my life — a revelation.

Why, just the other night, I helped my 13-year-old daughter with her pre-algebra. It felt great.

Maybe my new math confidence will help me set an example to help her overcome her own "mathphobia."

I just hope she doesn't wait until she's 40 years old, like I did.

A good password can keep you safe

You might be asking yourself why are good passwords so important?

Well, a good password ensures (to a greater degree) that your computer system is secure.

This is especially important when your computer is on a network, such as ResNet.

Avoid Using: a password with more than eight characters; a word (or two or a combination) that can be found in a dictionary (lower case or capitalized); public information (i.e., social security number, credit card, birthdays, hobbies, etc.); family or friend information; old passwords or similar ones; user ID (login name) or a variation of it; your first and/or last name, in any form; all letters or numbers; any word and/or name capitalized and/or reversed; words written twice; and abbreviations, symbols, etc. (i.e., NASA).

Try using: a password that

has no easily discernible significance to you; a password that is six to eight characters long; a word you can memorize and won't have to write down; a password that has at least two letters of the alphabet in it; a password that contains at least one number or special character; both upper- and lower-case characters; a completely new password every month; and different passwords for different e-mail or Internet accounts.

Remember: Do not give out your password to anyone!

Hints: Help yourself remember!

Take a phrase such as "Suzie Sells Seashells for ten dollars each" and make it this password: sss10dc.

Take a song lyric such as "One is the loneliest number that you'll ever" and make it this password: 1lntlye.

Take a quote — such as "Never in a million years!" — and make it into the password niamy.



LISA MOORE
Technology

Moore is coordinator for ResNet at Eastern and a graduate student.

► Letters

New food service director has deleted financial problems

Recently I have seen articles about food services in most every issue of The Eastern Progress. Strangely enough, there has not been even the slightest mention of the fact that there is a new food services director.

Isaiah "Lamar" Patterson, a 29-year-old native of Birmingham, Ala., and a graduate of Berea College, was appointed by Vice President Doug Whitlock to facilitate the development of the new face of food services at Eastern.

Lamar came to Eastern with a wide range of food service experience, from Denny's to KFC to Morrison's, about 14 months ago.

In that short amount of time, he has managed to make marked improvements in the Fountain Food Court and help delete some of the financial problems that burdened them prior to his arrival.

Patterson, who prefers to be called "Lamar," brings a fresh innovative style that incorporates customer service, quality assurance and basic money matters. Lamar understands that in order to build a strong foundation for food services, he is going to need the support of students, faculty, staff and the surrounding community.

Prior to the announcement that Hopkins would vacate the director's position in November, Lamar had actively solicited students to share their ideas and opinions in a very informal atmosphere.

If making a top 10 list of the changes that have his signature on them, one might include: 1. Seeing to it that the actual "fountain" was active (in season), 2. Making the "Rover's" a common item at various student events and around campus, 3. Making donations to student organizations that asked for them, 4. Slashing the prices in the food court, 5. Developing a system that allows more customers to be served in a smaller amount of time, 6. A letter to faculty and staff inviting them to sample the changes in the food court, 7. Making the food court available during some week-end hours, 8. The return of the salad bar, 9. "Rover's" on Thursday nights as a service to students, and, of course, 10. The beautiful addition of two giant fish aquariums in the food court.

With all this and more to his credit, you'd think he deserved at

least a one-liner in the university newspaper for achieving the status of director in less than two years with the university.

Lamar has several good ideas for building what has been torn down in food services, including the overall reputation and the morale of dedicated workers. More outstanding than the detailed plan he is already implementing to turn food services around is his attitude.

A natural optimist, Lamar prefers to look at the glass as half full. He prides himself in the ability to motivate people and help them gain a sense of direction. Lamar is very interested in student input and has been known to drop by student-led organizational meetings to listen to any concerns that may involve food services and offer input when needed.

Although food prices are dropping, quality and attention to the bottom line remain high on his list of priorities. Lamar believes that his recent appointment is a great opportunity to interact more with students and help to bring their ideas into reality.

Another unique advantage that offers access and opportunity for feedback is the fact that Lamar resides in Combs Residence Hall with his wife, who is the AAC (assistant area coordinator) in that building, and his two children.

Although the word may be "hush, hush" now, Lamar is wasting no time in his aggressive campaign to generate some positive changes for food services! By all means, don't tell anyone.

Juni Shrestha, Brockton

Editor's note: Isaiah "Lamar" Patterson was named acting director of food service.

Kansas City, Mo., is a 'blast'

So, you (Jenny Bunch) hated Kansas City and everything in between, huh?

First of all there is Kansas City, Missouri and Kansas City, Kansas. Got that? Dorothy was not from Missouri.

Second, you couldn't wait to get back to Kentucky? Please. Oh, sorry, I forgot you are from Bardstown, the town where everyone thinks you fall off the face of the earth if you get on the Blue Grass Parkway. I know this because I've lived there for three years. And guess what? Now I am

moving to your other favorite place — Indiana.

I traveled to Kansas City, in Missouri, this summer and had a blast! I want to go back I liked it so much. I was there on business, working in a warehouse for eight hours sweating my butt off, yet I still enjoyed myself. I met someone who was nice enough to show me around all the hot spots of the city. It was beautiful and exciting. I guess you were in the wrong part, or maybe you weren't cut out for travel. Bardstown will be your everlasting fate, or will you make Richmond your home?

My point is, there is a lot more to life than your Old Kentucky Home. Don't make yourself out, in print, to be another one of those people who think Kentucky is the greatest place in the U.S. Trust me, it gets a whole lot better than Bluegrass and Wildcats.

Many articles in the Progress have made me want to voice my opinion, but never have I acted on my impulse. Until now.

Emily Richards
Richmond

RHA doesn't realize what commuters go through

When reading the newspaper this afternoon, I came across the article concerning RHA's bid for parking rezoning. I was a little upset. Being a student at Eastern for four years and a commuter for four years, I am very well aware of what students who commute go through every day. I ask the RHA members to imagine what I go through every morning at 9 a.m. in order to get a parking spot at Alumni Coliseum. It is so packed, I must honestly admit that I have had to park over a yellow line to even find a space. So what exactly does RHA suggest for where the commuters should park? There are way too many commuters as it is vying for a space in our own lot! If AC becomes a residential/employee/commuter lot, are we just left to fend for ourselves? When attempting to gain a BA in anthropology, it is very discouraging in the morning to have a parking battle before even going to class. Therefore, I am left to ask if this rezoning is passed: Should I still attend a university where I can not even find a parking spot?

Amy Howard
Berea

Corrections

A cutline on the Nov. 12 Accent page should have said that Ginie Hill's major is school psychology. Daniel Zaehner's name was misspelled in a story in the Nov. 12 issue.

The Eastern Progress will publish clarifications and corrections when needed on the Perspective pages.

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One year later, student's death still under police investigation

By JAMIE NEAL
Senior editor

Chris Young's family worried when their 23-year-old son didn't come home for Thanksgiving last year.

Richmond police still can't tell them why.

Young, an Eastern student, was found dead in his Big Hill Avenue apartment Nov. 26 by Richmond police. Officers had gone to the apartment to check on him after his parents contacted them from their home in Finleyville, Pa.

"It's been a hard year and I wouldn't want any parent to go through this," said Rodger Young, Chris Young's father this week.

Richmond police detective Randy Isaacs said the investigation is ongoing but there are no leads or suspects. Further details will not be released while the investigation is pending, he said.

"I don't think they're (Young's parents) too happy with me," Isaacs said Wednesday. "I hope this case will be solved. It's still here on my desk. We're still waiting on that one break, hoping that somebody might get a conscience."



Chris Young was found dead in his apartment.

Isaacs said early on in the investigation that foul play was suspected, and he says the police still believe there was another person or persons in the apartment with Young. But now, he says foul play might not have been involved.

"I don't believe there was anything intentional," Isaacs said. "That's the official/unofficial comment."

The police have talked with anyone they thought might have information, Isaacs said, and are now hoping for someone, anonymously or not, to offer information.

Richmond coroner Embry Curry said that might be hard to do.

"We will not sweep it under the rug," Curry said. "My belief is that people know more about this than they're giving out. But it's still under investigation, and we will find out."

Curry's office performed a preliminary autopsy, but the results will not be released while the investigation is open, he said.

Out of the six cases involving death in Richmond between 1997 and 1998, the police have solved three and are about to reopen a

fourth, Isaacs said. Young's case is the fifth.

Young was a senior fire and arson investigation major, and also was interested in fire administration, said Ron Hopkins, Young's adviser.

"He was a good student," Hopkins said shortly after Young's death. "He was very quiet, not assuming and respectful."

Young worked in Eastern's fire extinguisher service lab, helping maintain all 1,700 fire extinguishers on campus. He also volunteered with the Valley Inn Volunteer Fire Department in his hometown and the Madison County Rescue Squad.

He was a member of the Association of Fire Science Technicians and the Eastern chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers.

Young had a lifelong interest in firefighting, Hopkins said.

His father is a career firefighter and a member of the International Society of Fire Safety Instructors. Young wanted to return to Pennsylvania after his graduation, Hopkins said, but his father encouraged him to look nationwide for a job.

"I was very proud of him," Young's father Rodger said, "that he followed what I did."

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Holiday Craft Workshop in Telford Hall Sunday

The Northside Area Council will host a Holiday Craft Workshop from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday for Brockton children and

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1932 Graduate donates \$1 million

Vernon Wilson, 1932 graduate, donated \$1 million to establish two endowed chairs at Eastern named for his wife and himself.

The Hazel Wilson Endowed Chair in Human Environmental Sciences honors the memory of his first wife, who earned a degree in home economics from Eastern in 1933. Also, a Vernon Wilson Endowed Chair will be established in the College of Natural and Mathematical Sciences. He majored in chemistry and minored in mathematics at Eastern.

Student Forum Dec. 1

Student Association is sponsoring a student forum for students to voice their concerns about campus issues. The forum is from 7 to 9 p.m. Dec. 1 in The Fountain Food Court.

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AD: Search ends after 'Long' delay

From the front

Long has been the associate athletics director at Virginia Tech University since August. "He's an outstanding individual, a very good athletic administrator, and I thought enough of him to have him on my staff," said Virginia Tech Athletics Director Jim Weaver.

Before joining the Hokies, Long spent 10 years in the University of Michigan athletics department, the last two as associate athletics director.

"His background in Big 10 conference competition, grasp of NCAA rules and regulations, excellent reputation among coaches, student athletes and those with whom he has worked and, most importantly, integrity, all lead to the same conclusion — Jeff Long represents the bright future ECU has as an institution committed to excellence in both athletics and academics," Kustra said.

Long said his starting date has not been determined, but December is likely.

And when he does arrive, he knows what he will do first.

"I need to get to know the people and the environment at Eastern Kentucky," Long said. "By the environment, I mean both the athletic environment as well as the university environment and the Richmond community."

Long's appointment comes after Kustra announced in August that he wished to have a full-time athletics director at Eastern.

Since Don Combs retired in 1990, Eastern has had two athletics directors, Roy Kidd and Robert Baugh. Both had been pulling double duty, Kidd as the football coach and Baugh as the dean of the college of health, physical education and recreation. Baugh will stay on as dean.

"I feel that a full-time AD has been needed for a long time," said Eastern track and cross country coach Rick Erdmann. "I just hope that he's an AD for all sports and not just the top few."

Long was chosen by Kustra out of the four candidates a selection committee recommended. The others were, Timothy Dillon, the vice chancellor and director of athletics at the University of Alaska, Anchorage, Ken Brown, the director of athletic business at Ball State University and Gilbert 'Griz' Zimmermann, the assistant athletics director at Southern Methodist University.

Fatal: Charges filed in students' deaths

From the front

Watts' arm was badly cut requiring several surgeries to repair it. Watts will appear in court at 1:30 p.m. Dec. 17 in Pulaski County.

Brock, a native of Hyden, had been at Eastern for a semester after transferring from UK. He attended Leslie County High School and was a starting football player there for three years.

"He was an exceptional high school football player," said Joe Beder, Leslie County's head coach. "He's someone a coach could be proud of."

Beder started as head coach the same year Brock started the football team, and the two matured together through the years.

"He was here my first year as head coach," he said. "I watched him come up through the grade school program."

Beder said Brock did a little bit of everything; he played wide receiver, running back and line backer.

He also worked with Beder during spring football and with the middle school program.

"He was a friend, and I thought of him like a part of my family," Beder said.

Eva Morgan was Brock's homeroom teacher for three years. She remembers him as "an outstanding young man who enjoyed music."

Morgan has twin sons and from time to time, Brock would go to her house to "hang out and play guitar," she said.

"He was easy-going, friendly and respectful — very polite," she said.

He spent time working with the Special Olympics and the Toys for Tots program around Christmas.

Tom Myers, vice president of student affairs, said Rita Davis, associate vice president of academic

affairs, attended yesterday's funeral.

"I think it's important that we have representatives there, even if he only was here for a semester," Myers said.

Brock was killed on a two-lane stretch of U.S. 27 10 miles north of Somerset.

Jay Jones, a public relations major from Somerset, lives about a mile from the wreck site. He describes the stretch of road as very dangerous.

"Past a big curve the road gets really straight, and people just fly through there," Jones said. "I mean you can practically close your eyes and drive, that's how straight it is."

Jones said there is a lot of traffic on the road, and everyone in town talks about how dangerous the road is.

"Everyone says something should be done about that road," he said.



Don Knight/Progress

Only five faculty members showed up for the faculty regent candidate forum Tuesday.

Forum: Sparse crowd showed up Tuesday

From the front

Jennings, the self-proclaimed "Jesse Ventura" of the election, said his motto is changes, challenges and choices.

"I think that's where we are at Eastern," Jennings said. "I will vote faculty views on issues, not personal views."

He wants President Robert Kustra to set up monthly meetings with the college faculty without deans or chairs.

Engle also wants to work on a sense of community.

"I see forces at play that will potentially divide us," he said. "I want to see a sense of community

between the departments, between part-time faculty, retired faculty — a relationship between faculty, staff and administration, campus versus off-campus students, central campus and the extension centers."

Questions were also raised about admissions standards and whether to implement them.

Engle said a short-term solution would be to have the community colleges handle developmental classes and a long-term solution would be dealing with the elementary and high schools.

Thompson agreed with Engle. "We have standards that allow

people in and it affects them adversely," Thompson said. "They leave in debt and with a sense of failing."

And Jennings agreed with Thompson and Engle that community colleges should handle developmental work.

The panel also discussed graduation rates as a way of keeping colleges accountable. They all said they felt it would be stifling and unfair to grade universities on their success by how many people they graduate.

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Acting director of food service makes changes in grill prices

By ANDREA DeCAMP
News writer

Walking to class, you may have noticed signs around campus promoting lower prices in the Fountain Food Court.

However, you might have missed the new face leading food services to its new prices.

When Greg Hopkins, the former director of food services, left the university for another position, Eastern had a spot to fill.

That position was taken over by Lamar Patterson Nov. 2 when he became the acting director of Eastern's food services.

In a letter to the staff of food services, Doug Whitlock, vice president for academic affairs, asked any person on the staff wanting to tackle the position for acting director to notify him. Out of the employees who



Lamar Patterson was named acting director Nov. 2.

responded, each was interviewed and Patterson was chosen.

The position won't be re-evaluated until after the first of January when Whitlock will decide if the university should fill the position of director of food services on a more permanent basis.

A reason for waiting is the possibility of outsourcing food services and making the division a privately run operation.

Outsourcing means the university would no longer run food services, but let a company, such as Marriott, come in and take over all of the aspects of food services.

There is also the ever-present possibility of franchising in the food court.

"Franchising is in the cards whether we run our own (food service) or we outsource," Whitlock said.

Between now and January though, Patterson has his own idea about the direction food services should take.

The first is the new, lower prices, specifically in the combo meal at the Grill and the pizza.

"Nowhere else can a student buy a 16-inch, three-topping pizza for \$6," Patterson said.

Another idea in his plan to revitalize the Fountain Food Court is to make better quality food.

"We have been thinking about bringing in oriental or Chinese food, maybe to take over the Mexican part," Patterson said.

Patterson said he wants students to know he has an open-door policy.

"We want ideas we can use today, not next semester or next year. We're ready to make a change now," Patterson said.

If you would like to e-mail Patterson with an idea for food services you can find him at <fsvpatte@acs.eku.edu>.

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Faith: Blind student looking to get degree

From the front

Although Gibb is independent, he has someone there to help him with homework and other aspects of college life.

Shawn Coffey, an 18-year-old computer science major from Elkhorn City, has many of the same classes as Gibb and works with him three to five days a week.

"Primarily, I help him with his computer science course and attend his electronics class with him," Coffey said. "Sometimes I help him with his statistics homework, too."

Coffey reads off homework assignments, quizzes and other things to Gibb. Although Coffey gets paid for helping Gibb by student judicial affairs and services for students with disabilities, he said the money isn't why he does it.

"I would rather have him as a friend than get paid to help him," Coffey said.

Coffey and Gibb just started working together over a month ago, but plan to continue their relationship.

"Next semester, we want to take some of the same classes together

to make it easier," Gibb said.

Gibb, who is an avid computer user, is aided in his schoolwork by talking computers. Most of the text books are not available on tape, so he relies on computers with speech software and readers like Coffey.

Gibb has his own talking computer at home, but the university only acquired them recently, Gibb said.

"Last spring, the university said 'We'll do it,' but it took until about two weeks ago," he said. "I had one at home, but not in the lab, so it really set me back."

Gibb said it wasn't the school's fault it took so long, though, but problems with vendors.

Although Gibb is not the first blind student at Eastern, he is the only one on campus now.

Teresa Belluscio, disabilities coordinator, commended Gibb for his independence.

"He's at the full-time level, and it's tough for anyone," she said.

Belluscio pointed out that with the software Gibb must use to complete assignments, time is often a factor against him.

"It's not like he can sit there and read a chapter and go back

through it. It's just the time element involved that makes it tough," she said.

Belluscio's office collaborates with the Department of the Blind, a national agency, to provide services such as readers and tutors for Gibb.

"We are responsible for the in-class needs," Belluscio said. "We make material available and accessible to him, but outside of class, he is just like other students."

Although Gibb appreciates people offering help around campus, he said he doesn't like it when they treat him like anything other than normal.

"I get a little peeved sometimes when people elect themselves to help me," he said. "My definition of help is when I ask someone for help."

"Most of the time I tell them I don't need help and, if I did, they are probably not qualified to help me. If I did need help, then, we'd both be in trouble."

That independence, courage and desire to succeed brought Gibb to Eastern, and he plans to stay here until he graduates, he said.

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Eastern needs your help to fulfill 'Promise'

Schoolchildren in southeastern Kentucky need you — not your money, just a little of your time.

In a new program, Eastern will provide the connections between volunteers and children.

Eastern has been named Kentucky's first University of Promise by America's Promise — The Alliance for Youth, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of the nation's at-risk youth. The program is spearheaded by General Colin Powell.

President Robert Kustra submitted the proposal to America's Promise. He and Powell knew each other from community service projects in Illinois.

"Eastern is the 11th university in the nation to receive this honor," said Nancy Thames, director of Eastern's Student Service Consortium Center (SSCC), which will administer the new program.

Kustra is expected to receive the ECU's Promise contract from Powell today, Thames said.

"We're pledged to serve 5,000 students across southeastern and southcentral Kentucky," Thames said.

"We really want to work with as many ECU students, faculty and staff as possible," she said.

Among the promises volunteers can help fulfill:

- **two reading mentor programs:** — **Book Buddies** connects students with mentors as ongoing weekly reading companions.
- **CareerRead** connects community members with classes in grades K-5 in a session to share career experiences using books from the SSCC's CareerRead Resource Center.
- **multicultural programs** connects international students with schools to provide multi-cultural programs for students in grades K-12.
- **programs with partner school districts**, which are Clark, Estill, Garrard, Jackson, Madison, Rockcastle counties, as well as East Bernstadt Independent, Model Lab, Science Hill Independent and Somerset Independent.

"We could have gotten more schools, but since we're new, we want to keep it at a manageable level," Thames said.

"Volunteers don't have to sign anything," she said. "If they want to participate as a reading mentor, we would get them signed up and give them an assignment."

Thames sees ECU's Promise as a good way to get members of the campus involved in community outreach programs.

"It's really hard to get people to volunteer for long-term service nowadays," said Thames, who would like to get volunteers to commit to once a week for spring semester.

Thames already has a commitment from the Lambda Sigma honorary fraternity, which met and voted to participate in the reading mentor program and the multicultural programs.

"They will drive the international students to the programs to present programs," Thames said.

In addition to the above programs, the university community will work with middle school students on internet pen-pal projects and, along with AmeriCorps and other groups, will hold symposiums to teach them civic and environmental responsibility.



Nancy Thames will direct the ECU's Promise program.



Dustin Wolf explores how air occupies space by plunging the inverted cup with a cotton ball taped inside into water. Wolf, a fifth-grader in Martha Farthing's class at Kirksville Elementary School, discovered that the cotton ball remained dry. The experiment was conducted last Friday in the school's science lab, under the supervision of Stephen Rupard, an AmeriCorps member and a graduate student at Eastern.

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Don Knight/Progress

Finding PURPOSE

'Corps gives members time to explore, grow

Story by Rita Mackin Fox

Stephen Rupard spent more than half his undergraduate years at Eastern majoring in chemistry, while working at the meat counter at Winn-Dixie. He eventually graduated in sociology in 1996, but still wasn't sure about his career future.

Then he read an article about AmeriCorps in the local newspaper. His first thought was this program would help him pay for graduate school.

After spending three months in what has been described as America's domestic Peace Corps, Rupard still isn't sure what lies ahead on the road to a career, but AmeriCorps has given him time and opportunities to explore the possibilities.

AmeriCorps, now in its fifth year both nationally and at Eastern, was established by President Clinton and Congress in part to boost volunteerism by offering members incentives to continue their educations or to pay off past college loans.

The federally-funded program requires that members perform full-time voluntary service for 10 consecutive months (1,700 hours) in return for an annual living stipend and an educational award.

The latter must be used only for the member's education and within seven years of completing AmeriCorps service. Members can serve up to two years.

"The educational award was the major incentive," Rupard said. He admitted he really didn't know what AmeriCorps was all about.

"I had been employed with Winn-Dixie since 1989," said Rupard, a Richmond native. But his goal was to go graduate school.

Within two weeks of seeing the article, Rupard called Eastern's Student Service Consortium Center (SSCC) and began the application process. He also applied to and was accepted into Eastern's criminal justice graduate program.

"It was a matter of a lot of things coming together personally," he said.

Rupard was chosen as one of 41 members in the SSCC's 1998-99 AmeriCorps program and went to work in September at the Kirksville Family Resource Center.

"You can learn a lot about yourself by working with kids," said Rupard, who's now leaning toward being a college professor.

"But, as I get involved in this job more," Rupard said, "I can see the option of possibly one day going for and trying to get the job of director of family resource center."

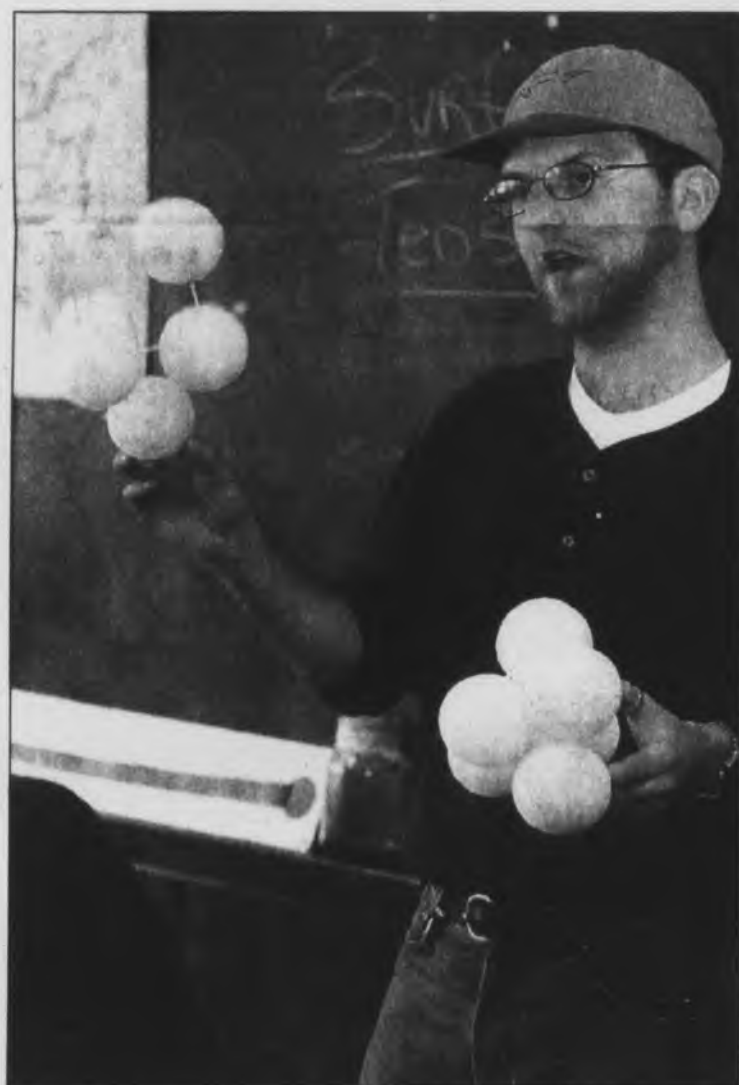
Rupard also is not ruling out the possibility of working in a juvenile court or in some other capacity with youth.

At Kirksville, located about five miles southwest of Richmond in Madison County, Rupard works five days a week on a variety of projects.

"My biggest goal is to put a literacy program together," he said, "but I'm struggling to get tutors."

In the meantime, Rupard put his science knowledge to work setting up and teaching experiments in the school's science lab.

See AmeriCorps/B4



AmeriCorps member Stephen Rupard explains molecular structure to students in Kirksville Elementary's science lab. Rupard was a chemistry major for two-and-a-half years at Eastern before switching to sociology.

Student wins internship, finds niche in risky insurance world

By SHAWN HOPKINS
Staff writer

Todd Lanham leaves for London soon after his May graduation.

Brenda Ahearn/
Progress



Todd Lanham will be flying to London after graduation in May to work three weeks at Lloyd's of London, the prestigious insurance company famous for insuring quirky items. Forget the stereotype you might have of an insurance agent, a bespectacled little man carefully poring over rows of figures by dim light.

Lanham said he wears collegiate clothes when he's not at work, and isn't above doing his physics homework at the last minute before class.

He gets a little risky sometimes, too. For fun, Lanham said he likes to whitewater raft.

But Lanham, a senior insurance

A few of the weirdest items insured by Lloyd's

- **Croc Cover:** a Lloyd's syndicate in Australia insures against crocodile attack
- **Cutty Sark's UFOs:** the whiskey maker offered a £1-million prize to anyone producing an authentic extraterrestrial device, and insured itself against loss at Lloyd's
- **Makes scents:** food critic Egon Ronay insured his taste buds for £250,000 and a whiskey distiller insured his sense of smell
- **Show biz:** Bruce Springsteen insured his voice for £3.5 million. South African actress Kerry Wallace, whose participation in the promotion of a Star Trek film required having her head shaved, insured against the possibility of her hair failing to grow again properly.
- **Satellite danger:** insures people against injury or death from a falling satellite

Source: Lloyd's of London <<http://www.lloydssoftlondon.co.uk/heritage/unusual/body.htm>>

major from Springfield, does have his serious side. He is president of Gamma Iota Sigma, the national insurance fraternity and also is president of the ECU Insurance Society on campus.

He also works for W.E. Kingsley Co., a Lexington insurance brokerage firm.

"I believe everybody's got their own niche," Lanham said. "Insurance is mine."

The National Association of Professional Surplus Lines Offices Ltd. thinks he's good at it, too. The organization chose Lanham and

another student from among 80 candidates, based upon interviews, an essay and his performance during an earlier internship.

Lanham's three-week internship includes a \$900 stipend, air fare and housing in London, provided by the J.H. Blades Memorial Scholarship Award.

Lloyd's of London has existed since the 15th century and is famous for insuring odd and/or extremely valuable items that no other insurance agency will.

Actress Betty Grable's 'million dollar' legs

are among the most famous items Lloyd's has insured over the years.

"It's like winning the Super Bowl," Lanham said of the internship.

Lanham credited the Eastern faculty and staff in the loss prevention and safety department for helping him win the internship.

Lanham said he is looking forward to the experience of working at Lloyd's and to soaking up the London culture.

This is not Lanham's first internship. He also worked for Guaranty National Insurance Company in Englewood, Colo.

"It was scary," Lanham said of his Guaranty experience, but he said he learned a lot.

One of the things that excites Lanham about the field of insurance is the challenge involved in selling it.

"It's hard to sell an idea to people," Lanham said.

The seemingly intangible nature of an insurer's product means that an insurance agent has to try harder, he said.

Lanham encouraged students who are unsure of their major to give his a try.

"Insurance is always going to be here," Lanham said.

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Band together in support of diverse local music

Although the central Kentucky area is hardly known as a musical mecca, the area is heavily steeped in rich and diverse musical talent.

Several area bands offer a refreshing new twist to many genres of music.

Bands such as Swiftly, Taildragger, Crown Electric and The Union City All-Stars are an exciting alternative to the blandness of commercial radio.

Swiftly is an energetic alternative rock band that can rival anyone in intensity of a live show. These veterans of the New York City club circuit are being looked at by a number of record labels and deservedly so.

The Union City All-Stars are an alternative country outfit whose music runs in the same vein as Uncle Tupelo or The Byrds. Keith Anderson and the boys have a record in the final stages of completion.

Perhaps the freshest sound in the area comes from Crown Electric, a rockabilly band that will take you back 40 years to the days of that kid from Memphis, Elvis.

These and other talented area bands were invited to participate in last week's "Kentucky Alive III," which was held to expose local musical talent to A&R (Artist & Repertoire) agents representing record labels.

These agents must have the foresight to know which band is going to be a hit.

Unfortunately, being a hit artist has more to do with commercialism and less to do with music than ever before.

This is one reason it is so difficult to gain a contract. A&R agents seldom seem eager to stray from the mainstream.

Most original bands and artists toil through their local and regional club circuits for years.

Sadly, few bands ever gain a

recording contract. More often than not, a band will go completely unnoticed outside of their local scene.

Two central Kentucky area bands have recently beat the odds. Supafuzz and Days of the New have gained national recording contracts in the past year.



PAUL FLETCHER
No Depression

Supafuzz performed in the second installment of the "Kentucky Alive" series last November, and reportedly had additional contacts based on that performance.

In that regard, one could say the series is successful.

But based on attendance, last Thursday's show was a promoter's

nightmare.

Less than 100 people attended the show. I think a larger crowd would have made a more positive atmosphere.

I seriously doubt the small crowd made a positive impression on any record people that were there. And the performing bands certainly deserved more support from us fans.

There has been speculation as to why attendance was low. Many local insiders, including myself, think tickets for the show were priced too steep — \$8.75 in advance, \$10.75 at the door.

That may not seem high considering there were seven bands on the bill, but these are seven bands people have seen dozens of times for \$3.

I talked with several people who didn't go because they thought the show was overpriced.

Show organizers did a great job with promotion, and they must be commended. But they must also consider the fans.

And fans need to come out and support the local music scene as well.

If you have never caught a local act, or if it has been a while, go out and listen. You just might be surprised.

Local bands such as Swiftly, Taildragger and The Union City All-Stars are an exciting alternative to the blandness of commercial radio.



A 'House' of her own



Photos by Don Knight/Progress

Above: Andrew Bourne and Rose Coleman play the strained couple of Torvald and Nora Helmer in "A Doll's House."

Right: Kristine Linde, played by Lashe Dunn, comforts Nora. Other actors in the play include John Drago, Dana Floro and Mary Scott.

Ibsen play explores wife looking for independence

By DAVID JONES
Staff writer

There is no clean ending for "A Doll's House" and these open endings are what playwright Henrik Ibsen, is known for. Open endings leave it up to the audience to decide the ending and to think about issues the play raises in the process.

The Eastern Theater Department's production of "A Doll's House" will most likely leave the audience thinking about the role of women in marriages and their quest for independence in society.

The central theme of the play is still relevant even though the play was written over 100 years ago.

Rose Coleman does a wonderful job portraying Nora Helmer, the main character who is trapped in a seemingly happy marriage with her successful bank manager husband, Torvald.

Nora has been treated like a doll by her father, and now by Torvald, played by Andrew Bourne, who adores her but doesn't really take her seriously as a human being.

James Moreton, chair of the department of speech and theatre, directs the play which opened last night and runs through Saturday.

The story centers around Nora having taken a loan out from Nils Krogstad, played by John A. Drago, who later recognizes that Nora had forged her father's signature onto the loan contract. Krogstad then uses this information to blackmail Nora into trying to talk Torvald out of firing him from his bank job.

Drago plays a very believable villain, and balances it out so Krogstad doesn't appear to be totally sinister. After all, he was essentially trying to save his job to feed his children.

Kristine Linde, Nora's friend, shows up in town to try to find a job. This part, played by Lashe Dunn, serves as a kind of alter ego to Nora's character in that she has been forced to make it on her own as a widow.

It is Linde who appears to save the day after agreeing to marry

A Doll's House

When: 8 p.m. tonight through Saturday, Nov. 21

Where: Gifford Theatre

Behind the scenes

"A Doll's House from the Actors Perspectives" is the topic for the next Humanities Forum at 7 p.m. Dec. 1 in Room 108 of Crabbe Library. Actors and actresses from the play will discuss their roles and perform short scenes.

Krogstad. After she agrees to do this, he recants on his threat to expose Nora's forgery to the authorities, though he had already let Torvald know about the situation by mail.

It is what happens in the aftermath of Torvald receiving this revelation that essentially fuels the rest of the play.

Other characters in the play include Helene, the Helmer's nanny, played by Dana Floro. Anne-Marie, the Helmers' servant, is portrayed by Mary Scott. John Lovelace makes the character of Dr. Rank, an ill friend of the Helmers, very believable right down to the realistic limp.

Keith Johnson, the set designer, and his crew do a great job with the set and lighting for "A Doll's House." The setting is a living room during the holidays in 19th-century Europe and appears to be historically accurate, right down to the Christmas tree decorations.

The elaborate costuming for the play is done by Jeffrey Boord-Dill and appears historically correct, also.

Nora's dance scene was choreographed by Homer Tracy.

Tickets are \$4 for students and \$5 for adult non-students. Tickets are available from the box office which is open through Friday from noon to 4 p.m. The box office can be reached at 622-1323.

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AmeriCorps Fast Facts

In first four years, 93% of Eastern's members completed service.

Of those 100 members, 91% used their education awards, compared to 54% nationwide.

SSCC revenues total \$596,550 federal funds: \$461,550 matching funds: \$135,000

Members receive:
10-month living stipend of \$8,340; educational award of \$4,725; basic individual health insurance; and some qualify to receive day care services

National AmeriCorps demographics (1997 data):
■ 68% female
■ 79% under 30
■ 36% have BA/BS degree; 36% have some college

Sources:
Consortium for National Service
<<http://www.cns.gov>>

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Melinda Hendershott stands in the waterless pond at the Model's outdoor classroom. The lining was punctured last year and she's working with teachers to fix the problem.

Don Knight/Progress

AmeriCorps: School gets help for leaky pond

From B1

"The whole class comes in at once and works at stations," he said.

Rupard also began helping with the school's recycling program.

"We made a mock landfill," he said. In the landfill, students buried newspaper, styrofoam, plastic, glass and aluminum. Throughout the fall, Rupard has taken students out to see if the trash is decomposing.

"They're amazed to see the newspaper is still 100 percent readable," he said.

Kirkville is one of 22 schools in southeastern and southcentral Kentucky benefiting directly from AmeriCorps.

Nancy Thames, director of the SSCC, administers the program. Among her duties is coming up with the matching funds required before the program can receive its federal funding.

"They don't just give you the money," Thames said.

Five years ago, when Eastern became a charter member of AmeriCorps with 22 members, Thames had to raise \$66,000. To do so, she formed a 26-member partnership that includes 22 regional school districts; Berea, Cumberland and Georgetown colleges; and the Kentucky River Foothills project.

Each partner member pays to have an AmeriCorps member work in its facility. This year, the partnership

contributed more than \$135,000 in matching funds for 41 volunteers.

"I have a waiting list of schools wanting to get an AmeriCorps member," Thames said.

The number of members allotted to each program is determined by the Corporation for National Service, which oversees AmeriCorps.

Last month, Congress allotted AmeriCorps and other national service programs an \$18-million budget increase, the third year in a row it increased such appropriations.

In the SSCC's region, AmeriCorps members often work through the school's family resource center.

"We are supposed to remove barriers that might hamper a child's education," said Pat Houchins, director of Kirkville's family resource center, where Rupard works.

"With Stephen, we're able to do a lot more," said Houchins, who described her school as having the smallest enrollment and budget in the county.

In addition to his own projects, Rupard fills in as needed, but doesn't supplant other staff, Houchins said.

"Stephen's been working real hard on the tutoring program for the children who are reading poorly," she said. "Without him, that would probably die."

The hours students spend in the science lab would also be cut.

Another SSCC AmeriCorps member, Melinda Hendershott, divides her workweek between the Model

Laboratory School and Berea Community School.

"I'm in a career crisis right now," said Hendershott, who earned a degree in environmental science from Warren Wilson College, in western North Carolina.

"After graduation, I spent two-and-a-half years working for a pre-release program for juvenile offenders in North Carolina," Hendershott said.

Like Rupard, Hendershott works on several projects, including an energy audit by the high-school science club and an adopt-a-grandparent program with two kindergarten classes.

She plans to use her educational award for prerequisites to get into graduate school for occupational therapy after her service is completed.

"Our program prefers that (members) have finished two years of college, because they work with teachers and children," Thames said. "But that has been waived at times."

The national AmeriCorps program requires only that members have at least a high school diploma or GED equivalency and be 18 years or older.

"The program has really changed lives," Thames said. "We see AmeriCorps members grow and develop and reach out to the future."

AmeriCorps service at Eastern begins in September, but Thames accepts applications throughout the year. The SSCC office is in Combs 429; the phone number is 622-6543.

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Joe Molinaro, professor of art, demonstrates how to make bowls for the "Empty Bowls" project last year. This year, art students donated 400 bowls to the project sponsored by area churches.

'Empty Bowls,' full hearts

Project raises money for charity

By STACI REID
Activities editor

A community-wide effort is being made to help raise money and awareness about hunger. This is the second year of the "Empty Bowls" project.

For a donation of \$10, individuals receive a meal of soup, bread, coffee or tea, and the handmade bowl the soup is served in.

"This is the second year and last year we raised almost \$3,000. We were a little under," said Kathy Schmitt, director of the Catholic Newman Center. "This year we hope to raise \$4,000."

Joe Molinaro, associate professor of art, suggested the idea for the project.

"In pottery, it's something potters have done for a long time," Molinaro said. "The idea of keeping the bowl is to remind people that it's (the project) a one-time event. It's supposed to be a gentle reminder that people are still hungry."

Molinaro said he took the idea to St. Mark school, but the

Project

When: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Friday

Where: St. Mark Parish Hall

principal felt more people needed to be involved, so they took the idea to the Newman Center.

"We decided to make it ecumenical and get all the churches involved," Schmitt said.

All proceeds are donated to two local organizations, the Salvation Army of Madison County and the Kentucky River Foothills Development Council.

"These are two organizations who feed people on a daily basis, and that's why they were chosen," Schmitt said.

The Art Student Association is volunteering their time and helping with serving and cleaning up after the meal.

The clay for the bowls was donated to the art department by Ceramic Studio in Louisville.

"We buy a lot of supplies from them and when they

heard about it, they asked how they could help," Molinaro said. "They've been really gracious about it."

The pottery students and instructors are donating the pottery and have 400 bowls for this year's project. The bread is donated by Great Harvest Bread Company in Lexington.

"They get their own wheat and mill their own flour," said Schmitt. "We've had different restaurants and supermarkets donate coffee, tea, plates and napkins."

The soup is vegetarian vegetable and their ingredients come from students at St. Mark. Different grades bring different vegetables for the soup.

"Last year it was such a success, some of my colleagues contacted me and said 'Hey, we want to do that for our schools too,'" Molinaro said. Transylvania University is having an "Empty Bowls" project on Friday and Midway College is having their project in December.

"We can help one another," Schmitt said. "We can feed one another and that's a piece of heaven."

Black Student Union ready to crown Mr., Miss Ebony

By STACI REID
Activities editor

The Black Student Union is looking for a few good men and women.

Eastern men and women are invited to strut their stuff at the Mr. and Miss Ebony pageants.

The Mr. Ebony Pageant is 8 p.m. Friday in the cafeteria of Powell. The public is invited to attend.

Mr. Ebony categories include businesswear, casual, sportswear, sleepwear and eveningwear.

"This year the guys will wear tuxedos," said Toyia Franklin, a senior public relations major from Louisville and organizer of the event.

The men will not only be judged on appearance, but also on knowledge.

"The guys will be asked a question which they don't know beforehand," Franklin said.

The Miss Ebony Pageant is in the spring but applications have been accepted and tryouts are 9 p.m. Monday in Powell.

Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.0 and a talent.

"We choose judges from faculty members, anyone willing to help," Latonya Carr, a junior



Don Knight/Progress

Latonya Carr won the Miss Ebony pageant in 1995. The pageant is sponsored by the Black Student Union and tryouts will be held Monday.

child care development major from Louisville and a former Miss Ebony.

The categories for Miss Ebony are formalwear, casualwear, businesswear and talent.

The women are also judged on posture, grace and onstage presence.

"You're judged on your attitude and how well you represent yourself," Carr said. "This is all about that person giving judges an idea about her."

In the past, the contestants

learned a dance routine. Last year, the dance routine was not included in the pageant, but organizer's expect to include it in this year's competition.

The crowned Miss Ebony receives a cash prize, a dozen roses, a crown and a plaque. Runners up receive a plaque.

"I won it in fall '95," Carr said. "I got determination from it. I got to know people on a personal basis, not just like I've seen her on campus."

Thanksgiving dinner on campus

By STACI REID
Activities editor

On the first Thanksgiving, Pilgrims and Indians shared in the spirit of giving and taking part in a meal.

Eastern students have the opportunity this year to do the same.

For those students not leaving for Thanksgiving Break, there is an alternative to lying around the dorm room.

Home Meals Delivery of Madison County needs help taking hot meals throughout the county on the holiday.

"This is our 18th year of daily meals plus Thanksgiving meals," said Thelma Lawson, board of directors member, Home Meals Delivery. "We usually serve about 350 to 400 people."

Besides delivering meals to shut-ins, the elderly and others on Thanksgiving, volunteers will



serve a community meal at the Baptist Student Union for international students and volunteers.

"Students can volunteer, but what we offer is students who can't go home, and especially international students, is to come

to the Baptist Student Union for a Thanksgiving meal," said Lawson.

The menu is turkey and ham, dressing, gravy, corn, green beans, rolls, cranberry sauce and homemade pumpkin cake.

Volunteers are needed to serve and clean up beginning at 10 a.m. Thanksgiving Day and to deliver meals from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Volunteers are asked to bring a large, straight-sided cooler if available.

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► Progress MVP

Whitney Robinson, a freshman from Detroit, Mich., contributed 21 points and two assists in Eastern's 99-64 loss to the University of Kentucky Wildcats Tuesday night. Robinson had 12 first-half points in a span of less than two minutes that helped Eastern play even with UK for the last five minutes.



Whitney Robinson scored 21 points against the University of Kentucky Wildcats.

► Sports brief

Perry inks Thomas, Jerry to national letters-of-intent

What was once the Michigan six, has transformed into the Michigan seven — plus one. With his Wolverine state recruiting powers, men's basketball coach Scott Perry announced the signing of Ricardo Thomas, a 6 foot 7 inch, 200-pound forward from Detroit, Mich., to a national letter-of-intent.

Along with Thomas, Perry announced the second signee of the Nov. signing period, 6 foot 3 inch, 180-pound swingman Lavaris Jerry of Ocala, Fla.

Thomas, who can play small or power forward, averaged 16.3 points, 12.2 rebounds, 8.1 assists and 5.4 blocked shots per game as a junior for Communication Media Arts High School.

"We're very excited to have Ricardo in the fold," said Perry. "He comes from an outstanding family and will be a great fit for our basketball family. He brings excellent athleticism to our team and will definitely help our front-line play in the years to come."

Thomas, who has qualified academically to play as a freshman next season, was an All-City and All-League choice last season as a junior.

Jerry is a sophomore at Compton Community College where he contributed this past season to CCC winning the 1997-98 state junior college championship. He averaged 15.3 points, 7.2 rebounds and 4.4 assists per game last year for CCC.

"Lavaris is a tremendous athlete who will be an excellent addition to our program," Perry said. "He can play inside with his leaping ability (40-plus vertical jump), but yet has a good shooting touch and touch from three-point range."

Jerry has been ranked in several pre-season publications as the second best off-guard in the California junior college system. He is a 1997 graduate of Ocala, Fla., Vanguard High School.

► Schedule

Football (5-5)

■ vs. Eastern Illinois, 1:30 p.m., Saturday, Roy Kidd Stadium
Radio: 1340 AM WEKY, 88.9 FM WEKU

Cross Country

■ NCAA National Cross Country Championship, Monday, Lawrence, Kan.

Men's Basketball (0-1)

■ vs. Belmont University, 7:30 p.m., tonight, Alumni Coliseum

■ vs. Indiana State, 7 p.m., Nov. 24, Terre Haute, Ind.

Women's Basketball

■ vs. Miami (Ohio), 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Alumni Coliseum

■ vs. Xavier (Ohio), 4 p.m., Nov. 28, Cincinnati, Ohio

Khayr earns NCAA National berth



By SHANE WALTERS
Sports editor

Waiting an hour on the phone for a reply from an NCAA agent, Rick Erdmann was in the midst of amazement from Mohammed Khayr's eighth-place showing in the NCAA Regional III Cross Country Championship.

The showing earned Khayr not only an agent, but a position in the NCAA National Championship Monday in Lawrence, Kan.

"I'm just waiting for an agent," Erdmann told the individual on the phone. "I've been on hold for an hour — any help you could give would be helpful."

Khayr finished with an overall time of 30:21 in the 10K run, tying with Joe Gibson of the University of Clemson.

Gibson was runner-up in the Atlantic Coast Conference, which in Erdmann's opinion was an accomplishment for Khayr to tie with the ACC standout.

"Mo was leading the guy from Clemson for most of the race," Erdmann said. "Mo was also a runner-up in the Ohio Valley Conference, so that was a real achievement for him competing with an ACC runner. Mo wasn't competing with chopped liver, you know — it's very difficult to qualify for the NCAA."

Since Erdmann was disappointed in the men's second-place finish in the OVC Cross Country Championship, he decided to only take his top three runners to the Region III meet. The three were senior Charlie Moore, senior Daniel Koech and Khayr.

Even though the three-man team was unable to place as a group, Koech finished 10th with a time of 30:29, while Moore finished 54th (31:38).

"I was pleased with the men, especially with Daniel Koech," Erdmann said. "Daniel has been battling with a leg injury all season, so his performance was impressive."

The women's cross country team finished fifth-place overall, placing ahead of cross country powerhouses such as Duke, Virginia Tech and Clemson.

Senior Sarah Blossom was the first maroon and white runner to cross the finish line for Eastern with a 25th place time of 18:05. Freshman Heather Davel finished with a time of 18:14 for a 29th place showing, while junior Jenni Brown finished 33rd (18:16).

Other Lady Colonels crossing the finish line were junior Theresa Olsen with a time of 18:23 (40th) and freshman Hannah Benjamin finished 43rd (18:28).

"Our women's team is relatively young, but, overall, I was pleased with their performance," Erdmann said. "The women were a team in every sense of the word. We were very competitive and our women worked together as a team. Overall, I was pleased — it's a big achievement."

Eastern runners Blossom, Khayr and Koech were awarded NCAA All-District III recognition following the district meet at Furman last Saturday.

Erdmann's Colonels will begin their indoor track season Dec. 11 with the University of Kentucky Kickoff Meet in Lexington.

► Men's Basketball



Chris Hollis/Progress

Sophomore guard Darius Acuff takes to the air for a jump shot over Scott Padgett and Heshimu Evans during Tuesday's contest at Rupp Arena. Acuff, a native of Detroit, scored nine points for the Colonels.

► Women's Basketball

Lady Colonels begin 1998-99 season with 'strictly business'

By DANIEL REINHART
Assistant sports editor

Last year's motto of "refuse to lose" has lost some of its urgency in this year's team. This season's motto of "strictly business" is one which reflects more of a championship attitude.

Eastern, equipped with the new philosophy, will begin its business Saturday with its first home game of the 1998-99 campaign against Miami of Ohio.

Last week in their only exhibition game of the season, the Lady Colonels offense was on fire scoring 93 points. Unfortunately for coach Larry Joe Inman, the defense gave up 84 points.

The first home game, Eastern's second game overall, starts Eastern's tough nonconference schedule. The Lady Colonels started their season against Kansas State on the road last night (score not available at press time).

A tough Miami Ohio squad

will test how good a young Eastern team is when it visits Richmond Saturday. Eastern's nonconference schedule also includes road games against Xavier, Coastal Carolina and Wofford. To end 1998, Eastern will test the waters of the Seelbach Tournament in which Kent, Louisville and Nebraska will compete.

But Inman said that, win or lose, the competitive nonconference schedule will be to the team's benefit.

"We're playing against some of the best kids in the country," Inman said. "If we can maintain our confidence early as a team, we'll be ready come OVC time."

The '98 Lady Colonels have the rare opportunity to three-peat, win three conference titles in a row, with a conference title this year. It would be the first time any team in the OVC has ever accomplished this feat. But with a young team comprised mostly of sophomores and fresh-

men, it could be a large order for the players.

Inman said with last year's seniors Chrissy Roberts and Laphelia Doss graduated that the Lady Colonels will need a leader at crunch-time.

"Other kids are going to have to step up ... we just don't know who yet," Inman said.

In its series against Miami Ohio, Eastern has dominated its northern rival, winning seven of nine games. Last year, the Lady Redhaws dealt Eastern one of its eight losses, beating them 70-59.

Inman also inked another recruit for the Lady Colonels next year. Amanda Boles, the 6 foot-2 inch forward-center from Pickett County High School in Byrdstown, Tenn., has agreed to play at Eastern. She earned all-state and first-team Tri-Lakes honors as a junior. The senior averaged a double-double, 20 points and 10 rebounds, last year for the Lady Bobcats.

Wildcats claw Perry's young Colonels 99-64

By SHANE WALTERS
Sports editor

LEXINGTON — The city of Richmond and the city of Lexington may only be 25 miles apart, but their university basketball programs are light-years away from being equal.

In nonchalant national championship style, the University of Kentucky Wildcats devastated coach Scott Perry's Colonels 99-64 at Rupp Arena Tuesday night.

UK had defeated Eastern in all five meetings prior to Tuesday's season opener. The first meeting was a 35-10 victory 70 years ago on Dec. 15, 1928. The last meeting was a 107-78 UK win on Dec. 8, 1993.

"I want to compliment Eastern Kentucky and coach Scott Perry," said UK head coach Tubby Smith. "His squad was a scrappy group. They knocked down some threes, and Darius Acuff showed a lot of quickness. They gave our guards a lot of problems."

The 10-man roster available to Perry and his staff was very young and lean on actual Division I collegiate experience. Only senior guard Chris Fitzgerald and senior forward Warren Stukes, had played in an NCAA Division I basketball contest.

"I thought we did compete and we played hard," Perry said. "We're a young basketball team and we made a lot of mistakes. We played too much one-on-one basketball and we were very impatient on the offensive end. I guess you can expect that when you put a young group in front of 24,000 people for the first time."

While gaining a first-time perspective of play in Rupp Arena, freshman guard Whitney Robinson led the charge against the Wildcats with 21 points and two assists.

"I've never played in front of a crowd like that. It was amazing," Robinson said. "They really came out hard in the second half and stepped it up defensively. You have to give credit where credit is due. They are a good team."

Sophomore guard Darius Acuff followed Robinson with 13 points and two assists, while Stukes contributed eight points to the Colonels overall score.

"We came out and played hard," Stukes said. "We are a young team and this was the first collegiate game for a lot of our guys. We will definitely learn from this experience. Kentucky is a good team and they out-hustled us tonight. I thought they played hard and together. I'm glad we played this team."

Eastern came out in the first half ready and willing to face Smith's blue and white Wildcats. After being tied early in the contest, UK went on a late 9-0 run, slicing the margin 31-16 with a layup by Scott Padgett. UK turned up the defense late and scored on two baskets by J.P. Blevins, who found the bottom of the basket with a three-pointer, and Todd Tackett followed with a layup, giving the Cats a 58-35 first-half lead.

UK came out of the locker room as fired-up as they were when the went in. After a two point score by Robinson for a 66-37 mark with 16:05 left in the contest, UK went on a 10-0 run. Eastern attempted a comeback when Fitzgerald found the bottom of the net with two back-to-back threes edging UK's lead to 79-45, but the Wildcat defense held the Colonels from their charge. The Cat's took control offensively with the help of Wayne Turner and Heshimu Evans and ousted the Colonels for a 99-64 victory.



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Senior forward Shannon Browning attempts to defend the in coming charge from a member of the Sports Reach Crusaders. Coach Larry Inman's Lady Colonels will host Miami (Ohio) Saturday.



Don Knight/Progress

Junior tailback Derick Logan refuses to be tackled by three Appalachian State players. The Colonels will conclude their 1998 season with a 1:30 p.m. Saturday contest at Roy Kidd Stadium against Eastern Illinois.

Appy State skunks Kidd's Colonels 19-0

By DANIEL REINHART
Assistant sports editor

When Eastern kicked the ball off to start the game, they had zero points on the board, of course. When the band came on at halftime, the offense was still yet to strike paydirt. When the whistle blew to end the third quarter, Eastern was still posting the donut. See the dilemma?

And when a rifle went off to end the game, the offense, minus injured running back Corey Crume and offensive lineman Josh Hunter, Eastern wasn't able to put any points on the score board.

Fourth ranked Appalachian State shut out Eastern 19-0 on Saturday. The last time Eastern got shut out was in the 1995 play-offs against Montana.

Coach Roy Kidd looked worn out, from the game and the season, after the loss. Despite his team not scoring, Kidd looked for the positive aspects of the game.

"I'm proud of the way the kids played, they played hard," Kidd said. "The kids played with some enthusiasm, some intensity."

Before the game, Eastern looked pumped up and ready to go as the players jumped around in a team huddle. That enthusiasm carried onto the field, at least



Josh Hunter is the third Colonel to be lost for the season due to a knee injury.

for the defense. The defense held the Mountaineers on their first two possessions.

But on its next possession, Appalachian State broke through. Throughout the game, powerful running back Terrence McCall blew through Eastern's defense, continually dragging defenders with him. He would score twice, including the first touchdown of the game. After that, the Mountaineers' running game dominated and wore the Colonels down.

Offensive lineman Hunter was lost for the season to a knee injury. This was just another injury in the long line of players hurt this year. Defensive lineman Jason Muchow and defensive back Scooter Asel were hurt

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► Volleyball

Colonels end '98 season with loss

By DANIEL REINHART
Assistant sports editor

A change in head coaches didn't pay off in the record book in 1998. First-year coach Lori Duncan's team finished out its season last weekend with two losses. The volleyball team equalled last year's number of wins with its 3-23 overall record and 3-15 Ohio Valley Conference mark.

Tennessee Tech dealt the Colonels their 22nd loss of the season in straight sets, and Middle Tennessee ended Eastern's year, giving the Colonels a four-set loss.

"We are ninth in the conference and I don't feel like that. I don't feel discouraged. I don't feel like we don't have a lot to work with next year," Duncan said. "I've got to keep putting in perspective that it is our first year."

Against Tennessee Tech, outside hitter Courtney Bowen led the Colonels attack with a team-high 10 kills and 13 digs. Sharon Moreno, a freshman setter, had 19 assists and seven digs.

In its last contest of the season, Eastern got a bad break as its leading attacker Mary Lee Keranko was injured before the game. During warm-ups, the sophomore stood up and heard something pop in her ankle, leaving her unable to compete.

"There are three kids on this team that we simply cannot be without at this time," Duncan said. "Those are Bowen, Moreno and Keranko. In the locker room before the match, I said one of two things are going to happen. Either we are going to come out and rally around the kid who is going to take over for Mary Lee, or we are going to just fold."

For Duncan and the Colonels, next season will be one of high expectations. Eastern is returning 14 players while losing only senior Amanda Deerbake. Duncan said she is looking to bring in up to five recruits for the 1999 season.

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Injury-plagued season of hope ends this week

If you're a Colonel fan, you know it's going to be a long season when Eastern finally gets its first game against Kentucky, a team that has a 31-58 record in the '90s, and the Wildcats just happen to be having a glorious season, including the 52-7 clobbering of Eastern.

You know it's going to be a long season when your team loses two defensive starters for the year, both star running backs are hurt for most of the year, your star wide receiver misses two games, and a starting defensive lineman is lost in the 10th game.

You know it's going to be a long season when Eastern loses to Tennessee State and Tennessee Tech. Prior to '98, Eastern had never lost to State posting a perfect 11-0 mark. Tech also got Eastern's season 'all shook up' beating the Colonels for the first time since Elvis died.

You know it's going to be a long season when Eastern gets shut out (for the first time since 1995) and loses a road game in triple overtime.

You know it's going to be OK, enough of the Jeff Foxworthy in the press box impression, the point is the Colonels (who are 5-5) have had a longgggg season. A longggg season that was filled with so much hope.

It seems like a long, long time ago (it was really only August) when an optimistic Kidd looked forward to what seemed to be Eastern's potent offensive attack. Led by Jon Denton (considered by some the third best junior quarterback in the nation) the offensive looked explosive. Eastern had the best backfield in the Ohio Valley Conference according to the Sporting News, and nine starters returning.

But with injuries and, at times, a lack of chemistry, the offensive has been held to under 10 points twice and averaged a mediocre 24.2 points per game.

With nagging injuries to tailbacks Corey Crume and Derick

Logan, the '98 ground attack looks like it will have the dubious distinction of being the first at Eastern to rush for less than 2,000 yards since 1972.

Ironically, 1972 was Eastern's last losing season, a mark this year's team hopes to avoid with a win over Eastern Illinois in the last game of the season at Roy Kidd Stadium Saturday.

"This team has no business having a losing season," Kidd said earlier in the season.

Kidd also said that "defense wins championships." Although the young defense has kept Eastern in many games, they have also been burned at times. The defensive backs were burned twice on similar plays in overtime which cost Eastern the game against the Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles.

But despite the tough losses and the .500 record Eastern has had its share of triumphs. The Colonels beat bitter rival Western Kentucky for the first time since 1995 and also destroyed Kentucky State.

In one of the most exciting games of the year, Denton and the Colonels battled back and forth and pulled a nailbitter against the Middle Tennessee Skyhawks.

Denton also broke the record for most touchdown passes in a season and for most touchdowns thrown in a single game.

With all the talent Kidd had, it makes Colonel supporters wonder what if.

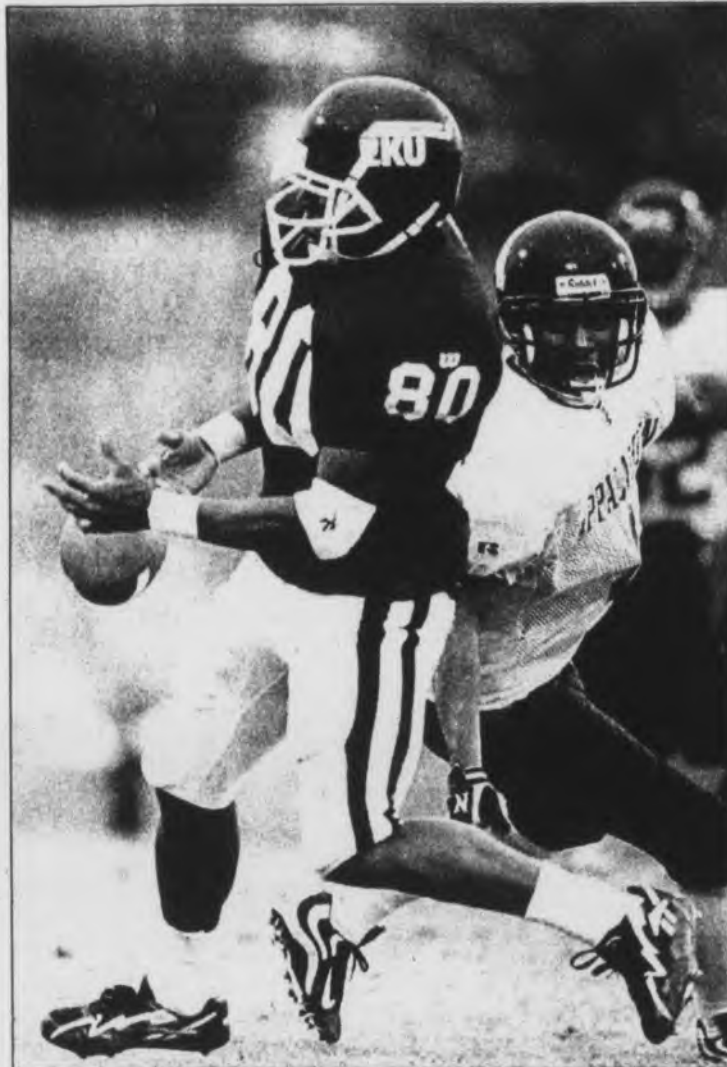
A season which Eastern was picked to win the OVC by the conference's coaches, has turned into a season Eastern hopes just to salvage a winning record.

For Kidd and Colonel fans, you know it's a bad season when halfway through '98 people are talking about how Logan and Denton will be seniors next year.

Kidd and Colonel fans know it's a bad season when Eastern misses the playoffs. A loss to Eastern Illinois would make the '98 Eastern team the fourth team to miss the playoffs in 21 years.



DANIEL REINHART
Desert Prophet



Don Knight/Progress

Sophomore wide receiver Anthony Boggs drops a pass while trying to evade an Appalachian State defensive player Saturday.

Football: Mountaineers held Colonels to zero points

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earlier in the year.

"Every game someone gets hurt, I can't remember a year like this," Kidd said.

On the other side of the ball, the on-again off-again offense was definitely off. Appalachian State's defense completely shut down Kidd's offense. Denton threw for only 87 yards and the running game rushed for only 90 compared to McCall's 186 yards.

"I take the blame for the loss today, if you got to pin it on someone, pin it on me," Denton said.

The offensive's one solid drive of the afternoon ended in a bad decision. In the third quarter down 6-0, Eastern had taken the ball from its own 19 to the Appalachian 25.

On fourth and one, Denton rolled right and had some open

"I take the blame for the loss today, if you got to pin it on someone, pin it on me."

Jon Denton, quarterback

field in front of him as well as a wide open Tony DeGregorio on the 10. But Denton went for it all and overthrew an open Rondel Menendez in the end zone.

"I try to make big plays," Denton said. "On that one I should of made the smart play and picked up the first down."

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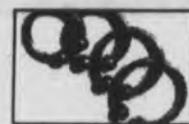
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