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Alumni Weekend Honors Graduates, Professors

Retired Madison County Schools Superintendent Russell (Buddy) Roberts, Classes of 1956 and 1960, will be honored as Outstanding Alumnus at the conclusion of Alumni Weekend festivities April 27-28.

Also at the Alumni Awards and Recognition Banquet Saturday, April 28, five graduates will be inducted into the University's Hall of Distinguished Alumni: Jennifer Henson Decker, '78 '80, Shelbyville, attorney; Col. Finley Hamilton, '70'75, Ellicott City, Md., commander/conductor, U.S. Army Field Band; H. Douglas House, '40, Richmond, also a retired superintendent of Madison County Schools; Jack Jackson, '71, Dayton, Ohio, community relations adviser with Dayton Metropolitan Housing; and Robert E. Sanders, '69, Covington, attorney.

In addition, Dr. Bobby Barton, professor of exercise and sport science and head athletic

trainer, and Dr. Walter Boles, associate professor of technology, will receive the EKU National Alumni Association's Awards for Teaching Excellence, and Donald Disney will receive a Service Award.

Roberts served as Madison County School Superintendent from 1972 to 1988. During his tenure, the school system added Madison Southern High School, two middle schools and 55 elementary classrooms and increased the size of the instructional staff. Also, a kindergarten program for all five-year-olds was established and advanced placement classes were added at Madison Central High School, among many other curriculum improvements.

The National Alumni Association's Awards for Teaching Excellence are based on superior teaching performance and demonstrated concern for students. Faculty members are nominated for the awards by members of the student body. Nominees' credentials are reviewed by members of Mortar Board, and a list of

finalists are presented to the EKU National Alumni Association's Executive Council for final selection.

Banquet tickets are \$20 each and may be reserved by calling the University's alumni relations office, 622-1260. The event will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 28.

The schedule Friday, April 27 at the Arlington House includes a 6 p.m. faculty/alumni reception, "early bird" alumni dinner at 7:30 and a "Casino Night" from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Each Casino Night guest is given \$2,000 of "Colonel Money," and winnings can be used to bid at an action for EKU paraphernalia. The cost for the "early bird" dinner is \$20 a person, and advance reservations are recommended. Admission to Casino Night is \$10 a person.

Festivities continue Saturday, April 28 at the Keen Johnson Building, where registration and a "Getting Reacquainted Continental Breakfast" begin at 9 a.m. The day also includes an 11:30 a.m. buffet luncheon (cost \$11), class meetings



Barton



Boles

and photographs, and recognition of EKU Pioneers, those who graduated from the University at least 50 years ago.

Any graduate from 1951 and earlier who would like to be recognized this year as an EKU Pioneer should contact the Alumni Relations office to make reservations. For more information about Alumni Weekend, or to make reservations, call 622-1260 or e-mail alumni.event@eku.edu.



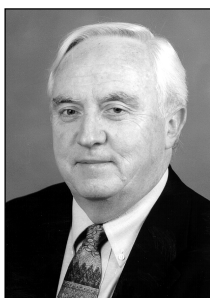
MAKING A POINT – The always animated Sister Souljah addresses a capacity crowd in the Herndon Lounge of the Powell Building.

Hart Named Dean Of College of A & S

Dr. Dominick J. Hart has been named dean of EKU's College of Arts and Sciences after serving as acting dean of the College since 1999.

Hart, who joined the EKU faculty in 1970 and served as chair of the University's Department of English from 1986 to 1999, was selected after a national search that attracted more than 30 applicants.

"I am grateful for the honor and privilege extended me to serve as dean for the College of Arts and Sciences," Hart said. "During my time as acting dean, I have come to appreciate the rich pool of talent, both faculty and staff, and the many fine programs with which the College is endowed. Building upon this base, we have the opportunity to construct a truly fine College of Arts and Sciences – one with a sound liberal arts core, a solid array of undergraduate and graduate majors, and recognized programs of excellence, including, especially, teacher education. I look forward to working with all my colleagues to achieve this goal."



Hart

EKU Surpasses State Average Pass Rate on Teacher Exam

EKU students taking the state teacher certification exam for the most recent reporting period passed at a rate higher than the state average.

Of the 260 Eastern seniors who took the PRAXIS exam between the Summer 1999 and Spring 2000 semesters, 246 passed. The 95 percent pass rate eclipses the state average of 94 percent for the same period.

PRAXIS is an Educational Testing Service program that provides tests and other services for use as part of the teacher certification process. The exam, taken by those who have completed the teacher education program, measures students' basic content knowledge as reflected in the K-12 curriculum used in Kentucky's public schools.

"There is a campus-wide commitment here to produce a better-prepared pre-service teacher," said Dr. Mark Wasicsko, dean of EKU's College of Education. "We have great cooperation among academic colleges and departments, and our graduates benefit directly from this collaboration."

Dr. Dominick Hart, dean of the University's College of Arts and Sciences, said the PRAXIS results "help to confirm that our students graduate with a solid grounding in the subjects they will teach. At the same time, faculty and staff of the College of Arts and Sciences work closely and cooperatively with their colleagues in the College of Education to assure that our students also are grounded in the pedagogy they need to teach well. Preparing teachers for the Commonwealth is one of the most important things we do at Eastern, and we do it as a collaborative effort."

Wasicsko said the results are particularly encouraging given the University's open-

enrollment policy and primary service area that includes some of the most economically disadvantaged counties of the country.

"We take a broad spectrum of students and cherish the fact that's a part of our mission," he said.

Since its founding in 1906, Eastern has maintained a strong commitment to the preparation of teachers. Of the nearly 11,000 undergraduate students enrolled at EKU in Spring 1999, approximately 15 percent were enrolled in some stage of the teacher education program. Many of those students return to their home region to teach.

EKU has stepped up efforts to attract more of the best and brightest students into the teaching profession. Future Teacher Day brings about 250 area high school students to the campus twice each year.

In 1998, Congress enacted Title II of the Higher Education Act to address public concerns over the quality of teacher preparation programs nationwide.

Institutions now must report: the pass rate of program completers on the state's licensure exams, how that rate compares with the average pass rate for the state, the number of students in the program, average number of hours in practice teaching, the faculty-student ration in practice teaching, and if the teacher education unit is approved by the state and whether the state has designated it as low performing. The annual reports will provide comprehensive national data on how well institutions are preparing teachers, what states require of individuals before they are allowed to teach, and how institutions and states are raising their standards for the teaching profession. Title II also authorizes new federal grant programs to improve the recruitment, preparations and support of new teachers.

Events

Tuesday, April 17

Feminism and Teaching

"How Has Feminism Changed Teaching?" Sena Jeter Naslund, author of "Ahab's Wife: Or, The Star-Gazer," 3:30 p.m., Kennamer Room, Powell Building.

Writing Awards Banquet

The annual English Department Writing Awards Banquet honoring student writers features keynote speaker Sena Jeter Naslund, author of "Ahab's Wife: Or, The Star-Gazer," 7 p.m., Stratton Cafeteria; call Carrie Cook at 622-3091 to purchase tickets, \$12 for general public and \$6 for ECU English faculty.

Softball Action

Morehead State at ECU, 4 p.m.

Percussion Ensemble Concert

8 p.m., Brock Auditorium.

Wednesday, April 18

"Guns, Germs and Steel"

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Dr. Jared Diamond, 8 p.m., Brock Auditorium, part of Millennium Speaker Series. His lecture will focus on the award-winning book, "Guns, Germs and Steel."

Wednesday, April 18
through Saturday, April 21

EKU Theatre Presents Play

"The Cripple of Inishman," 8 p.m. nightly, Gifford Theatre, Campbell Building, tickets (\$4 for students, \$5 adults) available at Gifford Box Office or by calling 622-1323 between noon and 4 p.m. weekdays. Play synopsis: Word arrives on a remote island off the coast of Ireland that a Hollywood director is coming to a neighboring island to make a movie. More than anyone, young Cripple Billy wants to be in the film if only to break away from the bitter tedium of his daily life. Both cruel and kind, wistful and exasperating, the play looks at undying hope in an uncaring world. Note: The play contains language that some may find objectionable.

Thursday, April 19

String Orchestra Concert

8 p.m., Brock Auditorium.

Saturday, April 21

Softball Doubleheader

Southeast Missouri at ECU, 2, 1 p.m.

Sunday, April 22

Art Exhibit Opens

Graduating Art BFA Majors Exhibit, opening reception, 2-4 p.m., Giles Gallery, Campbell Building. Exhibit continues through Friday, May 4. Gallery open Tuesday-Saturday afternoons.

Softball Homestand Continues

SEMO at ECU, 1 p.m.

Opera Workshop Performance

3 p.m., Gifford Theatre.

Announcements

Get Paid to Help New Students

The NOVA Program, a federally funded TRIO Program, still has positions available for the Fall 2001 semester. Learning Assistants and Mentors serve as academically successful role models for incoming freshmen in GSO 100 orientation classes. Applicants must have earned 30 credit hours, have at least a 2.75 cumulative GPA, and must not be overextended with work and other activities. Hiring decisions for the fall are now being made, so apply today! Applications are available in Turley House Room 203. For more information, call Jackie Haynes at 622-1047.

Christian Student Fellowship

Christian Student Fellowship (CSF) will meet Wednesday evenings at the Daniel Boone Statue at 6 p.m. for the remainder of the semester (April 18 and April 25). Call Genifer Skidmore at 622-1769 for more information.

EKU Guitar Ensemble

8 p.m., Gifford Theatre.

Monday, April 23

Developmental Education Program

"Developmental Education Studies," Sue Cain, 1-5 p.m., Walnut Hall, Keen Johnson Building, sponsored by Teaching and Learning Center.

Tuesday, April 24

Meet Ky. Education Commissioner

Public Discussion, Gene Wilhoit, Kentucky's Commissioner of Education; Mark Wasicsko, Dean, ECU College of Education, and State Rep. Harry Moberly, 6-8 p.m., Adams Auditorium, Wallace Building. Sponsored by ECU's College of Education and Kentucky Education Association.

Vocal Jazz Ensemble

8 p.m., Gifford Theatre.

Thursday, April 26

John Harlan's Kentucky

"The Best Type of Slaveholders": Myth and Mission in John Harlan's Kentucky," Dr. Linda

Przybyszewski, 7:30 p.m., Kennamer Room, Powell Building.

Enrollment Management Program

"Engaging Commuter Students: Redesigning Campuses for the Majority of America's College Students," teleconference sponsored by the Office of Enrollment Management, 1-4 p.m., Burrier 100. To register, call 622-3047.

Friday, April 27

Case Methods of Instruction

Program by Debbie Haydon, 9-11 a.m., Faculty Club Lounge, Keen Johnson Building, sponsored by Teaching and Learning Center.

Student Concerto Performance

8 p.m., Gifford Theatre.

Saturday, April 28

Softball Twinbill

Tennessee State at ECU, 2, 2 p.m.

Sunday, April 29

Homestand Continues

Tennessee State at ECU, softball, 1 p.m.

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Browner Speaks Here April 16

Earth Days Events Continue Through Month

Earth Days in the Cumberland events continue the next two weeks with public presentations by Carol Browner, former head of the Environmental Protection Agency; George Constantz, biologist, naturalist and author; and Denise Giardina, author and environmental activist; among other programs and activities.

All events are free and open to the public, unless otherwise noted. The complete schedule of remaining Earth Days events follows:

Monday, April 16

Carol Browner

Public Presentation

'Public Health and Environmental Protection: How Far Have We Come and Where Are We Going?'

11:15 a.m., Keen Johnson Ballroom

Carol Browner is former head of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Thursday, April 19

Naturalizing the Outdoor Classroom

Model Laboratory School

Call 622-2966.



Saturday, April 21

Clays Ferry Clean Up

with the Boonesboro Boat Club

10 a.m., Circle H Parking Lot, 9079 Old Richmond Road

Volunteer groups and individuals welcome. Call 622-1644 or 661-5679 for more information.

EKU Jazz Ensemble Concert

(guest artist, saxophonist Bob Berg)

8 p.m., Brock Auditorium

Co-sponsored by the Department of Music. Tickets are \$10 for general public (no charge for ECU students, staff and faculty) and can be purchased at the door.

Sunday, April 22

Earth Day Hike at Natural Bridge with Wilson Francis

10 a.m., Hemlock Lodge, Natural Bridge State Park

A van will leave for Natural Bridge from Alumni Coliseum at 8:45 a.m. Wilson Francis is president of the Kentucky Native Plant Society. Call 622-1644 for more information.

Monday, April 23

George Constantz

Public Presentation

'Hollows, Peepers, and Highlanders: An Appalachian Mountain Ecology'

7 p.m., Kennamer Room, Powell Building

Author George Constantz, a biologist and naturalist, works with the Canaan Valley Institute in West Virginia, a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving Appalachian rivers through science and education.

Tuesday, April 24

Denise Giardina

Public Presentation

'Mountaintop Removal and Our Appalachian Future'

7 p.m., Grand Reading Room, Crabbe Library

Denise Giardina, author and activist, is one of the most popular contemporary writers in Appalachia.

Wednesday, April 25

Bluegrass Music Concert

7-9 p.m., Ravine (rain site, Pearl Buchanan Theater)

Performance by Eastern Blend.

For more information, call 622-1644 or visit www.appalachianstudies.eku.edu/earthdays

EKU Students Assist Martin Countians in Wake of Disaster

They stayed up late at night, sacrificed many weekends, even most of their Spring Break. They spent untold time making the 3-hour-plus jaunt between Richmond and Inez and drove up and down the hollows of Martin County talking with local residents.

But the EKU undergraduates who have worked on the University-sponsored Martin County Research Project this semester say the exhausting experience has been eye-opening, uplifting, even life-changing.

The Project was launched last fall to gauge community reaction to one of the worst environmental disasters ever in the southeastern United States. On Oct. 11, 2000, a coal slurry impoundment spill sent over 250 gallons of coal waste into two major creek arteries that feed into the Tug Fork of the Big Sandy River. Residents in the Coldwater Creek area were confronted with a lava-like mixture in their front yards. Many residents were worried that water sources were contaminated; skin rashes became more commonplace; reclamation efforts damaged many roads, yards, wells and septic systems; and many now worry about the value of their property and the recovery of the environment.

Soon after the spill, sociology professors Dr. Stephanie McSpirit and Sharon Hardesty and social work professor Rob Welch arranged a campus visit by Dr. Duane Gill, from Mississippi State University, a national expert on understanding the consequences of environmental disasters. During his two-day stay, Gill spoke with and lectured to students and consulted with faculty on researching communities hit by disaster and traveled with a team of students and faculty to the spill site. McSpirit soon made plans to develop a special topics field course for the spring semester, and an interdisciplinary team of 22 upper-division undergraduate students expressed their strong willingness to be a part of the Martin County project.

“As a university, we’re here to serve this whole region, and one way we do can do that is by getting our students out and involving them in projects like this,” said Dr. Alan Banks, director of EKU’s Center for Appalachian Studies, which contributed some financial support to the project. “We wanted to do this project *with* Martin Countians and increase their research capacity so they could better solve their own problems.”

Welch said that “accurate, reality-based knowledge is always empowering.”

“We wanted to change the focus of how sociology is done,” McSpirit said. “We wanted to make it more public, more applied, more real. And we wanted to provide the community there with information and feedback and we hoped that would lead to more public dialogue” about their environmental and economic concerns.

The research team spent weeks interviewing Martin County residents at length and devoted spring break to distributing surveys door-to-door.

“The high response rate is in part because undergraduates were doing the interviewing,” Welch reasoned. “Students gained better access and probably more straightforward responses than a team of professional researchers might have.”

Hardesty said the students were able to “connect with people on a human level, and that was beneficial in and of itself.”

“The residents knew a lot about the incident,” said Lisa Raymond, a senior sociology major from Winchester. “They just didn’t feel like they could do anything about it. The people I met were wonderful and so accommodating. The experience has been worth all the work that’s gone into it.”

The students’ myriad academic majors – sociology, anthropology, social work, geography and psychology – proved invaluable in what Hardesty has termed “place-based education, research and service.”

Mapping completed by geography students, for example, was instrumental in randomly selecting homes to visit during the survey phase



ON THE SCENE IN MARTIN COUNTY – Some of the student and faculty participants in this semester’s Martin County Project pose in front of the courthouse in Inez before fanning out into the county to interview residents.

of the research project. Sociology and anthropology students were instrumental in developing the survey based upon what they heard expressed during the February in-depth interviews with local residents.

Cathy Reeser, a sophomore social work major from Harrodsburg, said the experience taught her the value of teamwork, a lesson she will carry over into her career. That team included faculty and students.

“The professors made me a part of the learning process,” she said. “I feel like what I’ve had to say is important, but they’ve taught me in subtle ways.”

Just as the team members come from varied backgrounds, so did numerous University offices cooperate to support the Martin County Research Project: The Center for Appalachian Studies, the Department of Anthropology, Sociology and Social Work, the College of Justice & Safety, the

Departments of Biology and Geography, Office of Enrollment Management, the Honors Program, the Office of the Provost and the President’s Office.

Dewayne Sims, a junior geography major from London, said the project “brought a real-life perspective to things I had learned in the classroom, a hands-on experience to the theory. The responsibility weighs heavy on my mind because it’s a real-life situation.”

Because he enjoyed his interaction with Martin Countians and developed a deeper appreciation for regional culture and issues, Sims has decided to work toward a minor in Appalachian studies.

A similar project is planned for another Eastern Kentucky county during intersession in May. For more information about the class, call 859-622-3070.



EKU TRUMPET GROUP FINISHES THIRD NATIONALLY – A group of five EKU music students from the trumpet studio of faculty member Dr. Jonathan Martin finished third in the ensemble division and was awarded \$500 in the recent National Trumpet Competition at James Madison University. From left are Martin; Denver Dill, Lexington, Ohio; Becky Ledden, Erlanger; Andrea Adams, Winchester; Phillip Johnson, Mount Eden; and Pat Price, Lexington. In addition, Dill and Johnson took second and fifth, respectively, in solo competition. Dill, who finished in the top 12 in an international trumpet competition last year, was awarded \$850 and a full scholarship to the Lake Placid Trumpet Institute this summer. The competition was open to undergraduate and graduate students. The EKU Trumpet Ensemble also has been invited to perform at the 2001 International Trumpet Guild Conference to be held in Evansville, Ind., in May.

Jazz Fest April 21 Features Noted Saxophonist Bob Berg

Grammy-nominated jazz saxophonist Bob Berg will headline EKU’s annual Jazz Fest Saturday, April 21.

The event will attract approximately 200 high school musicians from schools throughout Kentucky for afternoon activities and will conclude with an 8 p.m. public concert by Berg, accompanied by EKU’s Jazz Ensemble, in Brock Auditorium. Admission is \$10; tickets will be sold at the door only. Admission is free to all EKU faculty, students and staff with a valid ID.

Berg played three years in the Horace Silvers Band, three years with the Miles Davis Band and later recorded two CDs with Chick Corea’s Acoustic Quartet. He also has performed with Cedar Walton’s classic quartet, Eastern Rebellion, with whom he toured the world extensively and recorded many albums over a five-year period.

More recently, Berg was invited to act as a cultural ambassador by the U.S. Department of State. The Bob Berg Quartet toured the Caribbean Rim in 1992 and a large portion of the former Soviet Union in 1994. In 1993, Berg’s recording, “Back Roads,” was nominated for a Grammy Award for Best Contemporary Jazz Performance.

His latest solo album is the critically acclaimed “Another Standard” and he has just completed a new cooperative project, “The Jazz Times Superband,” featuring Randy Brecker, Joey DeFrancesco and Dennis Chambers.



Berg

Eastern Family Portrait

Name: Calvin Mitchell

Current Position at EKU:

I am custodial foreman at Facilities Services.

How long have you worked at EKU?

I'm working on my 29th year.

What's the most rewarding part of your job?

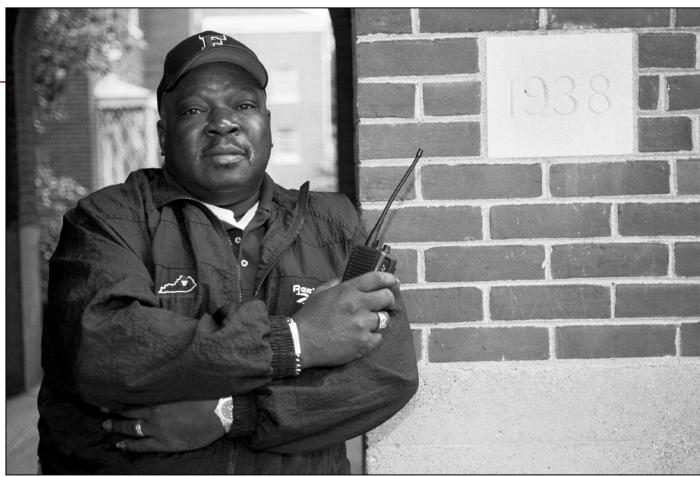
It's not the money part that I'm really concerned about – it's the friends. Some of them are still here and some not. I think the one thing is when they recognized all the employees at a luncheon. I think that was the most important thing because I can look into my living room from the five-year pin up to the 25 years and it brings back a lot of memories. I think that's been the most rewarding since I've been here at Eastern.

Do you have any other job responsibilities?

I've been working with the Athletics Department a little bit over 12 years. That's add-on pay. Sometimes I have to use vacation time for the tournaments if they're on weekdays and Community Workforce pays me for weekend work. Every function of any kind of basketball – whether high school or college or girls' and boys' ball, Calvin Mitchell will be there, working. And also any activity that's done on the football field – all the home football games. I can remember a couple of times, we had a band competition and it started at seven o'clock that morning and lasted until 12 midnight and I was there. I'm what's considered a ticket taker. I work at the door facing the tennis court beside the baseball field and Gate 4 when you come onto the football field driving area. They tell me when I retire, they're going to name that door the Calvin Mitchell Door and the gate Calvin Mitchell's Gate 4.

Tell me about your family?

I'm the father of three children. My oldest daughter – she's married and left home. And my oldest son graduated from Madison Central. I wanted him to come here to school, but he works at Kroger's. That's Derek. My youngest son, Anthony, is a



sophomore at Madison Central now. My wife works here. Her name is Emma and she's been at the University in Custodial Services for a little bit over 25 years.

What are your interests and hobbies?

Fishing. I like to get out and piddle around in the yard every once in a while – not often. I like to be on the banks. I'm not too fond of hunting – I mostly like to fish. When I'm not fishing, I like to travel a little bit. Not much.

What is your most interesting travel experience?

The fourth of July is my wife's youngest brother's birthday and he lives in North Little Rock, Ark. And we decided to go there and when we got to his house, they were shooting off fireworks that night. We were in the living room and I had my van parked right beside the house. Someone came in and said, "Calvin, your van's on fire." I forgot to roll my windows up and someone threw a firecracker inside on the driver's side and started a fire. So now I don't like to travel on holidays.

What is your favorite food?

Chicken. I don't care whether it's fried, baked, broiled, barbecued. Whichever way you want it, bring it to me. Chicken is my favorite.

What kind of music do you like?

I'm from the old side. I don't like all this rap stuff because I don't understand what they're saying. I like Luther Vandross, Al Green. That's the kind of music I like. I like something that if I want to sit down, it will bring back old memories. Some of them say it's "bump and grind" music. It might have been that way when I was growing up and I thought I was bumping and grinding then.

What's your favorite thing to do on the computer?

When I can get on the computer, I like to play games – Spades is my favorite. But my son gets home before we do and he's already on it. I have to wait until he gets off, then wait until my wife gets off, so maybe I can get on to play a game at about eight o'clock at night.

Can you recall your most embarrassing moment?

Rich Middleton called me on the radio and told me to come in the office. Now all the way from Combs, where I park, to the office, everything is going through my mind. "What have you done? What is it you haven't done?" and all of this. The scary moment is when he gets on there and calls me to the office. When I get there, they tell me they want me to do this story. Then you feel the relief.

What has surprised you most recently?

I wasn't thinking about Sunday being April Fool's Day until my son comes in there and wakes me up and said, "Dad, you aren't going to believe this. You need to go to the window and look out." Why? "Daddy, it is snowing." Then it hits me. April Fool's Day. I said, "I'm sleeping. I'm not going to do that." He says, "Please come to the window. You're not going to believe me." I go to the window, thinking he's playing a trick on me. I looked out and my van and my car were covered with snow and it was coming down in big flakes. It was so exciting I woke my wife up and made her look.

What has made you the proudest?

At the University, it was a trip the foremen made. There was a bus from a distributor that took us to a Reds game. I'd never been to a Reds game before. Just sitting there in the box area with anything you wanted. That has never happened to me before. Going with the staff and seeing places I never dreamed of.

Pulitzer Prize-Winning Author Here April 18

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Jared Diamond will speak at EKU Wednesday, April 18.

Diamond is the author of the groundbreaking "Guns, Germs and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies," which earned the Pulitzer for General Non-Fiction in 1998. He will discuss the book at 8 p.m. in Brock Auditorium. The event, part of the 2000-01 Millennium Series at EKU, is free and the public is welcome.

The book also was the winner of Great Britain's Rhone-Poulenc Science Book Prize in 1998 and received the Phi Beta Kappa Book Prize as the best science book of 1997. Diamond was one of 12 scientists to receive the prestigious 1999 National Medal of Science awarded by the National Science Foundation.

"I've set myself the modest task of trying to explain the broad pattern of human history, on all the continents, for the last 13,000 years," said Diamond, a professor of physiology at UCLA's School of Medicine. "Why did history take such different evolutionary courses for peoples of different continents? This problem has fascinated me for a long time, but it's now ripe for a new synthesis because of recent advances in many fields seemingly remote from history, including molecular biology, plant and animal genetics and biogeography, archaeology and linguistics.

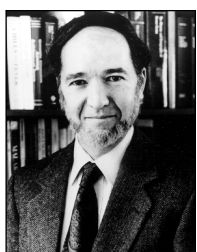
"(The book) reveals the complex reasons

Eurasian societies evolved more rapidly than societies living on other continents during the same era (and) challenges the intellectual basis for racism," Diamond said. "I discovered that history turned out differently for various peoples due to differences in their environments. It had nothing to do with imagined differences in their IQ."

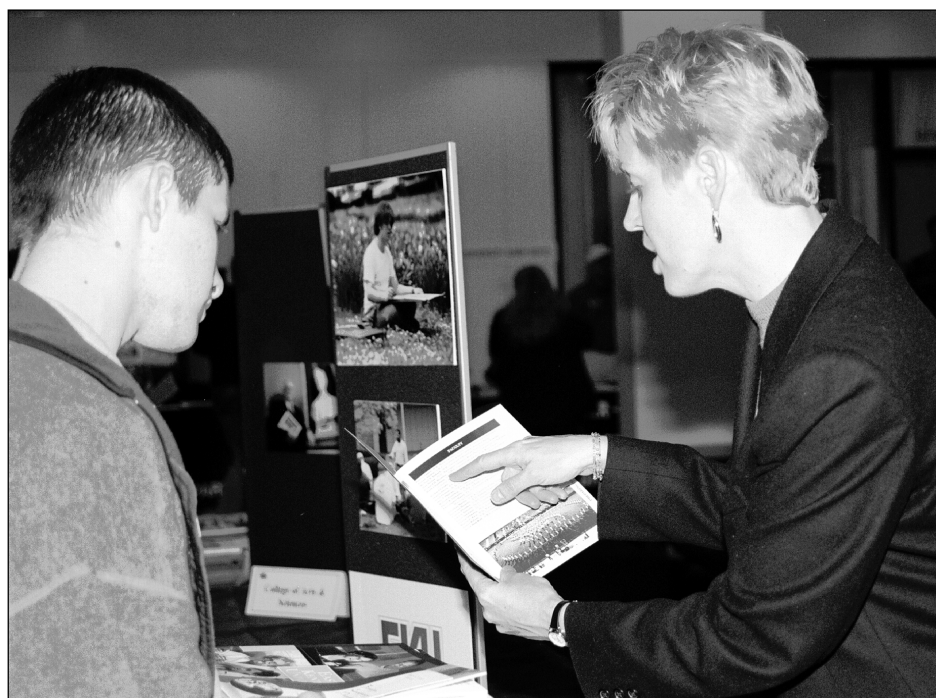
Diamond also is the author of "The Third Chimpanzee," which won the Los Angeles Times

Book Award for the best science book of 1992 and the Rhone-Poulenc Science Book Prize, and "Why Is Sex Fun? The Evolution of Human Sexuality," which was published in 26 languages.

He also is widely recognized as a founder of conservation biology and has contributed enormously to the preservation of endangered species by identifying what makes some animal populations more vulnerable to extinction than others.



Diamond



LEARNING ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY – At a Campus Preview Day March 24, Bell County High School senior Justin Gibson talked with Dr. Joyce Wolf, assistant professor of music, about opportunities at EKU.

Bobby Knight Speaks Here April 24

Hall of Fame Basketball Coach Bobby Knight, now at Texas Tech University, will speak at EKU Tuesday, April 24.

Knight will share his insights on "what it takes to be a winner in the game of life" when he speaks at 7 p.m. in Brock Auditorium. Admission is \$5 for EKU students, \$10 for Eastern faculty and staff and \$15 for the general public. Tickets may be obtained at the Billings and Collections Office in the Coates Administration Building. EKU Centerboard is sponsoring the event.

During Knight's 24-year stint at Indiana University, the Hoosiers compiled a 557-185 record and captured national championships in 1976, 1981 and 1987 and 11 Big Ten titles. Seventeen of his teams posted 20 or more wins and two went undefeated through the regular season.

In 1993, he became the youngest coach ever to reach the 600-win mark.

During his coaching tenure at Indiana, all but one of his four-year players completed an academic degree.

Only Knight and retired North Carolina Coach Dean Smith have coached and played on NCAA championship teams – Knight at Ohio State in 1960 and Smith at Kansas in 1952.

Last month, Knight was named head men's basketball coach at Texas Tech.