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## Student arrested in double murder case

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Physics major, Daniel Keene, 26, confessed to the kidnapping and murder of two Richmond residents and pleaded not guilty.

Keene is being charged on two counts of murder, two counts of kidnapping and one count of tampering with physical evidence.

"We've arrested Daniel Keene and Matt Denholm with the murder of Sansaray Warford and Charles Walker," said Bob Mott, major of the Richmond Police Department.

Marc Whitt, associate vice president for public relations and marketing, confirmed Keene's enrollment at Eastern and his major.



Daniel Keene

Keene was in the U.S. Army in Iraq and Afghanistan before coming back to Kentucky to take classes at Eastern.

Doug Thomas, jailer at the Madison County Detention Center, said Keene's bail is set at \$2 million cash.

Both Keene and Matt Denholm, are currently being held at the Madison County Detention Center.

Denholm was already at the Madison County Detention Center because of a November shooting in Berea. He is facing additional charges of theft of a motor vehicle.

"Obviously, it's a massive investigation," Mott said.

According to court documents, Keene and Denholm worked in security for a Lexington hotel.

According to court documents,

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The 2012 SGA Candidate Debates are at 5 p.m., Thursday, April 5, in the Ravine and polls are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday, April 10. For more candidate information see A4-5.

## Eastern Celebrates EARTH DAYS 2012

By ELISE SVOBODA  
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Eastern's 13th annual Earth Days celebration has begun, with a kick-off planned for April 2 and spanning a month's time, all in preparation for the big day on April 22

– Earth Day.

The events are sponsored by various groups and will take place on the extended campuses as well as the Richmond campus.

Jill Petrey, Student Affairs coordinator for regional campuses, said the idea of the events came from talking with others and get-

ting their take on what needs to happen.

"We go around the university and talk to our fellow colleagues and peers and we ask them 'Hey, what are you doing? Is it something around Earth Days? We

> SEE **EARTH DAYS**, PAGE A5



## Ethics admin named in tie-breaking vote

By KYLE WOOSLEY  
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In a tie-breaking vote, Erica Childress was named new ethics administrator for the Student Government Association (SGA).

At the Student Senate meeting Tuesday, student body President Rachel Molozzi had to make the deciding vote for new ethics administrator. As a result, Childress was awarded the position.

"Erica's been here for a few years and knows a lot about SGA," said Ally Sipes, chief justice on Student Court. "She thinks about both sides in every argument and every discussion."

Sipes said she believes Childress will do an excellent job at handling any problems that may come up in the future.

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## RLC fails proposed constitution changes

By KRISTIE HAMON  
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The proposed changes to the Student Government Association that were passed by the Student Activities Council and Student Senate failed in Residence Life Council (RLC) branch on Sunday.

Ashley Salyer-Thacker, vice president of RLC, said members were concerned with the wording in the proposed changes.

Part of the discussion included confidentiality during the meeting. This was in reference to a section of the changes that eliminated the privacy that comes with speaking with the attorney general. Another part that caused concern stated the attorney general cannot speak about the investigation, yet also stated the attorney general can have a staff of two members to help them who "may not initiate contact with any individual concerning the inves-

> SEE **CONSTITUTION**, PAGE A3

## Faculty Senate stops quarterly grades proposal

By KYLE WOOSLEY  
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Student Senate's proposed legislation for quarterly grades did not pass Faculty Senate last week.

The proposal would have required zero (such as 095), 100 and 200 level courses to provide students with grades at the four-week period before and after midterms during the fall and spring semesters.

However, Faculty Senate and the Council on Academic Affairs (CAA) brought up a few concerns they have about the suggested grading policy.

"Essentially the faculty are worried about assigning a grade that early in the semester," said Sara Ziegler, dean of university programs and member of the CAA. "Based on homework the student could be doing really well but then at midterms they might not be."

At the Implementation meeting last week, Madelyn

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# POLICE BEAT

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## March 19

President Doug Whitlock reported he found a Sanyo DVD player and remote in his grill. He said he was getting his grill ready to cook when he discovered the DVD player inside. The grill was located in a fenced-in patio area and has a cover on it. Whitlock said he grilled last week and the DVD player was not there. The remote had a sticker that said, "PSY Dept. - 206 Cammack please leave on cart." Whitlock said he has not found any other items in his backyard. The DVD player was valued at \$50.

## March 20

A female employee reported her laptop and flash drive had been stolen from the Wallace building. She told police she walked out of her office at noon for a

break with her door open, and when she returned, she noticed the items missing from her desk. She said she questioned several students in the area at the time but none claimed to have seen anything. She contacted Information Technology to inform them of the incident and the laptop has since been deactivated. The laptop also has a tracking device installed. The laptop and flash drive were valued at \$1,210.

## March 23

While driving on McGregor Service Drive, police observed Philip Ranck being supported by a male and female while walking. Police could detect the odor of alcohol on his person. Ranck said he had been drinking at the Cherry Pit and was on his way back to his residence hall. He was unsteady on his feet, had bloodshot eyes and slurred speech. After failing a field sobriety test, he was taken to the Madison County Detention Center for his own safety.

## SAC announces Bo Burnham as spring concert selection

Tickets will be going on sale Friday for the spring concert, Bo Burnham, who is a nationally recognized comedian and songwriter.

The concert will be at 7 p.m. April 13 in Brock auditorium. Jessie Rose Pennington, daughter of Exile's lead singer JP Pennington, and John McHugh will open followed by Justine Marino before Bo Burnham takes the stage at 8:45 p.m.

Tickets will be sold in the Student Government Association (SGA) office, the first 200 people will get in free, and after that, tickets will be \$5 for students and \$10 for the public.

Nick Brock, the Vice President of Student Activities Council (SAC), said SAC began looking for an act in October for the spring concert and faced some difficulties along the way.

By the beginning of November, SAC had

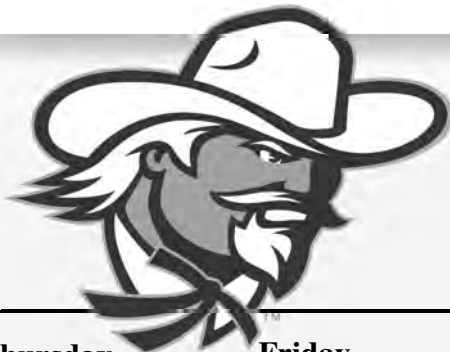
passed an act to bring Hot Chelle Rae and the council voted yes. Then in December their manager called and said they were being pulled for a European tour in the spring. The next act they passed was for Gavin DeGraw, and then while his contract was being processed, SAC received a call saying that he was going to have to cancel because he was doing Dancing With The Stars. Another act was passed for Christina Perri, but during processing, her managers called and said her tour has been pushed back to May, so she could not do a concert at Eastern in April.

Finally, an act was passed for Bo Burnham before spring break.

"We have really worked hard to try to bring a great concert for this spring, and we've faced a lot of adversity," Brock said. "It's been a lot of planning and a lot of re-planning."

## CLARIFICATION

In the March 21 issue, it was reported that a law does not exist in Kentucky concerning driving under controlled substances in the story "Drugging and Driving." A law does exist and states, "Operating motor vehicle with alcohol concentration of or above .08, or of or above .02 for persons under age 21, or while under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance or other substance which impairs driving ability prohibited." We regret the error, and the story has since been removed from our website because of the inaccurate information.



# The Colonel's Calendar

Week of March 29 - April 4

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p><b>3 p.m.</b> Softball vs. Morehead State University, Hughes Field</p> <p><b>7:30 p.m.</b> Religion and Homosexuality in the Bible Belt, Chautauqua Lecture Series, O'Donnell Hall</p> <p><b>9 p.m.</b> Bingo, Student Life, Downstairs Powell Room 11</p>	<p><b>3 p.m.</b> Baseball vs. Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Hughes Field</p> <p><b>7 p.m.</b> Sardines, Sullivan Hall event, Sullivan lobby</p>	<p><b>10 a.m.</b> Considering Coal, ECU Cultural Club, Maywoods Facility</p> <p><b>1 p.m.</b> Softball vs. Austin Peay State University, Hughes Field</p>	<p><b>10 a.m.</b> Women's tennis vs. Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Greg Adams Tennis Complex</p> <p><b>1 p.m.</b> Men's tennis vs. Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Greg Adams Tennis Complex</p>	<p><b>7 p.m.</b> April Showers Bring May Flowers, Sullivan Hall event, Sullivan kitchen</p> <p><b>7:30 p.m.</b> NCAA Men's Basketball Championship Game, Sullivan Hall event, Sullivan lobby</p>	<p><b>11 a.m.</b> Women's tennis vs. Morehead State University, Greg Adams Tennis Complex</p> <p><b>2 p.m.</b> Men's tennis vs. Morehead State University, Greg Adams Tennis Complex</p>	<p><b>2 p.m.</b> Softball vs. Tennessee Tech, Hughes Field</p> <p><b>2:30 p.m.</b> Prisons, Politics and Pot: Reflections on the War and Drugs, CACTUS, Ferrell Room</p>

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# MURDER

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Charles "Chew" Walker and his girlfriend, Sonsaray "Sonsi" Warford, were reported missing in June 2010 by Warford's mother. Her mother then informed an investigating officer of a "hit" that had been placed on Walker by Ja'Kolbe Chenault, who was referred to as the main cocaine supplier for the Richmond area. The "hit" was placed because Walker and an associate had allegedly stolen \$180,000 from him.

In Nov. 2010, an officer with the Louisville Metro Police Department said he noticed a vehicle parked in a business district in Louisville and had been there since July 2010. Later, phone records traced Keene's cell phone to a tower near the vehicle, several days after Walker and Warford went missing.

On Oct. 21, 2011, Richmond Police Department responded to a Super 8 Motel and arrested a source that provided information about the illegal drug trafficking of Chenault and the disappearances of Walker and Warford.

The source said Warford was shot in the head, and Walker was burned alive and the bodies were dissolved in acid to prevent discovery.

According to court documents, Warford can be heard screaming on the recordings and Warford begging for God, according to court documents. After the screaming, Denholm tells Warford "God doesn't exist," according to documents.

On March 26, police obtained a search warrant for Keene's apartment. In the search, they found several guns, knives, gloves, a sword, a silencer and a bayonet.

Keene was then brought in by police and said he and Denholm kidnapped Walker and Warford from their apartment and drove them to a field located off Tates Creek Road.

He said when they arrived he began digging a grave while Denholm tortured and executed Walker and Warford. He said Denholm used a .25 caliber pistol to shoot Warford in the back of the head. Denholm stabbed Walker several times and cut his throat, which Keene said ended his life. He said Denholm used a small hatchet to cut off Walker's hands and dislocate his teeth, which contained gold that Keene used as proof of the "hit."

Keene said Ballard Court in Berea was where he and Denholm burned the clothing and teeth belonging to Walker.

Cadaver K-9s were used to search the field off Tates Creek and indicated human remains were in the area.

# CONSTITUTION

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tigation." Leaving, in the opinions of some, room for interpretation that they could release information when prompted.

"Another issue that was brought up by another person that I also agree with was, they did not like the fact that there was an amendment that said the attorney general is no longer confidential adviser," said Monica See, 20, a French major from Alexandria. "In general, there were several people who did not like the disillusion of the committee of inquiry and the sole power given to the attorney general in these situations and the fact that the process itself would be confidential and the accused would not know what sort of complaints that they brought against them."

Dan Hendrickson, policy chair of RLC, voted in favor of the proposed

changes.

"I feel like the major concern from RLC was about the attorney general not having any specifications that they had to be confidential," Hendrickson said. "I see where they were coming from where they didn't want to be too specific about there are limitations to where the attorney general would have to not be confidential any more."

Hendrickson said confidentiality is outlined in the position of the attorney general.

"Even though it doesn't outline specifically that they have to be confidential, the position itself is a confidential position," Hendrickson said.

He said he thinks RLC members were confused about the structure and wording of the proposed changes.

"Ally Sipes came and answered questions the way she could, and I felt like she did an appropriate job of that," Hendrickson said.

"I think they [members] had a problem that the confidentiality wasn't laid out specifically," Salyer-Thacker said.

**"We all had enough questions that if someone was for it we made them change their opinion..."**

**Monica See  
RLC Voting Member**

# GRADES

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Street, academic affairs chair on Student Senate, said they expressed some of the same concerns brought up by Faculty Senate and CAA.

"We're going to contact some more administrators and see what they think about it," Street said. "And still keep it in mind but shift our focus to something that would have the same effect."

Ziegler said one of the biggest issues brought up about the policy was the structure of the grading system. She said the CAA was hoping to take a different direction with the policy.

"What we had suggested to Matt [White, SGA VP] is to focus on attendance, rather than something as formal as a four-week grading policy," Ziegler

said. "If students don't attend class, then they don't do as well, especially in those first four weeks."

Street said she is still unsure about changing the grading proposal to gear more toward attendance.

"We haven't decided on that yet," Street said. "Right now, we're weighing the pros and cons of that idea."

Nicole Arbino, sponsoring senator for the proposed grading policy, said she wants to keep pushing for quarterly grades, despite disapproval from Faculty Senate and CAA.

"They're trying to provide alternatives, but it's something we want to keep pushing," Arbino said. "I think we're going to continue with our original plan."

Arbino said one of the obstacles her and Street must overcome is "getting them [Faculty Senate] to see the good it will be for students and see how it will

"I don't think they liked that there were only two staff members."

Salyer-Thacker said the wording was probably meant to be a little loose but that some were concerned that it was too vague.

"My biggest concern with the entire thing was it was worded in a way that I found to be a little vague," See said. "We didn't like the wording and we would like it to be reworked before we approve it."

"Overall, I think it was a bunch of little things that didn't pass it," Salyer-Thacker said.

She said what will happen next is the revisions discussed by RLC will be discussed with Chief Justice Ally Sipes, and then another draft will be ratified by the branches.

See said she thinks the failed vote of the constitution changes can be attributed to good questions being asked.

"We all had enough questions that if someone was for it we made them change their opinion, or we managed to poke enough holes in it that the majority didn't like it anymore if we originally did like it," See said.

improve retention."

"Having those grades will give them more time to improve before midterm," Arbino said.

Ziegler suggests Student Senate work with faculty to continue pursuing a plan to keep students informed of their academic success.

"I personally think it's a wonderful idea to have some feedback given to students before the four-week mark," Ziegler said.

Though they would like it to include attendance, Ziegler said Faculty Senate and CAA have not yet developed a plan on what they would like to see the policy move towards.

Street said her ultimate goal is to "form a policy that will still benefit students and that faculty won't think is too much to ask."

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# ETHICS

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"I'm honored to even be nominated for the position," Childress said. "Now that I got it, I'm just really excited."

As the ethics administrator, Childress will be responsible for gathering a committee to investigate any complaints filed against candidates during elections.

"I'm hoping everything can be done in a timely manner," Childress said.

The previous ethics administrator, Philip Migyanko, was named an associate justice on Student Court.

"I've been in SGA for a while," Migyanko said. "I felt there's still more for me to give

back."

Sipes said one of her associate justices resigned last week, resulting in the position opening in Student Court.

"It wouldn't be right to try to rush an official appointment," Sipes said. "I wanted somebody to be on court so I couldn't have to be a tie-breaker vote in any way."

Migyanko said he felt he was a good candidate for associate justice because he already has experience with the constitution and bylaws.

"I really wanted to make this a great election with not many problems," Migyanko said.

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## Fundraiser invites community to raise Diabetes awareness

By KEVIN SMITH  
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How many Silly Bandz does it take to equal bragging rights? That is just one of the many questions waiting to be answered by Eastern's newest student fundraising event, Pack the Track for Diabetes Awareness.

Participants will circle around a quarter-mile track as many times as they can between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The event will also serve as a beginning to the Madison County Diabetes Coalition Patient Assistance Program, which will assist under or uninsured diabetes patients around Madison County.

**"Right now we have approximately \$1,000 in our budget and with this event we hope to raise several thousand more."**

**Kim Decoste**  
Chairperson  
Madison County  
Diabetes Coalition

In the past, similar events had been organized for employees at Eastern. However, this year it is open for all to attend. Tables with fruit and water will be stationed around the track as well as signs containing informational facts about diabetes.

"For each completed lap participants will receive a Silly Bandz bracelet to keep track of their accomplishments," said Leanna Bowles of Healthy You at EKU, who's also an event coordinator.

But the main goal of the event is to help support those living with diabetes and the financial issues that can arise.

"Right now, we have approximately \$1,000 in our budget and with this event we hope to raise several thousand more," said Kim DeCoste, registered nurse

### IF YOU GO

**Where:** Tom Samuels Track, on campus

**When:** Thursday, April 5, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**Cost:** free

and chairperson of the Madison County Diabetes Coalition. "Those who suffer from diabetes can sometimes pay up to \$300 or more for medication and supplies each month. Not only will we be helping patients pay for these costs, we will also aid them with finding long-term assistance programs as well."

Seniors from Eastern's nursing program will be participating in the event and will be visiting several local elementary schools in the coming weeks to teach health classes about diabetes, emphasizing the im-

portance of physical activities and good nutritional choices, said Melanie Adams-Johnson of Eastern's nursing program.

Students and staff from Model Laboratory School will be out in the community raising money until the event begins. Sponsorships and donations can also be made the day of the event. Faculty and staff raising \$20 or more will be entered to win a Kroger gift card and those who attend and donate \$20 or more will receive a commemorative EKU drawstring backpack.

The Pack the Track event is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., April 5, at Tom Samuels Track on Eastern's campus.

Current sponsors for the event include: Madison County Diabetes Coalition, Department of Baccalaureate and Graduate Nursing, Healthy You! at EKU, Small Steps/Big Rewards, Pattie A. Clay and St. Joseph Berea hospitals. Sponsorships are tax deductible, and all proceeds raised will go to the Madison County Diabetes Coalition Patient Assistance Program.

## Plans to re-open community garden on campus have started

By ELISE SVOBODA  
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With the weather getting warm and spring finally arriving, people are starting to spend more time outside.

For the students at Eastern and the local community, this means the potential of having a community garden available for all to enjoy.

Originally, Richmond had a community garden, but it was abandoned over the years after a lack of interest. David Gore, the Campus Sustainability coordinator, said a project to bring back a garden has been in the works for over a year.

"The community garden came out of the Farmers' Market, and I was approached by several people wanting to bring back the garden," Gore said. "I started inquiries in February 2011 and it's March, a year later, so we're very close, but we have not broken ground."

The garden will be located behind the greenhouses of the Carter building near the Business and Technology Center and Keene Hall.

"Half of the property has been set aside for pricing of 20 10 by 10 plots," Gore said. "Most, if not all, of the plots have been claimed by people who have expressed interest over the year. They have the first opportunity."

Gore also said the garden will have a



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**A proposed community garden on Eastern's campus would be located behind the greenhouses of the Carter building near the Business and Technology Center and Keene Hall.**

yearly instructional fee, which will benefit participants involved in the garden.

"That money will be used to purchase tools and a locker on site to put tools in and those people who have the plots will not have to bring tools every time," Gore said. "We'll put a combination lock on it, so they

will all know the combination."

Gore has potential plans to expanding the garden.

"Eventually, we would like to acreage on campus," Gore said. "Whether it be the backside of Elmwood, which has lots of acreage and, once upon a time, had quite

extensive garden, and then available property we have on south campus; the University that is south of the Bypass, physically behind the law enforcement college."

The project will be run by the offices of Healthy You and Campus Sustainability with plowing help coming from David Williams of Facility Services. Originally, the Horticulture Club was going to sponsor it.

"We had an organizational meeting last week, but that was prior to inquiries from the university council. The next day, we meet with university council and the group's decision, the best way to proceed with the garden was to have a recognized unit of the university overseeing it as opposed to a third party which is what an RSO [Registered Student Organization] is and there were liability and responsibility issues that could not be overcome," Gore said. "Leann [Bowles] stepped forward and said her info structure with Healthy You could absorb the community garden with little fanfare and not much additional cost to her."

Nan Campbell, 22, Horticulture major from Elizabethtown, said Gore approached the club about the opportunity to be involved in the project.

"I hope the relationship continues," Campbell said.

For more information about the community garden, contact David Gore at 622-7806 or Leanna Bowles at 622-7218.

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# Program steps in to renovate basement of Whalin Tech Complex

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A varied and even eclectic mixture of buildings exists across campus and because of age, some of these buildings are due for updates.

As the university makes plans to arrange for updates and renovations as needed, one program decided they could chip in.

The construction management program is planning on renovating the basement of the Whalin Technology Complex, with the commencement announced March 23.

Wayne Reynolds said Bryan Dyer, Construction Management (CM) faculty members, came up with the idea to renovate the ground floor of the Ault Building in the Whalin Complex for use as CM program offices, classrooms and Student Commons.

He said various administrators and faculty have approved the idea of renovating the space which currently is not used for any purpose other than storage.

"Building contractors who are supporters of the CM program and wish to advance it to the next level have committed to contribute funds, labor and materials for the renovation effort," Reynolds said. "This is a unique opportunity given that the pro-

gram's supporters, faculty and students actually do the kind of work that is required for such a renovation. Additionally, recycling existing space for more productive use is an efficient and economical use of ECU resources."

This project has been in discussion for a number of years, with this year being the first a group has stepped in with a plan.

"Since the 1970s, they have wanted to renovate the Whalin basement," said Diana Harbeson of the CM program. "Whalin used to have car classes in it but has not been used since and they want it to be useful for the campus."

As with any renovation project, money is a major factor. But the program has dedicated more than time to the project.

"The construction management program raised almost enough money to pay for the renovation," Harbeson said. "The money is coming from alumni, teachers, sponsorships affiliated with different companies and some students."

Reynolds said the CM program is very excited for this new classroom and upcoming project in hopes that it will better the program and the experience for the students and faculty.

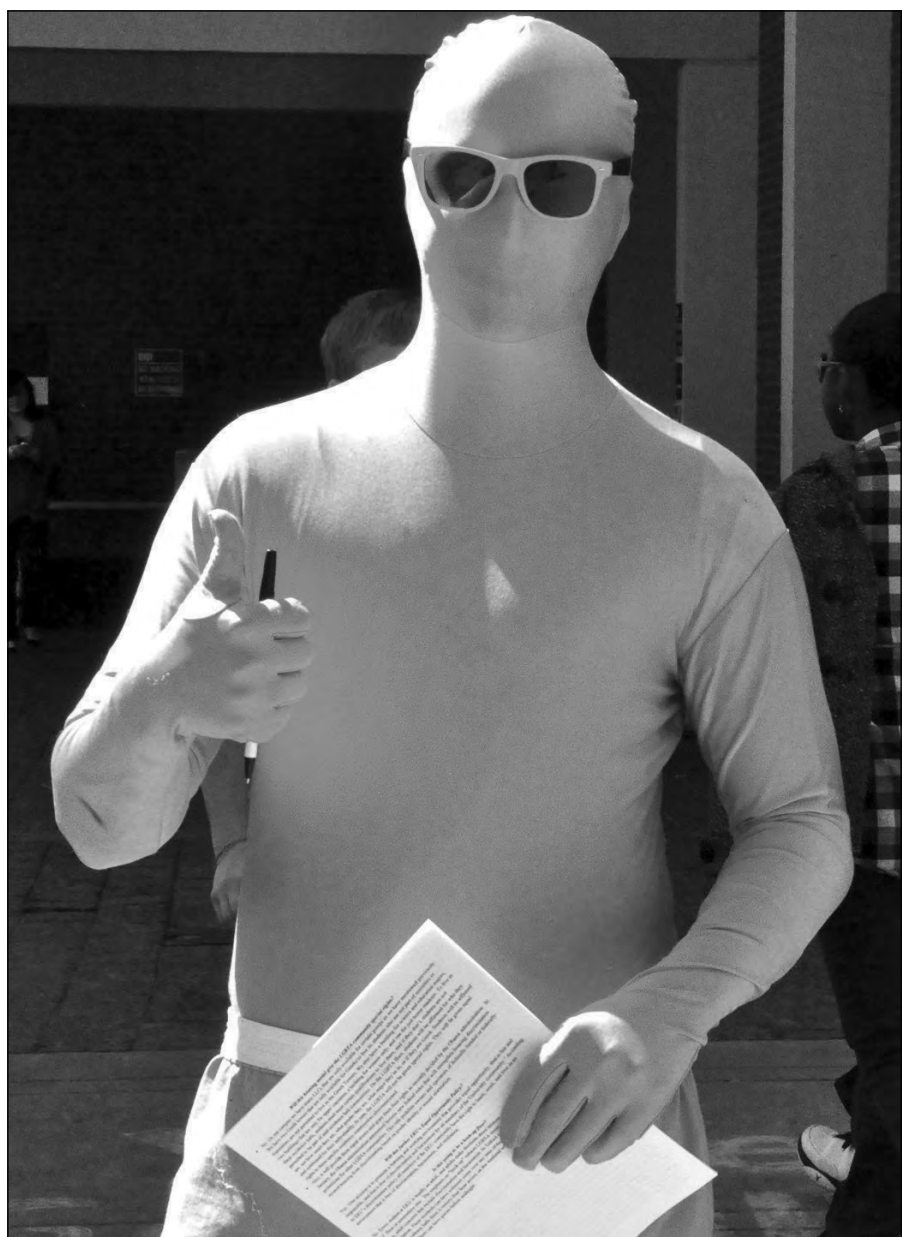
"It is hoped that the actual construction will begin this summer," said Reynolds.



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Construction management students remove furniture from the basement of Whalin Technology Complex. The students plan to renovate the basement of the building to be used as construction management program office, classrooms and Student Commons.

# This week in photos



ROB MCDANIEL/PROGRESS

Dennis Atheroth, 23, business management major from Goosecreek, S.C., wore an all green spandex jumpsuit and bright pink shorts on Powell Corner to gain attention from students. Atheroth was passing out FAQ sheets and asking those passing by to sign a petition supporting a Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Allies (LGBTAA) Living Learning Community.

## EARTH DAYS

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would love to add you to the calendar," Petrey said.

Petrey said the activities for Earth Day started in September.

"For the first time this year in September, we did an 'Earth Day Everyday' event to let people know about it instead of waiting until April when school is almost out to talk about sustainability," Petrey said.

Brian Clark, the assistant director of Campus Recreation and Adventure Programs, said the focus of his events were to give back to the environment.

"We want to give back to the natural environment and help make the activities that we offer through Adventure Programs sustainable," Clark said. "This April we are offering two Adventure Service trips as a part of the Earth Days events in which we try to give back to the natural areas that we use for recreation. The service component can consist of exotic species removal, trail maintenance, etc."

Petrey said students should be involved in the Earth Day activities around campus and the community because it is important to give back.

"Every little bit helps," Petrey said. "I don't

think that students realize just by recycling how much it is benefiting. There is more than just campus wise. They are going to be graduating eventually and they will be going out into the community and it will be good to make those partnerships now."

Clark also expressed the importance of students being involved in Earth Day activities.

"Earth Days is now more important than ever with the obvious climate change and depletion of our natural resources, we need to make every effort to preserve our natural environment for our future generations," Clark said. "Minimizing environmental impact should be a goal for everyone."

Randy Wilson, a program coordinator with Facility Services, said helping out with the Earth Days activities can impact a student in more ways than one may realize.

"When you look at it with what benefits you are seeing, what value does this have, it provides a value that brings students a learning experience that they may never have outside of the classroom," Wilson said. "It puts them in a hands-on environment where they can observe, they can create, they can use their critical thinking skills, and develop more into a more sellable person when they graduate."

For more information about the events and activities planned for the month, contact Jill Petrey or visit [www.green.eku.edu](http://www.green.eku.edu).

## Calendar of Events

### EARTH DAYS 2012

- Saturday, March 31, workday at the Taylor Fork Ecological Area.
- Monday, April 9, "Higher Ground 3: Talking Dirt," an original musical drama set in Harlan County, 6 p.m., O'Donnell Hall, Student Success Building
- Saturday, April 14, State Arbor Day tree planting event, Taylor Fork Ecological Area, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Saturday, April 14, Paddle Out Pollution with the Kentucky Riverkeeper
- Wednesday, April 18, "Critical Mass" bike ride
- Saturday, April 21, rock climbing at Red River Gorge.
- Saturday, April 21, cleanup of Red River Gorge along trails and at trailheads. Transportation, gloves, garbage bags and garbage grabbers provided
- Sunday, April 22, Rappelling in Madison County
- Wednesday, April 25, presentation on students' Earth Force Project, 5:30 p.m., Room 4101, new sence building
- Wednesday, April 25, "A Call to Consistency: Our Relationship with Land, Animals, Environment and Food," 7-8:30 p.m., Brock Auditorium, Will Meurer, Wholesome Living Farms, Clark County, presenter



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## Student Government candidates

### COMERLATO/STEEBER

Facebook: Leo Comerlato and Adam Steeber  
for EKV SGA President/Vice President

**Name: Leo Comerlato**  
**Age: 22**  
**Class: Senior**  
**Major: Criminal Justice and Political Science**  
**Hometown: Louisville**



*What is your most important platform issue and why?*

"I wouldn't say that there's one singular platform issue that's more important than the other to us, I think we're going to try and treat each one equally and fairly."

*What separates you from the other candidates?*

"I've been at Eastern for a very long time. I've had experiences, multiple groups, sub-groups, I've done so many things on campus, I have contacts everywhere and just the experience that I've gained from all these different types of organizations."

*SGA experience:*  
Residence Life Council  
Student Senator

*(Editor's Note: In the nature of full disclosure, Comerlato was a staff writer for The Eastern Progress.)*



**Name: Adam Steeber**  
**Age: 22**  
**Class: Senior**  
**Major: Public Relations**  
**Hometown: Dayton, Ohio**

*What is your most important platform issue and why?*

"We don't really have a most important one. Our platform issues are kind of spread out to address certain issues and certain people, so they're kind of like all important, we're trying to reach everyone."

*What separates you from the other candidates?*

"Just leadership abilities. I've attended leadership workshops and been a part of a leadership role in my fraternity for a couple years. I'm here to focus on the people and you know, a lot of people might not see it that way, but that's what I'm here to do."

*SGA Experience:*  
Ran SGA's Facebook last semester

### GOSNELL/MURPHY

Facebook: Megan Gosnell & Kenton Murphy for SGA President & VP

**Name: Megan Gosnell**  
**Age: 21**  
**Class: Junior**  
**Major: Political Science**  
**Hometown: Louisville**



*What is your most important platform issue and why?*

"Student involvement and eRanks is our most important topic. eRanks is a program that I helped bring to EKV. eRanks is a program that will help increase attendance for various RSO, Greek Life, SGA and miscellaneous events on campus."

*What separates you from the other candidates?*

"I have three years of SGA experience and I have been with SGA in good times and in bad. I've worked closely with the current executive cabinet on a variety of issues. I helped organize the most successful Rally for Higher Education in EKV history. And I believe I am ready to become president."

*SGA experience:*  
Senator-at Large, one year  
Committee on Committees Chair, one year  
Chief of Staff, one year



**Name: Kenton Murphy**  
**Age: 20**  
**Class: Junior**  
**Major: Occupational Science**  
**Hometown: Maysville**

*What is your most important platform issue and why?*

"I feel like our most important platform issue is student involvement. I feel like we can increase student involvement through the program of eranks to target those who don't come out often. Involvement is a chain reaction waiting to happen."

*What separates you from the other candidates?*

"I'm very outgoing and able to talk to everybody. I feel like my personality is going to separate me from the rest. I've had multiple leadership roles growing up [in] high school and college."

*SGA experience:*  
Student Senator, One year  
Academic Affairs Committee, One year

### NOLAN/KIRSTEIN

Facebook: Donovan Nolan & Dan Kirstein  
For EKV SGA President/Vice-President

**Name: Donovan Nolan**  
**Age: 20**  
**Class: Sophomore**  
**Major: Political Science and Criminal Justice**  
**Hometown: Stanton**



*What is your most important platform issue and why?*

"The thing we're going to push the most is to use your colonel cash off campus, such as UK does. It's a more broad way to do things, it would help with food services on campus."

*What separates you from the other candidates?*

"I'm very approachable. Not only do I have experience working on SGA, I'm currently working in Frankfort. I have broader government experience that could benefit the student body."

*SGA experience:*  
Senator  
Student Rights Committee  
Appropriations Chair  
Committee of Inquiry



**Name: Daniel Kirstein**  
**Age: 20**  
**Class: Junior**  
**Major: Homeland Security**  
**Hometown: Ocean City, Maryland**

*What is your most important platform issue and why?*

"I think the biggest issue is one we are a little behind on. Being able to use your cash off campus...[other universities] have a program like this. It's a freedom students should be able to have."

*What separates you from the other candidates?*

"I have a lot of leadership experience and public services experience. Presidential service awards, higher positions in professional organizations. I'm really looking forward to getting my foot in the door."

*SGA experience:*  
None

### RAMSEY/TRETINA

Facebook: Vote for Rhett Ramsey and Cari Tretina for  
SGA President and Vice President 2012-2013

**Name: Rhett Ramsey**  
**Age: 20**  
**Class: Junior**  
**Major: Political Science**  
**Hometown: Monticello**



*What is your most important platform issue and why?*

"Most important platform issue for me would be student involvement on all levels. It's really a multi-faceted thing. Student involvement and their input for student government and in their participation."

*What separates you from the other candidates?*

"I think the first thing I would look at is my experience. I have served two years in the senate, served as the chair of the committee on committees so I oversaw all the committees on the senate and people on campus probably know I've run for this office before. I have the experience from student government, I know the workings."

*SGA Experience:*  
Senator, two years  
Committee on Committees Chair



**Name: Cari Tretina**  
**Age: 20**  
**Class: Junior**  
**Major: Political Science and Public Relations**  
**Hometown: Glen Allen, Va.**

*What is your most important platform issue and why?*

"For the first week of our campaign we are opening up our platform for students to tell us what our most important issue should be and what should be on our platform. Right now we have set issues such as a four-day school week, so Monday through Thursday we have classes."

*What separates you from the other candidates?*

"I think what separates us is our experience and knowledge of the issues and how to properly find solutions."

*SGA experience:*  
Senator, three years  
Student Rights Committee, three years  
Student Rights Chair, two years

*(Editor's Note: In the nature of full disclosure, Tretina is a copy editor and member of the editorial board at The Eastern Progress.)*

# IS ON...

*Speak on their platforms*

## HENDRICKSON/SEGURA

Facebook: Vote for Dan Hendrickson and Marcus Segura for SGA President and Vice President

**Name:** Dan Hendrickson  
**Age:** 21  
**Class:** Senior  
**Major:** Political Science  
**Hometown:** Middlesboro



*What is your most important platform issue and why?*  
 "My most important platform issue is probably gender-neutral housing. We are supposed to advocate for the betterment of EKU."

*What separates you from the other candidates?*  
 "My experience, I've been on some form of student government since I started college. I'm also the Kentucky State Director of the Kentucky Association of Residence Halls. I've had a lot of leadership opportunities. I am a servant leader... I serve more than I lead, that's my leadership style."

*SGA experience:*  
 National Communications Coordinator for RLC  
 Policy Chair for RLC  
 Constitutional Revision Committee, member



**Name:** Marcus Segura  
**Age:** 21  
**Class:** Junior  
**Major:** Political Science and Deaf Studies  
**Hometown:** Fort Thomas

*What is your most important platform issue and why?*  
 "The most important one is gender-neutral housing. I'm an RA and in my circle of friends, I know several people who are transgendered. I feel it should be a prominent issue."

*What separates you from the other candidates?*  
 "I know Dan and I work together very well. But also we both have a lot of experience. We have so much passion for SGA."

*SGA experience:*  
 Student Court, three years  
 Chair of Constitutional Review Committee  
 Associate Chief Justice

## STREET/ARBINO

Facebook: Street Arbino for EKU Student Body President and Vice President

**Name:** Madelyn Street  
**Age:** 20  
**Class:** Junior  
**Major:** Globalization and International Affairs  
**Hometown:** Richmond



*What is your most important platform issue and why?*  
 "I think it would be the importance of campus safety because I know there have been a lot of thefts lately. Wallets have been stolen and cars have been broken into...we want to work more closely with campus police."

*What separates you from the other candidates?*  
 "I have been on SGA for a year and have accomplished a syllabus index and a 24-hour library study area. We're the first group in years to get something to pass Faculty Senate. I think I have the charisma to get things done."

*SGA experience:*  
 Academic Affairs Chair, one year



**Name:** Nicole Arbino  
**Age:** 20  
**Class:** Junior  
**Major:** Graphic Communications Management  
**Hometown:** Maineville, Ohio

*What is your most important platform issue and why?*  
 "The syllabus index is something Madelyn and I worked really hard on. It's real and it will be up next semester, so probably that."

*What separates you from the other candidates?*  
 "The fact that we have proven ourselves. We have actually gotten things done. We've got that experience and we want to continue that into our administration."

*SGA experience:*  
 Student Senator, One year

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# PERSPECTIVES

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Thursday, March 29, 2012

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Seth Littrell, editor

## Priority should go to all students

Priority registration was developed to allow students with difficult schedules to register for their classes before those who have fewer alternative commitments. Groups on campus that get the benefit of priority registration are honors students, athletes, athletic spirit groups, students with disabilities and military veterans.

In theory, it's a great idea. The university works to help people in difficult situations, so everyone can get the education they deserve.

But as we all know, theories don't always hold up when put into practice. When it comes to priority registration, putting the theory into practice correctly makes the system useless.

We at *The Progress* believe all the groups who have priority registration currently have legitimate reasons for having it. That's not the problem. The problem is that every single student on campus can come up with just as good of a reason they should get priority, as well.

For example, Eastern has a large non-traditional student population. These students, for the most part, have lives that frequently draw them away from college life. Many have children; some are employed full-time in addition to taking classes. Don't these people deserve to go ahead of the traditional students who come to college right out of high school?

But wait, some of those traditional students are a long way from home. They have to support themselves for the first time in their lives in a crazy new world. They have jobs, sometimes multiple ones, in addition to being full-time students. How is it fair that non-trads in the same boat get to register first just because they're a little older? These people deserve priority too, especially over the people who are in a comfortable enough situation to focus solely on school.

But that's not fair either. Those students shouldn't be penalized just because they are dedicated students. Plus, just because you don't have a job doesn't mean you aren't busy. Many of those students are heavily involved in groups around campus. They are in student government and presidents of extracurricular student organizations. They are working through free internships just to get experience so that they can have less trouble finding a job after they graduate. The university is, essentially, penalizing them for being dedicated students.

This goes on and on until one day, priority registration is simply registration, and nobody has any real advantage. The system has officially been broken.

Priority registration comes from good intentions, but the idea is flawed. Everybody has issues with their schedules sometimes. And the thing is, when your schedule changes halfway through the semester, as it inevitably will at some point, priority registration won't make any difference at all.

The fact is priority registration is simply the incorrect answer to a problem that will always exist. People are always going to have other commitments distracting them from school. People will always see themselves as victims who, for one reason or another, deserve special treatment. That's human nature. But all priority registration does is allow some people to feel like they're getting special treatment while simultaneously alienating others with just as many problems. That is why we at *The Progress* believe true fairness in the registration policy will only come if priority registration is taken away.

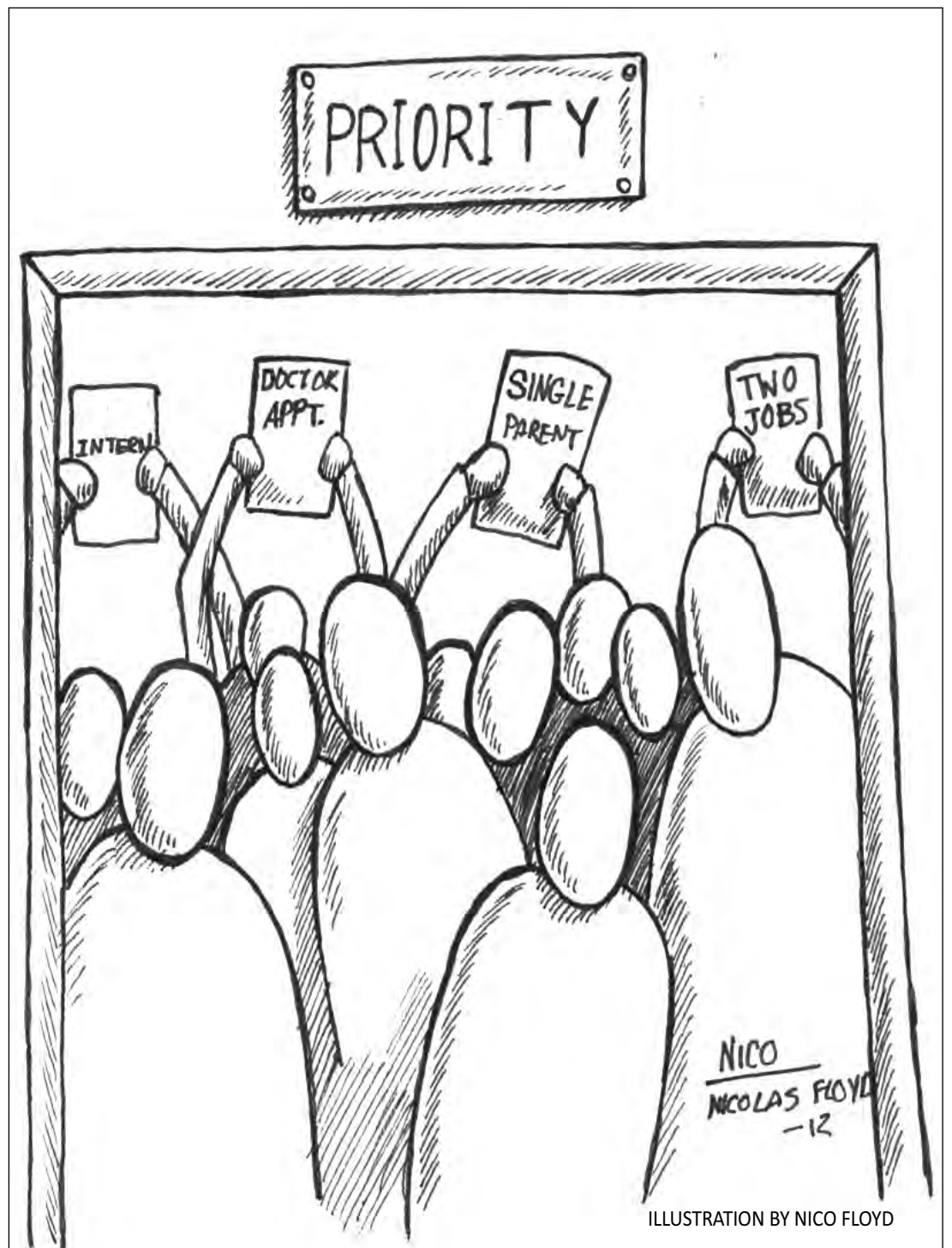


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### >Letters to the editor

## Recreational workshop to feature award-winning health speaker

On April 5, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., the Department of Recreation and Park Administration will be hosting and sponsoring "Looking Toward the Future" workshop for Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist (CTRS) from Kentucky and Ohio. There will be a maximum of 60 CTRS and students participating in the workshop. The workshop will be held at the Perkins building with speakers from East Carolina University and The Brook Hospital at Dupont from Louisville, KY.

The keynote speaker and a session speaker is Dr. David Austin. Dr. Austin has 45 years of experience in recreation therapy as a practitioner and educator. Most of his

35-year academic career was spent at Indiana University. Dr. Austin is the author of over 100 articles and several textbooks, including the widely used book *Therapeutic Recreation: Processes and Techniques*, now in its sixth edition. His most recent book is titled *Lessons Learned: An Open Letter to Recreational Therapy Students and Practitioners*.

He is the developer of one of the leading conceptual models in recreation therapy, the Health Protection/Health Promotion Model. Dr. Austin has also served as president of the American Therapeutic Recreation Association (ATRA), the Society of Park and Recreation Educators and

the Academy of Leisure Studies. He is the only individual to have received the National Therapeutic Recreation Society Distinguished Service Award, the ATRA Distinguished Fellow Award, and the SPRE Distinguished Fellow Award. He has been named to the Union College Hall of Fame, was presented the Brightbill Award by the University of Illinois and has received the NRPA Literary Award. Dr. Austin counts as his greatest achievement being awarded Indiana University's highest teaching award, the Frederic Bachman Lieber Memorial Award for Distinguished Teaching.

The workshop is a good avenue in which to network with other professionals and to

learn cutting edge information related to the profession. The Department of Recreation and Park Administration will be hosting a bi-annual workshop for Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist. It is our desire to continue to provide educational opportunities for practitioners and students in Kentucky and surrounding states.

Michelle Gerkin  
Associate professor  
Department of Recreation and  
Park Administration

## Traditional marriage advocate to speak on college relationships

Dr. Freda McKissic Bush, an OBGYN from Jackson, Miss., will be speaking on the nature of on-campus relationships at Eastern in a lecture entitled "Frogs, Frags, and Friends," on Wednesday, April 11, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. in Ferrell Auditorium. Dr. Bush is the co-author of the book *Hooked*, which examines the biological effects of sexual relationships on college campuses and life in general. Dr. Bush will show the

long-term effects of sexual relationships on the brain and subsequent behavior patterns in both men and women. Among the topics Dr. Bush will discuss are the connection between intense relationships and psychological abuse, the addictive nature of strong relationships, the importance of bonding with trustworthy people and the benefits of traditional, monogamous marriage. All people who are interested in the dy-

namics of on-campus relationships or those who seek to promote a more sexually healthy atmosphere on college campuses will find Dr. Bush's perspectives to be of special interest. All are invited to this talk. Dr. Bush is being sponsored by the Ruth Institute, a non-profit organization devoted to the defense of traditional marriage, headquartered in San Diego, CA, and Love & Truth, a student organization at Eastern

advocating for traditional marriage. Please come out to listen to Dr. Bush speak on this topic that is of such importance to the life of our college campuses and our students.

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# Student overcomes fear of shooting guns



My Turn:  
Cari Tretina

There are very few things on Earth that scare me. Weaponry used to fall under such category. Conquering said fear was no easy task, though.

"So how scared are you?" asked one of Eastern's detectives as we drove to the shooting range.

"Terrified," I said.

I have spent the last 20 years being horrified of guns. In a matter of seconds, one simple finger movement can take someone's life away. The breadwinner of a family, a mother or a best friend could be taken away forever with just a pull of a trigger. It is a scary thought.

Once hearing news of this, my friend encouraged me to face my fear and shoot a gun. After I resisted, encouragement turned into action. The next thing I knew we were scheduled to go to Eastern's police firing range with two detectives from the police department.

What a great friend.

Not only was I about to fire a gun, but we also rode in an unmarked police car to the range. Another fear of mine, but at least I wasn't cuffed.

It was, of course, close to a 20-minute drive from Eastern to the shooting range. During this long country drive, I had plenty of time to imagine horrific injuries and death resulting from this outing; not a good way to mentally prepare myself.

We arrived at the police firing area. For such a frightening purpose, the locale was actually quite gorgeous. A canyon-like rock wall overlooked the flowing Kentucky River, and blooming trees towered over the abundance of vibrant green grass. It was truly breath taking.

My breath was taken once again when the detective pulled out the gun – a Glock .40. Now, for those lacking gun experience, it is a simple handgun. Size really didn't matter right then, though. I was still terrified.

The target was set up, and the training began. The two detectives started

off by giving me safety tips. Never place your finger on the trigger unless about to fire, always act like the gun is loaded and use wisely.

Yeah, I felt safe now.

Following the safety procedures was the actual gun instruction. He took out the magazine and unloaded the gun. After showing me how to properly hold the .40 and lock my arms, it was my turn to hold it. My trembling hands reached for the gun. I wrapped my palm around the cold grip and secured my hold with my other hand. The gun was empty, but I felt any sudden movement would cause the gun to fire and kill. Irrational, yes, but I stood completely still.

After becoming acquainted with the weapon, it was time to conquer my fear. I was going to load, chamber a round and fire the gun – all by myself. Envisioning said outing, I had pictured myself wearing all sorts of protective gear. Bulletproof vests and thick, government-issued pants first came to mind. Safety goggles and plastic earmuffs were my actual protection. Right then, I began debating my friendship with said friend.

Clouds hovered over us as I took my stance in front of the target. Between my deer-in-headlights facial expression and sudden pause in breathing, the detective decided he would shoot first to ease the pain.

Loaded and ready to go, he aimed directly in the middle of the target. Without any noticeable movements, he fired. His shot echoed throughout the dense woodland. Even through the earmuffs, I jumped back.

It was my turn. This wasn't a nightmare anymore; it was real life. I took the gun from his hands. First, I slammed the magazine in and checked for stability. Cocking the slide back, I successfully chambered a round. There was an actual bullet in the gun; I was holding a loaded gun. There was no more debating, I hated my friend.

As I slowly raised the gun up, it started to downpour. Huge raindrops began pelt-

ing us, adding additional fear to the situation. What if the gun slipped out of my hand? What if a raindrop fell in my eye, and I misfired? For once, I didn't want the extra dramatization for the story. I just wanted my mommy.

I lined up the front and rear sights, locked my elbows and placed my finger on the trigger. Standing completely still, I pulled back my finger. My hands shot up, and the vibration ran up my arms. That was it; I had done it. Right there, in the gut of the paper person, was my bullet hole.

No one died. I still had all my extremities, and there was no blood in sight. My arms were still in the firing position as I looked over at the detective.

With a smile, he said, "Wanna shoot again?"

Surprisingly, I did – 14 more times to be exact. I even did a double tap. Once the magazine was empty, we examined the damage. On the police silhouette target, I hit within the coke bottle, the most sensitive area of the

body, 11 times. Two others disappeared into the dirt mound, one went to the right of an arm and one in the crotch.

My friend was in mind on that shot.

Even though I got an adrenaline rush and dark pleasure out of shooting, I had no desire to continue. Turning down another firing opportunity made me realize an important lesson. The problem is not with the gun; the problem is with the people using the weapon. Guns can be an excellent source for self-defense and protection. If used inappropriately or erratically though, harm can be caused. There is no need to be scared of guns as long as proper usage is being taken.

After conquering my fear, the detective took my friend out on the range. I wanted to take some pictures of him, so I asked him how to use his camera.

"Just point and shoot, right?" one of the detectives jokingly asked.

Yes, very funny, detective, very funny.

**"Cocking the slide back, I successfully chambered a round. There was an actual bullet in the gun; I was holding a loaded gun."**

# Writer copes with life-changing memory



My Turn:  
Kyle Woosley

It never fails I have a reflective moment around this time every year. It's symbolic of bad memories that have haunted me since I was 12 years old.

You know the amazing feeling when you're in elementary school? The feeling of no remorse, no sorrow, everything just seemed to happen and you didn't care why.

My transition to middle school was not so carefree. I was short, had glasses that made Harry Potter look like a super model, huge braces, terrible posture and then the added mandatory school uniforms, which were nothing but khakis and a solid-colored polo.

It was terrible. I was split from most of the people I had spent my childhood years bonding with once sixth grade started. Nobody would talk to me. And the ones that did, mocked me behind my back every chance they got.

Then seventh grade came along. In lunch, we had assigned seats. Seeing as my last name began with a W, I was stuck at the very last table in the lunchroom with another boy named Marvin. Marvin was soft-spoken and didn't really say much. But we eventually started to talk out of nothing more than just being uncomfortable. Soon thereafter, I realized he was also in all of my classes. And, of course due to the school system's life-or-death need to keep everybody in alphabetical order, we were always the last two people in the class and sat together every day.

I'm not quite sure when it happened, but somewhere along the lines, I made my first friend. We spent every single hour at school together. He had this little pocket dictionary we would use to look up strange words on. I don't think I'll ever

forget the technical definition of a cow is a "domesticated bovine." He would also sneak my Gatorade out of the lunchroom, and give it to me before he ran off to the bus. It felt nice to finally have a friend. For once, I didn't feel so alone in the world.

It was February, a very cold month, obviously.

The heat cranked up as high as you could have it without blowing the place up. I remember that year, 2004, was the Super Bowl and, in a meaningless way to bond with my dad, I intended to watch every second of it. But the only part I really cared about was the halftime show because it was Justin Timberlake and Janet Jackson, and we all remember how that turned out.

Feb. 2, the morning of the big game, a little before 11 a.m., we heard over my stepdad's police scanner that something had happened. A family of four had died of carbon monoxide poisoning during the night. As I was only a child at the time and used to hearing these sorts of things through the walls of my bedroom, I didn't think anything about it. However, my mother was very concerned.

She began calling around town. Then finally, she struck gold. After at least 25 phone calls, she discovered the family's last name: Thacker.

Overhearing this news from my bedroom, I ran into the living room and told my mother I had a friend with that last name and began to ask her what happened. She told me not to worry. So, without a care in the world, I wondered back off to my bedroom.

A few hours later, I heard a knock at the door.

It had just turned dark outside, and I saw a tall figure standing at the door talking to my mom and asking where I was. Once I peaked my head around the hallway corner, I saw the man was my dad. They both sat down on the couch and asked me to have a seat between them. Mom tried to tell me, but ended up breaking down crying. My dad told me the news.

He told me my friend, along with his younger sister and parents, had passed

away.

Still confused about what was happening, I glanced at my mother and asked if it was my friend. She just shook her head and began crying.

You know how in the movies, they always show time standing still when something really dramatic happens? Well, it does.

My parents were frantically sobbing or holding back sobs, and I just sat there. Every few seconds they would ask if I was all right, but I never said anything. I still intended to watch the Super Bowl with my dad, so I started getting dressed. But when I reached over in my backpack where the Gatorade was, I felt something. This was the last Gatorade I was going to bring home from school.

It was in that moment, my life changed. I didn't cry, I didn't scream; I just knew.

At school the next day we had a ceremony to honor him and his sister. They made us write notes about how we felt and put them into Marvin and his sister Heather's lockers. I didn't know what else to say. I just wrote about how much I would miss him and how I wished he and his sister could just come back to school so everything could be the way it was again. But I knew that wasn't going to happen.

The sense of something missing was already with me, but what truly happened never really sank in for a few years. I still dream about those days every so often.

Having something so devastating happen to you at such a young age leaves you with a feeling of hopelessness and loss. But it also motivates you to strive to be more than you think you can be. And that's why I keep my chin up. Because I'm not the same kid I was back then. I don't have the glasses, or the braces or the terrible posture anymore. I'm more confident and more alive. Part of that is because of Marvin, and I'm grateful to him for that. I know he'll be watching me to see what things I'll do next.

# CAMPUS COMMENTS

*"Air Conditioning on Campus"*

All Campus Comments are anonymous.

- I'm tired of hearing people complain about it.
- If I pay to live in the dorm, I should have control of the a/c.
- It never works when it should.
- I pay too much to live in a sauna.
- I don't care about the issue.
- "I think I've lived in the same room for three semesters now, and they have yet to fix the air blower, so it just kind of spits air.
- I think they waited way too long to turn it on, and there isn't a happy medium.
- It doesn't affect one.
- It's good when it works.
- They do the best they can.
- I think it's fine.
- I'm glad it's on now.
- It feels good in my room but sucks everywhere else.
- We really should have a climate control.
- It's really cold.
- People complain about it being too hot, people complain about it being too cold; it's fine.
- It's finally cold and I love it.
- It sucked before, but it's cool now.
- I think it sucks. I don't like it.
- I'd rather it be cold or hot, pick one.
- When it is hot outside, we have heat, and when it is cold outside we have a/c.
- I don't have any problems with it, but I know other people do.
- I'm really glad it is on right now.
- I'm happy they finally turned it on.
- Mine works fine, so I have no complaints.
- I'm glad they turned it on.
- I feel we should have independent control of the temperature in our rooms because we pay so much to live here.
- Turn it on earlier or put ceiling fans in.
- I'm happy that it's here. I'd rather be cold than hot.
- Now that it is on, it's wonderful.
- It feels like a winter wonderland.

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## LEXINGTON COMIC & TOY CONVENTION

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Saturday, March 24 marked a momentous occasion for the nerds, geeks and fans in the Lexington area as the city held its first major comic book convention featured in Heritage Hall of Rupp Arena.

As with any comic-con, the costumes abounded from Star Wars, Batman to Quail Man from *Doug*.

The highlights of the convention included the appearance of veteran *Power Rangers* actors Jason David Frank (White Ranger), Catherine Sutherland (Pink Ranger) and Nakia Burisse (Yellow Ranger), as well as Paul Schrier and Jason Narvy who portrayed the notorious Bulk and Skull respectively. Other big names like Mark Dodson, who provided the vocal effects for most of the gremlins, and Dean Lorey, who is noted as a writer for shows and movies featuring Damon Wayans such as *My Wife and Kids* and *Major Payne*, also attended.

But one highly anticipated draw the convention had was a fully drivable DeLorean replica from the *Back to the Future* franchise, which people could sit in and have their picture taken as long as they donated \$20 to the Michael J. Fox foundation for Parkinson's disease research.

This centerpiece of the convention easily tied with the *Power Rangers* as the most popular showcase.

Various groups of people of all ages turned up, from teenagers, college students and parents with their children in tow, all to see a bit of nostalgia, art and some pretty outrageous costumes.

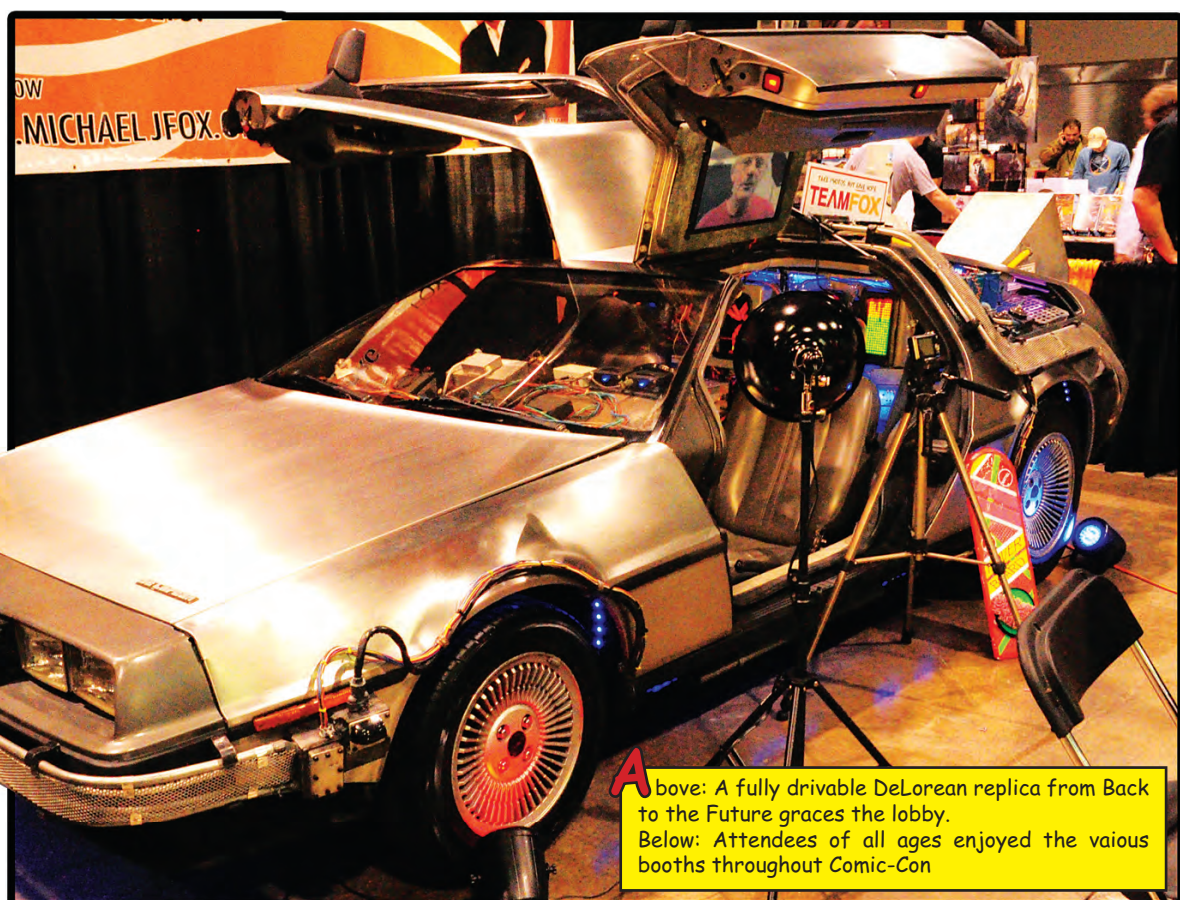
One student, Zachary Buckles, 20, industrialist major at BCTC from Frankfort, was among the crowd of enthusiastic participants. "It's very diverse and not what I expected," Buckles said.

Another attendant, Lexington native Erin West, 25, University of Kentucky graduate student, was surprised at the convention's size.

"It's a big con, I love the costumes the most and although I wish there were more things to do, it's full of good energy," West said.

The effect this convention had on people was not exclusive to any particular age; a boy who was no older than six went up to one of the storm troopers and said, "Trooper...trooper, I found the

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Above: A fully drivable DeLorean replica from *Back to the Future* graces the lobby.  
Below: Attendees of all ages enjoyed the various booths throughout Comic-Con



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## The Hunger Games fails to stand alone from book

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Unless you have been living under a rock—wait, no, let me rephrase that. Even if you have been living under a rock for the past few months, it is likely you still know about *The Hunger Games*. Fans of Suzanne Collins' best-selling novel have been eagerly anticipating this film adaptation for over a year and finally got to see their favorite characters come to life on screen last weekend. And since I can't resist a midnight premiere, I was there, too.



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In the spirit of full disclosure, I must admit I haven't read the book. But, in all fairness, this isn't a book review so that doesn't really matter. I'm just calling it like I see it.

*The Hunger Games* is the story of a post-apocalyptic society where 12 outlying districts are controlled by a governing city known as the Capitol. In order to pay penance for an uprising against the Capitol, the districts submit one teen-aged girl and boy to participate in a broadcasted competition called the Hunger Games.

In the *Hunger Games*, the 24 tributes, as they are known, are let loose in an environment completely controlled by the Capitol to hunt and kill one another. The last tribute standing wins. Our heroine Katniss ends up in the *Hunger Games* after she volunteers herself in place of her younger sister. She and her male counterpart Peeta travel to the Capitol where they are trained with the other tributes and paraded around in front of audiences before being sent into battle.

Sounds like wholesome family fun, right?

From the very beginning, it was obvious the audience was uncomfortable. Probably be-

cause the camera stability in the movie was a little shaky. It was hardly noticeable during action sequences, but some of the quieter and more intense moments were accompanied by a gentle bobbing up and down. It didn't really bother me that much, but vfrom what I'm hearing, not everyone was a fan.

The reason I don't really have a problem with it is that it was obvious to me there were some reality TV undertones in the staging of the film. Here was a clear criticism of the way the world is glued to the fate of "performers" on reality TV—cheering them on even unto death. I think that kind of serious parody can get away with a freely moving camera.

Casting also worked very well for the filmmakers. Jennifer Lawrence as Katniss was a fantastic choice. She has already had a gorgeous start to her career in *Winters Bone* and *X-Men: First Class*. Now, a big title like *The Hunger Games* will only make her the new "it" girl in Hollywood.

Another standout in the crowd was Stanley Tucci as the over-the-top commentator of the *Hunger Games*. Big teeth and bright blue hair weren't too much for him to overcome and completely shine through. But I honestly don't remember the last time I didn't like Stanley Tucci in a movie. The man's a pro.

As I sit here trying to think of any more aspects of *The Hunger Games* that I liked or didn't like, I'm stuck. While there were some positive points, I must say I just didn't really like it. The story was extremely heavy, and it was apparent that I was missing out on many details by not reading the book, including some character names. I resent the fact that I would have to read a book to accompany a movie. The film

should stand alone, and it doesn't. I hate to say it, but this series is poised to be the next *Twilight* fiasco; and I'm not sure how much more of that we can take.

Verdict: C



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## Fun "alternative" classes for summer and fall semesters

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With advising just around the corner and the spring semester coming to a close, it's time to start planning your schedule for the summer and fall semesters. Are you looking for a class that is fun, interesting and low stress? Or do you just need a class to fulfill graduation requirements or to stay a full-time student? Check out these fun classes you can add to your schedule. No prerequisites required.

### Beginning Motorcycle Safety (TRS 234)

Always wanted to ride a motorcycle but never really understood how to operate one correctly? This class is designed to develop in students the necessary concepts, principles and competencies for use of two-wheeled-motorized vehicles including mini bikes, mopeds and motorcycles. Motorcycles and helmets are provided.



### Dance and Culture (PHE 200)

This class is an introduction to dance and its role as a non-verbal means of expression. The course examines several dance forms and their context including folk, social, ethnic, entertainment and dance as an art form.

### Individual and Dual Sports (PHE 305)

If you really enjoy sports either as an individual or with a partner, try this fun active class that teaches the basic skills, strategy, etiquette, rules and teaching techniques related to tennis, golf and badminton.

### Individual and Dual Sports II (PHE 306)

This class teaches the basic skills, strategy, etiquette, rules and teaching techniques related to archery, bowling and racquetball.

### Photojournalism (JOU 325)

This class is a fun way to examine the principles of digital photography, stressing hands-on skills in producing professional quality images. Looks at the role the photojournalist serves in newspaper and magazine production, and provides an introduction to color correction in Photoshop.



### Social Dance I (PHE 230)

This course introduces the basic movement concepts of social dancing. Rhythm, style and variations of several popular social dances are covered as well as leading and following skills. Some of the dances covered include swing, salsa, merengue, tango, waltz and hustle.

### Wellness Experience (PHE 190)

### Lifetime Activity Series (PHE 390)

These physical education classes on campus offer many different options for students. "Our goal is to promote health and wellness for students for the rest of their life," said Jack Rutherford, chair of the Department of Ex-

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# Best Freshmen Rapper CLASS OF 2012

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For the last few years, *XXL* hip-hop magazine has created a list of the most important and popular upcoming rappers to look out for that year, throws them in a round-table discussion, a cypher and puts them on the cover for one of the most popular hip-hop magazines in the states. I can honestly say the 10 *XXL* Freshmen of 2012 were the worst picked class yet, and not because the rappers are bad, but because *XXL* had such a good crop of rappers to pick from. So just in case you don't read about music much, understand this year's freshmen class is a bad representation of talent, and you should reevaluate what's on your iPod. Here are the top 10 upcoming rappers that you should be looking forward to this year.

## Danny Brown

Song to listen to: "Blunt After Blunt"



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Reason you should care: This guy has been quoted saying, "My only responsibility is to be irresponsible in my music," and it totally shows. Danny Brown is super energetic, has a unique look and brings everything that has been looked down in hip-hop for years — misogyny, drug abuse, etc. —

and mixes it all in with a bit of lyricism and an experimental, unique sound. His latest album has received tons of critical praise across the Internet, and he actually earned a place in the annual *XXL* Freshmen list. What Danny Brown lacks in teeth, he totally makes up in lyrical ability and viral attention.

## SchoolBoyQ

Song to listen to: "Sacreligious"



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Reason you should care: This rapper is one the most skilled guys on TDE, a label with the amazing Kendrick Lamar. SchoolBoyQ has been gaining a lot of fans associating with popular acts like A\$AP Rocky. SchoolBoyQ blends the sound of stoner music like A\$AP and the dark, grim rhymes of

Odd Future, carefully mixed with the cleverness of Kendrick Lamar and liveliness of Waka Flocka. SchoolBoyQ is surely not the guy to just overlook. TDE will be taking over the rap game. This rapper unfortunately did not make it into the *XXL* Freshmen class this year.

## XV

Song to listen to: "Textbook Stuff"



COURTESY OF CLOUDMUSIQ.COM

Reason you should care: This guy has been making noise for years, appearing on a BET cypher last year, has a fairly huge fanbase, has collaborated with the likes of Kendrick Lamar and released a track for every day and night for 40 days, producing nothing but quality work. This guy works hard and will be making a mark this year on hip-hop. RapGenius even wrote an article praising XV entitled, "XV reasons why XV is the next big thing." He has yet to be a *XXL* Freshman.

## Stalley

Song to listen to: "Pound"



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Reason you should care: He's probably one of the most lyrical rappers on MMG, a label with Rick Ross. This guy has been getting tons of attention, and people are just waiting for him to drop an album that will really make them question the skills of current rappers today. Oh yeah, and he also has a huge trademark beard. It looks pretty cool.

## Chip The Ripper

Song to listen to: "Freestyle-Chip the Ripper"



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Reason you should care: Well because he's been getting tons of praise and has collaborated with the likes of Kid Cudi. He should've been on the most recent freshmen class and he has his own hilarious Internet meme: "Interior Crocodile Alligator, I drive a Chevrolet movie theatre." Google it.

## Hopsin

Song to listen to: "Pans in the Kitchen"



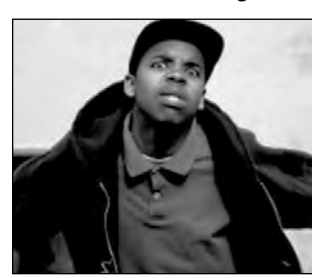
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Reason you should care: People, more often than not, have compared his style to the legendary Eminem's. The guy has content, is pretty lyrical and, above all, is very entertaining. From his weird contacts to his dark

and sometimes humiliating subject matter, the guy has dissed everyone from Rick Ross to Tyler the Creator. He's a very talented young guy, and I'm glad *XXL* put them on their most recent freshmen class list. He proves he deserves it with his video that has snagged almost 10 million Youtube hits in less than a year.

## Earl Sweatshirt

Song to Listen to: "Blade"



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Reason you should care: He's arguably the most lyrical rapper in web-dominating Odd Future. Or how about that he's finally back from Somoa after his mom kept him from making music throughout all of Odd Future's rise to fame. No, no, no, you should care because in just a few hours of him making a Twitter this year after his famous return, Earl gained 50,000 followers in response to him releasing the amazing song "Home." The guy is a lyrical force to be reckoned, with and the worst part is, he just turned 18. He was nominated for the freshmen class this year, but didn't make it in.

## A\$AP Rocky

Song to listen to: "Peso"



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Reason you should care: This guy has been in the spotlight for quite some time now. His real name is Rakim. Drake praises him for his music, he has a super unique sound to be from Harlem, has worked with TDE, is blowing up and has a huge fan-following. But most importantly, the guy is just a good artist. Plain and simple. The stoner and rebellious sound proves he truly knows what swag is. People were shocked that he didn't get in the *XXL* freshmen class; A\$AP later said that not being on the list was due to him being too busy.

## Childish Gambino

Song to Listen to: "Freaks and Geeks"

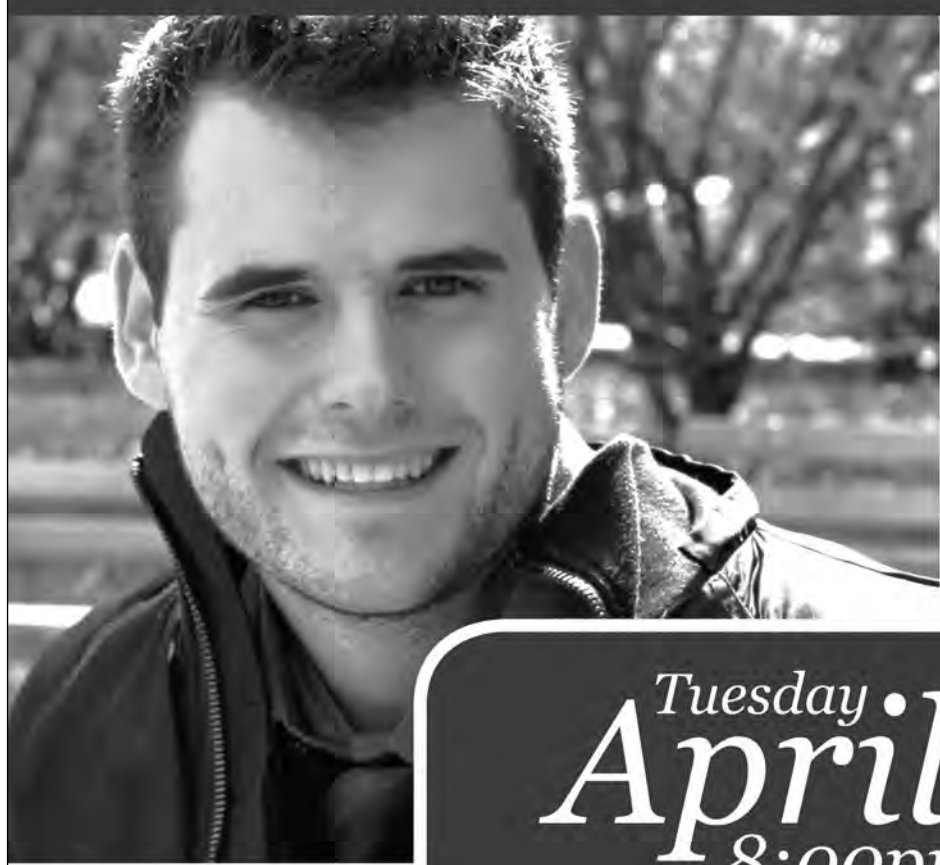


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Reason you should care: This guy has probably the brightest future out of all the previous rappers listed. Gambino is independent. He acts, writes, raps, sings and does stand up comedy.

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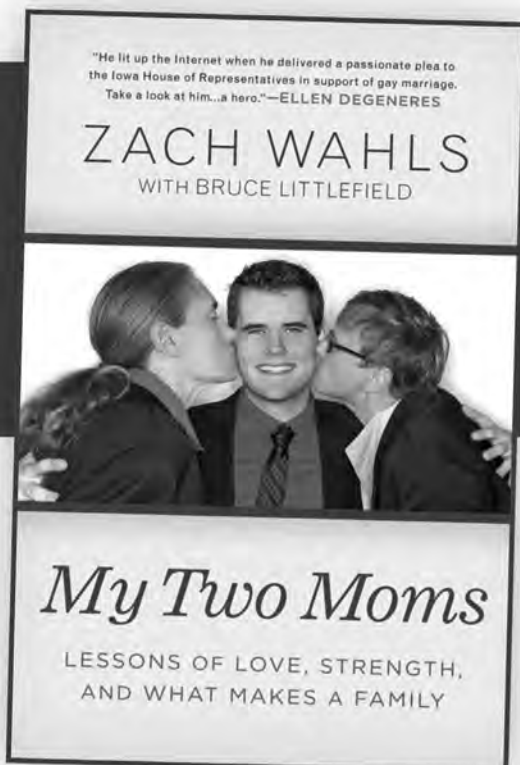


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droids,” sending everyone in ear shot into uproarious laughter.

The entire convention was littered with booth upon booth of hand-drawn, obscure oil paintings, familiar, and in some cases, weird artwork that went beyond the unconventional.

The artist, Mike Eshelman, 41, from Columbus, Ohio, and a purchasing analyst for his pharmacy, said he had been doing this for over a year and a half, creating artwork out of iron beads.

“It took me a while to get it just right, lining up the beads and using a ton of pressure, but it paid off in the end,” Eshelman said.

He added this wasn’t the first one he’s been to and had found a good market with the convention’s demographics.

Another artist, Bryce Oquaye, expressed his new found love for conventions.

“Man, it’s cool to be in the same room as the Power Rangers and I can’t believe how many people love my artwork,” said Oquaye, who said

he had started to develop a bit of carpal tunnel in his wrist, but claimed it was worth it.

The energy presented throughout the convention was unlike any other and inspired a few like-minded groups to start working on their own conventions. A group called Bluegrass Otaku advertised the convention they’d be putting together next year, and the Derby City Con, held in Louisville was present in anticipation of the future.



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# CLASSES

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ercise and Sports Science. “We really focus on individual sports more than team sports.”

There are many different activities to choose from: tai chi-arnis, beginning karate-aikido I, II, Brazilian martial art, ultimate frisbee, fencing (beginning, intermediate and advanced), pilates, deep water aerobics, weight training, fitness swimming, kickboxing,

Brazilian jiu jitsu, yoga, shiatsu (massage), cardio and tone. “We have everything students are looking for,” Rutherford said. “You name it, we offer it.”

PHE 190 is the first level of wellness activities of current interest and/or need for students. This class may be retaken to a maximum of six hours, if subtitles are different. PHE 390 is the second level of wellness activities and is a series of activities suitable for participation throughout life. It includes rules, skills, techniques and strategies and may be retaken to a maximum of four hours toward graduation requirements.

# RAPPERS

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This guy does so much and somehow is one of the most entertaining rappers that we’ve seen in a while, maybe because he has studied so many forms of entertainment. He’s been rapping for years, but just recently received tons of attention and millions of views with his music videos. His two albums *Camp* and *Culdesac* have done nothing but prove that Gambino should not be looked at as a comedian who turned to rap, but an actual artist who just happens to rap

and be a comedian. Gambino (Donald Glover) is not joking with these works of art though. He puts his heart and soul into his albums, and it shows. NPR has recognized Donald for all his talent, Cartoon Network has featured him as a talent in one of their cartoons, and all over the Internet are articles about how fans wanted Gambino to be the next Spiderman on the big screen with the slogan, “Donald for Spiderman.” What I think people like most about Gambino is that he’s a nerd and isn’t afraid to express it. He loves Asian women, loves clothes and has had problems with alcohol. Just go listen to the music. I think that if you look in the dictionary for the word “creative,” you should see a picture of Childish Gambino right next to it. He has yet to be an XXL Freshman.

# Mystery Science Theater 3000: A classic cult series

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What comes to mind when I say, “classic cult series?” If I were to guess, many of you would say *Firefly* or *Doctor Who*. Well, let me tell you what I think of: *Mystery Science Theater 3000*.

*Mystery Science Theater 3000* (MST3K) is a 90s television series created and produced by Joel Hodgson. MST3K stars Hodgson, Trace Beaulieu, Frank Coniff, Kevin Murphy and many more. The show involves three individuals who poke fun at and point out all the flaws behind bad B-movies while watching them. Its first episode aired Nov. 23, 1988 and its final episode aired Aug. 8, 1999.

Depending on which season you watch, Joel Robinson (Hodgson) or Mike Nelson (Michael J. Nelson) is launched into space aboard the Satellite of Love, a bone-shaped space station that orbits the Earth. The satellite is launched by Dr. Clayton Forrester (Beaulieu), who performs experiments on Joel and Mike by forcing them to watch terrible B-Movies. To help him survive his experiments, Joel builds two robots, Tom Servo (Murphy) and Crow T. Robot (Beaulieu), who watch the movies with Joel while poking fun at them.

MST3K has many elements that make it a true must-see. The show’s premise is truly unique. It’s easily one of the wittiest shows ever made. There’s something irresistibly charming about it that makes it a true cult classic.

The show’s premise involves the host and robots sitting in the front row of a movie theater, silhouetted against the movie screen. This allows them to interact with the movie in comical ways, such as attempting to push movie characters down flights of stairs.

The show’s props and special effects are the results of a low budget. Certain props are obvious cardboard cutouts, and the string that holds the Satellite of Love is visible in every outer space shot. This showcasing of the poor budget of the show gives MST3K a certain charm to it.

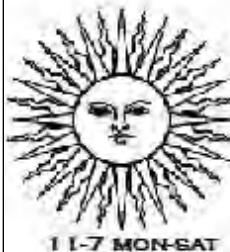
Finally, MST3K is among the wittiest shows I have ever seen. While most of the pop culture references made are of the late 80s and early 90s, there is still much to laugh at. An example is when there was ominous horror movie fog, Tom Servo says “Oops. Sorry, had Mexican for lunch.” These jokes make it a true laugh-out-loud experience.

MST3K is a great classic cult TV series that everyone should watch. The show is charming, memorable and easily ranks in my top five funniest shows of all time. You should definitely be watching *Mystery Science Theater 3000*.



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## BASEBALL

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sophomore Sean Hagen put Daniel into scoring position. A double by Solomon scored Daniel, but no other runs were scored.

The third game was a victory for the Colonels thanks to strong pitching and hitting. The Colonels broke Jacksonville's six-game winning streak beating them 3-2. Junior pitcher Shane Grimm earned the win with only one run allowed on nine hits, with no strike-outs or walks. Grisham led Eastern at the plate going two-for-four with one RBI.

Jacksonville earned the first run of the game in the top of the third inning with a solo home run. Eastern tied the game in the bottom of the third after a single by Grisham allowed Hagen to score. Neither team scored again until the sixth, despite the Gamecocks having nine runners left on base throughout the six innings.

Despite a solo home run in the eighth inning, the Gamecocks could not pass the Colonels, ending the game.

Despite the two losses last

weekend, Coach Stein is hopeful about upcoming OVC games.

"We've got to take it one game at a time," Stein said. "As the OVC schedule goes along, we will get two injured players back in Shaun Ball and Dustin Dunlop. Those are two big injuries out of our lineup right now."

Eastern's baseball team took its frustrations out on Marshall Tuesday afternoon.

The Colonels recorded a season-high nine doubles on the way to a resounding victory over the Thundering Herd, 10-3.

Senior Richie Rodriguez led the Colonels with two doubles, two RBI and two runs.

With the solid performance, Eastern's pitching staff brought its earned run average (ERA) for the last four games down to 2.50.

The Colonels welcome Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Friday at 3 p.m. for a three-game weekend series.

The team returns to the diamond Friday March 30 at 3:00 p.m. at Turkey Hughes field for a home game against Southern Illinois University Edwardsville to begin a three-game weekend series.

## TENNIS

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second conference game with a different result.

The Colonels were defeated by an OVC opponent for the first time since 2008 as Tennessee Tech (3-7, 1-0 OVC) was able to take advantage of a tired Colonel squad.

After unsuccessfully taking the doubles point, Tennessee Tech would use its momentum to strike first in singles play.

No. 6 seed for the Golden Eagles, Vasily Eremeev defeated Craig Campbell, 6-4, 6-0, to give Tennessee Tech a quick 2-0 lead.

Hugo Klientovsky, the Colonels' No. 1 seed, would give Eastern its first point of the match.

Klientovsky took the match from Syrym Abdukhalikov, 7-6, 6-0.

Afterward, head coach Oertel spoke about the play of his senior leader.

"He is certainly playing at a level right now that if he keeps it up this guy's gonna give us three OVC players of the year in a row," Oertel said. "Hugo should be proud of maintaining that level that he has, and the way he played against the best player in the country two weeks ago, that's just going to carry him through the whole year, I think."

Although fellow seniors, No. 4 seed Parul Verma and No. 2 seed Niklas Schroeder, would capture victories, it wouldn't be enough.

Tennessee Tech's No. 3 seed Alejandro Bue-

no solidified the victory for the Golden Eagles, taking the match in the second set against senior Colonel Philip Janz.

Tennessee Tech picked up the 4-3 win, to record its first OVC win and third overall win of the season.

Afterwards, coach Oertel spoke about his disappointment.

"I wish I could say we lost to a better team," Oertel said. "I'm really disappointed the streak ended to a team that we're probably better than. That's the part that hurts the most. Half of it happened because we're a little nicked up at some spots and perfecting our ability to perform at our highest level. I think Tennessee Tech wanted it more than us."

### A Look Ahead:

The Colonels will return home on March 31 to face conference opponent Eastern Illinois (1-7, 1-1 OVC).

The Colonels will look to avenge a conference loss as they welcome in the Panthers.

"I expect nothing less than both our men's and women's programs to win the rest of their OVC matches and win the OVC title," Oertel said. "That's what I'm gonna tell them tomorrow at practice. There's no reason to expect anything less as long as we stay relatively healthy. The only ones that can beat us is us, I firmly believe that."

The Colonels will have a chance to get back on track 1 p.m. Saturday.

## SOFTBALL

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bottom of the seventh. Jacksonville State's Abbey Stepp and Sara Borders would tie the game for the Gamecocks with a lead-off single and a two-run home run.

Eastern also scored first in game two when red-shirt freshman Shannon McQueen singled up the middle in the top of the third with two outs and the bases loaded to score two runs. She increased the lead in top of the fifth with a RBI on a sacrifice fly.

The Gamecocks scored two runs in the bottom of the fifth to close the gap to 3-2. But the Colonels widened the gap with a four-run sixth inning.

The solo home runs by the Gamecocks in the fifth would be the deciding factor in the game. Jacksonville State won 3-1.

Senior Diane Gallagher had a cou-

ple of reasons to explain the three losses.

"We have to cut down on our offensive strike outs, and put the ball in play more," Gallagher said. "When our pitching staff doing really good we have to support them more."

Senior Larkyn Wood had a different take.

"We seem to have one inning in every game where we fall apart," Larkyn Wood said.

Despite the losses, Coach Worthington isn't overly concerned.

"We've been in every game," Worthington said. "Every game we won, and lost, could've have gone either way."

Worthington also said the freshman players on the team are stepping up and doing what is asked of them.

"This has got to be the deepest bench I've had," Worthington said.

Worthington, like Gallagher, stressed the team has to work on having less offensive strike outs.

"We can't have eight or nine strike

outs a game and expect to pull it out," she said.

But Worthington's view of the team's play was positive overall.

"We're playing fine, I wouldn't say over-the-top, but we're playing fine and consistent," Worthington said.

The Colonels softball team put Sunday's loss behind them this afternoon by splitting a doubleheader with Ohio University.

The Bobcats won the first game, 4-1. Eastern won the second, 9-0.

Senior Raquel Howes had home runs in each game. For both games, she went 4-for-7 with two runs and four RBIs.

Eastern takes the field Thursday to finish a three-game series with Morehead State.

The Colonels finish their three-game series against Morehead State Thursday and then begin a five-game home stand with Austin Peay Saturday at 3 p.m.



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Kristin Perry throws during a weekend loss.

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Niklas Schroeder returns a volley against Tennessee Tech.

# Men's tennis loses in conference play

By GREG ADAMS  
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Last week, Eastern's men's tennis squad split a pair of Ohio Valley Conference matches.

After defeating Tennessee State, the Colonels dropped a match against conference foe Tennessee Tech.

On Wednesday, March 21, the Colonels (12-7, 2-1 OVC) went on the road to meet Tennessee State University (0-4, 0-4 OVC).

Eastern, the defending OVC champs, came in heavily favored and did not leave empty-handed as it picked up the win against the Tigers without dropping a single match.

The Colonels top-seeded competitors would rest for the evening leaving sophomore Joao Maio to assume the No.1 seed for the Colonels.

Maio would hold his own. After a shaky start, he regained his composure and captured the last two sets against his opponent Lawrence Washington. The final score being 1-6, 6-0, 10-5.

The rest of the Colonels would defeat their opponents in straight sets.

Craig Campbell, a newcomer for the Colonels, played No. 3 seed and defeated William Simmons without losing a single game.

The Colonels won 7-0, making them 2-0 in the OVC.

The following Saturday, the Colonels would play a

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Joao Maio

# Womens' golf team finishes in middle of the pack in tourney

By STEPHEN HAUSER  
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A strong performance in the final round of 18th Annual Saluki Invitational allowed the women's golf team to overcome a tough first round. The Lady Colonels shot a 321, which put them in ninth place.

Eastern started the final round of play strong Monday, shaving eight strokes from the first round. The Lady Colonels shot a final round score of 318 for a two-round total of 634. Their final round score was the fourth lowest of the day, which catapulted the Lady Colonels to fourth place.

"I was pleased with the way we started on Monday," said Head Coach Mike Whitson. "We really had a chance to shoot a good round."

Southern Illinois University hosted the 17-team Saluki Invitational at the par-72 Hickory Ridge Golf Course.

Southern Illinois University won the event with a two-round score of 608. University of Iowa finished in second place with a score of 618, and Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis finished third with a score of 627.

The Lady Colonels tied with Loyola University.

Eastern had two golfers who placed individually inside the top 10. Senior Katie Wiedmar finished in ninth place with a two-round score of 155. Weidmar shot a first round score of 76 and second round score of 79.

"I thought I played pretty good," Weidmar said. "The first day I did pretty well, but the second day I was kinda up-and-down on a few of my holes."

Senior Lisanne Schmidt finished tied for 10th with a two-round score of 156. Schmidt shot a first round score of 81 and a second round score of 75.

"I played poorly on the first day, I struggled with just about everything," Schmidt said. "The second day my long game was great. I only missed three greens, but I struggled with putting. Overall, I played much better."

The Lady Colonels finished higher than other Ohio Valley Conference teams such as SIU Edwardsville (8th), Austin Peay (10th) and Eastern Illinois University (12th).

"I thought it was a good indicator to how conference should be," Weidmar said. "By beating those teams it shows that we are going in the right direction."

The Lady Colonels' golf team returns to the green on April 6 when it hosts the Colonel Classic at Arlington Golf Club.

# Women's tennis split a pair of games

By GREG ADAMS  
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Eastern's women's tennis team had a roller coaster week as they won against a conference opponent but then fell on the road later in the week.

First, the Lady Colonels defeated Tennessee State University.

Days later, the Lady Colonels traveled to West Virginia to face Marshall. Although they fought valiantly, Marshall got the best of them, picking up the 6-1 win.

Wednesday, March 21, the Lady Colonels (9-6) took the court against host Tennessee State (0-4). Eastern took the match without dropping any games.

Eastern's No. 6 seed Carmen Rodriguez defeated her opponent Khadijah Williams, taking the match, 6-0, 6-0.

The Lady Colonels No. 5 seed Marcela Jimenez and No. 1 seed Amandine Faouzi would mirror that

result, as they also blanked their opponents to capture the victory for Eastern.

With an OVC victory under its belt, the Lady Colonels traveled to Huntington on Sunday, March 25 to take on Marshall.

After losing the doubles point, the Lady Colonels would do all they could to get back on track, but were unable to as the Thundering Herd held strong at home.

The only win of the day would come from Eastern's No. 5 seed Melissa Gerritsen. Gerritsen split sets with senior Kristina Koprčina before taking the third set in a tie-breaker. Gerritsen's performance may have been the only bright spot for the day. The final score, 6-4, 4-6, 10-8.

Head coach Rob Oertel spoke afterward.

"Marshall's been ranked earlier in the year, they've been in and out, they're a borderline top 75 team, and we're competitive against those kinds of teams," Oertel said. "We just haven't cracked the ice yet of beating that kind of team. On a positive note, it's nice to know that we're in competition and tight with those teams and make them sweat a little bit. They had to work hard to beat us."

As he looks on the positive side, coach Oertel says he is confident with the future of his Lady Colonels.

"They were just a little bit better team than us, as you can see from the scores it was nice to be in a battle with teams on that level and we're so close," Oertel said. "I think we have a team that can be in the rankings next year."

**A Look Ahead:**

The Lady Colonels will welcome Eastern Illinois at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 31 in the Greg Adams Tennis Center.



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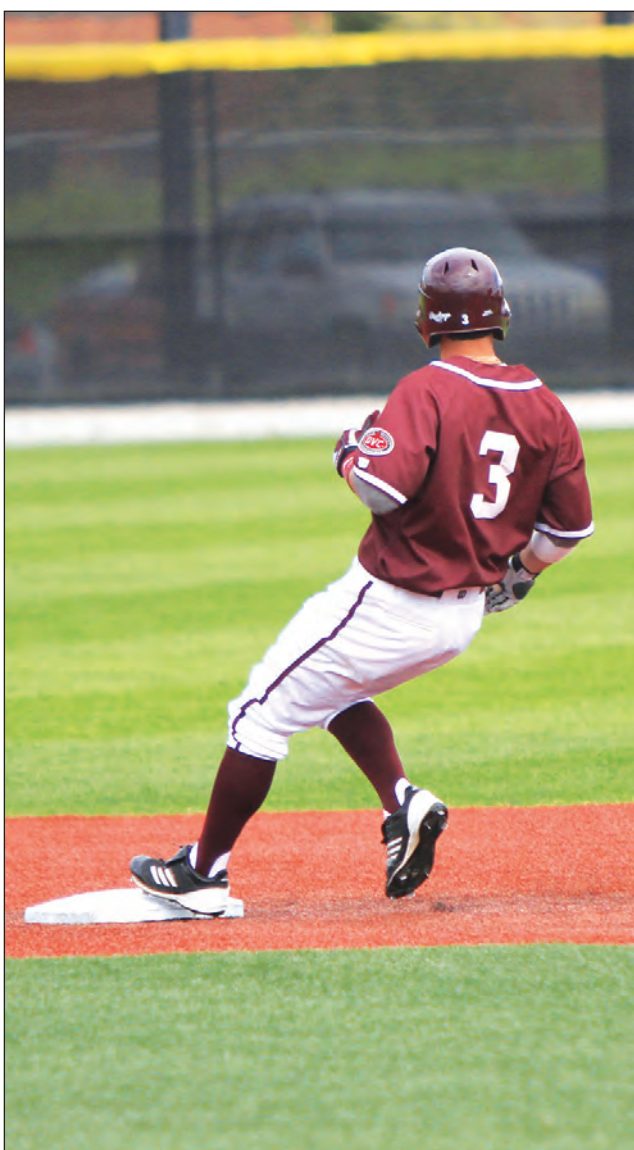
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Jacob Daniel belts a hit, Richie Rodriguez takes a base and pitcher Greg Terry throws some heat during the Colonels' weekend series against Jacksonville State University.

## Colonels' struggles continue at plate

By MATTHEW CRUMP  
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The Colonels' baseball team began Ohio Valley Conference play with two losses out of three games last weekend, losing the first two and winning the last against Jacksonville State University. Eastern lost the first game 2-4, the second game 1-4 and won the last game 3-2.

"Our pitching was very good," Coach Jason Stein said. "Overall, pitching, I was extremely pleased with it. Offensively, we can't seem to string some hits together."

The first game ended with a rally by the Gamecocks (8-15) in the eighth inning to pull ahead of Eastern. Senior pitcher Matt Harris got the loss, with Harris pitching seven innings and allowing four runs on six hits with three strike outs. Senior Richie Rodriguez led the batting lineup going three-for-four at the plate.

The game started with both teams going down af-

*"Overall, pitching, I was extremely pleased with it. Offensively, we can't seem to string some hits together."*

**Jason Stein**  
Baseball coach

ter three batters. Eastern pulled ahead in the second inning.

Both teams held each other scoreless in the fourth inning, but Eastern managed to tie the game in the bottom of the fifth. Freshman Demetrius Moorer started the inning with a double and was advanced to third base from a ground out by senior A.J. Jamison. Moorer scored when junior Austin Grisham fouled out, putting the Colonels and the Gamecocks neck and neck.

The Gamecocks scored two runs in the eighth to give them the lead for good. The Colonels had another chance to tie the game in the bottom of the ninth, when both Moorer and Rodriguez were in scoring

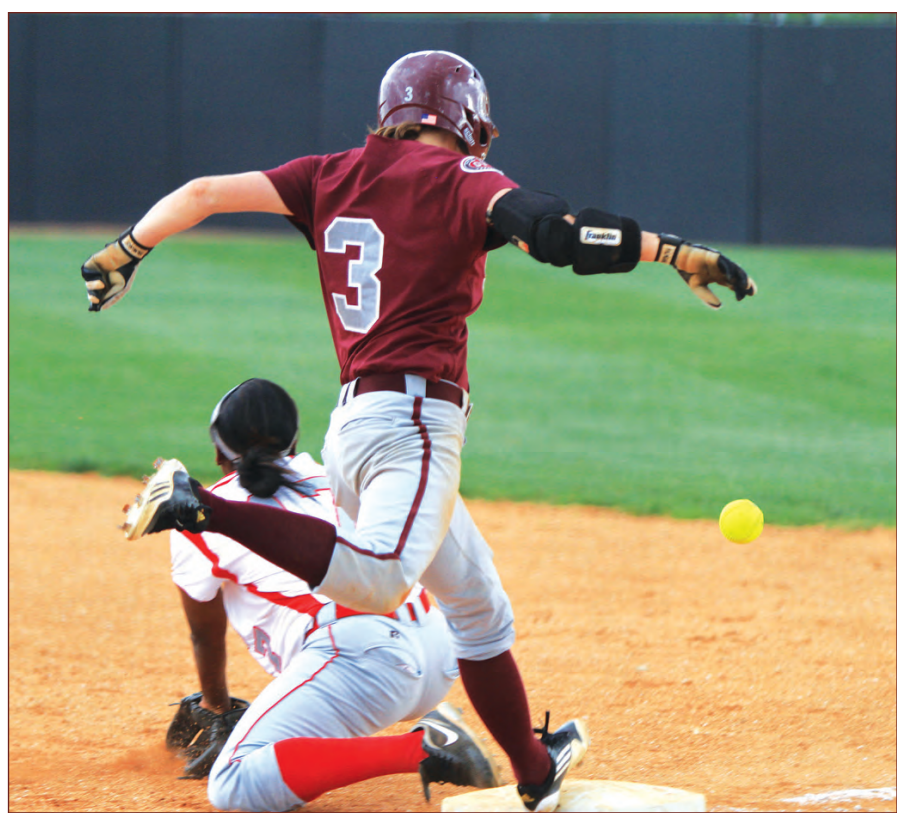
position. But the Gamecock's pitcher struck out Daniel to wrap up the first game of the weekend 2-4.

The second game was worse for the Colonels. A four-run lead in the second inning by Jacksonville kept them in front of the Colonels for the entire game.

"They strung a few hits together, dropped a few in," said Greg Terry said about the top of the second inning. "I didn't help the cause by walking a guy. It happened pretty quick. One thing after another, then all the sudden there were four runs on the board."

Eastern got its one run during the fourth inning. A single hit got Daniel on base and a ground out by

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Diane Gallagher safely reaches base during a game against Jacksonville State.

## Softball team goes 3-3 during six-game outing

By CHRIS MCGEE  
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Fresh on the heels of a win against conference opponent Southeast Missouri Sunday, the Colonels softball team (12-15 5-3 OVC) continued the momentum with a doubleheader road win over rival Morehead State (7-15 1-6 OVC) Wednesday.

Eastern also collected a home win against Western Kentucky Thursday before traveling to Alabama for a three-game weekend series against Jacksonville State (15-16 9-2 OVC).

The Colonels won the first game against the Eagles, 2-1 and the second, 8-6. The first game was a pitching showdown, which pitted freshman Leanna Pittsenbarger (6-6) against junior Katie Pfost (2-5). Pittsenbarger won the duel, allowing one run on five hits over seven innings. In addition, she struck out four and walked one.

The Colonels scored one run in the first three innings and then tacked on four more in the fourth to take a 7-0 lead.

Senior Larkyn Wood and junior Raquel Howes were the top hitters against the Hill-toppers of Western Kentucky in Thursday's game. The pair drove in all five of the Colonels runs in the 5-3 victory. Western Kentucky scored first in this game with a pair of runs in the top of the second inning and added another in the top of the third to make the score 3-0.

Eastern erased the deficit and tied the game in the bottom of the third with a three-run home run by Howes, which was her sixth of the season.

Jacksonville State won the first game of Saturday's doubleheader, 5-4 in eight innings. Eastern won the second, 8-4.

Howes put the Colonels on the board first in game one with a lead-off home run in the fourth. The Gamecocks would answer with a run of their own in the bottom of the inning to tie the score. Eastern would pull ahead, 3-1, in the top of the fifth on a two-run double to left-center by freshman Carissa Reisinger. Eastern would carry the lead into the

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## COLONEL CORNER

*Hugo Klientovsky*

**Class:** Senior  
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Studying. In France, I went to school from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. every

day. Here, I go 15 hours a week.

**What is your favorite French food?**  
Cheese because we have a lot of different types of cheeses in France.

**What is your favorite American food?**  
Burgers.

**What is your favorite movie?**  
*Gladiator*, but I also like *The Matrix* and *Inception*.

**Who is your favorite actor?**  
Brad Pitt. He's cool and has been in a lot of good movies.

**Where do you see yourself in five years?**  
I don't know what I'm doing tomorrow, let alone five years from now. But I would have to say back in France.

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