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Eastern's Charlotte Sizemore, left, has measured up to expectations in her first two years as a Lady Colonel/B6



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Here's some tips on how you can prevent and treat the annual flu and cold season/B4



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Rita Davis, who was the associate vice president for academic affairs, will take over as the chief academic officer until a replacement can be found.



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Kustra rejects four VP candidates

Rita Davis is acting vice president of academic affairs

By DENA TACKETT
News editor

They came. They saw. They left without a job. After meeting with the four candidates for the position of vice president of academic affairs in December, President Robert Kustra, along with the

committee in charge of finding the new chief academic officer, decided to reopen the search. Rita Davis, former associate vice president of academic affairs, will fill the position until a full-time replacement can be found. The position was left open when Russell Enzie decided to step down and return to teaching in the psychology department where he

began his career at Eastern as that department's chair in 1974. The four candidates were Christopher Baldwin, dean of the college of arts and sciences at Sam Houston State University; Stephen Doblin, dean of the college of sciences and technology at the University of Southern Mississippi; Melinda McClanahan, executive for reinvention and orga-

nizational improvement of the office of research and development for the Environmental Protection Agency; and Steven Pontius, vice president of academic affairs at Austin Peay University. Each spent a day and a half at Eastern meeting with faculty, staff and students and touring Richmond. "I liked all the candidates and all came to Eastern with a set of strengths that impressed all the faculty and all they met," Kustra

said. "I just felt, in the end, none of the candidates were that near-perfect fit and we owed it to ourselves to go out into the marketplace and renew the search." Kustra said he didn't regret that decision. "I am as confident of that decision today as I was the day I made it before the break," he said. Kustra said in finding that

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New grade scale begins fall 2000

Kustra approves plus/minus system

By DENA TACKETT
News editor

You are home for the summer and the heat is not the only thing making you sweat — grades are coming in the mail. You try to beat your parents to the mailbox each day until finally, it comes. You tear off each side hesitantly, unsure about what's inside. A sigh of relief. You passed chemistry with a D. When confronted by your parents, you explain that it may be a D, but hey, it's a high D. Well you won't be able to use that explanation anymore. President Robert Kustra has

given his thumbs up to the plus/minus grading scale, which will be implemented next fall. "The plus/minus grading system would not only help with grade inflation, but also give the institution a more accurate way to evaluate students' work," Kustra said. "It allows the work of a student to be evaluated more precisely." Kustra believes the new scale will make it easier for instructors to grade. "As one who has used it

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The pros and cons of the plus minus system, See A2.

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► Board of Regents

Full agenda slated for Corbin meeting

By SHAWN HOPKINS
Assistant news editor

This semester's first Board of Regents meeting will take place at a different location. Instead of meeting here on campus, it will meet in Corbin with new faculty regent, Merita Thompson. Thompson is enthusiastic about beginning her two-and-a-half year term. "I want to, in this first year, learn more about the faculty's needs and what their concerns are," Thompson said. The board is scheduled to deal with several issues of student interest in its meeting, which is at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Quality Inn in Corbin. Regents will consider allowing a Greek row for fraternity and sorority housing. The board will also be looking at a proposal addressing grade inflation. An element of this proposal is a plus/minus grading scale adopted by Eastern for the

fall of 2000. Plus/minus grading is said to give professors more leeway on students who are borderline between grades, eliminating the temptation to round up or down. A proposal to renovate Combs Hall is also on the agenda. Discussions of building a new Wellness/Activity Center are on the agenda as a long-term proposal. This center should include such features as a gym and computer labs and is designed for faculty, staff and student use, Thompson said. "It would be nice to know that faculty could go there and be brushing shoulders with students," Thompson said. Another item is a change to the university's policy about admitting out-of-state students. The change would give Eastern the option of testing out-of-state students to make sure they match university set criteria, Thompson said.

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The Board of Regents will hear proposals on Greek Row and a student wellness center, See A5

Watery Welcome



Brian Simms/Progress

Justin Combs, left, an underclared sophomore from Independence, and his next door neighbor, Jacob DeAtley, clean Room 911 in Commonwealth Hall after radiators and pipes broke Sunday flooding the ninth floor and elevator shafts with water. On possibly the

busiest moving day of the semester, desk workers at Commonwealth reported most residents weren't angry about having to take the stairs in the 20-story residence hall. "I guess there's nothing you can do about it really," Combs said.

Burst pipes flood Commonwealth Hall

By SHAWN HOPKINS
Assistant news editor

Commonwealth Hall residents were faced with a soggy homecoming last week. Several radiators and pipes burst because of the cold. The most serious eruption was Sunday. A hallway radiator ruptured on the ninth floor, spilling water and disabling the elevators on what is usually the busiest day of moving back into the dorms. Justin Combs, an undeclared sophomore from Independence, swept out water dumped in his room by the radiator. "I lost a carpet, that's about it,"

Combs said. "I guess there's nothing you can do about it really. It would have been a lot worse if everybody hadn't got together on it." Residents and staff worked together to wet-vac and sweep the water toward the elevator shafts, which disabled the elevators for the entire day. Earlier in the week a room radiator burst and an expansion (pipe) joint in a wall broke loose. James Street, director of facility services, said that the room radiator would not have broken on it's own. "Some students had (tampered with the radiators in their rooms),

which is a big no no," Street said. Street was reluctant to release the nature of the tampering for fear others would copy. Only one of the damaged radiators burst, which Street says is fortunate considering the cold. As for the other two incidents, Street cited "spontaneous combustion." He said there was no reason those pipes should have broken. There were also other scattered incidents of broken pipes and radiators across campus. Kenna Middleton, director of housing, said efforts were made to contact students before they

Preventing frozen pipes

- To prevent your pipes from freezing while away for a long winter weekend or vacation, take these precautions.
- Insulate pipes
 - Seal any leaks that allow cold air in
 - Let hot and cold water trickle overnight
 - Make sure heat is no lower than 55 degrees
 - Have someone check your house daily to make sure it's warm enough.

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1909 1999 Winningest coach in Eastern history loses fight to cancer

The life of a legacy

The death of Eastern's legendary coach Paul S. McBrayer ended a remarkable life that spanned 89 years.

Born 1909 in Anderson County

1926 Entered UK program as a player

1930 Coached hometown Kavaugh High School

1931 Earned All-American Guard

1934 Hired as Adolph Rupp's first full-time assistant

1943 Served in WWII

1946 Returned to Kentucky and was fired by Rupp

1950 Coached Eastern Maroons and became winningest coach in Eastern's history

1952 OVC Championship 2 NCAA Tournament Appearances

1953 Reached 219 wins, 144 losses

1959 Quit Eastern under unusual circumstances

1962 Inducted into Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame

1987 McBrayer Arena dedicated

Died Jan. 1, 1999

By DAVID JONES AND SHAWN HOPKINS

Eastern professor Jack Adams remembers his former coach, Paul McBrayer, as a unique individual. "Can't beat him. Never be another one like him," Adams said. McBrayer, the coach with the most wins in Eastern basketball history, died Jan. 1 of pancreatic cancer. He was 89 years old. "We are deeply saddened by the loss of a true friend of Eastern Kentucky University in Paul McBrayer," said Larry Bailey, director of alumni affairs. At the Jan. 5 funeral, former student and player Roy Allison spoke of the effect McBrayer had, especially on his players. "Fortunately, when your play-

ing days were over your relationship with him wasn't over," Allison said. McBrayer had a long and influential career in Kentucky basketball. In his 16 seasons at Eastern ('46-'62), he led the Maroons, Eastern's team name at the time, to 219 victories and 144 losses. His teams won the OVC tournament in 1950 and 1955. In '53 and '59 his teams went to the NCAA tournament, the first such appearances in Eastern's history. McBrayer was inducted into the Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame in 1987. In 1988 the arena inside Alumni Coliseum was dedicated to him. See McBrayer/Page A6

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TODAY
Hi: 35
Low: 28
Conditions: Rain



FRI: 38, Partly cloudy
SAT: 47, Partly cloudy
SUN: 52, Partly cloudy

► Reminder

To recognize Martin Luther King Day there are no classes Monday.

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Perspective

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Alyssa Bramlage, editor

PUSH AND PULL

Plus and minus scale makes for easier grading

President Robert Kustra ordered the implementation of a plus/minus grading scale for fall 2000 to fight grade inflation at Eastern.

At a Faculty Senate meeting, he said he thought it was a good idea since he had taught under both systems.

At Nov. 2's meeting Kustra said, "In my estimation, it is a more exact way for a professor to evaluate student performance."

Kustra also called the system a choice for faculty. Professors could use a plus or minus if they wanted.

This system would also restore some honor to the President's and Dean's lists, faculty members argued in November.

Kirk Jones, chair of the ad hoc committee on grade inflation, feels the new system would provide more distinctive grades for students.

"A 12-point system yields a 'finer measure' of the quality and quantity of students' work relative to the current five-point system," Jones said. "A finer grading system provides advisers, as well as potential employers and graduate schools more information about the given student's abilities in a particular course."

Jones and his committee also believe it would increase work levels in students.

"The availability of plus/minus grades may

encourage students to sustain a positive work ethic throughout the entire semester and, hence, learn more in their course work," Jones said.

Under the current system, Jones said, it is hard to change one's grade as the semester continues. The more finely tuned system would allow a change from a "B-" to a "B" or a "B" to a "B+" more easily than jumping a whole letter grade.

And Jones feels "a 12-point grading system may diminish the effect of the inflationary trend in undergraduate grade point average on campus."

When the natural tendency to award borderline students a higher grade is brought into play with the plus/minus system, teachers will be making a much smaller leap. Instead of going from "B" to "A," teachers can go from "B" to "B+" or "B" to "A-."

This decreases the amount of grade inflation and stress on faculty at Eastern.

But Adam Back, president of Student Association, feels there are no positives that can come out of the new system.

"This should be used as more of a last-resort-type option," he said. "There are so many things the faculty could do instead to lower GPAs."

Whether like it or hate it, the policy is coming into effect in fall 2000.

New grading system puts students at disadvantage

A plus/minus grading system actually was passed at Eastern in February 1993. President Robert Kustra wants to implement it now in order to combat grade inflation on campus.

Not everyone agrees the plan is completely positive for all parties involved including faculty, students and administrators.

Across campus, students are grumbling about the new system creating a drop in grade point averages, faculty are wondering how to go about grading papers once the new system is in place and administrators are worried about a revolt from students, teachers or both.

Adam Back, president of Student Association, said students will lose with the new grade plan.

He said the attempt to deflate grade inflation would hurt students who need to maintain a minimum GPA in order to keep a scholarship, play sports or make the Dean's List.

"From a student's perspective, the current system is fair and adequately serves its purpose," Back said.

He also pointed out that no other universities in Kentucky use the plus/minus system. This would place students at a disadvantage if they wanted to transfer or look into graduate schools.

Eastern students would have lower GPAs than other students when they enter the job market or go on to get master's degrees because of the university's attempt to

lower grade inflation.

Back said he spoke with faculty at the University of Kentucky, which had a plus/minus system for a short time and then did away with it.

Professors had problems with exactly how to grade under the new system.

"For instance, there was some question about how precise professors could be in their grading policy," Back said. "It is difficult enough to determine an 'A' paper from a 'B' paper without adding all the plus/minus stipulations."

"Further, there was debate about the inclusion of an 'A+' grade. Some faculty feel that there should be a reward for those who do exceptionally well since there is a penalty for those who are borderline 'A'/B," he added.

Faculty members, when the system was discussed at Faculty Senate meetings, had some similar problems.

Most majors require a grade of "C" in all major classes in order to graduate. Does that mean "C-" or "C+" or just "C?"

And while most faculty see grade inflation as a definite problem at Eastern, they do not all agree that the plus/minus system is the way to fix it as seen at the Faculty Senate meetings where many hours of debate tabled the topic twice.

But even though members of the university community have problems with the system, it will begin in fall 2000.



Coach McBrayer made maroon mean something

At a time when most Eastern students bleed blue instead of maroon, Paul McBrayer's death reminds us of the years when students cared about Eastern athletics.

His coaching career marked some of the best years for Eastern men's basketball.

McBrayer brought to Eastern what President Robert Kustra would call reputational currency. A reputation for doing something well and McBrayer's athletes thought he did it not only well, but in the best way possible.

Eastern professor and former McBrayer

team member Jack Adams feels that way.

"Can't beat him," Adams said. "Never be another one like him."

In 1946, he started his career at Eastern with an almost all-freshman team

that finished the season with a 21-4 record. He quickly earned the respect of his players and the basketball community.

Under his guidance the Maroons became a powerhouse, piling up 219 wins in 16 seasons and becoming a contender at a national level.

His teams won two OVC championships and had two appearances in the NCAA

tournament.

While piling up all those wins McBrayer didn't lose sight of the importance of academics over athletics. He stressed the need for excellence in the classroom as well as on the hardwood.

The fact that only one of McBrayer's lettermen failed to get his degree is testament to his emphasis on education. "He taught you how to do things the right way," said Russel Roberts, a guard for

McBrayer for four seasons. "He demanded that we were good students. Our grade cards went to him before we got them."

He took on the responsibility to mold his players into good citizens by drilling discipline and work ethic into them.

He left an indelible mark on the lives of young people who still meet once a year to celebrate his coaching career.

So the next time you walk into McBrayer Arena take a moment and remember the Eastern legend it honors.

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Russel Roberts, McBrayer alumnus

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Work in 'Progress'

The Eastern Progress is under new management. Alyssa Bramlage, a senior journalism major from Ft. Wright, and Don Knight, a senior journalism major from Richmond, will be editor and managing editor respectively.

Bramlage has been with the Progress as arts editor, copy editor, news editor and managing editor.

She has held internships with the Northern Kentucky Recorders and the Georgetown News-Graphic.

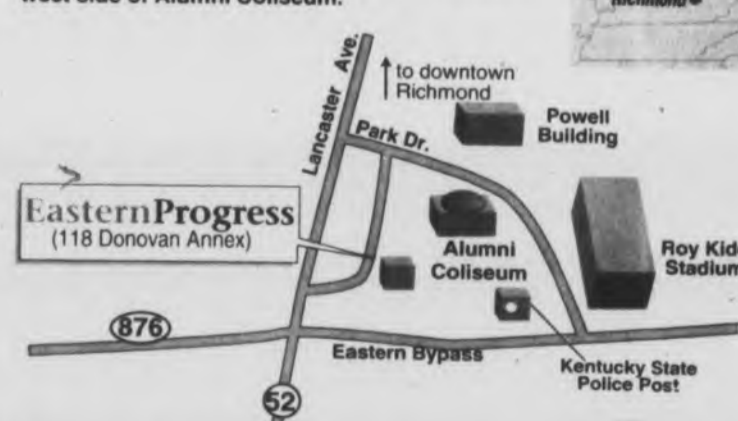
Knight has been on staff as photo editor and held internships with the Lexington Herald-Leader and the Citizen Voice and Times in Irvine.

The two will share duties including design and layout of the Perspective and News sections, and managing the staff.

Brian Simms, editor last semester, has moved to a position as visual editor along with a design internship with the Herald-Leader.

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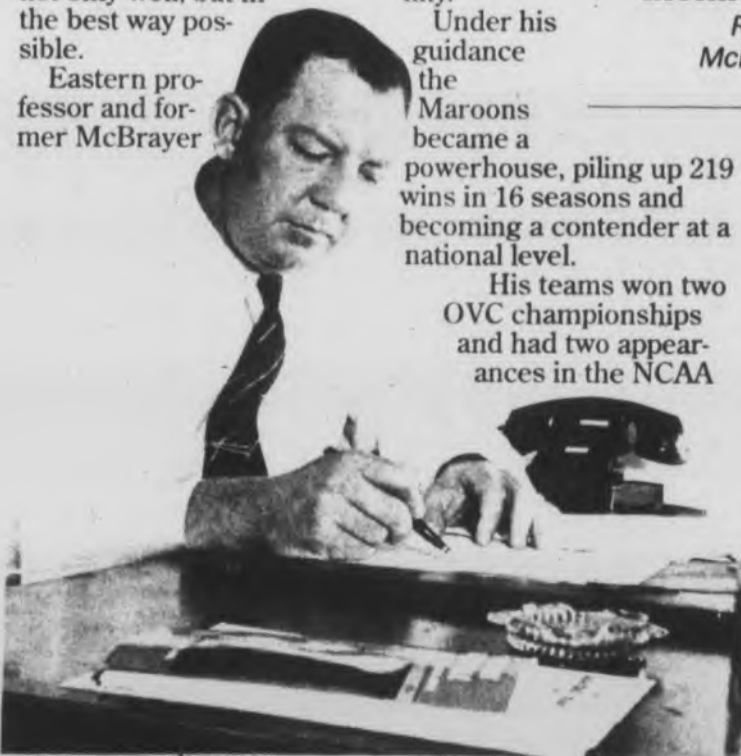
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School is perfect place to find career



ALYSSA BRAMLAGE
Seven and One

Alyssa Bramlage is a senior journalism major from Ft. Wright and editor of the Progress.

After seven semesters as a journalism major at Eastern, I am on the brink of graduation. Come May, I will have something to show for all of my hard work. Filing for internships and jobs in preparation for my emergence into the real world has caused plenty of headaches, but it has also made me realize why I went through four years of college. I've realized why any of us go through with our education even if it means getting a job during the semester or expanding our resumes with extra curricular activities. I found something that I like doing. I found a job that offers something new and interesting everyday. Sure, journalism is hard, stressful, demanding, time consuming, etc., etc.

But when the day is done, I don't know what I'd do without this job. Even though no one really appreciates exactly how much work goes into just one story, I thrive on the difficulty of a job. I love challenges, and the challenge of researching, reporting and writing the perfect story while maintaining my credibility and the esteem of others is one of the toughest I could find. When I first started working at the Progress, I didn't think I would have time to do it all. Trying to write three stories a week while attending classes was overwhelming. Now that I have significantly more responsibilities, including managing and designing the paper, I don't know what I would do if I didn't have my job. My day would be empty and completely free of stress, which means

Journalism is all about people — keeping them informed and entertained as well as being our job's focus.
I'm not productive. If I don't have a little bit of pressure, I feel I haven't accomplished anything. The deadline is no longer my nemesis, it is my partner. I use the deadline to my advantage, using it to plan my day and keep myself on track. But more than pressure, headaches and deadlines, there is personal relationships. That's what I think of when I think of journalists — a reporter who checks her "contacts" before doing anything else with a story. I think of someone who can buddy up to a cop to get the skinny on a murder one minute, and in the next, walk into a posh restaurant and sit down with the president of a huge corporation. A reporter needs to know how to handle all types of people, how to play them to get the information she needs without destroying a relationship with a future source. Journalism is all about people — keeping them informed and entertained as well as being our job's focus. People can get the information newspapers provide from somewhere else like television, the Internet and word of mouth. The challenge is getting them to *want* to read the information in the newspaper and nowhere else. That's where I come in.

I have the ability to make the newspaper the hottest thing to hit the kitchen table since frozen waffles or toaster pastries. Through my innovations in writing and my catchy headlines, I can make people rub the sleep out of their eyes or choke on their first gulp of orange juice. By staying on top of a story and offering more than the superficial 8-inch report, I can keep people reading an in-depth investigation clear through the jump to another page and, maybe, miraculously all the way to the end. I know these may be delusions of grandeur, but the freshness and energy that comes with youth is what newspapers need to spark a change in reading habits. Readers need to realize the folly of putting down the paper before they've read every last syllable.

New Year's Resolutions

End millennium by helping instead of just talking



NICOLE JOHNSON
My Turn

Nicole Johnson is a senior biology major from Irvine and activities co-editor of the Progress.

Another year has come and gone in a blur of parties, too much candy and trite decorations. The relentless pulse of Prince's "...And tonight I'm gonna party like it's 1999..." plays in the background of discussions about the end of the world by some "millennialists" and talks about diets by people who made New Year's resolutions. These are strange, strange times aren't they? Shoving aside all the hoopla and hype, I can think of no better time than the coming of the millennium to sit down and really think about life. Prioritize. Evaluate. Deliberate. (Is anyone else having INXS video flashbacks?) Anyway, life is here. It is happening as we speak, passing us by. We need to make the most of it. Having said that, I am carefully considering what exactly constitutes a rich life. I don't have all the answers, but at least I have a clue. I was having a conversation with one of my friends, and I realized everyone is not as fortunate as I am. I shared an important secret with my friend, a secret I will share with you. Shh... The really important things in life are not the ones we cherish so much. Treasured items such as cool clothes, a nice car and money in the pocket are nice, but not really what matters. Yes, as overused, overexposed and tired as the idea is, it is still true — life is about

helping others and generosity. Life is about doing good deeds, or not doing them as the case may be. Maybe you are like my friend who insists she cares deeply. Her words "I care" rang hollow to me. I told her that maybe she does care, maybe she even cares more than the average person does, but just caring doesn't do any good. Caring doesn't help a soul. What good is caring when there is no action to back it up? It's nobler, or at least honest, not to care about something and ignore it rather than say you care about something and still turn your back on it. Because then not only are you still not helping anyone, but you are also a cold liar and a tease. These words and thoughts are harsh. I realize this. But I get tired of people spoon-feeding me their crap and expecting me to smile and act like it tastes like chocolate pudding. It doesn't. It stinks. I know it, and you know it. Don't pretend. No one is fooled. Make your life rich. Put your money where your mouth is and do something. Discover the benefits of helping those who need you. There are battered women, abused children, forgotten pets and neglected seniors who need your help. Your help - not your words, not your caring, not your crap, but your help. If the "millennialists" are right and the end of the world is coming, then you don't have much time.

Oregon courts could push freedom down slippery slope



DON KNIGHT
Gone Fishin'

Don Knight is a senior journalism major from Richmond and managing editor of the Progress.

You no longer need to make a large investment to publish your ideas. You can do it cheaply and quickly on the Internet. But just how far can you go before you cross the line between the first amendment and encouraging murder? An Oregon court is going to try and answer that question. Last week, Planned Parenthood took the creators of The Nuremberg Files web page to court, accusing the site of encouraging violence against doctors who perform abortions. Being a journalist, I'm always interested in freedom of speech issues so I decided to check out The Nuremberg Files at <www.christiangallery.com/atrocities> for myself. The pages are a gruesome sight with pictures of aborted fetuses and animations of dripping blood. It was all I could do to navigate through the site so I could decide for myself if this was free speech or a call to violence. Neal Horsley, the creator of the site, claims the Nuremberg trials of Nazis after World War II would have been more successful had there been a database of information available to the courts. The purpose of The Nuremberg Files site according to Horsley, is to create such a database on doctors who perform abortions so they can be tried in Nuremberg

style for crimes against humanity if abortion is outlawed. Horsley asks for anti-abortion activists to send him as much information as they can on doctors performing abortions around the country. A few of the files are published in their entirety on the site, but most are being kept in a safe place according to Horsley. The files include everything from the doctor's social security number to the names of his or her children. One part of the site in particular has received much attention. It is the listing of the names of all the doctors on file. Scattered throughout the list are names shaded in gray to symbolize doctors who have been wounded while the names of doctors who have been killed are crossed out like celery off a grocery list. The site attracted a lot of attention back in October when Barnett Slepian, an abortion doctor in Buffalo, N.Y., was shot and killed in his kitchen by a sniper. His name was crossed off the list of abortion doctors within hours of his death. I don't share Horsley's views and the gruesome nature of his site turned my stomach. But it didn't make me commit acts of violence, and I don't feel the site should be censored. Once we start down the slippery slope of censorship it is hard to stop.

Impeachment witch hunt is wrong, but president is hard to stand by



JAMES BECK
Your Turn

James Beck is a senior biology major from Hickman County.

In the last year I have observed the American political process at one of its lowest points. Unable to make considerable progress on its political agenda, one party of our government has turned to the polarized "moral siege mentality," which has consistently mobilized its conservative voting core. Make no mistake, the events of the past year have been a simple political attack and defense. The extent to which it has been carried is a result of the Republican vision of political endgame. As Whitewater, Chinese businessmen and Vince Foster slipped through their fingers, the right-wing cries to bring Bill Clinton's head to them on a silver platter grew stronger. Having read this, I am sure the reader is imagining yet another idealistic Democrat writing his or her obligatory sound bite by the candlelight of the J.F.K. shrine in the corner of his or her apartment. Let me assure you I am no partisan envelope stuffer, but I must admit I find the arguments made by my Democratic friends and colleagues more compelling than the blind Constitution-waving ones offered by many Republicans I know. Little by little, I become convinced that impeachment is the wrong course, but one facet of many of the president's supporters' arguments always rings hollow. Many argue that not only do the president's private wrongs have nothing to do with his ability to head the nation, but also that such errors should be disregarded when choosing leaders. I largely agree with the first point, but the latter always leaves me troubled and frustrated. I lack the philosophical surgical equipment necessary to safely and totally disconnect a leader's public and private dealings. I admit that when I consider the vicious partisan motives behind the whole investi-

gation I sometimes want to forget the whole matter, but as a hopeful young voter, I don't feel comfortable doing so. As a young American male who wishes to see the great disparities along racial, economic and gender lines in our country ended, I can't ignore the president's behavior. As part of its Democratic mandate, this country must be a place where women are treated as unequivocal equals. This effort must begin with respect for women. In surveying the American Political Landscape, I find little hope for this respect among the president's would-be Republican assassins. Their party largely appeals to a male-dominated group of voters, who simply tolerate women as long as they cook, clean, keep good figures and do what they're told. In the light of the recent events however, I also feel uneasy standing with the president's supporters, given the ease with which many disassociate his private life. I find it hard to put my hope for equality in a man who has publicly spoken for six years about opportunity and respect for women, while privately pawing young interns and repeatedly showing disrespect for his wife by breaking their marriage vows. As a supporter of censure, I can only hope that the language of such a resolution would be strong, reminding all Americans that we should expect our leaders to lead by example, not be hypocrites with the right bumper stickers. As for the Republicans, they will reap what they have sown. Their witch-hunt tactics have created a vindictive, self-destructive atmosphere that will hang over our political process for years. This atmosphere will surely prompt more of their membership to join Rep. Bob Livingston in toasting a little political Jonestown Kool-Aid.

► Campus Comments

THE ISSUE

Does anybody really keep their New Year's Resolutions? Jaquia Smith, news writer for the Progress, asked what resolutions students had last year, whether they kept them and for how long.



OLIN DAVIS
Hometown: Richmond
Major: Construction Technology
Year: Freshman

Yes, I had the resolution to watch Raw is War every Monday night. I watched it every Monday night.



LAMOUNT FINCH
Hometown: Louisville
Major: Psychology
Year: Junior

To stop smoking cigarettes. I did stop this Jan. 1, 1999.



BILLY RICE
Hometown: Campbellsville
Major: Police administration
Year: Junior

To travel, go places I have never been. I went to California, Texas, New York and Canada.

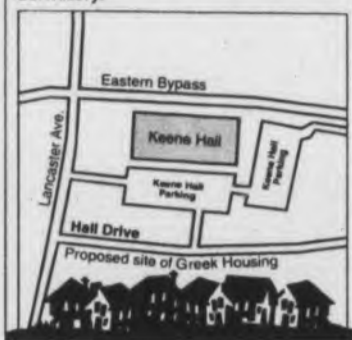
You are invited to attend a concert in commemoration of **Rev. / Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** Monday, January 18, 1999 at 8 p.m. in the Gifford Theater at Eastern Kentucky University.

Mr. Brian M. Stratton, a tenor and native of New Orleans, who is in his twentieth year of professional singing will be in concert. His musical selections will be inclusive of Creole music and music by African-American composers. He will be accompanied by **Dr. Richard A. Crosby** on the piano.

This event is sponsored by the College of Arts and Humanities and the Office of Multicultural Student Services in collaboration with the Department of Music.

A home of their own

The proposal for Greek Row may give Eastern's fraternities and sororities six houses located on Hall Drive behind Keene Hall dormitory.



Amy Campbell/Progress

Proposal puts Greek Row one step closer

By DENA TACKETT
News Editor

Many Greeks have a different set of letters on their minds than on their T-shirts.

These letters date back before the Betas, Alphas, Epsilons and the Deltas.

They symbolize a struggle as old as the university. A dream unrealized until now. Those letters? G-R-E-E-K-R-O-W.

"I think frat houses will be a reality," said Tom Myers, vice president for student affairs.

President Robert Kustra authorized Myers to visit Middle Tennessee State University and the University of Southern Alabama over the Christmas break. Both are in the process of building Greek housing on campus.

"It was probably one of the best things I've done professionally," Myers said. "It was a very valuable experience."

The trip was to not only take a look at the use of space for the housing each university used, but to learn more about how the projects are funded.

Both universities are building the houses by issuing bonds to pay for the construction and development and then leasing them to the fraternities and sororities.

Myers, Earl Baldwin, vice president for financial affairs and treasurer, and Skip Daugherty, dean of student development, drafted a proposal, which the Board of Regents will discuss at its meeting Saturday. Myers said Eastern is about a year away from being able to start on it.

The proposal is to sell bonds to build at least six houses on Hall Drive behind Keene Hall. There is enough space for up to 13 houses there, Myers said.

"We have determined that a house with 20 residents would cost no more than a half million dollars," Myers said.

Myers said the university wants to make maximum usage of space, with each house containing multiple bedrooms, a recreational/meeting room, laundry facilities, a kitchen and an apartment for the house manager.

"We also wanted to be wired for the best technological advances possible," Myers said. "I think you just have to do that."

Myers visited the University of Southern Alabama because Kustra wanted him to look at a Greek Row the size and price range of what Eastern would build.

Myers said Alabama's use of space impressed him.

"One thing they found at South Alabama is that the sororities were interested, too," Myers said. "We can do both here. If sororities want to be part of it, they could be part of it."

Activities/wellness center goes before regents Saturday

By DENA TACKETT
News Editor

When President Robert Kustra addressed the faculty and staff for the first time Aug. 17, he expressed his interest in putting the students first. One fault he pointed out was the wellness center, which is now under construction.

Kustra felt that the building was not for the entire student body.

"Excuse me, that's a training center, and that's not for everyone," he told the excited crowd. "Some time in the future we need to plan a center that is a meeting place for staff, faculty and students and will improve student culture."

That time is now.

"Kustra really has a commitment in this area," said Tom Myers, vice president for student affairs. Myers traveled to Middle Tennessee State University and Mississippi State University over the Christmas break to look at how they built their new student wellness centers.

"I have heard him say many times that a wellness center would really bring the campus together," Myers said. "What was funny was that I heard that twice on this trip. That made a big impression on me."

Myers spoke with the vice presidents of student affairs at both colleges to see what they found effective and what they

would change about their centers. Student Association has had a hand in trying to get a facility for the students since last spring.

The health and wellness ad hoc committee submitted a proposal last spring, suggesting what would be included in the activity center.

The committee also evaluated the existing facilities to see if some attempt of renovation would compensate.

The committee found the facilities to be inadequate for the number of students enrolled in the university.

MacSwords also believes a student wellness center would bring the campus together.

"We are looked at as a 'suitcase school,' but if we had this wellness center, it would create a landslide effect," MacSwords said. "If more people stay on campus, we would get all kinds of things, like groceries in the bookstore and being able to use our Colonel Cards in the Coke machines."

As for funding, MacSwords said the university submits a list of the top priority buildings it would like to build to the legislature, and she hopes and believes the student activity center will be the No. 1 priority this year.

The Board of Regents will discuss the proposal at its meeting Saturday, but no official action will be taken until the February retreat.



Andrew Patterson/Progress

Bloodline

Freshman Nicole Harris gives blood during the Battle for Blood between Eastern and Morehead State this week in Powell lobby.

Tentative timetable set for student services center

First stage to be completed by February

By DENA TACKETT
News Editor

O'Donnell Hall is set to be torn down next winter to make way for a new student services building. The planning committee for the new student services center met Jan. 7 to discuss the design of the building and the timetable for construction.

Construction is scheduled to begin in February of 2000, said James Street, director of facilities services. The building should be completed in September of 2001.

"The schedule is tentative and subject to change," Street stressed.

Since O'Donnell will be torn down during the fall semester, the question of what will happen to the mid-season football team is being raised.

The decision will be made by March, when students renew housing contracts, about what to do with the team, said Tom Myers, vice president for student affairs.

Myers said Jeff Long, athletics director, and Jeannette Crockett,

dean of student life, will make the decision.

In addition to deciding upon a timetable for construction, the committee also discussed the design of the center.

Street said that, as of now, the building will be five stories and would contain the 600-seat auditorium, which was being discussed in December.

Phase A of the project will be completed by this February, Street said. This phase includes an outlined document on the space assigned,

the kind of mechanical systems which will be included in the building, such as heating units, and what budget will be allowed.

"We keep changing the approach as we go along," Street said. "We are still going over the design of the building. The design process is still in the beginning stages."

The committee, which includes Street, Myers, Doug Whitlock, vice president of administrative affairs and the architects, meets regularly to plan for the new center.

"The design process is still in the beginning stages."

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Cancellations, delays announced over air

By JAQUIA SMITH
News writer

Eastern students patiently waited as they listened to the radio and watched the local television station last winter to see if school would be closed or on a delay.

"Last year Eastern delayed and canceled school an estimated six times because of the bad weather," said Rita Davis, acting vice president of academic affairs.

Davis makes the decision to cancel or delay classes.

"School has primarily been called off for deep snow and ice that causes for really treacherous driving conditions," she said.

She sends people driving in a 50- to 60-mile radius from campus to determine whether driving conditions are dangerous.

The decision is made with consideration to the safety of not only students, but faculty and staff who

might be driving or commuting in the mornings.

Day classes will be delayed or canceled by 6:30 a.m. and night classes by 4 p.m.

In the event of bad weather, faculty, staff and students will hear either that classes are canceled or that Eastern will be on its inclement weather plan.

During this plan classes will be delayed for two hours and will last 50 minutes instead of the usual 60 minutes.

Classes that start at 8 a.m. on the inclement weather plan would not start until 10 a.m. and would be dismissed 50 minutes later at 10:50 a.m. The next class period would start at 11 a.m. and let out at 11:50 a.m. and the rest of the day continues on that same pattern.

Information about Eastern closing is available by watching local television news stations and by listening to local radio stations, such as WEKU-FM 88.9 or WXII Channel 60.

VP: National search renewed

From the Front Page

"near-perfect fit" for the university, the candidates didn't possess everything needed for the job.

"I don't know in one sentence if it is possible to highlight what the candidates didn't have," he said. "We wanted them to have the ability to apply the highest standard of academic excellence to Eastern, and that ability is based on intellect, judgment and communication skills. We need someone who is able to communicate that vision and implement it as well."

"That is a composite that is not easy to find, I admit."

Doug Whitlock, chair of the search committee and vice president for administrative affairs, supported Kustra's decision to renew the search, which he and the committee had spent months constructing. The committee began screening the over 100 nationwide applications Oct. 5.

"I don't think it's a matter of not liking one," Whitlock said. "In the terms of goodness of fit and all the qualities we were looking for at this institution at this time, we just felt we needed to reopen the search."

"These were all four excellent people, and we certainly don't mean to make a negative reflection of any of them."

Whitlock wasn't discouraged about the search being reopened.

"This isn't the first time we've ever reopened a search here, and it certainly won't be the last," he said.

Davis steps up as VP

Davis, who was the associate vice president for academic affairs, took the reins as the chief academic officer Jan. 4.

Davis said she doesn't know yet whether she will submit her name to the search, because she hasn't had enough time on the job to know.

She also supports Kustra's decision to reopen the search.

"That was a call Dr. Kustra had to make," she said. "But he wants to find somebody who feels right. The candidates were four very qualified individuals and any of them could have been a good vice president, but he wanted to get someone he feels comfortable with."

Davis now performs the duties expected of the appointed academic officer, such as curriculum, faculty hiring, promotion, policies and academic policies.

Enzie takes sabbatical

Enzie announced his decision to step down last summer. He will be returning to the classroom in the fall 1999 semester.

To get reacquainted with the world of psychology, Enzie took a sabbatical this semester.

"This semester is going to kind of be a professional development mode," Whitlock said. "He wants to get himself current with the discipline."

Enzie, who has been in an administrative position for 26 of his 30 years in education, wanted to work more directly with students.

In the fall, Enzie will be teaching predominantly introductory psychology courses, said Robert Adams, chair of the psychology department.

Adams was Enzie's successor as chair of the department and says he looks forward to working with him. He said he was never able to, because when he came in as chair, Enzie moved to the dean of the college.

"He is an exceptionally good teacher," Adams said.

Outside assistance with the search

Whitlock said the search committee will remain "essentially" the same and may make more use of a consulting group than last time.

In the last search, Alan Ostar, who aided in the presidential search, provided very limited consulting. Ostar is from the Administrative Search Consultation Service in Washington, D.C.

"He helped more as an adviser," Whitlock said.

Kustra said the reason Ostar was available on such a limited basis was that he broke his ankle while in England.

"I hope we don't have that same stroke of bad luck as in the past," Kustra said.

Whitlock said a consulting group would aid the committee in the second phase of the search in that it would be very good in identifying and encouraging people to apply.

The committee would like to have the new vice president for academic affairs in office as soon as possible, while not rushing the search, Whitlock said.

"We certainly want to rap this up in the spring semester in enough time to have them here by July 1," Whitlock said. "July 1 would be a logical target."



Russell Enzie will return to teaching psychology in fall 1999.

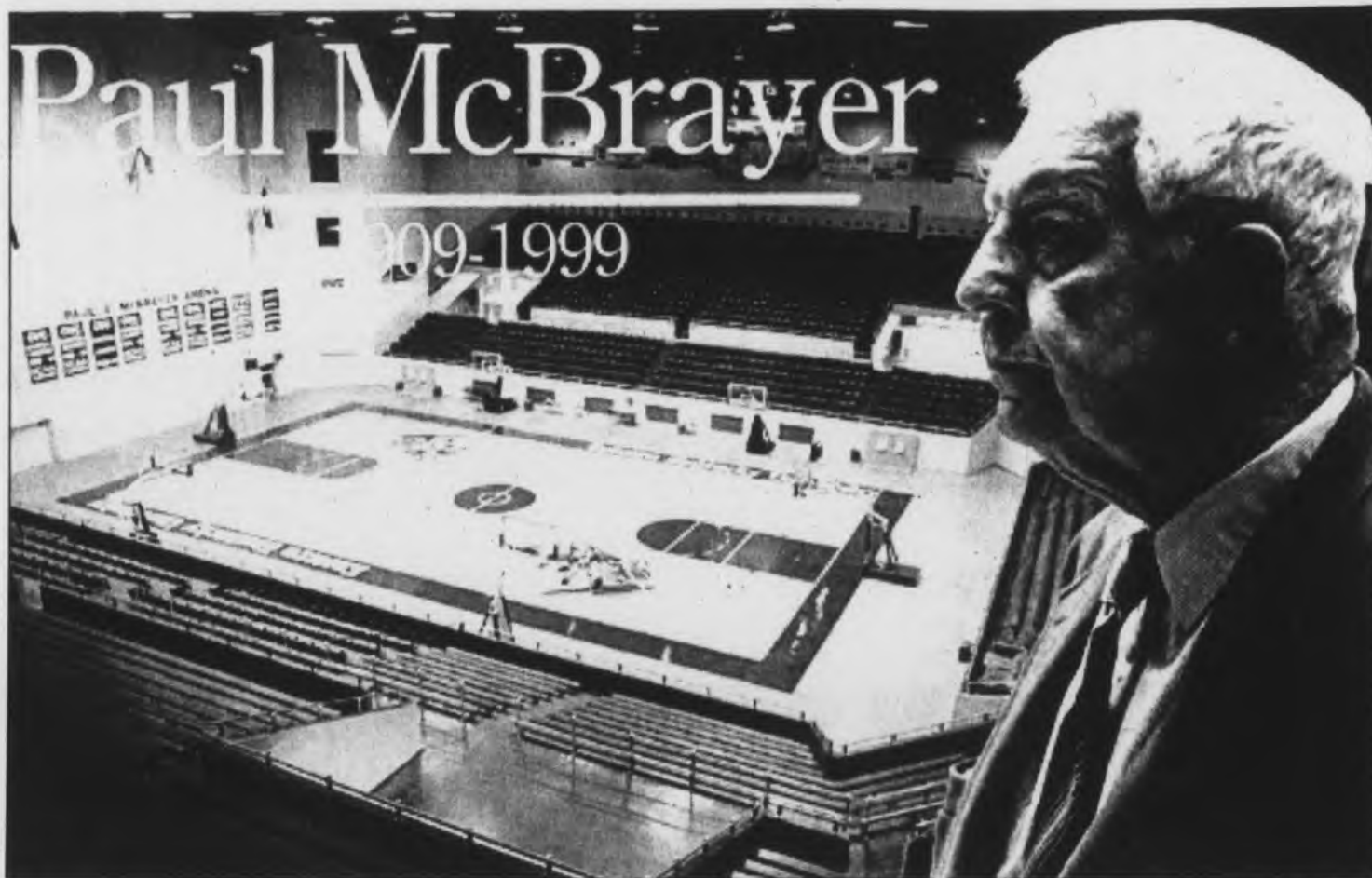


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McBrayer: Friends, players remember legendary coach

From the Front Page

His teams were also known for success off court. Only one of his lettermen failed to graduate.

"They had a deep, deep respect for the man," said Leander Jennings, associate director of alumni affairs.

Russel Roberts played guard for McBrayer for four seasons. He remembers McBrayer, the man.

"He was a great man," Roberts said. "Coach McBrayer not only was a good basketball coach, but he was a very intelligent individual."

"He taught you how to do things the right way. He demanded that we were good students," Roberts added. "Our grade cards went to him before we got them."

McBrayer began his basketball career at Kavanaugh High School.

In 1926 he played under John Mauer at the University of Kentucky.

By his senior season in '30, he was captain of the team and was selected as All-American at the guard position.

"(McBrayer was) tough and kind of scary if you didn't know him. But he was very nice and treated me just as nice as a student could be treated."



Roy Kidd, Colonel football coach

After college, McBrayer coached at Morton Junior High School and then at his high school alma mater, Kavanaugh.

At Kavanaugh, McBrayer became friends with UK coach Adolph Rupp, who had come to recruit one of McBrayer's players. Rupp hired McBrayer as his only assistant.

He spent nine years under the legendary Kentucky coach. This time was not without personality conflicts.

When McBrayer returned from three years of military service in WWII in 1946, he was surprised to be told that he didn't have a job.

The Lexington Herald-Leader cites a 1986 interview in which McBrayer claimed that Rupp fired him because he was getting too much credit for the team's success.

"I was destroyed. I loved that school. It hurt me awful bad," he said in that interview.

McBrayer did not stay unemployed long.

He was hired by Eastern to coach the Maroons in 1946.

At the time of his arrival, Eastern played in the Kentucky Independent Athletic Conference, but he took the team to the Division I level in two or three seasons.

Former players and acquaintances remember McBrayer as a tough coach, but a good person. Eastern football coach Roy Kidd was a student during McBrayer's tenure.

"(McBrayer was) tough and kind of scary if you didn't know him," Kidd said. "But he was very nice and treated me just as nice as a student could be treated."

McBrayer resigned under unusual circumstances in '62, after four straight winning seasons.

For years, McBrayer believed that officials had been siding against Eastern in games. This belief grew until he stepped down.

He moved to a secluded spot off Richmond Road in Lexington, where he lived until his death. He served as deputy commissioner of the State Trotting Commission for a few years then worked for the Kentucky Training Center.

An alumni dinner has been held in his honor every summer, at Arlington for the past 12 years. That dinner is still on for this year.

McBrayer is survived by his wife, Kate.



Eastern basketball coach Scott Perry speaks with Paul McBrayer during a player reunion July 20, 1997.

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Grades: Kustra implements new plus/minus system

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before, it gave me flexibility," Kustra said.

"A number of times a student is on the line between a 'B' and a 'C' and you are pushing to come up with a reason for the 'B' or the 'C.'"

The scale, which was approved by Kustra Dec. 7, is the result of a motion recently passed by Faculty Senate.

Faculty Senate passed the original proposal in February 1993, but never put it into action.

The grade inflation committee submitted a proposal in October to finally implement the scale to combat grade inflation.

In the October proposal, the committee wrote, "The committee acknowledges that it is natural, even appropriate, to give students the benefit of the doubt when it comes to borderline grade decisions. By instituting plus and minus grades, the inflationary trend would be less dramatic, and each student's grade would more accurately reflect performance."

In the proposal, the committee acknowledged the fact that, in the beginning, there would be a drop in campuswide GPA, but that it

Plus/minus grade scale

The new plus/minus grade scale will take effect fall 2000. It does not include a grade of "A+."

A	4.00
A-	3.67
B+	3.33
B	3.00
B-	2.67
C+	2.33
C	2.00
C-	1.67
D+	1.33
D	1.00
D-	0.67
F	0.00

would stabilize after a while.

The scale tops off with an "A," which is worth 4.0 points, and decreases about .33 points with each grade below. It does not, however, have an "A+."

"My recollection is that an 'A' is always defined as the grade of excellence," Kustra said. "You can't beat excellence. We don't

have any superlative above best." Many students aren't so sure of what the grading scale will bring.

"The majority of the students are apprehensive about the new grading scale due in large part to the problems encountered with it at UK," said Adam Back, president of Student Association.

The University of Kentucky implemented the plus/minus grading scale for a mere two years and then went back to the original scale, Back said.

Back said he felt the scale would hurt Eastern students competing for jobs or graduate school with graduates from other universities.

"In a lot of courses, there's some subjective parts, and it can be difficult to determine an 'A' or 'B' paper without the stipulations," Back said.

Back said, under this new grading system, students will be doing the same amount of work and receiving lower grades for it.

Kustra said he is not sure why many students don't like the scale. He also said that no students showed up at the Faculty Senate meeting when it was being discussed.

Students' report cards will not

be the only thing affected by the change in grading system. The undergraduate catalog, which comes out every two years, is also being rewritten to include the changes made by the grading scale.

In many colleges, a "C" grade is required to graduate. The writers of the catalog are now drafting a new one which has every instance where a grade is mentioned changed to be specific if it is "C+," "C" or "C-."

Since the catalog is issued before the change comes into effect, that is specified in the catalog, said Jack Culross, dean of undergraduate studies, who is in charge of rewriting the academic regulations in part three of the catalog.

"We are working on it now, trying to catch every instance," Culross said.

Culross takes the same point of view as many of the students.

"I don't know why the committee in conjunction with grade inflation felt it would curb that," Culross said. "I don't believe it will."

"From the point of view of a teacher, I don't know if I care for it or not. I feel it is a bit subjective, but I guess I can live with it."

Get hooked up

There are plenty of ways for students to connect to the information super highway

By SHANNON LEWIS
Copy editor

With the millennium right around the corner, it seems a good time to take your life's inventory and be prepared. It's time to get connected.

This is the age of technology and the Internet is a must. Communications are worldwide and everybody (that is, everybody with a personal computer) who is anybody needs to be a part of this information age.

Internet surfers can find anything on the 'Net now. Information is at the tips of your fingers; from buying a car to that naughty nudie stuff.

Don't be left in the cold. Many local Internet providers are here to help you. If you are unsure about what to look for or you don't know who provides what, read on.

One particular provider is available for Eastern students living in any one of these residential areas: Brockton, Burnam, Commonwealth, Keene, Palmer, Sullivan and Walters halls. The service is called Residential Networking Services, or ResNet.

ResNet uses a different kind of technology compared to the other local Internet providers. It's called 10BaseT Ethernet technology. Personal computers in the students' rooms are attached directly to Eastern's data communications network.

The next step for students is purchasing an Ethernet card and cable. These can be bought on campus directly from ResNet at cost. The total price for the card and cable ranges from \$50 to \$76, depending on your purchase.

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ResNet	No monthly fee, but students must buy start-up equipment

dent to do is call ResNet to set up an appointment for its staff to come hook it up.

ResNet is good for students who don't mind paying an up-front cost of at least \$50.

Students' phone lines aren't tied up as with other Internet providers, and the connection speed is faster than with a modem.

Students can also access VAX accounts or create home pages on the World Wide Web.

Students can learn more about ResNet by visiting its online site at <www.resnet.eku.edu> or go to Room A of Burnam Annex.

Another Richmond area Internet provider is Chapel Hill for those students living on campus as well as off.

Chapel Hill is a national company that offers a connect speed of 56K. The connect speed determines at what speed web pages appear on your screen.

A \$10 activation fee is charged for hooking up Internet capabili-

ties with Chapel Hill. The monthly fee for users with a 33.6-modem speed is \$17.95, and for those with a 56K-modem speed, the fee is \$19.95.

Chapel Hill also offers its customers a free web page and two e-mail addresses per account. This means two people per household can have separate e-mail accounts.

To learn more about Chapel Hill, you can contact them on the World Wide Web at <www.chapel1.com> or call them at 623-8834.

PC Systems also provides Richmond residents with local Internet access.

They offer a connect speed of 33.6, but are currently upgrading to 56K. This upgrade will be complete by the end of March.

Customers aren't charged a connection fee and the monthly fee is \$19.95.

A free personal web page is offered to PC Systems' customers and one e-mail connection per dial-up account. Additional e-mail accounts can be purchased at a \$4.95 additional monthly charge.

Interested customers can contact PC Systems by visiting them on the World Wide Web at <www.pcsystems.net> or by calling them at 624-5000.

The Internet Club offers customers a connect speed of 33.6 with no activation fee.

I-Club also has a monthly fee of \$20, or customers can buy different packages and pay for more than one month at one time. For three months, the cost is \$55. Six months is \$105 and for a year, the cost is \$180.

I-Club also offers free personal

web pages to customers and an e-mail account for each dial-up connection.

You may contact the Internet Club on the World Wide Web at <www.iclub.org> or call them at 625-5483.

Internet Professionals is a new Richmond area Internet provider with a connect speed of 56K. Customers are charged a \$20 activation fee and are billed each month based on the number of hours spent online.

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Y2K bug bites budget

Eastern spends millions to combat expected millennium computer glitch

By SHAWN HOPKINS
Assistant news editor

The Y2K bug is the bogeyman of the late '90s. More than the computer equivalent of a VCR blinking 12:00, it's an error in software design predicted to bring about everything from longer lines at ATMs to worldwide economic collapse.

The problem is that software and chip designers designated the year using only two numbers, 00. Computers will read the year 2000 as 1900 or, in some cases, 1980. Serious errors may occur in computer functions that rely on the date.

"Eastern has already spent about \$2 million on upgrades, mostly because of Y2K," said Vance Wisenberg, dean of social and behavioral sciences and vice chair of the Year 2000 committee looking into the problem.

Beyond that, it will take about \$400,000 to upgrade physical plant's computers and equipment.

The main programs addressed in the Year 2000 project include the human resources system, which regulates payroll. This part of the project is already finished.

Other programs, such as financial resources software, which include accounting and the financial aid systems, should be done in the spring. The library software should be finished in the fall and the voice response system (Colonel Connection) in the spring of 2000.

The main upgrade in progress is installing the

\$800,000 Banner system on the student records system. Student records deals with grades and student accounts. The upgrade is on track for compliance, but not before 2000, Wisenberg said.

"We're not going to get it done before the changeover," Wisenberg said. Even so, he said that it is something that needs to be done.

"It's broader than just that one changeover," Wisenberg said. Non-Y2K compliant software can still produce errors after 2000, he added.

Until the installation is complete, Eastern will work around the problem by doing what is known as windowing. This is telling the computer that 00 equals 2000 by defining it as such. This is only a temporary fix, Wisenberg said.

The Y2K problem is described by some as critical and by others as bunk, but Eastern officials are taking the problem seriously.

"I don't think anybody knows what could happen," said John Flanagan, assistant professor of psychology, who chaired a previous Y2K committee. "I think we have to be wary."

Flanagan also points out that, aside from software bugs, there is also the "embedded chip problem."

This problem is harder to correct and will be dealt with by facilities services.



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Schwendeman hired to review organization

By SHAWN HOPKINS
Assistant news editor

President Robert Kustra has decided that the university should study itself.

This includes an organizational review of the university.

"I think it's important that we examine an organization chart that has been in place for some time," Kustra said.

Eastern has hired Joseph Schwendeman, a retired vice president, as a consultant.

He will look at how Eastern's nine colleges are organized.

"I think it's helpful and fair for me to have the benefit of somebody who has been here and knows the history the way Dr. Schwendeman does," Kustra said.

"(Being retired) he does not have an immediate stake in the process. No vested interest or axe to grind," he added.

Schwendeman will interview administrators and all faculty who want to meet with him about their concerns with the structure of the colleges, he said.

Consolidating any of the colleges would eliminate many faculty administrative positions, such as chairs.

Bruce Maclaren, professor of earth sciences, experienced reorganization first hand. His department, natural sciences, was consolidated into the earth sciences department.

"I used to joke that we could counsel people who were being restructured," Maclaren said.

Though he said the demise of his department was relatively painless, the experience has given him a respect for the concerns of those who have been reorganized.



Joseph Schwendeman will interview administrators and faculty who want to voice their concerns about university organization.

"It makes people very uncomfortable," Maclaren said. "Particularly if they've committed their lives to a particular program, and they suddenly see no place for them."

Maclaren isn't sure about what he'll say to Schwendeman, but he believes the process will be beneficial.

"I think what we need to do is spend a lot of time talking to each other about it," he said.

Schwendeman expects to meet with about 300 to 400 people.

He has met with about 60 so far.

Then, with input from Faculty Senate, he'll file a report to Kustra, who will decide what to do from there.

This process is expected to take at least until the end of the semester to complete.

Karen Janssen, chair of Faculty Senate, spoke with Schwendeman already.

Janssen said that what she thinks the college needs is increased collaboration across units within academics.

She would like any reorganization to be with faculty concerns in mind.

"It's more of an outcome of looking at what's working and not working in the university," Janssen said.

Schwendeman is quick to clarify his role.

He said he functions only as a consultant in this review process.

"Decision will not be made by me, obviously," he said.

Kustra is in no hurry to come to a decision, either.

"I think it's only fair to take our time and give everybody a chance to speak their mind on this," Kustra said.



Brian Simms/Progress

Ritchie Hunley, a junior English major from Hyden, mops the lobby of Commonwealth Hall Sunday afternoon. Pipes containing water burst due

to the cold temperatures flooding rooms and elevator shafts. The elevators were turned off during one of the busiest moving days of the semester.

Pipes: Water floods rooms, elevators as students move

From the front

returned.

"No one wants that to happen. Honestly that could happen at my house or your house or anywhere," Middleton said.

As for Comb's carpet and the other personal belongings that were damaged, it won't be the university's responsibility to replace them.

Larry Westbrook, coordinator of safety with the division of public safety, says students can file a Board of Claims form to be compensated for their property. The forms can be picked

up at the division of public safety.

But the university only pays on these claims if the university is proven negligent to the Board of Claims in Frankfort.

"I guess if you ask a lawyer for a definition of negligence, they would say that it's causing to happen, or allowing to happen, something that shouldn't happen," Westbrook said.

Middleton said that, at least in the case of a room radiator, it is not the responsibility of the staff to check anything, like whether radiators are working properly.

Resident assistants simply

"No one wants that to happen. Honestly that could happen at my house or your house or anywhere."

Kenna Middleton, director of housing

need to make sure the fans are turned on over the break.

Students have the option of taking out insurance on their property through National Student Services Inc., a private company. This service is offered the first time students sign up

for housing.

This coverage insures personal property with some exclusions. Electronics and computers are covered up to \$200. It also does not cover such things as cash, musical instruments and animals.

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Staci Reid, editor

The Eastern Progress

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Party like it's 1999

Don't wait until New Year's Eve to celebrate the millennium. Here are 99 ways to celebrate the new year.

January

- Jan. 16:** National Nothing Day. Created by a journalist tired of celebrating days like ... National Clean-Off-Your-Desk Day!
- Jan. 18:** Martin Luther King Day. Classes are canceled.
- Jan. 21:** National Hugging Day. The most "Huggable People" are announced, so nominate your favorite at <kzaborney@aol.com>.
- Jan. 25:** ULLR FEST starts in Breckenridge, Colo., celebrating the mythical god of winter, Ullr. (A great time to pray for warm weather!)
- Jan. 27:** Flush the pot for good ol' Thomas Crapper, the prime developer of the flush toilet.
- Jan. 31:** Mark your calendars now for a bash celebrating Super Bowl XXXIII in Miami.

February

- Feb. 3:** At 8:51 p.m., 44 days, 11 hours and 55 minutes of winter will have passed, leaving exactly half of winter which ends March 20 at 8:46 p.m.
- Feb. 9:** Dump Your "Significant Jerk" Day. Think of this day as an early spring-cleaning and get rid of that significant other driving you nuts.
- Feb. 14:** Valentine's Day. If you weren't dumped on the 9th, celebrate today with that special loved one.
- Feb. 14:** National Condom Week. In conjunction with Valentine's Day celebrations ...
- Feb. 15:** No class!! Spend President's Day relaxing with a good book or catching up on homework, a.k.a. sitting in front of the tube in your pajamas.
- Feb. 17:** You, Dave Matthews, one guitar. Need we say more?
- Feb. 19:** Smoky Mountains Storytelling Festival begins in Pigeon Forge, Tenn. If you're up for a short road trip get more info at www.pigeonforge.tn.us.
- Feb. 27:** No Brainer Day. A day set-aside for general slacking and hokey. What more could college students ask for?

March

- March 1:** National Procrastination Week.
- March 3:** Bonza Bottler Day gives you an excuse to have a party at least once a month when the day is the same number as the month, as in 3-3-99.
- March 6:** Tie up the dogs and race around downtown in your own version of Alaska's Iditarod.
- March 9:** Run around like a chicken with your head cut off for Panic Day 1999.
- March 15-21:** SPRING BREAK! Relax on a sandy beach or in the comfort of your own home - who cares, we don't have class for a week!
- March 17:** Saint Patrick's Day - an excuse to drink colored beer sounds good on any day.
- April 1:** April Fool's Day. A day designed to play nonsensical jokes on your fellow man - basically to make fun of him.
- April 7:** No Homework Day. Throw in the dish towel and call it quits; you can take a break.
- April 10:** National Siblings Day. Call your brothers or sisters, and let them know how much you care.
- April 18:** Need a reason to party? Head to your favorite bar for National Karaoke Week.
- April 21:** Celebrate the arts and attend a play at Gifford Theatre.
- April 22:** Earth Day. 1999 will be a global celebration so join in and help protect our Earth.

April 11: World Cow-Chip Throwing Championship Contest. This contest in Beaver, Okla., draws dung flingers from around the world.



- April 30:** Classes end on the 66th birthday of Willie Nelson!!!
- May 1:** Get out your mint julep glasses and celebrate the Kentucky Derby. To get information about attending and hob-nobbing with your favorite celeb visit <www.kentuckyderby.com>.
- May 3:** Buckle down for final exams.
- May 8:** Celebrate the end of the semester by taking your socks off. Seriously. Today is No Socks Day, a day to lessen laundry and let your piggies be free.
- May 8:** Lawrence University in Wisconsin will host Celebrate, a festival to celebrate spring, while Eastern's seniors celebrate their graduation.
- May 10:** Don't slurp your spaghetti or pick your nose because people will be watching during National Etiquette Week.
- May 14:** International Online Romance Day. Chat with your online fling, or rent the movie "You've Got Mail" and live vicariously through Meg and Tom.
- May 17:** Astronomy Week. Visit an old childhood friend, the man in the moon, and see if you can find the dish that ran away with the spoon.
- May 21:** Celebrate the pickle during International Pickle Week, sponsored by the Pickle Packers International, Inc. Say that five times.
- May 31:** Take an active part in your health and celebrate the World No-Tobacco Day.
- June 1:** June is National Iced Tea Month, National Frozen Yogurt Month and Turkey Lovers' Month, so sit down and feast on America's favorites.
- June 5:** Grab a pole and hook your worm for the start of National Fishing Week.
- June 7:** Enjoy a piece of Kentucky history with Boone Day, Daniel Boone's first sighting of the land that would become Kentucky.
- June 9:** Sing happy birthday for everyone's favorite duck, Donald.
- June 13:** Spend some time alone while you celebrate National Hermit Week.
- June 21:** Pull out that bikini or those trunks, summer starts at 9:49 p.m.
- June 30:** Reset your alarm. You have an extra second to sleep in for the Leap Second Adjustment Time day.
- July 1:** Plan a picnic and get out your weenies. July is National Hot Dog Month.
- July 4:** Known around the world as America's birthday, it is also American Redneck Day.
- July 16:** Kentucky State Championship Old-Time Fiddler's Contest is held at the Rough River Dam State Resort Park.
- July 18:** Luxembourg Beer Festival. Yet another excuse to drink beer. Yea Beer!
- July 29:** Summer graduates hope it won't rain tonight when Waynesburg, Pa., celebrates its annual Rain Day, where it has been raining on this day since 1816.
- August 7:** Visit the Mount Horeb Mustard Museum to pay homage to a favorite American condiment, mustard.
- August 8:** Call Mom and Dad or give your kids a hug - it's family day.
- August 13:** The last Friday the Thirteenth before the new millennium.
- August 15:** Practice free love! Thirty years ago today 400,000 people descended on an alfalfa field in New York for three days of sex, drugs and rock n' roll, now known as Woodstock.
- August 19:** The Kentucky State Fair opens at the Louisville Expo Center.
- August 25:** Kiss-and-Make-Up-Day. Smooch your sweetie on this day and make amends for all those little misunderstandings.

May

June

July 23: Grab your cup of java and a bagel to celebrate Bagelfest, featuring the world's biggest bagel breakfast.



August

Dec. - Celebrate graduation by taking those holiday end-of-semester finals.



Madison County native who made it big on the western frontier.

September

- Sept. 1:** The Chicken Boy's Birthday, a.k.a. the Statue of Liberty of Los Angeles. The Chicken Boy is a statue of a boy with a chicken's head, holding a bucket of chicken.
- Sept. 5:** Tell your professor to get over it— it's Be Late For Something Day.
- Sept. 8:** Get off your duff and do it! Do It! Day is designed to fight procrastination across the nation.
- Sept. 12:** Camp out in front of the TV and pick up that control pad. Celebrate Video Games Day.
- Sept. 19:** Pick up a book and learn to sign during Deaf Awareness Week.
- Sept. 22:** Take a lick and celebrate the 96th birthday of the ice cream cone.
- Sept. 27:** Give Grandma a ring because it's Ancestor Appreciation Day!

October

- Oct. 1:** Healthy Lung Month— throw away that pack and kick the habit.
- Oct. 1:** Here's an excuse to see more movies— Oct. is National Popcorn Poppin' Month.
- Oct. 1:** Take a trip to Paintsville and celebrate the Kentucky Apple Festival.
- Oct. 2:** Take the time to say thanks to everyone from facilities services in celebration of National Custodial Worker's Day.
- Oct. 9:** Think globally and become friends of the earth on Planet Friends Week.
- Oct. 14:** Shave your head and appreciate Dad's lack of hair, today is Be Bald and Be Free Day.
- Oct. 16:** Look up a word in the dictionary and say a note of thanks on the birthday of Noah Webster.
- Oct. 19:** Today is Evaluate Your Life Day. Go ahead and get a little introspective and make that change you've been contemplating.
- Oct. 31:** The last time you'll dress up in costume and beg for candy before the millennium, hopefully.

November

- Nov. 2:** Plan Your Epitaph Day. This is the day to prepare for the inevitable and have an unforgettable tombstone.
- Nov. 6:** Come on girls, don't be afraid to ask that special guy out on a date, it's Sadie Hawkins Day.
- Nov. 7:** Don't forget to go to chemistry lab today, even if you're not in that class. This is National Chemistry Week.
- Nov. 19:** Everybody has them, so go ahead. Today is Have a Bad Day Day.
- Nov. 26:** Eat your turkey and watch a little football to celebrate this Thanksgiving Day.

December

- Dec. 5:** Invite over a couple friends and take a dip ... in the tub. Today is a day to celebrate Bathtub Party Day.
- Dec. 13:** Celebrate the birthday of Mary Lincoln Todd, the wife of Abraham Lincoln, born in Lexington.
- Dec. 21:** Vent your shopping frustration on Humbug Day.
- Dec. 24:** Celebrate the birth of Kit Carson, a Madison County native who made it big on the western frontier.

If you were counting, you've discovered there aren't 99 ways to celebrate— we had to let you come up with some of your own fun! Have a great year!

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What's On Tap

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The Eastern Progress

PROGRESS PICK

Colonels try to turn it around

When
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Where
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Cost
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Donnie Griffin and the Colonels will try to build upon Tuesday night's win against Tennessee Martin when they play the 4-9 Morehead State Golden Eagles this weekend.

After one of the most dismal starts in Eastern basketball history, the 2-13 Colonels hope to defeat the rival Golden Eagles and turn their season around. The men's team will have 10 games left in the regular season after Saturday.



Brian Simms/Progress

TODAY

■ **Last day** to register for or add full-semester classes

■ **Make appointments** for spring room changes, Housing office. Appointments can be made during university business hours.

SATURDAY

■ **2:00 p.m.** Lady Colonels vs. Morehead State Golden Eagles, McBrayer Arena

SUNDAY

■ **Noon** Mass, Catholic Newman Center.

MONDAY

■ **Martin Luther King Day** -No classes

TUESDAY

■ **Campus wide** room changes begin at the housing office (by appointment only). Fraternity rush begins.

■ **4:30 p.m.** Student Association, Jagers Room

■ **9:00 p.m.** BSU "Vive" Baptist Student Union

WEDNESDAY

■ **3:30 p.m.** Women's Studies Lecture - Women in Banking Barbara Griec, CEO of

Community Trust Bank, to speak. Kennamer Room, Powell Building. Reception to follow in the Herndon Lounge.

■ **6:45 p.m.** Women's Basketball -Eastern at Tennessee Tech

■ **8:45 p.m.** Men's Basketball -Eastern at Tennessee Tech

UPCOMING

■ **"Experience God Weekend"** (Bowling Green), Baptist Student Union

■ **6:30 p.m.** Jan. 23 Women's Basketball -Lady Colonels vs. Middle Tennessee

■ **8:00 p.m.** Jan. 23 Men's Basketball -Eastern vs. Middle Tennessee at Murfreesboro

■ **7:30 p.m.** Jan. 20-25 Annual RHA Bridal Show - Gifford Theatre, Campbell Building. Tickets are \$3 in advance and \$4 at the door. Tickets may be purchased at Beckham Hall Room 100.

■ **Jan. 26** Campus wide room changes end, housing office

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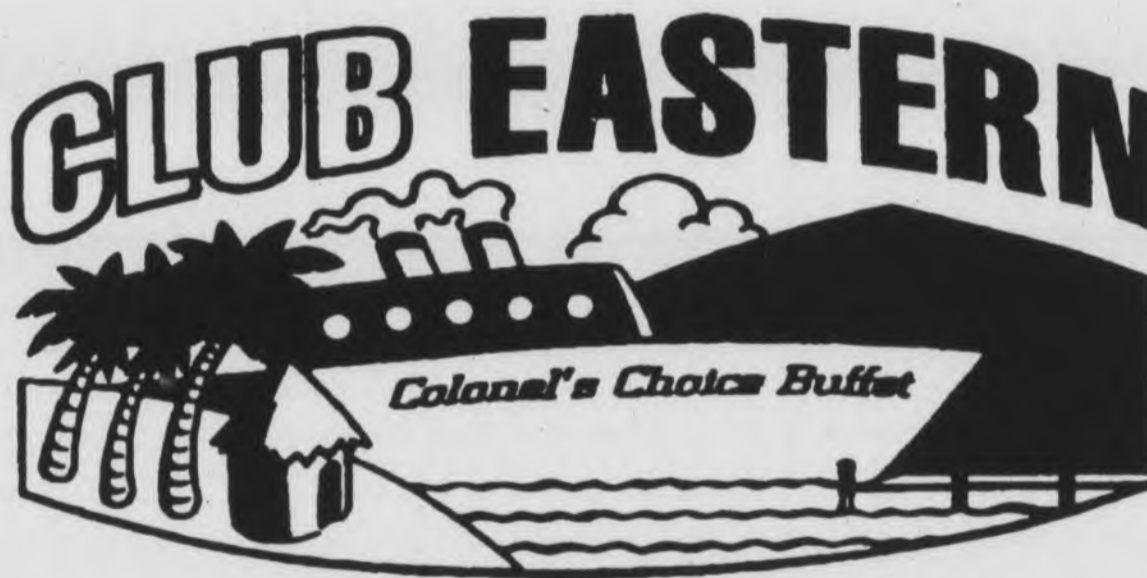
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Arts

Paul Fletcher, editor

The Eastern Progress

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Want Dave?

Tickets for Dave Matthews concert will be sold using lottery system

By PAUL FLETCHER
Arts editor

Tickets for the Feb. 17 acoustic performance by Dave Matthews and Tim Reynolds will go on sale at 9 a.m. Jan. 23 in the Keen Johnson Building.

A lottery system will determine the order of ticket sales. The lottery numbers will be handed out beginning at 8 a.m. To be eligible for the lottery drawing, students must have a valid student ID card.

At 9 a.m. a lottery number will be drawn that will determine the starting number for ticket sales. The person holding the same number as the one drawn will be first to purchase tickets, and sales will then continue in succession from that point.

For example, if number 256 is drawn, the person holding that number will be the first to buy

tickets. Number 257 would be next, then 258 and so on. When the highest lottery number is reached, sales will continue with numbers 1, 2, 3 and so on until all tickets are sold.

Tickets are \$30 each and may be purchased with cash or check. There is a limit of two tickets per person. Only 1,500 tickets will be sold.

There is no advantage in arriving earlier than 8 a.m. Camping out will not be permitted.

Eastern faculty, staff and employees may enter the lottery by depositing \$30 per ticket wanted, and filling out a lottery ticket no later than noon, Jan. 22. Refunds will be made on Jan. 25 for those unsuccessful in the lottery.

For more information about the concert or ticket sales, contact student development at 622-3855 or visit the Eastern website at <www.eku.edu>.

DAYS to DAVE



Exhibit in Giles will feature national artists

PROGRESS STAFF REPORT

Eastern's art department, along with the Giles Gallery, is presenting the painting and monoprint work of Debra Clem and Brian Jones. The two artists have exhibited their work on both a regional and national level.

In addition to traveling the country exhibiting their work, both Clem and Jones are professors in the art department of Indiana University Southeast in New Albany, Ind.

Clem is involved in painting, while Jones is a print specialist. The two artists come our way

via the results of a nationwide search in which work from various artists was submitted to Eastern for comparison.

The exhibit will continue the yearly tradition of the art department to display the work of national artists as well as artists from the Eastern community.

The exhibit is located in the Giles Gallery in the Campbell Building, and will be available for viewing through Feb. 5.

Admission is free and the exhibit is open to the public.

For more information and gallery hours, call the office of the art department at 622-1629.

What: Art Exhibit

When: Through Feb. 5

Where: Giles Gallery

One Righteous Babe

Ani Difranto rebels against corporate ideals in music and in society



"The whole world is on the other side of a dirty windshield and I'm trying to see through the glare," laments Ani Difranto on her musically eclectic new album.

But at a closer glance it seems Difranto's musical vision is much clearer than her dim view of society.

At age 20, the passionate folk-punk heroine borrowed money from friends to release her self-titled debut album, an album so popular she began to receive offers from both large and small recording companies.

But in an unprecedented move, the fiercely independent Difranto refused all offers and continued to release albums on her own. The 28-year-old Difranto is more interested in having complete control of her work than in making a profit.

In reference to Righteous Babe Records, the company she founded, owns and operates, Difranto was recently quoted in a press release as saying, "we strive to make good art."

If good art is the goal then mission accomplished.

"Up Up Up Up Up Up," Difranto's 12th album in just nine years, is filled with politically and socially conscious lyrics. The addition of keyboards and full band arrangements represents the avant-folk artist's ability and desire to expand the musical landscape of her work.

Staying true to the folk tradition set by Woody Guthrie more than 50 years ago, the rebellious Difranto speaks out against corporate idealism and common people being forced to live under some form of repression. Her lyrics address sensitive political issues such as race relations and social class structure. To say she is dissatisfied with government would be an understatement.

"Tis of Thee," a less-than-favorable look at American society, is a double slam against racism and trash-talk television.

"Come Away From It" is a fact-based, heartfelt plea to someone who is intent on destroying his or her life with drugs.

"Angry Anymore" is a biographical account of finding closure on earlier family turmoil and turning it into something positive.

Difranto stretches the boundaries of folk music. Her emotional voice can easily travel from a whisper to a scream, successfully blending folk and punk music.

Check this record out. For fans of alternative music, it is well worth adding to your collection.



PAUL FLETCHER
No Depression

Photo submitted

Ani Difranto has followed a one album release per year rule since releasing her first in 1990. Her latest, entitled "Up Up Up Up Up Up," takes a disparaging look at social and political values in America. And Ani ain't too happy about what she's seeing.

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Flu bugs Eastern

Some tips that may help beat or treat the virus

By JAQUIA SMITH
News writer

Some Eastern students came back to school from a wintry wonderland.

"Digging my car from the snow made me feel achy," said Derick Barnes, a senior computer information systems major from Elizabethtown.

According to Dr. Allen Rader, a staff physician at Eastern's health services, "the best defense for the flu is early treatment."

The flu is short for Influenza, a viral infection with symptoms that can be calmed by most over-the-counter medicines.

However, Rader says that a drug called Amantadine, available through prescription, is great at treating the flu in its early stages.

The flu can mask itself like a cold. The symptoms are about the same, but the treatments are different.

Most of the time it is hard to distinguish between the flu and a cold. The best treatment for the flu would be a flu shot in October.

And to combat both the flu and a cold, get quick treatment when symptoms start to show.

If you think that you may have contracted the flu, you should seek out medical attention as soon as possible.

Eastern Student Health Services has a clinic for full-time Eastern students.

SHS is located in the Rowlett Building.

The doctor visit is free and most medications are also given free. You are responsible for the cost of any prescription given.

The hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and appointments must be made.

Also, the Instant Care Unit is located at 648 University Shopping Center. The fee for walk-ins starts at \$50.

The unit does not accept appointments, only walk-ins.

If you are unusually sick, you should visit the Pattie A. Clay Hospital emergency room.

If you are sick after health services or the Instant Care Unit is closed, call Pattie A. Clay Hospital.

Don Knight/Progress

Tips to follow to combat the flu

Prevention

- Get a yearly flu vaccine (In October to properly combat)
- Wash your hands often
- Don't eat or drink after your roommate.
- Eat healthy (Green vegetables and fruits should be part of your diet)
- Work out (Exercise body and mind regularly)
- Get enough rest (8 hours is recommended by most)
- Don't smoke

How do you know if you have the flu?

- Muscle aches
- Fever and chills
- Headache
- Dry cough
- Weakness

What to do if you get the Flu?

- Drink lots of clear fluids
- Take aspirin, ibuprofen or acetaminophen
- A cool sponge bath
- Get an over-the-counter cough suppressant.
- Gargle salt water, get lozenges for sore throat
- Don't smoke

Go to the Doctor If You Have:

- Shaking chills
- High fever
- Symptoms that fail to get better
- Severe headache
- Dark urine
- Severe muscle pain
- Difficulty breathing, shortness of breath, or wheezing

"The Answer"

Have you ever wondered how the financial aid system works or why parking is such a hassle but you didn't know who to ask? Beginning in the next issue, students, faculty and staff are invited to raise questions about Eastern. "The Answer" is designed to help you with any problems or concerns you may have.

If you have a question for "The Answer," write to:

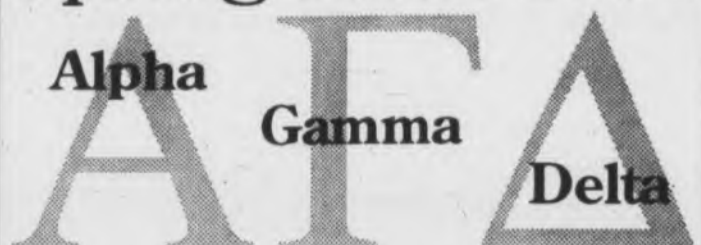
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Musical celebration fit for King



By NICOLE JOHNSON
Activities co-editor

This weekend is more than just a three-day holiday.

Monday is Martin Luther King Day and to commemorate the occasion, the office of multicultural events, in conjunction with the humanities and music departments, is sponsoring a concert featuring Brian Stratton.

Brian Stratton, a New Orleans native, is a tenor who will perform a medley of songs, including some Negro spirituals and Creole songs.

Richard Crosby, an associate professor of music at Eastern, will accompany Stratton on the piano. The two have been good friends since 1991, Crosby said. They met through the Phi Mu Alpha Fraternity of America and still find time to talk at least once a week. Phi Mu Alpha strives to promote and sponsor American music. "Music and brotherhood is what it's all about," Crosby said.

Omicron Psi, Eastern's chapter of Phi Mu Alpha, will provide a reception after the concert. The concert is at 8 p.m. Monday in Gifford Theatre and is free to everyone.

History of Firsts

- 1956 — University of Alabama ordered to admit its first black student.
- 1957 — MLK delivers his first national address, calling for black voting rights.
- 1957 — Congress passes the Civil Rights Act, the first civil rights legislation since Reconstruction.
- 1961 — The first black students are enrolled at the University of Georgia in Athens.
- 1966 — Robert Weaver becomes the first black to serve in a presidential cabinet and Constance Motley becomes the first black woman to be named a federal judge.
- 1967 — Carl Stokes becomes the first black elected mayor of a major U.S. city.



Martin Luther King Jr. preached a message of peace, freedom, and fought for equal rights for all people before being killed in 1968.

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 - ◆ Peanut Butter
 - ◆ Fresh Fruit
 - ◆ Banana Pudding
 - ◆ Lean bacon
 - ◆ Chocolate ice cream
- Source: The Associated Press



James Carroll/Progress

Elvis is still in the building at Club Eastern

By DANIEL BRUCE
Activities co-editor

Elvis may be dead, but his memory lives on at Eastern.

Food services will hold a special dinner honoring Elvis Presley today from 4:30 to 7 p.m. on the south side of the Top Floor Cafeteria in the Powell Building.

"If you're on campus and want to see what Club Eastern is about, now's the time to do it," said Top Floor Cafeteria manager Stephen Shappuck.

The event is mainly for participants in the meal plan, but it is open to the public at \$7.50 per person.

The Elvis dinner is one of five special dinners conducted by food services each semester to promote the Club Eastern meal plan.

Club Eastern is a food service program designed to offer students a wide range of foods on a prepaid basis.

It offers six different levels of

membership, and each provides a different number of meals.

Every membership includes two tickets to each of the special dinners so Club Eastern members can bring a friend.

Food services marketing coordinator Virginia King says the reason Elvis was chosen as the theme for January's dinner is because his birthday is in early January and most people can relate to "the King" in some way.

Aside from being decorated

for the King's birthday, the Top Floor Cafeteria will have many of his favorite dishes. Fried chicken, cat fish, hush puppies, banana pudding and rich chocolate cake are just a few of the items available.

Upcoming dinners include "A tribute to black history month" in February. Club Eastern membership rates start at \$399 per semester for 75 meals to \$1,160 for 19 plus meals per week.

For more information call 622-2179.

Classes offer more bang for less buck

By NICOLE JOHNSON
Activities co-editor

Picture this: You are floating through warm blue water as schools of colorful fish swim by. You drift lazily about as crabs scuttle across the ocean floor.

Suddenly you can't breathe! You're drowning! What's wrong with this picture? You never learned how to scuba dive!

Not to worry, salvation is here. Eastern is offering students and the community a unique opportunity.

Eastern's division of special Programs, a community education organization, has a number of new and exciting classes on its community education roster — including scuba diving.

Russell Chowning, a junior at Madison Central, took the scuba diving class with his mother and sister last fall. He said the class was "very in-depth."

"I would recommend the class to anyone interested in learning about scuba diving," Chowning said.

As a student, he understands that cost is always a factor in making decisions.

"It wasn't expensive for what you got out of it," Chowning said. He and his family are planning a dive together, perhaps even as soon as this summer.

If scuba diving isn't your bag, not to worry. A wide variety of classes are being offered and everyone is bound to find a topic of interest among the selection.

For instance, if you have been eyeing one of those costly telescopes displayed in every shop window since Christmas, don't get burned by buying the wrong one. Jack Fletcher, the director of

the Hummel Planetarium, is teaching a class titled "So You Want To Buy a Telescope."

Fletcher started the class because the planetarium gets numerous calls from people who want to buy a telescope.

"Before you buy a telescope, you need to know what you need and what you don't need," Fletcher said.

Fletcher also said different activities like star gazing or looking at the moon require different types of telescopes. The course will answer common questions such as what is a reasonable price

to pay for a telescope or where you would go to find a good one.

If you prefer to keep your head on your shoulders and

not in the clouds, there are numerous computer training classes, do-it-yourself courses and recreation offerings.

If you've resolved to achieve some personal growth this new year, you can select from a variety of personal development classes, or you can learn the secrets of some of Berea's finest artisans in the arts and crafts courses.

Learn how to make beeswax candles, write novels that will sell or train your dog. The possibilities are endless.

The costs of the classes vary from \$10 to \$99 with a few exceptions. But the parking is free! Most of the classes are held in Perkins Building. As always, it is a good idea to pre-register.

Some classes began as early as Jan. 11. A complete list of course offerings and the answer to any questions you may have can be obtained by calling 622-1228.

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Not even duct tape can fix the BCS

If it ain't broke, don't fix it. And if it happens to break, don't duct tape it and hope no one notices.

That's what the NCAA has done with its supposedly new and improved form of crowning a national champion in Division I-A college football.

As was the case with the previous system in college football, the Bowl Alliance, the Bowl Championship Series, or the BCS, involves a blend of The Associated Press media poll and the ESPN/USA Today coaches' poll.

But the new twist includes input from a supposedly objective power system that measures strength of schedule and strength of opponents' schedule, along with wins and losses.

(For those who don't understand the BCS, let's break down the components so we can laugh at the NCAA.)

■ First, the poll component was calculated based on the average of each team's rankings both in the Associated Press media poll and in the ESPN/USA Today coaches' poll. These rankings were added and divided by two.

■ The second component deals with three computer rankings published in major media outlets. These computer rankings include Jeff Sagarin, who is published in *USA Today*, and rankings from the *Seattle Times* and the *New York Times*. An average of the three rankings is used to calculate the points in this component.

■ The third component is each team's strength of schedule. This is calculated by determining the cumulative won/lost records of the team's opponents and the cumulative won/lost records of the opponents of the team's opponents.

■ The final component is to evaluate the team's won/lost record. Each loss during the season represents one point in this component.

If you're still confused, don't worry. Most people didn't understand the Bowl Alliance.

Ohio State was projected to win the national championship, but was thrown into the Sugar Bowl due to a loss to Michigan State in regular season play — all because of the BCS system.

The Green Wave of Tulane University demolished Brigham Young in the Liberty Bowl, giving Tulane a 12-0 overall record, but due to the BCS, the Green Wave were not worthy of the national championship because their schedule just wasn't hard enough.

Kansas State impressed many football gurus with a chance to be considered a possible national champion contender, but a loss in Kansas State's conference championship game denied them a red carpet showing at the Fiesta Bowl. Why? Give thanks to the BCS — Division I-A's answer to crowning a national champion.

The BCS is Division I-A's duct tape to an old problem. The BCS system may allow the No. 1 and No. 2 ranked teams to compete against each other, but that's not the true sportsmanlike form of winning. A team, of any rank of sport, should have an equal opportunity to win the outright championship. That is the essence of sports — a true champion, not a team that has the hardest record or best recruits.

The NCAA needs to bring out the heavy duty cleaning solutions and wipe up the mess it has created in Division I-A college football. It's simple. Instead of improving on an already controversial bowl system, why not have a playoff like Division I-AA football.

The Massachusetts Minutemen were crowned the Division I-AA champion by beating Georgia Southern — the Minutemen earned their championship. They clawed and scratched their way to the top instead of keeping their fingers crossed and hoping the BCS might allow them the opportunity to succeed.



SHANE WALTERS
X's & O's

A 'Size'able start

Charlotte Sizemore is measuring-up to competition

By CHRISTINA THOMPSON
Assistant sports editor

When most people think back to kindergarten, they fondly remember days filled with ABCs, trying to color inside the lines and no homework. Charlotte Sizemore's memories of kindergarten include practicing for a game that would shape her future.

"I started playing basketball in kindergarten," Sizemore said. "My dad coached at my grade school, so he just let me be on the team."

After introducing Sizemore to the game, her father would go on to become the most influential person in her life.

"He would always take me to the gym on the weekends," she said. "We would put in the extra time after practice, or on days when I didn't have practice we were always in the gym."

All those hours in the gym have paid off for Sizemore, a sophomore from Hazard, as she currently leads the Lady Colonels basketball team in scoring with an average of over 17 points per game.

Her performance in the last few games, including a career high 27 points against Tennessee State University Jan. 27, has moved her into third in scoring in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Although her goals don't include topping her current career high, Sizemore wouldn't mind improving on her stats.

"I don't go out and try to score that much. If I can I would like to add to my high," Sizemore said.

In her two seasons here at Eastern, Sizemore has made a sizable contribution to the team. During her rookie season, she averaged 8.9 points and 3.9 rebounds per game on a team that won its third straight OVC championship.

For her performance last year, Sizemore was named to the OVC's All-Freshman team. Since the end of last season, she has worked to improve on an already impressive game, and the improvements have not been missed by the coaching staff.

"I think she's a much more versatile player," said women's head coach Larry Joe Inman. "She's a consistent three-point shooter, and she can score going left and score going right."

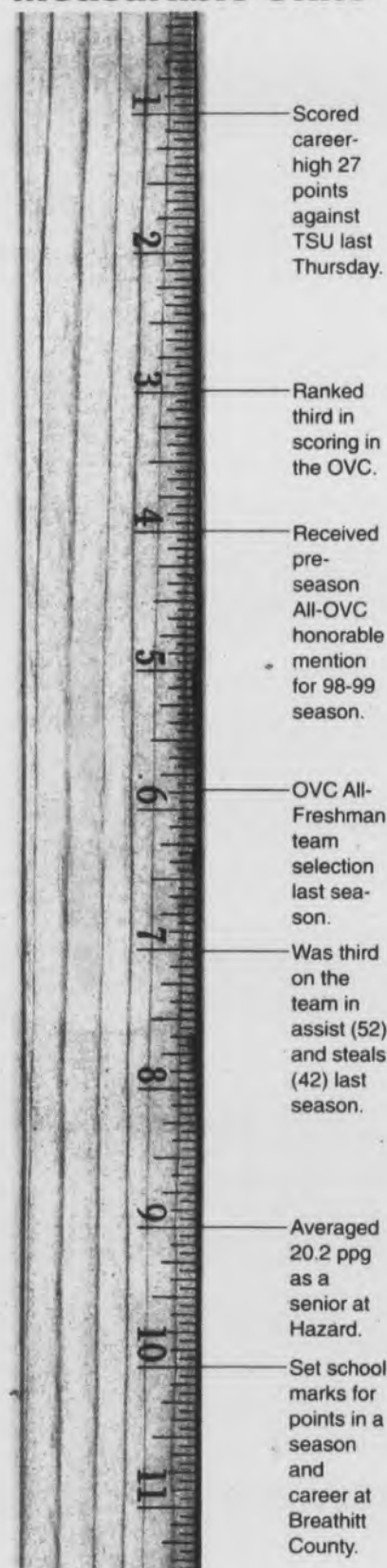
Both Inman and Sizemore agree that she needs to work on her abilities as a defensive player. Sizemore sees her need to improve her defense as part of the transition from high school to college.

"In high school I was always bigger than everyone else, and I never played defense in high



Brian Simms/Progress

Measurable stats



UT-Martin earns season sweep over Eastern



Brian Simms/Progress

Freshman guard Zoey Artist, right, struggles for possession of the basketball against an opposing Austin Peay Lady Governor. Eastern defeated APSU 88-70. The Lady Colonels lost to the UT-Martin Lady Skyhawks Tuesday 83-74 at Martin, Tenn.

By CHRISTINA THOMPSON
Assistant sports editor

For the first time in Eastern Kentucky history, the Lady Colonels have lost two regular season games to the University of Tennessee-Martin.

With a final score of 83-74, the Lady Colonels' record drops to 7-7 overall and 4-3 in conference action. Eastern trailed the Lady Skyhawks by only one at the half (29-28). The two teams remained close until Martin went on a 10-0 run to pull ahead 49-41 with 13:23 remaining in the game. Eastern could get no closer than five throughout the rest of the game.

Leading the way for Eastern was Charlotte Sizemore who scored 21 points. Also recording double-digit figures for the Lady Colonels were Larrya

Wall with 12 points and Zoey Artist with 10 points.

In conference play on Saturday, the Lady Colonels recorded an impressive 88-70 victory over Austin Peay.

Eastern made a quick start of demolishing the Austin Peay team by jumping to a 10-0 lead in the first two-and-a-half minutes with buckets by Candice Finley, Sizemore and Shamira Thedford.

The closest Austin Peay's Lady Governors would come to Eastern was off two free throw shots by Rhonda Neely that would cut Eastern's lead to four (12-8). At the end of the first half Eastern was leading with a score of 43-27.

The second half was no different. The Lady Colonels stretched their lead to 28

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Eastern vs. Morehead State

When: 2 p.m., Saturday
Where: Alumni Coliseum

► Men's Basketball

Colonels end 12-game losing skid with 64-60 OT victory



Scott Perry's team extended its losing streak with a loss Saturday.

By SHANE WALTERS
Sports editor

The last time freshman guard Whitney Robinson obtained his career-high in points was the last the Colonels won a contest.

Whether it was deja-vu or just plain skill, Robinson racked up 27 points, beating his career-high and leading Eastern to its first victory since Nov. 19, with a 64-60 overtime win at Tennessee-Martin Tuesday.

"We made it stressful, but we pulled out the win," head coach Scott Perry said during his post-game radio show. "We're so happy to get a victory and get this mon-

key off our backs. I'm pleased how our team responded to adversity."

After shooting 12-31 from the hardwood in the first half, the Colonels charged into the locker room at halftime with a 30-20 lead.

The Skyhawks went on a quick 6-0 run in the early minutes of the second half and later sliced the point margin to within 54-53 on a foul shot by Joe Crumby with 24.9 seconds left in regulation. After being fouled by Keanan Weir, Crumby tied and sent the contest into overtime on a foul shot.

Jason Ohlson scored five points in the beginning of the overtime.

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Photos by Brian Simms/Progress

Freshman guard Whitney Robinson falls from the floor after an Austin Peay opponent knocked the basketball from his hands.

► Indoor Track

Khayr, Ogbolugo run away at UK

By CHRISTINA THOMPSON
Assistant sports editor

While Mother Nature tried to confuse people with her continuously changing weather, Eastern Kentucky's men's and women's indoor track teams concentrated on the challenge at hand: the Wildcat Speed Meet, Dec. 11, 1998, at the University of Kentucky.

Competing against athletes from the University of Louisville, Kentucky and Dayton, Eastern's men's team captured first place finishes in three events, while the women's team brought home two first place finishes of its own.

In the two-mile run, Mohammed Khayr finished first for the men's team with a time of 9:30.96, and less than eight seconds later, Charles Moore crossed the finish line to receive third place (9:38.14).

"We were relatively pleased with our performance, especially since we had not done a lot of speed work," said Tim Moore, Eastern's assistant track coach.

Eastern's women's team was not to be outdone, as it made an impressive showing at the meet.

Celestina Ogbolugo finished first in the 800 with a time of 2:19.44. Jennifer Wheeler led an Eastern sweep of the mile run with her first place finish in 5:14.99.

Senior Sarah Blossom, who was recently named an Ohio Valley Conference Scholar-Athlete for 1998-1999, showed her athletic ability by recording a time of 10:51.72 to take second in the two-mile run.



Sophomore forward Charlotte Sizemore blocks Austin Peay's Tanesha Murray's attempt during Saturday's contest at McBrayer Arena.

Basketball: Eastern falls to 7-7 with Tuesday's loss

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when Sizemore nailed a three with 4:53 remaining in the game.

Leading the team in scoring were sophomores Sizemore and Finley. Sizemore scored 23 points while Finley recorded a career-high 22 points.

"Candice had a big offensive night for us," Eastern's head coach Larry Joe Inman said.

Inman also credited the Lady Colonels' defensive efforts in the victory. Eastern held Quin Sullivan, Austin Peay's leading scorer with an average of 16.7 points per game, to eight points Saturday.

"I credit Jennifer King, Cathy Dues, Finley and Shannon Browning with the job they did on her (Sullivan)," Inman said.

Inman also recognized Eastern's consistent play throughout both halves.

"When you get someone down at halftime, great teams not only get people down, but they're able to put them away," Inman said. "We showed that ability to get a team down and finish them for the first time the entire year."

Sizemore agreed with Inman's analysis of the game.

"We finally played two halves together," Sizemore said.

Entering Saturday's game, the Lady Colonels were coming off a 72-58 win over Tennessee State University last Thursday.

After trailing TSU in the first, Eastern managed to pull ahead of Tennessee State in the second half.

Leading the Lady Colonels' charge was Sizemore who scored 21 of her career-high 27 points in the second half.

Colonels: Robinson achieves career-high, leads Eastern to victory

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giving the Skyhawks a 59-54 lead. Senior Warren Stukes cut the deficit to 60-58 with two layups before senior guard Chris Fitzgerald capped the victory with a three-pointer. Robinson added a bounce off the backboard to make the final mark 64-60.

"Chris's three-point basket made the guys think we're going to win," said Perry. "We kept scrapping down on the defensive end and kept looking for new life. Defensively, we did a nice job — our zone rocked them on their heels."

The Colonels (2-13, 1-6 Ohio Valley Conference) had not won a contest since a matchup with Belmont University at McBrayer Arena. Tuesday's victory over UT-Martinez ended a 12-game losing streak for Perry's maroon and white Colonels.

Sophomore Darius Acuff led the charge for the Colonels with 15 points, four assists and two steals in the 78-57 loss to Austin Peay Saturday at McBrayer Arena.

After competing evenly for a portion of the first half, Acuff sliced the Governors lead to only five on a foul shot with 5:46 left before the half.

Austin Peay retaliated and went on a 12-0 run — making the mark 33-21. The Gobs defense held the Colonels to only two free throws, ending the first half with a 41-24 advantage for APSU.

In the second half, Eastern could only cut the scoring margin to 13 points, giving the Governors a 21-point victory.

The Colonels clashed with the Tennessee State Tigers last Thursday night, only to lose 86-79.

Thomas gives up basketball



Charles Thomas was projected to be a premier player in the OVC.

Eastern junior forward Charles Thomas has decided to give up basketball.

A chronic back injury has kept him out of the majority of the pre-season workouts and limited him to playing in only one game this year.

Thomas had transferred to Eastern in July 1997, from the University of Minnesota where he played on the Golden Gophers' NCAA Tournament Final Four team of 1997.

"It is very hard for me to have my basketball career end due to injury," Thomas said. "After more than 18 months of therapy and continuous attempts to play, my body has just not responded and leaves me unable to play."

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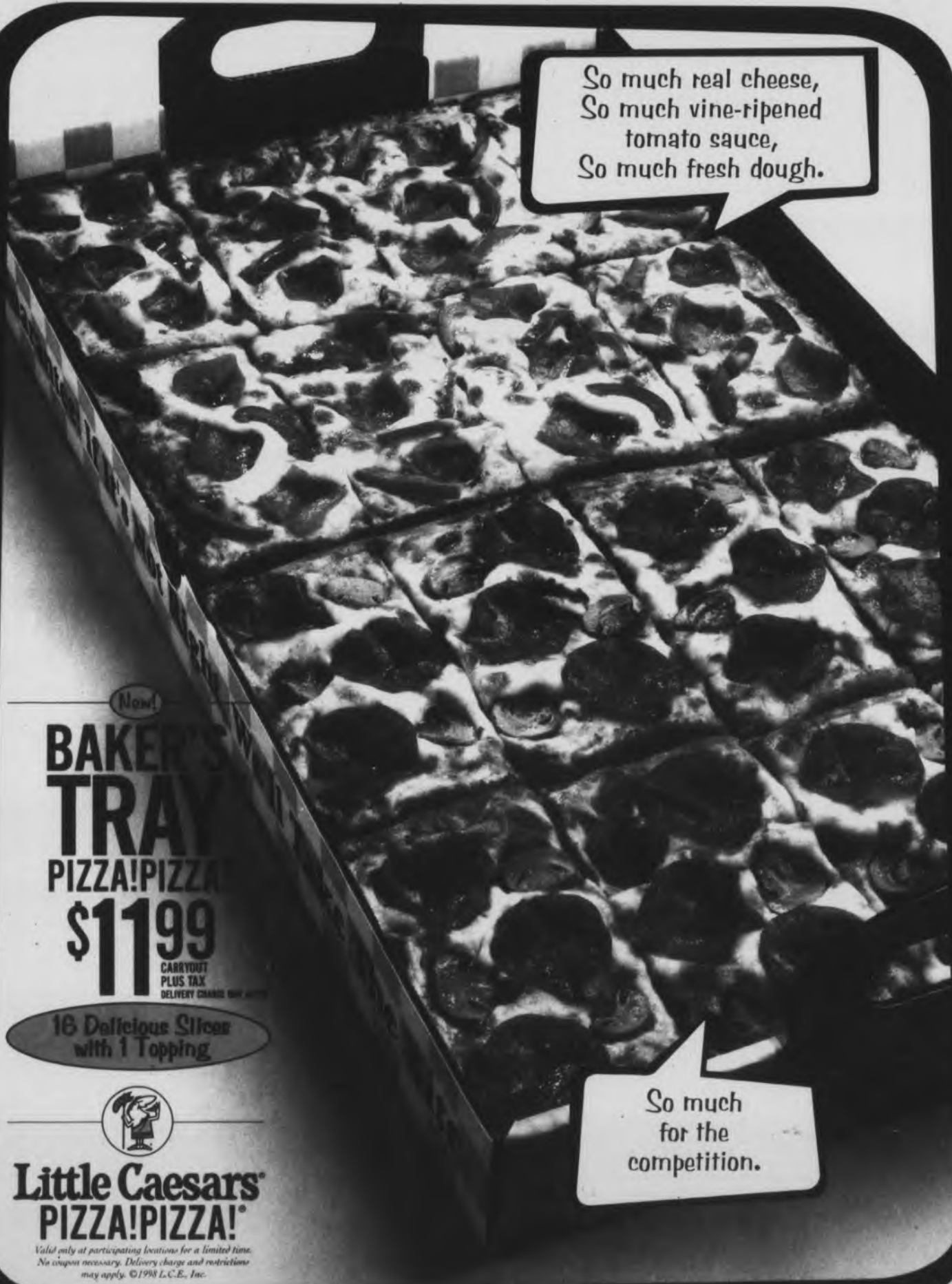


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