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Donation grants Eastern historic property

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Across Lancaster Avenue from Eastern's campus lies a sprawling, 20-acre estate adorned with hundreds of elm trees, surrounded by a wrought iron fence.

President Doug Whitlock, along with the Board of Regents and the board of directors

of the EKU Foundation, announced Monday an event over half a century in the making, the acquisition and addition of the property known as "Elmwood" to the Campus Beautiful.

Gary Abney, chair of the Board of Regents, was present for the negotiations leading up to the signing of the deed that transferred ownership of Elmwood from the trust of the estate of the late Emma Parkes Watts to the EKU Foundation.

"It was just a fantastic opportunity for Eastern to even be able to try to acquire this particular piece of prop-

erty," Abney said.

This property has long been unattainable by the university, but not for lack of trying. Eastern's administrations since the early 1960s have tried to no avail to add the park-like property and 15-room chateau-style home, named Elmwood for the trees that stand on its grounds, to its campus.

Previous attempts to buy the property were hindered by technicalities set forth in the will of Emma Parkes Watts.

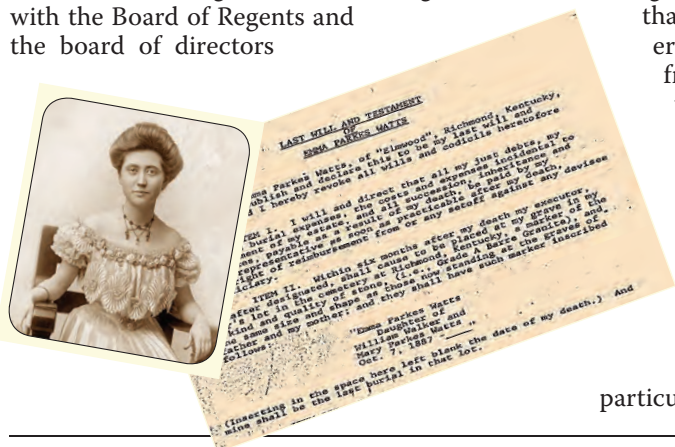
According to documents obtained from the Eastern Kentucky University library archives, Emma was the only daughter of William Walker Watts and Mary Parkes Watts. She inherited Elmwood after both her parents died and devoted her life to caring for the property.

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Elmwood estates, located on Lancaster Avenue, includes a garden, stable, carriage house, smokehouse and a caretakers' cottage. The three-story home contains five bedrooms, a library, parlor and a morning room.



EASTERN GOES ETHICAL

BOOKSTORE OFFERS NEW SOCIALLY CONSCIOUS CLOTHING LINE AS OPTION FOR STUDENT CONSUMERS

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The Barnes and Noble at EKU Bookstore is carrying a new, sweatshop-free clothing line this fall.

School House, an ethical clothing line, was founded in 2009 by Rachel Weeks after researching socially responsible clothing in Sri Lanka.

Melissa Dohmen, School House marketing and public relations director, said ethical clothing has to do with the standards companies make their clothing by and how they treat their workers.

Dohmen said Weeks founded two living wage factories in Sri Lanka and more than tripled the salaries of workers there. Salaries in a living wage factory are determined based on the cost of living in that area.

"We don't compromise people in the production of our product," Dohmen said. "We pay all of our apparel workers a full living wage. We pay premiums to our suppliers to ensure that our people are being taken care of."

Ethical clothing ideals are based around the idea of eliminating sweatshop situations and providing workers a livable wage.

"It's about more than being green; it's

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MARLA MARRS/PROGRESS

The Barnes and Noble at EKU Bookstore is now offering clothing line School House, which manufactures clothing that is produced in factories that supply its worker with a living wage. School House sells a variety of Eastern-themed clothing including sweatshirts, skirts and cardigans.

Chronicle honors Eastern

By MARY BARCZAK
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For the third year in a row, Eastern has made the list as one of the Chronicle for Higher Education's "Great Colleges to Work For."

Other universities that made the list include Baylor University and University of Southern California.

E.J. Keeley, executive director of institutional effectiveness, said the survey is given every year in the spring and is a random sampling of faculty and staff at about 600 various universities.

These universities apply to be a part of the survey, but it does not cost anything.

"Eastern scored the highest this year compared to all of the other four-year institutions in the nation," Keeley said.

President Doug Whitlock said this year Eastern scored high in 11 out of 12 categories surveyed, which is better than any of the other nine colleges that also made the list.

Eastern was the largest institution in Kentucky to be awarded this honor.

"This is something that I am very proud of and something we use to recruit new faculty and staff," Whitlock said.

Whitlock also said he thinks great communication and the senior leadership are two assets that have helped them secure this honor.

Whitlock has been the president at Eastern for four years.

Eastern has participated in the survey for three years. In the last two, the university made The Chronicle's Honor Roll, which is the list of schools that scored highest in those categories; the "cream of the crop," Keeley said.

Josie Martin, 52, has been a custodian at Eastern for 13 years.

She said she recently received a raise, but she hasn't seen much of it because the insurance takes it.

"It seems like a good place to work, but it don't pay nothing," Martin said.

Jens Arneson, 29, said "the benefits are awesome."

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Board approves meal plan, housing increase

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While most students were back home enjoying their summers, Eastern's Board of Regents was making decisions pertinent to all those involved with campus life.

On June 7, the Board of Regents met in regular session, and among other things, approved the proposed operating budget for 2011-12.

The \$233,408,820 budget includes a 2-percent raise for employees of the university, a 5-percent tuition increase, a 5-percent increase in residence hall rates and a 3.75-percent increase in meal plan rates.

Gary Abney, chair of the Board of Regents, said although undesirable, with state funding being cut by nearly half in the last 30 years, rate increases are inevitable.

"We get about 37 percent [of our funding] from the state, whereas 25 or 30 years ago, we used to get 75 percent, so that difference has to be made up somewhere," Abney said. "Unfortunately, much to our dis-

like, that has been in the last several years been passed on to our students."

Renovations of current residence halls and the planned addition of suite-style campus housing along Kit Carson Drive add to the increase of housing rates, Whitlock said.

The new housing will not only add to the accommodations Eastern has to offer, but to the landscape as well, Whitlock said.

"It'll make that area look kind of less like the back door of the campus," Whitlock said. "You will have these very attractive, modern suite-style housing units [that] will be what's visible, and then the parking will be tucked away behind them."

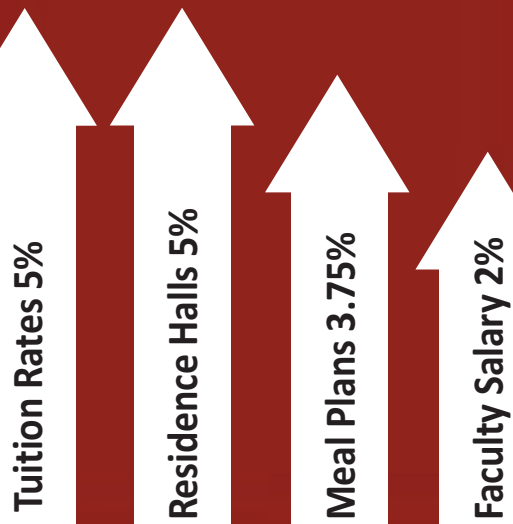
Also approved in the meeting was the 2011-2015 EKU Strategic Plan. The plan has four main goals geared toward preparing students to "lead productive, responsible, and enriched lives" as set forth in the university's mission statement.

The four goals described in the

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By the Numbers

2011-2012 budget= \$233.4 million



POLICE BEAT

All information is taken from Eastern Police reports.

Aug. 26

■ About 100 inches of copper wire weighing 300 pounds and valued at \$800 was stolen from the first floor of the new science building. The stolen copper is gray, orange and brown, and it is believed that it was taken out through the ground level doors facing Kit Carson Drive. Police think a camera on top of Clay Hall may have recorded something. They are unsure if the gate was locked.

■ Student Garrett Page was arrested for his own safety in Combs Hall after police arrived to find Page strongly under the influence of alcohol. Police said Page had bloodshot watery eyes and a strong odor of alcoholic beverage on his person. Page said he vomited several times. He was unsteady on his feet and unable to make complete sentences. Madison County Emergency Medical Services were called, but Page refused to be transported. Police decided Page was a danger to himself and was arrested in the third floor hallway of Combs Hall.

Aug. 28

■ A male student reported someone damaged the driver's side mirror on his vehicle parked in the Telford lot. He said the vehicle belonged to his father and did not know of anyone who would want to damage it. The damages were valued at \$150. Police said the damage did not appear to be from any type of vehicle accident.

■ A male student reported the Powell Plaza fountain had soap suds in it. After an investigation, police determined the soap suds in the fountain were from laundry detergent. Police found two Tide laundry detergent boxes in a nearby trash can and two liquid laundry detergent lids on top of a picnic table. The evidence was gathered and stored at Mattox Hall. Facilities Services were notified and said they would have to drain, clean and refill the fountain the next day.

Aug. 29

■ A male student reported his wallet was stolen from his backpack in the Fitness and Wellness Center. The theft happened between 3:45 p.m. and 6:40 p.m. when his backpack was left unsecured on the bleachers near the north side basketball court. He found his backpack in a different location and his wallet had been stolen. He cancelled his Farmer's Bank Debit Card. The total stolen value was \$20.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Eastern Equestrians informational meeting

Eastern Equestrians will have an informational meeting at 9 p.m. Sept. 6, 7 and 8 on the middle floor of the Powell building. For more information, contact Christina Pescatore at christina_pescatore@mymail.eku.edu or Sarah Conn at sarah_conn4@mymail.eku.edu

Labor Day closings

The Powell building will operate on different hours this weekend because of Labor day. The building will close Friday Sept. 2, remain closed Saturday and Sunday and will reopen Monday, Sept. 5 at 2 p.m.

Campus restaurant Labor Day hours

The Fresh Food Company will have continuous dining from 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Saturday Sept. 3 through Monday Sept. 5. Fountain Food Court will be closed Saturday and Sunday. Grille Works and P.O.D. will open at 5 p.m. Monday Sept. 5 and remain open until 2 a.m. Telford, Keene and Wallace C3 Express, Starbucks and Einsteins will be closed Friday Sept. 2 through Monday, Sept. 5.

Drinkers needed for sobriety tests

The Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet Department of Criminal Justice is looking for volunteers ages 21 and above to assist in training police officers how to use field of sobriety tests. Regulated amounts of alcohol will be served to volunteers. Participants will meet in the Funderburk building lobby next to the Stratton building. Drinkers will receive a free meal from a local establishment and will be paid \$50 to \$75. Drinkers must register .00 before being allowed to leave. To make an appointment, call Anna at 622-2309. All sessions begin at 11:30 a.m. Remaining dates include Sept. 13 and 14, Oct. 11, 12 and 20, Nov. 8 and 9 and Dec. 13 and 14.



The Colonel's Calendar

Week of September 1-7

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p>10 a.m. Madison County Farmers Market, off Park Dr. between Palmer and Dupree</p> <p>5:30 p.m. CityFest, Powell Plaza</p> <p>6 p.m. Campus Recreation, slacklining in the Ravine</p>	<p>11 a.m. Heat and Well 4 U, First Friday Screenings, Powell Lobby</p> <p>4 p.m. Soccer at UNC Asheville, NC</p>	<p>8:30 a.m. Fireside Chat with President Whitlock, Keen Johnson Faculty Lounge</p>	<p>1 p.m. Gardner-Webb, EKU Soccer Field</p>	<p>Holiday: Labor Day (University Closed)</p> <p>11 a.m. Multicultural Student Affairs, Labor Day picnic, Lake Reba Park</p>	<p>3 p.m. Campus Recreation, Cooper/Clayton Smoking Cessation, Herndon Lounge</p> <p>4:45 p.m. Job Club Workshop (CBT), BTC 049 Auditorium</p> <p>9 p.m. Student Life, BINGO, Powell Lobby</p>	<p>12:20 p.m. Career services workshop "Need Money—Find a Part-time Job," SSB 463</p> <p>7:30 p.m. "Sex and the Soul" Chautauqua, O'Donnell Auditorium, SSB</p>

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Community relations slates Eastern for conference

By TAYLOR PETTIT
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Richmond and Eastern's relationship have singled out the university as the site for the 2012 International Town and Gown Association [ITGA] conference from June 4 to 8.

"I was told once that when you think of Richmond, you can't help but think of Eastern, and when you think of Eastern, you can't help but think of Richmond," said Marc Whitt, conference chair and associate vice president of public relations.

The conference, which is in its seventh year, focuses on how universities can improve and maintain relationships with their host cities.

ITGA focuses on "sharing ideas, best practices with other institutions," said President Doug Whitlock.

Whitlock said he is excited for the impression that Eastern will make on the attendees.

"When people see us for the first time, I think they will be surprised at the breadth and depth of our programs," Whitlock said.

Eastern's conference will be themed "town and gown partnerships for the present and future," according to a press release.

"The mayor, the president [Whitlock] have been involved together from the very beginning," said Kim Griffo, executive director of ITGA. "It is one of the strongest working relationships we've seen. The performing arts center is a very strong example of Town and Gown relations."

The event is expected to bring approximately 400 guests, which the new EKU center for the arts can more than accommodate.

"I believe substantially more invitations were sent out than 400," said James Street, associate vice president for capital planning and facilities management. "But the facilities can accommodate 2,000."

Past conferences have brought guests nationally, but Eastern is hoping to place a larger emphasis on guests in

the international community.

"We have been marketing this much earlier than it has been in the past," Whitt said. "We have already been able to secure a delegation from Australia and currently have 17 countries following our Twitter at TownandGown2012. We are hoping to attract the larger international population."

The committee, consisting of delegates from Berea College, Blue Grass Airport, Richmond and Eastern, is also hoping to include as much student input as possible.

"I think really getting the students involved is important," said Erica Childress, 20, public relations major from Independence. "I want to go into higher education public relations, so this is exactly what I want to do."

Childress has become involved in the project through her honors senior thesis and has been coined as Whitt's "left arm."

Childress said she will become more involved in the project as they approach the conference date, but her main objective is to involve student organizations.

"The event is an international, cultural event," Childress said. "I know honors, I know SGA. I don't know Greek life; I don't know the cultural groups on campus. I want to make sure I have their input."

The conference will feature sessions on various issues, such as seeking creative ways to involve students, quality of life, economic issues, off-campus housing, student affairs, marketing and how the new Center for the Arts can affect Richmond and Eastern. Musical performances by The Drifters, The Coasters and The Platters will also be featured.

Debra Hoskins, director of the EKU Center for the Arts, said the performances were booked to specifically choose a performance that was fun.

The events are open to the public and will offer discounted registration prices to students.

"One thing that's going to be impressive, besides the show, is how it all came to be," Hoskins said. "This is not just one event; this is the work of state, county and city. It's

unusual and highly commendable."

The EKU Center for the Arts is one of the main factors behind the decision for Eastern to host the conference.

"New performing center for the arts is the ultimate county and city joint venture," Whitlock said.

But one project still remains as the pinnacle of university-community relations—vying for the 2012 presidential debate.

Madison County has been supportive of the project, Whitlock said.

Another area where community and university relationships have presented themselves is the recent acquisition of the Elmwood estate.

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Street said the acquisition of Elmwood was very indicative of Whitlock's mastery of his relations with the local community.

"I'm a local yocal; we've grown up here," Street said, "The mayor is a friend of mine. We are in close communication; we see those folks socially."

One main aspect of town and college relations focuses on how a university can help a community.

"The presence of this campus with all these smart people with all these areas of expertise...it is making sure that the faculty and staff are involved with the life of the community," Whitlock said.

Hosting conferences of this nature are considered positive for the community by attracting visitors and new residents.

The "economic impact, the response to that opportunity" was another reason Eastern applied to be the site for conference, Whitlock said.

The registration fees are expected to cover all costs associated with the conference, making the conference self-sustaining.

"We're excited to get here. We're excited for Richmond. We're excited for Kentucky at large," Griffo said.

For more information about the conference, see itgaonline.com.



MARLA MARRS/PROGRESS

The P.O.D. Market in downstairs Powell Fountain Food Court offers students an easily accessible store where they can purchase anything from candy bars to toilet paper.

Additions bring new options to Fountain Food Court

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Downstairs Powell's Fountain Food Court has cooked up some new changes this semester, bringing in a new convenience store, P.O.D. Market, along with a new restaurant, Jump Asian Express, which replaced Energy Zone, the smoothie shop.

The changes have prompted both positive and negative remarks from students.

"I've had friends say they weren't big fans of it," said Phoebe Bryant, a 21-year-old humanities major from Irvine, Ky. "Their portions were small and I'm a penny pincher, so I'd prefer to get the most of my money."

Shannon Bruno, 21, a criminal justice major from Bardstown, said she asked for a plate of fried rice, but was told they could not yet serve rice by itself, so she ordered hunan chicken in order to get what she wanted.

"I can't wait to come in here and just order fried rice," said Bruno. "I don't really like the chicken."

But many students also disagree, such as Spencer Hall, 21, an arson investigation major from Wheelersburg, Ohio.

"How could you not like the chicken? It's the best part," Hall said.

"It's actually quite delicious," added Sharon Ramsey, a 21-year-old graphic design major from Elizabethtown.

Ramsey said she's excited to have an Asian food option on campus now, especially compared to the daily routine of Chick-fil-A she was accustomed to last

year.

"I wouldn't have the smoothie place back," Ramsey said. "There's always Orange Leaf for that."

But other students said they miss Energy Zone.

"I was there [Energy Zone] so much, they knew me by name. I loved it," Bryant said.

Some students, though, said they are glad to have another food option in lower Powell.

"I like this much better," said Mandie Hodges, a 19-year-old music education major from Benton. "The portions are fine and definitely more food than just a smoothie. It's one more option we have."

In addition to Asian Express, students are singing the praises of the new P.O.D. Market, declaring its location on the left of the food court's right entrance far beats the old market.

"It's much nicer now, having the store out of the way and having designated aisles for items such as medicine," Bryant said.

"The store area before was just random," Hodges added. "I haven't been in the new one yet, but I think it looks great."

Not only is the new store more conveniently located, its business appears to be soaring, said Paula Murphy, cashier.

"I work 4 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. shifts, and see about 12 to 1,300 customers during that time," Murphy said.

The store quickly sold out of milkshakes in two days after distributing nearly 2 weeks' worth of supply, Murphy said.

iPhone application improved to include radio, menus

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As technology continues to be on the rise with new and updated applications, so does Eastern's IT department.

On March 28, Eastern's updated version of its iPhone app went live. With the newer version, many features and services were added to make the application more useful. Included in the new app is additional news feeds, dining menus, GPA calculator, bus schedule and the WEKU radio feed.

In August 2009, Northern Kentucky University (NKU) students in collaboration with their Information Technology division offered to develop the iPhone app for Eastern.

"We were happy to accept their offer and work with them through the initial development," said Mona Isaacs, associate vice president for Eastern's IT department.

The first version of Eastern's iPhone app went live on iTunes in March 2010.

"After the app went live, suggestions for improvements and additions were collected," Isaacs said.

There were no problems with the first version of the iPhone app, though, said Doug Cornett, manager of Creative Services.



"The first iPhone applications worked great out of the box," Cornett said. "After collecting user requests and consulting with developers, it is a natural progression of mobile apps to add updates."

Eastern's app can be downloaded for free from iTunes.

Veterans Affairs unveils new minor

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Eastern's Department of Veterans Affairs is making history by introducing a new minor in veterans studies.

"Nobody else is doing this. This is one of those first-of-its-kind type things," said Lt. Col. Brett Morris, associate director of Veterans Affairs. "There is a graduate program at the University of Southern California within the social work master's program where they do something similar. You'll find a class here or there being taught, but you don't see a full minor like this at the undergraduate level."

Deborah Core, assistant dean of the college of Arts and Sciences, explained Eastern's motivation for the program.

"Our motive in creating the program is we have a great number of returning veterans, and we need to help those veterans," Core said.

Morris said the minor is not necessarily just for veterans, though, but for people who will deal with veterans as part of their careers or want to better understand what veterans experience.

"If we look at it this way, one percent of the population serves. The other 99 percent haven't served," Morris said. "There's a lot of people in that 99 percent who will be working with veterans...one of the things that many veterans struggle with is they go, 'People don't get me; they don't understand what I've been through.'"

The minor requires students to complete 18 hours of veterans studies classes, as well as 12 hours of electives focusing on the three dimensions of veterans studies: The relational, institutional and cultural dimensions.

The relational dimension focuses on the effect military service has on relationships. The institutional dimension covers the structure of the military and how it works. Finally, the cultural dimension looks at the literature surrounding war.

"These electives are courses that are already taught within the various departments," Morris said. "So, for example, they could take Shakespeare at War or War and Peace in the literature department to really read deeply about the literature around warfare, so people have a better feeling for what has been written about war," Morris said.

The final requirement for the minor is a capstone seminar in which students take everything they've learned from their previous classes and complete an in-depth research project on one issue veterans face. At the end of the semester, the class members make a presentation on their findings and often submit their research for publication.

Morris said he thinks the minor could be beneficial for many people.

"There's any number of professions you can think of where you could come in contact with veterans," Morris said. "I think anyone can benefit [from the program.] It could even be a family member who just better wants to understand what their service member is going through."

While Morris said there were students interested in the minor program for the fall, it had not been approved until June, so they missed fall registration. However, the minor is currently ready, so students can go to EKUDirect and declare a minor in veterans studies.

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The mansion, which was completed in 1887, the same year Emma was born, cost \$35,000 to construct and was built by Emma's father. According to the property valuation administrator's office, the estate is currently valued at \$420,000.

Emma never married and lived out all her earthly days at Elmwood. Six months before her death, she filed a last will and testament that explained what should happen to her estate in the event of her death, down to the minute details including how to care for her dogs.

The will states Elmwood and any other tangible property Miss Emma owned at the time of her death "shall not be sold" for any reason. She also left instructions that the property, inside and out, "be kept and maintained in the same manner as I have done."

The last will and testament of Emma explicitly barred the selling of the estate, something Eastern has been trying to work around for years. Cathy Burnam Flood, successor trustee of Elmwood, donated the estate to the EKU Foundation as a gift, a way to transfer the property to Eastern.

"This is something that every president of this place has worked on since the 60s... everybody has tried to buy it," Whitlock said.

Legend holds former president Robert R. Martin approached Emma and asked her how much she wanted for Elmwood. Her response, "How much do you want for your university?"

"There was a provision in her will that it couldn't be sold, but there was nothing in her will that said it couldn't be given," Whitlock said.

The EKU Foundation will reimburse the trust for about \$400,000. Whitlock said the money is for recent renovations and maintenance of the property, including a new roof.

"If it had been given to us when we first started talking about this we would have had to have done those things anyway," Whitlock said.

Although Eastern now has control over the property, there are several stipulations to the use and maintenance of the property laid out in the deed. The specifics of Emma's last wishes have been transferred from her will to the deed.

The deed provides for the grounds, structure and all real property of Elmwood to be "forever maintained and preserved in their current natural and historic state."

In light of Emma seemingly doing everything in her power to keep Elmwood out of Eastern's hands, even in death, Whitlock thinks she would be happy with the restrictions set out by her trustees and heirs for the property.

"I think her primary interest was in preserving the beauty of the place, and we're committed to that, too," Whitlock said.

The deed also says any construction to take place on the property must be architecturally compatible with the structures already there and are not to be visible from Lancaster Avenue. Also, the vista along Lancaster is not to be disturbed. Anything built needs to "look like it belongs there," Whitlock said.

Any improvement made to the property must be used in accordance with the university's mission and cannot be for commercial use. This is one of the reasons recent negotiations over the property have been going on for nearly two years.

"Through the efforts of many folks, we were able to work through a lot of those issues and to get it down to where at least when we got the property, it would be something we could do something with," Abney said.

In the early 90s, former president Hanly Funderburk caused a controversy when he was quoted in the Richmond Register say-



Emma Parkes Watts

ing that if Eastern owned the land, it would "start parking cars on it."

There are no concrete plans for the future of Elmwood, but Emma, with the help of her trustees and heirs, made sure it wouldn't become a parking lot.

"I don't think there has been any determination right at this point what the particular would be," Abney said. "I think it would be an outstanding alumni center."

Whitlock said any renovations to the property would be funded by private donors, and making it an alumni center would be a logical route to take to appeal to donors.

"Since the foundation is involved in it as they are, and since alumni development work is important part of our Foundation activities, it would make an excellent alumni development slash conference center," Whitlock said.

James Street, associate vice-president for capital planning and facilities management, said it is unlikely any major renovations or construction will take place any time soon.

"If anything is done, it would be 10 years or more, long after I'm gone," Street said.

No matter what the estate is used for, everyone involved in the passing of the deed to Eastern agrees it is an invaluable asset.

"I think it's a great coup for this university," Abney said. "I think it's something that many people in the future of Eastern and those that have been here in the past can certainly take great pride in the ownership of this particular piece of property."

What you didn't know about the

Elmwood estates

- William Walker Watts, a native of Madison County, served in the Civil War for the Confederacy.

- It is rumored that Watts amassed his fortune rustling cattle either legally or illegally in Texas.

- It has long been rumored Emma bequeathed Elmwood to one of her animals.

- Emma was an avid antique furniture collector. Her collection remains in the home.

- The house has been kept in the same manner as when Emma was alive, down to the placement of the furniture in the house per her last wishes.

- The property includes a shrubbery maze and a goldfish pond.

- It is rumored that Emma and her parents still inhabit the second floor and attic of the house.

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plan are to maximize student success; build and sustain the university's capacity for excellence; create and maintain an inclusive, equitable and diverse environment; and collaborate with the university's regional community partners to promote academic achievement, economic development and quality of life.

According to a press release, Dusty McCoy, chair of the EKU Foundation Board, reported to the Board of Regents that "the university's endowment is up nearly \$3 million on a year-to-date basis and has reached \$48 million," and "overall gifts to the university are up about 30 percent."

Another order of business discussed at the meeting was the periodical evaluation of the president. Whitlock said bylaws of the university require a two- and four-year evaluation of the president, and then one every four years thereafter. President Whitlock will receive his four-year evaluation sometime this semester.

The board also discussed Eastern's application to host a 2012 presidential debate. "We still remain very hopeful that we will land the presidential debate," Whitlock said. "I think the Commission on Presidential Debates was very impressed with our application."

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He has been working for Eastern as a library associate in the periodical department for three years.

The Henderson, Ky., native said the tuition reimbursement agreement Eastern has with the University of Kentucky helped him to complete his master's in library science.

"It's not just a job for most people here," he said.

Jason Hunt, 34, of Richmond, has been working at the Crabbe Library as an IT assistant since January.

He said he enjoys it because the university has been flexible with his scheduling, and he gets to help students who wouldn't otherwise receive it in a regular computer lab.

"Yes, I feel like my work is valued here," Hunt said. "I get to help students who may be computer illiterate."

Plus, he said, it's a good title to have on his resume.

To see the complete list compiled by The Chronicle, visit www.chronicle.com.

This week in photos



Greek Life candlelight ceremony

Members from all eight panhellenic councils participated in a Greek Life candlelight ceremony at 9 p.m. Monday night in the Ravine. The event revealed recruitment counselors and introduced all new members. Various speeches were made on the solidarity of sorority life. Fraternity recruitment begins this week.

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about making sure that you're taking care of your people," Dohmen said.

Dohmen said the company is now 100-percent made in America in North Carolina. The company makes clothing specifically for colleges and universities, and sells to 100 colleges nationwide.

Dohmen said School House supports more than 2,000 jobs in North Carolina. She said the company works with non-profit groups to define what a living wage is, which in North Carolina is minimum wage, \$7.25. But Dohmen said the company is currently paying employees around \$10 an hour.

School House claims its clothing line is ethical, so what does that say about all other clothing lines bought at the bookstore?

Walking around the store, names like Champion, Under Armour, Jansport, Nike and Russell Athletic fill most of the racks with Eastern apparel.

Research on these clothing lines puts the various companies' ethics in question. A study found on the Miami Univer-

sity website said Jansport submits workers to unethical working situations and don't provide them enough money for their basic needs. A study on the University of Texas at San Antonio website claims that Jansport and Champion are "notorious" for their use of sweatshop labor. Various organizations such as Global Exchange and Educating for Justice say that Nike has a long history of underpaying employees in foreign factories.

According to an article in the New York Times, in 2009, Russell Athletic lost lots of college support when the company fired 1,200 workers in Honduras for forming a union. Since then, Russell has hired back the fired workers and opened a new plant in Honduras as a unionized factory.

Under Armour has a green line that recycles plastic bottles to make clothing and follows a strict code of ethics and business conduct, according to the company's website.

Meredith Stang, general merchandise manager of the Barnes and Noble at EKU Bookstore, said they choose the clothes brands they sell from a list of vendors a corporate office gives them.

"We have to take companies at their word," Stang said. "That's a choice for students to make for themselves."

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Seth Littrell, editor

CAMPUS COMMENTS

"Roommates"

All Campus Comments are anonymous.

- My roommate sucks. She's never there, but it's kinda nice. She's not the nicest person ever.
- He just smells really bad.
- My brother's roommate is 24, and he plays that "World of Warcraft" game all day.
- Roommates can be kind of creepy sometimes.
- If you get a random roommate your freshman year, it can either be the best experience of your life or the worst.
- My roommate's never there. It's pretty cool; it's like having a private room.
- My roommate is a bad bitch.
- My roommate be up in my stuff.
- Honestly, I think they need to do a better job at putting people together as roommates. I don't think they really be matching stuff.
- I wake up with three Tiggers staring at me every morning.
- I got randomly put with a freshman, but she's on that maturity level. But she keep turning off shit like the air, and it's hot as hell in the summer.
- I think there needs to be a better survey because I got paired with a girl, and she's a boy scout.
- My roommate's my cousin and we're a lot alike, and I hate him.
- Some people like to stay out real late and party.
- My roommate I know really well so I don't have a problem with her.
- We're really good friends so it's really fun.
- I know a lot of people complain about how they don't really like their roommates.
- They seem to be either annoying or fantastic. Mines been fantastic because he's never there.

Compiled by
Kristie Hamon

University board needs equal representation

When big decisions at Eastern need to be made, the Board of Regents makes them. The board is a collection of 11 men and women put in charge of governing the school. Eight of these members are appointed by the governor, two are selected from the university faculty and staff and one is the acting student body president.

Together, this board approves or denies every major decision that will affect you as a student. They decide how much tuition will be raised each year, they decide what your housing expenses will be, they decide how much the faculty and staff will be paid and they decide if faculty and staff will receive wage increases from year to year.

But wait: The most important body on campus that approves or denies all major changes made to this institution every year is not the people from the institution itself?

The governor appoints eight of 11 regents, and while at least four of them are Eastern alumni, do they actually care about anything at Eastern other than how the university spends its state appropriations? To tell you the truth, we don't know, there is no information on these regents other than their email addresses on Eastern's website. We'll give them the benefit of the doubt in assuming they take the issues of students into consideration. Still, they were appointed to focus solely on the bottom line during their term.

That's not to say state representatives should not be on the board. The state appropriates huge sums of money to this school every year; it is only fair they get a hand in seeing it put to use.

The issue here is equal representation. We the students pay tuition every semester. We take on crippling amounts of debt to pay for an education so that when we leave here, we can get better jobs and earn more money, presumably to pay off the aforementioned crippling debt. How many voices do we get? One.

The student body president is the only representative we have supporting our causes at those meetings. We have one person to mention the cost of going to college is near impossible for many, and there's only so much scholarship and grant money to go around. We have one voice when housing rates force some students to get a full-time job in addition to taking classes, which, by the way, is not very good for student retention.

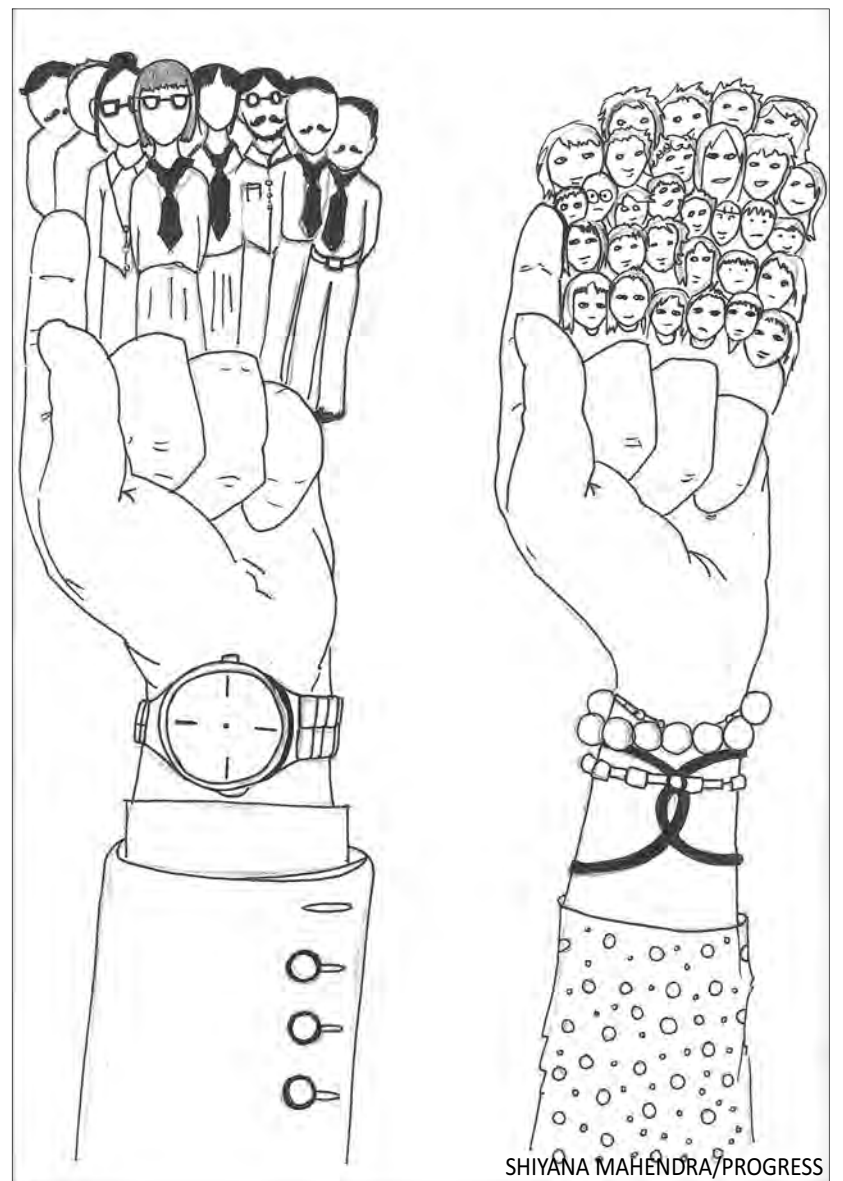
Why are we not given the same representation the state gets? After all, not only is our tuition money the greatest source of revenue for the university, it is nearly one and a half times the size of our state appropriations. If you look at Eastern's operating budget for fiscal year 2011-2012, you will see that the total tuition revenue is \$126,827,815. This is compared to the \$72,221,000 our school gets from state appropriations. The difference between those two numbers is \$54,606,815.

We get one representative. They get eight.

To clarify, we don't think the members of the Board of Regents are bad people in any way. The board is not made up of two professors, one student and the Legion of Doom. These are (and we're assuming here again, due to the conspicuous lack of information Eastern seems to have available on these people) savvy businessmen and women who know how to effectively use a university budget to run a great school.

But viewing the university on a numbers basis alone is not going to solve every issue that arises. People make lives for themselves here, often for the first time. They run into issues that need to be addressed by those in authority, but they only have one person out of 11 to whom they can bring those concerns.

We believe that for Eastern to run as efficiently as possible, for our great



school to be all it can be, input from the students is vital. That doesn't just mean through email polls and SGA elections, which is how we decide who our one board member is going to be. We encourage those of you who don't vote and still complain to reflect on this.

Again, this is not a call to arms against the current Board of Regents. This is simply a statement of our opinion as a part of the student voice on a fact. In the end, the final decision on how much say we students should have in the way our school is run will come down to us. Eastern seems to have gained a reputation for having apathetic students who really don't care what happens around them on campus. The day we make big changes like this will be the day we decide to change ourselves and actually speak up when we feel something isn't right.

Clarity over prestige makes students happy



My Turn
Taylor Pettit

I am proud to be a Colonel. I am proud to go to Eastern. I have never been one for over-inflated school spirit and absurd mascots and chants. I love telling people I go to EKV.

But I find it ridiculous the amount of titles Eastern attempts to stick on itself, like some blue ribbon pig at the state fair.

I'm beginning to lose track of all the things we are the "best" at, how many places we are ranked and what brand new out-of-the-box programs we've unleashed.

I get it, awards and accolades garner us more money, higher enrollment and push us further toward the goal of being one of "those prestigious universities." Dare I say, some Big Blue

envy even?

Why can't we love Eastern for simply being Eastern?

Yes, these titles are nice to hear about and even nicer to receive, but what do they really mean?

I would love if the university explained to me and the rest of the students why it is such a big deal to be a middle college, a third-tier learning community or any of the other jargon that is spit at me on the homepage of the university website.

As a student reporter, I spend a large amount of my time deciphering these accolades to find out what they really mean and if they are worth delving into.

Most of the time they are interesting, unique and special.

But they don't truly affect the currently enrolled college student.

Eastern, hear my pleas for clarity. I love Eastern and am always looking to count more ways why I love my school. But at the end of the day, the PR jumble that is strewn all over campus is confusing and meaningless.

We can explain it until we turn blue, but no students are really going to care until you give

them the proof as to why we should be proud.

Students here often get the reputation for being apathetic.

We are simple people; we find it hard to give a damn under a mountain of fliers and flags touting our latest and greatest list we've just been added to.

What happened to just being proud of being Eastern? Let's learn to laugh at ourselves a bit. I personally have developed a deep love for when Eastern gets poked fun at.

SGA-gate. That bar up the road from UK. The testing plant for when the Bluegrass Army Depot goes under. Heck, The Eastern Regress, what students once referred to as "our dear old Progress," is the best thing I've ever heard from an Eastern alumna.

Learn to love Eastern for what it is, not what we are trying to be. Love it for all it is. Be proud of successes; be proud of failures. Be proud of maroon, Colonels, and knowing your school once garnered a national reputation for its parties.

At the end of the day, it's not about being called a great school; it's about being a great school for students.

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Battle of Richmond



TENTH ANNUAL CIVIL WAR RE-ENACTMENT UNITES LOCALS FOR DAY OF HISTORY AND FUN

By TAYLOR PETTIT
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Grab a bottle of sarsaparilly, some elk chili and prepare for the battle. Sound like a typical weekend?

Well, for some students, Civil War re-enactments are more than a weekend of dress-up, but a time to remember, preserve and honor their cultural heritage.

"Once you see the stories played out...they come to life. It makes it all worth it," said Jacob Sulley, 20, American history and military major from Danville, Ky.

The Battle of Richmond, which takes place annually at Battlefield Park on Route 421, allows re-enactors and everyday civilians alike to relive a piece of history.

"I'm here to show the guys around. I've been here many times before," said Paul J. Ramsey, a full-time video producer and part-time instructor. "I enjoyed every minute of it. They do a really great job, and it seems to get bigger every year."

The 10th annual Battle of Richmond re-enactment show-

cased the Confederate victory, with vendors purveying era-style clothes and food, and actors portraying "living history." Actors dress up and give speeches in character of several historical figures, including President Abraham Lincoln.

The re-enactment of the battle itself, which was the second-largest battle in Kentucky, is where those involved pull out all the stops.

"I make my own clothes. I've put a lot of money into my rifles," Sulley said. "I know exactly how many stitches need to go along a four-button jacket. I have accumulated all of my stuff over my entire life."

Sulley said he followed in the footsteps of his mother, who is involved in historical preservation, and his grandfather, who is a Civil War re-enactor.

"It can be very political," Sulley said. "Hardcore re-enactors, which I would say I am, it is very detailed. People go way deep into it."

Sulley started re-enacting as a drummer boy at 12 and

carrying a rifle at 13. He said he has traveled around the country participating in re-enactments as thousands of soldiers in Ohio, Georgia, Tennessee and Virginia.

Sulley said he has also done cavalry impressions on his own horse, which he broke himself.

"It's very interesting how people react. It's still very controversial," said Sulley, who has portrayed both Union and Confederate soldiers.

He added that the exact personalities of the soldiers he has portrayed is one of the most interesting aspects of the re-enactments.

"You notice that one of the men wrote home to his mother a lot and told his mother all the details of the war, while another one of the men I portrayed only wrote to his father and brothers and specifically said, 'Do not tell mother about the war.'"

Re-enactors take the process to various levels, whether

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Fall Concert Preview

September:

Fri., Sept. 2 - **Jason Isbell and the 400 Unit Buster's** - Lexington

Fri., Sept. 2 - **Jack's Mannequin** Headliners Music Hall - Louisville

Sun., Sept. 4 - **Sister Hazel** Buster's - Lexington

Mon., Sept. 5 - **of Montreal** Headliners Music Hall - Louisville

Fri., Sept. 9 - **Sade with John Legend** KFC Yum! Center - Louisville

Sat., Sept. 10 - **Katy Perry with Janelle Monáe** KFC Yum! Center - Louisville

Tue., Sept. 13 - **Stone Temple Pilots** Taft Theater - Cincinnati

Tue., Sept. 13 - **The Script** Louisville Palace - Louisville

Sat., Sept. 17 - **Black Star: Mos Def & Talib Kweli** Bogart's - Louisville

Wed., Sept. 21 - **Chris Brown with Kelly Rowland, T-Pain and TYGA** Riverbend Music Center - Cincinnati

Fri., Sept. 23 - **Montgomery Gentry** J.M. Montgomery's Country Fest - Winchester

Sat., Sept. 24 - **Wynonna Judd** EKU Center for the Arts - Richmond

Sat., Sept. 24 - **Jamey Johnson** Lykins Park - Winchester

Thu., Sept. 29 - **Toby Keith with Eric Church and JT Hodges** Riverbend Music Center - Cincinnati

Fri., Sept. 30 - **Death Cab for Cutie** Riverbend Music Center - Cincinnati

October:

Sat., Oct. 1 - **3 Doors Down** Rupp Arena - Lexington

Tue., Oct. 4 - **Peter Dinklage** EKU Center for the Arts - Richmond

Wed., Oct. 5 - **Fleet Foxes** Louisville Palace - Louisville

Fri., Oct. 7 - **Bush and Chevelle with Filter** Riverbend Music Center - Cincinnati

Sat., Oct. 15 - **B.B. King** EKU Center for the Arts - Richmond

Sat., Oct. 15 - **Odd Future** Bogart's - Cincinnati

Wed., Oct. 19 - **Willie Nelson** EKU Center for the Arts - Richmond

Thu., Oct. 20 - **Drive-By Truckers** 20th Century Theater - Cincinnati

Fri., Oct. 21 - **Casting Crowns** Rupp Arena - Lexington

Sat., Oct. 22 - **Darius Rucker** US Bank Arena - Cincinnati

Thu., Oct. 27 - **The Avett Brothers** Rupp Arena - Lexington

Sat., Oct. 29 - **Taylor Swift** Rupp Arena - Lexington

Family On The Run

SENIOR ZACH AUST QUALIFIES FOR TEAM USA IN INTERNATIONAL TRIATHLON UNION'S CHAMPIONSHIP ALONGSIDE PARENTS

By ADAM TURNER
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For Zach Aust, success is more than just a desired outcome. It is a family tradition.

Aust, a 21-year-old paramedical science major from Sunbury, Ohio, is a triathlete who recently qualified for a spot on Team USA in the International Triathlon Union's (ITU) 2012 World Championship taking place in New Zealand. What makes this unique is that his parents, James Aust and Tracy Disabato-Aust, will be competing as well.

"My parents have been doing it for about six or seven years," Aust said. "They race together, so now it is like a big family affair. I knew this year my goal was to get onto Team USA with them."

And he achieved this goal two weekends ago when he competed in his first national tournament in Burlington, Vt., and made the team alongside his parents.

"I believe I ended up getting seventh or so in my age group," Aust

said. "Happy with that for my first nationals. It was a very new experience. The best of the best competition is there from all over the country."

For his parents, however, this was hardly their first go-round.

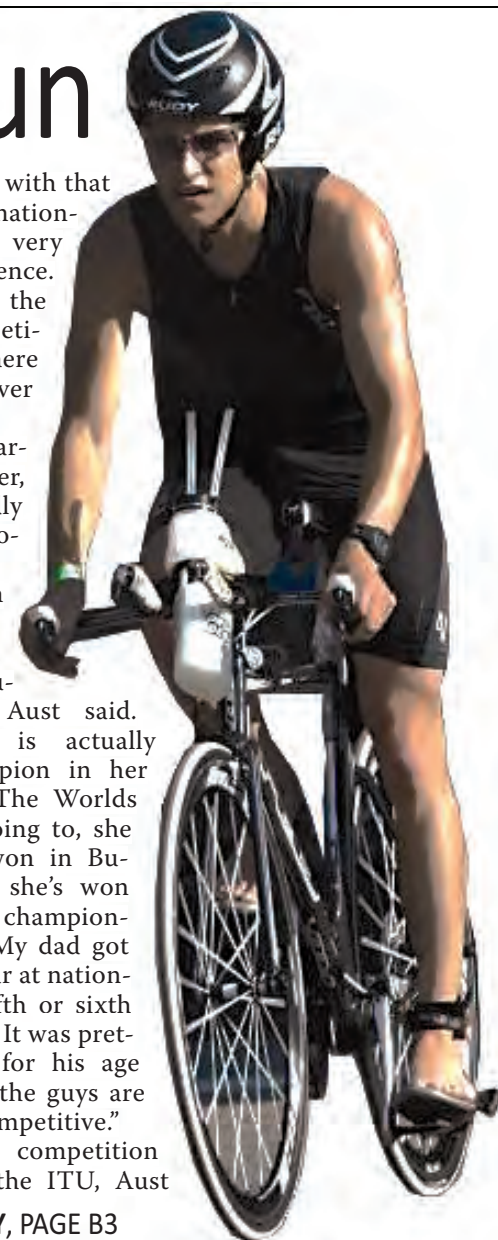
"My mom and dad have been on for a couple years," Aust said. "My mom is actually world champion in her age group. The Worlds that I am going to, she previously won in Budapest, and she's won the national championship twice. My dad got third this year at nationals and is fifth or sixth in the world. It was pretty high up for his age group since the guys are very, very competitive."

The stiff competition making up the ITU, Aust

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What You Should Be Watching: 'Peep Show'



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There are only a few channels you should be watching on television. If you aren't tuned into these stations, such as Comedy Central or FX, you're wasting your time with meaningless programming coupled with a never-ending stream of mind-altering garbage. In all reality, your television set is an obsolete piece of retro technology, similar to an 8-track player or a floppy disk. If you're looking for good, wholesome programming, there is only one place to turn. I refer to this place as the "homo sapien interconnectivity web," or more commonly, the Internet.

Since 2003, one show has stood out amid the noise and haste of modern TV programming. The aptly titled "Peep Show," which recently wrapped up its seventh season, is a diamond in the rough in the mountain of absurdist, dry British comedies. Originally aired on the British Channel 4, the show is now available in its entirety via Hulu.com.

The show is unique for several reasons, namely the manner in which it is shot and the amount of viewer participation required to truly appreciate the show. I would give an

example from the show, but the context of the show is so important that in order to explain one joke, I would have to explain an entire episode.

"Peep Show" revolves around two characters living together in a typical London apartment. The main characters are Jeremy (Robert Webb), an unemployed musician and self-proclaimed "musical genius," and Mark (David Mitchell), the clear-minded voice of logic working as a loan manager in an office building.

These may sound like mundane archetypes, but the show is interesting because it is all shot from a first-person perspective. You're not just seeing this world through the eyes of the two aforementioned characters; you're seeing it through the eyes of literally every character that enters the scene. During any given set of dialogue, the point of view is constantly shifting around the room, creating a very convincing and oftentimes impressively smooth sense of whatever hilarious situation they've gotten themselves into.

The constant change in perspective forces you to see this fictional world through the character's eyes, and it is

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'Watch the Throne' is luxury rap at its finest

By **JABRIL POWER**

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"It ain't safe in the city, watch the throne." This lyric exemplifies how Kanye West and Jay-Z establish an immediate image in their new album, an epic collaboration titled "Watch The Throne." The gold-colored, regal cover art will likely have you feeling as though you just paid \$16.99 for an ancient artifact rather than a CD.

Undeniably, these two colossal musicians were very interested in decorating the cover of their album with the same boldness and originality that fuels both their immense popularity and sizeable egos.

But then you take a listen to the album. Kanye West and Jay-Z, with the help of an all-star cast of producers and singers including Swizz Beats, RZA, Frank Ocean, Beyonce and Mr. Hudson, have created a rich and boastful rap album.

The album is almost evenly split in two, with one half bragging about the fame and



stature of the artists ("Gotta Have It"), and the other half contemplating deeper issues and even showing the artists' vulnerable sides. For example, on the track "New Day," the two rappers essentially write advice to their future sons. In the song "Mur-

der to Excellence," Kanye and Jay-Z condemn things like "black on black murder" while singing about concepts like black empowerment.

The album's sound is very experimental, with dubstep samples and even a track that

features the legendary Otis Redding, but all the while challenging the status quo of traditional mainstream hip-hop of 2011 at the same time. This is one of those albums that finds people who aren't necessarily into hip-hop and offers a little something they can admire.

Kanye relies heavily on witty punch lines and clear, dry rhymes, while Jay-Z provides seasoned complexity and less aggressiveness. The lyrics are first-class, as always. They are energetic and oftentimes angry, but still relevant, competitive and open to criticism.

The album may remind you of a version of Kanye's previous title, "My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy," except it is not as dark, long, lyrically entertaining or thought-out. However, it is still memorable for all the right reasons. If you already like Kanye and Jay-Z and don't mind them driving their fast cars right in your face, then you owe it to yourself to pick this one up.

Verdict: B

WHAT THE TECH?! Nintendo Wii U

By **TRISTAN MEIMAN**

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It's very hard these days to find people who are not familiar with the name Nintendo. Gamers and non-gamers alike understand Nintendo's long and impressive résumé, leading up to its recent breakthrough in motion gaming with the release of the Wii in 2006. The system brought people of all ages together in the living room to provide hours of fun, entertainment and ridiculousness as players flailed their arms around.

This year at the Electronic Entertainment Expo (E3) in Los Angeles, Calif., Nintendo revealed to the world its newest gaming console set to be released in 2012. Nintendo's successor to the Wii is entitled the "Wii U." Reggie Fils-Aime, president of Nintendo of America, explained to the audience that the idea of the name is to bring everyone into the gaming world, but also to focus on the hardcore gamer.

Nintendo is famous for taking gaming into different, exciting directions with each of its new consoles. This is one of the Wii U's strong points. The new controller looks something like that of an iPad with control sticks. The controller's full capabilities are still hush-hush at the moment, but for the most part, we can gather that it has:

- Full touch screen
- Built-in camera
- Stereo speakers
- Battery power (is chargeable)
- Gyroscope (for aiming in certain games)
- Traditional controls

- Wii backward compatibility (will work with the older version of Wii)

Sadly, it has been confirmed that unlike the Wii, the Wii U will not be able to play Gamecube discs. Instead, gamers can purchase their favorite Gamecube games via Nintendo's eShop store when the system releases.

The Wii U's controller has a 6.2-inch, 16:9 screen and is an impressive marvel on its own. Nintendo showed viewers at E3 its ability to take game play that is happening on the TV screen and move it to the palm of your hands. Now,



when gamers are playing and others want a turn to watch TV, all it takes is a press of a button and you keep playing while everyone else watches their show. Everybody wins!

But what about overall presentation? In other words, how pretty are the games going to be? The Wii U supports resolutions up to 1080p via HDMI or component cables, which means it will have the same stellar graphics as the Xbox 360 and PS3, if not better.

Stepping away from the hardware capabilities, let's talk about the most important facet of any new system: The games. Since the release of the Wii, Nintendo's main demographic has always been targeted to that of family fun. While this is still part of Nintendo's goal, the company has decided to reach out to third party publishers.

Such notable game companies as EA, THQ, Sega, Ubisoft and many others will begin developing titles for Nintendo's new home console. Some games that have been confirmed for the Wii U include "Darksiders," "Dirt," "Aliens: Colonial Marines," "Ghost Recon Online," "Metro: Last Light," "Tekken" and "Ninja Gaiden 3: Razor's Edge."

To sum up Wii U: Innovative controller, pretty graphics and a plethora of third party titles. When can we get our hands on this and how much will it cost? Unfortunately, we don't know. All we know is that the console is set to release in 2012 and the price is still up for discussion. But let's face it, if you're a fan of Nintendo or a fan of gaming, this is a system worth checking out. If nothing else, head over to Nintendo.com and watch a trailer or two. This is something "U" don't want to miss.



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they travel the country, like Sulley, or just dedicate singular weekend events to the process, such as Battle of Richmond.

"I used to be a re-enactor," said Brandon Jacobs, 22, wildlife management major from May's Lick, Ky. Jacobs participated in the re-enactments for eight years until he started going to college.

"It doesn't take much time, just one weekend," Jacobs said. "I think it's great to come and get a taste of what it used to be like in the 1860s."

FAMILY

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explained, consists of amateur athletes split up into different age groups, such as the 20 to 24 year olds who Aust competes with.

"I am mainly competing against people in that age group, so it makes it fair," he said. "There are people up in their 80s still competing, so it is a really neat experience."

Aust himself only began competing in triathlons recently. Though he said he was a talented runner from fourth grade on, he decided to take a break after high school to pursue other interests, from practicing mixed martial arts to even performing magic. Two summers back, however, he started training with his parents to attempt his first triathlon.

"The triathlon was addicting. It was definitely very suited to what I do," he said. "It keeps things fresh since it's three different sports, and the cross training's great for your body."

Addicting as it may be, the triathlon is also very intense. Though there are different races, the sprint distance that Aust said he excels most at consists of a 750-yard swim, a 20K bike (12.4 miles) and a 5K run (3.1 miles). And the inherent dangers involved with these distances and preparations required to face them are



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Zach Aust, seen here finishing the swimming portion of a triathlon, has been actively running since the fourth grade.

PEEP SHOW

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accompanied by something else unusual. Throughout any given episode, the audience can hear the internal monologue of Jeremy and Mark, getting viewers more attached to the two main characters than anyone else. When the two are in dialogue solely with one another, these moments reinforce how drastically different the two of them are and why their lives are so dys-



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In addition to the soldiers who dress up in period costume, various other civilians will dress up as women, reporters and vendors.

"I've never been before and I wanted to know what's it like," said Madeline Ruhl, 20, wildlife management major from Louisville. "It's interesting watching the battle, and it's a big part of our history. We need to remember it."

Sulley said remembering the battles are one of the major reasons why these re-enactments continue throughout the country.

"People forget where they come from. They don't care," Sulley said. "I hate to say it, but it's basically my generation. I would say, go see these places before they're gone."

Sulley recounted his time visiting Camp Douglas in Chicago. The camp held more than 56,000 prisoners of the Civil War, and is now commemorated with only one small stone.

"It's sad," Sulley said. "It's sad to see things like that. The reason why I do it is that men fought and died on this exact field where you are standing. It's scary, but much of the government is the same as it was 1862. Things that happened years ago are still happening."

not lost on Aust.

"People do get hit on their bikes often," he said. "I actually just recently crashed my old bike. I actually have a road ID on my wrist with all my medical information just in case. But I haven't received many injuries, because if you are training properly, it isn't as big of an issue."

Aust said he averages about 12 hours of training a week, usually two different workouts a day, in addition to 16 hours of classes this semester and fraternity life in Sigma Nu.

All the training in the world, however, can't change the fact that sometimes you simply run out of energy.

"I have bonked during a race, which is simply running out of nutrition," Aust said. "You can't really think; you've just used everything you have. I knew what was happening. It was in the middle of a 10K at the end of an Olympic distance tri, and I knew I had a little sports gel in my hat, but my stomach was so cramped and miserable, that I literally couldn't get it in."

Thankfully, Aust has a solution to dealing with the strains of a long race.

"My favorite thing to do afterwards is to just grab a Coke and chug it. People think that you can't drink pop after, but it's simple sugar and quick calories," Aust said.

Throughout it all, the wins and the "bonks," Aust said his parents have been by his side and supportive.

"People usually think that I was kind of pushed into it by them, but really it was something by myself I did," he said. "But I take a lot of my tips from them. It's good, you know. They know the ropes, and tri stuff is very expensive, so I get a lot of hand-me-downs from my dad, which I don't complain about at all."

With the World Championship looming in the horizon, Aust expressed his excitement to get back into training full-time again.

"I'm excited to see my improvement since this was just my first real season of doing it with training under my belt," Aust said. "Compared to other people in the sport, I'm still very, very new to it. It has just been a blast. A really fun experience. I always recommend it to anyone who wants to get into working out."

And even though he is still young, Aust said he doesn't see himself quitting the sport anytime soon.

"I see it as a pretty lifelong thing," Aust said. "You see these people, 80 and 90 years old, still competing in triathlons, so it's pretty inspiring for me."

functional.

Even though the show has aired for almost 10 years, it is an extremely under-appreciated show. "Peep Show" is a visual treat, as well as an entertaining, knee-slapping, farcical, ludicrous, satirical sitcom for the college crowd. Viewers beware: "Peep Show" has no shortage of crude humor, comparable to the British version of "The Office" and "Extras." The eighth and ninth seasons of the show have been cleared for production, but for the time being, I would highly recommend checking out the existing seven seasons.

'Our Idiot Brother' a smart new comedy

By ADAM TURNER

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There are actors we like. There are actors we love. And then there is Paul Rudd.

Rudd, who has made a career out of basically being the most charming, witty person on the planet, has long shone in a number of supporting roles in popular films such as "Anchorman," "Forgetting Sarah Marshall" and "Knocked Up." In the new August release "Our Idiot Brother," however, the spotlight turns entirely to Rudd as Ned, a biodynamic farmer living with his girlfriend, Janet (Kathryn Hahn), and his beloved dog named Willie Nelson.

Ned is hardly the "idiot" that the title implies; rather, he is just startlingly idealistic, honest and sincere. He approaches all things in life with child-like joy and enthusiasm, and lives his life by a simple philosophy: "I like to think that if you put your trust out there, I mean, if you really give people the benefit of the doubt and see their best intentions, people will rise to the occasion."

As you can imagine, these beliefs stand in stark contrast to common sentiment in the world today, which almost encourages cynicism and distrust. Ned is forced to face this reality early in the film when a uniformed police officer plays on Ned's compassion and manipulates him into selling him weed. Yes, a *uniformed* cop (I never said he was brilliant...).

After doing some jail time and being released on good behavior, Ned returns to the farm to find Janet with another man and himself without a job. To top it all off, Janet claims she is keeping Willie Nelson. Dejected and alone, Ned still remains hopeful that he may be reunited with his dog by saving enough money to rent some

property on the farm.

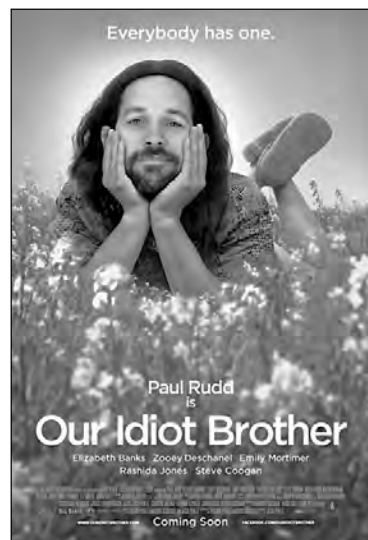
Until he can, he turns to his sisters for a place to crash. Each sibling is definitely a product of modern society: Miranda (Elizabeth Banks) is an aspiring journalist for Vanity Fair, willing to enter moral gray areas to get her first big story published; Natalie (Zooey Deschanel) is a young, bisexual comedian battling commitment issues with her long-term girlfriend Cindy (Rashida Jones); and Liz (Emily Mortimer) is a full-time mother in a struggling marriage with Dylan (Steve Coogan), a documentary filmmaker.

Rudd moves from home to home, where his good-natured personality and unflinching honesty cause immediate conflict for his sisters, whose everyday lives have become dependent on a certain amount of lies and deceit. Needless to say, the sisters do not take kindly to the changes that Ned's presence brings and are eventually forced to confront how they are living their

lives.

As amazing as its all-star supporting cast may be, as assured the direction by Jesse Peretz or tight the screenplay, none of it would matter if Ned were to become a joke or a caricature. Rudd is forced to walk a very thin line with his role, but undeniably pulls it off by making Ned a real, relatable character, one of the most original and likable on screen this year.

With his shaggy exterior, slacker-delic smile and mannerisms, Rudd is charming and infectious. So much so that even when the ending wraps the story up a little too neatly and predictably (word on the street is the original Sundance ending was more open-ended), I still left the theater with a goofy grin and a refreshing new outlook on life to strive for. In Ned's case, he simply deserves his happy ending. **Verdict: A-**



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FOOTBALL

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souri State and will be back for UT Chattanooga. He'll be out for Kansas State, but should be back by week three for sure."

The injury to Pryor takes away an extra dimension that has been in Eastern's repertoire for some time now, but regardless, the Colonels will continue with the game plan laid out in preseason camp.

"We're going to stay within our system," Hood said. "We're not going to shy away from what we've done all camp. We've got four of five offensive linemen back, three tight ends that we like and every running back, plus some new guys. Nothing is going to change just because the quarterback changes."

The game with Kansas State marks the 12th straight year that Eastern has squared off against an NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision school. In those games, Eastern is 4-16. This is Eastern's first-ever meeting against Kansas State and a Big-12 opponent.

The Wildcats of Kansas State will have to try and find a replacement for Daniel Thomas, who graduated last year after previously leading the team in rushing for two straight seasons.

The competition in the backfield is heavy with several guys vying for a spot, none of which have made a clear case at this point. Bryce Brown, who transferred from Tennessee last season, is among several players who are battling for playing time at running back. Sophomore John Hubert, junior college transfer Angelo Pease and redshirt freshman DeMarcus Robinson are in the mix, as is the

5'4", 173-pound Robert Rose.

At quarterback, the Wildcats are again looking for a replacement for Carson Coffman, and junior Collin Klein will get the nod. He started two games last season, but attempted just 18 passes. The 6-foot-5-inch, 225 pounds Klein has proven to be a dangerous runner, though.

On defense, Kansas State will look for a new playmaker of sorts in junior Arthur Brown, Bryce Brown's brother. The middle linebacker, who transferred from the University of Miami last season, has proven himself to take charge of the defensive unit.

"They are a Big-12 team and are no different than any other school out of a BCS Conference," Hood said of Kansas State. "They will have some very talented players, and we need to make sure we are 100 percent mentally [ready] in all of our assignments and make sure we come to play because your margin of error is low."

Kansas State finished last season at 7-6 overall and 3-5 in the Big 12 North Division, and ended the season with a 36-34 loss to Syracuse in the Pinstripe Bowl.

A win could propel Eastern forward in its race for the 21st OVC Championship, but Hood knows in the end, the old adage of one game at a time still holds true.

"It can do a lot for us," Hood said. "But like anything else, you have to take it one game at a time...If we beat Kansas State, that doesn't mean that everyone is going to lay down for us the rest of the year. And then, we're not going to lose to Kansas State and then lay down the rest of the year. Yeah, you'd like to get that win, and you'd feel a heck of a lot better going into the next one, but it's just one game at a time."

Kick-off is set for 7:10 p.m.

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said the team took some positives away from the weekend in spite of the losses.

"All of our freshmen showed great potential," Duncan said.

She added that the freshmen on the teams they competed against weren't as young as the Colonels.

"There were times during the tournament that I looked out on the floor and our team was composed of five freshmen and Kelsey [Kuehner]," Duncan said.

In addition, Duncan said even the freshmen on the other teams went to camp and trained instead of taking the summer off.

"Our team is very inexperienced and wasn't ready to face teams who were that much more advanced," she said.

In addition to youth and inexperience, the Colonels, especially in Saturday's game, had fatigue working against them. They didn't get off the floor from playing URI until 5:30 p.m., and then had to turn around and play Duquesne at 7.

Duncan said she believed nervousness from the freshman players may have been a factor.

"The freshmen put so much pressure on themselves to make a good impression on us as coaches," she said. "What they don't realize is they have already made an impression or we wouldn't have recruited them to come here."

Passing, serving and blocking are three of the main fundamentals Coach Duncan said she will stress this week during practice.

Duncan also added that the Colonels didn't match the intensity of the other

teams when it came to serving, saying the team had 17 service errors in five games.

"The team lacked consistent focus, but that is another growing pain of being a young team," she said.

Edmond said communication on the court was one of the problem areas from the weekend.

"Our communication on the court was not as clear as it should have been," Edmond said.

Edmond also echoed the need to work on passing, serving and blocking.

Kelsey Kuehner said she felt she was home again in this weekend's tournament.

"It was good to be back with someone [Assistant Coach Liz Seller] whose coaching style I'm used to," Kuehner said.

Building confidence in the team, especially the freshmen, will be the main assignment for the coaching staff over the next two weekends, Duncan said.

This weekend, the team travels to Florida for the South Florida Invitational. They begin play at 11 a.m. Friday against Bowling Green, followed by a match at 7:30 p.m. against South Florida. Saturday, the Colonels will be in action against Bethune-Cookman, and they conclude the tournament Sunday against Maryland Eastern Shore.

"South Florida will be our toughest opponent because they are a Big East team," Duncan said.

Duncan added that this weekend's tournament will work a little more in the team's favor because they will have game tape on all of their opponents.

She also issued a subtle challenge to the team.

"This is the weekend to define ourselves and be successful," Duncan said.

CROSS-COUNTRY

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OVC school featured in the national polls, and have sent four runners to the NCAA Cross Country Championships in the last four years but have never qualified as a team. This year, Rengifo said the team hopes to reverse its fortunes.

"The focus this year will be on getting those top seven guys close together and getting them to help each other," he said. "With the good caliber guys that we brought along with the guys we already have, we'll show

that we have a lot of depth in our group. Over the next couple of months with them all training together, we'll see that we have a lot of potential and could have an even better season than in the past."

The men's 2011 campaign begins Friday, Sept. 2, at the Wood Chip Trail on campus when the Colonels host Marshall in the EKU vs. Marshall Relays.

"I think with the group we have, it will be a very phenomenal year," Rengifo said. "It shows a lot of respect to us, but at the same we have to prove we are capable and deserving of that top-30 ranking."

Kick-off is set for 7:10 p.m.

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Soccer team sets sights high for 2011-12 season

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Fall is in the air, allowing Eastern's women's soccer team to push it into full gear while once again battling for the Ohio Valley Conference crown.

"The OVC is the most competitive that it has ever been," said Lindsay Basalyga, head coach.

For the past three seasons, Eastern's women's soccer team has been one of four OVC teams to qualify for the league tournament. Basalyga said she has been training her team hard despite being picked to finish sixth in the OVC by select conference head coaches this preseason. Although there's reason to believe the youth of the team, involving two seniors, four juniors, eleven sophomores and eight freshmen, might slow them down, the team members said they feel confident it won't.

Out of these players are returning members such as sophomore forward Nicole Donnelly, who scored a program-record six goals last year; junior defender Deja Tennon, who is a 2010 All-OVC selection; as well as seniors Stephanie Murray and Heather Bruce.

"We have a lot of new players, and their chemistry goes right with the team," Bruce said.

The team started out with a loss during a match with UK (2-1) that the players said hit

them hard.

"UK was an emotional game, and we don't want another game like that slipping through our fingers," Murray said.

The next game was a victory as the team brought home a win against Wright State (1-0). Last Sunday, the team went into a sudden death match with Miami University, during which freshman Devon Saini scored two goals, leading the team to another victory (2-1).

"We need to stay focused and moving forward," Basalyga said.

But Basalyga had to make a tough decision when replacing last year's goalkeeper and four-year starter Stephanie Lynch. She ultimately chose sophomore Lyndsay Vance and freshman Annie Wickett. Vance is known for her nine saves and playing 110 minutes of a double-overtime draw at Valparaiso, which earned her the title "OVC Goalkeeper of the Week."

Wickett helped lead her club team, The Bethesda Riptide SC, to two state cup finals, one state cup semi-final and a Washington Area Girls Soccer League championship.

This year's defenders include senior Heather Bruce, who played 11 games before ending last season with a knee injury. Junior Haley Wright; sophomores Lauren Fant and Courtney Klaas; freshmen Ashley Ryan and Paige Larkin.

Midfielders include junior Katie Collar; sophomores Tess Akqundez, Kristan Paynter and Brittany Normandy; and freshmen Kaylynn Brown, Sydney Montgomery and Whitney Wallace. Basalyga said these players are expected to bring the greatest playing time.

Nicole Donnelly will be among the forwards for this season. Donnelly is known by the OVC for scoring consecutive game-winners against defending OVC Tournament champion Murray State and defending OVC regular season champion UT Martin in one weekend. Other forwards will include senior Stephanie Murray; sophomores Janelle Coates, Sarah LeBrun and Maggie Whitfield and freshmen Devon Saini and Stephany Ellison.

Basalyga said she believes this team will lead to a very balanced OVC, which they did not achieve last year.

"Our goals are to win the conference tournament and see where it goes from there," Basalyga said.



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Redshirt sophomore Lauren Fant (No. 8) and junior Deja Tennon (No. 20) attack the ball in Eastern's 2-1 win over Miami Ohio Sunday. The win, in sudden death, gave the Lady Colonels their first of the season.

Fan Day 2011



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Fans from far and wide flocked to Roy Kidd Stadium last Saturday night for a chance to meet Eastern's 2011-12 football team at the annual Colonel Fan Day. Players were available to sign autographs, take photographs and interact with the fans. (ABOVE) Defensive lineman Shawn Shupperd (No. 81) and running back Matt Denham (No. 22) sign posters for the fans. (BELOW) More Colonels sign autographs at Fan Day.



Women's golf finishes second

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Eastern's women's golf team started its 2011 season on the right foot following Sunday's second place finish in the Morehead State/Marshall/Eastern Kentucky tri-match at the Arlington Club.

The Colonels shot a team score of 310, finishing just

five strokes behind Morehead State and seven strokes ahead of Marshall.

Eastern's Linda Hogberg, a senior on this year's squad, led the Colonels and tied for second overall with a 3-over-par 75. Junior April Emerson finished fourth after a round of 76.

"Overall, I thought we played pretty well," said Eastern's Head Coach Mike

Whitson in a press release. "I think we showed up a little tight and our golf games reflected that early in the round. We straightened up on the back nine and made some birdies here and there, and finished pretty strong."

Morehead State's Marisa Kamelgarn captured individual medalist honors with an even-par round of 72. Marshall's top finisher

was Korakot Simsiriwong, whose 75 tied her for second with Hogberg.

Other notables for Eastern were Taylor Church (79), who tied for 10th; Lisanne Schmidt (80), who finished 12th; and Katie Wiedmar (84), who tied for 14th.

The Colonels will return to action Sept. 12-13 in the Murray State Drake Creek Invitational.

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(ABOVE) Freshman Stephany Ellison (No. 13) dribbles down the field in Eastern's game against Miami (OH) Sunday. Eastern won the game 2-1 in overtime.

By RYAN ALVES
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Devon Saini didn't need a third goal, her second one did the trick.

With the Colonels and RedHawks of Miami (Ohio) deadlocked 1-1 at the end of the regulation, Saini, a true freshman, couldn't have played more like a veteran. Her second goal of Sunday's game came just in the nick of time, too—three minutes into sudden death overtime—propelling Eastern to its first win of the season.

"We came out and played with a little bit of vengeance today," Saini said in a press release. "We lost our first three games of the season, and we weren't about to lose our fourth."

After the first half came and went without a score, Saini drew first blood for the Colonels. Her laser from 15 yards out buried into the upper right-hand corner of the net.

The RedHawks responded with under 11 minutes to play in the game, though, when Jess Ko-

diak scored to tie the game at one a piece.

Regulation ended, but Saini delivered the fatal blow before anyone could get situated for the extra period.

"It really was a beautiful ball by Fant," Saini said of sophomore Lauren Fant's pass that created the shot. "I was just there to finish it."

The win gave Eastern's its first-ever win over Miami.

"Deja Tennon created space for a great through ball by Lauren, and the composure by Devon to finish off the game was excellent," Head Coach Lindsay Basalyga said in a press release.

"This was a team win. We had leadership on the field, went deep off the bench again and the energy from the bench was exactly where it needed to be."

Eastern returns to action at 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 2, when the Colonels travel to UNC Asheville to play the Bulldogs.

"We have the ability, but if we don't have the correct mindset, it will be hard for us to win games," Saini said. "This win will help give us that mindset."

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Devon Saini
Forward

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Football kicks-off with Big-12 foe

BROKEN HAND SIDELINES
STANDOUT QB T.J. PRYOR

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Eastern football kickoff its 2011 campaign Saturday against the Big-12's Kansas State University, and all eyes will be on the new signal caller who steps under center.

Junior quarterback T.J. Pryor is out for the game with a broken bone in his throwing hand that he suffered in a scrimmage Aug. 20, forcing Eastern to call upon its reserves to fill in.

"We've got several options," Head Coach Dean Hood said. "Beginning with Brendon Gregory, who has been banged up most of camp, but is starting to come around a bit better. He played some last year



T.J. Pryor

against Louisville. We also have two freshmen in Travis Carlyle and Jarred McClain. Both of those have been taking a lot of snaps in practice and are looking great for us so far."

Contrary to Hood's normal practice of redshirting true freshmen, the fractured bone in Pryor's hand will force possibly force both rookies into the game.

"We haven't set one person yet and will probably see a mix of all three at some point," Hood said.

Pryor's return will be crucial for Eastern's success going forward. The junior has started 18 games during the past two years, was the 2009 OVC Freshman of the Year and is rapidly closing in on almost every passing record, as well as 4,000 career yards.

"The swelling has slowed down and is starting to feel a bit better for him," Hood said of Pryor's injury. "The docs really feel like he's probable for Mis-

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Volleyball makes strides despite 1-3 season start

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Lady Colonel's volleyball didn't have the winning weekend they had hoped for, but they did make strides toward gaining confidence for the upcoming conference schedule.

Eastern finished 1-3 at the Pitt Panther Invitational Tournament in Pittsburgh, Pa.

The team began the tournament Friday against Howard University, defeating the Bison 3-1 behind solid scoring and a nearly error-free game—Eastern only committed four errors. Freshman Hannah Burkle had 17 kills and only two errors in 25 attacks with six blocks. Sophomore Ashley



Hannah Burkle

Edmond followed up with nine kills and 14 digs. Freshman Abby Cvelbar also made her presence known with 34 assists in her collegiate debut.

In the nightcap, the Colonels were defeated 3-0 by host Pittsburgh. Freshman Dena Ott led the scoring in this game with 12 digs. Edmond had eight kills to go with nine digs.

The Colonels lost to the University of Rhode Island in their first game Saturday, 3-0. Sophomore transfer Kelsey Kuehner made her Eastern debut with 14 kills and 10 digs. Sophomore Robyn Hench also added to the scoring with 11 kills. Freshman Alexis Plagens had 10 kills. Freshman Dena Ott led the team with 26 digs. In addition, freshman Abby Cvelbar had a team-high of 40 assists.

Head Coach Lori Duncan

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Men's cross-country team ranked No. 28 nationwide

COLONELS RETURN SEVEN
RUNNERS FROM LAST YEAR'S
OVC CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

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For the first time in the program's history, Eastern's men's cross-country team, which starts its season this weekend, has climbed into the national polls.

The U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association national poll, which was released Tuesday, ranked the Colonels 28th in the country.

For Eastern, the ranking solidifies the hard work that has been infused into the program over the years.

"It shows that smaller schools can still compete at a national level," said Assistant Coach Chris Rengifo. "We can do the same things as the Oregons or Notre Dames. It doesn't matter what school you go to, you have to develop the athletes as well."

Eastern ranks just ahead of big-name schools such as Arizona State [No. 29], Dartmouth

[No. 30], Alabama, Penn State and North Carolina. National powerhouses such as Notre Dame [No. 23], Texas [No. 24], Ohio State [No. 25], Florida [No. 26] and Minnesota [No. 27] all finished just ahead of the Colonels.

Two-time defending NCAA men's national champion Oklahoma State earned 10 of 12 first-place votes to remain the No. 1 team in the country.

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Chris Rengifo
Asst. Coach

Sophomore Soufiane Bouchikhi, the reigning OVC Male Cross Country Runner of the Year, is back, as well as junior Victor Kemboi, senior Evans Kiptoo, senior David Mutuse and sophomore Ole Hesselbjerg. The five finished first through fifth place in the OVC Championships in 2010.

"Well, the good thing is that we have a lot of veterans returning," Rengifo said. "Looking at those

guys, it's highly likely that we can have an even better season than last year."

Eastern also strengthened its already dominant roster in the off-season with several new additions, including senior Ben Cheruiyot, a two-time NCAA All-American transfer from Auburn. Also, senior Peter Sigilai, a transfer from the University of Tennessee, will give the Colonels another top distance runner.

Junior Yosi Goasdoue, a transfer from American International College, freshman Thijs Nijhuis from Denmark and freshman Natan Reuter from Belgium round out the newcomers.

"Ben has been an All-American several times, and along with Peter, will prove to be big assets to our team," Rengifo said. "Those two guys have a lot of knowledge about how to run together because they both came from the same junior college. I think they will adapt with our team very well."

Eastern climbed as high as No. 6 in last year's U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association regional rankings, and finished seventh at the Southeast Region Championships in Louisville last season.

The Colonels were the only

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Eastern's men's cross-country returns seven of the top eight runners from last year's OVC Championship team. Transfers Ben Cheruiyot and Peter Sigilai, two top runners in the SEC last year, will make the Colonels a force to be reckoned with, as they make the run for a sixth straight OVC title.