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Number 300!
Kidd Joins Elite Eight

EKU head football coach Roy Kidd etched his name alongside seven coaching legends Saturday, Sept. 8 as his EKU Colonels defeated Liberty, 30-7, before a crowd of 12,300 at Roy Kidd Stadium, giving Kidd his 300th collegiate coaching victory and placing him in a very elite group of collegiate coaches that numbers only eight.

These coaching icons include Grambling’s Eddie Robinson (408); John Gagliardi, St. John’s of Minnesota (379); Penn State’s Joe Paterno and Alabama’s Bear Bryant (323); Temple’s Pop Warner (319); Florida State’s Bobby Bowden (317); Pacific’s Amos Alonzo Stagg (314); and Kidd (300).

“Everyone talks about 300 wins, but I’m just a small part of this program,” said Kidd. “You have to look at all the players who came here to play, the assistant coaches who helped, the managers, the trainers and the administration through the years. All played a part of what happened tonight. This was a great win, not just because it was #300, but because we played well.”

EKU’s freshman tailback sensation, C.J. Hudson, who has scored three touchdowns in each of the first two games and has rushed for 356 collective yards, led the EKU offense for the evening with 167 yards on 24 carries and three TDs.

Eastern hosts Eastern Illinois next Saturday, Sept. 22, for a noon matchup. Members of the EKU family are invited to a special celebration honoring Coach Kidd’s milestone immediately following the game at Roy Kidd Stadium.
one or two individuals to recognize outstanding contributions to justice and safety in Kentucky over an extended period of time.

The establishment of the award was announced by EKU’s College of Justice and Safety, which Dr. Ricks served as dean 1983-97. Co-chairs of the Ricks Award Committee for 2000-01 are Secretary Robert Stephens of the Kentucky Justice Cabinet and Secretary James Bickford of the Kentucky Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet. Secretary Stephens previously served as chief justice of the Kentucky Supreme Court, and Secretary Bickford, a retired Army general, is a past president of the EKU National Alumni Association.

Nominations should include a letter and any appropriate supporting materials and should be forwarded by Sept. 19 to: Student and Alumni Affairs Office, College of Justice & Safety, 534 Stratton, 402.

The first Ricks Award will be presented Oct. 19.

Cahill on Rules Committee

Tim Cahill, who teaches in EKU’s Department of Health Promotion and Administration and coaches the Model Laboratory School and Arlington swimming teams, has been named to a four-year term on the Swimming and Diving Rules Committee of the National Federation of State High School Associations. Cahill, who joined the EKU faculty in 1979, is in his 22nd year as Model coach. He has coached the Arlington swim team since 1987.

In addition to the tremendous success his Model teams have enjoyed at the state level, he has coached dozens of high school individual state champions and many of his swimmers have gone on to compete successfully at the national level.

In 1999, Cahill received the National Federation Intercollegiate Coaches Association’s Section 2 Distinguished Service Award for Boys Swimming and Diving. The section includes the states of Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia and the District of Columbia.

**Musical Revue by Tony Award-Winning Composer at EKU**

EKU Theatre will present “Songs for a New World,” a musical revue by Tony Award-winning composer and lyricist Jason Robert Brown, Sept. 26-29.

The 16 songs in the production, written at different times for different projects, explore a range of situations and events, but all focus on making a life-changing decision. The musical monologues take place aboard a range of locales, from Columbus’ ship in 1492 to the 57th floor of a contemporary high-rise building and then back to the setting room of Betsy Ross.

Brown won the 1999 Tony Award for Best Musical Score (music and lyrics) for “Parade” and his most recent musical is “The Last Five Years.”

The curtain rises nightly at 8 p.m. on the EKU production, directed by Homer Tracy, assistant professor of theatre. Tickets will be available after Sept. 17 for $6 each by calling 622-1325 weekdays between noon and 4 p.m.

**Sultana on State Committee**

Dr. Qaisar Sultana, professor in the Department of Special Education, has been appointed to a Limited English Proficiency Proiciency Committee by the Kentucky Department of Education. The purpose of the Committee is to develop a statewide comprehensive plan that will serve as a guide to KDE as well as to school districts for providing the most appropriate and effective educational services to students with limited English proficiency. Currently, the student population in Kentucky schools represents 82 different languages.

**Dyer Receives Achievement Award**

Dr. Jack Dyer, director of EKU’s Master’s in Business Administration (MBA) Program, has received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Association of Government Accountants.

The award recognizes Dyer’s “extraordinary commitment to excellence” as chairman of the Association’s Journal Editorial Board 1996-2001. It was presented at the Association’s Annual Professional Development Conference and Exposition in Boston, Mass.

“Dr. Dyer has ensured that every article published in The Journal of Government of Financial Management is of the highest possible quality while overseeing the general direction and mission of the publication,” said AGA Public Affairs Manager Jennifer Gurtin. “Dr. Dyer’s exceptional contributions to AGA and to the Journal have made AGA a leading organization in the government financial management community.”

Dyer, who joined the EKU faculty in 1989, is a member of the Kentucky Chapter of AGA.

**Robertson Joins Editorial Board**

Dr. Douglas Robertson, professor and director of EKU’s Teaching and Learning Center, has been named to the editorial board of Journal on Excellence in College Teaching for a three-year term. He previously served on the review panel of journal, one of only a few nationally significant, peer-reviewed, scholarly journals focusing exclusively on college teaching.

Robertson joined the Eastern staff in July, after two years as director of the University Teaching and Learning Center at the University of Nevada Las Vegas. Previously he was at Portland (Ore.) State University for 10 years and Maryhurst College, also in Portland, for 12.

**Faculty Attend National Workshop**

Dr. David Bedford, associate professor and program director of Clinical Laboratory Science, and Dr. Rebecca Newsome, assistant professor in the Medical Assistanting Program, were among a limited number of participants attending the April national workshop on molecular diagnostics at the University of Nebraska. The workshop offered information on the newest molecular diagnostic methods and allowed the two to exchange ideas with other professionals in the clinical laboratory field.
Entire Graduate Program in LPS Offered On-Line

Beginning in January, EKU will offer the nation’s first on-line master’s degree program in loss prevention and safety.

In an effort to meet the needs of working professionals, EKU’s Department of Loss Prevention and Safety in the College of Justice & Safety, a Kentucky Program of Distinction, is making the entire 36-credit-hour program available through Kentucky Virtual University (www.kvu.org).

“Thiss on-line master’s degree program is blazing a new trail for our college,” said Dr. Gary Cordner, dean of the College of Justice & Safety. “We feel like we have several specialty areas, including loss prevention and safety, that are nationally and internationally competitive. Offering them through the Internet gives us the best chance of reaching far-off students who want these degrees but can’t move to Kentucky for two, three or four years.”

Four courses will be offered during the Spring 2001 semester, with remaining courses to follow. The target audience is working professionals in the fields of safety, fire, security, insurance, human resources and related areas.

“Most loss prevention and safety professionals can’t take time off from their jobs and pursue the traditional route to a master’s degree,” said Dr. Tom Schmidt, director of the LPS graduate program. “Over the years, we have gotten numerous requests at virtually every national conference we attend and from our graduates currently working in the field if there was an on-line master’s degree program in the field that would permit them to continue their education while working in the field. The LPS graduate faculty in conjunction with the Program of Distinction and EKU saw a need for this program and we are going to try to fill it.”

According to Sue Patrick, marketing director for Kentucky Virtual University, a March 2000 statewide survey of adults interested in accessing postsecondary education would prefer to do so online. “On-line education gives them access to postsecondary education if they are time- and place-bound and gives them the flexibility to meet their educational goals at their convenience — anytime, anywhere.

“We are thrilled to offer EKU’s Loss Prevention and Safety graduate degree program to Kentuckians through our Web site,” Patrick added. “We believe our partnership with EKU is an outstanding one and we are appreciative of the efforts to bring this program on-line.”

The new on-line program will be taught by EKU graduate faculty in the Department of Loss Prevention and Safety.

Autumn Voices Lecture Series Scheduled by Libraries

The 2001 Autumn Voices lecture series, sponsored by EKU Libraries, begins Tuesday, Sept. 25 and continues every Tuesday evening through Oct. 23.

All the lectures are open to the public and will be held at 7 p.m. in the Grand Reading Room of Grubbe Library, unless otherwise noted.

The complete schedule:

Tuesday, Sept. 25, Walter DeKeseredy, professor of sociology at Ohio University, author and researcher on crime and women, Grubbe 108. He will present ways of enhancing the safety of women on college and university campuses. Co-sponsored by the College of Justice & Safety and Women’s Studies Program.

Tuesday, Oct. 2, Silas House, EKU graduate and author of “Clay’s Quilt,” which prompted Vanderbilt University to recognize him as one of the “Ten Emerging Talents in the South.” Set in Appalachia, the novel is about a young coal miner and his search for home and family. Co-sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences and the Center for Appalachian Studies.

Tuesday, Oct. 9, Betsy Lewin, winner of the 2001 Caldecott Honor for her illustrations in “Click Clack Moo, Cows That Type.” She will discuss her approach to writing and illustrating for children. Co-sponsored by the College of Education.

Tuesday, Oct. 16, Ernest Tucker, author of “Take A Feather from A Ground Hog; Eastern Kentucky Folk Medicine.” He will reveal the medical remedies and stories he uncovered after interviewing thousands of eastern Kentuckians about how they treated themselves and their animals after they were injured. Co-sponsored by the College of Health Sciences and the Center for Appalachian Studies.

Tuesday, Oct. 23, Louis Hillenmeyer, businessman and gardener in Lexington, radio host on WLWK and TV personality. He will discuss his gardening and business experiences. Co-sponsored by College of Business & Technology.

For more information, contact Debbie Whalen at 622-1792 or Carol Lawson at 622-1794.

Holmes Serves as University Liaison for Parents, Students

Kathy Holmes can certainly relate to parents who are sending their son or daughter off to college. After all, her own daughter just received her graduate degree. That experience will prove useful to Holmes, a 28-year Student Affairs employee who recently assumed new responsibilities as EKU’s parent/student liaison.

“I think having someone dedicated to helping answer individual questions benefits everyone involved — parents, students and the EKU community. And I think having been through it myself gives me some unique insights,” Holmes said.

The role of the parent/student liaison will be twofold — to assist students with questions they’re not sure where to take and to strengthen communication with the parents of EKU students. Holmes is the ideal contact person for students and parents who have questions about the college experience at EKU, according to Dr. Mike Beagle, associate vice president for student affairs.

“Our goal with this position is to have a name and a face for a student to go see or a parent to contact,” Beagle explained. “If the student has a question, he or she can ask Kathy and with her years of experience at the University, she is going to know where to send that student. She’s also going to know exactly what person they need to contact.”

Most importantly, Reagle added, “People feel comfortable going to her with questions because of her personality and because they have often met her at off-campus admissions events when they were considering enrolling at Eastern.”

As EKU’s parent/student liaison, Holmes also will look for ways to be more pro-active in communicating with parents and students. She will contact students on campus by telephone at random to “check in” and give them an opportunity to ask questions. In addition to offering a link on the EKU Web site, Holmes will monitor a parents’ listserv currently in development. The listserv will offer parents an opportunity to share questions and comments with other parents as well as University officials.

“I think students and parents will benefit tremendously from having one person on campus that they know they can ask any question and get a direct response,” Holmes emphasized. “I also think Student Affairs will benefit from learning what problems and concerns students and parents have.”

Holmes can be reached at kathy.holmes@eku.edu or 622-2050.
Campus Plays TAG Every Other Thursday Night

The new game in town on Thursday nights sounds like an old favorite: TAG.

In this case, though, it’s an acronym for Thursday Alternative Getaway, a new EKU program designed to offer students an opportunity to socialize in a substance-free atmosphere.

The first in a year-long series of every-other-Thursday-night events was Tropical Thursday, a student-planned activity on Aug. 23. The outdoor party featured a deejay, games, giveaways and plenty of free food. More than 250 students attended between 8 p.m. and midnight.

“So many people think the only thing to do is go downtown,” said Brander Petrey, director of special programs, research and development with the Office of Student Affairs. “We want to give students an opportunity to be responsible about their decision making by giving them an alternative to the downtown scene.

“The minute I heard students talking at Tropical Thursday, I knew it was a success. And I was pleased to see we had a very diverse crowd.”

The second event in the series, Sept. 6, featured nationally known comedian A.J. Jamal, who has appeared on The Tonight Show and Comic Justice, situation comedies and other programs.

Other activities planned this fall include a “black-out party” on Thursday, Oct. 4, where organizers plan to reproduce a dance-club atmosphere, minus the alcohol, and a special Homecoming Week event.

Support for the Thursday night programming comes from state-issued Action Agenda Trust Funds.

Noted Cuban Artist to Work Alongside EKU Art Students

For eight weeks this fall, one of Cuba’s leading artists will work alongside art students at EKU.

Elsa Mora’s residency in Eastern’s Department of Art from Sept. 23 through Nov. 21 is part of a collaborative arrangement with the Contemporary Art Center (CAC) in Cincinnati and four other educational institutions in Kentucky and Ohio. Cuban artists in various media also will demonstrate their work at the University of Kentucky, Ohio State University, the University of Cincinnati and the Cincinnati Art Academy. Their works then will be showcased at a CAC exhibit that opens Nov. 16.

Mora’s work has been displayed in Havana, New York City, Chicago and Los Angeles. Although she works in various media, including painting, drawing and metals, she will concentrate primarily on ceramics during her Eastern residency. While on campus, Mora also is expected to speak to classes and groups in other academic disciplines.

“This is an incredible coup for Eastern and the art department,” said Dr. Gil Smith, chair of EKU’s Department of Art. “Our students will benefit tremendously from working alongside a visiting artist of this caliber for such a long period of time.

“Unlike our knowledge of the rest of the hemisphere, we know very little about Cuban art,” Smith said. “We see this as an opportunity to enlighten our students about what is happening in Cuban art in order to give them a more global perspective.”

The 45-year-old Mora’s work “stands out in its uniqueness,” said Magda Elena Gonzales Mora, curator of the Center Wilfredo Lam in Havana. “Elsa unfolds and lets us into an amazing world of art,” Smith said. “We see this as an opportunity to open up and share their memories.”

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Also at the conference, Harrison, author of “A New History of Kentucky,” will receive the Thomas D. Clark Award for Excellence in Kentucky History.

Because seating is limited, early registration is recommended. The fee is $10 for the conference, or $25 for the conference and lunch. Students may attend the conference at no cost but also need to register. The registration deadline is Tuesday, Sept. 25. To register, or for more information, call 622-1365.

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Best-seller books. Hit movies.

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Just weeks before the 60th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, EKU’s Center for Kentucky History and Politics will sponsor a daylong conference entitled “Kentuckians Remember World War II.”

The event, scheduled Thursday, Oct. 4, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Perkins Building, will spotlight “ordinary men and women who did extraordinary things,” said Tom Appleton, associate director of the Center and conference organizer. “The public is hungry for information about the war, and a lot of veterans are willing to open up and share their memories.”

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NSF Grant Funds Scholarships for 15

EKU is using a two-year, $270,000 grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to provide scholarships for mathematics and computer science majors.

Fifteen scholarships valued at $3,125 each have been awarded to 15 students this fall. The undergraduate recipients are: Ronald Alcorn, Pinewville; Melanie Bernard, Vine Grove; Shawn Coffey, Elkhorn City; Elizabeth Goyer, Somerset; James Gallaher, Manchester; Shannon Hanner, Inez; Ryan Henry, Irvine; Adis Marcic, Florence; Jason Turner, Hazard; and Elizabeth Grant and James Gallaher, Manchester; Shannon Hanner, Inez; Ryan Henry, Irvine; Adis Marcic, Florence; Jason Turner, Hazard; and Elizabeth Grant and

Among other requirements, undergraduate recipients must have at least 64 credit hours toward graduation, be a full-time student majoring in computer science or mathematics, have a minimum overall GPA of 2.7, and have demonstrated financial need.

Graduate students must have a minimum overall GPA of 3.5, be a full-time student majoring in computer science or mathematical sciences and have demonstrated financial need.

In addition to the financial assistance, recipients will receive mentoring from members of the project committee, attend several career-related workshops and special meetings with various graduate school representatives, receive student memberships in professional computer science and mathematics associations and attend at least one professional conference each year.

For more information about the scholarship, call 622-2398.

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