



Regents approve bonds for new dorm

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Plans are now in place to fund the construction of a new residence hall on Eastern's campus.

James Street, executive vice president of Capital Planning and Facilities Management, made a presentation at the Sept. 28 Board of Regents meeting concerning the new facility. He said the new hall will be located along Kit Carson Drive where the current Daniel Boone lot is, and the parking lot will be moved behind the structure.

He added that the hall will provide 240 to 280 more beds for students to live on campus and will make the vista along Kit Carson more pleasing by hiding the parking lot.

Slated to be complete by August 2013, the new facility will be suite-style housing for students and will cost nearly \$22 million to construct.

After hearing Street's presentation, the board approved the sale of \$21.6 million in bonds to fund the project.

Debbie Newsom, vice president of Financial Affairs and treasurer of the Board of Regents, said borrowing money for the project is necessary, and using bonds to do that is the most logical method.

"We don't just have \$21.6 million laying around," Newsom said. "We sell bonds, people invest in bonds and that's how we get the money."

The bonds will be sold to investors through a third party, Hilliard Lyons Public Finance (HL).

Eastern needs \$21.6 million, so it needs to sell \$21.6 million in bonds, Newsom said.

HL will accept bids from investors on behalf of the university, then work with both parties to reach an agreement on an interest rate.

The interest rate determines how much money the in-

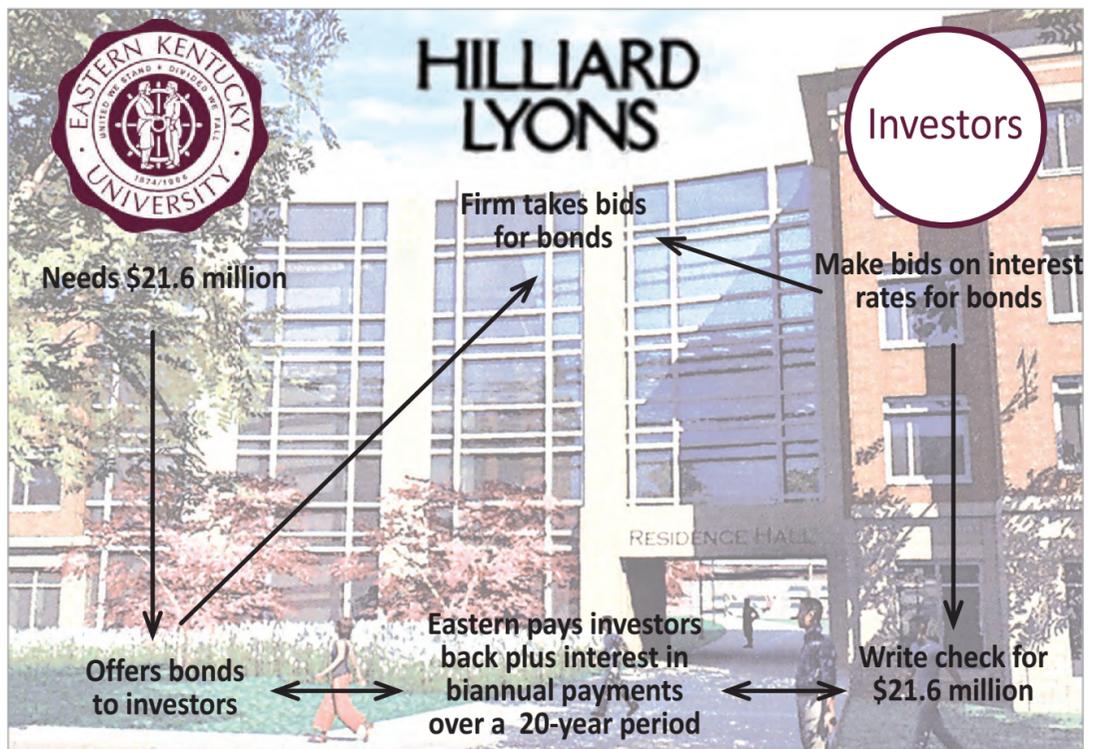


ILLUSTRATION BY WHITNEY LEGGETT

To fund the construction of a new dorm on Kit Carson Drive, the Board of Regents approved the sale of \$21.6 million in bonds to be sold to investors through a third party, Hilliard Lyons Public Finance. Investors will bid on interest rates.

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Whitlock attends KEEP event in Japan

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Next week, 18 delegates from Madison County will travel to Japan to participate in a short-term, educational cultural exchange.

Chosen by the Madison County International Committee, these delegates will leave for Japan on Oct. 10 and are scheduled to return Oct. 18. The delegates will represent the county as a part of the American Committee for the Kiyosato Educational Experiment Project (KEEP), Eastern President Doug Whitlock said. KEEP is an economic and community development organization that educates citizens about community issues while focusing on the concepts of food, health and hope, according to the organization's website.

Whitlock said he and his wife have already arrived in Japan as two Madison County delegates. He said he is scheduled to visit different locations around Japan, including a reception for Eastern alumni and friends in Tokyo and a visit to one of Eastern's sister universities, Rikkyo University.

"Anything we can do to strengthen our international ties is a benefit to EKU," Whitlock said.

Whitlock added that he is going to Japan with different goals in mind.

He said he wants to develop alumni relationships and continue to develop an exchange relationship with Rikkyo University. He said he wants to participate in joint



COURTESY OF DOUG WHITLOCK

While in Japan, President Doug Whitlock attended the EKU Alumni and Friends event in Tokyo on Oct. 2. Pictured at the event are, from left, Kirby Easterling, Whitlock, Kanae Meshino, Florence Kamoshida and Teresa Easterling.

meetings with the American Committee Board and the KEEP Board, as well as continue ongoing support for Yamashi University and participate as a Madison County delegate to Eastern's sister region in Japan.

Whitlock said there will be programs and events to attend, such as learning about Paul Rusch, the founder of KEEP. The trip is a cultural exchange that is set up to provide

benefits to all Eastern students, Whitlock said. The Madison County delegation travels to Japan each October. In return, the Japanese delegation travels to Madison County each May.

"Anything we can do to increase our international opportunities for students is important," said Whitlock.

Dawkins' lecture to focus on book, 'Magic of Reality'

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On Thursday, Eastern will host Richard Dawkins, the next lecturer in the continuing Chautauqua series.

Dawkins, an evolutionary biologist, atheist and author, who canceled four of his recently scheduled college lectures, will speak about his latest book, *The Magic of Reality*.

Chautauqua Coordinator Minh Nguyen said the amount of interest to hear Dawkins has been "unprecedented." He said he has received emails showing interest in the lecture from all over Kentucky and other states such as Indiana, Ohio, Tennessee and Georgia.

"We have people describing this event as an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, that they're more psyched than they've ever been for a campus event before, and there have been some great ones," Nguyen said.

Nguyen said he has only received one letter expressing disapproval of having Dawkins speak at the college.

"Concerning the email expressing disapproval, I'd like to say that having Dr. Dawkins here on our campus does not reflect an endorsement by the university or the Chautauqua of anything he might say," Nguyen said. "As a matter of fact, if we truly plan to develop critical thinking skills in our students, it is important that we expose them to a variety of perspectives, invite them to assess these perspectives and make decisions for themselves."

Nguyen said last year, Chautauqua invited Robert George who is a professor of jurisprudence and a conservative Christian, to speak and asked Dawkins to speak this year to help students "sharpen their critical thinking skills."

T.J. Caudill, 23, history major from Whitesburg, said he is interested in hearing Dawkins speak after reading one of his books.

"I read his book 'The God Delusion' and I grew up in a small town. I grew up with faith and in church," Caudill said. "Then when I got into my teenage years, I switched over and became an atheist. He (Dawkins) intrigued me. He brought up really good points in his book about how you are a product of your environment."

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EKU Center for Arts to host gubernatorial debate

By **SETH LITRELL**
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Eastern's new Center for the Arts will host various performers throughout the year, but next Tuesday, it will be the venue for something other than entertainment.

A 2011 gubernatorial debate will take place from 7 to 8 p.m. on Oct. 11 at the Center for the Arts. Steve Beshear (D), Kentucky's current governor, will face off against David Williams (R), current president of the state senate, and Gatewood Galbraith (I), an attorney from Lexington.

The debate is co-sponsored and managed by the Kentucky Broadcasting Association (KBA) and the League of Women Voters. Chris Aldridge, a member of the KBA board of directors, said the center was chosen by Kelly Wallingford, the KBA's chair elect, because it was a venue in his hometown of Richmond.

"We're thrilled to be at the center because it is such a beautiful facility," Aldridge said.



Gov. Steve Beshear



David Williams



Gatewood Galbraith

Debra Hoskins, the executive director of the center, said the event was closed to the public for security reasons. However, the debate will be televised on local stations.

Eastern students from the departments of government and communication may be allowed to attend the event, but seats are limited, Hoskins said.

"We've invited the government department and communication department due

to the nature of the event," Hoskins said.

Students in each department who wish to attend should talk with faculty members in their respective departments. The faculty members can then contact Hoskins' office to see if seats are available.

"We have limited seats, but we'll try to fit in as many as we can," said Hoskins.

POLICE BEAT

All information is taken from Eastern police reports.

Oct. 2

■ Student Jordan Nicholson was arrested for alcohol intoxication in a public place. Police responded to a report that an intoxicated male was lying unresponsive on the floor in Commonwealth Hall. Upon arriving, police found Nicholson sitting cross-legged on the floor, conscious, breathing and talking. Madison County EMS was called and responded to the scene, but Nicholson refused transport to the hospital. He had an odor of alcohol about his person, bloodshot eyes, slurred speech and could not tell the time or date. He failed two standard field sobriety tests, was unsteady on his feet and had to be held up to complete other tests. Police decided he was a danger to himself and arrested Nicholson. He was jailed in the Madison County Detention Center.

■ Police responded to Combs Hall in reference to a fight. Upon arrival, a male student told police that he and another male had begun arguing because he would not allow smoking in his room. The student said the argument escalated until the other male punched him in the face and left his room. The student would not provide the other man's name to police. He was bleeding from his nose, but refused medical attention. Police discovered the name of a student who was checked into the student's room at the time of the incident.

Oct. 3

■ Police were dispatched to the Van Hoose parking lot in reference to criminal mischief to an Eastern-owned John Deere 4x4 Gator. At the scene, a student worker said he was writing parking tickets in the lot when someone slashed the right rear tire on the Gator. The student said he did not know who slashed the tire and had written eight tickets while in the lot. Facilities Services were contacted and a replacement tire was put on the Gator.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Big Brother Big Sister opportunities at local elementary school

Students will have the opportunity to participate in the Big Brothers Big Sisters school-based mentoring program at Mayfield Elementary starting Oct. 19. "Bigs" and "Littles" meet for one-on-one mentoring to read together, play sports, play computer games or talk about life and personal issues as friends. Participants must apply through Big Brothers Big Sisters, be accepted and be able to volunteer from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 19 and 26; Nov. 2, 9, 16 and 30; and Dec. 7 and 14. Community Service will provide transportation to and from Mayfield Elementary.

Homecoming raffle to promote school spirit

The ECU Computer Store is raffling an 8GB iPod Touch in honor of homecoming this year. Students can enter by purchasing an ECU-logged 4GB USB drive at the ECU Computer Store. The contest ends Oct. 31. For more information, contact Reid Connelly or Rob Sowders at 622-8408.

EKU Wildlife Society sponsors family nature activities

There will be a free Maywoods Family Nature Day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 22. Participating families will spend the day participating in activities, including a woodland creature hunt, bird tracking adventure, fishing basics and creek crawl. Lunch concessions will be provided by the ECU Wildlife Society. For more information, contact Andrea Drayer at 622-1476.



The Colonel's Calendar

Week of Oct. 6-Oct. 12

Thursday

11 a.m. Workshop for Community Members, Alyson Beytien, ECU Reads, Cammack Room 27

7:30 p.m. Chautauqua Lecture Series: Richard Dawkins, "The Magic of Reality," Brock Auditorium

Friday

3:30 p.m. Autism Article Discussion, ECU Reads, Crabbe Library Room 204G

4 p.m. Soccer vs. University of Tennessee at Martin

7 p.m. Volleyball vs. Jackson State University

Saturday

All Day Tennis at Ball State Fall Invitational

2 p.m. Volleyball vs. Tennessee Tech University

2:30 p.m. Football at Eastern Illinois University

Sunday

1 p.m. Soccer vs. Southeast Missouri State University

7 p.m. Tie Dye, Fourth floor kitchen in Combs Hall

Monday



Tuesday

Wednesday

6 p.m. Ultimate Frisbee, Intramural fields, Keene Hall event

9 p.m. Caramel Apples, second floor Walters Hall, Walters Hall event

Stressed out to the MAX, Palmer Hall Lobby, Palmer Hall event

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- Bobetta Bullins—Registrar's Office
- Tamala Cox—Education Pays Center
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- David Dailey—Applied Engineering & Technology
- Nancy Davis—Noel Studio for Academic Creativity
- Karen Dickens—Teacher Education Services
- Anna Dixon—Office of the Registrar
- Sandy Douglas—Disabilities Services
- Dave Eakin—Biology
- Paul Erickson—Education
- Andrew Fast—Student Affairs
- Tamyra Frazier—Psychology, Special Education
- Philip Gump—IT Desktop Support
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- Heather Halfhill—Student Affairs
- Todd Hartch—History
- Jim Hinerman—Exercise & Sport Science
- Bob Houston—Economics
- Scott Hunt—Criminal Justice & Police Studies
- Trish Isaacs—Accounting, Finance, & Inf Sys
- Rande Jones—Technology Office

- Joshua Lambert—Mathematics and Statistics
- Jim Larkin—Exercise & Sport Science
- Laurie Larkin—Health Promotion & Administration
- Jim Larsgaard—Acct, Fin, Computer Info Systems
- Marianella Machado—Foreign Language & Humanities
- Cecelia Maiden—Accounting & Finance
- David May—Criminal Justice
- Rick McGee—Catalog and Curriculum
- Larry Nelson—Saxophone, Jazz Studies, & Musicology
- Bertha Newton—Student Life Office
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- Krista Zabawa Rhodus—EKU
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- Rose Gilmore-Skepple—Education
- Debbie Sowers—McNair Scholars Program
- Mary Ann Whitaker—Model Laboratory School
- James Zabawa—EKU

"The Reality of Christianity: A Panel Discussion with ECU Professors"

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BONDS

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vestor, or the buyer of the bond, will make, and how much money the university will have to pay back.

"You have to pay to borrow money," Newsom said. "They want a higher interest rate, and we want a lower interest rate."

Newsom said it is estimated the bonds will sell at an interest rate of between three and four percent.

"With the economy being the way it is, interest rates are low and it's a good time to borrow," she said.

Once a price is agreed upon, the "winner" essentially writes Eastern a check for \$21 million, she said.

The bonds will be paid back to the investor(s) in biannual payments over a 20-year period. With an interest rate of 4 percent, which Newsom said is low, the university will end up paying \$9 million in interest on the original borrowed \$21.6 million, making the total cost for the new residence hall around \$30 million.

The debt service, or payments, will not come from tuition, but rather from residence hall fees as residence halls are self-supportive entities on campus.

"Tuition dollars are not paying for it, but

residence hall fees are funding it," Newsom said.

With the credit rating Eastern has received from outside firms, Newsom said it shouldn't be hard to find a buyer for the bonds.

"Because we are a good credit risk, these are good bonds," Newsom said. "They are looking for a good return and want it to be a safe risk."

Another incentive for investors is the fact any money made from investing in these bonds is tax-exempt because of Eastern's tax-exempt status.

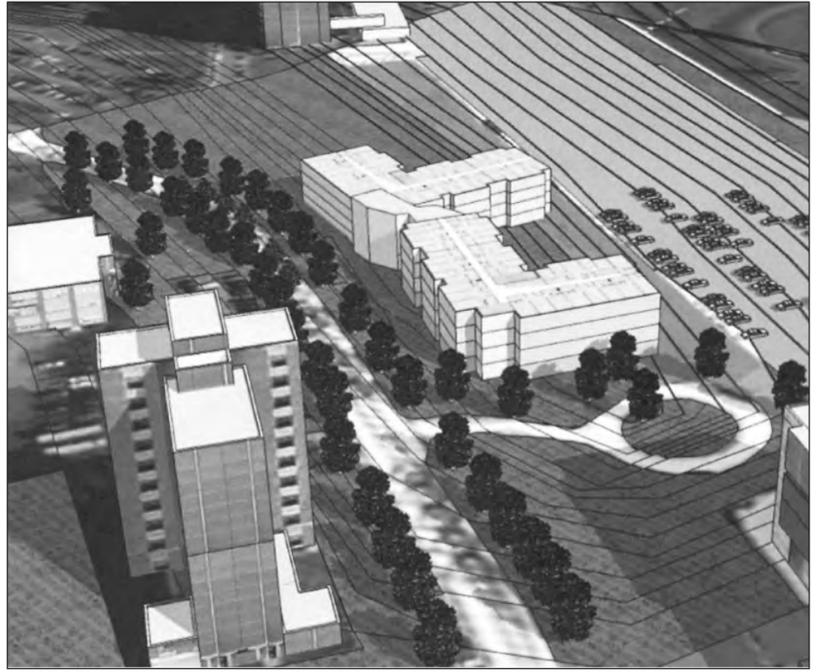
"Because they don't have to pay tax, it makes it that much more appealing," Newsom said.

This isn't the first time Eastern has used bonds to fund construction projects. Newsom said the same system was used to borrow money for the renovations of Clay Hall and Walters Hall.

"We are borrowing money in a very appropriate and systematic way and keeping the interest rate as low as possible," Newsom said.

When the proposal of selling bonds to finance the project was presented to the Board, Newsom said the decision wasn't made lightly.

"They [the Board of Regents] were well-informed prior to that," she said.



An artist's rendering shows the future design and location of the proposed residence hall, which will be located along Kit Carson Drive in front of Telford Hall.

DAWKINS

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Caudill said we are viewed as a Christian nation and it was "nice to hear" other people's opinions and views at Eastern.

Dustin Griffin, 25, psychology major from London, said it would be interesting to hear Dawkins speak about atheism.

"I find it interesting to listen to anyone who challenges what is generally considered the most predominate [religious] viewpoints in this area," Griffin said.

Griffin said he didn't feel Dawkins lecture was "necessarily" important to Eastern, except for the possible community impact.

Brian Goard, professor of philosophy, said having a lecturer like Dawkins helps

promote critical thinking among students.

"We have a number of paradigms we typically think of the world in and through, and part of learning is to have those challenged and to have additional questions raised," Goard said. "We may not come to the same conclusions that Dawkins has come to, but at least engaging in a dialogue with him. By pushing these questions, it keeps thinking going. It keeps philosophical thought going. Which I think is part of what being what a flourishing human being is."

The lecture is scheduled to take place in the Coates Administration building in Brock Auditorium. Doors open at 6 p.m. with the lecture beginning at 7:30 p.m.

"We're very lucky to have Dr. Dawkins here on our campus," Nguyen said.

"I find it interesting to listen to anyone who challenges what is generally considered the most predominate viewpoints...."

Dustin Griffin
Psychology major

Chautauqua Lecture Series Upcoming Events Fall 2011

Carole Garrison
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7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 18
O' Donnell Hall, SSB

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Elder Woman Making Family through Celebratory Foods: Kentucky, New Zealand, Thailand
7:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 3
O' Donnell Hall, SSB

Martha Nussbaum
Not for Profit: Why Democracy Needs the Humanities
7:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 10
O' Donnell Hall, SSB

John Bowes
Living with American Indians and American Indian History
7:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 10
Ferrell Auditorium, Combs Buiding

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PERSPECTIVES

Perspectives 4

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Seth Littrell, editor

Ignoring four-year plans hinders graduation rates

Graduation is the goal of every college student. For most of us, college represents the next step after high school, four more long years before we can begin careers in the real world. But for many on Eastern's campus, graduation will become a long-awaited reality.

Eastern's four-year graduation rate is an abysmal 13.8 percent. In comparison, the six-year rate is 38.3 percent. What do these numbers mean? They mean Eastern students graduate, but it takes them longer for some reason.

But what is the reason? Why is it that other schools in the state are able to pull off higher four-year rates while Eastern students get bogged down in their classes?

We at *The Progress* believe there are several reasons for the difference. One problem is registration. The way students register for classes has caused problems for some who were not able to stick to their four-year plans, but recent policy changes in the works (which we covered earlier in the semester) will hopefully change that soon.

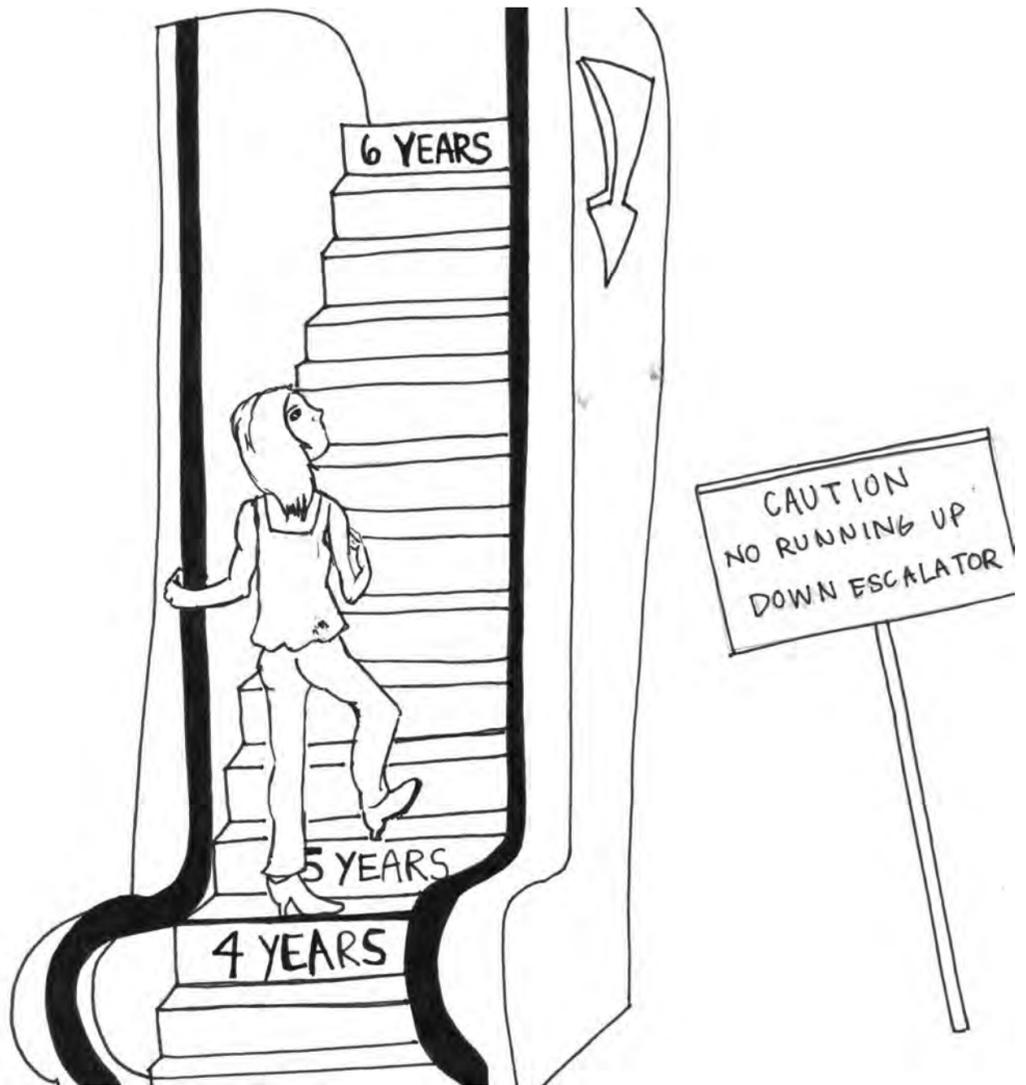
Another problem students run into is advisers. Now, we aren't knocking advisers here; they honestly try their hardest to help students make a graduation plan and stick to it. The problems come when the student-to-adviser ratio in a department is low. Because there are so many people for each adviser to see, the time allotted to each individual student becomes very short. In some departments students get as few as 10 minutes to sit down with their advisers. That's barely enough time to go over the classes you want to take, let alone develop a four-year plan.

Students could try to sit down with their advisers earlier, but when they aren't advising, academic advisers are often teaching classes or, in some cases, even chairing departments. They are still very busy people who often won't have time or will have to make a special time to go over making plans with their advisees. And even then, sticking to the plan can become something difficult for an adviser to watch.

Which brings us to the final and biggest problem with the university's four-year graduation rates: the students. While there are certainly other problems contributing to the low rates, it all boils down to the determination of the students to succeed and get out of college. Many people come to college with the idea of freedom from high school and the reign of their parents, but they forget about the responsibility that comes with that freedom.

As we all know, life can get in the way of an academic career. A long day at work or a crazy party the night before an early morning class can cause people to skip or not study the proper material before a quiz or test. Putting the extra effort into that class can be difficult, but it falls to the student to decide whether or not he or she can afford to drop it. This is where having a four-year plan comes in handy.

Students should take the time to decide how long they want to be in college and develop a plan looking at their major and minor requirements to meet that plan. Then comes the hard part: sticking to the plan. It can be a little daunting to stick to a four-year plan, with credit hour-



ART BY SHIYANA MAHENDRA

loaded semesters keeping you in the library. But there are benefits to the hard work, namely graduation a year or two ahead of other students. Four-year graduation saves money and gets students a degree faster, and who doesn't want that?

Ultimately, Eastern's four-year graduation rates will not improve until students take the initiative to develop their own graduation plans and force themselves to follow

through with it. This doesn't mean not having fun or experiencing all college life has to offer; it just means being responsible when it comes to determining time for fun and time for work. In the end, you decide how much time you spend in college.

Stench of 'Campus Beautiful' confuses writer's senses



My Turn:
Kristie Hamon

es building, Commonwealth, Dizney and up the hill toward the fitness center. I often feel the urge to hurl as the smell of raw human crap invades my nasal cavities.

There is no specific point of origin that I can find. It just smells horrible, and it is obvious what it is even if I don't see it, which I fear may happen one day.

Some days it's worse than others. Sometimes it will be concentrated in one area of the sidewalk, but other days it will seemingly follow you around the curve. The days I don't smell it, I notice the lack of a bad smell and begin to wonder if my sinuses are stopping up or if I'm possibly getting used to it.

One of my biggest concerns about this big, smelly issue is why it is so prevalent right next to the health building. Is the sewage I smell coming from the building where possible illnesses and unhealthy fluids spread? Are these illnesses and fluids being flushed and seeping into the air I am forced

to breathe? If so, that doesn't sound very healthy to me.

I feel bad for residents of Commonwealth Hall who live on the lower floors facing the stench. If they ever attempt to open their windows for a breath of fresh air, they probably shouldn't, because they won't find one.

It would be ridiculous to try and hold my breath through the whole contaminated area, and if I tried to sprint through it, I would end up breathing in more than I want to imagine. I have no choice but to walk through it.

This isn't something I've noticed recently either, so I'm pretty sure it cannot be attributed to the construction of the new science building. I noticed the smell in that area my freshman year, but at that time I didn't have to take a direct route all the way through the stinky path to get to the fitness center.

I often see potential students touring

the campus following their guide down the sidewalk through where the stench lingers and wonder how many of the students in the tour will choose not to attend here after passing that point on campus. I wonder if they think the campus is too disgusting because if the smell of sewage is present, then the raw materials can't be too far off.

Potential students may get postcards of the Campus Beautiful in the mail boasting its beauty, but if the picture were a scratch-and-sniff, no one would even tour.

There are other places on campus that smell bad, like the dumpsters next to McGregor and the bookstore, but that's to be expected from places where trash cans are stored. I don't expect these smells when I see green lawns and trees. I just want my Campus Beautiful to finally smell beautiful, too.

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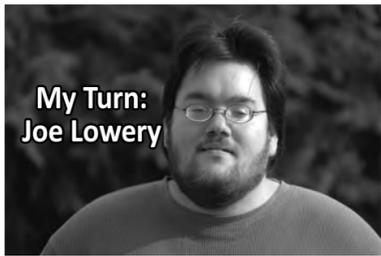
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Student learns to accept campus parking experience



My Turn:
Joe Lowery

Parking is one of those issues everyone always complains about. From screaming with rage at the person who just took the spot you've finally found after circling Alumni Coliseum for hours, to watching officials drive around endlessly waiting to give tickets for parking violations. Parking is simply bothersome to almost everyone.

We've all had parking woes and thought the parking Nazis were out to get us. During the first week of school, when having the proper permit to park isn't necessary, I was attempting to find a place to park before my 11 a.m. class. I commute 50 minutes from Nicholasville, Tuesday through Thursday, so I try to allow plenty of time to find a space. I usually arrive on campus about an hour early so I can do any homework and ensure that I have time to get to

my classes.

As I was pulling into Alumni Coliseum at 9:55, I was listening to a CD and wondered if I'd have time to get through the track it was on before I found a space.

Then I laughed out loud. Of course I was gonna get to listen to the whole song.

After circling the baseball side of Alumni Coliseum for a good 20 minutes, I then stupidly ventured to the Model side. Then I saw it.

Now, I should clarify that I wasn't really enraged at this point. This is my last semester of school, so the parking issue isn't anything new to me. I've been around the block a few times. Literally. However, when I saw a bright red sports car double parked, my rage meter started to fill.

I still gave the person some slack. Maybe they'd arrived on campus early in the morning when no other cars were around and didn't realize they weren't parked straight. Then again, maybe they didn't want their precious car Mommy and Daddy bought them to get hit.

After driving around a few times and getting angrier every time I drove past the double-parked car, I thought maybe I could squeeze in the partially occupied space. I soon thought better of it. No need for me to damage my car. Then I saw a per-

son who wasn't going to be stopped. He carefully backed into the space. As I drove by, I flashed him a smile and a thumbs-up. He returned the gesture and I moved on.

Eventually, I gave up on my quest to find a spot in Alumni Coliseum and parked in the overflow lot across the bypass.

I did at least get to listen to that song all the way through. In fact, in the 50 minutes it took to find a space, I'd listened to the entire album. It took me as long as it takes to commute to find a space, and I was late to class by a few minutes.

I write this to say that although parking is extremely frustrating, people need not get so worked up about spacing. There's nothing we can do about the number of spaces and no, a parking garage isn't the answer. I don't expect people to get on campus two hours early to find a spot, but we can at least realize that everyone is in the same boat.

I should've realized finding a spot the first week of school is always the most difficult time. We're all going to encounter the proverbial double-parked-sports-car-driving-too-good-for-others idiot.

Lessons on courage found in foreign countries



My Turn:
Cari Tretina

Women in Saudi Arabia legally cannot show their faces in public or drive. To top it off, women must be accompanied by male chaperones while in public, according to Saudi Arabian law.

On Sept. 25, this inferiorly-viewed gender earned the right to vote and run in elections.

Meanwhile, across the Red Sea, Egyptians were under the control of a tyrant for almost 30 years.

On Feb. 11, Hosni Mubarak stepped down from the office of presidency.

America has a set maximum amount of debt we can collect as a nation. This past summer, we almost reached that number. Our possible solutions were to raise said amount or default on all our loans.

When it came time to decide on the fate of the debt ceiling, 42 percent of Americans were against it being raised, according to a Gallup poll.

On Aug. 2, President Obama signed a deal which increased the debt ceiling.

Once again, I am frightened.

America has the most freedoms and liberties than any other country in the world. Yet we neglect to use any of those privileges to fight for what we believe.

Saudi Arabian women could not show their mouths in public, yet these determined females protested and fought for their suffrage.

More than 20,000 people gathered at Tahrir Square in Cairo, Egypt to protest for their natural-born rights and freedoms for weeks.

Yet almost the majority of citizens from the leader of the free world just let their federal government pass legislation and fiscal policies they were in total opposition with.

Let's recall HIS 202 and the American Revolution. The so-called "Sons of Liberty," men of all trades and socio-economic stances, threw hundreds of boxes of tea over the side of ships to rebel against the tariffs imposed on the colonies by the British government.

From 1775 until 1784, the colonists literally fought for our freedom and detachment from a controlling, demeaning foreign country. Close to 25,000 willing men died for our society.

There has not been an organized effort as large or effective in the United States since that time.

Freedom of speech, freedom of the press and freedom of assembly are just a few of the liberties we have at our disposal, when the times comes for us to stand up for what we believe is right.

Those who participated in the Arab Spring, which were the uprisings and protests throughout the Middle East and North Africa, don't have those same freedoms. However, those people knew they were being deprived of liberties and actu-

ally did something about it.

America needs to take a lesson from our foreign friends. If you want something, say it. If saying something doesn't do the job, go out in the street and show it.

The only way this nation is going to change is if we as citizens stand up and show our political leaders what we want. Here are some civil and non-violent ways to get your opinion across:

- Mass writing efforts to Congress
- Parades
- Rallies
- Sit-ins
- Protests

There is one form of voicing your concern that will have the most influential and dynamic impact than any other: voting.

The United States is a representative democracy; we can control who is in office. Be that as it may, only 61.1 percent of eligible Americans voted in the 2008 presidential election, according to the Associated Press. Just barely more than half our country voiced its opinion on who should be the head of our executive branch, Commander-in-Chief and face of our nation.

Stop complaining to your friends or family members, and start complaining to your representatives. Stop debating with the television, and start debating with your senators. If all else fails, get out in the street and let the world know how you feel.

This nation was built on the principle of freedom and the right to speak your mind. It is time we revert back to those ideals, and stand up for what we believe to be true and right.

Slow drivers in the fast lane cause traffic issues



My Turn:
Matt Crump

When I'm driving on the interstate, I always see people who don't know how the basic rules of the road work. In respect to the lanes, the more left you are, the faster you go. The more right you are, the slower you go.

The left-most lane is the fast lane. That means you are supposed to go faster than the speed limit. The whole idea is to pass drivers going slower than you, and if you are going slower than the other drivers, you completely missed the point.

My biggest problem with slow pokes in the fast lane? While they're there, I can't be in the fast lane. I pass people all the time. That's what the fast lane is there for: Letting someone go faster to pass another car that is going slow. I'm not a speed demon, but I am an efficient driver. I like to get to my destination with as few prob-

lems as possible. But when I want to pass the family Volkswagen chugging along in the middle lane, I want to be able to swing to the left and blaze past it. When someone is clogging up the fast lane, I'm either forced to pass someone on the right or just drag my feet behind the slow driver.

Going slow in the fast lane impedes the flow of traffic. When the flow of traffic is impeded, roads become dangerous. People start to take chances when they normally wouldn't, and that can lead to crashes. Backed-up traffic also can lead to traffic jams, which are absolutely horrible. They cause people to be late to work and school, use up a lot of gas and frustrate everyone involved. Even if the jam isn't massive, they still cause problems. Maintaining the flow of traffic is important to the safety of drivers and the punctuality of our society.

Some people get road rage easily. Stupid things can set them off. Someone driving slowly in the fast lane is one of those stupid things. The rage boils up and dumb decisions are made, such as the angry driver tailgating and getting dangerously close to the slow driver's car. I've seen accidents where this happened and the slow driver stomped on his brakes (because everyone is susceptible to road rage), causing the angry driver to smash into the slow

car. Neither driver was severely injured, but both were lucky.

Passing on the right is dangerous, as well as against the law. The driver is on the left side of the car and cannot see outside the right side as easily. Mirrors help, but there is no foolproof way to be able to see all around your car. It's a lot harder to see someone coming up on the right than it is to see them coming up on the left. Many people don't really look when changing lanes, so passing someone on the right isn't really an option. But when Sally Slow decides to go under the speed limit in the fast lane, you don't really have a choice.

A recent Allstate commercial shows how dangerous the blind spot can be. The character Mayhem is the blind spot and he causes the driver to not see the car behind her. She tries to change lanes and wrecks with the car trying to pass her. When you drive slowly while in a fast lane, you force people to pass you on the right.

When people misuse the lane, they're like a vegan at Chick-fil-A: They don't belong. So please, if you drive slowly, stick to the right lanes. It's safer and you won't have me or anyone else riding on your bumper.

CAMPUS COMMENTS

"Religion on Campus"

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- There are so many ways to get involved with any religion you could possibly want.
- I think the screaming preacher guy in the Ravine is a little much. I'm all for freedom of religion on campus, but come on, everyone hates that guy.
- I would like to see more of it.
- I think there's a good balance. You can find it if you need it, but it's not shoved down our throats all the time.
- It's a good way to build the campus community.
- With all the parties, drugs and alcohol, it's good to see that there are some morals left on a college campus.
- I just ignore them all; they're annoying.
- It is a wonderland that exists only in the minds of individuals. They can run away to escape the basic trials and tribulations of every day life.
- I wish there was more of it. Religion is a good way for people to get involved with and help one another. It's also a good way to meet like-minded people on campus.
- I don't know much about religion, but I love [to] sleep in the chapel, so I approve.
- I feel very safe practicing my religion here at ECU, which is more than I can say about other places I've gone to college.
- Some of them scare me.
- Religion, strictly in my own opinion, is a complete waste of one's mental power.
- I don't understand it.
- The good thing about religion on ECU's campus is that you're not shunned for your beliefs. Most people will talk to you about it without feeling the need to get into an argument like so many other places.
- I go home for church every Sunday. I've had almost no religious experiences here on campus.
- I wish we could be more open about it.
- Why do those guys stand around handing out free Bibles? Some type of mind-control, I'm sure. Like...I already have a Bible dude, don't force me to throw yours away for you; now I feel terrible.
- I am not an exclusivist, but I'm not actively participating. I loved the Maze, but I don't feel like I got a fair warning that it would be evangelical Christianity and ended up uncomfortable.

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Two faculty members receive research grants

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Two Eastern faculty members recently received sizeable grants to help them in their individual research projects.

Tanea Reed, assistant professor of chemistry, received a grant for her research about the treatment of traumatic brain injuries, while Elizabeth Wachtel, director of the Training Resource Center, received funds for a project geared toward educating and training social workers.

Reed said she received a \$25,000 grant from the Kentucky Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network, an agency that seeks to connect those in the field doing similar biomedical-related research.

Reed said she will be using the grant money to conduct research related to traumatic brain injuries. The purpose, she added, is to lengthen the amount of time in which someone with an injury has to get to

the hospital before losing brain function.

In order to conduct the research, Reed said she and a group of undergraduate students use a machine to injure the brains of lab rats. After waiting 60 minutes, Reed gives the animal a high-powered antioxidant. Reed said her team noticed that the antioxidants given to the injured animal temporarily preserved the proteins in the brain, up to an hour so far. The proteins in the brain also are increased with the antioxidants, which can aid in cogni-



Tanea Reed



Elizabeth Wachtel

tive functions, such as learning a new task, Reed said.

Still, she said, the goal of her research is to extend the window in which someone with a brain injury has to receive treatment, increasing his or her chance of avoiding serious brain damage.

"It has taken us two years to get this data," Reed said. "I will be working on this project for the rest of my time at Eastern."

Wachtel, on the other hand, said she will use her research to further the development of state corrections, law enforcement and social workers.

Wachtel said the state agencies that oversee corrections, law enforcement and social welfare help provide the grant money, which the resource center uses to provide training for workers in those respective fields.

"Our biggest project is called the University Training Consortium," Wachtel said.

Wachtel said that one key facet of her work is training child protection workers who fight against child abuse.

The project also looks to help workers use their time and resources more efficiently, Wachtel said.

The center also provides training for family support workers, Wachtel said. These employees work for the state and help people determine if they are eligible for Medicaid or food benefits. Additional facets of the program include raising awareness about early childhood mental health and treatment of substance and alcohol abuse, Wachtel said.

Gus Benson, director of Sponsored Programs, said the grants that Eastern's faculty receive go a long way toward creating learning opportunities for both faculty and students alike.

"The grants given is a very important cog in the university wheel," Benson said.

Speaker to present seminars on prison rape elimination

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Andie Moss, founder and president of The Moss Group, Inc., is scheduled to give two seminars on Oct. 6 concerning the Prison Rape Elimination Act, or P.R.E.A., and sexual misconduct by prison staff involving inmates.

Moss has been involved in the area of sexual abuse in correctional facilities, having previously worked as the program manager for the National Institute of Corrections.

Her foundation, The Moss Group, focuses on sexual safety.

The first presentation, entitled *The Prison Rape Elimination Act: Burden, Beast or Best Practice?*, will explore issues that have been found during the past seven years that pertain to P.R.E.A., including changes in the facilities, according to a press release.

Allen Ault, Dean of the College of Justice and Safety, said he was responsible for getting Moss to Eastern.

"The law was to prevent the rape of inmates in institutions, and the individual

we're bringing here has provided training in all 50 states," Ault said.

The second presentation, called *Teacher, Preacher, Soldier, Keeper: When Power Turns Seductive and Results in Sexually Charged Relationships*, will focus on sexual misconduct by prison staff involving inmates and sexual abuse in a learning or correctional environ-

ment, such as a prisons, churches or schools.

Ault said the event has attracted much attention and has had a fairly good response so far.

"It's some of the latest things happening in the public safety arena," Ault said. "So if you're interested in criminal justice, then this is something you should be interested in."

The seminars are scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. respectively at Perkins. To RSVP, contact Pauline Lively at 622-8244 or at Pauline.Lively@eku.edu.



Allen Ault

Part five in a series on campus life

Keene Hall PGA community 'aces' living learning experience

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Every academic department at Eastern has its own way of introducing freshmen to the rest of campus, and with the Golf Management Living Learning Community, the PGA golf management department is no exception.

The PGA Golf Management Living Learning Community was started during the 2007-08 school year as a business community. At the time, the floor primarily consisted of golf management majors and minors. Eddie Renio, the program coordinator of the PGA golf management at the time, said he originally came from a school with a GM Community and noticed the students wanted the LLC to be golf management rather than business.

The LLC is available to all incoming freshmen and returning sophomores. Ty-

ler Caviness, current program coordinator of PGA golf management, said students are not required to live on the floor, but he strongly encourages incoming freshman to request the LLC.

"We believe that it is highly beneficial to incoming students because it gives them a chance to get to know their classmates and we feel it helps new students ease into the college experience because they are living with other students in a similar situation," Caviness said.

Nickole Hale of University Housing said the students don't have regular meetings, because the students have most of their classes together.

Hale said the program does not work like a club, but more like a community.

The upperclassmen offer academic support to the underclassmen, including study aid and tutoring," Hale said. "They also have golfing contests to test range and accuracy

and lead community service projects."

Hale described one of these golfing contests. She said it combined a dizzy bat race with golf. Rather than use a bat, the contestants use a golf club and try to see who is more accurate under the influence of head-spinning disorientation.

Parker Brandt, a 19-year-old PGA golf management major from Chattanooga, Tenn. is a student living in the LLC. Brandt is very passionate about the golf management community, and like Caviness, said all freshmen and returning sophomores are encouraged to live on the floor.

"It is very rewarding to live with guys who share the same passion as me," Brandt said. "Everyone is always willing to help one another in their academic progression."

The LLC has allowed Brandt to build many friendships, he said.

"After classes it's as easy as me shouting down the hallway to see who wants to play nine holes," Brandt said. "I always get a group of guys to go."

Brandt said he has only positive thoughts on the community.

"This program has been a blessing in my life and my academic career, allowing me to further my knowledge in the career field I love," Brandt said.

The LLC is located on the 9th floor of Keene Hall. During the community's first days, it consisted of around 20 to 25 PGM majors. The size of the LLC is now approximately 40 students.

"After classes it's as easy as me shouting down the hallway to see who wants to play nine holes. I always get a group of guys to go."

**Parker Brandt
PGA golf management major**



Library now offering expanded campus circulation, tech readers

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Library services have begun a series of changes to improve how students, faculty and staff access materials.

Various changes have been implemented as part of the Library Express program, a program designed to increase circulation of material around campus, said Julie George, interim coordinator of Public Services

The circulation is possible due to the newly acquired golf cart, which will be used to bring material to the three campus libraries, the business, justice and safety and the music library.

"We wanted to make it as easy as we could," George said. "We hope other people have found it useful."

The library is currently holding a contest to name the golf cart which was donated by The Friends of The Library organization.

The "Library Express" program is also incorporating new materials, including Kindles and iPod Touches, into its material

circulation.

"We wanted to give people access to reading material in something other than the print book form," George said.

There are eight iPod Touches and three Kindles available for use.

The use of these materials allows the library to also purchase materials most commonly associated with "pleasure reading," George said.

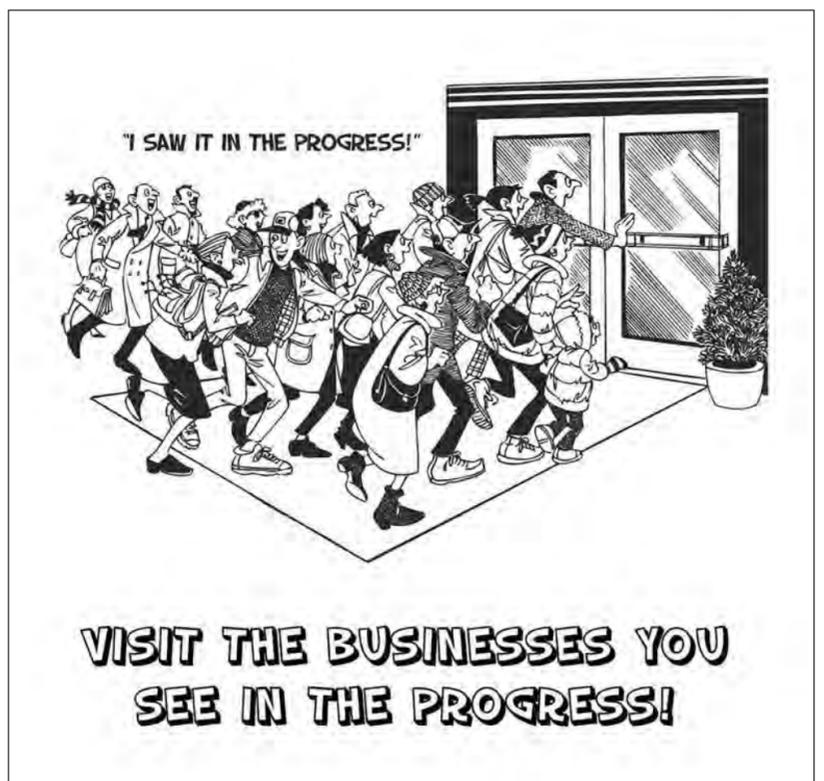
"They are a little more inexpensive when we buy them in the Kindle format," George said.

George also said they are looking to purchase more materials similar to the Kindles, but have run into some money issues.

"Money is always an issue," George said.

Students, staff and faculty can request materials by logging onto the website and clicking the "get it" button, which is on the newly redesigned website, which went live this summer.

"We are constantly looking at how users see us," George said.



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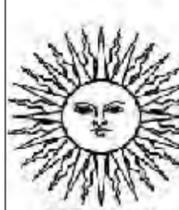
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Savanna Cuenoay, 20, social work major from Richmond, plays defense in middle Powell against her opponent, Leighton Hudson, 21, a criminal justice major from Richmond, late Tuesday night.



Jo Beth Taylor, 20, aviation major from Union, grabs a snack with Jessica Wolsing, 21, special education major from Piner, in downstairs Powell late Tuesday night.

Policy presented to Regents to deter campus crises

By DANA COLE

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The Board of Regents is on the verge of passing a policy that would permanently put a team in place to deter student behaviors that could potentially lead to a crisis on campus.

The Student Assistance and Intervention Team (SAIT) presented its policy to the Board of Regents in its quarterly meeting Sept. 28.

James Conneely, vice president for student affairs, said with incidents in the news such as the shooting at Virginia Tech, Eastern wanted to come up with a plan to be "proactive, not reactive," should a similar situation present itself on Eastern's campus.

"Obviously there have been a lot of issues around the U.S. on

campuses and at schools," Conneely said.

The goal of SAIT is to "respond to reports of students in the campus community who appear to be troubled or troubling, and intervene before the student behavior reaches a crisis level."

"We don't want to respond, we want to head off and avert problems students may have," Conneely said.

Claire Good, associate vice president and



Claire Good



James Conneely

dean of students, said when students and faculty observe another person exhibiting behaviors on campus and think are "weird" or out of the ordinary, they can contact SAIT. SAIT will then investigate the person and find out why he or she exhibits those behaviors.

The student may have a pre-existing condition or situation the university is not aware of, which causes these behaviors, Conneely said.

"It might seem like a weird behavior, but it is part of something larger," Good said. "We look at everything that has happened to the student before class, after class and even before you got to EKU."

The student will then be referred to other resources such as the Counseling Center on campus or outside sources if deemed nec-

essary, Conneely said.

"We let the student know why we are concerned and let them know what resources we can offer them," Good said.

Good said SAIT is not a disciplinary body on campus, but rather another resource for the campus community.

"We are not part of the judicial system," Good said. "Students are surprised we want to help them. They think they are in trouble. They are not in trouble."

Good and Conneely said they have been working on the project for nearly three years. They have researched similar action teams on other campuses and tailored the program to fit the specific needs of Eastern.

"We are not just repeating what other schools have done," Con-

neely said. "We are meeting the needs of EKU."

The policy was tabled at the Board of Regents meeting pending clarification of some formal policy language. Eastern President Doug Whitlock granted the team authority to operate under an interim policy until Good and Conneely's presentation at the next board meeting in January.

"We are pleased President Whitlock approved it as an interim policy," Conneely said.

Conneely and Good said they think the program will prove beneficial to campus safety and the safety of the community.

"This puts us ahead of the game as far as campus safety," Conneely said. "In helping you [the students], we help the whole community."

Student brings Eastern national recognition for health information

By KRISTIE HAMON

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Elizabeth Horn, 20, pre-med biology and health administration major from Berea, was one of five students nationally to receive the Student Triumph Award from The American Health Information Management Association.

The association, which is a national professional organization for people in the health information management fields, gave a total of 18 awards at its conference in Salt Lake City, Utah last weekend. Only five awards were given to students.

Horn said she applied to be on the student advisory council for the association in May because of a recommendation from one of her professors, and was later selected to be on the council out of 70 applicants nationally.

"I am the only one from Kentucky and the southeastern region," Horn said, who is now one of five students to serve on the council. "It really puts our program at EKU on the map."

Horn said the five students who received the award last weekend were the first students to ever receive the award, and from now on, only one student will receive it.

She said the award is given to students who are promoting the advancement of the health information management sector.

At the convention Horn said she gave a presentation to the attending students about building bridges for the health information management sector.

Horn added that she worked on the student advisory council all summer on different projects for the association and found out she had received the award in August.

"This is like the first time a student really from Eastern has ever been recognized in this field," Horn said.



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Elizabeth Horn, 20, a pre-med biology and health administration major from Berea, was one of five students honored.

She said the convention was a great opportunity to make important connections, and added that she was able to land an internship at one of the largest hospitals in Dallas, Texas.

"It was a great networking opportunity, and it will make it better for our program to promote itself and really expand at our university and draw more students in," Horn said.

Horn said there were about 1,500 professionals there from across the nation at the convention.

Along with The American Health Information Management Association, Horn is appropriations chair of Eastern's Student Government Association and vice president of administration for her sorority Alpha Omicron Pi.



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Six-year grad now the norm

STATISTICS SHOW EASTERN STUDENTS AVERAGE SIX YEARS TO GRADUATION

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College: "The best four years of your life." But for some students, four is a vast understatement, and college is becoming a five- or six-year process.

In 2010, 37.5 percent of students took six years to graduate. The same year, only 13.8 percent of students graduated in four years, according to information collected by institutional research.

The measurement only includes first-time, full-time freshmen, said Janna Vice, provost and vice president of Academic Affairs. She also said that six years is the measurement for student success on the national level.

"It's become an acceptable situation to take six years to graduate," Vice said. "It's to their benefit to graduate earlier; it costs less."

Despite six years being the benchmark, Eastern is attempting to impress upon students the four-year graduation rate.

"We have been encouraging students to seek graduation in four years," Vice said. "We just gave out class of 2015 pins to the new freshmen. They should graduate in four years; it cuts cost of their education."

But the numbers that measure "student success" are complicated and do not always include every group of students.

"I knew it was going to take five years," said Kelsey Mitchell, 21, criminal justice and political science major from Winchester. "They don't have a pre-law degree here, so I needed both majors plus a minor. Plus, I [had] failed a couple of classes at my old college before I came here."

Transfer students are not included in to-

tal graduation rate numbers, but have a 51.5 percent graduation rate.

"I think transfer[s] get most of the gen eds out of the way before they transfer," said Holly Norris, 20, occupational therapy major from Leesburg, Va. "I'll graduate in four and a half years. I transferred here, and I still have some gen eds."

The graduation rates also do not include students who take extended time off from college.

For example, a student may have dedicated four years to a degree and complete it. But if he or she takes extended time off between those years, that person is not considered to have graduated in four years, Vice said.

"Lots of students come back to get that degree, but it could be 10 years or more," Vice said. "I think our students have a much greater need to work; they are putting the emphasis on work. Many of our students, we've found, also have more dependents than students nationally."

For financial reasons, some students take time off from school.

"I took some time off to go into the military," said Anthony Holbrook, 23, nursing major from Barbourville. "Financially, it was better for me, but it's still hard trying to get back into the swing of things."

With two years of school, three and half years dedicated to the military and two years finishing his degree, Holbrook's graduation rate will be seven and half years, he said.

Despite the various student groups who all have separate graduation rates, one factor has remained a constant: The better students do in their freshman year, the sooner they will graduate.

Vice said her goal is to see a 75-percent retention rate of freshmen.

Currently, the freshman retention rate is 66.6 percent, with 1 percent equaling 25 students.

Vice said it was an "aha" moment when

she saw that students who did not receive an 'F' or a 'W' during their first semester of college had significantly better graduation rates.

"We saw how important student success is right from the beginning," Vice said.

In fall 2010, first-time freshmen who did not receive an 'F' or a 'W' had an 85-percent retention rate.

The Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) has highlighted areas to increase graduation rates, one of which is increasing the college readiness of entering freshmen. Vice said CPE and Eastern have similar goals when it comes to focusing on preparing freshmen.

Several programs have been implemented over the past few years that specifically target freshmen who are struggling, Vice said.

Some of these programs include early alert retention surveys, midterm grade review for freshmen, limiting the number of times students can change their majors and the "use it or lose it" policy.

"These policies help us get the students into classes they need," Vice said. "There is a saying that the students who enter the class last will leave the class first."

The CPE has also made a point of working on preparing high school students, which Eastern has followed through programs like middle college and NOVA, Vice added.

"We are also doing our part by preparing teachers," Vice said.

Vice said one of the university's goals is that by 2015, 25 percent of teachers graduating from

Eastern will score in the top 75 percent of the Praxis exam, which "grades" new teachers on their qualifications.

Vice also said progressive admission standards will be key in making sure prepared students find their way to graduation.

"We have an ACT cut-off for students admitted to the university," Vice said. The ACT cut-off for this year is 16, with goals that next year it will be 17 and the year after, 18.

"Student success is a complicated issue," Vice said. "Improving is all about continuing."

Four-, Five- and Six-Year Eastern Graduation Rates

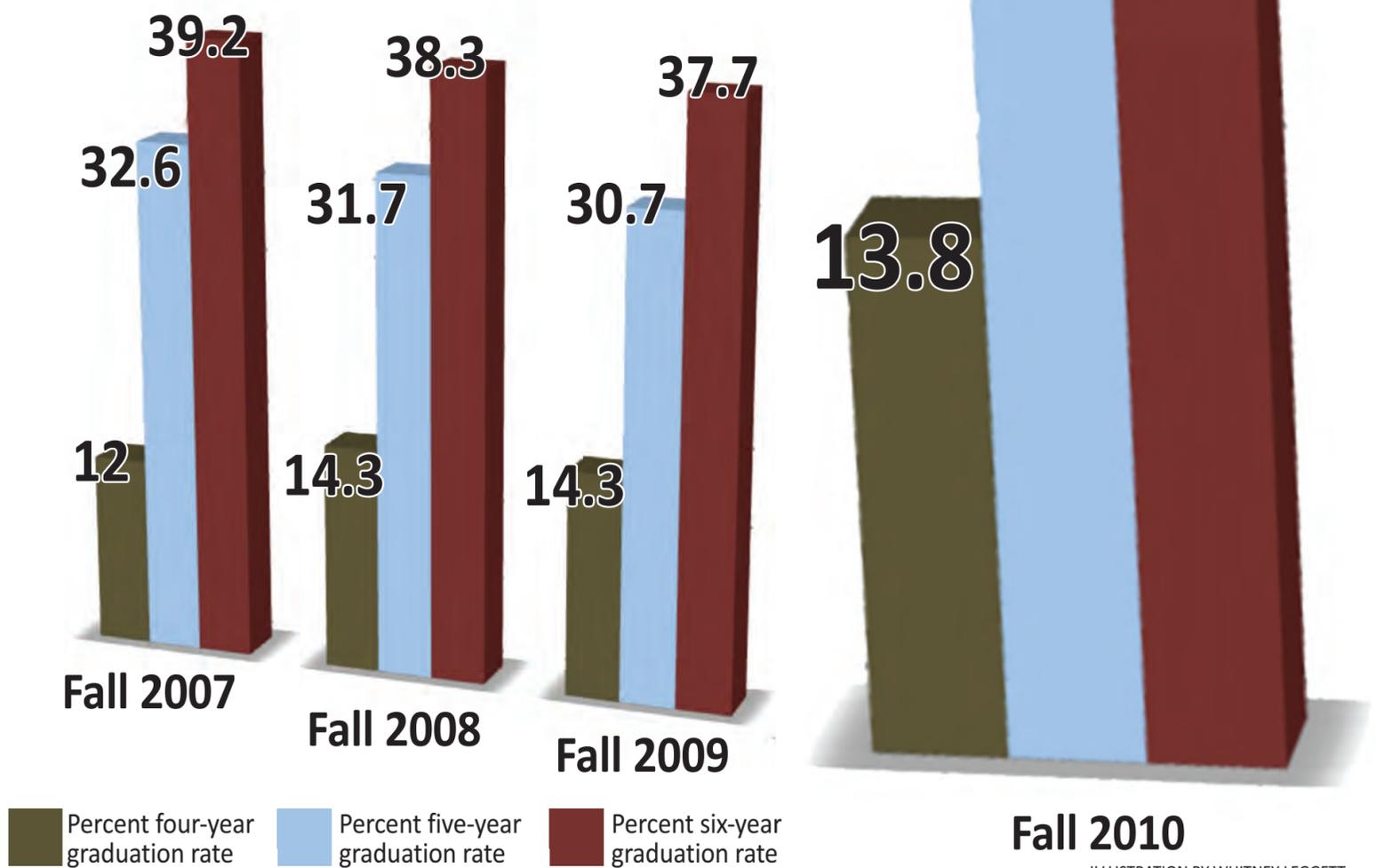


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FRAMPTON COMES ALIVE! AT ECU



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On Tuesday, guitar god Peter Frampton showed Eastern that even after 35 years, he could show concert goers the way to a good time.

Frampton performed to a crowd of 1800 as part of the Troubadour Concert series. Many of the patrons were college students when they heard *Frampton Comes Alive!*, one of the best selling live records of all time in the U.S., released 35 years ago.

Now, Frampton is performing to a whole new group of college students as part of the album's anniversary concert series.

One such student was Yakov Kandathil, 19, international business student from India.

"I grew up on Peter Frampton's music...I was so happy when we got the tickets to see him," Kandathil said. "It has been an amazing concert. The auditorium came alive

when he sang 'Baby, I Love Your Way.'"

Kandathil said his interest in Frampton came from his parents listening to classic rock music.

Ian Hopkins, 19, business management from Frankfort, noted Frampton's guitar-playing prowess as the highlight of the show.

"Frampton is killing it," Hopkins said. "I love his music. Especially when he does the vox - it is just awesome."

Young Rock, 25, international business student from Korea, said he was introduced to Frampton's music just recently and was excited to attend this concert.

"My friends showed me his music on YouTube," Rock said. "I was so impressed, I wanted to come here [to the concert]."

Host of the Woodsongs Old-Time Radio Hour, Michael Johnathon, introduced Frampton and praised the new Center for the Arts for partnering with the concert series.

Johnathon said just because the record companies had lost interest in the storytell-

ing music, this concert's audience showed there was still a lot of interest for this type of music.

"We're looking at Jackson Browne. We're looking at Sheryl Crow. We're looking at Neil Young," Johnathon said. "Because central Kentucky now has a venue big enough where the audience isn't going to get financially raped if you bring them in. Now we have a beautiful hall that is affordable. Looks good. Sounds great. That will keep the ticket prices down so that it is fair to the audience."

Upcoming artists at the Center for the Arts include B.B. King on Sat., Oct. 15; Willie Nelson on Wed., Oct. 19, and the Munich Symphony Orchestra with Gloria Dei Cantores on Wed., Oct. 26.

To hear more of Frampton, the 35 Anniversary Deluxe Edition of *Frampton Comes Alive!* is available from all major retailers. For more information on upcoming shows, check out the ECU Center For The Arts' website at www.ekucenter.com or call 1-855-EKU-SHOW.

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What makes a song great?



Joe Lowery

When discussing music with friends, we can often debate why we like or dislike a certain artist or song. You often hear, "Rap is crap," or things like, "It's a good song, I'll give you that, but it's not great."

So what are the criteria for a "great" song? Is it possible to have a checklist of factors to consult? And, if so, should that be the measure everyone looks to for every genre of music?

First, let's look at artists that defined genres of music. Take Bob Dylan for example. He was arguably a huge influence on folk music in his time. Yet some people can't stand to listen to him. I've heard, "Well, he just mumbles a lot" far too often. So, I wonder, in those peoples' mind, is Bob Dylan not a great artist? Has he not contributed enough to be considered "great?"

Then there are people who'll say, "Well, I just don't think this song is so and so is all that great. It's not their best." When I was a teenager, I was talking to a friend of mine about "Won't Get Fooled Again"

by The Who. His argument was that it was their greatest song ever. My argument was that while it was a good, possibly even great song, I didn't think it was their best. My friend then proceeded to say that it had won a number of awards and therefore deserved the title of greatness.

Just because a song or artist wins a Grammy or other award doesn't mean that song or artist should be considered better than any other artist. If Lady Gaga can win an award, that should tell you the system is somewhat flawed. Note that I said somewhat.

I don't think a song's merit can or should be determined by Grammy awards alone; though certainly, they can play a factor. If a particular song wins and the band has true artistic talent, then sure, that award will help further their career.

Then again, who's to say what "true artistic talent" is? Everyone has their own opinion on what makes a song great. Having said that, can it really just be that simple? Can it really just boil down to, "I think this song is great, therefore it is?" Maybe there isn't need for an elaborate checklist.

Everyone has an opinion. **SEE SONG, PAGE B3**

BEARD AND LOATHING in Kentucky

MEETINGS FOR THE PHILANTHROPIC GROUP TAKE PLACE AT 9 PM EVERY OTHER MONDAY AT RICHMOND'S PADDY WAGON

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Much like people, beards come in all shapes and sizes. There are muttonchops, goatees, full beards, chin curtains, French forks and anything in between.

Seeing a truly good beard is like witnessing an incredible work of art. You think about how much time, effort and craftsmanship went into the piece, and you immediately feel an overwhelming urge to congratulate the artist on job well done.

In June 2011 a non-profit organization was created that embraces every type of facial hair, from the barely noticeable 5 o'clock shadow to the absurdly large "mountain man" style. They call themselves Beard and Loathing in Kentucky, and they have one request: "Don't trim on me."

"We're trying to take the people that feel like society won't accept them, the degenerates, and show them that through unity and brotherhood, you can do something truly good," said Aaron Proctor, vice captain of Beard and Loathing.

Proctor said he has been using his skills as a disc jockey to raise money for various non-profit organizations in the area.

"We're reaching people that otherwise couldn't be reached," Proctor said.

Most recently, the aptly titled "Beard Team" has donated money in support of Susan G. Komen breast cancer research and the ABC Foundation, which fights for equal rights for the LGBTQ community. On any given day (excluding Sunday), members of the Beard Team can be found in one of Richmond's many local bars, sipping ice-cold beers and organizing their philanthropic efforts.

"It's hanging out for a cause. It's a bunch of my buddies sitting around having drinks, but we've decided to do something else with it," said Chadwick Stephens, 25, Beard Team member and Eastern history major. "We want to organize events to raise money and awareness for causes that we feel are important."

Although beards are an integral component of the group, you don't need exceptional facial hair to get in-



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Beard and Loathing in Kentucky recently donated money to the Susan G. Komen For The Cure and the ABC Foundation.

involved with the group.

"We are facial hair enthusiasts, but it's almost like the beard is secondary, although you can't get voted in [to office] without facial hair," Stephens said. "It just won't happen."

Beardless members are put on what is referred to as "street team," which is responsible for spreading the word and selling Beard and Loathing bumper stickers, patches and T-shirts to raise funds and awareness.

The group also doesn't exclude the commonly beardless gender. Everyone is welcome to participate in Beard and Loathing, regardless of gender, race, social class or whisker-growing ability.

"It benefits everyone," said Kayla Horn, 23, captain of the "Beardettes" and animal studies major at Eastern. "It's a

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50/50 includes unexpected emotion for comedy

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When producer Will Reiser was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer at the age of 24, his prognosis did not look good. However, Reiser was able to beat the cancer with a little help from his friends and the hands of a very skilled neurosurgeon.

While a young man with cancer may not seem like a humorous situation, Will's closest friend at the time was a co-worker on *Da Ali G Show*, Seth Rogen. As you can imagine, his unfortunate diagnosis and tough recovery was not handled without a little humor.

After his emotional battle with cancer, Rogen encouraged Reiser to write a screenplay about the experience to create closure for himself as well as the friends who helped him through his illness. The result was *50/50*.

Reiser's fictionalized cancer patient is Adam (Joseph Gordon-Levitt). Adam's story begins when he is diagnosed with the same rare spinal cancer found in Reiser. All

of a sudden, his relationships change: His girlfriend Rachel (Bryce Dallas Howard) becomes a caregiver, his best friend Kyle (Seth Rogen) has to be a support group and Adam pushes his mother out of his life even more.

Fortunately, Adam's doctor refers him to a therapist in the hospital where he is being treated. Katherine (Anna Kendrick) is a young doctor-in-training who is trying her best to help Adam the only way she knows how: by the book. Drama unfolds as this cast of characters slowly begins to realize that Adam is not as he says, "Fine," but is actually having a difficult time facing mortality at such a young age.

I know what you're thinking at this very moment. "Wait, isn't this supposed to be a comedy?" Don't worry, Seth Rogen is aptly placed to deliver his usual raunchy, marijuana- and alcohol-induced brand of comedy at the appropriate times. It may not sound like I put too much faith in Seth Rogen, but there were laugh-out-loud moments.

However, the humor didn't always fit

into the serious theme of the movie.

What will be a pleasant surprise to fans is how well Rogen plays off being more than just "the funny one." His genuine reactions show just how emotionally involved he is with the film. If only every actor could actually live a script before they film...

I have one warning: Be prepared to shed tears. While *50/50* is not *Terms of Endearment*, it packs a major punch in the form of Adam's slow and silent breakdown. Joseph Gordon-Levitt plays Adam's grief so well, you don't know what he is really feeling until the very end, and the end will hit you like a slap in the face.

Ultimately, *50/50* turns out to include a lot of unexpected emotion. Advertisements display the film as being a funny spin on a bad situation, but the reality is that it's a true story with a very true-to-life feeling. You may not think this is for you, but expect the unexpected.

Verdict: B-



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Christina Perri impresses with loaded emotion and passion in debut *lovestrong*.

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If you want to listen to an artist that packs loads of emotion and passion into her lyrics, Christina Perri is the artist for you.

With every song there is a wealth of feelings, so much that each track takes you on an emotional roller coaster.

Her May 2011 album, *lovestrong*, is full of tracks about emotional turmoil and love. The album's lovely ballads go from the happiness of new love ("Arms") to the broken-heartedness of breaking up ("The Lonely").

Unfortunately, Perri got locked into being the girl that sings "Jar of Hearts," which has been made famous by the

shows *So You Think You Can Dance* and *Glee*. Though it is a great song, it seems no one is interested in hearing what else she has to offer.

Perri has a refreshingly strong and passionate voice that doesn't sound like anyone else out on the market right now. As you listen to each song, you can feel the intense passion she puts into every song, making you hang on to every word she sings.

The leading track on her album, "Bluebird," is a heart-wrenching tale of broken hearts and watching your ex move on. With lyrics like "How the hell does a broken heart get back together when it's torn apart," it is hard not to feel the pain Perri felt when she wrote this song.

On the same note, Perri goes from the heartbreak of "Bluebird" to love in her newest single, "Arms." This song is a tale of new love and trying to open up to someone new. The music behind the lyrics is so heartfelt and passionate, and then you have sweet lyrics with Perri's beautiful voice to top off the song, which is sure to give you chills. Lyrics like "You put your arms around me and I'm home" resonate throughout the entire song and place you right into her shoes as if you were experiencing exactly the same feelings as Perri.

It has to be said, though: Do not listen to most of the reviews over this album. *Rolling Stone* gave Perri's album two stars and said Perri is "self-involved" and "sometimes bombastic."

Regardless of critical reviewers, this album is still a must-have for any music lover's library. *lovestrong* is full of passion, love and pure art. If you listen to the album, you won't regret it.



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Team Fortress 2 provides unique class-based multiplayer for online gamers

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On Oct. 10, 2007, game developer Valve released *The Orange Box*, a compilation consisting of five games, including favorites such as *Half-Life 2* and *Portal*. Another game released with *The Orange Box* that did not receive as much attention, though, was a multiplayer shooter that is still being enjoyed today as much as it was on its release date: *Team Fortress 2*.

Team Fortress 2 (TF2) is a first-person shooter game that used to retail at \$9.99, but as of June 23, is now a free-to-play game, meaning players need only download the free Steam client to play it.

TF2 has many features that other mainstream titles like *Call of Duty* don't. TF2 is a class-based multiplayer shooter, with nine very distinct classes. Valve developed the game in such a way that no class overpowers another. For example, The Scout is the fastest class and has the fastest melee attack in the game, but he has an extremely low damage threshold. This keeps TF2 arguably the most balanced shooter game on the market.

The class system not only balances the gameplay, but also keeps gameplay from getting boring. Are you tired of playing the Heavy Weapons Guy? Then switch to one of the eight other classes to change your strategy.

Another thing TF2 has is great characters. While there is no in-game story, each class has a distinct and wacky personality. The Scout is

smack-talking baseball fan from Brooklyn. The Demoman is a one-eyed, black Scotsman with a drinking problem. The Sniper is a cheery Australian who lives in a van.

The visuals in TF2 definitely stand out. TF2 utilizes cell-shading on its characters, which makes the game look cartoon-y, while leaving the maps slightly duller. This allows the characters to stand out against the maps.

Finally, TF2 is enjoyable because of the gameplay. Controls are easy to pick up and learn. The game types, much like the class system, keep the game from getting boring. Capture the Flag, Arena, King of the Hill and Control Point are just some of the game types you can play.

Considering the competition, Valve's *Team Fortress 2* is an original and addictive first-person shooter that will have you playing till the wee hours of the morning. The class system and vast list of game types keep the gameplay from becoming repetitive, and the wacky characters will have you laughing at every insult hurled at enemy players. Now that it is free-to-play, there is no excuse not to get TF2.

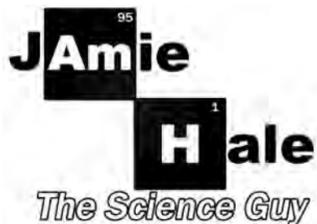


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Team Fortress 2 features a wide array of colorful characters and weapons, from baseball fan The Scout to the black Scotsman The Demoman and even the Australian The Sniper.

Writer argues for psychology in the name of science

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Webster's New World Dictionary gives two definitions for psychology: "The science dealing with the mind and with mental and emotional processes," and "The science of animal and human behavior."

Psychologist and author L. Sdorow defines psychology as "the science of behavior and mental processes." Another commonly used definition for psychology is the science of human behavior.

Even though definitions vary, most people in the psychology field will probably agree that psychology involves the study of behavior and cognitive processes. Modern psychology is composed of an enormously diverse set of investigations, which has led to many branches within the discipline. Within the different branches come different areas of research and study. Some of these branches are rooted in science while others are not. When determining whether a specific branch is scientific, it is generally more important to address the methods used than the research topic. Branches that utilize scientific thinking and the scientific method in order to acquire knowledge are scientific.

Various factors contribute to misconceptions concerning the field of psychology. One of the biggest impediments to understanding modern psychology is what Keith Stanovich, cognitive scientist and author of *How To Think Straight About Psychology*, calls the "Freud Problem."

The Freud Problem

In an interview I conducted with Stanovich, he said:

"The notoriety of Freud has greatly affected the general public's conceptions about the field of psychology and has contributed to many misunderstandings...What makes the situation worse is that Freud's methods of investigation are completely unrepresentative of how modern psychologists conduct their research. In fact, the study of Freud's methods gives an utterly misleading impression of psychological research."

Popular and Media Psychology

In addition to the Freud problem, the media's promotion of psychology has distorted the image of the field. A common misconception is that psychology deals only with mental illness and therapy. When I was attending college as a psychology major, my family and friends often asked what type of mental facility I planned on working in when I graduated college. Contrary to popular belief, psychology encompasses more than the study of mental illness; not all psychologists are shrinkers or therapists. Psychologists featured on radio and television shows often offer common-sense advice about personal problems. These types of programs contribute to the idea that psychology is only concerned with personal problems and that psychology is merely common sense. Both of these assumptions are incorrect. Psychology investigates a wide variety of topics, not only mental disorders and personal problems. Furthermore, psychological science is not synonymous with common sense. Common sense is often common nonsense.

Shelving the self-help literature in the psychology section has furthered blurred the general perception of psychology. The quality and diversity of self-help literature is enormous, containing good and bad information.

Most self-help literature found in bookstores provides advice on eating disorders, relationship malfunctions, sexual disorders and so on. This leaves the impression that psychologists only deal with abnormal behaviors. Another problem arises when psychology's research methods are confused with those promoted by the self-help literature. The self-help database is derived from testimonials

and case studies, while the database for scientific psychology is based on a rigorous scientific process.

Psychologists Promoting Antiscience

Individuals in some areas of psychology hold antiscientific attitudes, which further distort psychology's image, especially in the eyes of the lay public.

Pseudosciences in Clinical Psychology

- Unvalidated & bizarre trauma treatments
- Ineffective treatments for autism
- Use of unvalidated assessment instruments
- Subliminal self-help audios
- Suggestive therapeutic techniques used to recover memories of child abuse

"If we do not clean up our clinical act and provide our students with role models of scientific thinking, outsiders will do it for us," Paul Meehl said, a leading psychology professor.

Modern Scientific Psychology

Psychologists often contribute to other fields of science, yet receive no credit. Psychologists have made contributions to the fields of evolution, exercise science, biology, computer science, neuroscience, engineering, business, ethnology, nutrition science and so on. The involvement of psychologists in a variety of scientific endeavors is testament to psychology's wide diversity. One of psychology's top researchers, Daniel Kahneman, received the 2002 Nobel Prize in economics.

In a recent interview with Stanovich, he said: "Virtually all areas of modern psychology are scientific, except for certain sub-segments of clinical psychology and a good deal of clinical psychological practice."

Conclusion

It is a mistake to associate the entire field of psychology with media psychologists, self-help gurus or psychologists who promote an antiscientific attitude. Most modern psychology studies take a scientific approach to knowledge acquisition.

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Mulan is pro-feminism Disney classic

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What comes to mind when I say "Disney classic?"

Chances are images of a helpless princess trapped by an evil witch whose only hope of escape comes from a handsome Prince Charming-type. Because of this imagery, in the past Disney has come under fire from feminists who believe Disney portrays women as damsels in distress who need a man to bail them out of trouble. However, these accusations of sexism were thrown out the window when Disney released *Mulan*.

Mulan is an animated Disney movie that was originally released June 19, 1998. It is directed by Tony Bancroft and Barry Cook, and produced by Pam Coats. *Mulan* stars the voices of Ming-Na, Eddie Murphy, B.D. Wong and various others.

Mulan takes place in ancient China, when the Huns, led by the ruthless Shan Yu (Miguel Ferrer) invade China. The Emperor (Pat Morita) issues an order to conscript one male from each family to combat this threat. Age and health do not factor in who gets conscripted into the Chinese army, as is shown when Fa Mulan's (Ming-Na) elderly father (Soon-Tek Oh) is forced to join. To save her fa-

ther's life, Mulan steals her father's armor and sword and joins the army undercover in her father's place. With the guidance of family guardian, Mushu (Murphy), a boisterous dragon, Mulan must act like a man. If Mulan was found out as a woman, she would be sent home, which would dishonor her family.

While not having a traditional Disney plot, *Mulan* still feels like a traditional Disney movie mixed with Asian art. It was one of the last Disney movies to use hand-drawn animation before Disney crossed over to CGI. This animation combined with traditional Chinese water-coloring techniques gives *Mulan* an Asian essence.

The characters also come alive, thanks to the excellent voice cast and animators. Even the non-speaking animals have lots of expressions. Eddie Murphy does a phenomenal job of portraying the eccentric Mushu, and Miguel Ferrer portrays the menacing Shan Yu flawlessly.

Mulan is packed full of slapstick humor, but still covers the important theme of women's rights. Mulan does an outstanding job of delivering this theme in a light-hearted, non-threatening way. It is obvious women are oppressed in the movie, but Mulan proves women can do anything a man does by risking her life saving her platoon from the Hun army. Rather than a prince saving a princess, it is the woman who saves the men. Because of this, there is no



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clear antagonist in *Mulan*. Is it Shan Yu and the invading Hun army, or is it sexism?

Mulan is a great movie for all. Its humor and beautiful animation will keep the children entertained, while the theme of anti-sexism and outstanding voice acting will keep adults engaged. *Mulan* is a true Disney classic.

Louie: The best comedy on television

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Louis C.K. writes his own rules.

Understandably then, it has been hard to predict where Louis C.K.'s career would go next. From side-splitting, raunchy stand-up specials (*Chewed Up, Shameless*), to absurdist parodies (*Pootie Tang*) and even experimental multi-camera sitcoms (Lucky Louie), Louis C.K. has been constantly evolving and exploring his different interests in comedy.

Unfortunately, much of his considerable work has been either overlooked or overshadowed by the media, such as his now infamous feud with comedian Dane Cook about Cook allegedly stealing his material.

His most recent project, however, could be his most fascinating, hilarious and ultimately successful endeavor yet: FX's *Louie*.

Louie is a comedy series starring Louis C.K. as a fictionalized version of himself, a recently divorced comedian and the father of two young girls, and follows his life and day-to-day observations in New York City.

The show recently completed its second season and has been picked up for a third season by FX.

The reason both FX and the show's cult fanbase have decided it is worthy of another season is because of the man himself: Louis C.K.

Louis said he sees Louis C.K. firing on

all cylinders as a spectacular triple threat of actor, director and writer. It is rare for a network to grant total creative control to a single person, but in *Louie*'s case, the gamble definitely paid off.

As an actor, Louis C.K. continues to surprise and grow with every new episode. Though he is only playing a version of himself, he does so in a fearless way, unwavering in his exploration of his character's depths and faults down to their painstakingly awkward glory with both subtlety and audacity.

As a director, he provides a unique style and vision for his show that separates it from anything else seen on television today. The entire format of his show differs from the norm; instead of following a single particular plot for the length of an episode, *Louie* often features multiple loosely connected segments (or "vignettes," as Louis C.K. describes them) glued together thematically through bits of his standup routine. From the way he frames his shots to the music he uses, everything is just off-kilter enough to make it refreshingly different.

And as a writer, Louis C.K. is simply unrivaled in modern television. His balance between serious meditations on life and laugh-out-loud observations is astonishing and should be the envy of every comedy writer in the business today. This is how you write for television.

Of course, none of this would matter

if the show weren't absolutely hilarious. Luckily, it is. Louis C.K. is clearly one of the most gifted and creative comedic minds at work today, and he puts it all to use here. Episodes such as season one's "God," which focused on Louie's Catholic upbringing and where his beliefs began to change, and season two's "Eddie," which deals with Louie's good friend and his plan to commit suicide, are typically not topics you'd find in a comedy show, but Louis C.K. nonetheless

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SONG

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ion, but it goes beyond that. You need to have reasoning to back up what you say. Like English 101, you can't just say, "I think this." You have to say, "I think this because of this."

For example, in my opinion, Bob Dylan IS a great artist. He may mumble and may not have the best singing voice, but what he did for folk music and for the civil rights

movement are two extraordinary things.

So what makes a specific song great? Is it the lyrics written by a talented songwriter, or is it the way the song is sung? How about the music itself? Personally, I can't help but listen to the music first. The lyrics almost always take a backseat for me initially. Don't ask me why, I have no idea. Maybe it's because I played violin for nine years. Maybe I'm just naturally drawn to music more than lyrics.

Don't get me wrong: I love finding the meaning in lyrics. It's just not what immediately catches my attention. Nonetheless, both of these factors contribute immense-

ly to one's personal view when ranking songs.

So is there a truly definitive way to categorize a song's greatness? The short answer is yes. The short answer is also no. We can't make a list and check off concrete criteria. You can't say, "Well, this song is only two minutes long and doesn't have good verse and chorus structure, so it's not worthy of being called great." At the same time, you cannot just say, "Yes, I like that guitar riff, so this song is awesome." It's a mixed bag when it comes right down to it. The next time you're at a party and debating what makes a song worthy or not,

ask yourself, why do I really like this song? What is it that I love so much about it beyond the awesome riff or just because it's a particular artist I like? By asking these questions, you'll start thinking about music in a whole different way.

BEARD

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very effective tool for helping the local community, charities and various other issues."

The captain of the Beard Team, Kyle Isaacs, said he wants people to know how open the organization is to helping anyone and everyone. Since the mentality of the group is literally as simple as "doing good," they are constantly looking for

new ways to invest their altruistic efforts. Several projects are in motion, including a Polar-Beard car wash, a Thanksgiving food drive, a billiards tournament and the production of a 2012 calendar containing some of the most astonishing beards around.

"We are taking the beard back from the man," Isaacs said.

Beard and Loathing meetings take place every other Monday at 9 p.m. in the Paddy Wagon. Newcomers are welcome, and during a certain portion of the assembly, first-timers get the op-

portunity to share their thoughts and ideas. After business has been taken care of, newbies have been initiated and goals have been set, the gathering is concluded with a ceremonial shot of Jim Beam. After the shot, the Beard Team departs as Isaacs says, "May the Beard be with you."

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FOOTBALL

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The series between the Colonels and Panthers is one that usually determines the outcome for the OVC crowns. The two teams have combined for five of the last six OVC Championships with EIU winning in 2005, 2006 and 2009 and Eastern winning in 2007 and 2008.

"As always, they are big up front and have some tight ends that catch the ball, some running backs that can run," Hood said. "It's a typical EIU team, tough and physical on defense...they are just young. If there is one negative about them, it's that they are [a] younger football team."

In last year's game, Eastern ran for 287 yards and limited Eastern Illinois to just 29 yards on the ground in a 35-7 victory. EIU lost four fumbles, threw two interceptions and was sacked five times in the game, which led to 21 quick Colonel points. T.J. Pryor led Eastern with 78 rushing yards, scored three times and passed for 85 yards and a touchdown. EIU's Garoppolo completed 23 of 41 passes for 272 yards and a score.

"Their record is very similar to ours," Hood said. "They could easily just as well be 3-1 or 4-0 instead of 1-3. I think it will be a battle Saturday."

This is the 19th meeting between the two schools, with Eastern having won four in a row and six of the last eight overall in the series.

Game time is set for 2:30 p.m. Saturday.

SOCCER

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with a 2-1 win. Sophomore Nicole Donnelly, assisted by junior Deja Tennon, scored early in the game during the fifth minute. The Golden Eagles responded in the 29th minute with a goal, leaving the first half tied 1-1.

Determined to win, freshman striker Devon Saini scored after a rebounded shot by Fant came back out to her and she stuck it into the upper left corner of the goal.

TENNIS

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end in Lexington. Rodriguez, freshman, only dropped one set in three matches and is now 5-0 in singles this fall.

Rodriguez, a native of Toledo, Spain, cruised into the semifinals with two straight set victories and rolled past Cleveland State's Kelsey Edens 6-2, 6-3 to earn a spot in the finals.

After falling in the first set to Kansas' Amy Barnhouse 3-6, she rallied in the final two sets to win 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 (3).

Lady Colonel sophomore Milena Poffo won two straight matches in the Singles D bracket, but fell short

to Kara Sherwood of Cleveland State in two straight sets, 6-4, 6-4 in the semis.

Freshman Melissa Gerritsen also had a nice showing in the Single E bracket. Gerritsen won two straight matches to advance to the championship to face Kathleen Henry of Armstrong Atlantic, but fell in straight sets, 6-1, 6-2.

"This was a pretty encouraging weekend for the women, especially for the new freshmen," Eastern's Head Coach Rob Oertel said in a press release. "They absolutely love playing tennis and are only going to get better as the year goes on."

The women finished the weekend 11-10 in singles play and 5-4 in doubles.

They travel to Muncie, Ind. this coming weekend to compete in the Ball State Fall Invitational.

Fant, Donnelly, senior Heather Bruce and freshman Kaylynn Brown all had two shots each.

Wickett had five saves and played all 110 minutes. The Colonels' defense held Tennessee Tech back from scoring any other goals. Eastern stayed on top for the remainder of the game.

Last year around this time, Eastern was undefeated 3-0 in the OVC. They quickly lost that advantage and went on to lose four of the five remaining games. The Colonels are trying to not have a repeat of last season.

"We're just looking to maintain focus," Wickett said. "Keep getting out there for practices. We let that happen last year, and [we hope to] prevent it from happening again."

Basalyga said she has high hopes for both conferences games this weekend.

"We're really happy to be home, after we've been on the road for three straight weeks," Basalyga said. "It's definitely going to be a tough conference weekend, but we're looking forward to being back home. Hopefully we'll pick up a few points."

The Colonels are scheduled to play the University of Tennessee at Martin at 4 p.m. Friday and Southeast Missouri State University at 1 p.m. Sunday.

CROSS-COUNTRY

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Lydia Kosgei won first place in the 5K race. She finished with a time of 16:51.12 while defeating more than 262 runners from other teams such as Louisville, Michigan and Western Kentucky.

"The race was great, but very slow when starting," said Kosgei, who was named the OVC's female cross-country runner of the week for her win. "I was not confident at first, but halfway through I realized I was relaxed and decided to go for the win."

Erdmann said he was especially impressed with her performance.

"Two years ago she was average, but made herself a good runner and trains real hard," he said. "She has come a long way, and I give her credit."

Following in second behind Kosgei was junior Picoty Leitich, who came in 42nd with a time of 17:53.11. Senior Danielle Mason finished the top five in 142nd place with a time of 18:45.12.

In the Southeast region, Eastern's women's team was ranked as high as No. 9 last season but finished ranked at No. 14. Their No. 14 ranking this year, is the first time the women have been ranked in the Southeast region this season.

The men stayed at their No. 3 ranking in the Southeast region, with their ninth place finish at Notre Dame. North Carolina jumped ahead of the Colonels to No. 2 in the region, while Virginia dropped from No. 2 to No. 6. North Carolina State remained the top-ranked team in the Southeast.

The cross-country teams will return on Saturday, Oct. 16 when they take on the NCAA Meet in Terre Haute, Ind.

GOLF

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(-1) tied for third, while Ball State (+2) rounded out the top five.

"It was a great step in the right direction for us," Peel said. "Being able to come back after a poor first round shows we have what it takes to shoot good scores and compete with anyone."

Four Colonels shot below par Monday, led by Peel's 65. Senior Brian Fister turned in a 4-under 68, while Stuart Witt and Johan Eriksson both contributed final round scores of 70, two shots under par.

Peel began the final day five shots behind the 36-hole leader Matthew McKnight of Bethune-Cookman, but finished birdie-birdie down the stretch for a three-round total of 206 (-10), tying Brandon Pena of Florida Gulf Coast. But Peel won the tiebreaker because he shot the lowest score of the round and claimed the individual medal.

The exciting finish was icing on the cake after an emotional weekend for Peel, he said.

"It was pretty exciting and emotional since it was my mom's birthday Sunday and her being gone for a little over two years now," Peel said. "But I played really well down the stretch, not only

in the second round, but the third, too."

Fister's 4-under final round moved him into a tie for 10th with a three round total of 215 (-1). Garrett Hinton (+2) tied for 19th, Witt (+5) finished tied for 29th and Eriksson (+6) tied for 32nd.

The second-place finish gave a boost in morale to the Colonels, Peel said.

"This being our third to last tournament, it gives us some motivation to win our last two," Peel said.

Eastern returns to action Monday, Oct. 10, at the two-day Bearcat Invitational hosted by the University of Cincinnati at Traditions Golf Club in Hebron, Ky.

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Volleyball goes 2-1 in road series

By CHRIS MCGEE
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The volleyball team didn't get the road sweep they wanted, but Head Coach Lori Duncan said they got a much-needed morale boost.

On the heels of an emotional week off the court, the Colonels (9-9, 4-3 OVC) went on their first road trip and finished 2-1.

Eastern began the trip with a 3-1 victory over Eastern Illinois University (4-12, 2-4 OVC) Friday night.

Freshman Hannah Burkle led the scoring for the Colonels in the game with 14 kills. Sophomore Ashley Edmond also contributed with 10 kills, 14 digs and four blocks. Freshman Marissa Tashenberg had a match-best eight blocks and five kills.

Saturday, Eastern faced a very familiar opponent in Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville (7-12, 2-5 OVC). The two teams have faced each other the last four years, but this was the first time as conference foes. The result was a 3-1 win for the Colonels.

Burkle was once again part of the victory. She scored 15 kills and four blocks. Freshman Abby Cvelbar recorded 43 assists and 19 digs. In addition, freshman Dena Ott had 23 digs.

The Colonels finished the road swing Monday night with a loss against Austin Peay State University (4-14, 2-5 OVC).

Edmond led the scoring in this game with 24 kills. Burkle had 19 kills and Ott had 32 digs.

Although Duncan said she was pleased with the team's 2-1 record on the trip, she does have some concerns.

"I thought we played flat against APSU," Duncan said.

But she also reviewed past statistics and said the team, as far as their level of play is concerned, is modeling itself after the 2006 season, which was a good year.

She added that from 2007 to 2010, the team started out poorly, but in '09, they finished by winning six very important games.

"You'll either catch fire [as the season progresses], or you won't," Duncan said.

Duncan said she was disappointed losing to Austin Peay, considering their 4-14 record this year, but realizes that the coaching shake-up they experienced during the offseason is partly to blame.

"They may have a losing record, but we [as a team] have watched them play, and they play with a great deal of passion," Duncan said.

Sophomore Kelsey Kuehner also had a good road trip as she played different positions to improve the strength in her ankle and recuperate from that injury, Duncan said.

Duncan said she is starting to get back to her pre-injury level of play. In the EIU game, Kuehner played on the right side. In the SIUE game, she played on the left side, and the coaches experimented with some different formations and rotations for her. In the final game on Monday night, Kuehner played two of three games on the left side.

"The timing is right for her [Kuehner] to take leadership of this team," Duncan said.

Shots are one of the fundamentals Duncan said she plans to concentrate on in preparation for tomorrow night's game against Jacksonville State.

She said the team isn't going for shots until they are blocked.

"If you wait until you're blocked to go for a shot, then it's too late; you've got to

mix it up some," Duncan said.

Duncan also said defense, especially serving and receiving, will also be an area of focus in preparation for the next game.

She added that the team needs to attempt to win a point two or three times.

"If you succeed at the task of winning a point more than once or twice, then you will become good at sustaining solid play," Duncan said.

The success of the trip wasn't lost on Burkle.

"I'm happy with how we did," Burkle said.

She did, however, say she had some concerns.

"We need to play more defense and communicate better all through the match," Burkle said.

Burkle also said the team needs to try and help each other out more often.

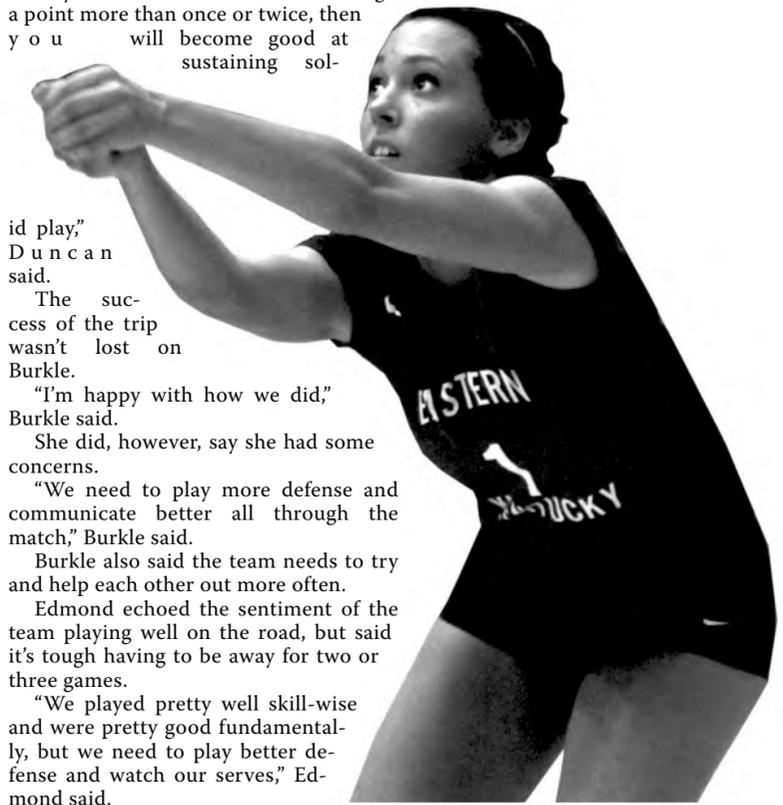
Edmond echoed the sentiment of the team playing well on the road, but said it's tough having to be away for two or three games.

"We played pretty well skill-wise and were pretty good fundamentally, but we need to play better defense and watch our serves," Edmond said.

She also said the team needs to make sure they are always playing with

passion and heart.

The team stays at home this weekend with games against Jacksonville State Friday at 7 p.m. and Tennessee Tech at 2 p.m. Saturday.



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Freshman Dena Ott won her first OVC Defensive Player of the Week for her play in Eastern's last two wins.

Soccer keeps undefeated OVC record intact with win over Tech

By MATT CRUMP
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Eastern's women's soccer remains undefeated in the Ohio Valley Conference after a tie against Jacksonville State 1-1 and a win against Tennessee Tech University 2-1 this past weekend. The Colonels (4-6-2, 2-0-1 OVC) outshot Jacksonville (2-10-2, 1-1-2 OVC) 26-16, and went neck-and-neck with Tennessee Tech (3-10-1, 0-4-0 OVC) with 11 shots each.

Eastern and Jacksonville kept each other



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Senior goalie Stephanie Murray (No. 1) and the rest of Eastern's defense have stepped up their play, helping the Lady Colonels stay undefeated in conference matches.

scoreless for more than 80 minutes of regulation play. It wasn't until the Gamecocks were awarded a penalty kick in the 84th minute that they got a shot past Colonel goalkeeper Annie Wickett.

But Eastern would not let them keep that lead. Just a minute after the goal was scored, **EKU 2** freshman striker Stephany Ellison **ITU 1** scored with a shot from the edge of the penalty box, tying the two teams.

"I was at the top of the 18 by myself, and Courtney [Klaas] played a great ball across," Ellison said. "She played over a ball, and I just put it in the corner."

The Colonels had 26 shots in the game, and despite scoring one, Coach Lindsay Basalyga had some problems with the lack of points.

"We created a lot of chances for ourselves," she said. "We took a lot of long range chances. It's one thing to strike a ball at goal; it's another thing to actually be able to finish. There were moments where all we had to do was touch the ball into the back of the net. Our shot choices were a little poor for this game."

Eastern's defense was just as impressive. Senior Stephanie Murray, freshman Paige Larkin and sophomores Lauren Fant and Emily D'Italia helped keep the Gamecocks back for more than 80 minutes and kept them scoreless in both overtimes. Wickett played the entire game in goal and had five saves.

"We're learning each other's personalities," Wickett said about the defense. "Knowing when to step, when to drop, who's going to fill in those roles, and when I go out for it—we're organized."

Eastern fared better against Tennessee Tech

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Kosgei, Bouchikhi both impressive in weekend wins

By GREG SCHULTE
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Eastern's men's cross-country team raced a bumpy road last weekend when the team competed in the Notre Dame Invitational 8K race, finishing in ninth place against some well-known teams from across the country.

No. 23 Notre Dame and No. 25 Ohio State were two highly ranked teams defeated by Eastern in the meet.

This was not an easy race, though. Rough weather conditions all day, including temperatures in the low 50s and wind gusts up to 40 mph, made it a difficult race for the team. Severe rain that had fallen during the week leading up to the event also made

the ground very wet.

"I thought we had some fair performances, but we could have done a lot better," Head Coach Rick Erdmann said.

Erdmann said he was very concerned with the gaps that were occurring, as well as the contribution from some of the upperclassmen. Gaps between the second, third, and fifth runners were a big deal to him in this race.

"It's the underclassmen that are carrying the load in the middle," Erdmann said.

The top racer was sophomore Soufiane Bouchikhi, placing 12th out of 205 runners with a time of 24:22. Junior Daniel Jones completed Eastern's top five finishers in 98th place with a time of 25:28.

Bouchikhi was named the male OVC cross-country runner of the week for his efforts.

"I don't feel we are being as competitive as we should be," Erdmann said.

On the other hand, the women's cross-country team had a successful weekend at the Greater Louisville Classic race this past Saturday as senior

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Colonels use bye week to get back to basics



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In last year's game against Eastern Illinois, the Colonels churned out 287 yards on the ground, on their way to a 35-7 romp over the Panthers. But this year, the two teams that have won the last five of six OVC championships, come into the game with losing records.

EASTERN LOOKS TO PUT AN END TO LOSING STREAK WHEN STRUGGLING EASTERN ILLINOIS COMES TO TOWN

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After his team rested on a bye week last week, Eastern football's Head Coach Dean Hood was able to find one positive.

"Well...we didn't lose," Hood said to begin Tuesday morning's Ohio Valley Conference teleconference. "We planned on giving the guys some off time for some rest, but we were upset with how we played against Austin Peay, so it turned into a pretty big work week for us."

The Colonels, who have started 1-3 in their first four games for the second year in a row, got back to the basics during their week off from play, Hood said.

"We practiced Monday through Thursday and then conditioned Friday," Hood said. "We got better at some fundamentals. It was either a week that was gonna kill us or make us stronger. And I think it made us stronger."

The bye week also gave the Colonels a chance to heal its wounds.

"I think T.J. is full strength now," Hood said. "He had some problems, but I think it's all eliminated now. Especially here during the open date...I think we pretty much have everyone back; the open date really helped us. We should be pretty close to full strength."

Eastern will face Eastern Illinois Uni-

versity this weekend, who is coming off a 70-37 loss to Southeast Missouri last week. EIU is last in the OVC in rush defense, allowing 258.8 yards per game.

But offensively, Eastern has struggled running the ball as of late, averaging just a little more than 100 yards in the last two games.

"I think both teams want to change that [running game]," Hood said. "We're trying to find a way to run the ball. It's something that has to change for us, or we won't have any success."

But Hood said his team practiced well during the off week.

"The kids came out humming last night in practice and had a real good physical practice and get back to a chance to play a football game," he said.

EIU Quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo, just in his sophomore season, has already thrown 25 career touchdowns and will lead Eastern Illinois.

"I think their QB is a lot better," Hood said. "He's got some games under his belt now. He reminds me of the kid from Austin Peay as he had gotten better. You can see that he's starting to mature in the offense and starting to make better decisions."

EIU is also led by a trio of receivers, all of whom have more than 1,000 receiving yards on the season.

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Peel wins at Cobra-PUMA Invitational



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Eastern's Billy Peel won the Cobra-PUMA Invitational over the weekend. The senior shot his career-best score as a Colonel, a 7 under 65 in the final round.

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Eastern's men's golf team fired a tournament-best round of 15-under 273 on the final day of the Cobra-PUMA Invitational, moving them into second place for the event hosted by Xavier University.

And Eastern's Billy Peel carded a final day score of 7 under 65, vaulting the senior into first place overall. It was his career-best as a Colonel.

At the beginning of the final round, Florida Gulf Coast University had a five-shot lead over second place Loyola-Maryland and a 17-shot lead over Eastern in fifth place.

But the Colonels' final round score was 12 shots better than any other team and 16 shots better than Florida Gulf Coast, moving them to runners-up, one shot behind Florida Gulf Coast. Eastern shot a three-round total of 854 (-10).

Loyola (-1) and Xavier

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Senior Pons leads men's tennis in singles sweep at Ball State



FILE PHOTO/PROGRESS

Carles Pons swept the White Open singles bracket at the 2011 Ball State Invitational. The senior won his first two matches in straight sets and came from behind in his final match to win in three sets.

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Eastern's men's tennis team got stellar play from an upper-classman, as senior Carles Pons won the White Open Singles bracket at the 2011 Ball State Invitational this past weekend.

Pons won his first two matches in straight sets to advance to the semifinals.

It took three sets for Pons to defeat Patrick O'Neil of Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, but Pons won 2-6, 7-5, (10-8). Pons then defeated Thomas Gans, also from IUPUI, in the championship match 6-3, 6-3.

Pons and Niklas Schroeder teamed up in the Doubles-Flight A bracket and won two straight matches to advance to the semi-final round, but fell short 8-5 to Marquette's Otavio Perim and James Stark.

The men rounded out the weekend 5-3 in singles and 2-1 in doubles play.

They will be back in action the weekend of Oct. 14-16 in Charlottesville, Va., at the Virginia Fall Invitational.

On the women's side, Carmen Rodriguez, won the Singles G bracket at the 2011 Kentucky Fall Invitational this past week-

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COLONEL CORNER

Alexis Plagens



Class: Freshman
Major: Forensic science
Position on team: Outside hitter, volleyball
School: Strongsville High School, Strongsville, Ohio

What inspired you to play volleyball: My brother's girlfriend. The day before try-outs, she taught me a few things and then I tried out.

Best part about being an Eastern athlete: My team. They are like family to me.

Plans after college: Grad school. I would like to at-

tend Ohio State.

If you could have your dream job, what would it be? To be a forensic anthropologist, like on *CSI*.

Most terrible thing that ever happened to you: The loss of my dog.

Best restaurant you have ever been to: Bahama Breeze, a restaurant that my team and I went to while in Georgia.

If money was no object, what kind of car would you want to buy? A nice convertible with a collapsible roof.