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# EKUupdate

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**GETTING TO KNOW YOU** — After assuming office on Oct. 29, President Joanne Glasser spent her first week getting to know EKU students better, including, clockwise from the left, Nicole Hayden, Lucas Hammons, Brandon Dixon, Steve Reed, and Destiny Spurlock. President Glasser also visited with students at extended campus centers in Corbin and Danville, where welcoming receptions were held.

## ‘The Best Is Yet to Come’ President Glasser Begins ‘Conversation’ about University’s Future

“The best is yet to come” at EKU, President Joanne Glasser told faculty, staff and students at a campus-wide convocation Thursday, Nov. 8.

In her first major address to the University community, Glasser said, “We are on the threshold of taking this university to the next level of excellence. Together, we must dream big dreams. And, together, we must work hard to achieve them.”

Glasser, who was selected by the University’s Board of Regents on Aug. 24, became EKU’s 10<sup>th</sup> president on Oct. 29. The former executive vice president of institutional advancement at Towson University spent the nine-week interim period residing in Richmond and learning more about the campus and community.

She termed the convocation a beginning of “a conversation about the future of Eastern Kentucky University. “This is the first of what I promise will many such occasions for us to come together as a ‘family’ to examine opportunities, exchange ideas and formulate plans.”

Attracted to Eastern, in part, because of the “promise of education reform and EKU’s reputation for teaching excellence,” Glasser said the past two months have “reaffirmed” her

decision to move to Kentucky.

“As we begin our journey together, I ask that you join me in embracing our remarkable institutional culture and heritage,” Glasser said. “We simply must not forget the good work that has been done before here.

“If our university is to continue to be a dynamic, vibrant community of teachers and learners,” she added, “we must maintain a

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healthy relationship between the new and the old. We must welcome new ideas and cherish our rich tradition. And all of us, as valued members of the University community, must actively participate in the decisions that affect our lives.”

Those decisions, Glasser vowed, will be made in “a collaborative, consultative fashion and in keeping with our rich tradition of shared governance.

“In a world of change and uncertainty, I

want us to be proactive in controlling our destiny, rather than face change in the form of external edict and mandate.”

EKU’s new president said the University must aggressively pursue reaccreditations, and new accreditations, of its academic programs. “The difference between a mediocre and an exceptional university ultimately depends on the quality of its academic programs. I believe we are an exceptional university, and we will continue to be.”

Glasser vowed that that EKU will continue to invest in its faculty.

“Those of you who teach have impressed me with your knowledge, your experience, your skills and your steadfast focus on teaching. But, more importantly, you have touched my heart with your passion and dedication for what you do, and with your genuine care and concern for those you mentor and nurture. Within the limits of our resources, we will expand faculty development opportunities, support faculty scholarship ... and address the issue of keeping faculty salaries at or above 100 percent of our benchmark institutions.”

Glasser added that she also would place “a high priority on providing fair and equitable

## Conference Spotlights Changes in Legislature

EKU’s Center for Kentucky History and Politics will spotlight the Commonwealth’s evolving General Assembly in a day-long conference Wednesday, Nov. 28.

“Kentucky’s Legislature: Dramatic Changes Over Two Decades” will feature addresses by the Assembly’s two presiding officers, Senate President David Williams, R-Burkesville, and House Speaker Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green, as well as several other prominent state political figures.

The event, to be held at EKU’s Perkins Building, is free, but participants are encouraged to pre-register. Pre-registration is required for the luncheon, which costs \$10. For more information, or to register, contact Center Director Dr. Paul Blanchard, 622-4380 or paul.blanchard@eku.edu.

Sen. Williams will give the keynote address at 9:30 a.m., and Rep. Richards will follow the luncheon at 2 p.m.

Other program participants include Senate Majority Leader Dan Kelly, R-Springfield; Senate Minority Leader David Karem, D-Louisville; House Majority Leader Greg Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg; Rep. Harry Moberly, D-Richmond, former Senate President Joe Prather, former Speaker Joe Clarke and former Senate floor leader John Berry, who headed the famous “Black Sheep Squadron” in the 1970s. Also participating will be former legislator Raymond Overstreet; Rep. Kathy Stein, D-Lexington, and former legislator Walter Baker, now vice president of the Kentucky Historical Society.

Three panels will discuss how the General Assembly has over the past two decades become more independent of gubernatorial influence and achieved status as a co-equal branch of government, according to Blanchard.

Moberly will moderate a panel of legislators and former legislative leaders who will discuss “The Development of Legislature Independence: 1978-1990.” Bobby Sherman, executive director of the Legislative Research Commission, will moderate a panel of current and former legislators in a discussion of “The Legislature Matures and Evolves, 1990-2001.”

A third panel, moderated by EKU journalism professor Dr. Libby Fraas, will consider the topic “Legislative Independence: A View from Reports and Lobbyists.” That panel will include long-time lobbyists Judy Taylor of the Keeneland Association and Tony Sholar of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, as well as veteran reporters Diana Taylor, editor of the Kentucky Journal; Barry Peel, WKYT-TV; and Jack Brammer, Lexington Herald-Leader.

Registration begins at 8:45, the opening session starts at 9:15 a.m. and the day’s activities conclude at 4 p.m.

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## Events

Through Friday, Nov. 16

### Art Exhibit Continues

Traditional Pottery of Jatumpamba (Ecuador) and Photographs of Canari Indians of Southern Ecuador, Giles Gallery, Campbell Building. For Gallery hours, call 622-8135.

Monday, Nov. 12

### People Speaking to Dogs

"Talking to Dogs and 'Baby Talk': What Are We Doing When We Talk to Dogs?" Dr. Robert Mitchell, Department of Psychology, 12:20 p.m., Regents Dining Room, Powell Building, part of the Sigma Xi research society series; attendees should bring lunch.

### 'Veep' Barkley Portrayed

"The Veep, Kentucky's Greatest Orator and

Legislator," Donald Johnson portrays Alben W. Barkley, 7:30 p.m., Richmond Area Arts Center, 399 W. Water Street. Sponsored by ECU Center for Kentucky History and Politics.

Tuesday, Nov. 13

### Tech Initiatives Conference

Conference on Preparing Teachers to Use Technology (PT3) implementation grants, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Perkins Building, hosted by College of Education. Information will be exchanged by ECU, Morehead State, Northern Kentucky and Murray State on the grants. Conference also will include presentations on specific grant initiatives: infusing technology into core content courses, redesigning and infusing technology into teacher education courses, development and implementation of an electronic/multimedia teacher education portfolio, etc. For more information, or to make reservations, contact Steve Hyndman at [steve.hyndman@eku.edu](mailto:steve.hyndman@eku.edu).

### World Percussion Recital

8 p.m., Brock Auditorium, \$2 students, \$4 adults.

### Men's Basketball Exhibition

EKU vs. WV Bombers, 7:30 p.m., McBrayer Arena.

Wednesday, Nov. 14

### Poet Laureates on Campus

Kentucky Poet Laureate James Baker Hall and previous Kentucky Poet Laureate Richard Taylor, joint poetry reading, 3:30 p.m., Grand Reading Room, Crabbe Library. Their books will be available, and Hall and Taylor will sign after their presentation. Also, Taylor will speak to an American literature class in the Kenamer Room of the Powell Building at 11:15 a.m., and Hall will speak to an Appalachian literature class in the Kenamer Room at 12:20 p.m. The poets' visit is sponsored by the ECU Center for Kentucky History and Politics, the Appalachian Studies Center and the Department of English.

## Announcements

### James Madison Fellowships Available

The James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation, a federally-endowed program designed to strengthen instruction about the Constitution in the nation's schools, will award generous fellowships in 2001 for master's-level graduate study of the framing and history of the U.S. Constitution.

College seniors and college graduates who intend to become secondary school teachers of American history, American government or social studies are eligible for the fellowships.

Through a nationwide competition, James Madison Fellowships will be awarded to at least one legal resident of each state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. territories. After completing study under their fellowships, James Madison Fellows are required to teach American history, American government or social studies in grades 7-12 for a minimum of one year for each academic year of graduate assistance they receive.

Fellowships carry a maximum stipend of \$24,000 (for up to two years of full-time study for college graduates), which is used to cover tuition, required fees, books and room and board. Fellows must enroll in graduate programs leading to master's degrees in American history, political science of education offered by any

## Geography Awareness Week: Students Going the Distance

Monday, Nov. 12

3:30 p.m., Roark 203

### Studying Abroad in Ecuador

Hear students share their travel experiences.

6:30 p.m., Moore 100

### 8th Annual Geography Slide Quiz

Prizes will be awarded.

Tuesday, Nov. 13

11 a.m.-4 p.m., Powell Lobby

### Study Abroad Fair

3:30 p.m., Roark 203

**The Headwaters Project: Students Applying Geography in Eastern Kentucky**  
Students in SOC 365 present research findings of water quality in Letcher County.

Wednesday, Nov. 14

3:30 p.m., Roark 203

*National Geographic Information Systems Day*

### The Geography of Crime Fighting and Emergency Response (911)

David Lucas, head of the GIS Division at Lexington Fayette Urban County Government.

Wednesday, Nov. 14-Saturday, Nov. 17

### 'The Basset Table' Presented

"The Basset Table," ECU Theatre presents comedy by Susanna Centlivre, 8 p.m. nightly, Gifford Theatre. Tickets on sale at Gifford Box Office, noon-4 p.m. weekdays, \$4 students and senior citizens, \$5 adults.

Thursday, Nov. 15

### Vocal Jazz Ensemble Concert

8 p.m., Brock Auditorium, admission \$1.

Friday, Nov. 16-Saturday, Nov. 17

### Holiday Art Show and Sale

Friday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 5-9 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Richmond Area Arts Center, 399 W. Water St. Free admission to sale and reception.

### 'Do The Time Warp'

"Rocky Horror Picture Show," 9:30 p.m., Keen Johnson Ballroom, part of Thursday

Alternative Getaway Program, dress up like your favorite character.

Saturday, Nov. 17

### Colonels Close Regular Season

EKU vs. Tennessee State, football, 1 p.m., Roy Kidd Stadium (see announcement elsewhere this page on Employee Appreciation Day).

### Home Men's Basketball Opener

EKU vs. Wilmington, 7:30 p.m., McBrayer Arena (see announcement elsewhere this page on Employee Appreciation Day).

Monday, Nov. 19

### EKU Orchestra Concert

8 p.m., Gifford Theatre.

Tuesday, Nov. 20

### Lady Colonels' Home Opener

EKU vs. Lipscomb, 5:30 p.m., McBrayer Arena.

The Departments of Athletics and Leisure Studies will again offer Kiddie Colonel Camp for the Nov. 17 game. Recreational programming will be available for children ages 4-10 in the Begley Building, beginning one hour before kick-off. Cost is \$10 for the first child and \$5 for each sibling. Pre-registration is required; contact the Athletics Department at 622-6501 or Dr. Jon McChesney at 622-1835 or [jon.mcchesney@eku.edu](mailto:jon.mcchesney@eku.edu).

### Information Needed on Faculty-Student Collaborations

A trio of ECU professors is looking for examples of faculty-student collaborations.

Dr. Frank Shaw, professor and chair, Department of Chemistry; Dr. William Farrar, professor, Department of Biological Sciences; and Dr. Rose Perrine, professor, Department of Psychology, recently attended a Council on Undergraduate Research conference on institutionalizing undergraduate research.

"We want to learn about the collaborations that already exist and to share ideas on how to make faculty-undergraduate collaborations a more public and more rewarding experience," Perrine said.

To report a collaboration or for more information, contact Shaw, Farrar or Perrine.

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# Glasser: Students 'Our Number 1 Priority'

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compensation for each and every member of our professional and support staff."

Addressing students in attendance, Glasser said, "You are our very reason for being, and we pledge all we do to your success. In the coming months, we will look for ways to improve all aspects of University life. We also will look for ways to enhance the 'Eastern Experience' for those of you who commute or study at our centers in Corbin, Danville, Manchester and elsewhere.

"Students, let me assure you that Eastern cares about each and every one of you. You are our number one priority."

The new president said she was pleased to report that renewed efforts and additional investments in recruiting, marketing and retention have reversed the trend of declining enrollment.

"Continued success in recruitment and retention will require the diligent attention of all of us – faculty, staff, students, alumni, even parents."

Emphasizing a commitment to "friend-raising" and fund raising, Glasser said she would travel throughout and beyond the Commonwealth to maintain and increase contacts with alumni, friends and potential donors.

Glasser also updated the campus community on the status of several projects, including:

- The Student Services Building, scheduled for completion by late spring.
- The Center for the Renewal of Schools and the Education Professions, which will incorporate renovation of the Donovan Building, Donovan Annex and Mattox Hall to be the new home of



- the College of Education.
- The Business and Technology Center, to be constructed on the south side of campus. The Center will be the home of the College of Business & Technology and serve southeastern Kentucky.
- The new Southeast Regional Postsecondary

Center in Corbin, which will allow EKU, Somerset Community College and Laurel Technical College to partner in meeting the needs of the Tri-County area and southeastern Kentucky. Construction is expected to begin in Spring 2002 and the facility could open as early as Fall 2003.

Glasser said the "strong, vibrant and enduring" spirit she has found at EKU ensures its bright future.

"I am confident that our university will respond positively to whatever challenges the future may hold.

"We will be successful!"

## Student-Faculty Team Addresses Letcher Water Issues

A group of students and faculty at EKU are employing their myriad academic backgrounds to address water quality concerns in Letcher County, where the Kentucky, Cumberland and Big Sandy Rivers originate.

"The Headwaters Project" brings together faculty and students from geography, sociology, occupational therapy, political science, psychology, anthropology and education to review the historical developments that have led to water quality problems along the North Fork of the Kentucky

River, understand the connection between a healthy watershed and stable communities, and

develop data visualization tools that can help citizens throughout the Kentucky watershed better understand the scope of water degradation.

The multi-disciplinary team, under the auspices of EKU's Center for Appalachian Studies, has entered into a teaching and research

partnership with Letcher County citizens and officials that focuses on one question: "How do we build a sustainable future for Appalachian communities and Letcher County in particular?"

"We are preparing our graduates for more than just a place in the workforce," said Dr. Alice Jones, assistant professor of planning in the Department of Geography. "Ideally, we want them to be 'whole people' who become productive members of communities, and who have the skills and understanding to participate actively and thoughtfully in the economic, social, civic and political processes of society.

"Water quality is just one example of the kinds of complex and multi-dimensional

problems that communities face on an ongoing basis. Understanding these problems

requires an integrative, systemic approach: a little bit of history, sociology, geography, economics and political science; a little bit of chemistry, biology, geology and ecology. In essence, a community-centered and place-based class such as this drives home the importance of a broad liberal arts university education, and



helps students see the value of their college education as a whole, rather than as a collection of disparate classes."

EKU's Center for Appalachian Studies, established last year, "allows us to work outside the disciplinary or department framework to apply the technical and human expertise of the institution to the real and pressing problems of our region," Jones said. "In some ways, then, what we are engaged in is re-thinking the way that universities operate. It's very exciting!"

Major environmental problems in the North Fork Watershed include habitat degradation, runoff and siltation from mining, timber and

agricultural operations, illegal dumping and pathogens from untreated sewage.

"We want to build upon the North Fork Clean Water Project, a citizen-led effort begun a few years ago, and help to establish a more permanent community-university partnership for sustainable development," said Dr. Alan Banks, director of EKU's Center for Appalachian Studies.

"We are not going to Letcher County to fix their water quality problems, or even tell them how to fix them," Jones said. "We are there to help them develop their own capacity to identify their own problems, and then make decisions as a community to address those problems."

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– Dr. Alice Jones

## Eastern Family Portrait

### Name: Emma Cox

#### Current Position at EKU:

College of Justice and Safety Dean's Office Manager

#### What's the most rewarding part of your job?

The most rewarding part of this job for me is when I can solve what seems to be an unsolvable situation. When I recognize that a person has gone from level to level and still has no answer to their question, it makes me feel good to be the one who helps find the solution to it. My most fulfilling moments are when I'm able to resolve a situation. I love the feeling I get when I can go *the extra mile!*

#### What's the most challenging part of your job?

Simple situations can become so complicated, and when you are asked to satisfy a student need, a faculty need and a staff need all in the same situation, it can be very frustrating. Sometimes it's impossible to make everyone happy, but if you can put a positive spin on a problem it can be very rewarding.

#### What did you do before coming to EKU?

I've never wanted to bounce around. I spent the better part of 23 years as legal secretary and office manager for one private law practice. I did not consider new opportunities until the practice dissolved.

#### Tell me about your family.

Well, in my family I'm the youngest of five. There were two girls and three boys. My middle brother died as a result of cancer at age 44. I lost my dad to cancer about 10 years ago and recently I lost my mother to this devastating disease. It's been very hard to deal with but I'm coping. Then there's my immediate family. My husband is Glenn Cox from Richmond. We have been married for 35-plus years. We have been blessed with two wonderful children. Our son, Christopher Glenn, is 34 and married to Kelly Arnold of Lancaster. They have one son, Logan Christopher, who is four.



Our daughter, Cyn-D, is 28 years old and married to Shane VanWinkle from Berea. They have a five-year-old son, Cody Shane. My grandsons are nine months apart and are the lights of my life!

#### What are your interests and hobbies?

I take great joy in building memories with my grandsons, though I don't get as many opportunities as I would like. My husband and I go to the movies and I have always enjoyed horseback riding. Through inspiration from my sister, I have developed a real devotion for my flower gardens and since we have just moved into a new house, I really have my job cut out for me.

#### Do you have a guilty pleasure?

I love chocolate and fried foods. My personal saying is, "dip it in chocolate or fry it and I'll eat it!"

#### What is your favorite food?

That is a tough one, but I'll have to say hot fudge cake. My sister Peggy makes it better than anyone I know.

#### What is your favorite vacation spot?

My favorite spot my husband and I have visited is Maui. We've

traveled to Hong Kong, South America, Cancun, Jamaica, Aruba and other islands in the Caribbean, but Maui was the most romantic place we've ever been.

#### What is in your CD or tape player at home right now?

I don't listen to CDs often, but at night I do love to listen to Conway Twitty. I adore the song "Hello Darling!"

#### What book would you recommend to others?

That would be the Bible. It is truly the greatest source of information there is. Any problem you have in life will be addressed in the Bible. I enjoyed reading "The Total Woman" by Marabel Morgan.

#### Can you recall your most embarrassing moment?

It was back when Glenn and I were first married. We invited his uncle's family over to our house for a family dinner earlier that week. As usual, I had a million things going on and it completely slipped my mind. It was not until they arrived at the house that I remembered and I had done nothing to prepare for them.

#### What person do you admire most?

I admire my mother for her dedication to raise her family in a Christian manner. She made so many sacrifices for our family and never begrudged any of it and for that I truly love her.

#### What's the best advice you've ever received?

To take advantage of furthering my education while I'm at EKU. I thrive on being in the classroom with the students. It allows me into their world and because of that I can be a lot more understanding to their situations and their problems when they come to my office.

#### What issue concerns you most about today's world?

It really concerns me the way people today are so nonchalant about violence and evil.

#### Who or what has influenced you the most?

My mother! I told my husband I really hoped he did love my mother as much as he said, because I get more and more like her every day.

## Publications & Presentations

**Bucknam, Julie Alsip;** Warren, Ora; Alsip, Carol, and Alsip, Mark (photographers). "Images of Home: The Power of Place," Appalachian Photographic Society, Kentucky Art Educators' Association Conference, EKU, Oct. 12, 2001.

**Farrar, Stewart S.** "The Grenvillian Goochland Terrane: Thrust Slices of the Late Neoproterozoic Laurentian Margin in the Southern Appalachians," presented at the 113th annual meeting of the Geological Society of America, Boston, Mass., Nov. 1-10, 2001.

**Guilfoil, Joanne.** "Urban Planning and Landscape Design in Art," Kentucky Art Educators' Association Conference, EKU, Oct. 12, 2001.

**Halbrooks, Darryl.** "Matte Media Magic: Painting by Internet," Kentucky Art Educators' Association Conference, EKU, Oct. 12, 2001.

**Hale, Carroll.** "Get Plastered in Your Classroom!" Kentucky Art Educators' Association Conference, EKU, Oct. 13, 2001.

**Hembree, Letha** (Graduate Student). "So I Have the Musical Instruments, Now What?" Kentucky Art Educators' Association Conference, EKU, Oct. 13, 2001.

**Jackson, Cheryl, and Bucknam, Julie Alsip.** "Shaking Things Up with Art and Music," Kentucky Art Educators' Association Conference, EKU, Oct. 13, 2001.

**Kurzinger, Betsy,** and Harrison, Elaine. "Using Technology in the Art Classroom," Kentucky Art Educators' Association Conference, EKU, Oct. 12, 2001.

**McAdams, Marianne, and Discepoli, Denise.** "Making Art Core Content Come Alive in Movement," Kentucky Art Educators' Association Conference, EKU, Oct. 12, 2001.

**Mohallatec, David.** "A Safe Printmaking

Process: Aluminum Etching," Kentucky Art Educators' Association Conference, EKU, Oct. 12, 2001.

**Moler, Robert.** "Creating a Book Dummy for a Children's Book," Kentucky Art Educators' Association Conference, EKU, Oct. 13, 2001.

**Myers, Marshall.** "Sing Your Song, Old Kentucky," poem appearing in Kentucky Monthly, September 2001, pg. 11.

**Myers, Marshall.** "You Complete Me," poem appearing in Poetic Realm, No. 9, pg. 44.

**Ramsey, Marianne,** and Wachs, Diane. "Regional Preferences and Tastes: Early Kentucky Furniture Makers, 1790-1840", Kentucky Art Educators' Association Conference, EKU, Oct. 13, 2001.

**Sehmann, Karen.** "Continuing Education an Option: An Alternate Rank II/I Certification," Kentucky Art Educators' Association Conference, EKU, Oct. 12, 2001.

**Smith, Gil,** and Smith, Carla. "Piranesi and Interdisciplinary Humanities," Kentucky Art Educators' Association Conference, EKU, Oct. 12, 2001.

**Smith, Gil,** "History and Critical Thinking," Kentucky Art Educators' Association Conference, EKU, October 12, 2001.

**Sweely, Gay.** "Keeping Students Awake, Entertained, and Educated in Art History and Art Appreciation Classes," Kentucky Art Educators' Association Conference, EKU, Oct. 13, 2001.

**Tortorici, Mary.** "Digital Photography," Kentucky Art Educators' Association Conference, EKU, Oct. 12, 2001.

**Wolfe, Joyce Hall; McFarland, Kay Dawn,** and McFarland, Thomas. "Making an Impression: Connections Between Painter, Poet, and Pianist," Kentucky Art Educators' Association Conference, EKU, Oct. 12, 2001.

## Campus to Observe Great American Smokeout Nov. 15

A recent upswing in teen smoking has heightened the concern of EKU Student Health Services physicians and staff in that and other University offices.

Believing the best counter is additional education on the dangers of tobacco, several campus offices have joined to plan EKU's observance of The Great American Smokeout Thursday, Nov. 15.

The observance, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Powell Building, will include educational materials, exhibits and videos, giveaways and refreshments, all geared to help members of the campus community to assess the risks for themselves.

Studies show that EKU students use tobacco at a rate higher than the national average. About 43 percent of Eastern students have used tobacco products within the previous 30 days.

The numbers don't surprise Dr. Pradeep Bose, staff physician with Student Health Services. He said many of his patients' illnesses are worsened by smoking.

"Their illnesses are more severe, more frequent, longer-lasting and more difficult to treat, and many develop complications," he noted. "If we can disseminate information about the effects of tobacco, hopefully we can make an impression on students' intellect that will lead them to quit on their own."

It is well documented that cigarette smoking is a major cause of emphysema, chronic bronchitis, cancer of the lung and other organs and coronary heart disease. But the worst part? By the time Bose and the other infirmary physicians see students with smoking-related health problems, "they've already been smoking for a long time."

Studies of ex-smokers, however, show that their risk of dying from smoking-related disease decreases with each year of abstinence. Today, more than 40 million Americans have quit smoking cigarettes; there are now as many ex-smokers as there are active smokers.

The Madison County Health Department, Pattie A. Clay Hospital and the American Cancer Society offer a smoking cessation program for heavy smokers who have been unsuccessful in their attempts to quit.

The Cooper/Clayton Method is a stop-smoking program that includes weekly support group meetings for 24 weeks. The method has been proven to have a success rate of over 90 percent for those who are in regular attendance. Individuals who use smokeless tobacco also are welcome to participate.

Group meetings are free, and new groups are scheduled four times annually. Meetings are held on Thursdays, 7-8 p.m., in the first-floor conference room of Pattie A. Clay Hospital.

For more information, or to register, contact Margaret Suters, RN, or Sondra Cornett, RD, at 623-7312.

